

**CIVIL WAR DIARY OF
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FIRST LIEUTENANT,
COMPANY D
154TH NEW YORK VOLUNTEER INFANTRY**

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[Stencil:] **Lt. M. O. Bond Co. D 154 N. Y. S. V.**

M. O. Bond's Book

Franklinville Catt. Co. N.Y.

Things that I bought

1 Suit of Clothes	\$29
for 1 hat and trimmings	7
1 Cap	2 25
1 Overcoat	1 70
1 pair of Boots	5 00
1 Sword & Belt	20 00
1 revolver	12 00
1 Satchel	4 50
1 Haver Sack	2 50
To paid for Adjutants Sword	2 00

August 19th 1862 Arrived in Camp Brown at 10 o clock P.M.

20" George Warring had a fit fell down And broke his leg & was Sent home. Sent Steve

Macknall with him. it was warm & dusty & watter very Scarce & bad Slept out of the barracks

Some of the time & in some

23d went home by Great Valley & hired a team and took us home.

24th went to Church at Franklinville in the forenoon. went to Cadiz in the afternoon. Quite pleasant but Cold

27th went over to Macknalls and get a piece of Cheese

28th rained hard. Start for Jamestown about 11 o clock A.M. went down To Cadiz and made A Union man of Mr Scopton. arrived at Camp About nine o clock P.M.

29th Quite pleasant nothing new to day but putting a man in ___ for getting drunk & Tied him to a board

30th nothing new To day. Organized, but Drew no Clothes

August 31st Sunday attended preaching in Camp. 112th Regt came into Camp in the Evening had a nice brass band

Sep 1st it rained very hard last night is raining now

Sep 2d no news. but it is very Cold to day. went down to town & Saw Gid Searl & he Came up to Camp. it is very pleasant & warm

Sept 5th this afternoon The Captain [Harrison Cheney] and all hands went down to the lake & went in Swimming

Sep 6th W. P. Babcock And Ag Copeland Ship My

Sept 7th Jim Salisbury Came on to the grounds in the morning it was very warm. it is Sunday and we attended Church To day and I went down To town with them, & West & I went to a Saloon and Eat Some Sardines for the first time.

Sep 8th warm to day West & the girls went Home to day. Si Salisbury And wife were here To

day.

“ 9th been drilling all the forenoon to day Maj Partridge & family were all here to day.

Sept 10th Quite Cold in the morning but Hot in the middle of the day.

“ 11th Received our Clothes to day and Distributed them to The Boys. they looked Nice & felt well pleased with them.

Sept 13 went home went to Great Valey with the Lyndon Boys was taken Sick at the Valey & [Private] J[eptha]. Beebe Carried My head in his lap about all of the way home. had the D__ That night.

Sept 14th Sunday went to Church & heard 2 Sermons. in the Afternoon went to Cadiz at 4 o'clock P.M. with Esq. B. went home with Mrs. H. Burlingame and get Some plumbs at Mr. Porter McGuires Heard Elder Stewart at Cadiz. was sick about a week could not Eat much of annything.

Sept 12th went up to Jim Days & took my wife and John Whitneys wife Had a good visit got Pears & plumbs & honey

Sept 19th went over & saw L. Blackmon and Bought a Bushel of plumbs of him for a dollar Let Analiza Green and Mandanna have some of them. went home & got better right away.

“ 20th went down to Mother Searls & to Will & got A lot of Shavings &c.

“ 21st went to church and Towards night went up to H. D. Searls & got his Buggy went to Cadiz And got Ceil Smith & Took her up to Fays.

“ 22d got up long before day Light. went Over and Eat Breakfast with Arvilla Started about daylight for Jamestown with Fay and wife Esq B. & wife And Ceil Smith. rode on the Seat with Vil & Ceil Or on their hoops. had a good time going out. Stoped at Ellicottville Saw Maria

Reynolds. Stopped at Randolph Took dinner about 3 o'clock P.M. Staid til about Seven went to the Depot took The Cars & went to Jamestown got there about 10 o'clock took a Buss went to the Jamestown house & Saw a lot of the Boys. Staid all night at the tavern. the women all Slept Together. Sam Gene & I Slept in a bed and Fay Slept on the floor and on a Sofa. the women carried on all night & kept me awake Till towards morning.

24th Sept rainy this morning went up & took breakfast in a tent by the side of the Road. Towards noon the women Came into Camp went around Some with Them. went over to dinner but Could not get in To the Eating house. they had indian Bread and milk about 2 o'clock took dinner had a pick nick of Squirrel with Rans Denison & wife Had a good time. went down to town and Staid all night with them again. in the Evening Cynthia & Aunt Luna Came in about 10 o'clock [Private] Sam[uel] P. Bard took them and went to another House & Staid all night 25th Cold & windy and they went home. The Boys are getting Their pay to day. they are on hand first rate walk right up Smart

Sept 27th went down to town and Saw Mrs McClure and Frank Mac and went up and had a good visit with them

Sept 29th Broke Camp at 1 o'clock P.M. & marched to the depot Staid til most night & then took the Cars to Elmira

Sept 30th Arrived in Elmira Early in the morning get off the cars & march through The City & camped in a meadow got some Rations & ate Our dinner we then marched to the Depot or near there & took our guns the Enfield Rifles then took the Cars for Baltimore. we had To get in the end of a hog Train Or Cars and got to Pennsylvania Early in the morning Saw Sam Warring Staid about an hour went on. got to Baltimore about noon. we had to march Through the City

about 2 miles it was awful warm. I paid a little darky 20 Cents for Carrying my Satchel and Camped down in the Street. we went up stairs and got Our dinner & staid until 8 o clock P.M. we then Took the hog train again for Washington. was detained about 2 hours. finally Set Sail. Some of the Boys of Other Companys Tore their Cars all to pieces we took the top of the Cars and worried along all night and finally landed in The City, Or a little Outside about 10 AM. I saw Delson Searl There he looked rather Slim to what he did when he left Elliott I then went down into The City & looked all around to buy a Sword & belt. went to the Arsenal bought a Sword paid 15 dollars for it. went back to the City. bought a belt Paid 4 dollars for it went and got my likeness Taken & sent home went down to the dock and Saw the Ships & went up to Fort Richardson it was a nice looking place Commanding a fine view of the City & the Capital. Oct 2d Started for Camp Seward and went up through The City. Saw the Presidents Mansion & the treasurers Office it was a Splendid Large building and a wide Street on pennsylvania avenue I rode up & down the City in the Street Cars and undertook to Cross the long Bridge across the Potomac and had no pass So I [waited] about 2 hours for O[ur] regiment To Come along but made up my mind they were going to Cross below and I put out & went down about 2 miles & found The Regiment had crossed The river about half an hour ahead of me. then I had to go back up into the City and go to the provost marshal Office to get a pass. I came across a little niger he Took me straight to the Provosts Office. got a Pass & went down cross The long bridge all right was tired about out. Sat down on the last End of the bridge, and waited until an ambulance came along. it belonged to the Massachusetts Regt. I got in and went up To their Camp they asked Me to stay all night with Them. I done so. got up went out in the morning and the first thing I heard Besides the mules & bugles was fall in for roll call Co I 154th Regt. I put out There for I

knew where to go. went over the Boys were glad To See Me they thought I Had got picked up and put in the guard house. I had hired a man to carry the Boys knap Sacks up to Camp Seward I paid him \$96. cts for Carrying them up, and I went along to guard them But they made him wait and go behind the Regt and got directed wrong But I saw the City and Came out right the next Day.

Oct 3d went down to the creek & washed all over and felt better after changing my clothes pitched our tents on The most Sandy knoll I ever Saw. we had magoty meat Some that would Crawl away from a felow, hard tacks about the same, and Other things in proportion But we are in hopes of finding better fare.

Oct 5th Sunday read & wrote letters all day. the weather is dry and warm we drill a little every day. Sundays Have dress parades. that is all.

Oct 10th the weather is still warm & dry, and Oh Such Splendid Evenings how I look Towards home & wonder if they have such evenings in Catt. Co. it clouded up and looks like rain.

Sat Oct 11th it rains this morn and is very unpleasant we had marching orders last night.

[October 12, 1862] Sunday morn I am officer of the guard have been down to the Sutlers to get My Breakfast. have Eat some meals to a private house They charge 30 cents a meal The Sutlers ch 50 cents a meal We had Orders to go to Church at ½ past 10 A.M. as I got Back from breakfast we had Orders to pack up we took down our tents and packed our duds & was off at 10 o clock on for fair fax Court house it is quite cool & a good Day to march. it dont seem hardly right to me to start on a march Sunday, but I Suppose we must Obey Orders. we marched 10 miles and then Stoped for the night. pitched our tents in The meadow. I bought Some Cakes & a pie and made out my Supper. I had rather a hard night of it. I was up all night. Slept on the

open ground what I did sleep rained in my face & run down the back of my neck [Sergeant]

Horace Smith was with Me til about 1 o clock when he was relieved by another Sergeant but I was not relieved till we were ready to Start next morning.

Oct 13 Monday morn was about Sick had the Virginia Quick Step in the morning. Started along behind The Regt but as I got warmed up I felt like A Spavined horse the Further I went the better I felt Soon overtook the Regt & kept up with them All day. we stoped by the way Several times and arrived at fair fax about noon. we had To go out and Clean up the ground where There had been beef Butchered & the innards & heads &c left on the Ground, had to dig holes & bury them. it was a bad Job, but we got through about 3 o clock and then struck our tents.

Oct 14th quite cold have Drilled some to day. went down to the creek And had a good wash a pedler came onto the ground & I bought Some Apples & cakes & they were good. [Another entry, out of sequence.] Commenced boarding with Capt Donely [Captain Thomas Donnelly of Company F] at Supper.

Oct 15th Cool this morning but the sun came out clear and bright had Some fresh beff for Breakfast. have been out on inspection to day Saw General Seigel [Franz Sigel].

Oct 16th Saw the General and his staff & lady and her father Father. had a good Supper of beans and vinegar & beef & bread. Zeal C. [Barzilla H. Corthell] & C[harles]. G. Sutton got home to night. they have been to Camp Seward about a week.

Sunday Oct 19th I wrote a letter To my wife. we had Preaching on the ground To day had a good Sermon and Good Singing

Oct 20th went out on A grand review went About 5 miles formed in line of Battle on The Old Battle ground Between fair fax & Centerville it made quite a Show. Had a Sham fight & charge

Bayonets. yelled like indians and run like the Rebels. got back about 4 o clock without anny dinner tired and hungry and found poor [Private] John L. Myers was Dead, & Has cast a gloom over the whole Regt most All are in favor and willing to pay to Send Body home, but the [Lieutenant] Colonel [Henry C. Loomis] and Captain thinks it Can't be done. but Such is the fate of war. [Another entry, out of sequence.] Oct 20th 1862 John L. Myers of Machias Died & was buried Oct 22d 1862 in the burying ground about 3 miles north of Fair fax Court House

Tues Oct 21st have had a Battalion drill this forenoon Mr Petit [Amos Pettit] Our Sutler has got Along with some of the Luxuries of life & we can Have a plenty as long as Our money holds out We have paid the last Sad rites to John L. Myers Had a funeral Sermon Preached and took him About 3 miles north east of fair fax and buried him in Soldiers Style fired 3 Salutes of guns Over his grave & marked the place where he rests By putting up a red ceder Slab at the head of his Grave. [Another entry, out of sequence.] quit boarding with Capt. Donely

Oct 22d Wednesday There is a very hard wind To night it blows a Perfect Hurricane

Oct 23d Cold & ___ wind to day we get no mail now days

Friday Oct 24th we got Our male to day & the Boys feel Better. Oh it does them good To get letters from home

Oct 25th quite warm to day have been Out drilling To day.

Sunday 26th it rains very hard to day. it is cold & feels A good deal like Catt.

27th Still Raining, & very Cold. the wind Blows very hard. afternoon Cleared off. Zeal [Barzilla H. Corthell] and I went up to A Brick house & got Warm, and talked with Some Sesionists. found A good looking girl there.

28th cold & disagreeable yet.

Oct 29th Sent out A lot of Boys on picket. About noon [Private] John McClure Come up & got the Ambulance And I went down with him and got Zeal & took him To the Hospital. Our Regt Had Orders to break Camp to day Leave for another about 1 mile off. Could not get all of our Things Moved So I Staid with Some of the Boys to guard Them.

Oct 30th bought Some Oysters & Cooked them for Dinner. had beef Steak and Potatoes & onions. it has Been quite warm & pleasant To day. [Another entry, out of sequence.] 30 October moved about 1 ½ miles & pitched our Tents in Sight of fair fax in a Chesnut grove a pretty Comfortable place.

Sat [Friday] 31st, went over To Our new Camp. here The Sun Rises & Sets right To me. it has always rose in the west to Me, & Set in the East. We are in a pleasant place, in sight of fair Fax Court House vilage Got to go out on inspection To day.

Sat Nov 1st. Inspected for our pay to day. in the Afternoon John & I went Over to See the Boys in the Hospital. found Zeal no Better. we have got marching Orders for to morrow, And are to Cook rations For 3 days, & the Quartermaster [Edward Porter] is to Carry 2 days rations

Sunday Nov 2d got in line about 8 o clock & waited til about noon & Started Saw Emmet Older marched with us all day. we marched All day went to Bulls run About 12 miles & Camped for the Night, all tired out, ate our hard Tack drank our Coffee & spread Our Oil Cloths & Laid down & went to Sleep.

Nov 3d. Cold wind this morning. it rained Some in the night. we got Started about 7 o clock in the morning marched through Bulls run Battle ground. Saw mens toes & heads sticking Out of the ground. found Anny quantity of Cannon balls & shells &c along the road Dead horses &c along the road marched about 2 miles beyond Haymarket and put up for The night. after Supper

A lot of the Boys went back to Haymarket & Confiscated A lot of Stuff. Horace & John Brought in a lot of Apples And some nuts &c Some of the Boys brought in 3 hives of honey. So we all got a part of it.

[Another entry, out of sequence.] Zeal Cortherell Died at Fairfax November 4th 1862 of inflammation of the lungs and was buried by the side of John L. Myers.

Nov 5th Wed nothing New to day. the Boys still Bring in enough to eat.

Friday 7th had Orders to march To day

8th and went about 6 miles and Stopped in the woods & Camped it Snowed about 2 inches deep to day. Seems Like Old Catt. Co the snow has all gone off. we had honey And apple Sauce and Baked Potatoes &c. in the afternoon John & I went out & got Some Black walnuts. Eat all we Could And brought about a peck into Camp. Had bean Soup for Supper.

Sunday No 9th had Orders To leave to day at 8 o clock. packed up and Started about 11 o clock Marched about 5 miles to Thoroughfare Gap & Camped in the woods. have planted Our Batteries in good view of the Gap.

Nov 10th. had a lot of our men picked out for picket duty to day had to go Over the mountain about 5 miles.

Nov 11th The Boys Came in from picket had Some milk and meal made a pudding & I got some To Eat it made me think of the Days when I was better off. But who knows but that I may be well off yet. they came through The gap. they said it was a wild Hard looking place, & I think it would be a hard matter for the enemy to come through with our forces watching there it has been warm & pleasant Day to day.

Wed 12th I went To the Quartermaster & got 5 pieces of tent & put in with Horace & John &

made a Large tent, high enough to Stand up in it looks Some Like living now. it rained Some in the afternoon

Thurs Nov 13th quite pleasant to Day. have Orders to attend Roll Call Every hour in the day For 3 days. Jack [Second Lieutenant John "Jack" Mitchell] & John went To the Commissary & got some potatoes & vinegar & we had Some Cabbage, potatoes & Beef for Supper.

Friday Nov 14th Jack & John went out to day & Done Some washing. I had to Stay in Camp in command of the Company, for the Captain has been in the Hospital Ever since the 9th of Nov. warm & pleasant to Day. Cleaned out Our tent And got some hay to sleep on.

Sat Nov 15th have not done much to day, but attend roll call and get the men out, & wrote some Descriptive lists for men in the Hospitals. Send Jack down to The Commissaries to get some Dried apples & Suggar

Nov 16 Sent out a lot of men on picket Sunday went out on Skirmish Drill to day they think we are Near the Enemy. all hands Called out into line of Battle And Ordered to Stack arms And be ready a moments Notice to grab our arms & be ready for Battle. had Orders To Cook up our rations for 2 days and march to morrow.

Monday Nov 17th Rains Some this morning Wrote Some Descriptive lists To day. at 4 o clock had Orders To Break Camp & march in an hour. Started at night Marched about 5 miles an Staid near Haymarket got Some rails built up fires put up Our Tents get some Corn Stalks to lay on. Slept Sound all night. it rained a little all night.

[Another entry, out of sequence.] Nov 17th 1862 guns Returned at Thoroughfare Gap Va
Civill Manwaring [Corporal Civillian Manwaring] Returned guns & Eq

Ch. R. Brown [Private Charles R. Brown] "

J Copeland [Private James Copeland]	"
Lorin Philips [Private Loren Phillips]	"
D. Philips [either Private Delos Phillips or Private Dudley Phillips, Jr.]	"
C. E. King [Private Charles E. King]	"
Wm Qunt [Private William Quint]	"
Ammon Daly [Private Almon Daley]	"
John Hoog [Private John Hogg]	Returned g
[Private] Jesse D. Campbell	Returned g

Nov 18 Started Early in the morning and marched to Bulls Run and stoped in the Same ground we did going out here it rained very hard. had to go a good ways to get rails & Straw for a bed. had a good nest and Slept 1st Rate

Wed Nov 19th Started about 9 o clock and Sent on a lot of men That were about Sick ahead of the Regt. we marched into about 2 miles of Fairfax & Camped in The woods. we was about All used up, but we got Our tents up and crawled into it. it rained about 3 days and then Cleared off. we Then went at it & rided up our Tents and got a fire place Built in it So it is quite Comfortable now.

Nov 20th John Whitney came into Camp & Staid with Me all night. he was looking Tough & hearty as I ever saw him. had a good visit with him Jim Perry came into Camp and has Staid about a week.

Friday Nov 21st quite Rainy in the forenoon, but Cleared off in the afternoon and it is pleasant again John left us this morning.

Sat Nov 22d built a Slab floor & put Ceder bows on it for a bed.

Sunday 23d have Been out on inspection the AM Came back attended preaching and then went at it & helped Put up a chimney. it is very Cold to night but pleasant Colonel Pat[rick H.] Jones took command about 3 days ago. Captain Cheney came into camp again And we were all glad to see him.

24th he took command of the Company again. [Another entry, out of sequence.] [Private] Marion Plumb Died Nov 24th of Pneumonia at Finley Hospital, Washington

23d Sunday went to meting went out on inspection & built a Chimney & it Smoked So we Could not use it So we took it down & built it Over again

Monday Oct [November] 24th. at night the whole Company went out on picket. we built up 2 fires of rails & got Our Supper of hard tacks & roasted Our pork on A Stick, and then lay Down on the ground & went To Sleep.

Oct [November] 25th Came into Camp and Staid til 4 O clock & went out on dress Parade. it was warm & pleasant

Oct [November] 26th went out and Cut & Bucked up wood until 2 o clock then went out on battalion drill & dress parade.

Oct [November] 27th Thanksgiving went out on the Color line & Listened to a Sermon By Our Chaplain [Henry D. Lowing]. but I forgot to mention that wen we Came into Camp from picket we found Sam Bard [Private Samuel P. Bard] had Cut off his big toe on his right foot, & he felt bad about it, & we all felt Sorry for him but that did not put his toe on again Thanksgiving had a very good Sermon, text in Psalms. after Service went and put in with [Private George Eugene] Graves Bard Smith & Jonny & bought Some Oysters. had them Cooked Had a very good dinner for Old Virginia. it was a warm pleasant Day.

Oct [November] Friday 28th went out at half past 8 in the morning to Attend another inspection Drill by General Seigels inspector. got back about 2 O clock. found Our Commissions here for us was glad to See them. it is Cold & Cloudy to Day. Jack Mitchell Came from the Hospital Last night & Bunked with us. the Captain went out with 17 men on picket to day I must Stop & make out a Requisition for Our Rations to night & Sew on a Couple of Buttons. Oh by the way I got a letter from Esq Burlingame Stating That I had a Son born To Me about the 19th was glad to hear of it & Arville Said it looked like Doct Vanaernam [Surgeon Henry Van Aernam] And was about as large Bully for the Boy.

Sat Oct [November] 29th went out on Battalion drill had a School for the Officers Saturday night.

Oct [November] 30th 1862 Sunday morning got the Company out in Company Street had Camp inspection. dismissed them. went into my tent and wrote a letter home Then went to Church in the Afternoon, & in the Evening went to a prayer meeting had a good one.

Nov [December] 1st Monday had a Company parade in the forenoon I went out and drilled the men about 2 hours. in the afternoon had to make out 3 papers of Descriptive lists for O Hotchkiss [Private Orange Hotchkiss] & I Emery [Private Isaac Emery] & L Philips [Private Loren Phillips] Comfortable day Nov [December] 1st hustled out of Our Beds at 12 o clock at night Stacked arms in the Company Street & packed Our duds

Nov [December] 2d had Command of 43 men & had to go out on picket Duty. had a Camp near An Old Sessionists house went to the house traded with him Some coffee for Indian meal, & bought Some Hoe Cakes, & I Sent & bought 2 quts of Corn paid 10 cents for it & passed it in the evening had a good time eating of it. then we lay down on the ground Slept til 1 o clock then had to get up take Charge of the men.

Nov [December] 3d Ratio Andrews [Private Horatio E. Andrews] went out & bought Some milk paid 10 cents a quart. we had Some Bread And milk. it is Cloudy To day looks like rain While Standing on guard Two Sessesion women Came along with a Boy with a pass from a Lieut fro frying pan. I Looked at it told them it was no good Sent them to head quarters. Came back to Camp found Everything all right But [Private] Covil Searl was Taken down again. At night Steve Hothckiss Frank Philips And George Hicks [Privates Stephen Hotchkiss and George Hicks, and Corporal Benjamin Franklin Phillips] Came into Camp were All glad to See them

Dec 4th had a Cold Night white frost. Nice morning Sun Shone all day. had Squad drill Company Drill & Battalion Drill ot day. had to Fetch wood & water To day & dealt out Some Clothes to the Boys. Must Stop & go and get the mail and See what the news is.

Dec Friday 5th Cloudy To day Capt Starts for Washington to day to recruit for the 154th Regt. I am left in command of the Company got the mail but none for Me afternoon Commenced Snowing & Snowed all night

Sat Dec 6th 1862. the wind Blows this morning & the Snow is about 3 inches deep. looks A good deal like old Catt Co Made out a requisition for Clothing. had to guess at A good deal of it for a good many Boys were out on picket Johnny is founding Some beef For Breakfast. 4 of us have been out about a mile & got Some Seasoned Rails kept a fire all night. I got up twice & took the wood off the fire it smokes So it wake me up.

Sunday Dec 7th the Sun Came out Clear & nice but is Cold yet. had a Singing School last night in the wigwam Sunday morning Our Sergt & Co Is Sergeant went out about Sun rise & Cut Down a Chesnut tree About 2 ½ feet through. Then You ought to have Seen Us hustle to take The Limbs that broke up And I grabed my axe And Cut of the but log So with the but & the logs

we have wood enough to Last Over Sunday. it dont Seem much Like Sunday in Camp. Johny is getting Breakfast for us. it Consists of Beef Coffee & hard tacks afternoon went to the wigwam heard preaching. went to Prayer meeting in the Evening. went home built up a good fire Wrote a letter in answer To one received from W J Babcock

Monday Dec 7th. the Sun came out warm & nice & has Been all day. brought up Some wood to day. Wrote a list of all of Our Boys taken Sick And those that have died Since we have been in Camp. read the Presidents message To day. think it very good. must get ready To go to the Officers School. after we got Our Supper. got a paper from home to day.

Dec 9th Tuesday warm & pleasant. thawed some. had Company drill this morning. had Orders to write Some Discharged papers for 3 or 4 of Our Boys. afternoon. had Orders to march to morrow morning descriptive list &c to write without number. all is Bustle & Confusion in Camp to night Cooking &c &c.

Dec 10th Wednesday noon Started from near Fair fax about half past 7 marched Through fair fax Station & over Laurel Hill about 8 miles. Stoped and Eat some bread And raw pork for dinner. it tasted pretty good too. Stoped 1 ½ hours to rest. Started half past 1 traveled about 4 miles. put up for The night. had some hay had a good bed. the Boys went Out & confiscated Chickens Potatoes & lots of things in the morning Just as Thursday night had a good place to rest.

11th marched all day about 12 miles

Dec 12 Thursday [Friday] morn Started out marched All day had a good place to Camp at night. Friday morn Started out & marched about 8 miles. they put Us right Straight through Saw lots of Sutlers wagons Broke up & Stove & cut up by the Rebels last night. we expect a battle Every moment.

Sat Dec 13th Staid in the town of Dumfries Cooked Chickens & Some beef for Breakfast. the Captain And I went out last night And got a lot of corn stalks To Sleep on. had a good nights rest. after Breakfast Johny Horace & I went over to a well to wash we heard the report of a gun Or Revolver & went a little ways And found a man in 9th New York Cavalry had got Shot. another man took his revolver to look at it & it went off & Shot him in the Back. they think the ball went in & lodged in his hip it looked hard they Carried him on a litter To a house near by. Doctors Rug & Simons [Assistant Surgeon Corydon C. Rugg and Private Albert A. Simons of Company C] went with him. on the march passed Wolf & Ocuquan Creeks. Saturday Dec 13th about 3 o clock left Camp at Dumfries marched about 5 miles the Boys went out & killed 5 or 6 beef Cattle & we Broiled it & made a Cup of Coffee, & that with hard Tacks made a good Supper we found a Rebel Barn about a half mile off & lots of good Straw, with which we made a good bed & passed a Comfortable night. then had beef Coffee & Some apple Sauce for Breakfast fare well Saturday night Al Denison [Private William A. Dennison] Stole a part of box of hard Tax for which we were very thankful.

Sunday morning [December 14] got our breakfast & started on the march Before daylight, & they put us right through. run out of hard tacks & all kinds of provisions at noon we have been on the march now 5 days. it has been nice Sunshiny weather Every day. Some of the time it has been Dry & nice & Some of the way The mud has been deep & Some places the Snow was 5 or 6 inches deep. traveled til about 2 o clock & Encamped near Stafford Court house in a nice pine grove. Slept on pine bows. had Our rations Served out to us.

Monday morn Dec 15th. Sun Shines warm and pleasant. Orders Came To march about 10 o clock A.M. Large white house burnt Yesterday by some officers That went in to Cook their

Dinner. they said it caught By accident. marched about 4 miles and stoped & got Some Coffee & hard tacks for dinner Stoped About an hour. a good many fell out by the way. while we were eating they came stragling into Camp. the wind Blows Some to day, but it is warm & it [makes] us Sweat good. it runs off from us in a trickle Encamped in a nice grove about 2 ½ miles from Fredericksburgh we can hear the Cannons roar, & the whistle blow. and Then [Private Henry] Clark came to night & borrowed my ax to go out & build his tent & in a few moments Some of the Boys Came to my tent & said he had Cut 2 of his fingers off of his right hand & it proved to be true. we pitched Our Tents, got our Suppers & lay down To Sleep with the expectation of being Called into Battle Every moment. Some of our Boys lay down on the ground without putting up tents. But towards morning it Commenced raining & they Skedadled right Smart To get into tents. but they Could not get in So they got Up & stood around til morn. The mail Came before daylight and was distributed but I got no letter. John McClure Came down with the mumps Yesterday but he is bound To go with us yet. he is good yet.

Tuesday morn Dec 16th 1862 we had Orders to Clear up Our guns & be ready for a fight. we had to draw Our balls & get Them cleaned up then we got Our Breakfast. made Some Pancakes fried Some pork And made Some Coffee & had A pretty good meal. about 9 o clock it stoped raining And the Sun has come out And it looks better. a man From Franklinville Just Came into Camp & Says they have had An awful Battle & the Rebels have drove Burnside back this Side of the river, and the streets are full of Our dead & wounded Soldiers. & also That General Seigel went up Yesterday in a balloon & Says we Cant drive them out for they have got a Strong Entrenchment And that He wont take his men in as Burnside has to get them All Cut to pieces. to day we have Lain in Camp all day. getting ready To stay all night. to day Doctor Vanaernam

Came into Camp & we were all glad to See him Again, but sorry to hear that Lieut Mitchell was worse And probably will not be anny better. but after dark when all was still & we had got our tents right Comfortable For the night we had Orders to pack Our duds & be ready for a march in about half an hour we were under way towards Fredericksburgh. We marched down through the mud about nee deep most to the City & halted & Stacked Our arms, & I Started out to hunt up Some watter. I went down into The woods about half a mile and found Some good watter But when I got back the Boys Had gone, but I soon overtook Them & we marched about 4 miles one way & then the other And finally Bunked down on a Sand bank Slept on the ground. had a Cold night of it. Some of the 64th [New York Volunteer Infantry] Boys Came into Our Camp to see us.

Wednesday Dec 17th I got up Early & went & got Some wood & watter & we got Our Breakfast and then the Captain & I went Over to See the 64th Boys. I found Frank wear & Del carpenter & Jimmy Ray & a number of Others that I knew. found they had been in A fight last Saturday & got Badly Cut up. Milton Robins got wounded in the back of the neck, had left for Washington yesterday. Did not See Captain Woodruff. he was Sick & in the Hospital. to day we moved About a mile & a half nearer Fredericksburgh, where we Can see the Rebels & their Camps. went over and Bought Some provisions of Bill Day. he is in the Commissary department Just got our potatoes boiling when the orders came to march, but Staid & boiled my potatoes, & took my pail and bring it on my axe And Started after them. found them in a nice grove got Our Supper had potatoes pork hard Tacks & Coffee. it is Cold And Cloudy, a Snowflake occasionally Burt Freeman [Private Loyal C. Freeman] got Stuck in the mud and fell over and Sprained his leg So he had to ride in the Ambulance. And yesterday Frank Chase [Private James

F. Chase] was taken Sick & I took him up to the Doctors Office & Left him. Some of the Boys drew their rations Last night & got pretty tight. one of Our Boys _____ [several words smudged] and lay down & Staid all night but he come on in the morning _____ [several words smudged] rather worse for wear. got our tents fixed up good & Then at night was detailed To go out with a picket and went out in Sight of Rebel lines & Staid till about 10 o clock & Came into Camp 134 N[ew] York Regt had got the Start of us, & we were glad To get back to our beds.

Thursday Dec 18th Staid in Camp all day Cut wood And bucked it up, and About noon Whitney Stiles & Gust Hayden Came into Camp. they all looked tough & hearty Gust was as fat as a fattening Hog. to night the Quartermaster Came up with the Regimental teams, but he had Burnt up a good many things

Dec 19th had a Comp Drill this morning. this afternoon Had visitors from the 6th NY Cavalry, gust McLure D Philips H. Merrill & efner Mcnall. Took dinner with Horace Jonny And I. it smokes in camp like Sixty.

Dec 20th Saturday. The wind blows Cold & it Smokes like all git out. had more visitors to Day Jimmy Little was over here To See us. He looks tough. have a general inspection Here to day at 2 o clock P.M. Tim _____ was here to day. he looks Tough & hearty. it was a cold night Last night

Sunday Dec 21st. The Sun come out Clear but it is Cold as helsys nuts. have been to Breakfast had beef soup. Drilled Some to day. nothing new turned up

Dec 22d Monday. Horace & I went Over to the 6th NY Cavalry Saw most all of the Boys Older And Saunders Boys, & all the rest They appeared to be Enjoying Themselves first rate. all

Looked rigged & tough fat as Bears. Saw a man going up in a balloon. Staid all night with them. had pan cakes & molasses went down Easy. Saw the Cars running Loaded with Soldiers Saw Some of the City of fredericksburg Received 3 letters to day 2 from home 1 from H___ Town was glad to hear they were well

Tuesday [December 23] visited with the Boys till noon. took dinner with Whitney & the Saunders Boys. Borrowed Frank Saunders horse & Whit Smith & I took A horse back ride around The County Some. Could see nothing but one mass of Soldiers tents & teams all Over the Country. Started for home after dinner. Came down in sight of the Depot. Sat down & Eat Some hard Tacks & Suggar & Cold watter. Saw quite a lot of Big bugs Come from the Cars & go up Towards General [Edwin V.] Sumners And General Burnsid's head Quarters. we passed by there Came down to falmouth And took a look at the Rapahannock River. it was a rocky hardest looking River I Ever Saw. Saw a bridge that had been burnt across it. And the town looked like the most God forsaken place I Ever Saw. they all look As though they had been Built before C. and had not been repaired Since they are black smoky & dirty as they can be streets folks And all. got back into Camp About Sundown well Satisfied with Our visit.

Dec 24th Wednesday Started out this morning Shouldered my ax for the woods about half a mile off to get out Some timber for a hovel. Cat down a tree took it on my Should and Started for Camp but got tired Carrying it. doped it & Cat off about 4 feet off from the but & carried the rest to Camp. After Breakfast Sergeant Smith [and Private Edmond] Myers & I went out after Some more timber pitched into a Norwegian pine Cut it down And tried to Split it found it tough as Lightning but we managed to get into & Cut Some small poles & Some Slabs & went to camp and took Our bunch of hard tacks Cold with raw pork & molasses. Just as we got through

Bill Philips Frank Saunders J W Whitney & Frank Wier Came into Camp So we had to Stay & visit with Them a spell & I got onto Whitneys horse & rode over to the 136 [New York] Regt with wier & Philips gone about an hour came Back & went after the rest of my slabs, & found they had left for parts unknown I tell You I was as mad as Lys Jewel was once when ___ had him arrested for getting Drunk. Says he I am mader than 14 touch hales. I had to get at it and Cut up & Split Some more Sticks. I lay it to the darned Dutchman they are all around me, & Some Came along this forenoon & wanted to know if I was not used to chopping Said they were brought up in a city. but I must Shoulder my Slabs & travel for Smith is getting Supper, and they will eat it to if I am not on hand just as my wife used to do at home.

Thursday 25th Dec Christmas morn went out with Myers & Smith And went to work & finished Putting up Our Shanty & Built up Our Chimney &c. had visitors from the 6th Cavalry. Mr Older Eff MacNall Bill Jim Whitney and Gust Hayden & John Mack ___ Took Supper with us. had Beef Soup with desecated Potatoes, bought a quart of whiskey And passed around to the Boys they seemed to relish it first rate. had Some Cigars in the Evening after I went to bed John Mac & Smith went to Eating hard Tacks & Suggar, & I got so hungry I got up and helped them, & So Ended Our Christmas.

Dec 26th Friday Bought Some meal yesterday And baked Some pan Cakes for Breakfast. had some Boiled potatoes too & it seemed Some like home again to get into a little house by Our Selves once more. our house is built of little brush with Sticks drove into the ground in a row about a foot apart & the brush wove in, & our Chimney is made of Small Sticks brush Stones mud filled in between & a barrel on top for a chimney. I bought Some Dried apples a few days ago And we are Stewing them for dinner Or Supper I dont know which it will be. have been out

drilled the Boys about 2 hours in Company Drill, it was warm and Comfortable yesterday without a Coat on. it is warm to day But a little windy & Cloudy I must write to Jackson Or Lieut Mitchell To day. have written to him. Just heard of the death of Corporal Keys [Amos F. Keys] Co. C of our regt. the talk some of Sending him home And Some of burying him here under a tree. Just heard That Doctor [Assistant Surgeon Dwight W.] Day had Started for home or for Washington & home if he Could. Just mailed a lot of letters to S. Hotchkiss Lieut Mitchell And Others. this afternoon went Out & had a good Battalion drill. went to Camp got our Supper had a visitor John Curry of the Excelsior Brigade he is Sick of the war, Swears he will Desert as soon as he gets his Pay, & So Says a good many.

Dec Sat 27th. got up built a fire & Smith went & got Some watter, & I washed the Potatoes got Our Breakfast Then went out on Company drill it is warm but Cloudy. looks Like rain it is Comfortable Sitting around in our Shirt Sleeves. Johny & I have got Some beans on Cooking for Supper. Smith & I have been out this afternoon washing Our Clothes and washed Our Selves all over Saw Co. C out burying one of their men [Corporal Amos F. Keys] that died the day before it was a solemn sight the Band was out played a Solemn Tune and a no of men marched with their guns inversed. They buried him in sight of The Rebels, under a Shade Tree without a Coffin but They had Slabs on Each side of him, with Blanket wrapt around him. when we got back to Camp we had a good appetite for Beans I assure You. Eat up all we had.

Sunday Dec 28th the Sun came out Clear this morning. had to go out on inspection at 9 o clock A.M. went back to Camp had Orders to go out on picket. About 300 of us started out. went About 2 miles stoped in sight of Rebel pickets about 40 Rods across the Rapahannock River. we have cooked some Apple Sauce made coffee & Fryed some pork & hard tacks and not about

ready to lay Down on the ground & sleep By Spells. Just heard of the Death of Captain Bill Woodworth of the 64th Regt. the Sun is Setting Clear to night, but it is going to be rather Cold To night I am afraid.

Dec 29th had a Cold night on Picket last night Slept about 2 hours in all a nice day To day it is warm & pleasant Comfortable in shirt sleeves. had to turn out the guards twice to day write a letter home to day. must see to getting up Some wood to Night. nothing of importance hapened to day on picket Smith & I went out patrolling up the Rapahannock river about 10 o clock at night Saw Rebel Pickets across The river. Scart a drove of hogs up & drove them into the woods. Staid up till about 3 o clock in the morning went & lay down and Slept til half past seven got Breakfast & Staid on picket til 1 o clock.

Dec 30th Tuesday Started To go into Camp got most There & saw 2 funeral Processions going to the burying ground fell & went with them & Saw them buried one belonged to the 33d Regt Mass vol the other to the 73d Ohio was Sargent was wounded at the last battle of bull run And they each had a brass Band it seemed like a solemn time. and it makes me feel And realize that we are fast passing away. Came Back into Camp found all Quiet. nothing new in Camp

Dec 31st Received a letter from Covil Searl was at Schuyler Hospital Westchester County N.Y. wanted I should get his Discharge papers made out And Steve Hotchkiss & George Hicks & Send them To him. Drilled some to day And went up to Brigade Commissarys & got flour suggar & some peaches going to have new years. a little Cloudy & Cold to Day.

Jan 1st 1863 Cold wind But pleasant & dusty. had Some whiskey dealt out to The men. had some Dried peaches rice Boiled Beef & desecated potatoes Coffee & Cigars after Supper in the evening had Orders to be ready to fall into line of battle at a moments warning for we expected a

attack from the Rebs in the Night had Our picket Doubled. but Slept Sound Through the night was not Disturbed.

Jan 2d nice warm Day went out this forenoon To Company drill. found my ax. had it stole yesterday the teamsters had it threatened of dusting me for carrying it off. I told them to dust away I was on hand. Received a letter from Henry Last night were all well in the afternoon went out on Battalion drill Saw 10 or 12 Regiments drilling. it looked A good deal like war to See their bayonets glistening in the Sun. Saw the Massachusetts Regiment going to the burying ground to bury one of their Company. they play a mournful tune with their Brass band. one man from Our Regt Died to day from Co. G [Private Warren Bradley] thus it is we are fast Passing away. it is real warm To day. Received a letter from Mitchell to night

Sat Jan 3d another man from Co I [Private Levant F. Barber] buried To day. had orders to clear off ground & move about 10 rods towards the Rebels worked hard all day to Clean off the ground.

Sun Jan 4th went to moving to day Smith & I went at it And Cut down a big pine Tree Split it up got 6 Slabs out of it & put up a tent & got Our chimney So we Could get Supper & moved Our truck into it. built up a tempory bed & bunked about 11 o clock had a good Sleep. got up in the morning

Mon Jan 5th. went at it and finished up Our tent made a good bed finished up Our Chimney and have got Some beef Soup for Supper. worked the hardest for 2 days I have since I enlisted. worked 2 days without a Coat on. To day Jim Chase Started for Washington. Gust Hayden was here to day. Received 2 letters last Saturday night. one from W. J. Babcock, The other from my wife was All well & eating chickens And turkeys wish them all Merry Christmas & a happy

New Years. I must Close And pitch in for Soup while it is going got my Soup & went to bed
Slept nice in Our new bed.

Tuesday Jan 6th had Company drill in the forenoon Cooked Beens for Supper it rained a little to
day Banked up our Shanty some and studied Some in volume No 2. Horace & I sat up & wrote
2 letters apiece Sent one to Henry and one to my wife.

Wednesday Jan 7th. the Sun Came out Clear it is a nice morning. got to go out to Company drill.
went out And drilled a spell. then went off into the woods & bucked up some wood, & rigged up
tent a little

Thursday Jan 8th. went out to Company drill in the forenoon Came in got Dinner & Smith
Myers & I went out to See what we Could See. went down to the river. Saw a large Stone
Building about 80 feet long 50 wide & about the Same height at the gable ends. never had A roff
on. lid in lime & mortar, grape vines & small trees had overgrown the walls & run into them all
around. Wager it was quite a curiosity No one Could Contrive what it was Started for. went on
A piece further up the river And Came across a Stone grist mill with half the roff torn off by Our
Soldiers to get the boards. Com Vedder [First Lieutenant Commodore Perry Vedder of Company
G] was there with 2 or 3 men with no tools, but I had my axe on my shoulder as usual and let
them take it to Cut the rafters off So the Other Side would fall. but Just as we got the last one
almost off Along came a dutch Officer that was on picket there, And asked us if we had got anny
leave to tare down buildings on his post. we told him no Then he says to Smith what Regt do
you belong to. where is your Camp Says he what did You Say he told over again. Says S. up
there, but did not look Either way nor make a motion. the officer says you leave here Or I will
report Every one of You. did not Say a word to Vedder or me, nor we to him, But took what

boards & rafters we had got off Started for Camp. the mill was shingled with Slate Stone, the first one of the kind I ever Saw. Came back into Camp got Supper & after roll Call wrote home a letter apiece to have Our folks Send us Something to Eat. finished about 1 o clock then Smith went at it & cooked Some Beeff & hard tacks & of course Jonny & I was ready to help him Eat it So we pitched in. finished up & went to Bed about 2 o clock Slept til the bugle Sounded for roll Call at 7 o clock in the morning then every man must be out Or get pricked and put on guard. So You may Calculate most Every man digs out when he hears the bugle.

Sept [January] 9th Friday nice pleasant weather went out on Company drill. Smith And Johny McC. went Over to the 6th Cavalry & Bill Philips & Whitney was over here To day. Staid but a little while in the afternoon Myers & I went about a mile & got a buck load of dry Ceder for wood. it makes a hot fire. in the evening Frank Drury & Jim Ray Came in to our tent Staid all the evening had a good visit with them. had some Beef Soup Cup of tea hard Tacks & molasses for Supper Myers & I have riged up Some little shelves & a cupboard to day & a little better door to day. went to bed about 11 o clock Slept first rate. had Some Religious books & papers left us to day, for which we are very thankful.

Sat Jan 10th 1863. got up before Daylight went at it got breakfast and eat it. then Myers started off to do Some washing for us and I Staid to wash up the Dishes. then we had Orders to take our blankets Coats And Coat & air them & Clean up Our streets so at it I went got them fairly hung out. then it began to rain & I had to dust round & get them in again, & [Private] Allen Williams then Came in & wanted I Should finish up his letter So I done that, & then went to posting up my diary. And here I am at quarter past one. I must dig around and get Something to going pretty soon for Supper & so it is I have a faint Idea now of womens duties there is no cesation to their

duties to keep a large family eating & mended up washed &c &c. but we are hard up for tools in every department of this institution & if they Don't pay up pretty Soon or Try to do Something before a great while I Shall rear up & Bellow. but I dont think I shall stick my horn in the ground. it has rained all day pretty Steady but not very hard. I have dug ditches around my Shanty Some and banked it up Some more, and been Cooking for Sunday. had pan Cakes pork Coffee & peach Sauce for Supper. got Some left for to morrow. Smith & Jonny have not got back yet I have been reading in the testament all the evening Myers has gone to bed And I am sitting up at 10 o clock writing reading &c. 134th [33rd] Mass Brass band is playing now it Sounds first rate to night. I have Just been out & borrowed a paper, & I must read it through & go to bed.

Jan 11th Sunday Cleared off Last night. froze a little. I am officer of the day to day. Our chaplain has gone home. does not seem much like Sunday. have had to detail men to day & fill up Sink holes to day. Received A letter from my wife to day with 3 dollars in money in it was glad to get it, but Sorry to hear that my little girl was Sick & Crying for Pa to hold her. am in hopes this war will End Soon, So I can See them once more. but dont know as I ever shall. but as long as there is life there is hope but vain is the help of man without Divine aid i mean to put my trust in my Savior, for he is Able to Save those that put their trust in him. I also received a postage stamp and a Sheet of paper, & a paper for which I am much obliged I went out & detailed some men to fill up Some Sink holes & dig one new one in the afternoon Smith & Jonny came home. D Philips & D. Stiles came back with them. brought home a bag of meal & a canteen of molasses went to work And got Supper had pan Cakes molasses & coffee Sat up til 12 o clock wrote A letter home Sent Ida a little book in it. had Some beens to Eat before we

went to bed. Eat to many they was So good had to get up & go out before daylight.

Jan 12th Monday morn got up & Cut Some wood before breakfast & John & Smith got breakfast went up to guard mounting turned over my office to Lieut [Edward] Porter. went out to Company drill. got excused to go Over to the 64th Regt. got Gene to Cut my hair and before I got Started to go Frank Will & [future Private] Fayette McClure Came to See us, so I did not go over But Sent Frank back with Fayettes horse & he went to Bill Day & bought me Some Suggar Some molasses & Some tobaccy in the afternoon Myers & I went to the woods & Cut & bucked in Some green pitch pine to burn. got back found the Company had gone out on Battalion drill. So I went to getting Supper. Borrowed the Captains frying pan Fryed Some pork baked Some pan Cakes out of hard tacks flour & meal. they were first rate. had coffee & tea both. have been around visiting Some of the Boys this Evening in their Bunks. I Sit in my tent with John by my Side gapeing while I am writing & waiting for Smith to Come in & go to bed. Myers has gone to bed. I am Writing by fire light. I must go to bed. it has been warm & pleasant to day Comfortable without a coat on.

Tuesday Jan 13th A little Cloudy to day. went Out to Company drill to day. then had Orders to go out on Picket duty. went out with about 2 hundred men. went out about 3 miles & got well Stationed, & got Our dinners, & eat them & got our pipes loaded And I Sat down to finish reading the Governors message, when 3 officers Rode into Camp & Ordered us to pack up & march Back to Camp for we had got marching Orders to Camp So we put out & went Back to camp, & had 3 days rations dealt out to us And Orders to cook up 2 days rations of Beef So at it we went. got the Big kettle on & are boiling it as fast as we Can with a pitch pine fire got Orders to have Everything ready to Start at 2 co clock in the morning. So I am going to bed So I

will be on hand in the morning.

Jan 14th Wednesday morning about 1 o'clock was waked up to get Breakfast ready got it & Started out about 2 o'clock. marched about 8 miles & Stopped in a nice pine grove & got Breakfast about 10 o'clock went to work put up Some Cedar bough houses. Spread Our Blankets out & went to Sleep or tried to. I had a Severe pain in my head Back & bowels. I thought it was the longest night I had Seen in a good while.

Jan Thursday 15th get up but feel no better the pain right over my eyes & down my back is very great. have no appetite to eat So I know I am Sick this morning was Called upon to furnish 25 men & 1 Sergeant & 1 Corporal to go & Dig Smith detailed them & they have gone out. I must go over & See what the Old Doctor [Henry Van Aernam] Says about me. went Over And he said we had marching Orders to go back to Our Old Camp. had orders to Start at 10 o'clock A.M. he gave me an Order to get a ride back in the ambulance. So I picked up my duds & Crawled into it & lay down & went to sleep Spread my Blankets had 2 or 3 pretty good naps before they Started. got Started about half past 2. marched pretty fast Stopped a few minutes at a time 2 or 3 times. I lay down all the way & rode into Camp. [First] Lieut [Arthur] Hotchkiss [of Company C] was with me. got Back Just at dusk. went to my old Bunk & lay down about 2 hours. then went up & Saw the Old Doctor. he gave me 4 pills told me to take 2 at night, & if they did not operate to take the other 2 in the morning. I have took the four, but dont know whether they will move me or not. it has been Cloudy to day & the wind has blown hard all day. got back into Camp found everything quiet But they had got orders to be Ready at 1 hours notice to march So you see we are bound to be have marching enough. it rained most all night

Friday Jan 16th. got up this morning took my 2 pills & am now Sitting in my tent filling out my

diary it is Cloudy & windy this morning all quiet on the Rapahannock I am going to lay down & see if I cant sleep this off. those 2 pills physicked 2 or 3 time & I feel Some better it has Cleared off but the wind blows pretty hard Just got Orders to Cook 3 days rations. got up & fried Some pudding eat that & fried some pork & hard tacks & Eat them, & I felt some better. So I started out went up to the Old Doctors Tent found it very Comfortable there [Private] John Wheeler had built up a good big fire. So I staid all the evening & visited with him & others that came in in the Course of the Evening And Order Came in to the Doct To leave his sick men with 3 days rations, & Dr Rug and annother man to take care of them. Some Six or 8 large stout able bodied looking men Came in to be excused from marching, but he told them to Come in in the morning & he would see to them. the Adjutant [Samuel C. Noyes, Jr.] Came in to the Doctors, & asked him if he did not think they would leave some troops he told him he would have a battation at the door for him in the morning to be excused from marching. in the evening in came a man from Captain [John F.] Nelsons Company [H] after the Doctor for a man in their Company had fallen over a Stump & hurt him. I put out & went home. it was quite dark & the Stumps was very thick but I did not fall over anny & got home. found the Boys Eating pudding & molasses went at it made me a cup of tea, & Eat Some pudding & molasses. had roll call got the mail but no letters for anny of Our bunk. then Myers & McClure went to bed And Smith & I Sat up & Cooked a dish of beens. got a good fix on them as Pete Philips used to Say. then greased Our boots And went to bed about 12 o clock Slept 1st rate.

Sat Jan 17th. got up this morning found Everything quiet & lovely. the Sun shines as Clear & Bright as it used to up in Iowa. I feel all right for A march this morning if I can get my duds Carried went up to the quartermasters & they took them, & we got into line & Started about

noon. went to our Old Camp where we were about 4 days ago near the United States ford got into Camp about half past 4 P.M. Marched into the Same place we were before, & took the same tents. had some trouble with a Couple of drunken Dutchmen, but they pulled out And left me. Sunday morning Jan 18th. pretty Cold morning Last night. froze pretty hard last night. but it is pleasant to day. had Orders to have a roll Call every hour in the day, & the men must not leave camp only for wood & water. we are in a nice Pine grove. Second growth timber I must go at it & write a letter home to day. I took a dose of sulfer last night. had to set up & Cough about half the night. puked 2 or 3 times in the Course of the night, but I feel better this morning. Saw a lot of pontoon Bridges on the way here yesterday heard that General Seigle Came up here last night with his Corps. think we shall have a brush this trip, but dont know. towards night had orders To go out on picket duty. went Out at half past 4 P.M. Sat up pretty much all night. kept a good fire all night. went into Camp got breakfast had some peach Sauce.

Jan 19th Monday. pleasant, but Cold. this morning Our Regiment & the 27th Penns[ylvania] Regt. Came down Close by us on fatigue duty. Commenced Chopping & falling trees right onto us & every way & I told The men I guessed we might As well go up to Camp & stay So we went up & staid about 2 hours & Captain [Baker Leonard] Saxton [of Company A] Saw Some of my men & asked Them how came them up There. they told him I gave them Leave to go up. then He came And asked me, and I told him I did. then He went to the Colonel [Patrick H. Jones] & Reported Me & He Came & gave Me a blowing up, & told Me to get out my men & go back & Stay until I was relieved & I did. and here I am. Some of them are on duty & Some are playing Cards & some are reading their testaments & Some are asleep &c. We got relieved about 5 o'clock P.M. went up & got Supper & I put Some Beens Cooking for a march next day. fixed

them up good. then rigged up Our beds. went to Sleep & had a good nights rest.

Jan 20th Tuesday got up got Our Breakfast. Sent out 14 men on fatigue duty. then we went out & commenced a house. got the timber all Cut, & the biggest part of it bucked up when we had orders to march in an hour. we dropt everything packed up Our duds got a little Coffee & hard tacks down & started Came back towards our old camp About 2 miles Stopped Stacked Our arms & are resting now. it is a little Colder & cloudy to day Staid til almost dark then Started for the river the Banks for To guard the pontoon train. Started out with a Dutch Colonel or Captain That was drunk, & we got off the Road & got lost, & he staid behind And we were out all night in The rain. it was Cold & awful muddy. [Private] Nat[haniel] Patterson [Jr.] left us To day to go to the Hospital he was sick with the inflamation on the lungs.

Jan. Wednesday 21st. got under a corn crib The Captain Gene Smith & I & built up a fire & Slept About 2 hours from 5 to 7 o clock A.M. then we Started out & went About 1 miles down & up a hard hill, & Camped on a Creek, & Built up a good tent & a good fire & got Our Supper & a good ration of whiskey, & Some of the Boys felt pretty well. Smith And [Sergeant Andrew Martin] Keller went out to See if they could find Some potatoes or apples we expect every moment to be Called uppon to go into Battle. we have got Some good straw for Beds to night. So I think we shall Sleep pretty well to night, for we are all tired & sleepy.

Thursday Jan 22d had a good nights Sleep heard 3 cannons fired off about 6 O clock this morning. got up & got Our Breakfast. are now ready for most annything that comes Along. it is a little rainy & Cloudy To day, & awfully muddy. we have got orders to march back to or near falmouth. we started out and came through the mud To within about a mile of Falmouth. put up in a grove got Our Suppers put up Some Bunks & went to bed & had a good nights rest.

[Friday, January 23, 1863] got up in the morning got Our Breakfasts & Eat it. Last night got a letter from my wife & 2 papers. to day we are in Camp getting wood And fixing up Our tents And C. it has Cleared off Again & the sun has come out again. Lots of troops are passing here to day. the Rebels over the river have got up a Sign Burnside Stuck in the mud. all Sorts of talk in camp.

Sat. Jan 24th went out & done A big washing to day built up a good fire & dried them. Split up Some Slabs to build us a new house. Clouded up to Day. looks like rain got Some Rice for Supper.

Sunday Jan 25th rained some last night. got up this morning got notice that we are to go Out on picket to day. went Out. Started about noon. went About 2 miles. had So many men And Officers they did not want us all so Captain Cheney told me I might go back to camp Staid out Cooked Our dinner Consisting of Coffee desecated Potatoes, pork & hard tacks. then went down the creek apiece Saw lots of large rocks about as much of a sight as it is to see rock City.

Climbed a high hill where I Could see across the river into rebeldom Struck down into a little grove of pines & Came down Close To the river, where I now sit writing. but I must hurry up & go back to Camp. went to camp & they had got Orders there to have us all stay out on picket. & here we are got some Ceder brush & made Some beds, & built up a fire got Our Supper & went to bed. Slept good the ground for Our Beds & the sky for our Covering

Monday Jan 26th 1863. got up got Our Breakfast & put some beens & beef On To Cook for Supper. the Sun has Come out & it is warm And pleasant. I am going to write a letter home. have written one. & General Bushbeck [Colonel Adolphus Buschbeck, commanding the First Brigade, Second Division, Eleventh Corps] And 8 or 10 officers with him. Captain [Edward]

Mills men [of Company I] have been out & found & killed a hog & Sent me a piece of it. I Cooked & Eat some of it, & it gave me the Diareah.

Tuesday Jan 27th The Captain is officer of the day He came here this morning And took Breakfast with us. we had some boar pork. it was pretty good. it looks some like rain to day. the Rebel pickets have Come most across the river And throwed across Considerable Tobacco. the Boys call it good. they Say if we will throw down our Arms & go home they will do the Same. this afternoon a Regt came out & relieved us. Came into Camp & found everything quiet, got a letter from my wife & one from Steve Hotchkiss & Covil Searl at Fort Schuyler N York State. it is a little rainy to day, but warm & Comfortable. got supper & went to bed, & in the morning it Snowed.

Wednesday it Snowed Jan 28th all day & the most of us stay in our little dog kennels all day Could not get hardly enough [wood] to Cook our meals, but had got dig out towards night & go about 3/4ths of a mile and ____ some woods. that is hard ____ness I ask you. all Oak ____ that I write 2 letters to day one to my wife, & one to G. P. Tarbell at Farmersville.

Jan 29th 1863. went to bed last night got my feet warm & heated it up good & took it to bed, & Slept warm & Comfortable So that I lay this morning til About 9 o clock. Frank came in from picket & waked me up he wanted I should go up to the Commissarys & get him a canteen of whisky I went up but they had not got it. I came back. Smith had got up but had Eat to much beef Soup the night before, & was Sick. I went up to Old Doct Van aernams tent. found a good fire And 2 late papers Sat there & read til about 3 o clock Started to go home & found the Lieutenants all to the Colonels drawing to see who Should be Segnior Lieut. I drew No 5. the 2d Lieuts drew And the Lieut Colonel [Henry C. Loomis] drew for Jack Mitchell & he got no 1. it

Snowed about 8 inches deep But it all Cleared of this morning & it is about half gone To night.
Ed johny & I went out into the woods to split up some pine logs to build us annother house Cut
down 2 or 3 pine trees but Could not find anny that would split So I got tired & let them work
And I took out my Book & went to writing. Doctor [Assistant Surgeon Dwight W.] Day got
back last night has been home on a furlough. has fated up a good deal since he went home I
Should like to go & see what Effect it would have on me.

30th Jan Friday. got up this morning & went out to the woods & got Some poles to build a
chimney of went to work after Breakfast to build us annother log hut. all tugged & worked hard
all day. got it up. put on the roof got the chimney started but did not finish it. built up Our
Bunks got our suppers, & went to bed without a fire. Slept very well. Only the Dutchman Close
by us got tight & hollored most all night, & kept lots of [us] awake a good share of the night. the
Officers drew a canteen of whisky apiece, & I let one of the Boys take mine & he went out. was
gone a few moments & came back & handed me 2 dollars for it. I thought it was rather hard to
take it, but I did not know as I was Ever going to get anny anny Other way. So I pocketed the
money & thought I would lay it out for Provisions, & done so. the sun has shone all day to day,
but the snow has not all gone off yet.

Jan 31st Saturday. got up this morning & Smith Ed & I went out And split out 3 more slabs, And
made up our minds to have Our Shanty built up higher. done So, & finished up the Chimney &
the paymaster came around & paid us off. I got pay for 1 month & 6 days work. it Amounted to
129 dollars 55 cts Now I must pay up what I have Borrowed, & Send home Some money have
got Our Suppers & Eat & are now Sitting by Our little cosy fire writing. I have been up to the
Commissarys & bought some Potatoes Suggar molasses flour & pork. So You See we are going

To live again, while Our money Lasts. the Officers & men all feel bad to think they Could not have been paid for 4 months but so it is we must do & Suffer As the big bugs at Washington Say it has been warm & pleasant to Day, but still there is some sun left yet. got a letter from W J Babcock to night. Says they are well but him & his stomach is all Sunk in. I feel Sorry for him. but I must Close And go to Bed. Slept good last night rained some.

Feb 1st 1863 Sunday morning got up & had Some potatoes for Breakfast, after which we had general inspection. had visitors from The 64th Regt. Bill Day Frank Wier Jim Ray & Lieut Lewis had Some Beens Cooked, & Some pancakes & molasses it is a warm nice day. Snow is all off. But it is awful muddy. went to Bed. had To get up in the night. Eat most too many beans.

Monday Feb 2d got up this morning Started a fire & our new Chimney Smokes bad. have some potatoes pork & tea for Breakfast. have got to Bucking wood. the Sun shines Bright but there [is] a cold wind This morning. got out of patience with Our Chimney, went at it & Tore it down & built it up again And banked or panted up Our Shanty, & it works first rate had some pancakes & lasses for Supper. paid out 26 dollars To day to the Boys that I had Borrowed money of. paid 75 cents for a wallet to day it is now nine o clock & I must stop & go to bed.

Tuesday Feb 3d it is a Cold winter Day to day Banked up Our Shanty Some & Smith & Myers went into the woods & got some ceder to make a door of. Doct Vanaernam talks of going home to morrow Wrote a letter to my wife. Sent it By him, & put in 60 dollars to be paid out to different ones nothing new to day all quiet on the Rappahannock.

Wednesday Feb 4th Cold to Day. Snowed a little to day. Bucked up some Some Oak wood to day. Johny got a letter from home at night. Smith got a paper. Sat up til 11 o clock to read it nothing new to day.

Thursday morning Feb 5th got Orders this morning to march at half past 8 A.M. had to hurry up Breakfast And tear down tents & travel. got into line and Started About 10 o clock A.M. it rained all day. Marched About 6 miles to acqua Creek And pitched Our tents for the night. tore down a large Barn & a log house to burn for wood. it was a large & nice Barn, & they had guards all Around it but it did not make much difference with the Boys. it was a cold Rainy night & we were on the Open prairie, & we were bound to keep good fires & done So. had boards & brush to sleep on had Shelter tents. had a pretty good nights rest Considering The Circumstances. the Old General took up his head Quarters to a large brick House But the Soldiers took out the doors & windows & Everything that would burn And Striped a number of Other buildings. it looked Rather hard, but the Boys Say they had no business To live in Virginia if they did not want Everything tore to pieces.

Friday Feb 6th got up this morning got Our Breakfast had Orders to be ready to Start at 9 O clock A.M. All ready at 9, but here we are at 10 not gone yet. And I sit down on a knapsack To fill up my diary. I have Just Seen the Old Doctor, So he had not gone home yet. the most of the Boys feel well yet Considering the weather. we are to go this morning we know not where. And Some do not Care much. Some Say we are bound for Washington, & Some that we are bound for Tenesee. I dont know as it makes much Difference to Me. it is all Going on towards one & twenty, So we are bound to let her rip. Johnny left us yesterday, And went into the ambulance Corpse. it makes us feel A little lonesome to have Him gone, for he has all ways been on hand with us all the time, but it is Better for him So we let Him go with pleasure Staid in mud & rain til about noon. Then marched back onto a hill into the woods about half a mile And bucked our boards up in The woods, & commenced riging up Our tents. got them fairly To going, & got our

dinners & Eat, & we had Orders to march & Started. they had Sent & got Some pontoon Boats to cross Acqua Creek. went down To the Creek & Crossed on The pontoons. they are a Nice thing. they are thirty feet long & about 6 wide They are placed up & down The Stream with heavy Anchors on the bottom, So they will hold them Anny where. then they Have Square Sticks of timber Laid cross wise of them, & then plank about 12 feet long Laid down. it makes a Nice Bridge. marched about 5 miles through the mud And Camped about 2 miles from Brook Station. Struck Our tents built up good fires got Our Supper & went to bed. Slept first Rate.

Feb 7th Saturday. got up this morning took Our axes & put out into The pine woods & Cut down Trees enough to build a good Large Shanty before Breakfast. went in company with 2 Brothers by the name of Andrews from Machias [Private Benjamin F. H. Andrews and Corporal Horatio E. Andrews.] They are first rate fellows one of them had a box Sent to him with dried fruit that [had] Suggar in Them, & the Stewed Some for dinner And melted some maple sugar And had Some molasses for Supper. it went first rate too Orderly C. Stevens [First Sergeant Coryelle G. Stevens] Came Back into Camp to day after An absence of about 3 months in a hospital at Alexandria He is looking pretty well. The Boys were all glad to see Him. Doctor H. Vanaernam Started for home this afternoon Took lots of money home & Allotment rails for the Soldiers got a letter from henry to day. was glad to hear from him. it has been a nice warm Day to day have worked all day without a Coat on. have not finished Our Bunk yet, But we have Slashed about 10 Acres of pine timber to day The 154th Regt will Cut more Timber in one day than the Dutch Regts Can in six. Thats So. Smith has got some Papers from home to day & is Laying on his back under Our little Shelter Tent with his feet to the fire Reading, & I must quit This, & help him, as it is nine o clock & the most of the Boys have gone to bed.

Sunday Feb 8th. nice day to day. ___ To finish up our chimney to day got tired most out bucking Poles for chimney & Beds. towards night Lieut J. Mitchell came into camp He was glad to see the Boys And we were glad to see him Too. he went in & bunked with us. we were Crowded Some at night, but we will fix it up to morrow.

Monday Feb 9th nice morning This. I got up went to the Brigade Commissarys & bought 4 loaves soft Bread, some Suggar flour & dried apples. had a good Breakfast. had some pancakes & maple molasses for dinner Then I went down to the Station & got Mitchells Trunk & Satchel, & we had some Sausage & some Cattaraugus Butter & honey & maple Sugar and lots of nice things for which we are very Thankful to Our friends At home. it Shows that Although we are absent, we are not forgotten by Them. we have got the Best Shanty we have ever Had yet. Received a letter from home to night, & 2 papers from the west. it is now midnight & I must retire. I Saw lots of Soldiers to day on board the cars, bound for Fortress Monroe.

Tuesday Feb 10th nice clear warm day went to the Commissars & Bought a ham paid 175 cents. wrote a letter home to day got Orders to day to have roll call 3 times a day & a Commissioned officer must be present every time & report the condition of the Company to the Adjutant. got Our Suppers had ham pancakes applesauce & Coffee finished my letter after the rest of the Boys went to bed.

Wed Feb 11th. got up this morning. had Orders to Clean up Our Street we pitched into it & Scraped up the Old refuse & set fire To it & we have got an Awful Smoky place to Live in to day. the Officers have a log house building To hold School in. we are To Commence reciting to night. So I must go to study my lessons. it is Cloudy this morning looks like rain some it rained all the afternoon & Some in the Evening. Mitchell went To the Commissarys & got Some soft

bread & half bushel potatoes so we had for Supper ham & Potatoes Soft bread apple sauce & Coffee bully Supper for Soldiers. in the evening went to school had a pretty good one.

Thursday Feb 12th the Sun Came out this morning looked fair, & we had Orders to go out on Company drill at half past ten A.M. we went at it got our breakfast, which by the way is considerable of a chore for the reason that we have no Dishes to Cook with but the tin pail I Carry on my sword in the march. so we have to wait until Some of the Boys get through & then Borrow of them. rather a tough way of doing buisness where 2 of us get Over 100 hundred Dollars pr month but it is military And we must put up with it for it is all for the love of ones Country. did not go out to the Company drill but went To work got out my thread & wax And mended up my sword ___ And Scoured it & my revolver And helped Cook a lot of beens got them bout done had Orders To go out on battalion drill went out & drilled about 3 hours Came in had a good appetite for the beans. laid away a few of them I assure You. got a few more cedar brush and put on my bed. attended roll call And reported to the Adjutant, & Then it was time to go to School went Over had a pretty good Time. they took a vote to pay The Chief musicians 8 dollars pr month extra for their services, which will amount to about 50 cents apiece a month for the Officer Came home found Some of the Boys abed, & Mitchell & Smith writing letters. So I will go to study my lesson for to morrow night. it rains a little now & the wind Blows pretty hard, & Our fire place smokes a little, but it is good Enough for us we had no Buisness to have been Soldiers I will study til I get Sleepy then I will go to bed.

Friday Feb 13th got up this morning got Our breakfast. Orders to go out on inspection went out had it & it lasted about 2 hours Smith & Andrews went down To the creek & done our wash The Sun Shone all day. warm And pleasant. got supper attended Roll Call. went to School in

the Evening; learnt a new way of Stacking arms. had a good school.

Sat Feb 14th had Orders To Clean up Streets. went At it got up good Smudge All around. the sun shone But the wind blew hard & Our chimney smoked so Bad it drove us all out doors Smith & I went at it & put up Our Chimney 3 slabs higher. Came in & ____ ____ fire but smoked as bad as ever Then I went down to the Brigade Commissarys, & got an empty Barrel & put on top of it then it drew right along & works well got Supper attended roll call & Reported to the Adjutant. met our Major [Dan B. Allen] just returned from home. he looks tough & is Fleshy to what he was when he went away. My head aches So bad I went up to the Colonels To get excused from going To school. went home & went To bed. got a letter from my wife. all well at home.

Sunday Feb 15th Commenced raining early this morning we are getting Breakfast hard boiled potatoes & onions Beef & pork. Our Shanty leaks Some & runs down on the inside makes it nasty & uncomfortable But it is a Soldiers life & I suppose we must endure it as good Soldiers without Complaining I feel a little better this morning. must write some letters to day. Have written 2 letters one To my wife & one to Henry And Put 10 dollars in it To pay the taxes on that piece of land up west. Jack got His box from home to night it was sent 2 months ago had green apples & Suggar & preserves & Butter & honey & we eat so much out of it & a hog they called Myers. had Some fried Cakes & mince pies in it but proved To be not his, but we had Eaten 1 & half annother, before we found out the mistake. they were Tip top. we eat So much we could not more than half Sleep.

Monday, Feb 16th had Orders To go out to day as Officer of The guard. went out & staid on all day. Saw Generals [Joseph] Hooker & Seigle pass. turned Out the guards General Hooker Took off his hat to us, but General Seigle rode up Close To us where 2 or 3 men Sat on a log & talked

to them, & told Them to get up & show some Respect to their Commanding General asked them to what Regiment do you belong. One spoke & said to the 154th Regt. at which he wheeled his horse And rode off looking back Over his shoulder to see if they had taken anny straps off from his Saddle. Our Regiment went out to day on grand review before Generals Hooker & Seigle, & Lieutenant Vedder came to me & borrowed my Sword to go out on review Came back sent it to me by H Martin [Second Lieutenant Henry Martin of Company G.] I put it on went on And done my duty til morning And after I came off of guard The Colonel sent the Adjutant Down to my tent after my Sword. I hand it to him I Cant think what he is going To do with it, but I shall probably know Soon. it Commenced Snowing about 3 o clock this Tuesday morning Feb 17th 1863, And it is now 3 or 4 inches deep But not very Cold. it has Snowed All day. went to bed at night. Slept for the 1st time with my pants off Since I left Jamestown. Slept 1st rate, but my bones ached Before morning.

Wednesday Feb 18th, Commenced raining This morning. it has rained most all day. I have Just Been down to the Commissarys And bought a ham & half Bushel of Potatoes 4 loves Soft Bread And 6 lbs Brown Sugar paid for it \$2.57 Cents. Studied my Book some to day it is all I have to do now

Thursday Feb 19th Cleared off to day And is a little more pleasant Over head, but awful muddy under foot. the Colonel & [Second] Lieut [John R.] Burdick [of Company I] Started for Home yesterday on a ten days Furlough. this morning I got my papers setting forth the great Charges made Against me by Capt Simeon V. Pool. Esq. [of Company B.] Charge 1st, that he did not turn out the guard on the 16th day of Feb when the Commanding General Joseph Hooker Commanding the army of the Potomack when the Said General Approached the guard house

where the said guard were Stationed. this at the Camp of the 154th Regt of New York S vol. on the 16 Day of Feb 1863 which is every word false And I Can prove it too, By good witnesses. 2d Specification that he Did before he was relieved Lay aside his Sword & Side Arms and accoutrements And remain with them off a large portion of the day this at the Camp &c. which is nearly all false. but Lieut Vedder Came down To me on the run Just as The Regiment got Started To go out on review before Major General Hooker And wanted to borrow my [sword] To wear out. I told [him] I did not Think I ought to let it go, but He Said it would make no difference with me. That he should not be gone long, that I would not want To use it while he was gone So I took it off & handed it to him, but did not lay it aside anny portion of The day as Captain S. V. Pool alleges in the 2d Charge against me. now in the 3d Specification He Claims I left my post without leave or urgent necessity & went to my Quarters for Several hours, which I Claim is not the Case. for in the 1st place, in The morning, when the Adjutant Came & told Me I was officer of the guard I told him I was about Sick did not feel well enough to go. He said I had better go for if I did not go there perhaps I would have to go on picket. I told him if That was the Case I had Rather go on guard, & went And Staid at my post all day, Except Just time enough to Eat my meals until about nine o clock my head ached very bad & I had had a bad Cold for 3 or 4 days previous, & I had Cold chills every little while And they had tore down The guard house that day. The one they used for a Substitute. then I enquired of the Sergeant that was with me, how they managed on guard there And he said for 2 nights before the Lieutenant had gone to their quarters And Staid all night at Their bunks, & I thought that it was not necessary that I should stay there under The Circumstances. So I Left the guard in Charge of the Sergeant & 2 Corporals And told them to keep one Relief there. I would go up & lay down in my Bunk an hour or 2, and

then he might Send up one of the Boys And I would Come down And stay til morning. & He might go to his bunk And stay a while. but The Officer of the Day Captain S. V. Pool Came Around to make the grand Rounds, & He sent after me, & I went down about 12 o clock, & Staid until 9 o clock A.M. until I was relieved By Lieut [Arthur] Hotchkiss. that is Just As the matter stands with me, Gentleman Officers, And I am at Your mercy. Do with me as You think I deserve I will try & be Satisfied with it. But I want to say that Lieut. Hotchkiss Staid in his bunk All night the next night After they complained of me when he was Officer of the guard. So his Corporal Told me, & also that the Officer of the day did not go his rounds, and also that [Second] Lieut [Winfield S.] Cameron of Co H was officer of the guard on the 18th day of Feb & then he came up to the bunk & played Cards most all night. Between 12 & 1 o clock I heard A man Calling for the Officer of the guard, & Captain S. V. Pool was officer of the day. but no one Else is Complained of but me, for the Same offense But never mind. let her rip. To day Bill Philips & Rob Burd from the 6th Cavalry were over here to see us. Staid & Eat Supper with us. had potatoes, ham, soft Bread, green tea, some apples & berries Stewed up, Some Butter, honey & Some Strawberry Preserves. Made out to be The best meal I have eat in Va. but I have some Sad news to write to day. Eason W. Bull a private from Yorkshire in Our Company died of the diarhea Our Adjutant Noice [Samuel C. Noyes, Jr.] got Back to Camp yesterday he has improved a good deal in health since he left us we were all glad to see him [Private] Dennis Snyder Came into Camp to day, from the Hospital. has been gone about 2 months. was glad to see him.

Friday Feb 20th Eason W Bull was buried to day near Stafford Court house with out anny Ceremony, only military Style. it looks hard to bury a man away from home in such Style, but I

suppose we must stand it. he had A wife I understand. The wind blows to day And the Sun Shines, & we have hung Our Blankets out to dry them. we are going To have some pan Cakes for Supper. Andrews & Smith have got Started in to get some

Saturday 21st Feb the sun came out warm & pleasant to day. had Orders this morning to Clean up Our Streets, & we went at it, & done it up nice And went out to the woods and got Some little pine trees And Set them out on Each Side of the street, & it makes A nice thing of it too. Jimmy Little was over here to day And made us a visit. I went Down to the Commissarys To day & bought Some potatoes Onions & Soft Bread, & I Bought Some green apples for the whole I paid 195 Cents 5 Cents of green apples To night got a letter from home my wives health is not very good I am Sorry to hear it am in hopes She will be better Soon. the Boys have gone to bed, & I must follow Suit.

Sunday Feb 22d. get up This morning found it snowed About 6 inches deep & drifted Over a foot in some places. Wrote a letter to my wife. have heard lots of Cannonading To day. it Sounds as though it was not far off. it is now half past one P.M. And it snows yet. it is about A foot deep on the level. I must go out and borrow Some Dishes & go to getting Supper. I am going to get a dish and Stew some green apples, & have some green apple sauce for Supper.

Monday morning Feb 23d it has Cleared off & the Sun Shines pleasant, but is cold yet. Martin Keller has started for home on a furlough for 10 days. I am going to mail A letter home this morning. The firing we heard yesterday was Celebrating the birth day of General [George] Washington. we had for Supper to day ham Potatoes & a pudding boiled in A Bag. it was made of hard Tacks pounded up & Soaked in water, & flour & indian meal made a Sour gravy to Eat on it out of Suggar butter vinegar water & nutmeg, & we had Dried berrys in the pudding it went

____. in the Evening Steffy McClure Came in & made us a visit. we Asked him how he Thought the conscript Law was going to work up north. he said well For there was men Enough up there to whip Out the ____ ____ it is now Eleven o clock And I must lay this pile of Bones away on these little Round poles to sleep.

Tuesday Feb 24th 1863 it is a warm pleasant morning Town meeting I believe in York State I should like 1st rate To be there, but no I am a prisoner of war now But Six of us have sent To the Station to get 1 & ½ bushel of Oysters in the Shell And if we get them I guess we will have a Oyster Supper ____ ____

Wednesday Feb 25th. nice warm morning. Mitchell has To go out as Officer of the day to day The Adjutant Returned my Sword this morning by Order of the Colonel, & that released me from arrest. I knew very well that Captain S. V. Pool dare not go on with it. I received a paper from Father last night. the Dubuque times. went to ____ The Commissarys to day bought Some ham potatoes Suggar And Candles. paid 265 Cents for it. had Some beens for dinner. went to School This evening. had a good School.

Thursday morn Feb 26th got up this morning went out & tended the roll Call And went to the Adjutant & reported it is raining this morning, but the snow is not quite All gone yet. after Breakfast went up to the Captains tent Saw [Second] Lieut [Alanson] Crosby [of Company A] there And we took Some Brown Suggar & melted it & I went out & got some snow & we had some nice Jack wax as you Ever Saw we have tip top grade Suggar Down here. it Stoped raining About noon & we went And bucked up a lot of wood this afternoon. I wrote a letter to father to Day. been to school this Evening. the Boys are all ____ ____ but for ____ he is up to the Captains tent to school And I must sit up ____ ____ ____ & study my lessons. it is now

about half past nine P.M.

Friday Feb 27th Cleared off again. we Cut out and bucked up a load of wood to day. the Colonel and Captain Saxton Came Back to day. was on a furlough home. got to go to School to night I dread it for they give us Long & hard lessons. I bought 25 Cigars to day & paid 90 Cents for them.

Saturday, Feb 28th Looks a little Cloudy to day But warm. had Orders to get Ready to muster for pay to day The Boys are all on hand for that Smith was out on guard last night Took Cold & is sick this afternoon. He is a bed asleep, is talking most all the time I have been into the Captains tent & had some beens for dinner. they were Cooked first rate. Gone home & our chimney Smoked like sixty. I went & got a barrel put on top & mended around it & it worked first rate. [Benjamin F. H.] Andrews & I are getting up a Stew or pot Pie made of Beef, ham and Potatoes & onions. H[oratio]. Andrews is on guard. Mitchell has gone to the Commissars to get provisions & Myers is Sitting in the Corner Tapping a pair of Boots. So You _____
_____ Received a letter from Father in Iowa to night. Smith was sick through The night. in the morning

Sunday March 1st, 1863, it is rainy this morning. we had Orders to go out on picket for 24 hours. went out about 1 & ½ miles. I am on post no 5, with 56 privates, 4 Sergeants 3 Corporals & one 2d Lieut. it has all Cleared off now And the sun shines bright And warm, but there is A Cold wind. I must go at it & study my lesson for To morrow night. Lon Sill [Private Alonzo D. Sill of Company C] is out with me. the most of Our Company is back on the Reserve, with Captain Pool.

Monday morn, March 2d 1863 Staid out all night. I went out patrolling from 11 to 12 o clock

found all quiet on the Rapahannock Officer of the grand guard Came Around about 2 o clock in the morning Laid down about 4 o clock, & Slept about 2 hours. got up & The Sun shines as nice as I ever Saw it. I feel a little unwell This morning had the Virginia Quick step last night it is now About 10 o clock A.M. I have not Been to Breakfast yet. I guess I will not Eat until I get into Camp Expect to be relieved in 2 hours. we Can See hundreds of Cavalry Pickets going in. they were very particular about giving Orders Last night. they expected we would be attacked in the night But were not. we are lucky dogs. Came into Camp about ___ o clock P.M. one of my men discharged his gun going in, & one of the Dutch Officers Came up to us & tired to find out who it was but could not do it. So he Said he Should hold me responsible for it, & he Said he would give me til Afternoon to find out who it was, but did not tell where to report. So I found out who it was that fired for The Young man Came right Out & Owned up that it was him. it was Warren Traverse [Private David W. Travis] of Co. C 154 Regt. had dress parade at 4 O clock P.M. it rained hard in The night, but the Sun Came out Clear this morning

March 3d Tuesday. it is showery To day. we have been at it & Rigid Over Our beds to day got a letter from home last night. write one & mailed it to day. had for dinner some warmed up potatoes, Some beef Steak, & fried Onions. it was good. for Supper had some beef Soup with Onions potatoes & rice in it was good to eat. went out At 4 o clock P.M. to dress Parade. lasted about an hour paid 25 cents for apples To day, & 25 last night got Six for a quarter. Paid [Private] Henry [A.] Hill 25 cents for washing my clothes to day. went to school This Evening

Wednesday March 4th we Had annother Call for Pickets this morning the Captain & Jack had to go out to day, & I had To Stop in Camp & see to things. Myers & I brought up a lot of wood to day. it is Clear, but There is a Cold wind. had Visitors from the 6th Cavalry To day John

Whitney & ___ was here to dinner. had Some Soup not bad to take. I went To the Commissarys this afternoon And bought 15 lbs of ham ½ bushel potatoes 4 loaves of Soft Bread & 7 lbs Brown Suggar & paid 3 dollars for it. paid 10 cents for a newspaper. Tended roll Call, & reported to night. I have sat up 2 hours since the other Boys went To Bed. Studied read greased my Boots, & wrote in my diary. it is now 11 o clock & I must Retire So good night all.

Thursday March 5th. the Capt And the Boys Came in to day They had a Cold night of it last night, but it is warm & pleasant To day. had a Company drill to day Nothing new to day.

Friday March 6th. I heard this morning that 2 more of our men had died Last night, one from Co. A [Private Fernando C. Jaquay] & one from Co. B [Private Bethel R. Harvey]. we went out to day on Battalion drill. we Could See the 2 Companies out burying Them on a knoll by the side of one of Our Boys by the name of E. W. Bull. had a visitor from the 104th [New York] Regt. Ben Hogg. Staid with us all night. looks tough & hearty. made out my papers to day And sent in my Resignation I tried to get a furlough to go home but Could not do it But am bound to go home Some way if possible. went up to the Captains tent This Evening & he had got a Box from home & Gene got a bottle of whiskey from Fay And some Cigars from Lieut Mitchell. I got a swallow of the whisky & one of The Cigars. found they were Both different from what we get here in virginia. got a piece of mince pie of the Captain & a piece of Cheese & some Cookies. they tasted a good deal as they used to in Cattaraugus.

Saturday March 7th 1863 it is rainy this morning. Mitchell has gone over home with Ben Hogg. he is in the same Regt with Mart Rogers. Says Mart is tough & hearty weighs 197 lbs. is Seargent Major And his chance is good for 1st Lieut. Mart Keller has Just Come into Camp with a box of Boots & provisions for the Boys, right from Cattaraugus. Colonel Jones is acting as

Brigadier General now. Lieut Col Loomis has gone home on a Furlough. Major Allen is in command of Our Regt Now, but he is not much of an Officer in my Opinion. I Received a letter from Henry Last night. his wife has been sick about a week past, but is better now. had visitors To day. Efner Mack Nall And Johnny Little was here And took Supper with us.

Sunday March 8th. it Rained most all night last night, & it is rainy & muddy Now. have an inspection of arms & amunition this morning. had preaching at 2 o clock to day. went at it this afternoon And poped the Corn that Ida Sent me. it poped first rate. then I went at it & got Supper. had A ham bone Soup, with Onions & potatoes. it was pretty good. I Received my Resignation papers about 8 o clock in the Evening And You had better believe I felt as though I was one And twenty again. I thank the Lord that I am once more Free.

Monday morn March 9th it has Cleared off again And the Sun Shines Bright And warm. Our Boys most all had to go out on picket this morning, for 3 days. when they got into line they wanted to shake hands with me & bid me good by. So I went & bought A box of Cigars & passed them Around, & they took my hand & bade me good by it made me think of the time that we had when we all left Franklinville. They all want I Should wait until they get their pay So they Can Send home their money By me. I told them I would wait & See what the Old Doctor said about it. And if he thought we would get our pay this week I would Stay, if not I Should Leave to morrow. I must go to work & pack my things So as to be ready in the morning.

Monday Eve half Past 10. Jack came home to day And Mart Rogers Came with Him. he is still Patriotick. And I am glad to see it. got a letter from my wife to night She has had her fortune told By Damartus She Says I am Comeing home & going to work on a farm. Bully for her For that has been my Calculations But I thought no one knew it. we had Oysters for Supper. Eat

them raw. then I went up to the Captains tent & they had a dish Cooked So I Sat down & Eat 2 dishes with Eugene they were first rate. The Old Doctor has not got Back yet, So I think I shall Leave in the morning.

Tuesday March 10th Started for home about half Past 10 A.M. [Private] Thomas [N.] Bliton took me down to Brooks Station. Took the Cars about 12 M For the Potomac arrived There about one P.M. Sat on a Coffin, or box rather used for the purpose. got off the Cars & after a good deal of Jostling & Crowding running Against Bayonets &c. Showing Passes & so on, Succeeded in getting on board of the boat. got my things Checked to Washington paid 4/ Shillings And 4/- for Carrying my Trunk from the Cars to The boat. 15 minutes to 5 PM Stopped at Alexandria about 10 minutes. Saw fort Washington And the farm where Washington used to live. it is a very Sightly place, but I Should Think it would be Cold all the time or a Cool Breeze all the time. it is rainy And Cold to day. Saw a large flock of ducks to day, Several Thousands. Came up on a boat Called the John Brooks with Lots of Officers Soldiers & Some Women. the first white women I have seen in a long time. got of the boat at Washington About 5 AM hired a man To Carry my trunk to the Street car. Cost me 1 dollar To get to a tavern put up At the Pennsylvania house on Pennsylvania avenue Took Supper & went to Bed. Slept very well Slept ____

March 11th Wednesday got up in the morning Eat my Breakfast & Started out in Search of a paymaster, af[ter] running Around a good deal found the Office & after taking my papers & looking at them write me a line & Sent Me to Major Campbells Office. he was not in And his Clerks Could do Nothing for me, but Said he would be in in a minute. I have waited About an hour for him And am getting tired. dont know when I shall get away from this. but the Major has Just Come in So ____ goes into him. got them fixed, went back, & had To go & see the one

that paid us the other time. found And got a line from him went Back & got them fixed there
And he sent me up another pair of Stairs. there I stood At the door about 2 hours And he took
my papers And told me to Come in To morrow, from 11 or 12 A.M. & I Could get my money.
but a new Order had Come out last Saturday So they Could Cheat me out of about 80 dollars ____
Thinks I to myself I am lucky in getting off with a whole hide. Let her rip. went back to my
hotel about 3 O clock P.M. got a luncheon. the Landlord Said they would have dinner at 5 P.M.
Thursday Morning March 12th pleasant & warm But awful muddy under foot. Started out Again
after Breakfast & worried around the pay Office & was sworn Again, & finally got my pay & got
back to the Hotel about one o clock P.M. got 451 85 cents They taged me 45 Cents But I am
glad to get away at that. Besides Cheating me out of about 80 dollars That I ought to have had.
it is Clouding up now & looks like Snow again. I must try & get to the Depot To take the
Express at half past Six P.M. it has snowed By spells this afternoon. took The Street Car &
went to the Depot.