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Diary of Army Life

(Continued from May 24, 1864 in book)

Thursday May 26th 1864

Lay still all day continual skirmishing all of the time built some Rifle Pits and drew rations no one of our Regiment wounded today

Friday May 27th

Lay in position all day skirmishing all of the time one or two of our Regt wounded slightly. Isaac Smith sick and sent back to the Hospital.

Saturday May 28th

Lay in position all day skirmishing all of the time no one of our Regiment hirt. relieved at dark and went back a little ways.

Sunday May 29th/64

Lay in the third line all day Skirmishing all of the time wrote a letter to Mother but forgot when I sent it.

Monday May 30th

Relieved the 134th N.Y.V. in the front line lay all day and night skirmishing all of the time no one hirt. warm and pleasant

Tuesday May 31st Relieved in the morning and went back to the third line. Skirmishing all of the time no one hirt of our Regiment.

Wednesday June 1st/64 Our Corps was relieved by the fifteenth and we marched around the left about htree miles our Regiment on picket tonight

Thursday June 2d Marched at about noon about a mile the twenty third Corps in front and the twentieth supporting it. an awful rain today I got wet completely through lay quiet all night rainy all of the time

Friday June 3d 1864 Lay still all day the enemy reported falling back sent a letter to John Darling rainy today.

Saturday June 4th Lay still all day rainy

Sunday June 5th/64 Lay still all day all quiet the enemy reported to be falling back, not much firing heard today.

Monday June 6th Marched this morning and went about six or seven miles halted and threw up some rifle pits rainy some firing heard at a distance

Tuesday June 7th Remained still all day all quiet received a letter from Mother today and wrote one home.

Wednesday June 8th Lay still all day all quiet today, wrote to Sister Libbie, warm.

Thursday June 9th Orders to march but did not go Wrote a letter to Aunt Mary but did not send it. all quiet today Lieutenant Welch assigned to Co. K for duty.

Friday June 10th 1864 Orders to march nine A.M. but did not go rainy today some cannonading at a distance

Saturday June 11th/64 Orders to march this morning but did not go. rainy and showery today Some cannonading at a distance today. no news of importance only that A. Lincoln and Andrew Johnson are nominated for president

Sunday June 12th 1864 Rainy all day very hard. some firing at a distance today.

Monday June 13 Rainy today, lay still all day, cold and muddy. I am about sick. some cannonading at a distance of five or six miles

Tuesday June 14th 1864 Went on picket about one hour then called in and the Brigade marched. I am sick got a pass to ride in the Ambulance.

Wednesday June 15th 1864 The Ambulance moved about noon and the Doctor sent me to the Division Hospital soon the wounded began to come from our Regt. sixteen came where I was stayed there all night. our Regt cut up bad.

Thursday June 16th 1864 The Hospital moved about a mile towards the front and there we found three or four more of our Regt Arthur Wright of Co. C died today of a wound in the side. I began to feel better today. Capt. Crosby of our Regt. today.

Friday June 17th 1864 The enemy fell back in front of our corps last night quiet this morning. I feel about the same.

Saturday June 18th The Hospital broke up and I went up and stayed with Edgar all night very rainy. heavy cannonading along the whole line today.

Sunday June 19th Rain this A.M. The Rebels fell back again last night quiet this A.M. Rain P.M.

Monday June 20th 1864 I go to the Regiment this morning and begin to feel quite well. very muddy. some skirmishing this morning. rainy today.

Tuesday June 21st Relieved by the fourth Corps and moved to the right some distance threw up breastworks, rainy today.

Wednesday June 22d The enemy fell back a little way last night and we advanced and threw up breastworks. about four P.M. the Rebels attacked the first Division and were repulsed with great loss from our Artillery lay quiet all night.

Thursday June 23d Finished our breastworks and lay in them all day and all night some skirmishing today, and heavy firing in front of the fourth Corps. warm

Friday June 24th Lay still all day very warm some skirmishing but no general engagement on the right.

Saturday June 25th Wrote a letter to Mother today. Lay still all day and rested some very warm today

Sunday June 26th 1864 Lay quiet all day very warm today.

Monday June 27th 1864 Moved today in advance and the fourth Corps charged a Hill. very warm built breastworks and lay there all night. one man wounded

Tuesday June 28th 1864 some skirmishing today but no heavy firing heard very warm wrote to John Darling

Wednesday June 29th 1864 Lay quiet all day in breastworks wrote to Libbie some firing today but not heavy. I am put in Serg't.

Thursday June 30th 1864 Lay quiet all day went to the creek and had a good wash. received a letter from Libbie. Our Division was relieved after dark by the 14th Corps and we marched to the right and relieved the 23d Corps

Friday July 1st 1864 Relieved from the front line and went back to the second line about one P.M. at or just before sundown our batteries opened in front of our Corps lay quiet all night, the first night's rest we have had in a long time. very warm today.

Saturday July 2d 1864 I am detailed for picket this morning and remain on all day continual skirmishing all day with some cannonading relieved from skirmish line and went back to the line of Battle lay quiet all night. some indication of the enemy retreating. a Canon is fired all night once in about fifteen minuts.

Sunday July 3d 1864 This morning the Rebels have retreated and we start in pursuit pick up a great many deserters, some one hundred and fifty come into our Brigade, so many less to fight. follow on after the Rebels about five miles with continual skirmishing. very warm

Monday July 4th 1864 Lay quiet all day some skirmishing and continual canonading today. the enemy in a strong position but are reported falling back.

Tuesday July 5th 1864 The enemy fell back to the River last night about six miles. We followed on in persuit & shelled them in the Afternoon from a high hill. very warm today.

Wednesday July 6th 1864 Marched about a mile towards the left and joined on the right of the 14th Corps. lay quiet all night and all quiet except a little picket firing and occasionally a Canon shot very warm today.

Thursday July 7th 1864 Moved upon top of the Ridge and put up tents. very warm, some canonading on the right today and picket firing along the whole line. heavy canonading on the right between sundown and dark, the object unknown commenced making out the muster rolls. had a good wash in the Nickajack Creek today.

Friday July 8th 1864 Lay quiet all day finished the muster roll today very warm.

Saturday July 9th 1864 Done out my washing and went to camp and there I found three letters for me two from Mother and one from Harty. Wrote to Mother and was detailed on picket. very warm

Sunday July 10th 1864 This morning the Rebs have fallen back acrossed the Chattahoochee and we advanced the picket line to the River. the Rebels gave up some very strong Earthworks which cost them a great deal of work, very warm.

Monday July 11th 1864 Relieved from picket and went into Camp. at four P.M. very warm today.

Tuesday July 12th 1864 Wrote and sent a letter to Mother and one to Harty. warm

Wednesday July 13th/64 sent a letter to John Darling and one to Ettie G. and wrote one to William Ross, but did not send it, very warm today.

Thursday July 14th 1864 Went a berrying this morning and got a quart after about two hours work sent the dunning letter to Ross.

Friday July 15th/64 Wrote to Adelia S. G. today. warm today

Saturday July 16th 1864 Lay quiet all day in Camp. very warm every day now.

Sunday July 17th 1864 Washed my Shirt this morning and went to camp and we had marching orders to go at 11 O clock A.M. but did not go till 3 P.M. and crossed the River about four miles up above where we lay.

Tuesday Aug 16th 1864 Received a letter from Deal G. I feel about the same this morning.

Wednesday Aug 17th 1864. I feel about the same now some canonading today.

Thursday Aug 18th 1864 Wrote a letter to Ettie heavy canonading last night and this morning. I dont feel quite as well this P.M.

Friday Aug 19th 1864 Sent my letter out this morning heavy canonading this morning from our Batteries at four A.M.

Saturday Aug 20 I feel about the same this A.M. rather weak yet though the usual canonading and skirmishing today

Sunday Aug 21 all about the same today at the front today

Monday 22 About the same at the front today all going on well got my pay of William Ross, by letter today or yesterday cool and comfortable this day

Tuesday Aug 23d 1864 About the same today the usual skirmishing at the front today

Wednesday Aug 24th 1864 Not quite so well this day some skirmishing today. Orders to move tomorrow morning

Thursday Aug 25th 1864 Got up at four oclock and moved as soon as light (I rode in the ambulance) crossed the Chattahoochee and put up the Hospt near the rail road very hard up with the diarrhea today got some medicine and rest quite well

Friday Aug 26th Feel some better this morning but rather sleepy from some pills I took last night Diarrhea better, no news of importance today, warm and sunny today no rain today

Saturday Aug 27th 1864. I feel some better this morning no rain today warm with cold nights.

Sunday Aug 28th some better today I go down to the Sutler and get some paper and write a letter to Mother but did not send it.

Monday Aug 29th 1864 Sent a letter to Mother today. About the same today. Warm and no rain with cold nights.

Tuesday Aug 30th 1864 Wrote a letter to Adelia today. warm and pleasant today but cold nights

Wednesday Aug 31st 1864 Wrote to Lyb but did not send it will send it tomorrow. pleasant today

Monday July 18th 1864 Lay just crossed the River till 10 A.M. started out and marched about 3 miles halted and formed a line of Battle and advanced about two miles but did not find any of the enemy, halted and lay all night.

Tuesday July 19th 1864 Started out at 8 A.M. and marched slowly about two miles found the enemy and formed a line and halted, advanced just before sundown and built breastworks lay quiet all night.

Wednesday July 20th 1864 The enemy pickets fell back a little night and we advanced about three P.M. the enemy massed and assaulted us in heavy force, but did not drive us back any. a very desperate fight, but the enemy was repulsed in several charges, with great loss. the loss in our Regiment one killed and five wounded. the action closed at dark the enemy withdrew and we built breastworks, all quiet through the night, very warm today.

Thursday July 21st Lay quiet all day and night. some rain today.

Friday July 22nd 1864 The enemy fell back last night leaving a very strong line of works we advanced to near Atlanta or in shelling distance and found the enemy in strong works. we built breastworks again today. Very heavy firing on the left today. Maj. Gen. McPherson reported killed all quiet in our front except picket firing and some canonading very warm today. after dark the enemy make a demonstration in our front and try to drive in the skirmishers, but not any attack

Saturday July 23d 1864. heavy canonading all day but not much musketry. lay in our breastworks

Sunday July 24th 1864 Heavy canonading all day. wrote a letter home to Mother.

Monday July 25th 1864 Some canonading today we commenced to build some works in advance about sixty rods.

Tuesday July 26th/64 Building works in advance today, I go on picket tonight some canonading today and some skirmishing

Wednesday July 27th 1864 Received a letter from Milo Darling The Regiment moved over into the advanced works today. some skirmishing today and some canonading.

Thursday July 28th Lay in the works all day advanced our skirmishers some today. Heavy firing on the by the Army of the Tennessee under Gen Howard

Friday July 29th 1864 Lay quiet all day in Camp advanced the picket some today.

Saturday July 30th 1864 Nothing of importance going on today some canonading today.

Sunday July 31st Everything going on well around Atlanta very warm today and very quiet. I done my washing today.

Monday August 1st 1864 Some canonading today and continual skirmishing all of the time very war.

Tuesday Aug 2d 1864 Canonading today but generally quiet some skirmishing going on.

Wednesday Aug 3d 1864 Mr Moore comes into our lines from a Rebel prison where he saw Deloss Darling. I imediately went and saw him and wrote home all the particulars on the fourth.

Thursday Aug 4th 1864 Sent my letter to Mother this morning and done my washing this A.M. Orders to remain in Camp all the time this P.M. while an important movement is going on on the right. hard fighting on the right this P.M. and evening.

Friday Aug 5th 1864 canonading and the usual picket firing today but not any hard fighting as I heard of yet. warm with some rain today

Saturday Aug 6th 1864 All quiet till towards night then heavy canonading along the line with heavy skirmishing a thunder Storm towards night and in the evening all quiet through the evening and night Rec'd. a letter from Mother

Sunday Aug 7th 1864 canonading along the line today with light skirmishing

Monday Aug 8th 1864 all as usual today the heavy batteries shelling Atlanta every day now. Wrote to John today.

Tuesday Aug 9th 1864 all as usual this day some shelling mostly from our Batteries shelling the City.

Wednesday Aug 10th _____ canonading today with skirmishing all along _____ rec'd a letter from Ettie G. today.

Thursday Aug 11th 1864 I am most sick today _____ some with the fever. the usual canonading and skirmishing today. I am excused from duty by the Doctor today.

Friday Aug 12th/64 Feel quite well this morning, I and Casten go over to the Quartermasters and I begin to have the head ache and bones ache, can hardly get back to Camp, see Dr Rugg and get some medicine hard fever all the night and very hard head ache did not rest much in the night

Saturday Aug 13th/64 I feel about the same this morning only my head dont ache as hard canonading today and skirmishing as usual today

Sunday Aug 14th 1864 I feel about the same this morning some head ache and bones ache

Monday Aug 15th 1864 I do not feel as well this morning Wrote to Mary K. today and go to the Div Hospt.

Thursday Sept. 1st 1864 In the night heard something that sounded like canonading but afterward proved to be the enemy blowing up their ammunition in Atlanta

Friday Sept. 2d 1864 Received news that Atlanta is taken and part of the troops gone to occupy the city

Saturday Sept 3d 1864 A part of the Hospt gone to Atlanta today rainy. Wrote to Mother today

Sunday Sept 4th All of the Hospt packed up and going to Atlanta today. I get my things carried and go a foot got very tired going to the City. prisoners arrive in large numbers from the front. the Army reported to be 25 miles from here.

Monday Sept 5th 1864 Took a walk over and saw the cars destroyed by the enemy loaded with shot and shell, four trains burned all laden occupy the old fair ground Hospital left by the Rebs with about 40 of their own sick and wounded Soldiers.

Tuesday Sept 6th 64 Went over to the Regt and got a letter from Lyb rainy today very warm. think some of going to the Regt in a few days.

Wednesday Sept 7th 1864 Went down to the city and some paper and envelopes pleasant and all quiet today

Thursday Sept 8th Pleasant today all passes off quiet warm days and cold nights now. Wrote to Libbie today

Friday Sept 9th 1864 all passes of quiet today think some of going to the Regt. tomorrow warm days.

Saturday Sept 10th 1864 I go to the regt today warm and cool nights yet. go down to the city in the A.M. and get me an account book for sixty cents.

Sunday Sept 11th 1864 Sit around till about noon and I am informed that I am detailed as commissary sergt of the regiment and move over with Quarter Master to start.

Monday Sept 12th 1864 Draw one days rations soft bread no rain in some time pleasant

Tuesday Sept 13th 1864 drew some sugar today two days I believe. all quiet so far as I can hear the whole army lays here now pleasant

Wednesday Sept 14th 1864 No rain yet pleasant drew five (5) days rations today except Bread and four of that (Hard Tack)

Thursday Sept 15th 1864 No rain or rations today pleasant cool nights drew a Poncho Blanket one Shelter Tent two prs Socks

Friday Sept 16th 1864 no rations today pleasant but cool nights

Saturday Sept 17th 1864 No rain, or rations to issue today
pleasant commenced raining in the evening and rained about through
the night. Our Brigade was reviewed this P.M. by Gen. Geary

Sunday 18th of Sept rainy today _____ sent a letter to Deloss
by a citizen going south drew a pr of Boots _____

Monday Sept 19th 1864