

THE CIVIL WAR DIARY AND RELATED SOURCES OF  
CORPORAL NEWELL BURCH  
154th NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS  
COVERING THE PERIOD  
AUGUST 25, 1862 to APRIL 21, 1865

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## PREFACE

Newell Burch wrote three separate accounts of his experiences during the Civil War. One is a diary which consists of two pocket-sized memoranda books. The first book covers the period from August 25, 1862 to May 31, 1863, and the second from June 1 to November 30, 1863. The former, when completed, was mailed by Newell to his sister, Lucy, along with instructions not to open unless official notification was received of his death. The second book was apparently carried by Burch until his return home. With very few and unimportant exceptions, daily entries were made religiously. There is nothing after November, 1863 simply because Burch no longer had access to paper. For the most part, the diary was not difficult to decipher; however, the second book was harder to read than the first because <sup>it</sup> received the rougher treatment.

A number of years after the war, probably around 1885, Burch who was then living at Menomonie, Wisconsin, decided to copy the diary and fill the gap from December 1, 1863 to April 21, 1865. Thus a second account was written in a ledger-entry book in which he also recorded credits and debits contracted during the course of his general mercantile business at Menomonie. He adhered to the same daily entry pattern found in the diary, but with considerable elaboration. In regard to <sup>interval</sup> the ~~period~~ not covered by the diary which included the latter period at Belle Isle and the entire stay at Andersonville, he seems to have recorded to the best of his ability, that which he could remember after

twenty some years. No attempt was made to follow a day by day entry pattern during this period.

The third account is possibly a speech that Burch delivered before some civil or veterans organization (he was active in the G.A.R.). He apparently referred to both the diary and the ledger book in preparing his oration, although it is possible that the speech was written before the ledger book. In preparing his speech, Newell omitted material that he may have felt would prove uninteresting to his audience. More attention is devoted to his prison experiences, particularly at Andersonville, than in either of the prior two accounts.

Obviously then, a complete reproduction of the three separate accounts will result in a good deal of repetition and such is the case in the pages that follow. Happily, this has meant fewer cross references and footnotes.

A regimental history of the 154th New York has never been published although it is felt that one was written which never advanced beyond the manuscript stage. While the editor has had complete access to the fine Civil War collection at the University of Minnesota Library, no searching of sources peculiar to New York has been possible.

## INTRODUCTION

Corporal Newell Burch's Civil War experiences can best be defined as tragic. The boredom of life in camp prior to July 1, 1863, was broken only by frustrating marches and countermarches accompanied by a minimum of action; or, at the other extreme, by action to a more than ample degree but, ironically resulting in humiliating defeat and accelerated frustration. Being a participant in the reserve at Fredericksburg, Burnside's Mud March, and Howard's Corps at both Chancellorsville and Gettysburg was certainly not conducive to the uplifting of one's morale. Yet things worsened; capture at Gettysburg, imprisonment at Belle Isle and Andersonville, victim of scurvy and gangrene and broken promises of exchange would seem to qualify Burch as a most qualified witness of the "seamy side of the war".

Newell, the next to last in a family of nine, was born January 16, 1842 near Westfield in Portland Township, Chautauqua County, New York. His father, Oliver Wheeler Burch, a farmer, was "a fine Christian man, whose religious affiliation was with the Baptists". The former Mary Sprague Tower, Newell's mother, was the granddaughter of Isaac Tower who had been a sergeant during the Revolutionary War. Of their six boys there were four - Hiram, Rollin and Walter as well as Newell - who saw service in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Prior to the date of his enlistment on August 25, 1862, Newell had been working on his father's farm and attending school at the Westfield Academy, Westfield, New York. For patriotic reasons, plus

the fact that he had become somewhat bored with school, he decided to enlist in the 154th New York Volunteers, a regiment which Colonel Addison G. Rice had received the authority to recruit on August 19, 1862. Newell enlisted as a private but was elected to the rank of corporal during September, 1862.

The 154th was organized at Jamestown, New York and mustered in the service of the United States for three years on September 24, 25 and 26. Enlistees were obtained exclusively from the 32nd Senatorial District of the state, which included consisted of Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties. Company E was recruited mainly from the area near Newell's home. The regiment left the state for Washington, D.C. on September<sup>30</sup> 1862 under the command of Colonel Patrick H. Jones who had replaced Colonel Rice five days earlier.

On October 2 the 154th was attached to the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 11th Corps, Army of the Potomac, <sup>at Fairfax Virginia,</sup> under Colonel G.A. Muhlock, Brigadier General A. von Steinwehr, Major General Franz Sigel and Major General George B. McClellan respectively. Prior to July, 1863, numerous changes of commanders were frequent. During the course of Burch's service under them, the average time spent in command by one commander seldom exceeded two or three months.

Another factor that, at times, might have shaken the confidence of a soldier in the 11th Corps, was its strong German flavor. In Burch's brigade, for example, the 154th was the only American regiment (the 27th and 73rd Pennsylvania and the 29th New York were all-German regiments) until May, 1863, when the 134th New York gradually replaced the 29th. Whether the rapid changeover of leaders and the German predominance were of importance in determining the combat ability of the 11th Corps is difficult to say. Nonetheless the 11th did have obstacles to

overcome that were peculiar to its own complement.

After having acquainted themselves with the landscape of Northern Virginia but not its defenders, the 11th was ordered by General Burnside (who had replaced McClellan) on November 14 to "constitute a reserve force". Hence, during the Battle of Fredericksburg, December 11 to 15, Burch and companions were in the vicinity of, but did not participate in the debacle. More frustrating was the brief campaign known as the Mud March (January 20 to 24, 1863). The role of the 154th in this proposed thrust was apparently to be a significant one; however, the elements intervened and the plan was shelved. Burnside's career as commander of the Army of the Potomac was thereby terminated and Major General Joseph Hooker assumed command almost immediately.

The remainder of the winter months were ineventful. There was the perpetual shuffling of commanders until April, 1863, when Major General Oliver O. Howard took over the 11th Corps and Steinwehr and Colonel A. Buschbeck resumed their former positions as 2nd Division and 1st Brigade leaders. Also during April, Burch became sick and was for a time separated from his regiment. Although this interval was one of his lowest periods while in army service, his sadness was short-lived since he soon rejoined his chums at Kelly's Ford in time to play a significant part during the ensuing Chancellorsville Campaign.

Burch and some 400 members of the 1st Brigade paved the way for Hooker's Right Wing <sup>by route to Chancellorsville</sup> by constructing a pontoon bridge across the <sup>D</sup>Rapahannock over which three corps marched and rode. A few days later at Dowdall's Tavern near Chancellorsville, the 1st Brigade was overrun by Jackson's troops. Burch himself appears to have behaved very well during his first real taste of combat; but, the 154th, in particular, sustained severe losses on May 2, including Colonel Jones who was

wounded and Lieutenant Isaac T. Jenkins, a Company E officer who was captured. Burch's company alone lost 32 out of 65 engaged. His brief account of the retreat on May 2 is interesting, especially when it is contrasted with the official report General von Steinwehr submitted to General Hooker.

After Chancellorsville, Lee assumed the strategic offensive. Hooker's Army of the Potomac followed northward along a parallel path. The eventual result, of course, was Gettysburg. Late during the first day of that momentous battle, the 154th was completely surrounded, and most of its members were captured. Burch's capture and his subsequent life as a prisoner, both at Belle Isle near Richmond and Andersonville, Georgia, provide a long-suffering climax to a frustrating army career. He remained a prisoner of the Confederates for probably as long a time as any other Federal soldier. Parole and exchange arrangements had virtually ceased during the latter months of 1863. Hence, Burch had the misfortune to remain a prisoner of the Confederacy for the duration of the war.

In November, it was decided by the Confederate Government to move prisoners from the Richmond area to sites further south in order to reduce the temptation to escape to nearby Union lines, and also to prevent the cooperation of the prisoners in an attack on Richmond. The Andersonville site was chosen by Captain Richard B. Winder. The stockade there was far enough along by February, 1864, to permit the initial captives to enter. The exodus southward continued unabated for the duration. Burch was one of the first to arrive. At first he noted a marked improvement over Belle Isle but conditions rapidly deteriorated once the stockade overflowed its capacity. Originally built to contain 10000, it was not long before it was bulging with 30000. As if this

wasn't enough, Burch soon <sup>became</sup> ~~was~~ a victim of scurvy and gangrene, two of the more popular diseases at Andersonville. He eventually cured the gangrene himself, which when noted by one of the prison doctors netted him a "promotion" to a job at the prison hospital. From then on his life as a prisoner improved steadily until at last on April 21, 1865 he <sup>was</sup> released at Vicksburg and discharged from the army.

Four years later he married Susan M. Parris in Cincinnati and shortly thereafter moved to Menomonie, Wisconsin where he became a general merchant. After bearing six children his wife died in 1894. Three years later Newell remarried, and then on May 17, 1908 he passed away at Menomonie.

It is remarkable how Newell was able to record his tragic experiences during the Civil War with a minimum of rancor, and with a simple and naive and yet direct and cutting truthfulness. So many Civil War accounts written by participants from generals down to privates display their active prejudices; the facts are distorted to vindicate their particular thesis. It is especially refreshing to read an account in which bias is conspicuous by its at least relative absence. Burch while neither defending nor attacking anyone probably felt sorry for all of them.



#### NOTE TO THE READER

A daily entry pattern had been followed in reproducing the three separate accounts. The symbols (D), (L) and (S) in the margin at the left indicate whether the entry has been copied from the diary, ledger-book or speech. Occasionally, there are only single entries for a particular date; however, for the most part, two or three will be found for each day. The pattern breaks down after the entries from the diary have been exhausted; hence, the last chapter is in the main an unbroken essay.

The three accounts have been copied word for word, and aside from the margin symbols, chapter headings, page numerals numbers, footnote numerals and indicators for blurred words, the texts are direct *reproductions* copies of the originals. Words impossible to decipher are indicated by parentheses embracing dashes and a question mark, e.g., (--?--). Spelling and punctuation errors remain uncorrected since accuracy would be sacrificed by their repair.

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A SONG OF BELLE ISLAND

Come listen to me ye soldiers true  
And I'll a story sing to you.  
Its all about this Island Belle,  
Where cruel starving is made to tell.

CHORUS: Ho Belle Island Ho.  
Ho Belle Island Ho  
Ho Belle Island ho, ho, ho,  
I long from you to go.

The cumforts here are very great,  
You get your grub but very late,  
Just take the Sergeant by the hair,  
And hold him till you get your share.

CHORUS

They feed us here but once a day  
And so little a bird could take it away.  
With stinking meat & muddy soup,  
Twill give you Measles or the Croup.

CHORUS

The Johnny Reb is a funny man  
And boards on the southern plan  
Youve nothing to do but walk the street  
With ragged clothes & nothing to eat.

Chorus

Belle Island is a splendid camp  
We sleep so nice we get the cramp  
The tents are open behind and before  
And graybacks keep guard around the floor

CHORUS

Jeff Davis says he does all things well  
But he and his army will go to hell  
Where they say tis all agreed,  
That from the Devil he cant secede.

CHORUS

There is joy in store for us,  
And for the rebs we dont care a cuss.  
So Comrades you must not despair  
Columbia never was so fair

CHORUS

Then we'll not fret but happy be,  
Till Uncle Abe doth set us free,  
Then down the river we will go,  
To that Fortress called Monroe.

CHORUS

Then Heaven bless our starry flag,  
And may our army never lag,  
But bravely fight for right of birth  
And sweep the Rebels from the earth.

CHORUS

\* Included in Burch's Second memoranda book (diary).  
It was composed by a prisoner on the Island during the autumn of  
1863<sup>o</sup> was "sung with great enthusiasm by the Union boys confined  
there." The tune was "Ho, Bob Ridley, ho!"

I. INDOCTRINATION INTO THE UNION ARMY.

August 25, 1862 to September 28, 1862.

- (D) 25th at school to day but can not study therefore conclude it my duty to Enlist & therefore Enlisted.
- (L) Aug 25 Enlisted Aug 25th/62 at Portland Chautauqua Co N.Y. At school, but could not study; therefore concluded to enlist as above
- (S) August 1862 found me at the age of 20 years<sup>2</sup> a student in the old Academy<sup>3</sup> at Westfield N.Y.<sup>4</sup> trying to get my mind centered upon Latin. German. Geometry. Trigenometry etc. and having previously spent two fall and one winter term in the institution and being well acquainted with principals and many of the students it would seem as though I need have no trouble in so doing, but such was not the case. Having had three brothers enlist in 1861,<sup>5</sup> the previous year and the one next older than myself having been discharged after a long attack of typhoid and returning home<sup>6</sup> and doing what he could towards helping Father on the farms as one reason but the far greater being that at that time Gen Lee was making his way up into Pennsylvania, after our disastrous defeat at 2nd Bull Run and Harpers Ferry<sup>7</sup> my ideas as to duty would not hold out longer and on the 25th Of Aug. after reciting or at least going through the motions of recitations in Physics. Geometry Trigenometry. Latin and German, I went home  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles. (Although there was a great war meeting to be held in one of the large halls in Westfield that night) ate

my supper. and went out to the stable and saddled a horse without saying a word to any one- and was riding out of the yard. Lucy (Mrs Rumsey) seeing me says "Where are you going Newell?" I answered "I am going to Centerville. (a little hamlet in my own town Portland) 5 miles to enlist." Answer, "Don't you do any thing of the kind." As I was riding by the house of one of the nearest neighbors an old man he says "Where going"; answer: "To Centerville to enlist." "Hitch on to my buggy and I will go too." All right, and we went. He says have you talked with your father about it. No. Its not necessary; I am going. We got there Great excitement. \$5<sup>00</sup> to the first man to enlist was soon offered; and the old man, our neighbor who went down with me whispers: "If your bound to enlist take that \$5<sup>00</sup>." I said "I am not enlisting for \$5<sup>00</sup> but the war"; and, after two or three had enlisted, I put my name down amidst great enthusiasm.

(D) 26th went to Westfield & got my books & settled my business & then went home & got in the oats made arrangements for going to camp

(L) 26 Went to Westfield and got my Book, bid teachers and scholars good bye and settled other business. Went home and hauled in bal. <sup>10</sup> of oats & made arrangements to go into camp at Jamestown <sup>11</sup>

(S) The next morning I drove to Westfield for my books etc. and Oh what flood of tears started by our old Prof. Long and what a solemn handshaking especially when I went down into the ladies room, but I kept a stiff lip and did not give away a tear.

- (D) 27th<sup>12</sup> Went to Hartfield in morning with Hat & Than footed it to Mayville<sup>13</sup> went to Jamestown on the boat marched up to camp got our supper after dark & camped
- (L) 27 Hattie & Thank Parkhurst<sup>14</sup> took me to Hartfield, footed it to Mayville & took boat to Jamestown & camp.
- (S) Aug 27th went to Jamestown at the outlet of the famous Chatauqua Lake and into camp and that night put in my first on the soft side of a hemlock plank with a little straw and  $\frac{1}{2}$  a blanket. and it rained all night. Got a furlough to Sept 2nd. 6.P.M. During part of which time I lived in our horse barn with a sick horse.
- (D) 28th rained all night last night but I kept dry bunked 3 in bed with 1 blanket got breakfast at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  OC dinner at 2. I got a furlough untill next tuesday at 6OC.
- (L) 28 Rained all night but I kept dry. got breakfast at 8-30 AM. no sleep Got furlough & went home till tuesday PM 6.o.c
- (D) 29<sup>15</sup> Stayed to the grunt last night, came home this morning went to town in afternoon & went to centerville in evening & got fooled
- (L) 29 Stopped at the Grunt last night and came this AM & to Westfield in P.M. & Centerville in evening & got fooled
- (D) Aug 30th drew two loads of oats in morning went to town after dinner went to Centerville in evening Topsy was taken sick comeing home fell down soon after come home. Got Van Dusen to come & bleed her etc
- (L) 30 Drew two loads of oats in morning, went to W-. in PM and to Centerville in evening Topsy (Mare) taken sick coming home

and fell down soon after getting into the stable Went down  
& got Van Dusen to come and see her

- (D) Aug 31st Went to town & got John Dear to come & (-?-)  
Topsy. Topsy is some better to night.
- (L) 31 Went to W-. and got John Deer to come & see Topsy think  
she is better to night
- (D) Sept 1st camped in horse barn last night Topsy is some better.  
Went to Salem & got my bounty rained all the way.
- (L) Sept I Camped in Horse Barn all night with the sick horse  
Topsy Think is better this morning Went to Salem to day and  
got town bounty Rained about all day
- (D) Sept 2nd Started for Camp this morning Geddes took me to  
Salem got into Camp at 5 PM.
- (L) 2 Started for camp at Jamestown this morning Geddes Hough  
took me to Salem and from there went over the hills with a  
load of the boys and got into camp at 5 PM
- (D) Sept 3rd Cool but pleasant went through the first evolutions  
in drilling
- (S) Sept 3rd took my first lesson in drilling.
- (L) 3 cooler but pleasant, Took our first lessons in drilling  
to day All green at it but will let my part to no one
- (D) Sept 4th pleasant but warm begin to like camp life
- (L) 4 Warm and pleasant-cool nights Begin to like camp life
- (D) Sept 5th got up & went  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to wash very warm to day camp  
hard up for bread got supper at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  OC PM.



- (L) 5 Got up and went  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile to wash. Very warm to day - Camp hard up for bread Got supper at 9-30-PM. Much growling about rations
- (S) Sept 5th Got up and went  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile to wash. Camp hard up for bread. Got supper at 9<sup>30</sup> PM. Much growling etc. Was home once or twice more
- (D) Sep 6th somewhat down in the mouth to day. very warm.
- (L) Sept 6 Very Warm - Considerable down in the mouth to day \* Change of food, water, etc makes me about  $\frac{3}{4}$  sick Topsy died after I left home
- (D) Sept 7th Sabbath my first sabbath in camp. heard an episcopal man preach in morning & heard one of the best of sermons by E Mills in afternoon
- (L) 7 Sabbath - My first sabbath in camp Heard an Episcopal man preach in the morning, and one of the best of sermons in the afternoon by Rev Mills - probably the last time.
- (D) Sept 8th monday about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the company at home, rather still times in camp
- (L) 8 Monday - About three fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the boys home on furlough - rather still in camp
- (D) Sep 9th Tuesday nearly all of our Co came in last night as also did the others. got a pass to go down town, for the first time in a week.
- (D) Sept 9th Most of the boys in camp last night a little more lively time in camp.
- (L) 9 Tuesday, Nearly all of our company came in last night, as also did the others - Got a pass to go down town for the

first time in a week hard to get, so many of the boys get drunk etc etc

- (D) Sept 10th got breakfast at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  Cool but pleasant.
- (D) " 10th pleasant saw Neal Hiller, Eliza Arnold etc in camp to day started for home this afternoon but stopped up on the boat untill morning
- (L) <sup>10</sup> Cooler and very pleasant Got up early and no breakfast till 8-30 - so many to feed and all new in the business. Saw Neal Hiller and Eliza Arnold in Camp to day, Got pass home and started in afternoon but did not leave Jamestown till morning. No boat.
- (D) Sept 11th Waked up three in a bed this morning. went into the village & got some grub & then started on the boat for Mayville & from Mayville home footed it. got home 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  OC.
- (L) 11 Wake up three in bed this morning and went up town from Steamboat landing and got breakfast and then took boat for Mayville home by the short cut via big gulf & hill farm etc and got home at 2-30 PM
- (D) 12 Went to Westfield to day Mr Love stayed with me all night
- (L) 12 Went to Westfield and saw lots of friends Mr Love went home with me and stayed all night
- (D) (-----?-----) to Rans to day & made several other calls.
- (L) <sup>20</sup> 13 Went to Ransoms and made several calls around amongst friends to day
- (D) 14th sabbath. Went to church this forenoon bid (--?--) good by & went to Jamestown this afternoon.

- (L) I4 Sabbath Went to church in the AM. fed team and bid friends good bye and went to Jamestown in PM - warm.
- (D) I5th made (-?-) 3 calls in town this morning. got on camp ground in time. drilled in the afternoon. had a shower in the evening.
- (L) I5 Stayed at Mr Williams last night and made some calls around the city this morning and got into camp in time for dinner. Had a good shower in the evening
- (D) I6th cloudy this morning. drilled a considerable to day
- (L) Sept I6 Cloudy to day Drilled a considerable to day - Getting right down to business
- (D) I7th Warm and pleasant got a pass down town went to Mr Simmons and saw Mother
- (L) I7 Warm and pleasant to day - drill as usual Got a pass down town and went to Mr Simmons and saw Mother once more
- (D) I8th took my first turn as corporal of guard to day dont like the business very well - - - -
- (L) I8 Am a full fledged Corporal and have to take my turn as Corporal of the guard to day and dont like the business very much
- (D) I9th my first night as corporal of guard. kept me bobing<sup>b</sup> untill I OC. several run passed the guard & some got in the guard house. (pleasant.) The pass word last night was Jamestown.
- (L) I9th My first night as Corporal of the guard kept me bobbing untill one (I) oclock - Several run (passed) the guard and several got caught and got in the guard house The pass-word last night was Jamestown - Fun with the boys but not much for me

- (D) Sept 20th saturday. Cloudy. had a pretty hard drill to day; also, a picnic got up by the portland folks for the Portland Boys
- (L) Sept. 20th Saturday - Cloudy & cool Had a pretty hard drill to day again Also a Pic-nic got up by the Portland folks for the Portland boys Have some pretty good singing in the company with Lieut Jenkins<sup>21</sup> (Tenor) Lieut Avery<sup>22</sup> (Bass) & the boys in general for suprano.
- (D) Sept 21st Sabbath. heard Rev Mr Connelly preach sermon in camp this morning from first Corinthians 16-30
- (L) 21st Sabbath again - Heard Rev Mr Connelly preach a sermon in camp this morning from 1st corrinthians 16-30. Lots of company in camp this afternoon bidding the boys good bye. some with tears and alas some for the last time although they little think it, but must be so for we know that there is hard work ahead
- (D) Sept 21st<sup>23</sup> sabbath. got a pass this PM. & accompanied Miss A Williams home etc.etc.
- (L) Sept 21 Sabbath Got a pass this PM and accompanied Miss A Williams home etc etc.
- (D) Sept 22nd git into camp in time this morning was inspected this P.M. by the general inspector & passed examination. somewhat sleepy etc. also signed the state payroll to day ---
- (L) 22 Got into camp in time this morning. Was inspected this P.M. by General Inspector, passed examination Somewhat sleepy. Signed the State pay roll to day
- (D) Sept 23rd bright and pleasant signed the U.S. payrolls to day. & recd \$25 the  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the U.S. bounty. <sup>24</sup> \$2 Premium.

- (L) 23 Signed the U.S. pay rolls to day and received \$25<sup>00</sup>. the  $\frac{1}{4}$  of US Bounty & \$2 premium. Pleasant
- (S) Sept 23rd Signed US Pay Rolls and recd \$25<sup>00</sup> US Bounty
- (D) Sept 24th recd \$50. the State bounty to day.
- (L) 24 Recd \$50.<sup>00</sup> State Bounty to day
- (D) Sept 25th recd \$13 I months pay in advance. do not drill much this week
- (L) 25 Recd \$13<sup>00</sup> one (I) Months pay in advance Do not drill much this week
- (S) 25th Recd I months pay in advance \$13<sup>00</sup>.
- (L) <sup>25</sup> 26 In camp all day and busy drilling etc
- (D) Sept 27th went to Jamestown to day got some little nick nacks etc. recd our canteens, knapsacks, & haversacks to day.
- (L) 27 Went down into the city to day & got some little nick-nacks etc etc Received our Canteens Knapsacks, Haversacks etc
- (S) 27th Received Haversacks. Knapsacks and canteens, and
- (D) Sept 28th Sabbath. it seems the same as other day all making preparations to start tomorrow.
- (L) 28 Sabbath Although it seems the same as other days, only All Making preparations to break camp and start for Washington tomorrow

2. FROM JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK TO CHANTILLA, VIRGINIA.  
September 29, 1862 to December 9, 1862.

- (D) Sept 29th Every one packing knapsacks. lay in I days rations to day noon & break up camp at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  oc leave Jamestown at 5:45 & get to Elmira at 6 oc
- (L) 29 Every one packing Knapsacks. Receive one days rations to day noon & break camp at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  P.M, and leave Jamestown at 5-45 pass through Falconer, Randolph Salamanaca. Great Valley Olean Hinsdale. Cuba Hornellsville. Corning
- (S) Sept 29th broke camp See 112th N.Y. and started for Washington amidst beating of Drums. Hurrahs Music, Laughter. and also much weeping at the parting of dear ones. That day I think I realized more than many did, that it was their last parting in this world. At Elmira we recd our guns accoutrements, etc I shall never forget our passage through Williamsport Pa. The train stopped and the people flocked to the cars with the best eatables for us, the city afforded. I think nearly a 1000. Women & Maidens of all ages. brought our suppers and a young and pretty Miss of 17 or 18. brot me the last good meal I ate for many days thereafter. and at its close. I received and - and - gave as hearty a Kiss as seldom falls to the lot of a soldier at least and the last one for nearly three long weary years. How long none other can ever know.
- (D) Sept 30th Are marched off into a cow pasture & there recd our belts, straps, guns, etc. Started from Elmira about 1 OC PM. The next Stations Troy Canton & Williamsport the latter which contains about 10,000 inhabitants. here,also, we got our

supper & started on

- (L) 30 & arrive at Elmira at 6 oclock AM. and are marched off into a pasture in the edge of town and receive Enfield Rifles, belts etc etc and leave Elmira about 1 oclock P.M. towards Harrisburg & Washington. Pass through Troy Canton & Williamsport. The latter which contains 10000 Population. Got our supper here & also a Kiss from a Very pretty, patriotic young Lady of about 16 or 18
- (D) 31st<sup>3</sup> traveled by piece meals last night & passed through Harrisburg a little before daylight crossed the Susquehanna on a bridge about 1 mile in length. got to Baltimore about (-?-)
- (L) 31 Traveled by piece meal last night and passed through Harrisburgh a little before daylight where we crossed the Susquehanna River on a very long bridge & arrived in Baltimore about 7 oclock
- (D) Oct 1st marched through the city & Stopped in the middle of the road untill about ten OC at night when we started for Washington. Went a few miles & stopped & had a sham battle with the Rebels etc etc & got into Washington at daylight. got our breakfast before noon.
- (L) Oct 1st Marched through the city & lay around the street all day tired and hungry and started for Washington about 10 oclock at night
- (D) Oct 2nd. Stayed in Washington untill about 5 OC & then started for Camp Seward, which we reached about 8 OC at night. Will have to lay on the ground to night

- (LL) 2 Had a hard experience last night train afraid to go only a mile or so at a time on account of Rebel Bushwhackers interfering with track & did not get to Washington until morning Got breakfast Rations of mouldy tack & Rotten Bacon about 10 oclock, which we could not eat and about 5 PM Started for Camp Seward across the long Bridge on Arlington Heights Va which we reached about 8 P.M. & camped without tents or shelter on the ground for the first time
- (S) Oct 2d in the early morning we arrived at the nations Capital, having passed through Harrisburg and lying in Baltimore. that hot-bed of treason nearly all day the first Oct About 10-oclock. We received a days rations of mouldyhardtack and rotten, maggotty bacon. which we could not and did not eat and at 5 PM. started across long bridge for Camp Seward on Arlington Heights and camped without tents or shelter except the starry heavens, for the first time.
- (D) Oct 3rd Very warm & the first day in Va. wrote home. recd our tents to night was on guard to night
- (L) Oct 3 Very warm. Wrote home. Recd our little dog tents to night but was Corp of Guard to night
- (S) Oct 3rd We received our little Pup tents. But I did not have a chance to occupy them as I was Corp. of Guard, having been elected to that honorable position upon the organization of our Co. E., 154th N.Y. Here we had our first experience at cooking. Rice. Beans etc., and you all know more or less of what that must have been. and drilling in the hot unacclimated to us sun. and keeping warm those cool Oct nights.



- (D) Oct 4th very warm fixed up our tents to day. Live on what we can get or nothing
- (L) 4 Very warm. Fixed up our tents to day and lived on what we could get or nothing
- (D) Oct 5th pleasant. still in camp
- (L) 5 Pleasant Still in camp. and very short of rations and dont know how to take it
- (L) 6 Cold nights & Hot days. & Poor Water Roam around amongst the camps
- (L) 7 Do of yesterday
- (L) 8 Very warm days. Water not to our taste and have to carry it some ways
- (L) 9 Drill some, and experiment in cooking a considerable Beans and Rice get burnt and such is camping on the Potomac
- (D) Oct 10th 1862. Rumors in Camp that we leave tomorrow
- (L) Oct 10 Rumor in camp that we leave here tomorrow And we are all ready. Any thing for a change.
- (D) 11th saturday. had orders to pack napsacks & be ready to leave to night.
- (L) 11th Saturday Had orders to pack knapsacks etc and be ready to leave to night.
- (D) 12th sabbath did not leave last night as expected but strike tents this morning & start for Fairfax. go about 10 miles to day & pitch tents. somewhat drisely to day

- (L) Oct 12 Sabbath. Did not leave last night as expected. but strike tents this morning and make a sabbath days Journey of about (10) ten miles towards Fairfax in a light drizzelly rain And pitch tents for the night
- (S) Sunday Oct 12th We struck tents and made our first march and you all know how the road looked behind us strewn with every article imaginable
- (D) 13th pull up tents this wet morning (after a rainy night) and start on. go, about 2 miles when I fell in the rear & came in camp about 1 mile north of Fairfax some time afterwards. pitch tents once more.
- (L) 13 Rainy. Pull up tents this wet morning, and find myself about sick. March on two or three miles and fall to the rear. but reach camp at Fairfax a short time after the regiment and pitch tent once more for a time but as we are getting towards the front cant tell how long
- (S) and the 13th encamped at Fairfax. C.H.
- (D) Oct 14th Still Cloudy & driselly. escort a few men up to Fairfax & back to day.
- (L) 14 Still Drizzelly and Cloudy Escort a few of the boys up to Fairfax to see the little berg etc etc
- (D) Oct 15th Cloudy. begin to live a little better to day in afternoon went up to Fairfax and saw Major, Gen, Seigel & staff. had my first beef broth for supper.
- (L) 15 Cloudy. Begin to live a little better to day -,had my first Beef Soup for supper This PM went up to Fairfax & saw Maj Gen Sigel & staff

- (S) Oct 15th took our first view of our commander. Maj Gen Fitz Sigel & staff.
- (D) Oct 16th. cool and cloudy. dont know what the signs of a storm are in Va, but think it looks like a storm.
- (L) 16 Usual dullness of camp Cool & Cloudy Dont know much about Va storms but looks like one to me
- (D) Oct 17th rained last night but clear this morning. I am somewhat indisposed to day.
- (L) 17 Rained last night but clear this morning Am a considerable indisposed to day but keep up
- (D) Oct 18th quite cool this morning a little frost I think. am all right this morning straggler arrested in camp last night No letters yet begin to dont care much about home. had my first bean porridge to day.
- (L) 18 Quite cool this morning with a slight frost I think Feel all right to day - A straggler supposed to be a spy arrested in camp last night - No letters from Home yet Begin to dont care much about home. Had our first Bean Porrige to day
- (D) Oct 19th Sabbath. some frost last. had a co inspection this morning. Heard an excelent sermon this morning from Prov, 22-I & Psalms, 119-9. the first since leaving Jamestown.
- (L) 19 Sabbath, cool& a little frost - Had a co. inspection this morning Heard an excellent sermon from Prov 22-I & Psalms 119-9. the first since leaving Jamestown
- (D) 20th had orders from headqrs to pack knapsacks & leave them & report at head qrs for that we might go to Centerville. but

- but were only reviewed by Siegel. One man died in camp to day
- (L) 20 Had orders to pack Knapsacks and leave them & report to  
Head Quarters. As we might go to Centerville on a reconnoiter,  
but were only reviewed by Siegel One man died in camp to day.  
The first here
- (S) Oct 20th first death in Regt in Va.
- (D) Oct 21st the first funeral by the regiment to day. Attended.
- (L) 21 The first funeral by the regiment to day. Attended
- (S) & 21st first Military funeral.
- (D) Oct 22nd nothing of importance transpired. cool but pleasant
- (L) 22 Cool but pleasant. Nothing new to day to break the  
monotony of Camp, Drill etc
- (D) 23rd Dull. Cool - Drill etc
- (L) Oct 23 Cool Pleasant and very dull. A little & guard duty
- (D) 24th In the forenoon took a squad & went into woods & chopped  
& read paper. in afternoon got my first letter from Rans &  
then went on picket as Corporal. the first officer out of Co.
- (L) 24 In forenoon took a squad and went in the woods and chopped  
wood for camp & read paper. especially read In PM got my first  
letter from Ransom and then went on picket as Corp of guard -  
the first officer to do picket duty in the company
- (D) 25th warm & pleasant on picket. like the business.
- (L) <sup>25</sup> Warm and pleasant - On picket \* like the business
- (S) Oct 25th 1862 my first trial of picket duty and the first  
officer taken out of the Co for that duty. Camp life getting  
a little monotonous, so soon, and we would prefer to move again.

- (D) 26th Sabbath. Laid in bunk nearly all day. on account of rain. had no preaching to day.
- (L) 26 Sabbath. Rainy & no preaching. Laid in bunk nearly all day
- (D) 27th an awful storm of wind and rain all night & untill noon to day when it cleared off quite pleasant, but muddy
- (L) 27 An awful storm of wind all night and until noon when it cleared up and left every thing very muddy
- (L) 28<sup>th</sup> Cooler - Lay around camp
- (D) Oct 29th pleasant, struck tents this morning & moved I mile but I was on guard duty.
- (L) 29 Struck tents this morning and moved about a mile Am on guard duty, Corp of Guard and left out
- (S) 29th On Guard duty and Regt struck tents and moved about a mile
- (D) 30th No relief on guard duty all day, on short allowance Relief came to night & I go to my new quarters.
- (L) 30 No relief on guard duty all day and on very short allowance of rations, - relieved and go to the new quarters or camp
- (S) and no relief until PM 30th, also short of rations. when we made a quick march to the new camp and filled up.
- (D) 31st clear of camp ground to day. Warm.
- (L) 31 Warm - clear of new camp grounds to day. No Drill
- (D) Nov 1st Pleasant, inspected this morning. in afternoon fix my boot etc & get orders to march in the morning.
- (L) Nov 1 Pleasant Inspected this Morning. and in afternoon tap my boots at shop with saddle sides. Get orders to be ready

- to march in the afternoon again.
- (S) Nov 1st Gen. Inspection in AM and in P.M. I found a shoe shop. 3. seats & sets tools. one man. Got piece of saddle side. hired tools and tapt my boots myself, Got orders to march again in the morning.
- (D) Nov 2nd Sabbath. but no sabbath in camp. Strike tents once more for another sabbath days work. fell in line about 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  AM. but lay around untill 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  P.M. Went 2 miles west of Centerville & pitched tents ,
- (L) 2 Sabbath, but no Sabbath for us. Strike tents once more, Fall in about 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  AM and lie around until afternoon and marched two miles west of Centerville and pitched for the night
- (S) Sabbath Nov. 2d fall in 8<sup>30</sup> AM. and lie around until PM. and march out 2 miles West of Centerville.<sup>7</sup> (The place we have read of as being fortified with large hollow logs or logs painted black in the center sticking out of the forts in place of cannon for effect)<sup>8</sup>
- (D) 3rd Pleasant, Am rather stiff this morning. Passed Bull Run battlefield, & creek this morning. Passed Gainesville & Haymarket to day. Go 15 miles to day & encamp 3 miles East of Throughfare Gap.<sup>9</sup> freash beef plenty.
- (L) 3 Pleasant Am pretty stiff this morning, but march on. Passed Bull Run battle ground and creek this morning Passed Gainesville & Haymarket etc pass broken cannon & all sorts balls, Shells graves, dead Horses etc etc People of Haymarket show rebellion, is nearly sacked and mostly burned to day. Heavy firing over in the Valley by Burnside
- (S) 3rd Am pretty stiff this AM. but pulled out with the rest,

passed Bull Run battle field & creek with our first view of old broken cannon, all sorts balls, shells, Graves with toes sticking out, dead horses Bones etc etc. Passed Gainesville, Haymarket etc. Can hear heavy firing over in the valley beyond the blue ridge by Burnsidess Troops.<sup>10</sup> ~~which was kept up~~

(D) 4th make out part of a breakfast this morning of unsalted beef & tack Passed broken cannon & all sorts of balls, shells, & implements of war. dead horses. graves etc yesterday.

Haymarket comes under the confiscation act & its contents taken & the town burned. heavy firing of heavy cannon heard from Burnsidess army for the last 3 days.<sup>11</sup> do not march to day,<sup>12</sup> on account of our provisions not coming up

(L) 4 Make out part of a breakfast of Beefsteak but no salt Do not march to day on account of our provisions not coming up, live on what we can get Heavy firing in front towards Snickers Gap or thereabouts Burnsidess troops.<sup>13</sup>

(S) which was kept up next day the 4th near Snickers Gap. We lying near the Thoroughfare Gap where a train of cars came out on Manassas R.y. and we recd a supply of rations which we stood very much in need of.

(D) Nov 5th hard frost last night. no provisions yet some of the boys begin to complain of hunger. but none for me. hurrah what now. Why a train of Cars up to the Gap.

(L) 5 Hard frost last night and no rations yet. boys begin to complain, Hurrah. What now? A train of cars up to the gap - Thoroughfare Gap

(D) Nov 6th Went to Gainsville to day after beef cattle for the

brigade Qr Master. went with arms & 40 rounds of cartridges.  
gone all day.

- (L) Nov 6 Pleasant Was detailed (though not my turn) and took charge of a squad of men & 40 rounds and went back to Gainsville after Beef Cattle for Brigade QM. Met Gen Siegel & staff each way. A hard days work with wild steers to drive back (Fun with one of Siegels Staff
- (E) Nov 6th Took a squad of men, 40 rounds amunition and Requisition on Division Q.M., and went back to Gainsville for a drove of Beef. (Western Steers) Met Gen Segil & Staff on road each way but only checked off one salutation. as we were driving wild cattle on return trip. (Confed Setters)
- (D) 7th pulled up this morning & went south west through Buckville & onward. went 6 or 8 miles. Cold snowed 1 inch deep. Confiscation lived up to had freash pig, mutton. beef. honey. apple sauce. hard tack. etc for supper. bunked in the woods.
- (L) 7 Pulled up this morning and went S.W. through Buckville and onward. Went about 8 miles Snowed an inch deep Confiscation lived up to to perfection Had fresh Pig, Mutton, Beef Honey Turkey, Apple Sauce, Tack etc etc for supper Camped in woods
- (S) Nov 7th Pulled up stakes and started towards Manassas Gap. about 8 miles in a snow storm through Burksville. Toothache all day and at night sat on a big oak stump and had it drawn. My first experience in the line. And then went on picket at night and here we first knew what confiscation was - Turkeys. Figs chickens, Honey, Apple Sauce, Hickory nuts. Walnuts. - Live away up in G., but Sundays will come



- (D) 8th did not move to day. A plenty of Hickory & walnuts.
- (L) 8 Do Not Move to day. Hickory & Walnuts plenty live high.
- (D) 9th Sabbath. of course have to travel, therefore pull up & move back to Thoroughfare Gap. by way of Bull Run hills over the most hilly & stony pass imagineable.
- (L) 9 Sabbath And of course have to travel. Move back to Thoroughfare Gap by way of Bull Run Mountains over the roughest road I ever saw. Stony no name for it
- (S) and the 9th being sunday of course we pull out and return to our old camp at Thoroughfare Gap. along a new road amongst the rocks at the foot of the Bull Run Mts.
- (D) Nov 10th Pleasant, Burnsidess cannon keep up a continual roar this morning.
- (L) 10 Pleasant again Burnsidess cannon keep up a continual roar this AM. Fix up camp a little cool
- (S) 10th Burnsidess cannon kept up a continual roar this AM.
- (D) Nov 11th Tuesday. settled once more. pleasant.
- (L) 11 Pleasant Settled once more in camp
- (D) 12th pleasant. cool. detailed to go on picket, but afterward as orderly for Gen Steinwher for 24 hours.
- (L) 12 Cool & Pleasant Detailed to go on picket, but afterward as orderly for Gen Steinwhr for 24 hours
- (D) 13th have to stay in camp for three days & answer to roll call every hour. very pleasant.
- (L) 13 Have to stay in camp & answer to Roll Call every hour very pleasant, looks as we might move any time

- (D) I4th Detailed as orderly for the Regt to Gen Steinwher.
- (L) I4 On duty as orderly to Gen Steinwher again to day, Dutch <sup>15</sup>
- (S) I4th & I5th am orderly at Gen Steinwehrs Hd Qrs headquarters again and despatches keep me on the go, nearly all the time; boys have to answer roll Call every hour for 2 or 3 days  
Marching orders
- (D) I5th on duty at Head Qrs this A.M. very pleasant. have my share of business, but dont like so much dutch.
- (L) I5 Pleasant. like the camp here at the Gap. Am on duty at head quarters this AM. & have plenty of dispatches to carry, but dont like so much Dutch
- (D) I6th Sabbath, have a sermon this, have to drill in afternoon & have marching orders.
- (L) I6 Sabbath. Have a sermon in AM. Drill in P.M. and get marching orders again, where now
- (D) I7th Cloudy & looks like rain Strike tents & start on our first retreat, in an drizzelly rain. go to Haymarket & put up for the night.
- (L) I7 Cloudy & looks like rain Strike tents and Start on our first retreat in an easy Drizzelly rain - go back to Haymarket & camp for the night. Most of the Sutters stores destroyed on leaving Gap. could not be hauled
- (S) I7th Just at night light out quick on our first retreat. Sutters Stores burned for want of teams to haul them.
- (D) I8th cloudy, resume our march this morning. recross Bull Run etc & encamp for the night on the same ground that we did on our march out.

- (L) 18 Cloudy Resume our march back. Recross Bull Run and encamp for the night on the same ground that we did on our way out
- (D) 19th Wet & cloudy. Resume our march quite early. & encamp 2 miles N.W. of Fairfax.
- (L) 19 Wet and cloudy Again march on and encamp at Chantilla, N.W. of Fairfax
- (S) and on 19th encamped on the old Chantilla battle ground where we lost our plucky Irish Gen Gaines a few months ago. <sup>16</sup> Here we stayed about three weeks until Dec 10th.
- (D) 20th Rained all night & still raing. fix up our tents.
- (L) Nov 20 Rained all night and still raing Fix up our tents a little and prepare for colder weather, as best we can
- (D) 21 Wet. but begins to clear off.
- (L) 21 Wet but begins to clear up a little Around camp all day - not much going on
- (D) 22. Pleasant. over head. nothing of importance going on in camp. Clear.
- (L) 22 Pleasant over head & clear Nothing of importance going on just now
- (D) 23rd Sabbath, was inspected by our new Col Jones <sup>17</sup> this morning. had a sermon in the afternoon. Recd & answered a letter from Rollin.
- (L) 23 Sabbath Was inspected this morning by our new Colonel Jones who has never been with us but very little. Lt Col Loomis <sup>18</sup> having had charge of the regiment Had a sermon in the PM. Received and answered a letter from Rollin

(S) Nov 25 Went to a private house and talked with a woman again  
& got two Hocakes baked.

- (D) 24th Was detailed to go on picket but was sent to Head qrs on guard, had a good nights rest, our canopy is the starry heavens.
- (L) 24 Was detailed to go on picket. but afterwards sent to Hd Qrs in chg of guard. Had a good nights rest, - with the starry heavens for our canopy
- (D) 25th Went into a house & had a good chat with the housekeeper had her make 2 hocakes, 3 months to night since I enlisted, looks like a snow storm.
- (L) 25 Went into a private house to day - the first in Va and had a chat with the women and had two (2) hocakes baked - Three months to night since I enlisted. A little snow storm to day
- (D) 26th Rained all night (---?---) but quite pleasant to day. drilled (-----?-----)
- (L) 26 Rained all night but quite pleasant to day Drilled a little and - well my old book is so badly rubbed I cant make out the balance but think commenced building an underground fireplace
- (D) Nov 27th. Thanksgiving day in York state. Had a Sermon in camp today but I was building a fireplace & did not go. Is very pleasant. recd a letter from home & from Hiram.
- (L) 27 Thanksgiving day in York State - Had a sermon in camp ( but did not attend as I ought) but was building a fireplace - carried brick a long ways and am determined to keep warm if it turns cold although pleasant to day Recd a letter from Home and also from Hiram
- (D) 28th Cool & cloudy, are reviewed by Brig Gen this forenoon,

our guns, cartridge- boxes & knapsacks are inspected. my knapsack was the only one opened & he said it looked nice an somewhat indisposed to day.

- (L) 28 Cool & Cloudy - Reviewed by Brig Gen Steinwher this forenoon, Guns Cartridge boxes Knapsacks etc are inspected My Knapsack the only one opened & said it looked very nice Am quite indisposed all day but keep around
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- (D) 29th Cloudy, washing day etc.
- (L) Nov 29 Cloudy & cool Kind of a wash day in camp and general clean up
- (D) 30th Sabbath. have a sermon in the PM, recd a letter ~~a letter~~ from, & answered from Rans.
- (L) 30 Sabbath again. Had a sermon in the PM Recd and answered a letter from Ransom.
- (D) Dec 1st Yet does not seem like it though. quite warm this morning but grows cool during the day somewhat drizzelly. clears off in PM. have to go on picket head Qrs near a Grist mill.
- (L) Dec I But it does not seem like it though Quite warm this morning (and drizzelly) but grows cold in the PM & clears off and I go on picket in PM with head quarters near a Flour Mill
- (D) 2nd pleasant, cool west wind. have applesauce pies & go in camp & find the regt with knapsacks packed. with marching orders.
- (L) 2 Pleasant with cool west wind Have Applesauce and pies etc etc Go back to camp to find the Regiment with Knapsacks packed with Marching orders

- (D) 3rd do not move as we expected. dry & pleasant
- (L) 3 Dry and pleasant - Do not move as we expected; but liable to go at any hour -
- (D) 4th drilled in the AM. & go on battallion drill in PM. but after we get to our drilling ground am detailed to take 25 men on picket as a reserve pleasant & cool to night write a letter by moon & rail light
- (L) 4 Co. Drill in AM and go on Battallion drill in PM, but after we get to Drill ground Am detailed to take 25 men on picket as a reserve Cool but pleasant to night and write a letter by Moon and rail light.
- (S) Dec 4. Brigade Drill, but after going out am detailed to take 25 men out on picket for a reserve. and wrote a letter home by Moonlight.
- (D) Dec 5th looks like a storm this morning, a hard snow storm in P.M. about 6 inches fall.
- (L) 5 Looks like a storm. Return to camp - Hard storm, About (6) six inches snow fell this PM
- (D) Dec 6th looks like winter this morning, clear overhead. grows cold all day. keep busy getting wood & etc
- (L) 6 Looks like winter this morning - Clear & growing cold - Keeps us busy getting wood etc etc
- (D) Dec 7th clear & awful cold Sunday, Froze very hard last night, keep pretty close to the fire place to day.
- (L) Sunday - Clear and awful cold and froze very hard last night Keep pretty close to fire place to day.

- (D) 8th pleasant, but cool, does not thaw much to day recd a letter form Ged.
- (L) 8 Pleasant but cold and does not thaw much to day Recd a letter from Geddes Hough.
- (D) 9th continues fproze up recd a paper from Ged this morning (---?---) received marching orders this PM, With two days cooked rations.
- (L) 9 Continues frozen up. Recd a paper from Geddes Recd Marching orders with twb (2) days cooked rations; which wakes us up a little.
- (S) 9th Marching orders with 2 days cooked rations which opens our eyes



3. IN RESERVE AT FREDERICKSBURG AND THE MUD MARCH.  
December 10, 1862 to January 22, 1863.

- (D) Dec 10th hustled out about 3 OC this morning to draw clothing and & get ready to march strike tents  $\frac{1}{2}$  march 12 miles south by Fairfax, Fairfax Station etc. Froze up in the morning but muddy in the PM. made a good bed etc.
- (L) 10 Hustled out about 3 Oclock this morning to draw clothing etc and get ready to march. Strike tents and march (12) twelve miles by Fairfax. Fairfax Station etc Frozen hard in the morning but very muddy in the PM.; Make a good bed of pine brush to night.
- (S) 10th Hustled out at 3. A.M. and start for Fredericksburg & such. Snow & mud. down across the Occoquam
- (D) 11th started on our march at 8 AM., traveled about 10 miles to day. passed fortifications on Occoquam Creek, country very rough - Go on picket to night as Sargeant.
- (L) Dec 11 Started on our March to Fredericksburg at 8 A M Past strong fortifications on the Occoquam creek or river country very rough and hilly and lots of rabbits Go on picket as sargeant of the picket to night.
- (D) 12th called in at day light this morning have to march to day, go 5 miles to Dumfries, which the rebel Cavalry just evacuated. provisions short.
- (L) Called in from picket at daylight, expected fun last night from reb cavalry but happily disappointed Go about 5 miles to Dumfries to day and drive out the rebs who have had fun with a

lot of sutters rigs on the way from Alexandria to Falmouth and lost all they had - Our provisions are played out and no signs of getting any soon

- (S) 12th sargeant of Picket last night. Expected fun with Reb. Cavalry, 5 miles to Dumfries and drive out Reb Cav. who have captured a lot of our sutters rigs & stores on way from Alexandria to Aqua Creek. <sup>L</sup>Dumfries Next to Jamestown is the oldest town in Va. In a cemetery saw grave stones over 100 years old and the ground showed furrows where corn or tobacco had grown. and pine trees 30 inches through had since grown up
- Out of provisions, found some wheat and boiled it
- (D) 13th stay in camp in A.M. take a ramble to find eatables, but do not, start on the road at 3, in the mud & go 3 miles & encamp for the night, Burnsidess cannon roar thick & fast all day.
- (L) 13 Stay in camp in AM. Take a walk to find eatables but do not. but visit an old cemetery over 100 years old March at 3. PM. and only go about 3 miles Encamp for the night. Burnsidess Artillery roar thick and fast all day at Fredericksburg. <sup>3</sup>
- (D) 14th Warm this morning. start at daylight in hopes of reaching provisions to day. found out before noon that it was Sabbath. do not get any supplies to day but live in hopes of getting some in the morning.
- (L) 14 Warm this morning. Sunday. Start at day light in hopes of reaching provisions to day, (if we do not get in a battle first) but do not get either. Fighting at Fredericksburg again to day
- (S) 14th At length light, started on in hopes of reaching provisions. Can hear heavy firing at Fredericksburg or vacinity - yesterday and to day. <sup>4</sup>

- (D) 15th Monday. Am all right this morning as the supplies have come. Cannon roar all day. very good news from the front; ~~start~~ start on for Fredericksburg at 11 AM get to within 2 or 3 miles of the Rapahannoch. camp in the wood to night.
- (L) 15 Monday. Get some rations this morning and got a rabbit for supper for 6 last night. Good news from the front Start on at 11 AM. & march (within) 2 or 3 miles of the Rappohannock & camp for the night. Cannon roar all day at Fredericksburg
- (S) 15th Heavy firing. Reached eatables and caught a Rabbit for supper for 6 of us Reached Rappahannock River below Fredericksburg
- (D) 16th Bad news from the front. Fredericksburg evacuated. lie in camp all day. get rigged good for spending the night. & am ordered to strike tents. and fall in, make various manouvers before midnight. and do not get only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from camp
- (L) 16 Bad news from the front Fredericksburg evacuated and a great slaughter of troops. Lie in camp all day and get rigged up good for spending the night and am ordered to strike tents and fall in About  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the rggiment drunk. Col Loomis three sheets over. Divide regiment into two Battallions & march by left flank, and am most  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the night going less than 2 miles, Lots of men lost Knapsacks, Guns, caps etc from being drunk. All Co E to night
- (S) 16th Bad news from the front. Great slaughter and Fredericksburg evacuated. Lie in camp all day and rig up good. About  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Regt on a Drunk. At night pull up and start out Lt. Col. Loomis Three sheets over. March by left flank and am half the night in getting less than 2 miles. & camped on windy side of a little hill. with lots of men minus guns, caps Knapsacks etc.

- (D) 17th Slept little last night & that under the canopy of heaven. Can see the steeples of the city this morning for the first time. grows cold all day. pick up & move into the woods, & pitch tents.
- (L) Dec 17 Slept very little last night and that on the windy side of a hill without tents, and awful cold Boys sober enough this morning and hunting lost articles Can see the steeples of the famous city of Fredericksburg this morning for the first time Grows cold all day Pick up and move a short distance into the woods to day and pitch tents again
- (S) Dec. 17th Men sober enough this morning, awful cold No sleep on the windy side of a hill without tents on the frozen ground. in sight of the city of Fredericksburg, but towards night pick up and move a short distance into the woods and make a camp and await events.
- (D) 18th Laid in camp all day. all quiet along the lines.
- (L) 18 Lay in camp all day. waiting events. but All quiet along the Rappahannock.
- (D) 19th done some washing this AM ice cold water without soap, pleasant all day. Wm. C. Webster, came into camp this PM
- (L) 19 Did some washing this AM in ice cold water without soap. W Clark Webster came into camp this PM. Pleasant but cold
- (S) 19th an old school mate W. Clark Webster 9th N Y. Cavalry<sup>a</sup> stayed with me over night.
- (D) Dec 20th Wind blew hard last night, shivered all night, cold & windy to day am likely to freeze & starve to death, have a general inspection this PM.

- (L) 20 Wind blew hard last night, was about crowded out of tent last night and like to froze. and do not get over it all day. Clark Webster Stayed in tent the reason, Cannot get rations enough except coffee & am about starved General inspection this PM
- (D) 21st Clear & cool, Sabbath. have a sermon in the PM. no drilling to day.
- (L) 2I Sabbath again. Clear & cool Have a sermon in the PM and no drill for a wonder
- (D) 22nd pleasant. drill, go on guard, to guard some cattle te at night. the white steer leaves on suspicion in the night
- (L) 22 Pleasant. Drill And am on duty to night to guard some cattle belonging to the brigade and as all seem quiet let most of the guards sleep and that white steer leaves on suspacion in the night
- (D) 23rd take quite a tramp this morning to find the strayed steer. but in vain. am relieved at noon. etc etc
- (L) 23 Take quite a tramp this morning after the white steer lost but in vain Am relieved at noon and QM says will have to pay for the lost steer but tell him to go ahead if he can make it win.
- (D) 24th Pleasant, drill to day.
- (L) 24 Pleasant. Drill to day
- (D) 25th Christmas at home, bought 3 lbs of tack extra this morning for a christmas dinner. Warm & pleasant. No drill to day. have to clean up around our house this morning, get my hair cut for the first time since in Va.

- (L) 25 Christmas at home Bought 3 lbs of hardtack this morning for a Christmas dinner extra. Warm & pleasant. No drill to day but have to clean up around the house & get hair cut for first time in Va.
- (S) Dec 25 Christmas at home. bot. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  Hardtack for Christmas dinner & got my hair cut for first time in Va.
- (D) 26th warm & pleasant, Wash in the forenoon Drill in the afternoon
- (L) Dec 26 Warm & pleasant to day again Wash underclothes in the AM & Drill in PM
- (D) 27th Saturday Co drill in AM. write to Ged in PM. Cloudy & growing cool.
- (L) 27 Saturday. Cloudy and growing colder Company drill in AM & write to G Hough in PM
- (D) 28th Sunday. Regt inspection in the morning. go on picket in the P.M. for 48 hours make my coffee out of the water of the Rappahonock very pleasant. Rebel pickets on the opposite side of the river, 20 rods off recd a letter from home & also from Miss S.K.
- (L) 28 Sunday again Regimental inspection in the morning and go on picket on the river in the PM. Mak coffee out of Rappahannock for the first time Rebel pickets on the opposite side of the river, 20 rods off Receive a letter from home, and also from Sophia Kessler. Very Pleasant
- (D) 29th Cool & pleasant last night, quite warm to day all quiet along the lines.
- (L) 29 Cool & pleasant last night & quite warm to day for the last of December All quiet along the lines.

- (D) 30th cloudy, come in from picket at noon. signs of a storm. recd a letter from Lucy.
- (L) 30 Cloudy. Came in from picket at noon with signs of a storm Recd letter from Sister Lucy.
- (D) 31st in camp all day are mustered in for pay in the AM. last day of the year
- (L) 31 Last day of the year. And quite an exciting year to me so far and it will soon be finished Are mustered in for pay in the AM. And lie about camp all day.
- (D) Jan 1st 1863. very pleasant Get up about 9 in the AM. Eat drink & am merry all day. nothing special in camp
- (L) Jan 1 Pleasant very. Get up about 9 AM. Eat drink And am quite merry all day, with nothing special going on in camp
- (S) Jan 1/63 Very pleasant. Eat drink & am merry all day and no drill.
- (D) Jan 2nd drill to day as usual. pleasant.
- (L) 2 Pleasant. Drill to day as usual
- (D) Jan 3rd pleasant. No drilling, fix up camp.
- (L) 3 Pleasant No Drill. Fix up camp and think will stay if signs are right
- (D) Jan 4th Sabbath. No sabbath in camp, work all day build a new tent, windy. looks like a storm.
- (L) 4 Sabbath, but no sabbath in camp to day Worked on a new house for six, 6 logs high & two births & fire place. Porter, St John, Geo Hopkins C L Scott Earl Bacon & Burch make up the six
- (S) 4th Sabbath. worked all day on a new house for six. 6 logs high Double bunks. fireplace etc Yes for six. Sargeant C L Scott

Corp J N Porter. Truman St John Geo Hopkins. Earl Bacon and your humble Servant. (and all yet alive but poor St John, who was one of the first to succomb to prison life at Richmond.)

- (D) Jan 5th worked upon our shanty a little to day cloudy. looked for a letter from home but got one from A.B.Weaver
- (L) 5 Worked on our shanty a little to day Looked for a letter from home but got one from A B Weaver.
- (D) Jan 6th Drilled in AM. Cloudy, Cloudyer, Rainy. in the PM. & growing cold.
- (L) 6 Have the best shanty & tent in the company Drilled in the AM. Cloudy, rainy & growing cold in PM.
- (D) Jan 7th Pleasant. Build a fireplace in our tent etc Corporal of the Gar. etc
- (L) 7 Pleasant. Build a good fire place to day or help the 5 & am also Corporal of Guard etc etc between meals
- (D) Jan 8th come of guard at 9 AM, bring wood etc Pleasant.
- (L) Jan 8th Pleasant Come off guard at 9 AM and bring wood with the boys for our new fire place
- (D) Jan 9th Pleasant. Done my weeks washing this A.M. etc.
- (L) 9 Pleasant again Did my usual weeks washing this AM. and have lots of music on all sides from practitioners on all kinds of instruments
- (D) Jan 10<sup>7</sup>th Wet, rainy & dismal Stay in the sty all day Somewhat down in the mouth on account of not getting a letter & chink from home etc.



- (L) IO Wet rainy & dismal Stay in the sty all day. Am somewhat down in the mouth on account of not getting a letter and some chink from home
- (D) Jan 11th Clear & Pleasant this morning. Inspection etc.
- (L) 11 Sabbath with the usual sunday morning inspection Pleasant
- (D) 12th Co drill, in A.M. Brigade drill & dress parade in the afternoon.
- (L) 12 Company Drill in AM. Brigade Drill and dress parade in the afternoon
- (D) 13 Hazy & cloudy. Co drill in the morning & go on picket at noon to stay 48 hours but, had not been out 3 hours before marching orders came & we were relieved & skedaddled into camp & commenced preparing to march at 3 OC in the morning.
- (L) 13 Hazy & Cloudy Co. Drill in AM. and go on picket at noon to stay 2 days, but had not been out three (3) hours before marching orders came and we were relieved and skedaddled back to camp with orders to be ready to march at 3 A.M.
- (D) Jan 14th Cloudy this morning. Get up at 1 A.M. Roll blankets, & leave knapsacks & start at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  A.M. go up the river 8 miles, file off into the woods at 9 A.M. build brush shanties etc. Started from camp in 4 ranks went about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles & were ordered to load & fix bayonets & marched by platoon then by sections & finally by files of 4 again.
- (L) 14 Cloudy this morning. Got up at (1) one AM. Roll Blankets and leave Knapsacks & start at 3-30. AM. Go up the river about 7 or 8 miles. file off into the woods at 9.A.M. Build brush shanties etc etc Started from camp in 4 ranks, went  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile &

- were ordered to load & fix bayonets and marched by platoon - then by section & finally by files of 4 again & finally camped
- (S) Jan 14th Routed out at one AM Roll blankets but leave Knapsacks. and at 3<sup>30</sup> go up river 7 or 8 miles & file off into woods and build brush shanties. Started from camp 4 Ranks. March a mile fix bayonets. Mch by platoon. then section & finally 4 ranks again
- (D) Jan 15th Cloudy & warm was on guard last night was taken off at 10 AM. with orders to march at 3 PM 250 men of the Regt build road & bridges etc, start back for camp at 3 PM get in camp at dark.
- (L) 15 Cloudy & Warm Was on guard last night, & taken off at 10 AM. with orders to march at 3 PM 250 men of the regiment building roads and bridges towards the river, At 3 PM Start back for our old camp & arrive at dark
- (S) 15 th 250 men building roads to river preparatory for a crossing. and at 3 PM. returned to our old camp & arrived at dark
- (D) Jan 16th Rained last night. clearing up this morning. This chick is 21 to day. bunked with Porter last night. have marching orders to day with 3 days rations in haversacks & 2 in wagons.
- (L) Jan 16 This boy is 21, to day and belong to myself & Uncle Sammel, I.E. If the Johnnies dont get me Rained last night but cleared up this AM. Bunked with Porter last night Have Marching orders with 3 days cooked rations in haversacks & 2 days rations in wagons
- (S) Jan 16th A great day for America and especially myself. Am 21 years old to day and belong principally to Uncle Sam, I.E. If

the Johnnies dont get me. Marching orders: 3 days cooked rations & 2 days in wagons. Looks like business.

- (D) Jan 17th sleep 6 in bed & 4 in the middle. strike tents at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  A.M. start at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  PM. go to our former place on the river, arrive at 5 P.M.
- (L) Jan 17 Slept 6 in bed & 4 in middle last night Strike tents at 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  AM & move at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  PM, and go to our former place on the river. arriving at 5 P.M. Looks as though Burnside wanted a fight
- (S) 17th Move at 12<sup>30</sup> and go to our former place on River Rappahannock. Looks as though Burnside wanted a fight
- (D) Jan 18th Awful Cold last night Part of the regt go out on fatigue duty to day. detailed to go on picket to night.
- (L) 18 Awful cold last night Part of regiment out on fatigue duty to day & I am Detailed on picket to night
- (S) 18th Awful Cold. part of Regt on fatigue duty building Roads.
- (D) Jan 19th Cold. did not lie down last night. on picket regt on fatigue duty to day.
- (L) 19 Cold Did not lie down last night on picket Regiment on fatigue duty to day
- (S) 19th Cold. On picket last night did not lie down
- (D) Jan 20th Slept like a log last night. built up with logs & patched in AM & at noon had orders to pack & fall in. went back 3 miles to the pontoon bridges & halted. heard an order read from Burnside that we were to once more meet the enemy once more, Cold to day. at dusk start on behind the pontoons for the river. went about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles & halted in a drizzly rain.

- (L) 20 Slept like a log last night. Built up with logs & mud for house all AM & at noon had orders to pack & fall in again & went back 3 miles to the pontoon bridge brigade & halted & heard an order read from Burnside that we were to meet the enemy once more; (which means we are to escort the pontoons to the river) Cold to day At dusk start on behind the pontoons for the river and went about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles in the rain and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of cannon & pontoons stuck fast in the mud & we halted for the night, instead of laying a bridge across the Rappahannock or fighting
- (S) 20th built up with logs & mud for a house for six all A.M. and at noon had orders to fall in. - went back 3 miles to the pontoon bridge and heard an order read from Burnside that we are to meet the enemy once more, and our regt to escort the pontoons to the river. At dusk start on behind the pontoons in the rain An Awful rain. and when near the river the pontoons (Trucks) in mud out of sight. wheels. Cannon horses. Well. it was the Burnside stuck in the Mud you have all heard about. Near Banks ford on the Rappahannock.
- (D) Jan 21st rained & blowed all night. did not lie down last night. moved into the woods this morning. stayed all day & night
- (L) 21 Rained hard & blowed all night Did not lie down but stood around rail fire with one rubber blanket over my head (& leant one) Moved out a little into the woods & stayed all day & night (Burnside stuck in the Mud sure, which the rebs know more about than we did) near Banks Ford
- (D) 22nd Cloudy & wet. Start off once more in the mud knee deep go

back to within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of Falmouth. & pitch tents etc.

- (L) 22 The other Army (across the river) Jubilant & cheering.  
Cloudy & Wet Start off once more in the mud knee deep & go  
back to within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of Falmouth and pitch tents again,  
(Struck oil viz Bbl Whiskey)
- (S) 22d Got back to near Falmouth again and settled down to camp  
life. with the other army (Rebel) across the river cheering  
and jubilant. <sup>10</sup>

4. LIFE IN CAMP AND HOSPITAL.  
January 23, 1863 to April 25, 1863.

- (D) 23rd Cloudy, lie in camp
- (L) 23 Cloudy Lie in camp waiting events I think
- (D) 24th Pleasant, " " "
- (L) 24 Clear " " " " "
- (D) 25. Sabbath. Cloudy. No service in camp. I go on guard. Regt go on picket. very pleasant & warm.
- (L) 25th Sabbath Cloudy & cool. No service in camp Regiment mostly go on picket & I go Corp of Guard Pleasant and warmer as day advances
- (D) 26th pleasant & warm, still looks like a storm.
- (L) Jan 26 Pleasant and warm - but still looks like a storm Came of guard duty this AM.
- (D) 27th Rained this forenoon. recd letters from Horace & Ransom & answered Horaces.
- (L) 27 Rained this forenoon. Received a letter from Horace & answered it and also one from Ransom
- (D) 28th Rained all night & commenced snowing this morning & snowed & thawed all day & awful day in camp, boys huddle around fires like calves in the corners of fence.
- (L) 28 Rained all night and commenced snowing this morning and snowed and thawed all day An awful day in camp Boys huddle around fires like like calves in fence corners.

- (S) 28th Rained all night and commenced snowing this morning very fast an awful day in camp and the boys huddle around fires like calves in fence corners. Snow 6 inches deep.
- (D) Jan 29th snow 6 inches on the level, cold, but pleasant over head, had a dish of pancakes for dinner etc
- (L) 29 Snow six (6) inches on the level. Very cold but pleasant over head, Had a dish of pancakes for dinner etc etc, - In camp
- (S) 29th Pancakes for dinner.
- (D) Jan 30th pleasant.
- (L) 30 Pleasant In camp
- (D) 31st recd a letter from Lucy & Arda & I from Geddes, also \$16. 45 from the Government.
- (L) 3I Received a letter from Lucy and Arda Hough and also one from Geddes Hough Also Sixteen & 45/100. (\$16<sup>45</sup>) from Uncle Sam The first since out.
- (S) 3Ist Our Uncle Samuel gave me \$16<sup>45</sup> the first money since leaving Jamestown. N.Y.
- (D) Feb 1st Sunday, All quiet in camp. knapsack drill etc
- (L) Feb I Sunday again. A Chaplain but no service Knapsack inspection and drill etc.
- (D) 2nd Pleasant & Cool.
- (L) 2 Pleasant & cold
- (D) 3rd Cloudy & cold. Air full of snow etc
- (L) 3 Cloudy & cool Air seems full of snow.
- (D) 4th Clear & awful cold Build a chimney etc & at night have

orders to be in line at 8 AM. for to make out a report of clothing on hand & at 2 P.M. for inspection

- (L) 4 Clear and awful cold Build a chimney etc to our Shanty. Have orders to be in line at 8 - o clock tomorrow to make out a report of clothing on hand and at 2 PM for inspection
- (S) Feb 4th Built a chimney for shanty in A.M. & in PM have orders to be in readiness to move in the morning <sup>2</sup>
- (D) Feb 5th Cold & snowing have orders to pack & march at 8 AM. Start back towards Stafford Courthouse. Camped at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  PM on Potomac Creek.
- (L) 5 Cold and snowing Have orders to pack up and March at 8 AM start back towards CourtHouse Camped at 1-30 PM on Potomac Creek
- (S) 5th Moved back towards Stafford C.H. and camped on Potomac Creek.
- (D) Feb 6th Rained most of the day, had a sort of a movable tent last night which we moved according to the wind. swimming in water this morning. moved upon a hill & pitched tent & got a pail of pancake batter mixed & "fall in" & away went pancakes went across the creek on a pontoon bridge, came to within a mile of Stafford Court house & encamped.
- (L) 6 Rained most of the day. Had a sort of a movable tent last night, which we moved according to the wind. Swimming in water this morning. Moved upon a little hill and pitched tent and got a pail of pancake batter mixed and "Fall in", and away we went and away went pancakes. Crossed Potomac Creek on Pontoon bridge and came with (I) one Mile of Stafford C.H. and encamped.
- (S) 6th Had a sort of movable tent last night of Bush Poles & few boards which we shifted according to storm of wind snow & rain



Got a pail of Pancake batter mixed ready to bake when "Fall in", sounded and away we went and away went batter; and such is life with Samuel. Crossed Potomac Creek on Pontoon bridge & camped near Stafford C H.

(D) 7th Pleasant; built a log house to day, 8 logs high

(L) Feb 7 Pleasant Six of us in our Mess as usual. Porter. S~~E~~ JOHN Geo. Hopkins. Bacon. Scott & myself, Burch Yes the names I cannot even remember to night after twenty one years and over We camped in a Pine Grove and soon had a Shanty 8 logs high (split logs) and our tents on top. with two bunks for three in a bed all made and perhaps wont stay two days

(S) 7th to 9th Here we built another fine 6-log Hut with big chimney & fire place. with our pup tents on top. with two wide bunks in back end for 3 in a bed. (See I6th)<sup>3</sup>

(D) 8th Sabbath, Pleasant, but no sabbath in camp built a chimney etc etc

(L) 8 Sabbath Pleasant but no Sabbath in camp Built a fine big chimney to day. I was chief mason

(D) 9th Pleasant, do various little chores around tent

Feb 9th Pleasant & warm. sent a letter home, am on guard to day, learned a new thing to day, viz, to change & wear the leg of a sock when the toe got worn out.

(L) 9 Pleasant Do various little chores around the tent Sent a letter home. Am on Guard duty to day Learnt a new thing to day - to sew up tops of sock and use leg for the foot when toes got worn clear out.

- (D) Feb 10th Pleasant. Nothing going on in camp of importance.
- (L) 10 Pleasant again Nothing of importance on the roll
  
- (D) 11th Cloudy, looks like a storm. Clear up Company Street etc.
- (L) 11 Cloudy. Clean up Company Streets in camp as if to stay a while
  
- (D) 12th Pleasant
- (L) 12 Pleasant All quiet in camp
  
- (D) 13th " " .
- (L) 13 " " " " " " 4
  
- (D) 14th Pleasant do 2 weeks washing etc etc.
- (L) 14 " Do Two weeks washing to day
  
- (D) 15th Sabbath, no service in camp, rained all day laid abed & took it easy in general.
- (L) 15 Sabbath but No service as usual Rained all day, Lay abed and took it easy
  
- (D) 16th Co drill in A.M. also wrote a letter to Ransom. At noon go off  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile & are reviewed by Fighting Jo, Sigel, Steinwher, & Bushbeck. <sup>5</sup> Saw thousands of troops, parks of artillery etc etc. Very Pleasant.
- (L) 16 Co drill in AM. & wrote letter to Ransom At noon go off  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and are reviewed by fighting Jo Hooker, Sigel, Steinwher and Bushbeck. Saw thousands of troops. Parks of Artillery etc etc. Pleasant
  
- (D) 17th Snowing, & snowed all day, snow fell 6 inches Went on picket as officers for the 27 P.A. had a hard time.
- (L) 17 Snowed all day. 6 inches deep. Went on picket as officers for

- the 27th P.A. (Dont know the reason) and had a hard time.
- (S) Jan 17th Went on picket in a big snow storm. as an officer for the men of 27th P.A., All german., which arrangement I cannot see into ( and have not to this day as we never got any explanation) but surmise it was to punish the 27th men for some indignities to Gen Bushbeck or Steinwehr. <sup>6</sup>
- #16th Reviewed by our new commander Joe Hooker Sigel. etc & saw Thousands of troops, Parks of Art. etc etc.
- (D) 18th Rained all day, very wet, Came off picket & stayed in bunk the rest of day.
- (L) 18 Rained all day and very wet. Came off picket and lay in bunk the rest of the day
- (D) 19th Thursday, Cleared of over head, in camp no duty
- (L) 19 Cleared off over head. In camp. No duty to day
- (D) Feb 20th clear & pleasant. No duty, except, get wood, etc.
- (L) Feb 20 Clear and Pleasant - no duty. Get wood etc etc
- (D) 21st Very pleasant inspection of arms in PM.
- (L) 21 Very pleasant Inspection of arms in PM
- (D) 22<sup>nd</sup> An awful snow storm last night & to day. Washingtons birth day. salutes fired etc.
- (L) 22 An awful snow storm last night and to day Washingtons birth day Salutes fired etc etc
- (S) Feb 22d Salutes fired in honor of Washingtons Birthday.
- (D) 23rd Monday. Clear & pleasant. Snow 10 inches deep. got up wood this forenoon. Am a little down with sore throat, headache etc. etc.

- (L) 23 Clear and pleasant over head Snow ten inches deep Got up wood this AM Am a little down with sore throat etc etc and headache
- (D) 24th pleasant over head am a considerable under the weather to day, nothing going on in camp. George Covey appointed Corp to day etc
- (L) 24 Pleasant over head Geo Covey Appointed Corporal to day Am a considerable under the weather to day But nothing going on in camp
- (D) 25th Feb A considerable down yet. very pleasant over head. set out trees in Co Street etc etc.
- (L) Very pleasant Still about sick. Set out trees in the company Street etc
- (D) 26th sick in bunk rained all day.
- (L) 26 Sick in bunk with lung fever. Rained all day
- (S) 26th Sick in bunk with fever.
- (D) 27th Cloudy. went to the Surgeon & was excused from duty for the first time, got some medicine. etc
- (L) 27 Cloudy. Went to the Surgeon and was excused from duty for the first time and got some pills and could not swallow them whole. and chewed them.
- (S) 27th Excused from duty for the first time to day by surgeon. took my first pills from Dr. Day. From Feb 27th to Mch 8th was sick in bunk with lung fever. Pneumonia or something of that sort Capt Fay & Lieut Jenkins very kind and had one of our squad care for me as best they could, but fever high and very stormy weather.

- (D) 28th The last day of Winter has come. am no better to day.
- (L) 28 The last day of winter has come. No better to day and am clear sick sure -
- (D) March 1st 63. the first day of Spring. Clear but windy. have a hard fever to day. took a sweat but it did not stop the fever.
- (L) March 1/63. Spring clear but windy Have a <sup>very</sup> high fever to day. Took a sweat and got mad at Dr Day but it did not stop the fever
- (D) March 2nd had a hard time last night do not have much fever to day. quite pleasant out. recd a letter from Marian
- (L) 2 Had a hard time last night but not quite so much fever to day Lungs awful sore Recd a letter from Mirriam to day
- (D) 3rd rained last night slept a very little Clear to day also Cloudy still, windy & rainy. am a little better to day.
- (L) 3 Am a little better I think. Rainy, Clear, Cloudy, windy & rainy etc Slept a very little last night Boys take good care and do all they can for me. .
- (D) 4th Pleasant but cold Think I am on the gain slowly - -
- (L) 4 Pleasant but cold Think I am on the gain a little
- (D) <sup>10</sup> 5th Pleasant. but very cold last night. feel quite smart to day went up to see Jenkins & cought cold.  
March 5th rained some last night. pleasant but windy to day. I am not quite so well to day. have no fever.
- (L) 5 Pleasant but very cold last night Feel quite smart to day and went up to see Jenkins (Lieut) and cought cold Not quite so well in PM.

- (D) March 6th pleasant but very cold - have quite @ fever took some medicine but did not have any effect because the surgeon did not know enough to give any directions.
- (L) 6 Pleasant but cold Have quite a fever. Took strong medicine, but Dr left no directions and it did no good
- (D) March 7th cloudy and rainy. pleasant in the morning but rain the most of the night. I am no better. at two P.M. commenced sweating and continued until one A.M. 8th
- (L) 7 Cloudy, Rainy & pleasant by spells. Am no better commenced to take a sweat this PM and a good one too.
- (D) March 8th did not sleep any last night - feel no better at present - went to the hospital this PM dont like the place very well
- (L) March 8 Clear sick Sweat nearly all night and did not sleep a wink and feel no better. Went to Reg Hospital this P.M. and do not like the place at all. Its the Hospital
- (S) Mch 8th was sent to Regt. Hospital, which I did not like and could not sleep any nights much and two or three days are pretty much a blank However my nearest neighbor who was very sick with measles & crazy was gone when I awoke one morning, think he had taken his last march.
- (D) 9th Dr came & examined me this morning. did not sleep any last night feel a little easier this PM. had a mustard poultice put on my side this PM.
- (L) 9 Dr came and examined me this AM. Did not sleep any last night but feel a little easier to day Had a Mustard poultice put on my side this PM

- (D) 10th recd a letter from home this A.M. have an other mustard on my side this A.M. & one on my neck this evening.
- (L) 10 Recd a letter from home this AM. & have another mustard on my side this AM. and on my neck also.
- (D) 11th No better to day. have a bed-fellow. recd a paper from Rollin was coming to Washington to bring prisoners etc
- (L) 11 No better to day. Have a bedfellow. Recd a letter from Rollin. Was coming to Washington to bring prisoners
- (D) 12th quite easy to day
- (L) 12 Quite easy to day
- (D) 13th Recd a letter from Rollin. was in Washington had a plaster on my breast again to day.
- (L) 13 Recd a letter from Rollin Was in Washington but could not get down to see me. Stringent orders
- (D) 14th did not sleep any last night. Ache a considerable to day.
- (L) 14 Did not sleep any last night Ache all over to day
- (D) 15th hard time last night tried on the cups this AM help me a considerable
- (L) 15 Had a hard time last night Dr tried cupping this AM. and it helped me a considerable
- (D) 16th a little snow this morning. feel better this AM. have a little belly ache this P.M.
- (L) 16 A little snow this morning Feel better this AM but have considerable belly ache in PM.

- (D) 17th Pleasant, feel quite smart to day. heavy firing up the Rappahannock at Halls ford. Rebs try to cross but are repulsed
- (L) 17 Pleasant Feel quite smart to day. Heavy firing up the Rappahannock at Halls ford Rebs try to cross but are repulsed.
- (S) Mch 17th: Think I am a little better to day. Heavy firing up the river. Cav. try to cross at Halls ford but did not succeed. Rollin in Washington but could not get permit to come and see me on account of the uneasiness manifested by the Rebs Mustard Poullices & cupping are bringing me out slowly I think.
- (D) 18th on the gain a little quite pleasant.
- (L) 18 Pleasant, quite - Think I am on the gain a little to day
- (D) 19th Pleasant Feel quite well this morning. wrote a letter to Rollin to day.
- (L) 19 Pleasant. again to day. Feel quite well to day and wrote a letter to Rollin.
- (D) 20th Snowed all day, am on the gain. wrote a letter to Olive & recd a letter from Lucy & Hattie.
- (L) 20 Snowed all day Am on the gain sure Wrote a letter to Sister Olive and received one from Lucy & Hattie
- (D) 21st Cold & stormy. some snow on the ground Regt send out pickets today.
- (L) 21 Cold and stormy Some snow on the ground Regiment sent out pickets to on Rappahannock
- (D) 22 Sabbath. got up & went to my Co while the nurses were to breakfas. & back & got some hard tack. Went to the Div Hospital



this A.M. had some dutch soup & tack for dinner. Coffee & bread for supper.

- (L) 22 Sabbath. Got up and went to my company while the nurses were at breakfast and got some Hard tack. Could not get on my own boots but borrowed another mans and shared tack with him Was sent from Reg'l Hospital to the Division Hospital this AM. Had dutch soup and tack for Dinner and Coffee and bread for supper.
- (S) Mch 22d Hungry. While the nurses were at breakfast. borrowed another fello's boots and went down to regiment and the boys filled me up with provisions and back to Hosptl. but in PM sent me to the Division Hospital.
- (D) March 23rd Very pleasant this morning. the birds sing so nice around my new home. Coffee & bread for breakfast. sit up all the forenoon. lie in bed most of P.M. Bacon came to see me in PM.
- (L) 23 Very pleasant this morning The birds sing so nice around my new home Coffee and bread for breakfast Sit up all the forenoon and lie in bed most of the P.M. E J Bacon came to see me this PM
- (S) 23rd Bacon came down to see me
- (D) 24th Cloudy this morning. went up to the Regt this afternoon.
- (L) 24 Cloudy this morning. Went up to the regiment this Afternoon and saw the boys
- (S) 24th better. tried my legs by going to regiment & seeing the boys a short time. but am very weak.
- (D) 25th Rained last night Cleared off very pleasant this A.M. cloudy in the afternoon tried my legs a considerable to day
- (L) 25 Rained last night but cleared off very pleasant this

morning. Cloudy in PM. Tried my legs a considerable to day

- (D) Thursday March 26th Cloudy keep pretty close to tent to day.
- (L) 26 Cloudy. Had to keep pretty close to tent to day
- (D) 27th Pleasant but cool slept sound last night. went up to the Co to day & got some nice eatables.
- (L) 27 Pleasant but cool Slept sound last night Went up to the Regiment & Co. to day and got some nice eatables
- (D) 28th rainy this morning. & rainy all day. stayed in tent nearly all day.
- (L) 28 Rainy this morning and rained all day Stayed in the tents nearly all day.
- (D) 29th Sabbath. Cool & cloudy went up to Co in P.M.
- (L) 29 Sabbath Cool & Cloudy Went up to the Co. to day
- (D) 30th Cold last night. Pleasant to day. Dr came in while eating my dinner. was mad as ever. ordered me to my regt on acct of butter etc. got some head ache & sore throat this P.M.
- (L) 30 Cold last night. Pleasant to day Dr came in while eating my dinner, Saw me eating Butter & he got mad and ordered me back to my regiment. Have sore throat and head ache this afternoon. Move back to Reg
- (S) 30th Dr came in and saw me eating tack & Butter on it and sent me to regt.; very weak.
- (D) March 31st Stormy this A.M. snow & rain, got whisky this morning, some of the boys pretty well set up feel pretty well to day recd & wrote a letter to Hiram.

- (L) 31 Stormy this morning Snow and rain Got Whiskey in rations this morning. Some of the boys pretty well set up Feel pretty well to day and received and answered a letter from Hiram
- (D) Apr 1st 1863 Clear & Cold. Froze a little last night Have orders to be ready to march at any moment.
- (L) April 1st Cloudy and Cold Froze a little last night Have orders to be ready to march at any moment
- (S) Apr 1st Orders to be ready to move out at a moments notice
- (D) 2nd Windy, & sign of a storm. and on the gain but very slowly.
- (L) 2 Windy and signs of a storm Am on the gain but awful slowly
- (D) 3rd Pleasant, Co. shoot at target this A.M.
- (L) 3 Pleasant Company out at target practice this A.M.
- (S) 3rd Co out at target practice
- (D) 4th Windy & cool, Most of the Regt on picket to day.
- (L) 4 Windy & cool Most of the Regiment out on picket to day.
- (S) 4th Regt on picket.
- (D) 5th Very stormy. Snow & rain. last night on account of which our regt come off picket. no drilling.
- (L) April 5 Very Stormy Snow and Rain on account of which our Regt came in off picket. No Drill to day
- (D) 6th in camp as usual.
- (L) 6 In camp as usual
- (D) 7th rained last night. done my first drilling this P.M. recd a letter from Ged.

- (L) 7 Rained last night Did my first drilling since taken sick this afternoon Received a letter from Geddes Hough.
- (S) 7th Tried to drill a little with Regt to day but very weak and excused by Capt.
- (D) 8th Pleasant, drilled in A.M. Battallion drill in P.M. but I did not go out.
- (L) 8 Company drill in A.M. Battallion drill in P.M. but not strong enough to go out with Co,
- (D) 9th Pleasant, no drill in A.M. Went ~~12~~<sup>13</sup> miles in P.M. & was reviewed by Maj Gen Howard.
- (L) 9 Pleasant No drill in AM. But went out about two (2) Miles in PM and was reviewed by Maj Gen Howard
- (S) 9th Reviewed by our New Corps Commander. Gen O O Howard.<sup>12</sup>
- (D) 10th Pleasant. Reviewed to day by the President & Hooker.
- (L) 10 Pleasant. Reviewed to day by President Lincoln and Gen Hooker. Hard work for a weak man But lots of fun and learn the Presidents Salute<sup>13</sup>
- (S) 10th Reviewed by President Lincoln, Gen Howard etc. Very weak but lots of fun and learn the Presd Salute
- (D) 11th on guard. Pleasant.
- (L) 11 Pleasant On camp duty (Corporal of Guard)
- (D) 12th Cloudy & signs of a storm have orders to be ready to march tomorrow morn at 5. Consigned 40 or 50 letters to the flames to day. Am about sick to day. Am detailed as nurse at the division Hos. & moved my quarters at once.<sup>15</sup>

- (L) I2 Cloudy and signs of a storm Have orders to be ready to march tomorrow AM at 5. oclock. Consigned 40 or 50 letters to the flames to day. Regiment to leave Knapsacks and go light rigged. Am not considered strong enough by capt Fay to go and am sent to Division Hospital and moved my quarters at once Am about sick all day. Told Dr No medicine but rest.
- (S) I2th Orders to go with cav. & leave all unnecessaries. Knapsacks etc. and at last minute am sent to Div. Hospital by Father. Capt Fay. much against my will. "says I am too white & weak." Regt go to Kellys ford.
- (D) I3th rained last night. Regt start this morning at 8 A.M. Pleasant
- (L) I3 Rained last night Pleasant to day Regiment Stacked Knapsacks in our tent and started with cavalry for Kellys Ford, at 8 AM.
- (D) I4 th Pleasant. Have orders to move the Div Hos to day, Commence to pull down tents at 3 PM. move to Brooks Station I came over the Corduroy after Sundown.
- (L) I4th Pleasant Have orders to move the Division Hospital to Brooks Station to day and pull down tents at 3 PM and I take the corduroy and go over about sundown
- (S) I4th Div. Hospital moved to Brooks Station and for the next few days helped look after the sick
- (D) I5 rained all day, slept under the canopy of heaven last night work hard to day.
- (L) I5 Rained all day. Slept under the canopy of heaven last night till it rained and then pulled a part of a tent over some Bbls and Boxes and crawled in between and Kept dry, with a bbl of

water over me in the sag of the tent. could do nothing towards moving patients from old camp to new Hospital grounds to day

- (D) I6 Cloudy, Move patients, & straiten up tents to day etc.
- (L) Apr I6 Cloudy Help move patients to new Hospital and straighten up tents etc etc. and make myself generally useful to Kill time etc etc but am pretty weak yet
- (D) I7th Cloudy. nothing of importance. no war news, no nothing.
- (L) I7 Cloudy. Nothing of importance No war news. No news from the Regiment. No Nothing.
- (D) I8 at the Hospt as usual, went to the Station to day.
- (L) I8 Am still at the Hospital, but went down to the Station and saw the piles on piles of Army Stores etc etc
- (D) I9th Sabbath. Pleasant went up to the camp this A.M. had some ham for dinner, ditto for supper
- (L) I9 Pleasant. Sabbath Gobbled on to my Knapsack unbeknown to Hospital authorities and went up to the old camp this <sup>fore</sup> afternoon, where are a few convalescents and a few returned from furloughs etc etc Had Ham for Dinner and supper and begin to live and eat again
- (S) I9th Sunday sick of Hospital and stole my Knapsack & skedadled to old Regt camp where are a few convalescents & returned furloughs etc.
- (D) 20th Rainy day, stay in the old camp, send a letter home hear nothing from the Regt.
- (L) 20 Rainy day sure. Stay in the old camp all day Send a letter home again. Hear nothing from the regiment yet

- (D) 21st Porter left me this A.M. with the teams for the Regt.  
Pleasant
- (L) 21 Porter left the camp to day with the teams to join the  
regiment yet
- (D) 22 Cloudy, lonesome & almost homesick to day, wrote to H F.
- (L) 22 Cloudy. Awful lonesome and homesick to day No news from the  
boys yet. wrote to H.F. (The girl I left behind me.)
- (D) 23rd rainy last night & rainy to day, hear nothing from Regt.
- (L) 23 Rained last night and to day Still no news from the regiment
- (D) 24th rainy, lonesome & alone in the world, friendless.
- (L) 24 Rainy. Lonesome and alone in the world at present (All army  
chums with the regt) Friendless
- (D) 25th Pleasant, draw & clean a gun. haul over knapsack & take out  
overplus etc. work hard all day.
- (L) 25 Pleasant. (Turn soldier again to day) Draw and clean a gun  
Haul over the Knapsacks which are stored in our tent and turn  
over all surplus clothing etc etc. leaving a change of under  
clothing and Tobacco and paper envelopes etc only, and get them  
ready to pile in wagons. by order of the Quartermaster Work  
hard all day. Am still pretty weak
- (S) 25th Turn soldier again to day. Draw & clean a gun. Turn all  
extras in; the boys Knapsacks to Q.M., & take receipts for them. 16
- ← (D) 26th Pleasant, start for the Regt at 9 AM. have a large train  
& make slow progress, go about 10 miles, & stop after sundown
- (L) Apr 26 Pleasant Start for the regiment at 9.AM Have a long train

5. CHANCELLORSVILLE.  
APRIL 26, 1863 to MAY 8, 1863.

and make very slow progress go about 10 miles and camp after sundown

- (S) 26th Start with teams for Regt., very weak yet I find.
- (D) 27 Pleasant, Start on at 5 AM, Mud, Mud, but got 18 miles & to the regt to night, on guard to day & last night.
- (L) 27 On guard last night, and a guard for teams to day Start on at 5 AM up the Rappahannock Mud Mud Mud, but make 18 miles and find the regiment at Kelly Ford, (and Oh such a welcome. Am all right again now sure, and such a scramble for Knapsacks and Tobacco etc. The boys say they are all lousy much more pleasant than on the lower Rappahannock and think a finer country.
- (S) 27th ~~Start~~ Arrived at Kellys Ford & found Regt. Boys crazy for Tobacco and awful Lousy for the first time. as a rule. Pass out the Co Knapsacks and soon they are changing underclothes etc.
- (D) 28th Rainy, stay in camp all day & at night have orders to cross the river, which we did in boats as skirmishers, & returned to camp after midnight & stayed till morn.
- (L) 28 Rainy Ordered to stay in camp to day (begins to look like business) Just at night Colonel called up the officers and gave them their orders for future reference. Capt called the Company to gather and told us we were to cross the river with pontoons and skirmish or fight and must expect to face the music and open the way for the army. which we did as soon as dark and not only were disappointed but most happy so as we found no enemy except a few pickets at a flouring mill  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile above which were taken. and then after the army which were all on the move commenced to cross about midnight we recrossed and went into camp till morning



- (S) 28th In camp all day & in evening are told we are to cross river in pontoons & lay bridge and must expect to fight, and soon crossed but found no enemy except a few on guard at Kellys Mill which we captured. advanced a short distance as skirmishers and at midnight returned to bridge, and saw the 1st, 2d, 11th & 12th corps & Art (Stonemans & Cav, cross <sup>2</sup>
- (D) 29 Cloudy, cross again this morning, 2 or 3 corpses crossed last night & this morn. stay all night
- (L) 29 Cloudy Cross the river again this morning as a guard for bridge and trains Stay all day think the 1st 11th 12th & 2d corps crossed also All our cavalry (about 25,000 mostly forded) under Stoneman
- (D) 30th Start for the Rapidan this morning at 5 A.M. & cross it at noon.<sup>3</sup> go 10 miles this AM. at 2 PM am sitting on the bank seeing the trains ford the river, at 5 PM we start on towards Fredericksburg. travel untill midnight & go 10 miles.
- (L) Apr 31<sup>4</sup> Start with the trains at 5 AM for the Rapidan and cross it at noon and wait till 5 PM. Sitting on the bank watching the antics of the mule as he plunges and ducks in the muddy swift river but a large horse who can easily ford leads them all safely across and on we go towards Fredericksburg, Travel till Midnight (through the Wilderness) to Chancellorsville and camp (Are complimented by Gen Howard on making so good time and go to bed for balance of night
- (S) and Apr 31st start on with trains for Rapidan and lie on bank of Rapidan in P.M. & see mules wade. swim. duck. & flounder, etc. and at night take a dog trot through wilderness on Plank Road to Chancellorsville. where we arrived <sup>5</sup>

- (D) May 1st 1863 I, warm & Pleasant. lie in camp this AM, & at noon hitch up again & go about 100 rods & return to camp again. heavy firing the whole day & firing close by in evening. shells flying in all directions
- (L) May 1st Warm and pleasant Lie in camp this AM. and at noon hitch up again and move about 100 rods and return to camp Dig a line of Rifle pits in P.M. Heavy firing all day and in close proximity in the evening with shells firing in all directions (which raised quite a commotion in the wagon train
- (S) May 1st I.A.M. Dig rifle pits in PM. and got a few shells in camp which raise a big commotion amongst the great train, mules, etc Heavy firing all day. Mostly near Fredericksburg. Where other corps crossed
- (D) May 2 Pleasant, slept some last night, lay in camp untill 6 P.M. & were attacked in our rifle <sup>pits</sup> & driven hilter skilter & I should think  $\frac{1}{2}$  killed or wounded or prisoners I slightly wounded in back
- (L) May 2 Pleasant. Slept a little last night Lay in camp all day waiting for developments and at about 6 P.M. just as our six were making arrangements for the nights sleep & bed it developed by our being attacked by "Stonewall" Jacksons force in our rear, and driven hilter skilter back  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile or more across the plank road and into a deep ravine loosing about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Regt Killed, and wounded and missing Cannot tell who are Killed and wounded. Hopkins, Bacon & Scott gone. I recd a ball in & through Knapsack & lodged in my clothing & bruised my shoulder
- (S) May 2d Heavy firing and just at night were attacked in rear by Stonewall Jackson and driven Hilter Skilter back to 12th corps.

across the plank Road, Recd a ball in my Knapsack & blanket but saved my bacon this time; St John with me, Struck I2 corps after seeing Cav fight up ravine & went down & found & Formed with flag in a deep ravine where I2th corps had slight breast works and went up ravine and picked up more men of regt than was with flag and recd compliments of Lt Col. Loomis & Capt Fay with promise of promotion. Hopkins Porter & Bacon missing from our squad of six. <sup>7</sup>

(D) 3rd slept little last night a tremendous fire of cannon & musetry at sunrise & continues untill II A.M. & commenced again in PM an awful slaughter on both sides, gained but little.

(L) 3rd Little sleep last night for either Army I think. I went a long way up the ravine and picked up a good squad of the regiment and took them to the flag and received compliments of Lt Col & Capt with a promise of first promotion in the regt. Heavy fight between I2th & 2d corps & Jacksons troops last night and the ball opens in earnest at sunrise and continues till about II AM and again in PM. (we were stationed along on left flank I should think and did not participate to day. Heavy loss on both sides as the streams of wounded passing by show for us and I think little has been gained to day E J Bacon put in an appearance this morning much to the joy of all. My shoulder blade very sore and cannot wear my Knapsack. But F. St. John & I have the only ones saved in the company.

(S) 3rd Bacon returned this AM. Report of Gen Stonewell Jackson killed. We lost  $\frac{1}{2}$  Regt in Killed, Wounded & Missing Ball opened and the heavy fight of the battle on this forenoon and we are not victorious to say the least F. St. John & myself have

the only Knapsacks in regt. Adgt Killed and consequently did not know of order to retreat when regt did.

- (D) 4th warm. but little fighting to day, lay in rifle pits all day.  
Fight near Fredericksburg
- (L) 4th On picket last night near the reb lines and near the road to Fredericksburg. Rebs seem to be moving in that direction all night and have a fight with a corps of our army which have crossed below the city, we lie in the hurriedly constructed breast works all day
- (S) 4th on picket last night as Sargeant of Picket with no commission officer. near Fredericksburg road. & heavy movement of trains & troops in that direction all night & so I reported to Officer of picket
- (D) 5th lay in pits untill night & was relieved just in time to take a tremendous soaking
- (L) 5 Lie in works all day (which we have strenghtened by spade and trees, until night and are relieved just in time to take a tremendous soaking and are liable to put in a wet night)
- (S) 5th strengthened breast works & lie in camp
- (D) 6th rained last night. retreated across the river at day light towards Stafford.
- (L) 6 Rained all night, Cloudy Retreated across the River at day light and slowly took up our march towards Stafford C.H.  
(Chancellorsville a grand fizzle with no end of loss of life, suffering, etc etc.)
- (S) 6th Heavy rain last night. Retreated across Rappahannock this

AM. Chancellorsville a big fizzle with no end of suffering  
loss of life etc etc

(D) 7th wet & cool, reach the old camp in AM

(L) 7 Wet and cool Reach the old camp near Stafford this fore noon  
(and some of the boys got into a bbl of Booze and get quite loud)

(S) 7th Reached our old camp at Stafford CH. & boys got in a bbl  
of booze & got quite loud.

(D) 8th Cloudy & cold. in camp. somewhat lonesome so many of the  
boys gone.

(L) 8 Cloudy and cold for May. In camp all day, very very lonesome,  
So many of the boys gone, 32 out of 65 who went into the fight.

(S) 8th Very lonesome; 32 out of 65 who went into the fight gone, but  
where we dont know <sup>9</sup>

6. UP TO GETTYSBURG.

May 9, 1863 to June 29, 1863.

- (D) 9th Cloudy nothing of note going on - recd some letters.
- (L) 9th Cloudy Nothing of note going on, very quiet Recieved some letters
- (D) 10th Sabbath, Warm, heard a sermon this PM recd a letter & photograph from Lucy.
- (L) 10 Sabbath. Warm again, Heard a sermon this PM and recived a letter and Photograph, from Lucy
- (D) 11th signed the pay roll this morning, very warm, recd a check for \$40.00 & \$12.00 in cash this evening of Pay-master Campbell, also had a corp drill this P.M.
- (L) May 11 Signed the pay rolls this morning and Sure enough get 4 months pay this PM. 12<sup>00</sup> cash and Check for \$40<sup>00</sup> of Paymaster Campbell - Also had a corps Drill this P.M. Very warm to day
- (S) 11th Recd. 4 months pay to day. 12\$ cash & check for \$40<sup>00</sup> which I sent home. Gen Steinwehr. Col Loomis. Col Loomis your Regt aint so bigger as it was any more
- (D) 12th warm sent my check & \$3.00 home to day
- (L) 12 Warm again Sent my check \$40<sup>00</sup> and 3<sup>00</sup> cash home to day
- (D) 13th Cloudy, detailed as orderly for Brigade Hd Qrs at m to day.
- (L) 13 Cloudy Am detailed as orderly for Brigade Head Quarters (Gen Bushbecks) and go on duty at noon

- (D) I4th Cloudy, rained a little last night, most of the boys on picket
- (L) I4 Cloudy again And rained a little last night Most of the boys on picket, I at Brigade Head Quarters till noon
- (D) I5 th in camp to day
- (L) I5 In camp All day - Nothing going on
- (D) I6th Went to Div Hos & Brooks Station & saw our sick & wounded & in PM wrote for the Capt etc
- (L) I6 Went down to Div Hospital and saw our sick and wounded from Chancellorsville, wounded doing will Hopkins and Porter from our tent in good Spirits. Also down to Brooks Station this A.M. and in the P.M. wrote for the Captain etc etc
- (S) I6th Went to Div Hospital & found Hopkins & Porter from our six. wounded but in good spirits. Jenkins slightly wounded & paptured so reported
- (D) I7 Sabbath pleasant & warm
- (L) I7 Sabbath. Pleasant & warm
- (D) I8th " "
- (L) I8 Monday " "
- (D) I9th nothing of importance going on in camp.
- (L) I9 In camp nothing of importance going on in camp
- (D) 20th some of the boys go on picket to day
- (L) 20 In camp to day Part of the company go on picket
- (D) 21st heard from 2I of our Co from Annapolis<sup>2</sup> who are parded prisoners very warm

- (L) 2I Heard from Twenty One (2I) of our company from Annapolis who are paroled prisoners Very warm to day
- (S) 2Ist Heard from 2I of our Co. At Annapolis who are paroled prisoners
- (D) May 22nd 9 months in the service to day. Very warm, all quiet in camp.
- (L) 22 Sent my old Memoranda Book Home with instructions not to open untill after I came or was sure I was dead (To Lucy)
- (S) 22d sent my old Mem. Book home with instructions not to open. (To Lucy) until sure I would never return.
- (D) 23rd ditto
- (D) May 24th Sunday warm. inspection at 8 AM sermon at 9 A.M.
- (D) 25th Cloudy & Cool.
- (D) 26th Cloudy & Cool, no letters to night.
- (D) 27th Pleasant, got up before noon, go into the woods & clear of ground etc for a new Camp ground in PM no letter to night.
- (D) 28th moved to our new camp this AM & built a nice summer shanty etc
- (D) 29 warm & pleasant Clear up etc around camp
- (D) 30th signs of rain. Was nothing of importance going on to day.<sup>3</sup>
- (D) June 1st 1863 Pleasant This morning finds me at Camp Noyes with nothing of importance going on in camp
- (L) June I Got a new Memoranda or cheap pass book and will commence again Pleasant to day This morning finds me in Camp Noyes,



(Named after our Adgt. Killed at Chancellorsville)<sup>4</sup> with nothing of importance going on in camp

- (S) June 1st camp named Camp Noyes after our brave Adgt. Killed at Chancellorsville.
- (D) 2nd Pleasant, usual battallion & skirmish drill to day.
- (L) 2 Pleasant The usual Battallion and Skirmish drill to day
- (D) 3rd Pleasant. On guard at Brigade Hd Quarters in PM
- (L) 3 Pleasant In camp in AM and on guard at Brigade Head Quarters in P.M. (corporal of guard)
- (D) 4th Warm At Hd Qrs in AM Marching orders at night to start at 5 AM, whole Brigade marched out & stood for 15 or 20 minutes & returned to camp<sup>5</sup>
- (L) 4 Warm at Brigade Head quarters in AM. Have marching orders to night to start at 5 AM
- (S) 4th marching orders.
- (D) 5th Cloudy & I shower Very warm.
- (L) 5 Cloudy and very warm with a shower Whole Brigade marched out and stood 15 or 20 minutes ~~were~~ were ~~exede~~ ordered back to camp. (Cause skirmishing up the river
- (S) 5th Whole brigade moved out and stood in line a short time and returned to camp. Cause heavy skirmishing up river.<sup>6</sup>
- (D) 6th Cooler drill as usual.
- (L) 6 Cooler Drill as usual to day
- (D) 7th Cool. drill etc
- (L) 7 cool Drill etc etc

- (D) 8th warm drill as usual
- (L) 8 Warm again. Drill Drill Drill
- (D) 9th Warm & Pleasant. drill and target shooting as usual I made the best shot at target (---?---)
- (L) 9 Warm and pleasant Drill and target shooting for a change. I made the best shot in the company to day. Orderly next.
- (S) 9th target practice and I had the honor of bringing in the target. Orderly a close second.
- (D) 10th Pleasant usual (---?---)
- (L) 10 Pleasant As usual drill
- (D) 11th Warm, Regt go on picket at 5 P.M. I am orderly. at Div Hd Quarters to day. & it is run from Hd Qars to Hd Qrs all day
- (L) 11 Warm Regiment most all go on picket at 5 AM. But I am sent to Div Head quarters as orderly again, And it is run from Head quarters to Brigade Hd quarters all day, signs of a move
- (D) 12 Very warm, go out on the picket lines this AM. to get my pay, but before our Co are paid the picket in (---?---) in, we pack up & (---?---) at 2 PM, go 11 miles to (---?---) & put up for the night
- (L) June 12 Very warm Got orders to go on picket line this A.M. and go out, but soon get orders to return and pack up and start on the march at 2 PM Go(11)(Eleven Miles and camp for the night
- (S) June 12th Started on our long Gettysburg campaign to day. 11 miles.
- (D) 13th Start on very early (---?---) very (-----?-----) Centerville reach (---?---), near the RR from Rappahannock

- Station. to Alexandria make over 20 miles to day
- (L) I3 Start on this morning, very Hot and a round about way to Richmond as we soon strike the RR from Rappahannock Station to Alexandria they say, Make over 20 miles to day
- (S) I3th Along the Alexandria & Rappahannock Sta Ry. 20 miles.
- (D) I4th Sunday. on the road again travel near the R.R. most of the day, & camp on Bull Run Creek, about 20 miles to day
- (L) I4 Sunday On the road again. Travel near and along the Rail Road most of the day and camp on Bull Run Creek or River, Ran on to some of Yankee pickets before we halted at night and scared them very much or more. Made over 20 Miles and my feet are one mass of Blisters and sit with them in the Creek a long time to night
- (S) I4th Sunday on the road and at night run on our pickets at Bull Run. 2d battle ground and put them in great commotion. 20 miles & feet all one blister, and kept them in the creek a good share of night.<sup>7</sup>
- (D) I5th Very warm, feet all blisters, but go on this AM 3 miles to Centerville & Camp.<sup>8</sup> think we shall have another Bull Run
- (L) I5 Very warm Feet all blisters, but go on a few miles to near Centerville and camp. Think we may have another Bull Run
- (S) I5th feet bad but go on and camp near Centerville again. Perhaps are to have another Bull Run.
- (D) I6th hot, lie in camp all day No mail since we left Camp Noyes But news, A report that a large force of Rebs in PA. the whole of the line of the Rappahannock abandoned, (-----?-----)

- (L) I6 Hot Lie in camp all day No Mail since we left Camp Noyse  
But war news is a report that a large Rebel force over the  
Mountains near Port Royal<sup>9</sup> and the whole line of the  
Rappahannock abandoned with Lee up the Valley
- (S) I6th Report of heavy rebel force over in valley near Front  
Royal. and whole line of Rappahannock abandoned
- (D) I7th June A very warm day. Get up at 3 A.M. Strike tents &  
march at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  AM go I5 miles in AM to Orleans in PM go 5 miles  
to Go(-?-) Creek which we ford & encamp, have a fine swim.
- (L) I7 A very warm day Get up at 3 - A.M. Strike tents and March  
at 4-30. AM. and March I5 miles to Orleans, And in PM 5 miles  
to Goose creek which we ford and camp. and have a fine swim  
at night.
- (S) I7th March at 4<sup>30</sup> I5 miles to Orleans & in PM to Goose creek  
& take a good swim. awful hot. <sup>10</sup>
- (D) I8th the warmest day I have seen in Va. lay in the shade in  
A.M. & at m moved back across the creek I mile had a shower in PM
- (L) I8 The warmest day I have seen in Virginia Lie in the shade all  
AM and at noon, moved back across the creek about a mile. Had  
a shower
- (S) I8th Hottest day ever saw in Va. Moved back across the creek a  
mile <sup>11</sup>
- (D) I9th rained last night Cloudy & warm, lie still all day,  
rained very hard in the evening
- (L) I9 Rained last night. Cloudy and warm. Lie still all day.  
Rained very hard in the evening

- (D) 20th Cloudy & cool, send a letter home this morning.
- (L) 20 Cloudy and cooler. Send a letter home this morning, in camp all day
- (D) Sunday 21st Pleasant, on Guard at Brig Hd Qrs in PM. all quiet along the lines but cannonading all day in the direction of Middleburg & Winchester. (a Cavalry fight)<sup>12</sup>
- (L) 21 Pleasant On guard at Brigade Hd Qrs in the P.M. All quiet here but but heavy cannonading all day in the direction of Middleburg and Winchester. A heavy Cavalry and artillery fight.
- (S) 21st orderly at brigade Hd Qrs. Heavy firing in direction of Winchester. Cavalry and artillery
- (D) 22nd On guard in AM. & at m pack up & go 3 or 4 miles to a ford up the creek
- (L) 22 On Guard at Brigade Head quarters this AM and at noon pack up once more and in the P.M. move up Goose Creek 3 or 4 miles to a ford as an advance, or outpost
- (S) 22d Move up the creek a few miles towards Snickers Gap in support of Cav.
- (D) 23rd Slept with my straps on last night, but every thing was quiet except amongst the sheep & bee hives etc
- (L) 23 Slept with our Straps on last night, ready for emergencies, but every thing was quiet except amongst the sheep and bee hives etc
- (S) 23rd Slept in our accouterments last night ready for emergencies, Cherries. Bees. Honey & sheep plenty & good eating
- (D) 24th Pleasant, go cherrying in the morning, have orders to pack

up & march at 10 A.M. march about 10 miles to Edwards Ferry on Potomac.

(L) 24 Pleasant. and all quiet. Go cherrying this morning Have orders to pack once more at 10 AM and march 10 miles to Edwards Ferry at mouth of Goose Creek on the Potomac and camp

(S) 24th Pack & move 10 miles to Edwards Ferry at mouth of Goose Creek <sup>13</sup>

(D) 25th Clear & warm in AM Cloudy in PM. & rainy in evening March at 5.A.M. cross goose creek & Potomac River on Pontoons. Pass through Poolville by Sugar loaf Mount, cross the aquaduck on the canal, get my knapsack in Ambulance at m. cross over a spur of blue ridge in PM at a dog trot, stoped at dusk to rest & I came so near fainting that the first horn of Whiskey waked me up & I got on the Drs horse & rode 2 miles to Jefferson Md. where we encamped.

(L) June 25 Clear and warm in the morning, Cloudy in PM. and rainy in the evening. March at 5 AM across Goose Creek and the Potomac on pontoon bridges, Pass through Poolville. By Sugar Loaf Mountain. Cross the Aqueduct on the canal. And get my Knapsack carried by Ambulance for once as I am feeling rather poorly. Crossed over a spur of the Blue Ridge in afternoon at a dog trot, and at the foot of mountain stopped to rest and took a drink of warm water and came near fainting. But a drink from Dr Days canteen of Whiskey brought me out all right and I get on his horse and rode 2 miles to Jefferson. M.D. where we encamped for the night

(S) 25th About sick with Diarrhoea. bad water etc March at 5 AM

across Potomac. pass Poolville Sugar loaf Mountain. across the aqueduct on canal and get Knapsack carried for first time. so weak Crossed over a spur of Blue Ridge and at a dog Trot and at foot nearly fainted but a drink of Dr Days canteen and a ride on his little mare for 2 miles brought us to Jefferson & camp for night. Ride up the cut in Road all right <sup>14</sup>

(D) June 26th Rainy & rained all night do not march this AM. Start on about noon, Passed through Jefferson, & through Middletown (a quite large & handsome town) to South Mountain & encamp. loyalty Shows itself get lots of good living.

(L) 26 Rained all night, Lie in camp this AM. but start on about noon through a fine country Pass through Jefferson, a quite pretty little town and Middletown, a quite large and handsome town to South Mountain and encamp for the night Loyalty shows itself on every hand here for the first time and we get lots of good living.

(S) 26th camp in AM. Fine country & Loyal. Pass through Jefferson a pretty town & Middletown a large place to foot of South Mountain & camp. Loyalty shows on every hand and we get lots of good living <sup>15</sup>

(D) June 27th Cloudy. Went on picket on the top of South Mountain & where a battle was fought Sept 14th 1862. Got lots of good living. Trees & rails full of bullets etc etc.

(L) <sup>16</sup> 27 Cloudy. Went on picket on the top of South Mountain and where a battle was fought Sept 14/62 Climbed the steep and rocky south side and find a fine field of oats on top and farther on plenty of evidences of the fierce contest of last

Sept. Rocks, trees, fences. all show where shot and shell did their work and numerous graves tell the old story of brave Confederates who were buried where they fell.

- (S) 27th Took about 40 men on top of South Mt. where the battle was fought Sept 14th/62. and find full evidence of the sharp contest on every hand. splintered rails. scarred rocks. & graves etc, but, why am I in command of so many men alone all day? but got along and had good living from the farm house on the other side & relieved at night.
- (D) 28th Sabbath, lots of co in camp to day. had a sermon in AM Marched at 4 PM; marched 10 miles to Frederick City.
- (L) 28 Sabbath once more. And a great deal of company in camp to day from the surrounding country. Also had a sermon in the morning Started out after Lee once more at 4 PM and marched 10 miles to Frederick City and camped.
- (S) 28th Great amount of company in camp from surrounding country and all show their loyalty. How different from across the Potomac. Marched 10 miles to Frederick City & camped. <sup>17</sup> (famous for Barbara Fritsche in song.)<sub>18</sub>
- (D) 29th Cloudy & wet, started on at 4 AM. Passed through Utica & Creagers town 14 miles before dinner & 6 miles in P.M. to Emmettsburg & encamped.
- (L) 29 Cloudy and wet. Started on at 4 oclock AM. Passed through Utica and Creagers town Made 14 miles this forenoon and 6 miles in the PM to Emmittsburg and encamped for the night Quite pleasant place in a pleasant country
- (S) 29th Passed Utica & Creagers and camped at Emmettsburgh. <sup>19</sup>



7. CAPTURE AT GETTYSBURG.  
June 30, 1863 to July 10, 1863.

- (D) 30th & last day of June, Cloudy & (-?-) Muster day etc, lay in camp untill most night & then pulled up & moved about 2 miles & encamped for the night.
- (L) 30 Last day of June cloudy and cooler. Muster day and rest. Lie in camp till most night and pack up again an move about two miles and camp for the night Lee's troops cannot be far off, from reports and the number of aids on duty at head quarters.
- (S) 30th Reports of Lees army in close proximity and aids flying in all directions.
- (D) July 1st 63 left Emmettsburg early & traveled very hard in the rain & mud untill I P.M. when we hauled up in front of Gettysburg in the midst of a battle, stopped to rest an hour & then were sent to the front, fought well were surrounded & taken prisoner marched back to the rear of the town & (---?---) night.
- (L) July 1 Left Emmettsburg early and traveled very hard in the rain and mud. Am about sick to day with diarraeh and cannot keep up with the regiment but get along as fast as I can Infantry have to take the fields and woods and Artilery go by in the road on the run and can hear firing ahead reported at Gettysburg Came up with the regiment at Cemetery Hill in the village of Gettysburg with heavy fighting in front by cavalry

and the 1st Corps. Stopped to rest - get water, and a cold lunch Cleaned and loaded guns, inspect amunition, etc and were marched down through the village and into the fight on the right of the road with the 134th NY. on our right who were soon repulsed and we changed front to the east but the Rebs were soon on both flanks and in our rear and nearly every man captured and hustled to the rear, was nearly the last one captured in Reg and was greatly surprised to find so many of the Reg. when I got back to prison camp, When being taken back a reb, gave me a basket of cherries which he said he would not need as he was going to the front Some heavy Artillery work and some infantry fighting mostly on our right which shows our men have to fall back a little Rebs being heavily reinforced every hour.

(S) July 1st 1863 Left Emmettsburg early & traveled in rain & mud, at double-quick, when able. About sick with diarrhoea again and fall out often. Infantry take the fields & Artillery the roads at a full gallop. with cannonading in front. full & fast reported at Cemetery hill Gettysburg soon after noon. fill canteens. clean & load guns. get a bite of tack & sowbelly. and with 134th N.Y. & 27th Pa go in. Meet wounded of 1st Corps & Cav being carried back. March through to lower part of town. file to right and meet the enemy but are soon flanked, & change front & soon surrounded by main st being taken & we litterally gobbled. (Lt Jenkins just returned from a prisoner at Chancellorsville & says "Ill never surrender again") etc etc but captured just the same.) The first impression of southern hospitality I recd was a basket of cherries from a Reb. as I

was being escorted to the rear by a reb on each side. He said "here Yank you will need these before I shall." Well that was about the only chance I got at Southern Hospitality for nearly two years I was boarding with them. My impression of this days fight as I lay there on Willoughby run was that Mead who had first taken command of the army was badly licked; but at night we could see that we still held cemetery hill and the range now called little Round Top. & Round Top.<sup>2</sup>

- (D) July 2nd Cloudy, moved of to the northwest of the town this A.M. Very hard fighting from 4 PM untill 8 in which I should think our forces fell back a little.
- (L) July 2 Cloudy. We were moved off to the northwest of the town this morning Some terrible hard fighting at times and especially from about 4 PM till dark it was awful, and think our forces fell back a little, but still hold cemetery hill and the hills back on left and right
- (S) July 2d We were moved to the NW. of the town a short distance this AM. Some terribly hard fighting and espescially from 3 or 4 PM till dark. but could still see that Mead held the heights back of the village and along Rocky Run
- (D) July 3rd Cloudy got a little beef this morning, Provisions are getting very low. Rebel officers want to parole us & send us across our lines at Carlisle, contrary to Hallecks Orders. the whole Regt raise their hands in favor of City Point (via) Richmond some Regts to C- & some divide third day of battle. ball opens this morning at daylight with heavy fighting & lasts about 2 hours & again at noon & sounds like Chancellorsville & lasts about 6 PM

- (L) 3 Cloudy. Not much heavy fighting last night Got a little freash Beef this morning. Provisions are getting very low with me and all of us. Rebel officers want to parole us and send us across our lines at Carlisle Contrary to Hallecks orders. <sup>3</sup> The whole Regiment (we are most all here except the staff) raised their hands in favor of City Point via Richmond. Some prisoners take parole but most stay. Third day of Battle. Ball opens at daylight this morning and lasts 2 hours and again at noon a little and at about 3 PM it sounds like Chancellorsville very heavy. but believe our forces hold their own
- (S) 3rd Not much heavy fighting last night. Provisions low. Rebs drove in a few cattle which we soon slaughtered and had cooking Rebel officers come amongst us and offer to parole all who wish. The whole Regt. (we are nearly all here) about 60 went with Cav from Emmettsburg held up their hands not to take a parole, as we did not believe they could get us across the Potomac. Ball opened at daylight for a little time over on Rocky Run. And at 3 PM. it sounds like Chancellorsville. (This last was Picketts charge) but we see Mead is holding his own.
- (D) July 4th Independence Day A Prisoner; Cloudy & rainy. Get a pint of flour for 3 this morning. pack up & move a mile & half to the rear & right of rebel lines, halt & get a quart of flour for 3 & a little beef & about IIoc are ordered to fall in again march untill 6 PM in rain & mud up to our knees & cook our flour & lie down in the rain, but to sleep but very little
- (L) July 4 Independence day and I a prisoner. Cloudy and rainy We get a pint of flour for every three (3) this morning. Pack up

and move about a mile and half to rear and right of rebel lines halt and get a quart of flour for three (3) and a little Beef and at II. oclock are ordered to fall in again. March untill about 6 PM in an awful heavy rain storm and Mud Mud up to our knees almost, cook our flour and lie down in the rain, but to sleep very little.

(S) July 4th Independence day & I a prisoner in the hands of the Rebs Reb pickets line in front of us & Reb army falling back got a pint of flour for three this morning & a qt for 3 this P.M. and a little fresh beef. March out across the R.R. in one of the hardest rains I ever knew and camp in the rain but not to sleep much

(D) 5th Cloudy & rainy start about 10 AM. very muddy & go very slow pass through Fair(-?-) & stop 2 or 3 hours & then (-?-) very slowly untill 10 PM & encamp on the top of the South Mountain range.

(L) 5 Cloudy and rainy. We start out about 10. AM Very Muddy and we go very slowly, on our way to Dixies Capital. Halt a while and finally move slowly on and encamp for the night on the top of the South Mountain range tired and hungry Tried my best to elude the guards in the darkness to night on the way up the mountain but failed Sunday

(S) Sunday July 5th Started out very slowly for Dixies Capital Had a bad Diarrhoea and made that a pretext to stop very often and in going over a spur of South Mts after dark tried several times to get outside of guards and escape in a ravine but the guard stayed with me like another kind of Grayback which were getting to be very plenty about this time and finally pushed me

into the ranks with his bayonet and some very strong language. Camped on top of Ridge for night.

- (D) 6th<sup>4</sup> Cloudy start down the mountain at about 10 A.M. & march ~~for~~ 3 or 4 miles & halt 6 hours near a small place called Waterloo & see the rebel troops go it on a retreat, get a little more flour, am getting very hungry. start on again about 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  P.M. & stand around & travel & stand untill morning & get some breakfast etc (Passed Wanseborough & Leattaceburg)<sup>5</sup> & then passed through a large town (Hagerstown) & encamp for the night. get a little flour & beef
- (L) 6th Start down the mountain at about 10 AM and move 3 or 4 miles and halt 6 hours near a small place, Waterloo. And see the rebel troops go by on a retreat sure. Get a little more flour here. Am getting very hungry Started on again at 5<sup>30</sup> PM and stand around and travel and stand around again till morning
- (L) 7 Rebels in a tight place we think if our men only knew how much so. Get a little breakfast and travel again Passed through Wanesborough and Latticeburg, small towns, and then through Hagerstown which is quite a large town and encamp for the night. Get a little more flour here The Johnnies are surely getting us towards the Potomac and may get us to Richmond
- (S) 7th Awful Hungry Passed through Waterloo. Waynesborough. Latticeburg & Hagerstown. near the Potomac. A little cavalry ~~at~~ fight at Hagerstown just before we got there and several of our cav. lying around unburied.<sup>6</sup> Saw two or three miles of the Reb Train captured by our Cav. eve of 6th but the rebs are surely getting us on towards their own territory again. but Rebs

are in a tight fix if our men only knew how tight  
7th & 8th moved around a little

- (D) 8th Cloudy & rainy. Start for the river about m & go 50 rods & stand an hour & march back to camp again. get  $\frac{1}{2}$  Pint flour & a little beef to a man
- (L) 8th Cloudy and rainy. Started on about noon and go only about 50 rods and stand around an hour and return to last nights camp Get  $\frac{1}{2}$  Pint of flour and a little beef to a man and camp for all night
- (D) 9th Cloudy. All Hungry as bears, pay any price for nothing Start out again for the river at about 2 PM, Stood & laid around in the mud untill midnight & then crossed the river in 4 pontoons, bought a little flour at Williamsport (the crossing place
- (L) 9 Cloudy, All as hungry as Bears and pay any price for any thing to eat Leave camp about 2 PM. Bot a little flour at Williamsport near where we crossed the river. Stood and laid around in the mud until most night and crossed the river by pontoon boats. 4 boats on a line across the river. Each one going a part of the way and unloading in the next one. Camped on the Virginia side once more.
- (S) and at eve of 9th were crossed in skiffs or pontoon boats string on a line across the Potomac. 4 boats on the line & we changed boats
- (D) 10th Clear & warm, Prisoners all got across this morning, start on for Richmond at m & go 14 miles Pass through Martinsburg (mostly (-?-) The people seemed willing to (--?--) but the

guards was mad because they couldnt get it, & wouldnt (---?---)  
or they into the ranks

(L) July 10 Clear and warm Prisoners all put across the Potomac  
this A.M. about 4,000 of us and at noon we started on for  
Richmond Travel about 14 miles passing through Martinsburg  
People mostly friendly and when guards would let them would  
trade and give us eatables, but the new guards we got over us  
at the river were mad and would not give them a chance often to  
come inside the lines

(S) 10th prisoners all got across, about 4000 of us, and started  
on for Richmond. Hungry no name for it

(D) July 11th Cloudy & warm, marched to Bunker Hill in A.M. & there  
drew 2 tea biscuits & a little beef for a days ration in P.M.  
went untill 2 A.M.

(L) 11 Cloudy but warm. Start on this AM and march to Bunker Hill  
there drew (2) two tea biscuit and a little beef for a days  
ration and moved on slowly all PM and untill 2 oclock in the  
night

(D) Sunday July 12th & encamped a mile east of Winchester, started  
on this A.M. about 11<sup>OC</sup> & came 10 miles & encamped & drew a  
pound &  $\frac{1}{3}$  of flour & a pound of beef (Cloudy)

(L) 12 Sunday, Encamped last night one (1) mile outside of  
Winchester Started out at (11.) eleven oclock and marched about  
10 miles and encamped and drew  $1\frac{1}{3}$  Flour and  $1\frac{1}{3}$  of beef each  
Cloudy

(D) 13th Rained very hard most of the day, got wet as a drowned

8. On to Richmond.  
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rat came 15 miles, passed through Newtown.

- (L) 13 Started out in the rain and got as wet as a drowned rat. Rained nearly all day Passed through New Town. Made about 15 miles to day
- (D) 14th Cloudy & wet. Came 22 miles Passed Strasburg, Woodstock, Edinburg, nothing to eat got with the officers at night & got a little dough bread for my supper
- (L) 14th Cloudy & wet Marched 22 miles to day on the road to Richmond, up the She Senandoah Valley Passed through Strasburg, Woodstock, Edinburg etc Nothing to eat. Got with the officers at night who have been seperated from us since crössing the Potomac, and got a little dough bread for my supper.
- (D) 15th Cloudy, Marched all day, passed through Newmarket & Mount Jackson, drew a little flour & meat
- (L) 15 Cloudy. Marched all day up the Valley Passed through New Market and Mount Jackson Drew a little flour and meat, Wet up our flour and water without salt and wind it on a stick and bake it on coals or before a pine rail fire Meat likewise without salt but find a little ashes a good substitute
- (D) 16th Cloudy & rained very hard in the afternoon, drew  $3\frac{1}{2}$  Hardtack & a little bacon, quite cool 18 miles
- (L) July 16 Cloudy again to day which is to our benefit. and quite cool. Rained very hard in the PM Drew  $3\frac{1}{2}$  Hard tack each and a little bacon 18 miles nearer our Journeys end to night
- (D) 17th Cloudy & cool, feel quite well as we are getting near Stanton where we expect to take the Cars, made 18 miles, drew 2 tack & 2 inches of R

- (L) 17 Cloudy & cool again to day. this country abounds in fine large fine springs, the largest where we stopped over night would furnish water for a good sized saw or flour mill Feel quite well to day as we are getting near Staunton where we expect to take the cars for Richmond Made 18 miles to day and drew two (2) tack and 2 inches bacon each.
- (D) 18th Cloudy, start at 7am & go through Stanton & halt a mile to the right of the town & have our rubber blankets & tents taken from us (all that we have & lay by in the open air & sun (-?-) a pint of flour & 2 inches of bacon
- (L) 18 Cloudy again up in these mountains Start at 7 AM and go through to Staunton and halt a mile to the right of the town and have our rubber blankets and tents taken from us. All that we have to keep us from the hot sun and storms and camped on an hillside sloping to the south where we get the full benefit of both sun & storm Got a little flour and 2 inches of bacon
- (S) July 18th found us at Staunton out in center of Va. having passed the length of the beautiful Shenendoah Valley with its beautiful springs, many battle fields etc etc and fine villages and farms and taunting Reb women to sneer & stare at us While in need and amongst union people I managed to write a few lines home and gave it to a young miss. who brought us a little to eat also, and she said she would stamp it and forward to its address, which she did and it was duly received by my Father.
- (D) 19th Sabbath, what a sabbath for a prisoner, have got my bible left have but little to eat & a plenty of help to eat it. One squad started on the cars for Richmond this A.M.

- (L) 19 Sunday. The Sabbath. But what a sabbath for a prisoner. Have got my bible left and can read. We have but a little to eat and a plenty of help to eat it. One squad started on the cars for Richmond this AM.
- (S) 19th One squad started on cars for Richmond
- (D) 20th (Warm) 700 Start this A.M. for Richmond lie in the sun all day.
- (L) 20 Warm to day on this sandy side hill. 700 more start for Richmond, but I lie in the sun all day
- (S) 20th about 700 more started for Richmond but I lie on the south side of a hill in the sun all day The rebs having taken our pup tents and Rubber blankets for their own use.
- (D) 21st Cloudy, make a break to get off with the 3rd squad this AM. but got defeated & consequently have to try the sun & air another day.
- (L) 21 Cloudy. Made a break to get off with the 3rd squad for Richmond this morning, but got defeated and consequently have to try the sun and side hill and air another day with the boys who remain at Staunton.
- (S) 21st Made a break to get off, but am defeated and try the sand & sun another day
- (D) 22nd Sunny & hot march off to the Depot in the A.M. & lie in the sun & dirt all day waiting for the train but no train came & were marched back to camp at night.
- (L) July 22 Sunny and Hot. Were marched of to the depot in the AM. and lie around in the sun and dirt all day waiting for the

train but no train came and we were marched back to camp on the side hill for the night

(S) 22d Marched to depot. No train to day & were marched back again

(D) 23rd Clear & hot, am somewhat dilapidated by hard usage & hard feed this AM. go to the depot again this morning (---?) at 2 PM start for Richmond, in & on a (-?-) go through Waynesborough & through the Blue Ridge Mts (tunnels), Charlottesville Gordonsville & arrive in Richmond

(I) 23 Clear and very hot, I am somewhat dilapidated by hard usage and hard feed this morning. Go to the depot again this morning where the first of the Rebs is to gobble our canteens, but before they mine it fell between my heel and a rock and got so dilapidated they would not have it. Boarded the cars for Richmond. Passed through Waynesborough, through the tunnels of the Blue Ridge Mts, Charlottsville Gordonville and arrived at Richmond in morning

(S) 23rd Marched out to Depot again where the Rebs tried to get our canteens but before they got mine it got between my heel and a rock and they would not accept it. Sorry. Boarded Train and passed through Waynesborough Blue Ridge Mts, Charlottsville, Gordonsville and arrived at

Isle.  
9. A PRISONER AT BELLE ISLAND.  
July 24, 1863 to February 24, 1864.

- (D) July 24th 8.AM. 136 miles, <sup>marched</sup> are through the city across James river & onto Belle Island & registered & squadded have our canteens & haversacks taken away (smashed my canteen) etc etc, drew a little bread & Slop for supper, & camped down in the (-?-)
- (L) July 24 at 8.A.M., 136 Miles. Are <sup>marched</sup> to Libby & Castle Thunder but no room at either and are marched through the city, across the river and on to Belle Island and Names Co and Regt etc ~~are~~ taken. Those having canteens and haversacks were relieved of them. Drew a little bread and slop for supper and camped down for the night where so many poor fellows have camped before (Think Richmond quite a fine city from what we saw of it. And on our way to Belle Island camp passed through the famous Tredager Iron Works situated on the upper part of the Island which were in full blast.
- (S) and arrived at Richmond in morning of July 24/63. The great cry had been for the past year with and for our army "On to Richmond". and here we are at last. A few of us have reach the goal. But what a "goal" to us and what shape compared with that which we had expected. Dirty. ragged. and ravenously hungry, we arrived at the Confederate capital. and emerged from a dirty box car to a hot, dirty, dusty. street along which we are marched, without any very enchanting smiles from the Gaping,

impudent looking rebels. Men & women and first stopping at what was known as Castle Thunder which no doubt you have heard more or less about. That being used by the rebels most of the time during the war for the more dangerous class of prisoners such as spies, deserters; bushwhackers and a large class of political prisoners held on various charges. There the guard were told "There was no room for us there." and back we were marched to the larger prisons of "Libby" and Pemberton Bld and There we got the same cry. "No room for dose men yere" and if the faces at the windows was any criterion to go by. they told the truth. for every window was full. And some sorrowful faces too I can assure you. but not so much so as we saw 7 or 8 months afterwards peering from the same windows or while we were in Pemberton before starting for Andersonville. And as we were started on across the long bridge across the James River we saw for the first time on the side of Libby facing the river the well known sign "Thomas Libby & Son." We crossed over and entered the Island called "Belle Island" from the upper end where was situated the greatest foundries of the Confederacy. The Tredager Iron Works which we passed directly through seeing the men at work stripped to the waist handling the heavy Red Hot Iron. before the red hot furnaces. And so on down the Island. to the lower end where we stood around in the hot sun and gave our names Cos. Regts. etc. Here we were searched again for money, canteens, haversacks etc. Counted off into Squads of 90.ies and given a small piece of bread and a little slop. (called soup sometimes) and turned into the embankment. (called Prison) where we found about 3000. ahead of us, to occupy the tents

there and where we camp down in the lousy sand where so many had been before us without tent or shelter<sup>3</sup>

- (D) 25th Very Warm, drew  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a loaf of bread &  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches of bacon for breakfast at 10AAM &  $\frac{1}{8}$  loaf & a pint of slop for supper. have no tents or any thing but an occasional cloud to keep off the scorching heat
- (L) 25 Very Warm to day DDew  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a small loaf of bread and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in square of Bacon for breakfast at 10 AM and  $\frac{1}{8}$  loaf and a pint of bean or pea slop for supper Have no tents or blankets to keep off the hot sun but an occasional cloud and nothing to protect from rain or storm
- (S) July 25th Awful warm to day. Drew  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a very small loaf of bread and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  square in of poor bacon at 10 A.M. for breakfast and same of bread and a pint of that same pea or bean soup about 4 PM for supper. No. tent or blanket to protect us from hot sun or rain or the cool nights
- (D) 26th Warm very, but little to eat & 3000 to help me, showers in evening
- ((L) July 26 Very Warm. Hot. Hotter. Hottest Have very little to eat and over 3000 to help me and more coming every day
- (S) 26th Hot. Hotter. Hottest, and over 3000 to help enjoy it and more coming every day.
- (D) 27th Cloudy. showery & warm, a long day
- (L) 27 Cloudy. Showery, and warm, and the same old story for provisions.
- (D) 28th Very Warm, considerably (-----?-----) R.R. (---?---) (----?----) ration straight (-?-) in the afternoon got some

bean soup for supper.

- (L) 28 Very warm, considering a little breeze down the river. Got out and wrote a little while names, Reg, Co etc. of a lot of new prisoners and got an extra ration for supper which came in very handy.
- (S) 28th More prisoners. Call for writers from inside to take names Co. Reg etc and I got a job after two had tried and been sent back because insufficient and recd an extra big ration for it, which came in very handy for a few of us.
- (D) 29th Cloudy & rainy, got out to the river & washed & washed my shirt etc. no signs of leaving as far as I can see, (-?-) baked a cake of bread.
- (L) 29 Cloudy and Rainy Got out to the river (Potomac)<sup>4</sup> and took a good scrub and washed my shirt etc etc No signs of exchange, parole, or release. got a little flour and baked a little white bread.
- (S) 29th cloudy & rainy Got taken out to river and had a good scrub, and washed shirt etc. No signs of parole or exchange yet
- (D) 30th warm, cloudy, & showery, lie in the sun dirt & rain & take it, no tent, & no signs of getting away to city Point
- (L) 30 Warm, Cloudy and Showery and no tents. Lie in the Sun, dirt, and rain and take it. All very anxious to see City Point.
- (S) 30th Lie in sun, rain & dirt & take it. Am getting very anxious to see City Point. (parole point)
- (D) 31st Very Warm, last day of July & yet a prisoner, get our little piece of bread & river slop, or meat.
- (L) 31 Very Very Warm. Last day of July and still a prisoner Get our



little piece of bread and river slop (cow pea soup) or meat

- (D) August 1st Clear & very warm, breakfast at 10 AM. & Supper at 9 PM, about 100 Prisoners came in this PM, & about 1000 started for City Point
- (L) Aug 1 Clear and very warm, to oppression. Breakfast at 10 AM and supper at 9 PM. and About 100 prisoners (Fresh fish) came in the P.M. and about (1000) One thousand started for City Point
- (S) Aug 1st Very warm, to oppression. Breakfast at 10 A.M. supper 9 PM. 100 prisoners came in and about 1000. started for City Point
- (D) (---?---) very warm & very beautiful (----?----) but no (---?---) or any thing to (-----?-----) lay around Belle Island (---?) are marched out of camp & searched again for money, an all day job.
- (L) 2 Very warm again to day. but would be beautiful if we were only out of this mud, and in America again Were taken out of camp and marched about the Island a little and searched for money etc once more, an all days job and they got very little for it.
- (S) This would be a fine day if we were in America again, Were taken out of camp marched around a little while re-counted to fill up ranks of 90. full to see that no extra rations were issued. were searched again for Greenbacks, & valuables; very little found as those that had any had learned to care for them
- (D) 3rd Very Warm, lie still all day & at night the Co got a tent by putting it up.
- (L) 3 Hot again. Lie as still as possible around camp all day and

just at night our co. (squad) got a tent and put it up and can get out of the rain and hot sun.

(S) Aug 3rd Hotter. Our squad got a tent to night & put it up in short order and can keep sun and rain at a little distance

(D) 4th are marched out & divided into squads of 100 each 29I2 & all get tents dinner at 1 1/2 PM Clear & very warm

(L) Aug 4 Are all marched out of camp and divided off in squads or companies of 100. each. 29I2. and all got tents at last. Got our grub - breakfast - at 12-30. PM. Clear and warm

(D) 5th hot. no signs of getting away

(L) 5 Hot and no signs of any more getting off

(S) Aug 4th Run out of camp again and counted off again, this time into squads of 100. instad of 90. and new sergeant to draw rations for each 100 men & then we divide into 10. piles & one man divides the 10. rations & then has a man turn his back and as he puts his hand on a piece of meat or bread says Whose is this? 29I2 in camp. many sick

(D) 6th " " " " "

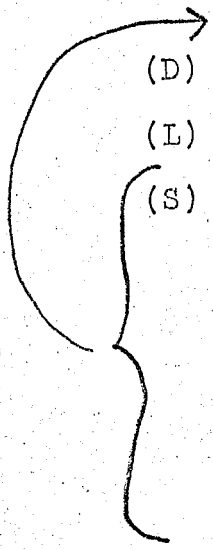
(L) 6 Hot and do do -----

(D) 7th A shower in P.M. Truman is quite sick & getting pretty weak.

(L) 7 Hot and a shower in the P.M. Truman A St John quite Sick and getting very weak

(S) 7th T.A.St John (one of our six) quite sick

(D) 8th very warm & a shower in the PM Sent Truman A.St John to the Hospital



- (L) 8 Very Warm and another shower this A.M. Sent T.A.St. John to the Hospital on Island to day
- (S) 8 Got St John out to Hospital on Island Diarrhoea. & fever. Hope he will soon get exchanged. Many sick but that soup & bugs & slop would kill a hog. (See Soup) full of little bugs or worms or of wevil nature (at first but now) no skimming off
- (D) 9th Sabbath, Clear & beautiful. (-?-) things quiet on Bell Island
- (L) 9 Sabbath again. Clear and beautiful above Old memoranda book so badly worn out with age I can scarcely make out all the words but think it says a few more sick taken out presumably for City Point and exchange but more likely to die in Hospital in Richmond
- (D) Aug 10th clear & hot, Got our breakfast or dinner at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  A.M. go away hunger & let us alone.
- (L) 10 Still clear and Hot Got our soup or dinner at 11:30 A.M. Oh go away hunger an let us alone
- (D) 11th hot hotter hottest, get up at 8 AM. hungry & no signes of getting of to City Point.
- (L) 11 Hot, Hotter, Hottest. Get up at 8 A.M. Hungry and no signs of getting off for City Point.
- (D) 12th Ditto of yesterday with a fine shower in the evening.
- (L) 12 Ditto of yesterday with a fine shower in evening
- (D) 13th got hold of 2 biscuit this morn. & got a little bread for a ration
- (L) 13 Got hold of two (2) biscuits this morning and got a little bread for a ration

- (D) 14th Clear in the A.M. & a hard rain in the evening, bread comes via guard bread riot by Paroled Prisoners etc
- (L) 14 Clear in AM. and a hard shower and rain in the evening Bread comes from or by way of the guards, and so little.
- (D) 15th Clear & Pleasant
- (L) 15 Clear and Pleasant Bread not for Paroled Prisoners (have forgotten what was meant)
- (D) 16th Another sabbath has rolled around & still Bell Island is my home & from all signes is like to be,
- (L) 16 Another Sabbath has come and gone and still Belle Island is our home and from all signs is like to be, for some time
- (D) 17th Clear & cooler, went out & were counted off into hundreds again,
- (L) <sup>17</sup> Clear but cooler. To many rations issued and were taken out and counted off into hundreds again This poor confederacy
- (D) 18th Cool, all quiet as usual.
- (L) Aug 18 Cooler All quiet in camp with nothing to do and less to eat
- (D) 19th Pleasant.
- (L) 19 Pleasant. Same as yesterday or more so.
- (D) 20th Cool nights & warm days, about 230 of the sick were sent over to the city this PM. & start for City Point
- (L) 20 Cool nights and hot days About 230 of the sick were sent over to the city (Richmond) at 4 P.M. and are supposed to start for City Point for exchange (Some well ones always buy their way out)

- (D) Aug 21st at 11 A.M. the first (---?) for 2 weeks. Fast day in  
in the C S.A
- (L) 21 At 11 AM. we got the first meat again for two (2) weeks.  
This is ~~Fast~~ Fast Day in the So called Confederate States of  
America (Its been fast day with us most two months)
- (S) Aug 21st Got first meat for two weeks It is a Fast Day by  
proclamation in Confederacy to day & has been for most 2 months  
with us
- (D) Aug 22nd Very warm.
- (L) 22 Very warm again
- (D) 23rd Scorching (Sunday in Belle Island again. Card playing and  
fighting the order of the day, Also heard that Charleston  
was taken.
- (L) 23 Scorching Hot. Sunday on Belle Island again, Card playing  
and fighting the order of the day Rumor in camp that Charleston  
was recaptured from the Rebs.
- (S) Aug 23. Card playing & Fighting the order of the day seemingly.  
Rumor that Charleston is captured from Rebs.<sup>5</sup>
- (D) 24th Almost intolerable warm. A squad of about 300 left for  
City Point in (---)
- (L) 24 Almost intolerable warm A squad of about 300. left for City  
Point (presumably)
- (D) 25th Cooler. 45 men new prisoners came in P.M.
- (L) 25 Cooler to day 45 New prisoners arrived to day
- (D) 26th Pleasant, cool last night.
- (L) 26 Pleasant, cool last night

(D) 27th Very Cold last night, little sleep in camp for want of blankets to keep warm, lie in tent most of day

(L) 27 Very Cold last night Little sleep in camp for want of blankets to keep warm. Lie in tent most of time, but have to walk to keep warm, as do many others

(D) 28th Cold last night & pleasant to day, a squad of about 300 (mostly sick) went of this evening for City Point J N Porter with the rest.

(S) 28th 300 of sick & famished sent off to day and J N Porter one of the six. who was wounded in foot got off. lucky boy.  
Anything for something to eat.

(L) 28th Cold last night but pleasant to day A squad of about 300 famished and sick sent off this evehing for City Point J.N. Porter with the rest. lucky man

(D) 29th warmer, somewhat Cloudy

(L) 29th Warmer somewhat again

(D) 30th Eat our bread & meat & drink little water & lie down & slept

(L) 30 Eat our bread and meat and drink a little water and lie down again for a change

(S) 30 Eat bread and water. read and lie down again for a change. but as a rule try to sleep as little in day time as possible. That we may sleep more nights to make them as short as possible Our rations were small and many were the fights we witnessed when there was any cheating anticipated or tried by some Hog. in human shape. When captured I did not have a cent in cash

and very little in notion line. but soon found many of our guards were eager to get Greenbacks, Knives, rings. Hdks or any little novelty we had for barter, such as Tobacco. pies (so called) biscuit, etc etc. \$<sup>00</sup>1 of our money would then buy 10¢ Later 20¢ for <sup>00</sup>1 confed. and all trade was carried on upon that basis and as but very few prisoners cared to run the risk of being shot at, a few of us who took upon us that risk did most of the trading, and sometimes did quite a thriving business. And I amongst the few, I also kept a memoranda of biscuit etc furnished to men of our co & a few in other companies by Wesley Ash of our Co. & a few in ether ee who could not write but was an inveterate gambler and who bought about 175¢ in camp with him with the aid of myself and another trusty lad. I have that memoranda still and as nearly all of the boys are still dwellers of southern prisons, I have never tried to press the claims entrusted to me; I occasionally recd a biscuit for the work and see my name also appears as his debtor. for a few biscuit in the back of my memoranda and as I have not seen him. (never rejoining my regt) and never having heard from him since Sept 21st 1863 at which time he bought his way out with the sick. for special exchange; and did not bid me good buy in his hurry to get out or even leave any instruction as to collecting his bills.

(D) (\*?-) Cloudy The last day of August, & still a prisoner on Bell Isle, & like to be for some time to come

(L) 3I Cloudy. The last day of August and still a prisoner and like to be for some time to come I think

- (D) Sept 1st Cloudy, & cooler
- (L) Sept 1 Cloudy and cooler again
- (D) Sept 2nd Cold foggy nights & warm days & very little comfort on Belle Island.
- (L) 2 Cold foggy nights and warm days with very little comfort on Belle Island
- (D) Sept 3rd Foggy morn, Several <sup>8</sup> Speculators hauled over the bank last night by Guards etc etc -
- (L) 3 Foggy and warmer. Several Speculators hauled over the bank last night but not me
- (D) Sept 4th Same old round of bread & meat & whittle bone & the like.
- (L) 4 Same old round of bread & meat and whittle bone etc or any thing to Kill Time
- (D) Sept 5th Saturday, Sleep, read & whittle & whittle, read & sleep & eat a very little
- (L) 5 Saturday. Sleep - read and whittle and whittle, read and sleep and eat very little
- (D) Sept 6th Sabbath, (IE) if they have any for a prisoner
- (L) Sept 6 Sabbath, (IE) If they have any for a prisoner
- (D) 7th Quite warm, & nothing going on
- (L) 7 A little warmer, and nothing going on
- (D) 8th Warm, whittle bone to pass away time
- (L) 8 Warm. Whittle bone to pass away time



- (D) 9th Warm & a shower in the PM (---?--) train of troops (Rebs) crossed the (-----?-----) to day
- (L) 9 A few more of the sick and money men get off this P.M. and rumors of an exchange and also of difficulties on account of the nigger
- (S) Sept 9th A few of sick & money men get off this P.M. Parole and exchange reported stopped on account of the "nigger" question.<sup>9</sup>
- (D) Sept 10th (---?--) Thursday (---?--) nothing of note going on except (---?--) ~~nothing of note going on~~ on all eatables by a pack of hounds
- (L) 10 Warmer. Whittle and read Nothing of note going on, Any thing to get something to eat.
- (D) 11th 7 weeks on Bell Island to day
- (L) 11 (7) seven weeks on Belle Island to day
- (D) 12th Saturday, Truce Boat at City Point Several letters come in camp & 2 for our Co, hear of Lieut. Jenkins death
- (L) 12 Saturday. Truce Boat at City Point. Several letters recieved in camp. 2 for our company Men Heard of Lieut Jenkins Death in Hospital at Richmond to day. The best officer of the Co.
- (S) 12th Truce boat at City Point. Several letters recd 2 for men in our Co. Heard of Lieut Jenkins Death to day at Hospital in Libby. and the best officer of our Co. Gone Died crazy & tied to floor in Hospital
- (D) 13th Sabbath. A hard shower last night Also a 12th Mass Prisoner shot by the guard (---?--) night

- (L) I3 Sunday again. Had a hard shower last night. A 12th Mass. prisoner shot by the guard last night.
- (D) I4th Cloudy & cooler, hungry as a bear this morning & ho Bell Island ho. Went out & were counted 3975 On Bell Isle One year ago about 3 AM left home for the last time & went to Jamestown.
- (L) I4 Cloudy and cooler. Hungry as a bear this morning and Ho Belle Island Ho. Went out again to be counted 3975. on Belle Island Left home one year ago to day. At 3 AM for camp at Jamestown. (When will I see it again)
- (S) I4th cooler Hungry as a bear this morning. and Ho Belle Island Ho. in camp. Left home one year ago to day ~~to add to our~~ for the last time; When will I see it again? Went out and were counted again 3975.
- (D) I5 th very warm, - - -
- (L) <sup>15</sup>  
A Very warm again
- (D) I6th drizzelly & cloudy & hungry.
- (L) I6 Drizzelly and Cloudy and Hungry
- (D) I7th Very warm
- (L) I7 Very warm days
- (D) I8th Warm & drizzelly an other (-?-) prisoners came in to day Some of the men are paying \$5.00 to be paroled over & sent off the first ones
- (L) I8 Warm and Drizzely. Another lot of prisoners came in to day to add to our and their misery, And some sent out. Those who can pay 5<sup>00</sup> Greenback or 100\$ confed for first chance out, for parole

- (S) 18th warmer and Drizzelly. More prisoners to day to add to our and their misery and a few sent out for parole sick and ~~5~~<sup>100</sup> Greenback or 100\$ confed to a guard made any man sick.
- (D) 19th A sudden change to Very Cold, men walked the streets at a double quick to keep warm last night. Drizelly James North of Co K died very suddenly last night of diarrhea.
- (L) Sept 19 A sudden change to Very Cold & Drizzely Had to walk the camp at double quick last night to keep warm. James North Co K. died very sudden last night of Diarrhoea Who next
- (S) 19th A sudden change to Very Cold. Had to walk camp at double quick last night to keep warm. James North. K. died very suddenly to day
- (D) 20th Sabbath. at least so they say. Any amount of suffering in camp from cold etc many with St John have the bloody Diarrheah Got out & made him two cups of crust Coffee.
- (L) 20 Sabbath, At least so they say Any amount of suffering in camp from cold and many with St John. has bloody Diarrhoea or flux Got out and Made him 2 cups of crust coffee
- (S) 20th Sunday. T A St John back in camp. got out to cook shanty & made him crust coffee
- (D) 21st Pleasant. 700 left Bell Isleand for Parole this P.M. Bought their Passage. W. Ash, Co E amongst the rest.
- (L) 21 Pleasant again 700 left the Island for parole camp this P.M. Bought their passage Wesley Ash Co E. Amongst the lot
- (D) 22nd Awful Cold nights & very little sleep
- (L) 22 Awful Cold nights and little sleep.

- (D) 23rd Pleasant but Cold. Were squadded over again to day. I4th hundred this time
- (L) 23rd Pleasant but cold. Were squadded over again to day. In the I4th Hundred this time.
- (S) 23. cold nights & little sleep. & much tramping to Keep warm Re squadded again to day to save rations
- (D) 24th A little warmer to day. Pleasant.
- (L) 24 A little warmer to day - pleasant -
- (D) 25th Very mild. About I45 more prisoners came in this morning. (Cavalrymen) Got St John into the Hospital this AM. And in the afternoon the Dr sent him back
- (L) 25 More Mild, I45 prisoners (Cavalrymen) came in this morning Got T.A.St John. into Hospital this A.M. and the Dr sent him back to Island again
- (S) 25 Got St John in hospital again to day but Dr sent him back
- (D) 26th Clear & Cold. One year in the U.S. to day; a year of hard work to me. Officers commenced parolling again this P.M.
- (L) 26 Clear and Cold. One year in the U.S. Service to day A year of hard work for me sure. Officers commenced paroling again to day in PM
- (D) Sept 27th Sabbath on Belle Island again Went out to write for the Rebs, (Parole), got a big extra ration & was sent in. Near 400 more prisoners came in this AM.
- (L) 27 Sunday on Belle Island again. About 400 more prisoners came in. Went out and wrote a couple hours for the Rebs to get the boys out of the wind Got a big extra ration for it

- (S) 27 About 400 more came in to day I went out and wrote again and got a big ration.
- (D) 28th Quite warm, about 500 left for City Point. from the island this Afternoon.
- (L) 28 Quite warm again About 500 left for City Point from the Island this afternoon
- (S) 28th About 500 left for City Point. presumably this. P.M.
- (D) 29th All quiet on the James River.
- (L) 29 All quiet on the James River
- (D) 30th Pleasant, About 2000 prisoners (Yankees came in last night & this AM. from Rosecrans army. I weighed 120 pounds to day. a big thing on foot, can run alone yet
- (L) 30 About 2000. prisoners brought in last night and this AM. from Rosecrans Army I weighed 120 pounds lbs to day. A big thing on foot, can run alone yet.
- (S) 30th About 2000. brot in from Rosecrans Army to (Chicamauga) I got out again & wrote & get another big ration & was weighed 120# a big thing on foot. Can run alone yet
- (D) Oct 1st Cloudy, all quiet - - -
- (L) Oct 1 & 2. cloudy and warmer & rainy on 2d
- (D) 2nd Cloudy & rainy, & no signs of leaving.
- (D) 3rd Pleasant, done a months washing to day (Viz) shirt & stockings etc hunger gnaws on my backbone to day
- (L) 3 Pleasant Did a months washing to day (viz) Shirt and drawers. On 2d year in Va to day

- (D) (---?--) Sabbath on Belle Island again (-?-) a day of hunger & almost despair. Got hope & (-?-) in god for he will yet bring (---?--) the glorious light of heaven.
- (L) Oct 4 Sabbath. Am somewhat overboard to day and put in a day of hunger and almost despondency but still have the glorious light of heaven
- (S) Oct 4th Sunday. Am somewhat overboard to day Hunger and almost despondent, but still have hope.
- (D) 5th Clear & Cold. About 1000 Prisoners moved across the River into the City this P.M.
- (L) 5 Cloudy About 1000 prisoners moved over into the city to day
- (S) 5th 1000 prisoners moved over to city.
- (D) 6th Clear & very cold nights. got warm Bread from sprouted wheat & a little Mutton
- (L) 6 Very Cold. Got warm bread from sprouted wheat & a little Mutton or Goat Meat to day
- (S) 6th Got warm bread from sprouted wheat to day which I think is the sweetest thing I ever ate also a little mutton or Goat meat for a change
- (D) 7th Pleasant. were squadded before breakfast
- (L) 7 Pleasant Were squadded over again to day and a few sick sent over to the city
- (D) 8th A few sick were sent over to the city this PM
- (L) 8 A few more sick sent to city & 126 new prisoners brot in
- (D) 9th Pleasant, more sick taken off this AM 126 more prisoners (Cavalrymen) brought in this AM

- (L) 9 Clear
- (D) 10th Clear. Draw a little wood this morning. A prisoner tried to escape along the river bank. 2 guards shot at him but did not hit him, but caught him.
- (L) 10th Clear. Drew a little wood today A prisoner tried to escape by the River Bank. 2 guards shot at him and missed but was caught and brought back
- (S) 10th A prisoner tried to escape by river bank to day and was shot at by 2 guards who missed him but was caught & brot back.
- (D) 11th Sabbath, very pleasant.
- (L) 11 Sabbath
- (D) 12th Pleasant. Count as usual to day.
- (L) 12 & 13 all pleasant and warm
- (D) 13th Pleasant & comfortable warm.
- (D) 14th Cloudy a little showery & warm.
- (L) 14 Showery and warm
- (D) 15th Pleasant. Two men of Co. (Simmons & Matterson) escaped last night.
- (L) 15th Simmons and Matterson Co H our regt escaped last night from the camp
- (S) 15th Simmons & Waterson our Regt Co H escaped last night
- (D) (-?-) Warm & Rainy. A man shot (---?---) last night. Double guards to day
- (L) 16 Rainy. A man shot last night.

- (S) 16th one prisoner shot last night, while seeking trader.
- (D) 17th all quiet
- (D) Oct 18th 1863 Sabbath, Very Pleasant (-?-) but Oh the wretchedness<sup>ed</sup> of a Sabbath on Bell Island., Read the Bible Some etc
- (L) 18 Sabbath. Pleasant but Oh the wretchedness on this Island  
Skirmish my shirt and read the Bible.
- (S) 18 Sunday. Skirmish. & Read. Oh to see the wretchedness in this camp.
- (D) 19th Had a young hurricane of wind & rain in the morning before we got (-?-) tipped over our tent, the rest of the day was pleasant Simmons was caught & brought back to day
- (L) 19 Had a young hurricane this morning before light, blew our tent down, rained and a big one generally Simmons Co H brought back (cought) to day
- (S) 19th A regular Hurricane at daylight and soon tents all flat and rain & wet to swamp us all. Simmons H cought in city & brought back to day
- (D) 20th Pleasant, am somewhat down to day with diarrreah, headache, & fever. Matternsons Corpse Co H was found in the River to day & brought to Belle Island & buried
- (L) 20 Pleasant. Somewhat down to day with diarrhoea, fever and headache etc. Watterson found drowned in an Eel rack and buried on the Island to day
- (S) 20th Sick. Fever. Headache & Diarrhoea. Waterson H body found in an Eel. Rack and buried on the Island



- (D) 21st Quite warm A No of the sick taken of to day
- (L) 21 Warm. A few sick sent out to day
- (D) 22nd Cloudy & Cool
- (L) 22 & 23rd Cloudy and cool.
- (D) 23rd Cloudy.
- (D) 24th Rained all night last night & all day to day Very Cold, about 1100 prisoners brought on to the Island this morning to suffer without tents.
- (L) 24 Rained all last night and all day to day. Very cold About 1100. more prisoners brought on this Belle Island to Suffer without tents or ought to cover.
- (S) 24th 1100. more prisoners brot in to add to the suffering. No tents or covering for them and mud only to lie in. Many are dying daily Awful, Awful suffering. What is to be our fate. Small pox cases numerous in camp and many being vaccinated
- (D) 25th Sabbath. Cloudy & Cold. an awful amount of suffering last night
- (L) 25 Sabbath once more. cloudy and cold An awful amount of suffering here now
- (D) 26th Cloudy & awful cold. pretty much sick.
- (L) 26 Cloudy and awful cold. and I am pretty much sick
- (D) 27th Clear but a cold north wind. O when shall we (---?---)
- (L) 27 Clear with cold North wind. O? When shall we be moved from this - - - - -
- (D) 28th Cumforable. No meat for the poor sufferers on Bell Island

- to day. were counted etc got Breakfast, ,dinner, & supper at 9 PM.
- (L) Oct 28 Comfortable to day, with no meat for the poor sufferers on Belle Island to day Were counted again and huddled about all day and got Breakfast Dinner and supper at 4 PM.
- (S) 28th Feel some better again. Were taken out and counted & huddled around all day and got breakfast, dinner & supper at 4.P.M. No meat for poor prisoners.
- (D) 29th & 30th mild. I am pretty much sick
- (L) 29 Milder. But I am pretty much sick to day
- (S) 29th Sick again.
- (D) 30th Cloudy, a load of sick went across River
- (L) 30 Cloudy. A few sick went over to city to day
- (D) 31st Rained last night. Pleasant to day am somewhat better to day
- (L) 3I Rained last night but pleasant to day Am feeling somewhat better than of late
- (S) 3Ist somewhat better
- (D) (---?---) Island Sabbath Pleasant an other load of sick went across the river etc more prisoners came in
- (L) Nov I/63. Sunday once more Pleasant. A few sick were sent out again to city
- (D) 2nd counted & squadded to day, 700 more recruits to day
- (L) 2 A few prisoners came in to day and about 700 more got across the river to Richmond Were counted and squadded again
- (D) 3rd Pleasant. Had the promise of some clothes to day.
- (L) 3rd Pleasant Had the promise of clothing from the Sanitary

commission to day

- (S) Nov 3rd Had the promise of clothing from U.S. Sanitary Commission to day.<sup>13</sup>
- (D) 4th Pleasant, every thing as usual on Belle Island
- (L) 4 Pleasant Every thing as usual to day on B.I.
- (D) 5th Cloudy. Over 5000 prisoners on  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres. how brutish a pile of U S uniforms came & were dealt out to day but luck did not give me any
- (L) 5 Cloudy. Over 5000 prisoners huddled here in one and one half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) acres and half famished A few U S uniforms came to day and were drawn by lots but luck was against me
- (S) 5th Over 5000 poor starving, freezing men. (except the Thugs N'Yarkers etc) <sup>14</sup> on  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres ground. mud. sand & water. A few U S uniforms distributed to day by lot. but luck was against me & got nothing.
- (D) 6th Pleasant, more clothes dealt out to day.
- (L) 6 Pleasant More clothes dealt out to day but none for me
- (S) 6th More clothing but my number was vacant again.
- (D) 7th Pleasant & cool.
- (L) 7th Pleasant and cool
- (D) 8th Sabbath Cloudy, a man shot by guard last night
- (L) Nov 8 Sabbath A Man Shot by the guard last night
- (S) Nov 8th One more poor soul checked out by a guards rifle last night. but still I trade a little
- (D) 9th Very Cold. St John went to the Hospital snowed a little to

day. Johney Cake for grub

- (L) 9 Cold St John went out to Hospital to day. A good boy will soon see the last of earth
- (S) 9th St John sent to Hospital to Richmond to day but must soon die, (and that is last we ever heard from one of the jolliest, bravest and best of the 6.)
- (D) 10th Pleasant, but a cold north wind. Bacon etc
- (L) 10 Got a letter from home to day. A welcome
- (S) Nov 10th Recd a letter from home to day, and such a welcome message, though short.
- (D) 11th Clear & cold. Yankee officers from the city come over to see what clothing we wanted. No meat to day. Corn meal wet in water & slop
- (L) 11 Pleasant but a cold north wind. Bacon etc to day
- (S) 11th Bacon. once more to day
- (D) 12th Pleasant, Johney, Rice, & 2 inches of sweet potatoes for grub.
- (L) 12 Clear & cold. Yankee officers from Libby came over to day to see what clothing we needed from the sanitary commission or Uncle Sam No meat to day but corn meal wet in warm water
- (S) 12th 2 Yankee officers from Libby in camp to see what we needed from the Sanitary Commission or U.S. No meat but Corn Meal wet in warm water Eben S Ely. My Co. had a job of helping take the provisions for the Island across from Richmond on a flat boat, each day for which he got an extra ration. and I often had him buy pies, biscuit, Tobacco or any thing he could of guard on

boat or colored women on Richmond side, on the sly. and I sold them in camp or traded for knives, Hdks or any thing which the new prisoners or Fresh Fish as we called them ~~were~~ always bring in. and who durst not look at a guard themselves and in this way we kept our co. of 5 or 6. at a little advantage over others in the way of Grub. and we actually saved up a little fund of Greenbacks which I always carried and the Toughs & N'Yarkers and thieves did not get. Also Capt. Fay from Libby sent Ely \$80/00 confed & me 70\$ Dc. which we used entirely for the sick of our Co. Excepting a little given to E. Skinner of our Co., a fat healthy fellow who claimed it as sent for the Co. and wanted his share. and to this day I cannot feel any thing but pure ---- well I cannot refrain from calling it -- Hog.. Ely & myself lived under the same blanket until Aug 22d 1864 at which time we divided a few dollars left of our store saved from trade. and that was the first time I could ever prevail upon him to take over \$2<sup>00</sup> of the money for fear the toughs would get it. And I have no doubt they would but he showed himself a man in battle. & in camp in prison. by his great care of sick and hungry. and I am more indebted to him for life than any other man on earth. One time while on the Flat boat he and all others were swamped by a heavy wind and dumped in the river in Dec. 63. but were soon fished out by numerous skiffes from the bank and taken to cook house before a big fire. He had an extra pair drawers and as we saw the whole affair from bank I got out with the drawers and as they had given him a big drain of pure corn whiskey he was feeling happy and occasionally used some hard oaths against the rebs in general. Although the most

strict Presbyterian in the Regt., for which some of the boys of Regt. Guyed him most awfully when I told about it; I would never tell him his words, but promised to, if we ever both got out alive. A number of years afterwards I rec'd a 12 page letter from him and he reminded me of that promise; But I had honestly forgotten the words and so wrote him. Now living in Western Kansas. Our camp was in command of Lieut Bosseaux. a very pleasant man of about 35 years and although strict was as near a man as any confed I met. He owned as fine & pretty a black, part, New Foundland pup of about 40 or 50# Wt. as I ever saw and one day I saw him just inside the gate or road in and some of the boys were coaxing him towards the center of the camp. amongst the tents and that was the last time I ever saw that dog; but some of the boys said it was pretty good eating and early the next morning Lt Bosseaux was in camp and everywhere storming & swearing as only a Frenchman can. I was vacinnated, or rather vacinnated myself from the arm of James Bacon of our. Co. E. about the last of Nov. and it worked. Beautifully. but I could not heal it up all winter and will write more anon on the subject. Single life seemed to agree with prisoners better than married; and Many was the life that went out just for the want of a letter from the wife of dear ones dependent upon him.

(D) 13th Pleasant.

(L) 13 Pleasant. Johny. Rice and 2 inches Meat but forgot the potatoes.

(D) 14th Pleasant. Yankee officers are at work for us.

(L) 14 " 2 Yankee Officers visit the Island to day

- (D) 15th Sabbath again. Pleasant, but rained hard last night. am quite unwell also
- (L) 15 Sunday again on Belle Island Pleasant but rained hard last night. Am quite sick
- (S) Sunday Nov 15. Am quite sick to day. Amongst the Sanitary Comm Stores I drew a piece of Tomato pickle. about the first/<sup>piece</sup> of a tomato I ever succeeded in getting inside as I could never eat them. I also drew a Haversack. (Not much use to me) and in December a good U.S. Overcoat. which was a God-Send to me surely. and which after using through Andersonville I traded to J C Peates for 80\$ confed & a fife all of which I used on road from Andersonville to Vicksburg for grub for the boys & self. See above More anon.
- (D) 16th Pleasant & cold. Dick Covey went off sick
- (L) Pleasant but cold Dick Covey went off sick to day
- (S) Nov. 16th another of our Co. went to Hospital in Richmond. Dick Covey. who I had cared for several days and tried to get such food for him as he could eat. but kept growing worse. He was soon exchanged and sent home His people lived near N.B. Rumsey at Westfield NY farms adjoining. and he was taken crazy about the time he reached home. and declared they were trying to starve him. and called for me. every hour of the day ~~of the day~~ & night & said I would not use him so. That if Burch were here, he would be all right and I would give him any thing he wanted, but poor boy, he only wanted a short week after reaching home. and his furlough ended. I was unacquainted with his people except his cousin & a Brother in Law Lt Mc Dade in our Co. And so the weary days and cold nights dragged along and no signs of

Parole or exchange. Except Rumors. Those who had bibles or testaments or could get a paper by any means, read as long as possible, and the days were passed in Skirmishing (Not the kind we had formerly been used to but without any shirt on our backs.) Reading Whittleing when we could get any thing in shape of a bone, or center of a rubber comb, or a piece of Laurel of the Guards to make into pipes etc. I wrote a letter home & sent 2 little rings to Etta Stona (Mrs Yates) and they went through the lines all right and were recd at home. It was Skirmish. Whittle. read and sleep and eat a little. Very few ~~received~~ recd letters while in prison but I wrote many and recieved 5 on Belle Island and one soon after going to Andersonville I do not think we ever received 1/4 of the stores of Clothing and provision sent to us by the Sanitary Commission as many of our Guards had US Coats & Blankets soon after we heard of their arrival and before we got any I kept up my daily "Skirmish". as much as possible when not to cold, and traded with guards when could get any thing to trade. and sold to such prisoners as still had money etc. The mud was deep sometimes and often prisoners without tents or blankets would lie down at night in the driest place they could get. Spoon fashion and in the morning, many would be frozen in the mud so They could not get up without help. and many took their last long sleep in that position, and each morning many were laid away with their long furlough - Gone Home.

- (D) (---?---) & I9th Pleasant. A prisoner shot last (----?-----)
- (L) Nov I7-I8-Skipped. I9th Pleasant. A prisoner shot last night



- (D) 22nd Sabbath. rained last night 25 lbs of Pork & beef from US ---
- (L) 22 Sunday again Rained last night
- (D) 23rd Cold, have had dry bread for 5 (-?-)
- (L) 23 Cold Have dry hard bread 5 in piece
- (D) 24th Drizzelly & wet. 4 months on Bell Island
- (L) 24 Drizzelly and wet. 4 months on Belle Isle to day
- (D) 25th Wet & Cold.
- (L) 25 Wet and cold. Pork & Beef and Sweet Potatoes and bread for breakfast. Thanksgiving day in Rebeldom, and I presume also at home to day
- (D) 26th Pleasant. Meat, Sweet Potatoes & Bread for Breakfast Thanksgiving day in the south & I presume also at home.
- (L) 26-27 & 28 Warm and pleasant
- (D) 26th 27th 28th Warm & pleasant
- (D) 29th Sabbath. Rainy, were squadded.
- (L) 29 Sabbath Rainy Were re-squadded again to day
- (D) 30th Awful cold & no wood.
- (L) 30 Awful Cold and no wood. Here ends the regular diary
- (L) Here Dec I/63 My memoranda book was full and I had no paper left. While my comrades were dying and being sent over to city Hospital I kept comparatively well and was vaccinated for Small pox about Dec 10th and it worked well but did not heal. We were started for Andersonville about Feb 24th one of the coldest nights of 63 & 4 and from Raleigh I was very sick with lung fever and carried by comrade E.S. Ely in his arms to Andersonville a good share of the way. Before I left Belle

Isle I drew through the US. sanitary commission a govt overcoat which helped me very much and in case I should die on the road or in A.-. I gave it to E S. Ely. I was laid on green pitch pine boughs on arriving in A.-. and finally began to recover very slowly While on the Island I received 5 letters from home and answered them and one (1) after arriving at Andersonville A great many that were compelled to lie out on the ground on the Island for want of tents or shelter but huddle down spoon fashion, died before morning, and were frozen to the wet ground or mud And the <sup>R</sup>mortality was very great all the winter of 1863-4. Also cases of small pox were of frequent occurrence, and many died of that disease During our sojourn on Belle Island I kept up quite a lively trade with the guards most of the time in the way of Knives, Hdkfs, rings or any thing a soldier had for Bread pies, tobacco, salt, or any thing the guards could spare in the eatable line. Few of the prisoners dare run the risk. And of course I traded off their trinkets on shares and ran the risk. Also Eben S Ely of my company got out on the flat boat during the fall and winter and help pole the provisions from Richmond to the Island, and besides getting an extra ration a day he helped me by buying, and trading with women on the Richmond Shore sometimes and I sold them on the Island. In fact we were partners all the time and had a considerable confed money and some Greenbacks when we started for Andersonville Ga and we kept some till I finally went to hospital in A.-. And I still had a little all the while a prisoner, and did a little trading when able at Andersonville and in that way kept my mind from brooding on our wretched condition in part. and in part by

helping those worse off than we were.

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About The Middle of Feb 1864 The rebs told us that we would soon be paroled, that they were going to send us to City Point. And about the 20th to 22d they commenced by taking out a few hundred and we were put in the Pemberton Bld across from Libby for two or 3 days and knocked and kicked around by that beast called Turner.<sup>17</sup> who I saw knock several men down without any provocation excep being in his way or did not get around fast enough for him in their weak & dilapidated condition. And on the evening of Feb 24th we were put in box cars. I was in an amunition car lined with Sheet Iron or Zinc I think. and went to Petersburg. This I always thought the coldest night I saw in Va. but probably had cought cold standing around in the wind & mud, And the next morning Started south, we had had rumors that there was a new prison in Ga. for us nearer their base of supplæes; and now we knew there was no parole for us and only thought of escape. That night we were taken off cars at Raleigh N.C. and given a little Reb hard-tack and camp formed near the track adjoining a piece of timber. It was raining Very Dark Guards fire in woods Made Light and we had no tents or cover. and I shivered the night through as I never did before or have since. - Several ran by the guards into the woods but I think one or two were shot and all captured and next morning we started on. I a very sick man and my chum Ely carried me in his arms a large share of the time from there to Andersonville Ga. where I think we arrived Mch I/64 and I was carried most of the way between the boys from the depot to stockade and lain on a good soft bed of pitch pine tops or boughs. I new they

buried us boys without much clothing; but told E S Ely in case I died to take my Govt OCoat, and I thought they would not want the balance of my rags, but I did not like the way they buried, and concluded to hold on a while.

10. ANDERSONVILLE.

March, 1864 to April 21, 1865.

(L) Mr Ely was a good nurse when I was sick and a good man to help any in need as far as he was able Robt Hall of Westfield came onto the Island in fall of 63 and Mr Ely helped him while sick. We fared better when we first went to Andersonville by having a clean camp in the brush and a little better rations for a few days, but it soon got to be the same old story I grew stronger for a while but my arm never healed where I was vacinnated and grew worse in June July And August Gangrene got into it in August. My lungs also were very bad and chronic diarrhoea set in with more or less fever and I got out to the Hospital Aug 22d/64 where for about a month I could have died any day by saying the word and going up - but I was just one that did not and had the name of being the first case of Gangrene cured (I cured myself by using my own soap, bandages, Nitric Acid, and flax seed etc) in Andersonville, but my right arm was drawn at right angles at the elbow six months and my left leg the same at the knee four months. with scurvy, the cords refusing to relax at all. Until late in fall of 64 I got some terperntine and rubbed them thoroughly with it several times which I think helped them Also used any thing acid I could get hold of. I took all the Gangrene and scurvy cases in the 11th or 12th ward as soon as I was able to get about and saved most of the men after

we got the proper soap & bandages for each one. Also was appointed hospital Steward in Dec. 64 and got a BBl and used the siftings of meal & some sorghum and made a beer for all the scurvy cases. The fore part of August 1864 during a heavy rain storm a fine spring of pure water broke out below the North gate under the dead line, the water of which before no doubt ran through the stockade ditch, but by the continual tramping, and throwing dirt from wells and tunnels being dug around and below it, the water was forced to the surface, very much to our joy and satisfaction as good water was not to be obtained in camp. About 33,000, was our average number in camp in June, July and Aug. Charles Peecer a friend of old 112 1864. and from 80 to 120. the number of deaths daily in July and Aug. Charles Pecor a friend of old of 112 N Y came in in May or June 1864 and again Christmas day from Blackshear Fla. to the Hospital in 1864 where I soon found him and helped him a little I hope. Boliver Hulbert of the 100th N.Y. came in in June 1864 wounded in arm. (two of his sisters are my sisters in law) which gradually grew worse, gangrene getting in and although we gave him the best care possible under the adverse circumstances - but his time had come and he raised up to a sitting posture from an afternoon nap. and fell over back with a groan - dead - But death was on every side and at every hour in our midst Now we pinned the Name, Co & Reg to his blouse and he was taken to the dead house.

(S) The second morning the boys had quite a brush shanty built and when I awoke. The first thing I noticed particular was that the man who lay beside me had been furloughed and gone home

and forms one of the first of the 13,000 still sleeping at Andersonville; but pine boughs brought me around again and my lungs grew stronger so I could talk aloud and soon I saw the stockade finished by the great gang of Negroes. who kept up their strange wierd singing or hum as they worked from morn till ~~to~~/night. and each day added another train load from Richmond. Belle Isle. & Danville<sup>3</sup> and the dead-line was formed We soon moved our quarters from the south side where we formed our camp across the swamp and creek to the North side and Ely & I got a wool blanket up on poles to protect us from the sun and rain again A guard was allowed to take out two men to get wood and brush for bed at first and I remember the day before Easter. I made arrangements with a guard for some eggs in exchange for a red cotton Hdkf I had got of some one. And our squad of 4 or 5 had eggs for Easter. Those were prettiest & best Easter Eggs I ever saw The first guards we had at A-. were from the 20th Ga I think. and some of the same men who had guarded us from Gettysburg to the Potomac R. when first captured. They were recruiting their Regt and used us well and were very eager to trade, especially to get Greenbacks and said they were going up around Atlanta to see Sherman and might need some, and in a few days they bid us good by and left us.<sup>4</sup> and it was said in camp that Stonemans Cavalry captured their train before they got to Atlanta. And now came Home Guards, for guards. Old gray headed men 50 to 60 and boys apparantly not more than 15 to 17 with shot guns & powder horns, and only new enough of Military life to shoot. And shbot it was. as many ~~as many~~ a poor fellow found out in trying to make their acquaintance. to strike up a

trade of some kind, but I was very careful and soon learned who to talk to & who not when I once found 3 or 4 familiar faces. from our first guards who were not strong enough for the front; but from now on trading with the Guards was about ended. Water in the creek which ran through the prison was very bad as the Reb camps were upon the creek above us and we commenced digging wells back from the swamp and creek, and were allowed a few shovels at first for that purpose, and the sandy loam on top soon turned into a pretty clay and in places a very fine colored and pretty tinted Soap Stone which would do very well for soap. And here in helping to pull pails of dirt up out of a well my arm which had never healed broke out afresh and soon grew worse, Also had another severe attack of lung trouble and got Mustard and made poultices and blistered all my right side front & back so I drew out nearly a teacup of water from blisters at once. Also Diarrhoea & Scurvy set in and my right arm was drawn up at right angles at elbow & later my left leg in same shape. Soon the boys got to using the shovels for tunneling out from the wells under the dead line & stockade and each morning at light the blood-hounds were let loose and soon found any track made by a prisoner. And about 9 or 10 A M they would be brought in with a ball and chain on their ankle or if hound had been hurt by them they were put into the Stocks at the south gate. And the shovels were soon hunted up and then the only thing we had to dig with was  $\frac{1}{2}$  canteen as a general thing. but you can all see that I was not a digger with one leg and one arm and not much to brag of otherwise. How those Hounds could tell a prisoners track was always a mystery to me when



Guards & negroes were all over the country around the prison. but such was the case. And there was always or at least sometimes a sneak ready to inform the rebs before a tunnel was finished, and when found out as they were in a few cases. woe to that poor fellow who played Judas for a little extra Grub. & sometimes not even that. During all this time the Rebs were ever asking us to go out and join their army and get good living. That Old Abe had abandoned us and we would surely die. And sometimes it did look that way but soon when a man turned traitor he was taken outside and kept at some work by Wirz.<sup>5</sup> I remember one day (And I presume some of you have heard me tell it before) A fine looking man of about 26. or 28. came in and was trying to get others to go out and join the Rebs. and was soon recognized as one of our men, He was caught and first his black hair was just  $\frac{1}{2}$  shaved off clean and then  $\frac{1}{2}$  of his black whiskers served in the same way and then he was let ~~loose~~<sup>loose</sup> and hooted out of camp and I dont think he ever repeated the operation. In May & June 1864 the prison began to fill up very fast from the battlefields of Grant and Sherman and about 5000 from Burnsidess Army s (surrendered at Plymouth N C. etc) at one time who by the terms of their surrender retained all their property but their arms. These men had just been paid off; their time had expired, some to go home for good & some with furloughs in their pockets and had re-enlisted with a big bounty. and full of money and they came into Andersonville flush<sup>7</sup> and then was the time the famous Raiders<sup>8</sup> you have all read about was at their height and a fight was on at all times and soon a vigilance patrol & guard was also formed, which ended finally with the death of 6 Raiders hung

in the stockade and a quietus for a while of that kind of work. Most of you have probably read about how they were caught after a big fight with the regulators led by "Illinois"<sup>9</sup> (whose tent was up back of ours) And Sergt Key,<sup>10</sup> who was at the head of the "Regulators" and had charge of the trial. I think about 40 or 50 were taken out and tried witnesses also taken out. Trial was held in a stockade built around the North gate. & guarded by confeds. A few were sent back in stockade with ball & chain, some ran the gauntlet at south gate & were clubbed by our men as they came in and it was reported 2 or 3 killed in that way. an 6. were condemned to be hung inside the stockade. Alloof which was sanctioned by Wirz. (Also by Gen Sherman by report) Names of John Sarcfield.<sup>11</sup> 144th NY. Wm Collins. (or Mosly)<sup>12</sup> 88th Pa. Chas. Curtis A. 5th R.I. Art. Terence Sullivan 72 N Y. A Muir Navy & Pat Delany<sup>13</sup> 83rd Pa. who was one of our 90 or 100 on Belle Isle, (when brought in) Curtis made a break & got into swamp but caught & hung with rest. Collins (Mosly) rope broke and when he came to said "Where Am I? In the other world and begged for life. but hung again, I of course took no hand in this. to me righteous judgment, being at the time at right angles with scurvy & lung trouble diarrhoea etc. but always believed it (---?---) Also there were some wild schemes put on foot to make a break by over powering the guards. Also to undermine a portion of stockade and rush out en-masse; but spies were always about and the Reb fortifications a fort & cannon at each corner of the Stockade were greatly strengthened and guards doubled and we laughed at, and probably a great slaughter of prisoners postponed to a slower and worse death if

possible. In June also as the water grew worse and the numbers of prisoners increased almost daily and the fearful lice, maggots, fleas, and almost incessant rain combined, the death rate or mortality increased to a fearful extent and in July our pen of thirteen acres including dead line creek and large swamp was fearfully crowded and was enlarged by adding to the north side a few acres and as wood was very scarce, every root of every stump having been dug out, and used for fuel. And it would be impossible for me or any one else to describe the onslaught upon the north end of the stockade when told they could have it for wood. It was demolished in a half hour to a timber seemingly and in a short time not a vista remained. The heat was something fearful and about the middle of June a young man living about a mile from us in N.Y. came to our squad and inquired if any I54 N Y. men were about these parts. He was from the 100th N.Y. and I heard and knew his voice and knew him in a moment and called to him. He had been wounded through the fore arm and gangrene had got in. He had not a thing in shape of blanket, Over Coat or cooking utensils and Ely & I soon made a place for him and got him something to eat and a little shelter next us and I bought a piece of Castile Soap about 2 in square for 50¢ Greenback and got flaxseed and charcoal and made a poultice for his arm. and thought he was doing well at first, but in July he declined rapidly and I tried to get him out to hospital but all full was always the answer and as the hole was through his arm and gangrene worked into the bone. one day Aug 11/64 he fell over with a moan and was dead. About this time my arm was getting much worse, also

Diarrhoea and I felt pretty blue, but Ely nursed and cheered me up as best he could. In July and Aug the filth, crowded condition of the prison excessive heat, and no food that a dog would hardly eat. Told at a fearful rate, over 100 a day dying regularly and the wagons with the dead would roll out of the south gate heaped up as long as any would stay on, and carted out to the cemetery and of course the Name, Co, Regt. date of death etc if pinned on to any rags that might have been left upon the corps were generally torn off and so "Unknown" is marked upon the record book opposite the number of the grave in most cases. On the morning of Aug 10th 1864 after one of the heaviest rain storms imaginable, there was a great commotion near the dead line south of the north gate by seeing quite a stream of pure clear cool water coming out of the ground from under some roots and the deadly dead line. And soon Providence Spring was unearthed and we got a small supply of good water by waiting our turn long enough, but I was sick and drawn out of shape by scurvy and gangrene in my arm and Ely was using every effort to get me out. Sick call was always at the south gate And finally on Aug 22d Ely took me over with my little all and I bid the boys good-bye and that is the last I ever remember of seeing any of them except one or two, but never E S Ely, although still living in Western Kansas. During the summer as our rations of raw corn meal was brought into the stockade in wagons in sacks I managed to gobble a cotton sack and got another fellow to steel one also for which I paid him. I ripped them up, saving all the thread and spread them out and commenced the construction of a pair of pants, being about destitute of that

very important article, and we were liable to have company any time etc etc. Well, a tailor a stranger to me happened along about that time and says, can you make it? I said. Awful narrow pattern; (not being seamless sax as we now see) but he looked at my "pins" a while and allowed they would match pretty well, and in a few minutes did as good a job at cutting as I think Uncle McClafferty, or some of our younger fry could from the same material. Well I used what thread I had, and the next day our Sergeant of 100. loaned me 2 or 3 sacks long enough to pull out the thread and baste then up with the ravelings from the side of the sack and so I wore white pants into St Louis in April 1865 & wore them till we got our comutation money as pay for what we did not eat. When we first arrimed at Andersonville, and before our new Q.M. got way wise and understood how to save, and make, out of what we did not eat. Assisted by the New Commander H. Wirz. our rations were quite an improvement on what we had been getting at Belle Island and on the road. But soon the prison began to fill up and our rations grew short at both ends, and not very long in the middle, but we did not get any more of that Pea Soup & bugs which we forgot so often to skim off. While on the Island, At first we got corn bread partly cooked, a little beef and sometimes a little rice and & sorghum, and probably not more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  had dishes to draw sorghum in and not  $\frac{1}{2}$  to draw rice in. The Rice was always cooked and was brought in in a wagon box, and scooped out into Rub Blankets or any thing that would hold what 100 prisoners were entitled to, or supposed to be entitled to. The sorghum was what you might suppose it to be in Ga. in hot weather, sour & frothy and was

hard diet for men reduced, as most of us were. And the rice would soon have been a sore-eye to any man had he been where he could have gotten any thing better to eat, but soon they could not cook corn bread for the great crowd of 30000. men and most of us drew our corn meal raw, and of course not sifted and it looked to us to be ground cob and all and no way to sift it, and not  $\frac{1}{2}$  had any thing to bake it in or boil it in or wood to cook it with if they had but in some way Ely and I got a skillet or spider, either before going to Andersonville or soon after our arrival there and we drew our meal and sometimes had a little salt & sometimes not and we made some very eatable Corn Pones by first baking the bottom and in that way stiffening up our batter and then by having a little hole in the side hill and setting our pine kindlings on end with what coals we could save and setting the skillet up before ~~he~~ it till we could get the top baked a little also, we managed to get it quite eatable in comparison to what  $\frac{9}{10}$  of the prisoners did. But that spider, Words could not tell its importance to us, and not only us but all our friends, for it was in constant use from day light to dark and often for half the night when there was any wood to be got. And if any of you wish to know how we enjoyed our rice, just let him go home and get his wife to cook or  $\frac{1}{2}$  cook some. (not necessary to put in salt) and then, try it clear, and if that does not taste good, get a little of the poorest quality of sorghum and let it stand around until it sours and foams good and pour on a little just to change the flavor. But I got a guard to get me a little box that held about 4 quarts and I would mix about  $\frac{1}{2}$  my cooked rice with my dry corn meal and wet

it up and bake it in that way and sometimes I could buy a little sateratus<sup>it</sup> of the guard or sutter. (for part of the time we had one in camp) and then we would mix our dry corn meal and cooked rice and let it sour a little and put in a little sateratus and bake. and I can assure you we considered ourselves as living on the top shelf. I have previously spoken of the 5000. prisoners from Plymouth, N.C. who were captured with pockets full of money from having just been paid off & having re-enlisted with big bounties and furloughs in their pockets etc and by the terms of their surrender retained every thing and came into Anderson flush; What a change for them. and some whose time was out had their discharges in their pockets ready to go home. They disdained the Rebel diet and as long as their money lasted lived very well. but when that was gone, - Well they were simply heart broken and of that 5000, I do not think 2000. ever saw The U.S. Flag. (Old Glory) again. They gave up and when any man gave up in a rebel prison he was dead already. and they lie buried in unknown graves at Anderson, Millen, Florence, Savannah etc. and help to make up the 20,000 & over who died in the prisons I was in while I was a prisoner. When I got out to the Hospital I had just ~~enough~~-strength enough to crawl around on one leg and a stick, and one leg and arm drawn up in this way (at right angles at Knee and Elbow) but I commenced taking Blue Mass and I think I then first got some turpentine and rubbed my crooked knee with it; all told me it would spoil the joint for life but I rubbed the cords (there was not much else to rub) with it a few times and I thought it began to let up a little and I kept on and knew it helped me and then began on my elbow

& arm. But Gangrene got into the sore on my arm again and I at last got some Nitric Acid and poured it into the sore. and burnt it out. time and again, but after the third time I got it all out. But Atlanta had fallen and 30000. prisoners of war would be too big a bait for Uncle Billie Sherman to leave so near on his rout to the Sea as the Rebs well knew. And the 8th. 9th. 10th to 15th of sept. The Rebs told us an exchange had been arranged and those in the Hospital belonging to the first division or 1000. in the Stockade were marched out to the depot,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. And when my division was called I was on hand. and with the aid of two sticks I made that  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and in pretty good time too considering the Material. and found some of the boys from Stockade that I knew, and as they were helping me up into a freight car, Capt Wirz came along and yelled out - "Here you Yank. You go back to that last car with the balance of sick & lame and you will not be so crowded and will have one Dr with you. And I went. and when he got us poor devils all together he put a guard around us and started us back to the hospital, as he thought we would all die any way, and he was not far out of the way in his calculations, for I believe 9/10 of them did. but by sending me back he saved my life, for I had Gangrene in my arm and if I had gone on the cars without nitric acid and care, it would have been a short shift for me and you would not have been burdened with this long winded epistle. I remember on the way back to Hospital and I did not make fast time as on my way out, I was resting on a stump, and Capt Wirz came riding along and I says to him Capt. Where are these men going. And he says. "Got Tam you. You think you know best. You find out." But I



says, No <sup>Sir</sup> I asked for information. And he stuttered a moment & said. "Day go to Saffanna." Well I went to applying acid and turpentine, and spending the little money I had left, and the news we recd from Uncle Billie Sherman was a great inducement for me to try and hold out a little longer, and by a liberal use of Flax seed poultices and using my own Soap & bandages. My arm finally commenced to heal in October and one day when about half healed, I showed it to our ward surgeon, Dr J C Bates of the 12th ward and he was surprised and looked at me in wonder, and said how did you do it. And I told him. that I had my own Castile Soap and let no one else use it also cloths, instead of letting the hospital steward dress it with the same soap & rags he used on others and in that way carried gangrene to those who had not had it at all. The next day he came to me and said. "Ive been thinking about what you said yesterday and believe there is something in it. I told him he could be sure of it for it was true. He next wanted me to take all the gangrene cases in the ward and he would give me soap & clothes for each; We had "A" tents large enough to hold 8 men, 4 bunks of two each. And a row of 8 or 10 tents made a ward. And about  $\frac{1}{2}$  the cases were Gangrene in some shape or form. And soon I had the tents at our end of the ward full of gangrene cases and tended to each one as much as I was able, and cheered them up with news from Sherman, and soon had several cases healing. And as I got to be stronger and my leg & arm better I acted as Hospital Steward and Ward Master for which I got an extra large ration of the best. Sept 10 th James Bacon of My Co E. Died in the Hospital, and Eugene Stringham & Hawkins of Co H I think were in Hospital also and

got out and finally got home, And late that winter (with some of the Regt who got home) our people hearing that I had died in Andersonville in some way, My Brother Horace went down to Cataraugus Co, and saw them, and got their affidavits that I died in the Hospital in A-. I dont remember the exact date of my demise, but always thought they must have mistaken poor Jimmy Bacon for me. I have made diligent inquiry from the boys and from the War Dept. about them and from the best I can learn they both succumbed to the way of All the Earth many years ago. Soon after taking charge of the ward I began to look into the Scurvy cases and to the cause of it. The result was I took a large sorghum Bbl. and the ration of sorghum from the men suffering from diarrhoea, and got the siftings from the corn meal our bread was made of and in a few days had a bbl of pretty good beer and I gave each man who had the scurvy a pint to start on and I kept it up until I went out of the Hospital I also traded a little with the guards again and sometimes got tobacco for the boys. Christmas/64 a lot of prisoners were brought back to Anderson who had been there before. Had been taken to Charlestown & Blackshear down in Fla. <sup>19</sup> and came up from the south to us again. And a few days after while dividing out some wood amongst the tents of the ward, I noticed a man that struck me as some one I had seen. He was from the 11th ward and was picking up some chips and after rations were drawn he brought his ration to me and says. "Have you got some tobacco for my ration." As soon as I heard his voice I new him Chas Pecor of 112 N.Y. of my town & says Charley dont you know me, but he always said he did not, and when I told him who I was he said he would never

have believed it. I only knew him by his voice. We had been in the Stockade with each other until I was sent to the hospital. He had all the tobacco he needed and a good many extra rations from then on. Occasionally a guard would own that they thought the confederacy was about on its last legs and the next one as confident as ever seemingly and a very striking example I had one morning before I got up soon after light. A prisoner asked a new guard for a trade and without warning he sent a ball through the poor fellow killing him instantly the ball going through the top of three tents and striking my tent and going into the ground about a foot under me as my bunk was raised a little from the ground About March 10/1865 Dr Bates our ward surgeon came to me and said his wife had gone down to Americus 10 or 12 miles south on R.y. and he wanted I should go out to his log cabin and keep house for him a while. And he would be responsible for me while out there as he did not think we would be there much longer from the general outlook (Give a History of Dr Bates, Gentleman Union Man. Under Court Marshall, had to go into army, North Ga Plantation) and I found out there three Drs in the same fix. and 3 boys of us to take care of the three shanties, and we had free air and no guards, picked up wood enough to keep a good fire & cook our rations and traded some with two darkies Tom & George. Got lots of nice sweet potatoes & yams and lived pretty well and I sent all I could into hospital by Dr. but took most of my extra to the gate and sent for Pecor and he divided around to those I knew, a little to each. The 17th of Mch/65 we three boys visited the cemetery at Andersonole and looked into the modus operandi of that quite large city of 13,000 dead. 4/5 at

least being victims of rebel hatred and inhumanity (describe mode of burial & keeping records etc etc) But now rumors that we should start for a parole camp soon, followed by a trainload being called out each day and going. Rumor said to Vicksburg parole camp, and I told Dr Bates that I wanted to get off as soon as possible. But he said wait till next Sunday. I want to go too, as surgeon on that train, and I want to go when you do. Saturday he went down and saw his wife and got a little roll of Greenbacks of her, and was on hand Sunday morning (March 24/65) and we left Anderson came up to Fort Valley, started west, and crossed the Chatahooche R. at Columbus, 25th and by boat across Talapoosa R. & Ry to Montgomery, River to Selma, & Ry to Meridian Miss where we were put into a stockade & prison with mud & water from 6 in to 2 ft deep. & bunks & sleeping accommodations for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of us and if possible the nastiest hole of its size I ever saw. & next day to Jackson Miss. And Mch 31st I marched from Jackson towards Big Black River & Vicksburg 16 miles. Via Champion Hill Battle Field & the rout of Shermans army in encompassing the city of Vicksburg in Spring of 1863. some marched out  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile some 1 mile & so on. from Jackson and gave out, some died on the way and the next day after sitting with my blistered feet in a little creek half the night, part of us got to the Big Black River and saw a few of our men with Old Glory and camp kettles & boxes of hard tack on the hill on the oppisite bank which was neutral ground between the Gray & the Blue. Our boys had managed to construct some Red, White & Blue out of something, into the semblance of a little flag and fastened it on to a pole and the minute we were on the pontoon

bridge across the River - Up went that little rag, and such a shout, as went up from the poor tired weak mortals, can only be imagined, and tears were in the eyes of 3/4 of that gagged hungry shattered crowd of humanity, but soon the smell of coffee - Coffee, the clear stuff, as the warm spring breeze, carried it directly down to us, put a stop to all sentimentality of that sort and our thoughts were centered upon the pressing needs of the innerman, and we were soon filling up, - given all they durst let us have, by a few of our own men, but still under the Rebel Guards. And we lay there outside the old fortifications of Vicksburg until April 21st before being paroled. I had not fared as hard on the road as most of the men did. I traded the Lousy Dirty Overcoat I drew from the Sanitary Commission off for a fife & \$80 in confed and traded the fife to one of our guards for provisions & more Alabama money and spent it all for provisions before I got to Jackson Miss, and supplied our little squad of 3 or 4 pretty well. One Sunday I left camp and came out into the Deep RR Cut back of Vicksburg where it is a kind of Soap Stone Clay which does not wash and where there was thousands of names cut into the bank, some 15 to 25 ft high I think and soon my eye saw a little root & shrub up the bank above every name near it and I had a stub of a knife and went to work and cut my way up to that root for a hold and then cut "N Burch. in letters over a foot high & deep and the next year I think it was my brother in the 8th Iowa, was through there on the R.Y. being on Provo duty in Miss & Alabama, saw the name from car window and not knowing that I had ever been there wrote me about it asking how it came there etc etc. and was surprised by my answer as

much as by seeing the name in the first place. Apr 21st we were paroled, and told that the large steamer Sultana would soon be along and take us up to St Louis, but it was laid up at Natches to repair boilers and the Olive Branch, one of the largest of the lower Miss steamers came along and we started north.

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NOTES

1. INDOCTRINATION INTO THE UNION ARMY, Aug. 25 to Sept. 28, 1862.
  
1. Portland Township, Chautauqua County, New York was formed in 1813. "Portland lies upon Lake Erie, a little w. of the center of the co. Its surface is level along the lake shore but broken and hilly in the center and w. Its streams are small creeks and brooks flowing into Lake Erie. The soil is a clay and gravelly loam." J.H. French, Gazetteer of the State of New York, p.215.  
In the census of 1858 Portland listed a population of 978 males and 958 females. Ibid., p.217.
2. Newell Burch was born January 16, 1842 in Portland Township.
3. Westfield Academy in 1859 had three teachers and 250 full time students. Ibid., p.130.
4. Westfield Township was formed from Portland and Ripley (which was previously taken from Portland in 1817) Townships in 1829. The smaller town of Westfield located upon Chatauqua Creek, about two miles from Lake Erie, was incorporated in 1833. In 1858 it listed a population of 1433. Ibid., p.216.
5. Hiram, Rollin and Walter Burch.
6. Walter Burch, born in 1838, spent ten months in Company D of the 49th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment.
7. General Robert E. Lee defeated Major General John Pope at the Second Battle of Bull Run on August 30, 1862. Taking the offensive, Lee crossed the Potomac River at Leesburg on September 5 and eventually met Major General George B. McClellan at Antietam Creek, Maryland on the 17th. Two days earlier, Harpers Ferry had surrendered to Stonewall Jackson. Whether Lee or McClellan had the better of the battle at Antietam (Sharpsburg) is a matter of some dispute. The result, however, was the immediate withdrawal of Lee back to Virginia.
8. Lucy was an older sister of Newell's. She married Norman Runsey in 1864; hence, at the time of Newell's enlistment she was still Lucy Burch and living at home.
9. Centerville was the Portland Township post office. It contained 233 inhabitants in 1859. Ibid., p.215.
10. Balance.
11. Jamestown located at the southern tip of Lake Chautauqua in Ellicott Township was some 25 miles southeast of Westfield. It listed 1625 residents in 1859. Ibid., p.212.
12. Hartfield was located eight miles southeast of Westfield.
13. Mayville was three miles southwest of Hartfield.
14. Probably friends and neighbors.
15. Grunt was possibly some family known to the Burch's. There was no town by that name nor is it evident that there was any hostelry called Grunt.
16. Westfield.
17. Apparently Van Dusen and John Dear (Deer) were veterinarians of sorts.
18. Salem was in Portland Township and in 1859 had 258 residents. Ibid., p.215.
19. Probably a good friend of Newell's. He is mentioned several times hereafter.
20. Ransom Burch was another one of Newell's older brothers. He was married in 1856 and was employed as a contractor and builder.



21. First Lieutenant Isaac T. Jenkins was mustered in Company E on September 26, 1862. He was captured twice by the Confederates, one time at Chancellorsville and later at Gettysburg. He died of disease in a Confederate hospital at Richmond on July 21, 1863. Frederick Phisterer, New York in the War of the Rebellion, vol. 5, p. 3800.
22. Second Lieutenant Orlando W. Avery was mustered in Company E on September 26, 1862 and discharged March 25, 1863. Ibid., p. 3795.
24. Congress on July 22, 1861 sanctioned a bounty of \$100 per man over and above the regular pay of volunteers.
23. Note separate entries for September 21. No apparent reason.
25. No entry in diary for September 26.

2. FROM JAMESTOWN; NEW YORK TO CHANTILLA, VIRGINIA, Sept. 29 to Dec. 9, 1862.

1. All towns in southern New York virtually due east of Jamestown.
2. Both in Pennsylvania.
3. Error in listing September 31 probably due to omission of September 26 above. Cf. note 25 above.
4. No entries in diary for October 6, 7, 8 or 9.
5. Major General Franz Sigel was German born and had emigrated to the United States during the 1850's. He was commander of the 11th Corps from September 12, 1862 to January 10, 1863 and from February 5 to 22, 1863. F.H. Dyer, A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion, p. 318.
6. No entry in diary for October 28.
7. A report of General Sigel's dated November 2, 1862 stated that Brigadier General A. Von Steinwehr's division was at Cub Run. U.S. War Dept. The Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, ser. 1, vol. 19, pt. 2, p. 534. The title of this work will hereafter be noted simply as O.R.  
Burch was a member of the 1st Brigade (Colonel A. Buschbeck), 2nd Division (Von Steinwehr), 11th Corps (Sigel).
8. Also called Quaker Guns.
9. Sigel's report read, "The following disposition is made for tomorrow (Nov. 3): ... General Steinwehr ... between Thoroughfare Gap and Gainesville." Ibid. Parentheses are mine.  
Another Sigel report dated November 3, 1862, 10 pm, stated that Steinwehr's division was at Carter's Switch. Ibid., p. 541.
10. It is difficult to determine just what command Major General Ambrose E. Burnside held on Nov. 3, 1862. On October 13, 1862 he was assigned command of the 2nd and 12th Corps. (Special Orders No. 280), Ibid., p. 420.  
A report from Major General Darius N. Couch, 2nd Corps commander, (yet under Burnside) dated November 3, 1862 (1 pm) indicated that he was five miles from Snickersville and five miles from Ashby's Gap. But, an order to Burnside dated Nov. 4 indicates a somewhat different arrangement. Cf. Ibid., p. 542.  
It is evident though that Burch was correct in labeling "Burnside's troops" as at least responsible for some of the commotion beyond the Blue Ridge.  
There were certain skirmishes and actions on November 3 and 4 near the area where Burch was camped. These occurred at or near Bloomfield, Upperville, Ashby's Gap and Snickers Gap. The 11th Corps did not participate.

11. Federal act sanctioning the seizure of all property used for "insurrectionary purposes".
12. The actions referred to in note 10 above did actually commence on Nov. 2.
13. Cf. note 10 above.
14. Meaning of G not known.
15. Adolph Wilhelm August Friedrich, Baron von Steinwehr, was born at Blankenburg in Brunswick.
16. Burch was probably referring to the death of Brigadier General Philip Kearney who was killed at the Battle of Chantilly, September 1, 1862. There is no record of a General Gaines killed, wounded, or even present at this battle.
17. Patrick H. Jones was mustered in as colonel of the 154th New York on October 8, 1862. He replaced Colonel Addison G. Rice as regimental commander on September 25, 1862. Phisterer, op. cit., p.3790, 3800.
18. Henry C. Loomis was mustered in as Lieutenant Colonel of the 154th on September 24, 1862. Ibid., p.3801.

3. IN RESERVE AT FREDERICKSBURG AND THE MUD MARCH, Dec. 10, 1862 to January 22, 1863.

1. On December 11, Sigel was ordered to move the 11th Corps toward Fredericksburg. O.R., ser. 1, vol. 21, p.848. Also on the same day Sigel reported that "the main force of the Eleventh Corps is crossing Wolf Run Shoals to-day, on their march to Dumfries." Ibid., p.846-7.
2. During the morning of December 12, 1862 Brigadier General Wade Hampton with some 520 men, surprised the Federals at Dumfries. According to Hampton's report, he captured "50 odd prisoners, with 1 lieutenant and 24 sutters wagons." Aware of the approaching 11th Corps, he "deemed it prudent" to evacuate immediately. (8 A.M.). Ibid., p.690-1.  
On December 13 Sigel reported his arrival at Falmouth, Virginia with the main body of the 11th Corps as of the day before. Ibid., p.850.
3. On November 5, 1862 McClellan was relieved as commander of the Army of the Potomac and was replaced by Burnside who decided to march on Richmond via Fredericksburg. At the latter point Burnside attacked Lee, and a battle raged from December 11 to 15.
4. On November 14, 1862 the 11th Corps had been designated a "reserve force". O.R., vol. 19, pt. 2. Acting in this capacity Sigel was ordered on December 13 "to move up as rapidly as possible (toward Fredericksburg) without exhausting your troops." O.R., vol. 21, p.850. Parentheses are mine.  
A report from Sigel stated in part that "General Burnside has crossed the Rappahannock, and wishes that we advance as quickly as possible. A probably severe battle has been going on the whole day. (the 13th) Firing can be heard here. (Falmouth)" Ibid., p.851. Parentheses are mine.
5. On December 14 at 6:20 P.M. Sigel reported his arrival at Stafford Court House. Ibid., p.854.
6. The 9th <sup>th</sup>New York Cavalry was attached to the 1st Division, 11th Corps.
7. On the 10th Sigel assumed command of the Grand Reserve Division consisting of the 11th and 12th Corps. Brigadier General J.H. Stahel, senior officer of the 11th took over same.

8. On the 19th Brigadier General Carl Schurz replaced Stahel as commander of the 11th Corps. O.R., Ibid., p.981.
9. Barrel.
10. Burnside's plan had been to cross the Rappahannock at Bank's Ford via a pontoon bridge and intrude his army between Lee and Richmond. Roads were prepared on the Union side leading to the river, upon which Burch must have worked. The crossing was to be made January 20; however, the weather which had been favorable through the 19th, changed completely thereby arresting the scheme.

4. LIFE IN CAMP AND HOSPITAL, Jan. 23 to April 25, 1863.

1. Horace Burch was Newell's eldest brother.
2. On Feb. 4 the 11th Corps was ordered to assemble near Stafford Court House. The 2nd Division (Burch's) "will march to-morrow (Feb. 5) to Potomac Creek, and encamp there for the night." O.R., ser. 1, vol. 25, pt. 2, p.25. The parentheses are mine.
3. Cf. p. 46 below.
4. Quotation marks refer to entries on Feb. 12.
5. On Jan. 25 Burnside was removed from command of the Army of the Potomac and Major General Joseph Hooker took his place. On Feb. 5 Hooker did away with Burnside's Grand Division organization; hence, Sigel was removed from command of the Grand Reserve Division and resumed command of the 11th Corps. Steinwehr and Buschbeck retained their positions as commanders of the 2nd Division of the 11th Corps and the 1st Brigade of the 2nd Division respectively. O.R., Ibid., p.3, 51.
6. The 27th Pennsylvania was an all-German regiment under Lieutenant Colonel Lorenz Cantador. It was also in the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 11th Corps. with the exception of Company F which was attached to the Defenses of Washington under Major General S.P. Heintzelman. Hooker wanted this company to rejoin its regiment and thus be under his command. On Feb. 12 he informed Heintzelman of this desire. Ibid., p.69. Heintzelman, however, was able to prevent the transfer of Company F and Hooker never did get them. Ibid., p.83. The reaction of the 27th ~~itself~~ may have resulted in some indignities committed by its officers and/or its men.
7. On the 22nd Sigel was relieved at his own request from command of the 11th Corps. Von Steinwehr replaced him; Buschbeck became 2nd Division commander; and Colonel C. Soest took over the 1st Brigade. Dyer, op. cit., p. 318-9.
8. Assistant Surgeon Dwight W. Day of the 154th New York.
9. Captain Joseph B. Fay was the commander of Company E (Burch's).
10. Carl Schurz replaced von Steinwehr as commander of the 11th Corps on the 5th. Von Steinwehr and Buschbeck resumed their previous commands. Dyer, op. cit., Ibid.
11. Apparently Burch was referring to a cavalry engagement at Kelley's Ford on the same day. This was the first large scale cavalry fight of the war, east of the Mississippi. Union losses totaled 78 while the Confederates reported 133. O.R., vol. 25, pt. 1, p.53,63.
12. As of April 2, 1863 Major General Oliver O. Howard assumed command of the 11th Corps. Buschbeck and Soest had taken over the 2nd Division and 1st Brigade on March 28. Dyer, op. cit., p. 318-9.
13. Howard noted in his Autobiography that "On the 10th (April, 1863) Mr. Lincoln came to review my corps. ... my salute and review were satis-

- factory." Parentheses are mine.
14. Von Steinwehr and Buschbeck once again <sup>were</sup> restored to their original commands.
  15. On April 12 Buschbeck was ordered <sup>to march</sup> his brigade to Kelly's Ford at eight oclock the following morning. Sufficient supplies for four days were to be taken and once at their destination they were to hold it. O.R., vol. 25, pt. 2, p. 202.
  16. On April 25 Howard "was instructed to send knapsacks and other supplies to Buschbeck at Kelly's Ford, and to see that his men had on hand eight days' rations in knapsacks and haversacks." O.O. Howard, Autobiography, <sup>vol. 1,</sup> p. 350.

5. CHANCELLORSVILLE, April 26 to May 8, 1863.

1. On April 28 Major General John S. Slocum was given command of both the 11th and 12th Corps as long as they were operating along the same line. Slocum was then directed to have the 11th Corps cross the Rappahannock that evening. O.R., vol. 25, pt. 2, p. 273-4. At 6 P.M. a bridge was started and 400 men from Buschbeck's Brigade crossed the river in boats and drove away the Confederate pickets on the south bank. The bridge was completed by 10 P.M. Howard, op. cit., p. 354.
2. Major General George Stoneman's Cavalry Corps, Major General George G. Meade's 5th Corps, and the 11th and 12th Corps crossed at Kelly's Ford on April 28-9. The major portion of the 1st <sup>and</sup> Corps crossed at U.S. Ford while the 2nd <sup>and</sup> Corps was near Fredericksburg. *(two divisions)*
3. At Germanna Ford.
4. Should read April 30 as should the following entry (S) below.
5. On April 30th the 11th Corps arrived near Chancellorsville. Von Steinwehr's 2nd Division was at Dowdall's Tavern about two miles west of Chancellorsville. Buschbeck's Brigade was ordered to occupy the fields south of the Plank Road along which Dowdall's was located.
6. The 5th and 6th Corps.
7. Jackson's attack and Buschbeck's defense near Dowdall's is described by von Steinwehr: "When I arrived upon the field, I found Col. A. Buschbeck, with three regiments of his brigade (the Twenty-seventh and Seventy-third Pennsylvania and One hundred and fifty-fourth New York Volunteers), still occupying the same ground near the tavern, and defending this position with great firmness and gallantry. . . . The attack of the enemy was very powerful. . . . Colonel Buschbeck succeeded in checking the progress of the enemy, and I directed him to hold his position as long as possible. The men fought with great determination and courage. Soon, however, the enemy gained both wings of the brigade, and the enfilading fire which was now opened upon this small force, and which killed and wounded nearly one-third of its whole strength, soon forced it to retire. Colonel Buschbeck then withdrew his small brigade in perfect order toward the woods, the enemy slowly pressing on. Twice he halted, faced around, and at last reached the rear of General Sickles' Corps, which had been drawn up in position near Chancellorsville. . . . the First Brigade displayed the greatest bravery under very trying circumstances." The . . . The First Brigade lost in killed and wounded, 494 men and 27 officers; (revised statement indicated 3 officers killed, 15 wounded and 5 missing, and

and 23 enlisted men killed, 214 wounded and 223 missing. There were approximately 1500 men in Buschbeck's Brigade at the outset.) among the latter, three regimental commanders (Col. P.H. Jones, One Hundred and fifty-fourth New York ...) ..." O.R., vol. 25, pt. 1, p.645-6. Parentheses are mine.

Burch's account is not quite as optimistic as the above.

8. At U.S. Ford.

9. Burch was referring, of course, to losses in his own Company E. The 154th listed one officer and six enlisted men killed; three officers and 77 enlisted men wounded; and four officers and 137 enlisted men missing for an aggregate of 228 which was the third highest total listed by any Union regiment during the Chancellorsville campaign.

6. UP TO GETTYSBURG, May 9 to June 29, 1863.

1. Noon.

2. A camp for paroled prisoners was located at Annapolis, Maryland.

3. End of first book of diary.

4. First Lieutenant Samuel C. Noyes, Jr.

5. An order dated June 3, 10:15 P.M. directed the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 11th and 12th Corps to have reveille at daylight and have "everything in readiness for any movement that may be ordered." O.R., vol. 27, pt. 3, p.4.

6. Order dated June 5, 1863, 8:45 A.M. directed the 2nd, 11th and 12th Corps to be ready to move at a moment's notice. Ibid., p.11.

7. On June 13 Howard was directed to be at Manassas Junction the following day. The order was not received until the 14th. Ibid., p.91.

8. The 11th Corps was directed to Centerville by order dated June 14, 9:45 P.M. Ibid., p.107.

9. Front Royal, Virginia.

10. "Goose Creek near Leesburg - The weather has been very hot and dry." Howard, op. cit., p.386.

11. "June 18, 1863 - almost too hot for campaigning." Ibid.

12. The reference here was to a skirmish at Middleburg and an engagement at Upperville, Virginia. Union troops engaged included Pleasonton's Cavalry Corps and two brigades from Meade's 5th Corps. Union losses totaled 209 killed, wounded and missing. Dyer, op. cit., p.919.

13. On June 24 Howard's entire corps was encamped on the south bank of Goose Creek near Edward's Ferry. O.R., vol. 27, pt. 3, p.289.

14. On June 25 the 11th Corps marched "from Edward's Ferry, Va., to Jefferson, Md." O.R., vol. 27, pt. 1, p.143.

15. On June 26 the 11th Corps marched "from Jefferson to Middletown, Md." Ibid.

16. On the 27th Meade was ordered to replace Hooker as commander of the Army of the Potomac. O.R., vol. 27, pt. 3, p.144.369.

17. The 11th Corps marched "from Middletown to near Frederick" on the 28th. O.R., vol. 27, pt. 1, p.144.

18. Barbara Fritchie, a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier, is an account of a heroine who waved a Union flag from the window of her home in Frederick while Stonewall Jackson was marching through on his way to Antietam. The poem relates that Jackson ordered his men to fire upon the flag, which prompted Barbara to utter her famous lines:

Shoot if you must, this old gray head,  
But spare your country's flag she said.

Jackson later contended that he never saw Mrs. Fritchie and most authorities agree.

19. On June 29 the 11th Corps moved "from Frederick to Emmitsburg". ObEd.

7. CAPTURE AT GETTYSBURG, June 30 to July 10, 1863.

1. "At Emmitsburg, June 30th, I had only changed the position of my corps from the east to the northwest of the village." Howard, op. cit., p.402.

2. Steinwehr in his official report describing the 2nd Division's activities on July 1, indicated that the division marched from Emmitsburg to Gettysburg early in the morning. When within about 5 miles of their destination they were ordered to push on more rapidly. The 2nd Division arrived near Gettysburg around 2 pm and was ordered to occupy Cemetery Hill. (Previously, almost the entire remainder of the 11th Corps had already engaged the enemy.) The 1st Brigade under Col. C.R. Coster (who had replaced Buschbeck) was placed on the northeast edge of the hill. O.R., vol. 27, pt. 1, p.720-1. Lieut. Col. Daniel B. Allen who commanded the 154th at Gettysburg due the intercepting orders received by Col. Jones at Charlestown, in a Dedication Address, July 1, 1863 stated that at about 3 pm the 154th marched from Cemetery Hill through the main street of the town and "when the rear of the line had crossed this street we were halted and came to a front with the One hundred and thirty-fourth (New York) on the right in what was a wheatfield then; and the Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania on the left ... We stopped the enemy and were holding them in our front, but their line so far overlapped the One hundred and thirty-fourth on our right that they swung around almost in their rear, and had such an enfilading fire upon them and our whole line, that that regiment was compelled to give way, and I immediately gave orders for my regiment to fall back. They retreated towards the left. When I reached a position in rear of where the Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania had formed, I found that they had been withdrawn without my knowledge, and that the enemy had outflanked us to a much greater extent upon our left than on the right; that their line had advanced unopposed down the road and across the open field beyond. ... The men being almost entirely surrounded by the enemy, who outnumbered them more than five to one and were right in their midst, many of our men were compelled to surrender." New York Monuments Commission, Final report on the Battle of Gettysburg, vol. 3, p.1051.

The losses suffered by the 154th at Gettysburg included 1 enlisted man killed, 20 wounded and 169 captured or missing, and 1 officer wounded and 9 captured or missing. O.R., vol. 27, pt. 1, p.183.

3. Major General Henry W. Halleck's order dated May 25, 1863 stated that "No Confederate officers will be paroled or exchanged till further notice." This order was apparently given in answer to a joint resolution of the Confederate Congress, approved May 1, 1863 which declared "That every white person being a commissioned officer ... who shall command negroes or mulattoes in arms against the Confederate States ... shall be deemed as inciting servile insurrection, and shall if captured be put to death or be otherwise punished at the discretion of the court." James F. Rhodes, History of the United States, vol. 4, p. 334. The underscoring is mine.

Whether Halleck's order was ever extended to include enlisted men is not known. It certainly would have been feasible. The assumption would be that the augmented acquisition of prisoners by Lee would mean the detailing of sorely needed Confederate combat troops to guard them; the retarding effect a large group of captives would have on an army that might have to move swiftly; and, of course, more mouths to feed. On July 4 Lee did propose to Meade that "an exchange be made at once." However, Meade begged off, claiming he did not have the authority to sanction such a move. He made no reference to any previous order. O.R., vol. 27, pt. 3, p.514.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania was probably a temporary exchange point. City Point, Virginia was the official exchange point in the east.

4. Entry actually covers both the 6th and 7th.
5. Probably Leitersburg, Maryland.
6. Union losses 14 killed, 37 wounded, 69 missing. Dyer, op. cit., p.762.

9. A PRISONER AT BELLE ISLE, July 24, 1863 to Feb. 24, 1864.

1. Both Libby and Pemberton were old tobacco warehouses. Their names were those of the families that owned them.
2. It is doubtful whether Burch would have been placed in Libby for any length of time since Libby was for officers only.
3. "Belle Island, an oblong tract of land - the whole dimension but one mile in length, and less than one-fourth of a mile in breadth - is situated in the James River, between Richmond and Manchester; the channel passing on the Richmond side being nearly one-third wider than between the island and the south bank. The island was reached alone from the Manchester side of the river, and by a rickety bridge, upon which was laid a branch of the Danville Railroad for the convenience of the Old Dominion Iron Works (Tredegar) which were located on the upper end of the island. The prison camp was situated on the extreme lower end of the island. . . . The ground was low, wet, and flat, . . . The area occupied by the prisoners was . . . about four acres. Around the whole was an embankment about three feet in height, somewhat resembling in appearance a hasty field defense. The ditch lay inside, and was about two feet in depth." G.E. Sabre, Nineteen Months A Prisoner Of War, p.23-4. Parentheses are mine.
4. Burch probably meant the James rather than the Potomac River.
5. A rumor it was. Charleston was not evacuated by the Confederates until Feb. 17, 1865.
6. Memoranda included in second book of diary.
7. Burch possibly meant that many of "the boys" had died while in prison and were still buried there.
8. Prisoners who traded with the guards (as Burch did).
9. The "nigger" problem had been especially serious since the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, September 22, 1862. Confederate authorities had refused to exchange Negro troops; c.g., cf. note 3 above (Chap. 7). Both the parole and exchange systems had ceased to function efficiently by May, 1863. However, as Burch indicated, sick and wounded prisoners continued to be exchanged.
10. Prisoners that were captured during the Battle of Chickamauga on September 19 and 20.

11. No entry in diary for the 17th.
12. To skirmish meant to trade with the guards.
13. There were 1000 suits of clothing and 1500 blankets sent to the Richmond prisons which were received by Nov. 3 and distributed a few days later. Q.R., ser. 2, vol. 6, p.459.
14. These men were hoodlums, robbers and wanted criminals from the slums of the larger northeastern cities - particularly New York City - who had joined the army for the \$300 bounty paid to them by those who did not wish to serve.
15. "In January the prisoners on Belle Isle captured the pet poodle of Lieutenant Bossieux, the commandant, and ate it." William B. Hessel-tine, Civil War Prisons A Study In War Psychology, p.124.
16. Second Lieutenant Alexander McDade.
17. Captain "Dick" Turner, head of Libb was intensely hated by most of the prisoners who had any contact with him. His official status is not clear. Perhaps he could be designated as an executive officer of the Richmond prisons.

10. ANDERSONVILLE, March, 1864 to April, 1865.

1. "Fifteen feet within the stockade a row of posts joined by boards nailed to their tops marked the limits of the space allotted to the prisoners. According to orders prisoners venturing beyond this 'deadline' were to be warned to leave, and if they refused or failed to obey they were to be shot by the nearest sentinal." Hessel-tine, Ibid., p.143-4.
2. Blackshear was a Confederate prison in Georgia not Florida.
3. Confederate prison at Danville, Virginia.
4. The 20th Georgia was at Gettysburg; however, there is no record of its presence at Andersonville. For the most part, troops of the 26th Alabama and the 55th Georgia made up the guards at Andersonville.
5. Captain Henry Wirz, Confederate commander of the interior of the prison at Andersonville. After the war he was tried and executed by a military court. Ibid., p.40.
6. Occurred April 17 to 20, 1864. A reported 2732 Federal troops were captured and missing. Dyer, op. cit., p.823.
7. Many prisoners dubbed them "Plymouth Pilgrims". John McElroy, This Was Andersonville, p.73.
8. NYaarkers, cf. note 14 above (Chap. 9).
9. Probably the prisoner known as "Limber Jim", a member of the 67th Illinois "whose lithe, sinewy, form and striking features reminded one of a young Sioux brave." Ibid., p.77.
10. Sergeant Leroy L. Key, a printer from Bloomington, Illinois who was "tall, dark, intelligent and strong-willed." Ibid.
11. Sarsfield.
12. Moseby was Collins' alias.
13. Delaney.
14. Baking soda.
15. September 1 and 2, 1864.
16. Major General William T. Sherman's proximity to Atlanta resulted in a good deal of uneasiness on the Confederate side. Afraid that he might attempt to free the prisoners at Andersonville, it was decided



that a new prison would be built at Millen, Georgia and that all the prisoners at Andersonville would be transferred to the new site. However, the Millen prison was not completed in time, hence, the first prisoners that were moved went to the already overcrowded prisons at Charleston and Savannah. Hesseltine, op. cit., p.154.

17. Sherman's March Through Georgia took place during the period, November 10 to December 22, 1864.
18. Probably Dr. Calvin Bates who later testified against Captain Wirz.
19. Blackshear, Georgia. Prisoners were returned to Andersonville both because of the extremely crowded conditions elsewhere and because Sherman no longer threatened Andersonville. Ironically, it was now Savannah and Charleston that were in danger.