

William D. Harper's Book.

Charlotte Chaut. Co. N.Y. W.D. Harper

Inlisted at Sinclearville Chaut. Co. N.Y.

Aug. 28th/62 Borne Nov. 14th 1838

in Charlotte Chaut Co. N.Y.

The first years in the United States William D. Harper
Born in Charlotte Chautauqua County New York. November the 14th 1838.
Enlisted in the United States service at Sinclearville Chaut. Co.
N.Y. August 28th 1862

Went to Jamestown Aug. 30th and was examined and excepted. Mustered
in the U.S. Service Sept. 26th/62
The last time at home was Sept. 22nd 1862
The Regiment left Jamestown Chaut Co. NY Sept 29th 1862
Got equipt at Elmira Sept. 30th
Got to Washington Oct. 2nd 1862
Got to Camp Seward Oct. 2 left Oct. 12th 1862
Got to Fairfax Oct. 13th
And left there Nov. 2nd
Got to Thoroughfare Gap Nov. 9th
And left there Nov. 17th
Got to Germantown Nov. 19th
And left ~~there~~ Dec. 10th/62
Got to Falmouth Dec. 16th/62
and left Jan. 19th/63
Went on pontoon expedition Jan 22nd
back to camp 24th
Left Falmouth Feb 5th/63
Got to Stafford " 6th
Left Stafford April 13th/63
got to Kellys ford "14th "
Crossed the river at Kellys ford April the 28th/63
came back to camp the same night.
Crossed again the 29th
Got to Chancelorsville Apr. 30th
The Chancelorsville comenced May 2nd/63
Retreated May 6th across the river at U.S. Ford
Got to the old camp at Stafford May 7th/63
May 28th moved camp went in a new one in the woods at Stafford
Left camp at Stafford June the 12th at noon on our march after the
Rebs. Marched to Goos creek June 17th 1863 .
Crossed the Potomac river at Edwards ferry June 25
Crossed on pontoons 64 boats
Got to Jefferson June 25th
26th to Middleton
28th Frederic City
29th Cragerstown and Emmitsburg
July 1st went on reconnosance the Regt went to Gettysburg and
comenced the battle
July 2nd I went to Gettysburg Pa.
July 5th left Gettysburg
" 6th got to Emmitsburg and left the 7th Marched to Cragerstown
thence to Middletown

July 10th marched through Boansborough ow
 July 12th went through Frewetown(?) and camped near hagerstown
 July 14th left Hagerstown
 July 16th marched through Middletown and camped near Berlin
 July 19th crossed the potomac river at Berlin marched through
 Lovitsville also Waterford
 20th marched through Middleburg.
 July 23rd went to New Baltimore
 Left 25th and came to Catlett Station
 August 1st left Catlett Station and went to Bristoe Station
 Aug 3rd left Bristo St. and went back to Catletts Station
 Aug 16th First dresparade since we left Stafford
 August 17th 1863 Left camp at 5½ ocolck at Catlett Station and
 marched to Manassas Junction clock
 August 25th left Manassas Junction at six o~~clock~~ and took the cars for
 Alexandria Va Got to Alexandria at eight it rained and we got very
 wet and was cold Staid in Soldiers retreat all night &c.

- Wed,
Aug. 26 Left Alexandria at nine o ~~clock~~ clock went about a mile to camp
had a nice time drawed and put up Sipleys tents.
- 27 left camp at sunrise to guard conscripts staid in the city until
most noon. Then took the cars and started for Beaton Station.
Went 55 miles
- 28 The second years service of W.D.H. Left Mannassas Junction in
the morning at nine o clock for camp got there at three o clock
was quite warm in the day but very cold nights.
- 29 Started at about nine o clock for the Convalescent camp to see the
boys Clouded up and looked like rain got there about noon eat
dinner and supper had mush and milk for supper slept in the bar-
ricks. night very cold.
- 30 Went to the cook house and eat Breakfast with Hugh Harper. Then went
to the hospital from thair to see fort Barnard it was very interesting
went back and eat dinner and then supper of mush and milk started for
camp about sundown got there at eight o clock P.M.
- 31 Went on guard at six o ~~clock~~ clock drawn some new clothes got a
Jacket pants and cap quite warm and plesant Got mustered for pay
very cold nights &c. went in a swimming got four letters &c. Had
a good time in the evening eating mellons and peaches
- Tues.
Sept. 1 Got up in the morning and got breakfast then wrote a letter
then helped put up the Captain's tent then detailed to be ready
at any moment with three days rations to gow and guard conscripts
but didnt gow.
- 2 Started from camp at six o clock, went to the dock and got some
conscripts took them to the depot and got on the cars and started
for Warrenton got there about five o clock. Then started back
Took the cars at Warrenton and came to the Junction Staid there all
night in the cars
- 3 Left the Junction at seven o clock and started for camp, was detained
on the road on the account of cars running of the track. Got some
green corn had a hard time. didnt get back to camp until most dark.
Was very mad

Fri.
Sept.

- 4 Got up in the morning and bought some milk for breakfast then wrote two letters. Then went down to the river and washed my shirt and socks &c. quite cold and windy got some boards and built me a bunk &c.
- 5 Got up and got breakfast Then lay round and didnt do anything until afternoon Then helped the Captain build his tent flore and table. Then finished fixing my bunk. Afternoon very warm &c.
- 6 Got up and got breakfast of Potatoes and pork &c. Then cleaned my gun had inspection at nine o clock of guns and amunition. Then went to Capt.'s tent and wrote to letter. Went to church &c. Very warm and plesant. Wind blew and rained hard
- 7 Eat breakfast quite early then got a tub and washed my pants and shirt. Came back. Then went down to the city with the Captain to help him carry some things very warm and plesant.
- 8 was detailed on duty at seven o clock morning some cloudy called out and stacked arms but didnt gow. Afternoon very warm Went down to the river and went in a swimming had a big time
- 9 Ordered out and stacked arms at half past four o clock in the morning Then eat breakfast and started at six o clock for the city Took the cars to Bealton Station with the conscripts. Then marched ten miles to sulphur springs got there about dark made coffee and staid all night.
- 10 Got up in the morning at ~~4~~ 4½ o ~~clock~~ clock and marched back to the station. Stopped and made coffee. Then took the cars and started at eight oclock for camp got to camp about two. marched very fast and the roads very dusty. The cars run at the rate of two minutes and two seconds per mile some cloudy &c.
- 11 Morning quite cool and cloudy. Got breakfast. had potatoes. pork. beafsteak. bread and coffee. Then wrote a letter &c. &c. Eat bread and milk for dinner. Then went down to the river and washed my socks Afternoon cloudy had bread and milk for supper
- 12 morning quite cool and cloudy. Cleaned ~~up~~ up my musket Then went down to the river and washed my shiet. came back and shaved. After noon very hot. have rool ~~call~~ call 3 times a day. &c. - Late in the afternoon it clouded u_p and the wind blew very hard and rained. Went to the Theater.
- 13 marning rainy cleaned up and had inspection. Then detailed on duty called out and stacked arms but didnt gow. Afternoon very hot. had a good time eating watermellons. Clouded up at night and rained
- 14 called out at sunrise and stacked arms Then got breakfast. clouloudy &c. Afternoon very warm but cloudy. Staid in camp all day waiting to gow with conscrips had a good time eating watermellons &c.
- 15 Got up and got breakfast before daylight. packed my harver sack and got ready to start to the city but didnt gow. Staid in camp all day. Some cloudy but warm

- Wed.
Sept. 16 Called out at four o'clock and started for the city. Staid there until two o'clock guarding conscripts then started on the cars. went to warrenton Junc. and staid there all night on guard. It rained and was quite cold.
- 17 Started from Warrenton Junc. in the morning and went to Culpeper Staid there a few minutes Then changed cars and went to Mitchels station and then came back to Culpeper and staid there all night with the conscripts. it rained and was quite cloudy.
- 18 Started from Culpeper in the morning a foot for Mitchels Station it rained very hard and got very wet. Staid there until two o'clock and then got ready to go back. Started a four o'clock for Culpeper Then took the cars at six and started for camp got there at one o'clock &c.
- 19 morning quite cloudy wrote two letters quite cool &c. Then cleaned up my gun equipments and got ready for inspection Staid in camp all day. It was quite cold and cloudy and rained some
- 20 Quite cold and cloudy and windy. Got paid off ^{at} about noon. Then wrote two letters Sent home the check quite cold ~~for~~ for this country Staid in camp all day and most of the time in my tent. had a good time &c.
- 21 Morning quite cold but clear and pleasant. Detailed on duty got ready and stacked armes at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. Started about two and went to the city and guarded conscripts It was quite cold staid in a house all night was on guard most of the time &c.
- 22 Started ^{for} Soldiers retreat at eight o'clock. Went to the depot and took the cars and started for Culpeper got there at one o'clock pm. Then started for the regiment got there about five o'clock. It was very cold and windy. Staid there all night had quite a hevvy frost, &c.
- 23 morning very cold and frosty Started and went to Mitchels station and took the cars at about noon for Culpeper Staid there until about six o'clock. then took the cars for Alexandria Quite cold riding. Got there about ten o'clock PM. Was very clear but cool &c.
- 24 Morning clear and pleasant. Went down to the river and washed my shirt and two pairs of socks and a couple of handkerchiefs Then came back and wrote a letter &c. evening a little warmer had bread and milk for supper &c &c
- 25 Morning warm but a little cloudy drawed some new clothing &c Got orders to pack up in evening and drawed three days rations it was quite warm and pleasant &c.
- 26 Got up in the morning and got breakfast before daylight Then got ready and started at eight o'clock went to the railroad then took the cars and started at ten Stopped to Washington until two o'clock then started and rode all night It was quite warm &c.

- Sun.
Sept. 27 Maryland.. Stopped and got bread and coffee at 4½ o'clock. Then went through Newcrick, Piedmont, Bloomington, Frankville, Swanton, Oakland, Portland, Newburg, Grafton, Cranburry Summit, Cheat river. Va. and several other small towns &c.
- 28 Ohio Got out of the cars at Benwood and then crossed the Ohio river on pontons and got coffee in the city of Bellar. Staid there some time Then took the cars Then went through Bellmont Cambridge, Zanesville. Stopped some time on a large bridge Went through a Tunnel one mile
- 29 Got to Columbus Ohio. at four o'clock. stopped there and got coffee. Then passed through London, Xenia, Dayton, &c.- Then to Richmond, Ind., Centreville, Cambridge, Louisville, Indianapolis Seamour Salem Jefferson
- 30 crossed the river in a boat to the Kentucky shore. Then marched through the city of Louisville Then took the cars and passed through Tennessee City of Nashville several small villages The country is very nice and beautiful
- Thurs.
Oct. 1 Passed through Murfreesburro Tennessee and Tallahom It rained some and was quite warm. Then came to Allabama quite pleasant for the time of year &c.
- 2 Stopped at Stevenson and got some breakfast Staid there some time Then came to Bridgeport. and got of the cars and went about ½ a mile and formed a camp near Tennessee river. Got there about nine o'clock. Then went down to the river and washed. Then wrote a letter
- 3 morning quite warm and pleasant Went down to the river and washed Then came back and wrote a letter. Staid in camp the rest of the day Evening quite cool but pleasant &c.
- 4 Morning a little cooler Cleaned up my gun for inspection but did not have any. moved camp went about twenty rods put up our tent then cleaned up camp Got some leaves for a bed &c.
- 5 Morning quite cool but pleasant. Had company drill from nine to ten. Then went down to the river and washed my shirt drawers and socks came back to camp and got dinner Afternoon quite warm but very cold nights &c.
- 6 went to the river and got water for breakfast. Then eat breakfast had company drill from eight to nine very pleasant had company drill from four to five P.M. Then had dres parade &c. Also wrote a letter and cleaned up the street
- 7 Morning quite rainy detailed on picket and started at eight o'clock. went about half a mile from camp Cleared up in the afternoon quite warm and pleasant Evening cloudy and cool
- 8 Morning quite pleasant Came in of picket at nine o'clock AM. Had company drill in the afternoon of one hour had dres parade at six o'clock. Evening very pleasant. also night etc.

Fri.
Oct. 9

Morning pleasant. had company drill from nine to ten o clock. Very warm. Went down to the river &c. Had dresparade in the afternoon Evening quite cool.

10 Morning cool staid in camp all day. Afternoon very warm and pleasant Had dresparade night cool and had quite a frost

11 Morning ~~warm~~ cold and frosty. Went down to the river after water Got breakfast. Then cleaned my gun and had inspection of guns amunition and knapsacks Had dresparade etc

12 Detailed on picket in morning and started at eight o clock a.m. quite pleasant all day Clouded up at dark and comenced raining and rained all night got very wet and it was very dark

13 morning cloudy and rainy came of picket at half past eight a m rained most all day Staid in camp the rest of the day. Our tent leaked and we got wet &c.

14 morning cloudy and rainy. Got up and got breakfast Staid in my tent most all day playing old sledge. rained most all day was cloudy and some cold &c wrote parte of a letter Got Vaxinated and co.

15 Detailed on fatigue and went at half past eight about three miles to work making corduroy road. I took a ax and choped. It rained most all day and got very wet. The water fluded so we couldnt work and ~~quit~~ quit at three o clock

16 morning cloudy Started again on fatigue in the morning cleared off and was quite pleasant worked chopping came back to camp at four o clock Got some whiskey

17 morning cloudy and foggy eat breakfast and started on fatigue Cleared of and was very pleasant came back to camp at four o clock got some whiskey had a big time &c.

18 Morning cloudy and rainy didnt go on fatigue it rained very hard staid in camp all day Cleared up in the afternoon. cleaned my gun and had inspection finished writing a letter

19 morning cloudy and foggy went on fatigue at eight o clock it cleared up and was very warm and pleasant Came back at four o clock p.m. evening quite cool but pleasant

20 morning quite clear and pleasant went out on fatigue building Corduroy road Shoveled dirt all day Came back to camp about four o clock Gathered some grapes and had a good time didnt work very hard

21 morning cloudy detailed to work Went over to head quarters and got an ax and it comenced raining and rained very hard and very heavy thunder Then went to chopping down trees for ties for the railroad it rained most all day

Thurs.

- Oct. 22 morning quite cool Detailed to help take down General Bushbecks Tent went there but didnt do anything. Then went and washed my shirt drawers and socks Afternoon very pleasant. Detailed on guard Commisary. Clouded up in the night and rained some.
- 23 Relieved from guard at four o clock in the morning. Thundered and lightened quite hard and rained hard most all day and was quite cold and windy Staid in my tent all day. Had a great time playing ucre &c
- 24 morning cool and cloudy went out to work at eight o clock in the morning getting out ties for the railroad. got out seven Cool all day and night
- 25 morning cool and cloudy got breakfast Then went and got up some wood Then wrote a letter Got orders to be ready to march next day Drawed three days rations &c.
- 26 morning quite cool but pleasant didnt march Drawn some new clothes Afternoon very pleasant and warm Then had inspection of guns amunition and knapsacks &c.
- 27 Left camp at seven o clock AM Went about eighty rods and crossed the Tennessee river. marched until noon and stopped for dinner by the side of a large cave Started again and marched until five o clock and camped for the night in a lot close by the railroad Weather quite warm
- 28 Started at six o clock in the morning towards Chattanooga Cloudy and rainy. Got to the Reb picket line had quite a brush made a charge and drove them about a mile had a ball shot through my overcoat. Then started on Then camped about two miles Chattanooga near lookout mts. Then called out on picket
- 29 had a fight about three o clock our Regt called out and went about two miles to reenforce Called in of picket a little after daylight. went to camp and got breakfast. Then went to the Regiment Then went up to the brest work at noon staid there all the afternoon and night. Drew half rations quite cold and windy
- 30 morning quite cool and rainy. Staid behind the brest work until most dark. Then went out on front on picket it was very muddy and rained very hard. Marched back to the brest work at nine o clock in a mistake Then went back to our post and stayed all night. quite cold
- 31 Morning quite cold but pleasant. Got relieved about noon. Then marched back about a mile and a half and put up our tents and staid the remainder part of the day in camp Evening and night quite cold
- Sunday
Nov. 1 morning cold and frosty. Cleaned up my gun. Then got in line and was mustered for pay. Afternoon noon warm and pleasant. Put a pocket in my overcoat Staid in camp all day Evening some cloudy but warm

Monday

- Nov. 2 Called out at twenty minutes of four in line of battle and staid under arms until daylight. Some cloudy but warm got breakfast some shelling going on. Detailed on fatigue went about a mile and a half but didnt do any thing came back got five letters then detailed on brigade guard
- 3 Came off guard at seven o clock in the morning. Came to camp and wrote a letter then got some breakfast. Then wrote another letter. Some cloudy but warm Then moved and cleaned up a new camp. Evening quite warm
- 4 morning warm and pleasant eat breakfast. Then went down to wash. Came back and was detailed on fatigue at seven o clock went over to Corps headquarters and back to camp twice didnt work any. Afternoon pleasant and warm draw half rations
- 5 morning quite rainy went about a mile on fatig^ue at seven o clock Came back at four in the afternoon worked making a bridge and Corduroy road Rained most all day and got quite wet. But warm
- 6 morning quite pleasant went to work in the morning at seven o clock Afternoon quite warm came back at four o clock Drew full rations of crackers. Evening quite cool but pleasant didnt work very hard
- 7 morning quite cold and frosty. Went on fatigue at seven o clock AM. Afternoon and noon very pleasant and warm Came back to camp about five o clock P.M. Evening quite cool but pleasant &c.
- 8 morning very pleasant eat breakfast then went and helped build a chimney for the Captain. Then wrote a letter to ____S. Then went church and heard a good sermon. The text was in Romans 8th Chap and 35th verse Afternoon clear but cool. quite a cold night &c.
- 9 morning cold and frosty Got breakfast. then swept up camp Afternoon clear cold and windy staid in camp all day helped to a few minutes to clean up camp. Night very cold but clear.
- 10 morning cool and frosty went out on fatigue building Corduroy road shoveled dirt all day Afternoon cold clear and windy
- 11 morning cold and frosty went on fatigue Afternoon quite warm didnt do any thing of much account quite cold nights
- 12 morning frosty and cold went on fatigue at eight o clock work splitting logs for the road Afternoon quite warm came to camp at four o clock Got some whiskey wrote in the evening
- 13 morning quite warm but cloudy. Went on fatigue at eight o clock building a bridge. Afternoon very warm and pleasant. Evening some cloudy but warm. Got a letter
- 14 Called out and stacked arms about five o clock- Was a little afraid of rebs comming. warm and cloudy Comenced raining at daylight. Eat breakfast then wrote a letter to Mrs. Spear. Afternoon quite warm and pleasant.

Sunday

Nov. 15

Did not get up until eight o'clock. Did not feel very well. Eat breakfast. Then was detailed on guard at nine o'clock at Division head quarters. Quite cold and windy but clear. Evening some cloudy

16 Morning quite pleasant. Got relieved from guard at half past nine Then came to camp eat breakfast and commenced writing a letter. Got payed in the afternoon Evening quite cold and some cloudy.

17 morning cloudy but warm. Called out on fatigue at eight o'clock. Cleared up and was warm and pleasant. Came to camp at four o'clock. then finished writing a letter to Father.

18 morning some cloudy and quite foggy. Went out on fatigue at eight o'clock. Afternoon very pleasant and warm Came into camp at four o'clock. Evening quite warm

19 Morning quite warm eat breakfast then went and got some water to wash. Washed 2 shirts 2 Pr. of drawers and three pair of socks some cloudy but warm. Evening very pleasant

20 morning warm and pleasant cleaned up camp Then eat breakfast. Cleaned up my gun for inspection. Then detailed to dig sink holes. Afternoon cloudy and rainy. had inspection. Then went on guard to Brigade Commisary. Got orders to march in the morning with three days rations rained all night

21 morning rainy came to camp and got breakfast all quiet. Then wrote a letter to Sister J. rained most all day. Came of guard at five oclock P.M. Got a good dinner to the commisary Cleaned up in the night and was very pleasant.

22 morning frosty but very pleasant. Got ready to march with three days rations. Left napsacks in camp. Started at one o'clock and got to Chattanooga at dark Staid thair all night quite cold but pleasant

23 Fell into line at one o'clock went about 40 rods and stoped Comenced skirmishing about 1 1/2 o'clock the general engagement commenced about two we moved down to support the left halted behind the railroad- Then went on picket at dark and staid their all night.

24 Called in of picket at daylight and stoped behind the riffle pits staid their all day didnt do any firing rained in the evening and night. Night very cold didnt get any sleep suffered a good deal from the cold-

25 Left the riffle pits in the morning and went on picket staid there a short time. Then started after the rebs. stoped and built riffle pits on the railroad and staid behind them all night Got some mail and rations quite cold &c.

26 Started before daylight went about five mile and crossed the Chickamauga creek on pontons marched all day passed by where the rebs distroyed their ammunition and provisions Some very muddy marching Some skirmishing in front Camped on a large flat all night and it was quite cold

Friday

- Nov. 27 Resumed our march at daylight. marched all day Passed through Graysville. Stopped and camped in a corn field all night &c.-
- 28 morning quite rainy marched about 100 rods to move camp. Very muddy and rainy. rained most all day. Cleared up at night I went on guard to guard the Colonels horses night clear and cold but pleasant
- 29 Morning very cold and frosty started at daylight and went about 30 rods and stopped built a fire and staid there until nine o'clock. Then started and marched to a mill stopped and got dinner drew rations of crackers. Then started and marched to Cleaveland and camped
- 30 Left Cleaveland at daylight. Marched eleven miles to Charleston got there at half past two o'clock. The rebels just had left our men shelled them from the town. We captured a train of cars loaded with flour meat and salt.

Tues.

- Dec. 1 Started at five o'clock in the morning crossed the river and went about a mile and stopped and built a fire and drew rations of flour meal and salt. Started again at daylight. passed through Riceville and stopped near Athans all night got there at dark
- 2 Left camp at Athans in the morning marched through Sweetwater and Philadelphia and camped two miles from the city at nine o'clock Morning very cold and frosty Clear and cold all day
- 3 Started before daylight went about four miles and stopped a short time. Then fell into line and marched about fifty rods and camped on a side hill near Loudin the remainder part of the day and night very pleasant and quite warm &c.
- 4 Quite pleasant in the morning Staid in camp all day. had a great time cooking pancakes and hockes. Very warm and pleasant days and cold nights. Drew some meal for rations
- 5 Started at one o'clock in the morning marched about seven miles and stopped by the river and got breakfast. Then crossed the river on wagons. Then marched to Louisville city got there after dark Then went about two miles on picket
- 6 came in of picket at daylight got breakfast Then packed up and marched through town went a mile to move camp. had a great time killing hogs helped to skin two. very warm and pleasant for the time of year
- 7 Left camp near Louisville at seven o'clock on our way back towards Chatanooga. very warm and pleasant marched back and crossed the river at the old place and camped near it for the night Same cool in the evening and night.
- 8 marched through a large piece of woods and came to Philadelphia and eat dinner Then started again and marched to Sweetwater and camp over night Afternoon quite rainy and very bad marching got quite wet putting up our tent and getting supper

- Wed.
- Dec. 9 left Sweetwater in the morning and marched to mouse creek and took dinner Then started ~~on~~ on and came within a mile of Athans and camped for the night. Very warm and pleasant went on picket was quite dark &c.
- 10 Got relived from picket at nine o clock came to camp and got breakfast. Then packed up and marched through town went about 1½ miles to move camp very warm and pleasant. Camped in a nice grove
- 11 Staid in camp all day. It was very warm and pleasant had a first rate time got straw for a bed &c wrote a letter
- 12 left camp at Athans in the morning marched through Charleston and camped about two miles from town. It rained very raid got quite wet &c.
- 13 Left camp in the morning marched to near Cleavland and camped ^{mp} got their about noon went on picket at five o clock it rained ~~in~~ in the night very hard. It was very cold and windy.
- 14 morning quite pleasant got relived from guard at nine o ~~clock~~ clock came to camp packed up and started at twelve. Marched through the city and camp quite cold but clear
- 15 Staid in camp until about three o clock. Then detailed to gow five miles after forage had an awful pain in my side rode in the wagon the most of the way. got back at eight o clock and got five letters &c
- 16 Left Cleaveland at daylight marched all day. It comenced raining at dark rained very hard was awful muddy marching marched along the bank of a large creek was quite sick went to bed without supper rained in the night and got quite wet.
- 17 Started again at daylight was quite sick fell behind marched on the railroad all day pased by Chattanooga also lookout mountain and got to our old camp in the valley at dark was very tired was quite cold and windy.
- 18 morning quite cold and windy. Went to work puting up a bunk worked all day Got the boddy most built got some stone for a chimney Afternoon quite pleasant
- 19 Comenced to work at our bunk in the morning. got orders to moove camp. Left about noon. Went about half a mile Started a new bunk in the afternoon. Quite warm and pleasant
- 20 morning quite sick with the headache and side. Helped to fix the bunk. Put on the tent and slept in it. Got the chimney started and a fire in it. Cold nights.
- 21 worked on our bunk got it most ~~finished~~ finished Got the chimney built &c. Cut some poles for a bed and placed them. Went on guard at ~~one~~ one o clock in the night guarding deserters. Very pleasnat nights &c

Tuesday

Dec. 22 Morning quite pleasant worked on our bunk Finished fixing our bed and door. Afternoon quite pleasant and warm. Evening very clear and cool &c.

23 Morning cold and frosty. Went to the woods and got some poles. Then took down our chimney and built it up againe to keep it from smoking. Cold and cloudy all day &c.

24 morning cool and some cloudy. finished writing a letter to Father. Then detailed on fatigue help to build a house for the Colonel. Worked until night. Afternoon quite cool didnt have anything scarcely to eat. &c.

25 morning a little more moderate Wrote a letter to Sister M. Then went on fatigue cleaning up camp &c Detailed on picket at one o clock Went about four miles. Commenced to rain at nine o clock in the evening rained some most all night but not very hard

26 morning cloudy and some rainy Got relived from picket about four o clock in the afternoon very muddy coming into camp got thair at dark. Then had to get wood for night Rained in the night quite hard &c.

27 morning cloudy and some rain. got breakfast. Then cleaned my gun for Inspection but it rained so we didnt have any. Rained most all day Went to the woods and got up a log for wood &c (?) quite windy &c

28 Morning some rainy and cloudy. Cleaned my gun and had inspection at ten o clock of guns amunition and napsack &c. Then detailed on fatigue building Corduroy road went about half a mile didnt work very hard, got to camp at five

29 Morning very clear and pleasant went to the creek and washed two shirts and a pr of socks and drawers. Came to camp and got dinner. Then wrote a letter to Mr Spear. Afternoon quite pleasant and warm. Night very clear and pleasant

30 Morning very pleasant but frosty Went on fatigue at eight o clock went about half a mile to work on corduroy road. Afternoon some cloudy came to camp at four o clock. Rained in the night very hard

31 morning quite warm but cloudy. Cleaned my gun for inspection but didnt have any wrote three letters one to Jane, Thomas, and Harrison. Afternoon quite rainy Got mustered for pay it rained quite hard &c Cleared up and was quite cold snowed a very little &

Friday
January

1864

1 morning cold clear and frosty. Staid in camp all day. Got some wood and helped to fix some stools. Afternoon quite pleasant but cold. didnt feel very well all day. Night cold and frosty &c &c

Saturday
Jan.

- 2 Morning very cold but clear. wrote a letter to J. Dewhurst. ● &c
Then went to the woods and carried down some wood. Short for rations
went to bed without any supper. Night very cold had to keep fire
all night.
- 3 morning still cold. Dident have anything to eat for breakfast. Staid
in camp all day. had a little flour gravy for dinner and some bean
soup for supper. Read five or six chapters in the bible didnt feel
very well.
- 4 morning a little warmer But rained and froze. Went to the Commisary
to draw rations got some about ten o clock for the first in four
days. Got hungry as the d___l &c Bought some beans and had them
cooked for supper Evening a little warmer.
- 5 morning quite moderate but cloudy. Felt quite sick Afternoon quite
pleasant and ~~was~~ warm. Staid in camp all day. Wrote a letter to Mr.
G. ~~Go~~. Evening quite pleasant but cool &c.
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- 6 Morning cool and cloudy. Went over to the commissary and and helped
to fetch over some rations etc. Afternoon quite pleasant Went to
the woods and brought a lode of wood had dresparade and a short
lecture from the Chaplin
- 7 Morning quite cloudy and ~~was~~ cold. rained some and froze. Rain and
sleet all day. Afternoon went on fatigue to Colonel Mindles worked
on his house(?) Afternoon and evening quite cold and frosty, had
dresparade
- 8 Morning clear and cold but pleasant some snow on the ground.
Detailed to work for Col. Mindle. Worked chopping logs for a house
&c Afternoon quite pleasant Staid in the tent most of the time
Went and brought down a log of wood Was quite sick in P.M.
- 9 Morning very pleasant but very cold felt quite sick. Went to the
doctor and got some medicine. Afternoon pleasant. Dident do anything
Staid in my tent all day.
- 10 Morning a little more moderate went up to the doctor and got some
medicine. Was quite sick in the forenoon Afternoon felt a little
better. Staid in my tent all day. Wrote a letter to ~~my~~ father
for to send a box etc.
- 11 morning quite comfortabl^y warm. felt a little better wrote a short
letter etc Then helped to clean to clean up the street. Then got a
kettle and went down to the creek and washed my drawers and two
shirts and a towel. Afternoon quite moderate
- 12 morning quite moderate but cloudy Called out in line to salute the
73 Regt. Pa. Vol. as they started for home Then drilled in manuel
of armes about one hour.. Went and got some wood in the afternoon.
had dresparade at 3½ o clock P.M. Had pancakes for supper
- 13 morning quite warm but cloudy, squad drill from nine to ten.
Detailed on guard at Brigade Headquarters at one o clock P.M.
Afternoon quite moderate Evening quite cold. Staid on guard
from eleven to one o clock. ~~was~~ built a fire &c

Thursday

Jan. 14

- 14 morning cold and very frosty. came of post at eight o clock and then got my breakfast etc. Eat dinner had pancakes and molasses. then went and chopped and ~~carried~~ carried some poles for wood. Afternoon very warm and pleasant Held dresparade at 3½ o clock P.M. Knight quite moderate
- 15 morning quite warm and moderate Had company drill of one hour by Liut. Cameron. Afternoon quite cold and windy. went over to the ● Commisary and got some molasses. Had dresparade Evening and night quite ~~cold~~ cold.
- 16 morning quite cold but pleasant. Went down to the spring and got some water for breakfast. Then detailed on fatigue at eight o clock. Went to Genl Hookers headquarters. Afternoon quite pleasant. Came of fatigue at four o clock p.m. Then went and carried up a load of wood
- 17 morning quite pleasant. Had pancakes and molasses for breakfast. Then cleaned my gun and packed my Knapsack for inspection at 9½ o clock. After inspection commenced writing a letter Afternoon very warm and pleasant. Eveing a little cloudy
- 18 morning warm But cloudy and rainy. Rained most of the forenoon. Dident drill any. Afternoon some cooler but rainy. Went to the woods and got some wood. Then wrote a letter to Father Evening quite cold and windy and some rainy, etc.
- 19 morning quite pleasant but cold. The ground covered white with snow Afternoon very pleasant and quite warm. Staid in my tent until most night. Then went and got some wood. Went on dresparade
- 20 morning cool but very pleasant went and helped carry clothing to the Q.M. tent. Then went over to the commisary and got some flour &c. Afternoon very pleasant and also the evening.
- 21 morning very pleasant. Eat breakfast then wrote a letter to T. W. Irvin. Then drilled form ten to twelve o clock. Then wrote Father a ~~short~~ short letter before dinner. had skirmish drill from two to four o clock. Then dresparade
- 22 morning very pleasant. Drilled form ten to twelve Then skirmish drill from two to four Then got a load of wood Then went on dresparade Afternoon very warm and pleasant
- 23 Got up and got breakfast before daylight, Then got a kettle and went down to the creek and washed my trowsers and two Pr. drawers a shirt and a Pr. of socks Afternoon very warm and pleasant had dresparade Then went and carried up a load of wood. etc
- 24 Very pleasant weather cleaned my gun and straps and had inspection at 9½ o clock P.M. of guns amunition and Knapsacks &c● - Then comenced a letter to Sister Jane. Then read five or six chapt●s in the ●● testament. Then dresparade etc

Monday

- Jan. 25 Got orders to pack up and get ready to march at eight o'clock A.M. Done so Eat breakfast and started at 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock AM Went about five miles and camped near Kelleys ferry Got there about eleven o'clock Afternoon very pleasant worked preparing a bunk
- 26 morning pleasant eat breakfast Then went to work fixing bunk etc Detailed on fatigue chopping wood for Hd. Qr. Afternoon finished fixing our bunk. Very warm and pleasant. Evening some ~~was~~ cool Night very pleasant
- 27 Got up and got breakfast before daylight Then wrote Father and Br. H. a letter. very pleasant etc. Got orders to march and started at one o'clock marched back about four miles and went into camp near Hookers Hd. Qr. Went on guard at eight o'clock P.M.
- 28 morning very pleasant worked carrying ~~the~~ bunk timber and putting up a bunk worked very hard Afternoon very warm and ~~was~~ pleasant
- 29 morning a little cloudy worked building a chimney. General inspection at two o'clock made a door in the afternoon and worked fixing bunk
- 30 morning some cloudy but very warm worked on our house all day. some rainy in the afternoon Evening still cloudy Carried some boards and put a floor in our house etc.
- 31 morning cloudy but warm. Got up and got breakfast. Then cleaned my gun had company inspection at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. Afternoon quite pleasant. Wrote ~~a~~ a letter to Grandfather. Then went on dress parade

Monday

- Feb. 1 morning cloudy and quite rainy and windy. Washed my clothes cleared up ~~the~~ and was very warm and pleasant. Went on dress parade then went and got an arm full of wood Night quite cold
- 2 morning cool but pleasant. Went on fatigue cleaning up drill ground &c Afternoon very warm and pleasant Evening quite cool and windy and some rainy
- 3 Morning quite cold. Went and got an armfull of wood Then worked making a split broom Afternoon detailed to go and help fix up telegraph wire quite cool all day. went 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles came back at sundown Evening worked at my broom
- 4 Morning some cool but pleasant Got some wood staid in camp until two o'clock. Then went about half a mile and had batalion drill Got some more wood and went on dress parade at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock PM
- 5 Morning pleasant had company drill from ten to twelve o'clock. Afternoon wrote a letter to Sister Jane quite windy and signs of a storm Went on dress parade Evening a little cooler &c
- 6 morning some cloudy and rained ~~in~~ in the forenoon. Afternoon quite cold and cloudy Helped carry some wood and chopped it for Sunday Then went on dress parade

Sunday
Feb. 7

morning cloudy. Got breakfast then cleaned up the street Then cleaned my gun and straps for inspection had company inspection at ten o clock. Had army regulations read to us Afternoon more pleasant Went to church at four o clock and heard the chaplin of the 134 Regt preach (?) (?)

8 morning pleasant but some cool chopped some wood. Then went on company drill Afternoon very pleasnat Went on batalion drill. Then had dresparade. drew some whiskey etc. Evening pleasnat but cool.

9 morning very pleasant. Staid in my tent until most noon. Then went and got a load of wood. Then went down to the spring and washed my clothes Then went on dresparade

10 morning cold and frosty got up and got breakfast then got some wood. Then went on company skirmish drll Afternoon very pleasant got a lod of wood Then went on dresparade Evening quite cool

11 Morning very pleasant had skirmish drill by company Then comenced writing a letter to Father. Afternoon batalion drill got a little wood then dresparade

12 Weather still pleasant Eat breakfast then cut some wood Then finish- ed writing. sent a crescent to Br. T. Then went on company drill. Afternoon same cloudy and windy Went on batalion drill Then dres- parade etc

13 Morning quite pleasant detailed on picket and started at eight o clock. Went about three miles had five reliefs stood near the railroad Afternoon pleasant had a good nights sleep all night

14 morning some cloudy and windy looked like rain. Comenced ~~raining~~ raining about noon rained most all the afternoon and evening and night got some wet didnt sleep much got three letters &c

15 Morning very wet and rained quite hard Got releived from picket at about eleven o clock. Then started for camp roads very muddy and it rained considerable Got to camp a little after noon Got a letter from L.B. Got some wood for night

16 Morning a little cooler after breakfast wrote sister Margaret a letter. Then went on company drill Afternoon cold and windy Went on batalion drill Then dresparade then got some wood for the night Evening and night quite cold &c

17 Morning clear cold and frosty. Got some wood Then wrote B.L. a letter &c Staid in camp all day. Very cold and windy Went on dresparade. Night very cold

18 Morning cold and frosty. snowed some in the forenoon got some wood Afternoon a little warmer and pleasant but cold got payed(?) Then got some more wood for night Night verry cold &c

19 morning clear and very cold chopped some wood. Afternoon a little warmer Wrote a letter to Aunt Mary and one to Father. Evening quite cold. Went on dresparade

20 morning pleasant and some warmer. cleaned up and went over and got my likeness taken come back and helped get wood for sunday

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Afternoon a little cloudy Went on dresparade Evening very plesar etc

- 21 Morning very pleasant. swept the street. Then got ready for inspection of guns and napsacks. quite warm. Then wrote Father a short letter and put in likeness and five dollars and a cressent to Br. H. Then went to church and heard a preacher of the christian commission Text 1st Cor. 15 Chap 26 verse
- 22 morning some cloudy but warm. Got and eat breakfast then washed my shirt and drawers Then took my gun apart and cleaned it. Afternoon quite warm and pleasant. Went on dresparade
- 23 Weather very pleasnant had company drill in the forenoon Staid in camp all day. Went on dresparade etc.
- 24 Morning very pleasnat eat breakfast then cleaned my gun for inspection had monthly inspection at ten o clock Staid in camp the remainder part of the day. Very pleasant. Went on dresparade etc.
- 25 Got up and got breakfast Detailed on picket and started at half past eight A.M. Read five chapters in the bible before starting got to the picket post at ten o clock Very windy in the afternoon evening very pleasant was on post six
- 26 morning very pleasant and warm. saw a good many Rebs go by on the cars had a first rate time Head four reliefs
- 27 Morning a little cooler had quite a frost Got relieved from picket at about noon came to camp and found my box their from home had a first rate time eating supper of cakes Every thing kept first rate
- 28 Cleaned my gun and equipments and had inspection Then stewed some baries and apples Greased my boots. Weather very pleasant Then comenced writing a letter. Afternoon went to church came back and finished writing a letter to Father then went on dresparade the weather some cloudy and windy
- 29 morning some cloudy and rainy. Rained most all day. Got mustered for pay at one o clock. Then went over to the sutlers and from their to core ll headquarters. Got back to camp at sundown wind in the night

March
Tues.

- 1 morning rainy got breakfast then got ready and went to Chattanooga with Avery after a express box rained quite hard and got wet. Came back on the cars. Got some wood for night. Evening a little cooler
- 2 Morning pleasant but cool had a short drill in the ~~manual~~ manual of arms Staid in camp all day wrote S. Lo__ a letter Then went on dresparade. Eveing quite cold Also the night

Thursday
March 3

- Clear and pleasant but cold and frosty. Staid in camp until most noon then went and shot at a target hit the board twice. Afternoon had batalion drill. Then dresparade. Evening some cloudy but warm.
- 4 Morning some cloudy and signs of rain. Wrote a letter to Mary G. Then went out on target shooting. Came back to camp and got dinner. Then went out on the picket line with some dinner. afternoon quite windy. Went on guard at nine o'clock P.M. Night Cloudy and quite windy and rainy.
- 5 Morning pleasant againe. Got breakfast. Then got some water and washed my clothes. Then got some wood for sunday. Then went over to the Brig. Q.M. and got some clothing. Afternoon quite pleasant. Cleaned my gun. Evening quite cool.
- 6 Morning pleasant but cool. Went on ~~my~~ company ~~company~~ inspection at eight o'clock A.M. Then got ready and went to church. Text was in Deut. 32nd Chap. 11th verse. Read six or eight chapters in the bible. Afternoon quite warm and pleasant. ~~Went~~ Detailed on guard at eight o'clock. Stood post from three to six in the night quite cold and frosty.
- 7 Morning cool staid in camp all day. cleaned my gun for General review. Then got some wood. Got out in line at four o'clock for review and it comenced to rain and didnt have any. Rained and thundered and lightened very sharp. Rained hard in the night.
- 8 Weather quite pleasant againe. Staid in camp all day. Read eight or ten chapters in the bible. Afternoon very warm and pleasant. Read more in the evening. also warm.
- 9 Morning quite warm. Got breakfast, Then staid in my tent all the forenoon reading a novel. Afternoon quite windy and signs of rain. Comenced to rain about seven o'clock. Rained most all night and very hard.
- 10 Morning a little cloudy. cleared off and was very pleasant. Staid in camp all day reading newspapers. Afternoon very warm. Went on dresparade. Clouded up and rained in the night very hard and was quite windy.
- 11 Weather pleasant again. Had a short batalion drill. Then went on review before General Howard. The whole Brigade was present. Quite cool all day and night.
- 12 Morning quite cold and frosty. Went down to the station and got some stamps. Afternoon very warm and pleasant. got some wood for sunday. Went on dresparade. Rained some in the evening.
- 13 Morning pleasant. Went on inspection at nine o'clock. Then ~~Wrote~~ wrote a letter to Sister Margaret. After noon very pleasant. wrote a letter. Father. Went on dresparade.
- 14 Weather quite cool and windy but pleasant. Went on Brigade drill at half past eight A.M. And review before General Steanwarr. Batalion drill in the afternoon. Evening quite cool.

Tuesday
March

19

- 15 Morning quite cool and cloudy, Stewed some apples and some berries. Then wrote a letter to Uncle T. Then went on review before General Hooker about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from camp. came back and got wood for the night
- 16 Detailed on fatigue at $8\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock A.M. to burry dead mules. Weather very cold and snowed a very little Got some wood for night Read five or six chapters in the bible Detailed on camp guard at nine o'clock P.M. was on the last relief stood 3 hr 20 m
- 17 morning quite cold but pleas^{an}at stewed some apples and berreys & Staid in my tent most all day went on dresparade
- 18 Staid in my tent all the forenoon reading a novel. Weather quite hazy and windy. Got some wood in the afternoon and read in the novel. Staid a lone all night
- 19 Morning quite pleasant finished reading a novel Then cleaned my gun and blacked my boots &c Then went to see a review of the new troops that has come into our corps. came back then comenced writing a letter to br. Thomas. got supper and had a game of sledge &c
- 20 Morning pleasant got breakfast then swept the street frunt of my tent Then finished writing a letter to Thomas. Then commenced reading a nove. and finished it then went on dresparade
- 21 Weather quite cold and cloudy staid in camp most of the forenoon except a short time shooting target on coming back sprained my foot and it was very lane. Rained some in the night and snowed
- 22 morning snowing quite hard and was quite cold staid in my tent all day snowed until most night the snow was about a foot deep. evening and night quite cold.
- 23 morning quite cold froze quite hard wrote a few lines to sister Jane and Father. Afternoon quite pleasant. Evening and night cool againe
- 24 Morning clear and pleasant but some cool &c Afternoon quite warm and pleasant. Staid in my tent all day. cooked some apples and berries & Evening cool againe Got some dried fruit and butter and pickels and onions out of the Co. Box Rained and snowed in the night &c
- 25 Morning the snow was about four inches deep. Weather cloudy and a little rainy. &c Staid in camp all day, and the most of the time in the tent. afternoon some rainy and also the night.
- 26 Staid in camp of the exceptions of getting up wood Weather quite warm and pleasant. Went on dresparade &c
- 27 Got ready and went on regiment inspection at ten o'clock AM The weather quite warm and pleasant. Staid in camp all day most of my time reading went to church at four PM text was in Mark 16(?) Chapter and 3 & 4 verses
- 28 Went on c^ompany drill from ten to eleven o'clock AM Weather quite cloudy Afternoon very rainy wrote a letter to Father and then got some wood Evening very dark and windy and night rainy

Tuesday
March

- 29 morning a little more pleasant staid in camp all day and wrote Br Harrison a letter. Afternoon quite cold and cloudy Got up some wood and went on dresparade
- 30 Got marching at two o clock A.M. Got up and get breakfast and got ready to start at about seven o clock A.M. The weather cold and cloudy all day. Marched on the railroad marched very fast and was very tired and lame Got to Trenton Ga. at four P.M. Marched two miles and camped Went on guard
- 31 Morning some cool Started again at six o clock AM Marched about eight or nine miles and staid their until four o clock then started back and camped where we did the night before. Night very dark and rainy went on guard at the Colonels quarters, Stood post one hour

April

- 1 Morning some cloudy Started again for camp at six o clock A.M. and got to camp about three o clock P.M. Was tired and my feet very sore and blistered. fixed up my tent and got some wood for the night. Rained a little in the evening Marched about 55 miles and most of the time on the railroad
- 2 Morning cool and cloudy felt very sore and lame after the march Staid in camp all day. Afternoon quite pleasant got some wood for sunday Cleaned my Gun &c
- 3 morning quite pleasant helped to clean camp Then had Regt Inspection at ten o clock. Then wrote a letter to Uncle Thomas Then went on dresparade Evening and night very rainy and thundered and lightened very sharp
- 4 Morning cloudy and some rainy but quite warm Went up on Raccoon mountain after some sedar trees to set in camp. Then washed my shirt drawers handkerchief towel and two pr socks. Then went on dresparade &c
- 5 Morning some cloudy and rainy staid in camp all day darned my socks went on Company drill then Dresparade wrote a letter to Mr. G. Evening some cloudy
- 6 Weather clear and pleasant staid in camp all day was quite lonesome Milon staid with me in the night Afternoon quite warm Stewed some Berries &c
- 7 Morning warm but cloudy Cleared up and was quite pleasant. Got a pass and went up on Lookout mountain and from there to summertown. The seans was very pleasant and interesting The rocks is three hundred feet high from above the level of theriver
- 8 Morning ^{quite} warm but some cloudy and rainy Staid in camp all day and the most of the time in my bunk didnt feel very well
- 9 Morning some cloudy went on batalion drill at ten o clock A.M. Afternoon quite pleasant. Went on dresparade Then got some wood for Sunday

Sunday
April

- 10 morning some rainy went on Company ~~drill~~ inspection Then wrote a letter to Father. Went on dresparade. quite cool and windy all day
- 11 Weather warm and pleasant. had company drill boath forenoon and Afternoon. Then went on dresparade. Staid in camp all day
- 12 Morning cloudy but warm and some rainy Wrote sister Jane a letter &c Went on Co. drill from nine to ten o clock A.M. Afternoon quite rainy Went on dresparade Evening very pleasant
- 13 Weather very pleasant went on Co. drill from nine to ten o clock A.M. Then wrote Br Thomas a letter Went in the afternoon to see a ball play. Then went on dresparade
- 14 morning some cloudy Went on review at ten o clock A.M. Went about a mile Reviewed by General Thomas. There was about 10,000 present. got back to camp and monthly inspection at three o clock P.M. Inspected by Liut. Harding. Brigdae inspeceter
- 15 morning cloudy and some rainy. Detailed on picket and started at a half past eight and got to picket post at 10.30 was on post three stood 8 hours weather quite cold and windy
- 16 Morning frosty and cold Got relieved at noon then went back on the reserve post. Afternoon cold and windy. Went on patrol once went about two miles and back Picketed in Georgia
- 17 Morning frosty but pleasant. Got relived from picket at about noon got to camp at two o clock. Then wrote a letter to B.L. Then stewed some berries Afternoon cloudy Evening quite rainy
- 18 Weather cloudy but warm got breakfast then went and washed my clothes Then wrote Lovinia Harper a letter. Afternoon some rainy and windy. Went to church and heard a smart sermon. Text Josh. 5th Chap and 13th verse
- 19 Weather quite cold and cloudy Went on Company drill from nine to ten o clock A.M. company drill from two to three P.M. Then went on dresparade
- 20 Weather clear and pleasant but windy. Went on Co. drill from nine to ten o clock A.M. ~~Had~~ Had Batalion drill in the afternoon Then dresparade &c Wrote L M a letter
- 21 Weather pleasant^t have roal call at five o clock in the morning Co. drill in the forenoon Then went on dresparade Rained a little in the evening
- 22 Weather clear and warm Had Co. drill from nine to ten o clock A.M. Staid in camp all day wrote J. Harper a letter. Then went on dresparade

Saturday
April

22

- 23 Warm and pleasant helped to sweep up camp and the collar line
Afternoon quite cloudy and windy Went on dresparade
- 24 Morning cloudy and rainy Got ready but didnt have any on the
account of the rain. Afternoon warm and pleasant. Wrote part of
letter to Father. Then read ten chapters in the bible W on
dresparade &c
- 25 Morning some cloudy and windy had company drill from nine to ten
Afternoon clear. Went off and ground my hatchet &c
- 26 Weather warm and pleasant had drill from ~~nine~~ nine to ten in
bayonet exercise Had Brigade drill in the aftnoon by Col.
Buschbeck &c finished writing a letter to Father &c
- 27 Weather still warm Had company skirmish drill from nine to ten
and Batallion drill in the afternoon The weather some cloudy and
smoky Rained some in the night &c
- 28 Weather clear and warm had company drill in the forenoon and
Brigade drill in the afternoon
- 29 Weather some cloudy Detailed on picket and started at seven o clock
A.M. Went to the Station and staid their until eight got to there-
serve picket at about ten Staid their the remainder part of the day
Rained thundered and lightened very sharp in the night
- 30 Weather some cloudy Went out on picket post No. 2 at four o clock
P.M. Staid there 6 hours then went out on the out post and stood
post 2 hours showery all night came back to picket post in the
morning
- May 1 Weatehr clear and pleasant went out on picket post and staid six
hours more then came back and staid six hours. Went out again at
ten o clock and staid six hours. the night quite cool and had a
light frost
- 2 Came in of post at four o clock A.M. Got relived from picket at
ten and started for camp rained some in the forenoon Got to camp
about noon Afternoon I washed my jacket pants drawers and shirt
Then finished writing a letter to sister Margaret went on dresparade
- 3 Weather clear and pleasant. Had Company drill from nine to ten
~~nine~~ A.M. Then wrote father a letter Got orders to march in
the morning
- 4 Weather warm and pleasant. Packed up and started at about four
o clock P.M. Marched about 7 miles and camped on a flat near
pevine creek. Evening quite cold &c
- 5 Weather warm &c Detailed for rear guard behind the waggon train.
Got to camp at half passed eleven o clock P.M. camped in a corn
field over night.

Friday

May 6

- Started at five o'clock marched to half past eight and stopped. Loaded our muskets stacked arms and staid their the remainder part of the day and night.
- 7 Got up and got ready and started at five o'clock A.M. Was some sick fell in the rear didnt get to the regt. until after dark. Weather very warm
- 8 The Regt started about ten o'clock. I went back to the rear road about a mile in the ambulance Went to the supply train and staid their all night. Weather still very warm
- 9 Started for the frunt about ten o'clock went about four miles and turned around and went back to the train Was very sick staid in a hospital tent all night. Took medicine from Dr Woolf of the 1st Brigade
- 10 morning some rainy Went about a half a mile to a farm house Staid their until afternoon Then came back to the train and staid their all night. It rained and thundered and lightened in the evening very much
- 11 Morning cloudy but quite warm Started for the Regt between ten and eleven o'clock A.M. Went within half a mile and stopped and camped over night Evening quite cool &c heard heavy cannonadeing on our left in the evening
- 12 Packed up and went to the regiment in the morning. quite cool. Started with the regiment at seven o'clock. Marched quite moderate Marched through snake gap. Marched slowley until dark then camped in a cornfield on a large flat
- 13 Morning cold and windy Started between eight and nine o'clock. Went about half a mile and stoped until afternoon. Then went on slowley til twenty minutes passed three. Stoped until most dark. Then went about half a mile and built breastwork and staid behind them all night
- 14 Morning warm and pleasant. Afternoon cloudy. Left the brestwork about five o'clock and went along the line half a mile and stoped until eleven o'clock P.M. Then started and marched and marched until most daylight stoped in a cornfield the remainder part of the night
- 15 morning some cloudy staid their until most noon Then started and went about half a mile. The Regt. went into battle about one o'clock. I staid in the woods all afternoon and night on the account didnt have any gun. Five in our Regt got wounded
- 16 morning cloudy but warm Went to the regiment and got a gun in the morning. The Regt started in persuit of the Rebs about eight o'clock A.M. marched until five o'clock and forded the Canawasta river. Then went with a detachment to Fields ferrey helped ferry troops across all night. Rained some in the night &c

Tuesday

May 17

- morning rainy. started frunt went about four miles. Then turned around and marched back to the ferrey. Then started across lots and woods for the Regt. got their about twelve and marched until five o clock and camped near a large farm house all night Afternoon rainy &c
- 18 morning cloudy and foggy Started and marched about half past four o clock. went about two miles and rested until nine o clock A.M. Then started and marched until two o clock and stoped for dinner. Afternoon very warm marched until eight o clock before we camped was very tired and feet very sore
- 19 Packed up and went about 80 rods and stoped stacked arms and staid their until half passed two. Then went out on picket. Called in of picket and the Regt. started about five o clock P.M. marched until ten and camped beside a large creek near Casaville Ga., Our Regt. was rear guard for the ammunition train
- 20 Went down to the creek and washed my shirt. Staid in camp all day. Weather vear warm &c Nights heavy dews and quite cold
- 21 Weather very hot and clear. Wrote a letter to Father. Washed my drawer cleaned my gun Staid in camp all day
- 22 Still very warm and pleasant. Staid in camp all day. Had Regimental inspection of guns and ammunition
- 23 Verry hot. Got up and got breakfast and started half passed three A.M. Went to the Brigade. The Brigade started about six AM marched through Cassville. Crossed the Etoah river in the Afternoon. camped about sundown near the river.
- 24 Morning cloudy. Started againe at six o clock A.M. marched quite moderate all day. marched over a range of mountains. Camped about dark. Rained in the evening and night, quite hard &c
- 25 Morning cloudy but warm Started about seven o clock A.M. The first Brigade formed a line and commenced skirmishing at noon. Our Brigade formed a line at two Staid their until dark Then marched to the frunt in line halted and staid in line all night. Was heavy fighting in frunt. Rained in the evening quite hard
- 26 Morning cloudy commenced fighting at daylight. Afternoon warm and pleasant. Our Brigade staid in line all day but didnt do any firing. Built brestworks in the afternoon and staid behind them all night.
- 27 Weather warm and pleasant. commenced cannonading in frunt of us about half passed six o clock AM. Skirmishing in frunt all day Detailed to help build brestworks frunt of Brigade headquarters. left the brestworks after dark moved a short distance to the right. Most of the Regt. went building brestworks all night.

Saturday

May 28

Weather still warm. built brestworks in the forenoon
Heavy skirmishing in frunt. wrote a letter to H.A.M.
some cannonading in the evening

29 Weather still very warm Detailed to build brestworks at
Brigade headquarters. Staid behind brestworks untill dark
Then moved a little to the right and rear. Staid their all
night. most of the regt. went on fatigue building brestworks
all night.

30 morning still pleasant heavy skirmishing in frunt Went to the
frunt in the morning. I went out on the skirmish line staid out
two hours. Staid behind the brestworks all day and night. lay on
our armes all night Expected the rebs but they didnt come

31 Days still warm and pleasant. got relived from the frunt and went
back about eighty rods and staid their all day and night

June 1 Detailed on fatigue to chop logs for brestworks. Came to camp at
noon and got orders to march. Got the Brigade together and started
about four o clock P.M. Marched along the line to the left. Stopped
about dark. The Regt. went out on picket

2 Still warm and pleasant. Went down to the crick and washed my
socks. Got called in of picket at 11:30 A.M. Joined the brigade
and started to the frunt went about a mile and formed a line
of battle and marched to the frunt Rained very hard and got
very wet. Camped about three o clock P.M.

3 morning cloudy and signs of rain. Rained quite hard in the
afternoon. Staid in camp all day and night. Some skirmishing
and and cannonnading in frunt drove the rebs

4 Morning cloudy and rainy Staid in camp and night. Rained in the
night quite hard. Wrote a letter to M.G. some skirmishing and
cannonnading in frunt.

5 Morning still rainy and very muddy. Wrote Sister Margaret a letter.
Staid in camp all day and night. Drew three days rations of sugar
hard bread and coffee and pork.

6 Got orders to march and started at six o clock and thirty minutes
from camp Marched until eleven o clock and stóped and got dinner
Then started and went about a mile and stóped built brestworks
and staid behind them the rest of the day and night Rained some
in the afternoon

7 Morning quite warm &c Went down to a stream and washed my shirt
and drawers Wrote a letter to Uncle Thomas and one to Father.
Rained some in the afternoon. Staid in camp all day. Went on guard
at night. Stood post one hour.

8 morning some cloudy and signs of rain. Staid in camp all day. Drew
three days rations of hard bread, pork, sugar and coffee. quite
warm waether &c. Rained in the evening and night.

Thursday

June 9

- 9 Morning cloudy and some rainy. Got orders to march at six o'clock A.M. but did not go. Staid in camp all day. Showers of rain and then hot sunshine. Drew one days rations
- 10 Morning pleasant and warm. Packed up and got ready to march at nine o'clock A.M. but did not go. Rained in the afternoon very hard with heavy thunder. Staid in camp all day and night.
- 11 Got orders to be ready to march at eight o'clock A.M. but did not go. Rained very heavy showers. Some cannonading in front. Rained in the night quite hard. Staid in camp all day and night.
- 12 Morning still rainy. Staid in camp all day. Rained about all day. Afternoon and night quite cool and windy. Some skirmishing in front. Wrote Thomas Erwin a letter &c
- 13 Morning quite rainy and quite cool and windy. Packed up at noon to march but did not go. Staid in camp all day. Some cannonading in front.
- 14 Morning cloudy and quite cool. Heavy cannonading on our left. Had Co. inspection of guns and ammunition. Packed up and went on picket at noon. Called in a short time and the Brigade marched at two o'clock to the front and camped for the night.
- 15 Morning some cloudy. Packed up and started at eleven o'clock. Went a short distance and formed a line of ~~skirmishers~~ skirmishers. Our Regt was all on skirmish line. Drove the rebs about a mile to their intrenchments and fought them until dark. Then I went back with the Regt and put up breastworks
- 16 Morning quite pleasant and warm. Left the breastworks in the morning and marched to the left and formed a line and staid there all day. Built some breastworks. Started at dark and went to the right a short distance and built some breastworks. Went on picket in the night
- 17 Morning still pleasant. Advanced at daylight. The Rebs retreated. Went to the Rebs breastworks and halted for breakfast and staid there until after dinner. Started at 11:30 A.M. Skirmishing and cannonading commenced at noon. Formed line and marched until three o'clock. Then halted and built breastworks. Advanced the lines at ten o'clock and built more breastworks. Rained in the night.
- 18 Morning very rainy. Put up a tent. Got some wet. I went out on skirmish line at eleven o'clock and staid out until eight. Rained tremendous hard most all day. Heavy cannonading on our left and skirmishing. Drew some whiskey &c
- 19 Morning still rainy and cold. The rebs retreated and we advanced at nine o'clock. Formed a line of battle at noon. Then went a short distance farther and halted for the night. Built breastworks most all night. Some cannonading. Rained very hard &c

Monday

June 20

- Weather a little more pleasant. Worked some on breastworks. Packed up and started again at ten o'clock went along the line to the right and put up more breastworks. commenced writing a letter to Father. Got orders to be ready to march at a moments notice. packed up at six o'clock but didnt go. lay on our arms all night.
- 21 Morning some rainy. Got relieved at about eight o'clock by the 4th corps kept marching and stoping until most eleven. Then halted and built breastworks. rained quite hard. Staid behind the breastworks the remainder part of the day and night. Some cannonadeing in frunt &c
- 22 Morning quite pleasant and warm. The Rebs commenced cannonadeing quite briskly. Our skirmishers advanced a short distance. Packed up and advanced the lines between nine and ten A.M. Halted and built another line of works Staid their until five o'clock then moved to the right and put up more works. heavy skirmishing and cannonadeing drove the rebs &c
- 23 Morning pleasant and quite warm. Staid behind the pits all day onely a short time on fatigue Heavy cannonadeing on our left and heavy skirmishing in frunt.
- 24 Weather very warm. Staid in camp all day. Heavy cannonadeing on our left. Washed my shirt Slept quiet all night &c
- 25 Weather still very warm quiet all along the lines Staid behind the works all day and night. Had inspection of guns and amunition. Went on guard in the night.
- 26 Weather tremendous warm Wrote part of a letter to Father Staid in camp all day went on skirmish line at dark and staid all night Thundered and lightened quite sharp
- 27 Came of skirmish line in the morning. Packed up and our Brigade advanced in line of battle. Went about half a mile and built breastworks. The Rebs fired into us but without much damage Heavy cannonadeing and skirmishing. Staid behind the works all night &c
- 28 Morning very warm. Quite heavy cannonadeing from boath sides. Pickets keep up a consent fire all the time Staid behind our works all day. Thundered and lightened very sharp in the evening Aroused in the evening by a heavy volley of musketry on our right &c
- 29 Morning a little cooler and cloudy and signs of rain. Staid quiet behind the breastworks all day. Went on guard in the night. Aroused by heavy volley of musketry and cannonadeing on our left. Rained a very little Wrote sister M. a letter
- 30 Morning warm but some cloudy. All quiet along the lines except the skirmishers Wrote a letter to Sister Jane. Washed my pants shirt and drawers and put them on wet. Rained some in the afternoon Our Div. got relieved and marched about nine o'clock marched until about daylight to the right Then went on picket &c

Friday
July 1

- 1 I went out about 1½ miles on skirmish line and staid all day. Weather ~~was~~ tremendous warm Some skirmishing in frunt and some shelling in the afternoon. Shelled over our heads where we were on skirmish line. Got relieved about nine o clock P.M. and went to the Regt. Got lost and had an awful time getting to the Regt.
- 2 Morning still very warm Heavy cannonadeing on our left put up tents and staid all day and night. ● Quite heavy showers of rain in the afternoon.
- 3 Morning still pleasant. Packed up and started after the Rebs about seven o clock A.M. The Rebs retreated in the night Went a ~~short~~ short distance and I went on ~~the~~ skirmish line and advanced in line until afternoon then went to the Regt. Marched a mile or so and camped for the night.
- 4 Weather some cloudy but warm Staid in camp quiet all day Some shelling in the afternoon. Afternoon very clear and hot.
- 5 Weather very clear and warm Packed up and marched between seven and eight o clock A.M. and marched slowley until about five o clock P.M. and halted within two miles of the Chattahoochia river for the night.
- 6 Packed up and started for the frunt at ten o clock A.M. Went about a mile turned around and came right back to camp and staid their until four o clock and started ~~again~~ again. Went about three or four ● miles to the left and camped about sundown. I went on guard in the night.
- 7 Morning still very warm. Got orders to put up tents for we were giong to stay for some time and before we got them up we had to pack up and started at eight went about two miles to the left and formed camp and put up tents and staid all night
- 8 Weather still very warm wrote Father a letter also T. Erwin. Detailed on picket at ten o clock got ready and started at four P.M. was on the reserve all night stood post ½ hour in the night &c
- 9 Went out on the frunt line at sunrise and staid out until four o clock. Then got relived and came into camp. Weather very warm &c
- 10 Got marching orders at daylight and packed up at five o clock A.M. Staid in readiness all day but didnt gow. Clouded up and rained in the afternoon.
- 11 Morning still cloudy but warm Wrote a letter to A.T. Harper Went down to the crick and washed my shirt drawers and socks. Staid in camp the remainder part of the day &c
- 12 Morning a little cooler but pleasant lay out company streets and cleaned up camp and fixed bunks. Afternoon some cloudy and rainy.
- 13 Worked in the morning policing around the Colonels quarters. Then wrote a letter to Mr. G. also to B.L. Afternoon very warm Staid in camp all day

Thursday

July

- 14 Weather still pleasant. wrote Uncle Hugh Harper a letter. Clouded up and rained some in the afternoon. Thundered in the evening quite hard and quite windy &c
- 15 Weather a little cooler Staid in camp all day. wrote H. Harper a letter. Policed some around the Colonels quarters &c Cleaned my gun ~~in the afternoon~~ in the afternoon for inspection.
- 16 Weather still pleasant. Had monthly inspection at ten o clock A.M. by Liut. L. Harding, Brigade inspector Then went down to the creek and washed my shirt and drawers. Went on camp guard at night. Rained quite hard in the evening.
- 17 Morning warm and pleasant commenced writing a letter to Father. Got orders to be ready to march at three o clock P.M. Packed up and started at four. Crossed the river at ten o clock in the night and camp at eleven. Evening very pleasan
- 18 Weather clear and warm. packed up and started about nine o clock A.M. and marched slowley until noon. Stopped and got dinner Afternoon some cloudy. formed a line of battle at three o clock and advanced until five o clock. Then halted for the night. I went on picket.
- 19 Morning very warm heavy cannonadeing on our left. Staid on picket all day. The Brigade advanced early in the morning. left the picket line at dark and started for the Regt. Got their at eleven o clock. Had a hard time finding the regiment in the night.
- 20 Morning warm and pleasant. advanced the line at eight o clock Marched slowley on until four o clock when the Rebs made a charge and drove us back to the brest works had a sharp ingagement Our column advanced again and built brestworks
- 21 Morning very clear Every thing along the lines quite. Clouded up in the afternoon and thundered very heavy, rained in the evening Some cannonadeing in the evening and night
- 22 Packed up and started after breakfast. Passed the rebs works some distance. Halted and put up brestworks about two o clock. I went on picket. was left on the reserve. Aroused at dark by a charge from the rebs went up to the frunt line and staid their all night Heavy cannonadeing from both sides.
- 23 Morning cloudy. went back to the reserve a little after daylight. The rebs made a charge at noon. The reserve was called up to the frunt line to strengthen the pickets, Staid their until dark Then got relieved and went to camp. Heavy shelling on boath sides Evening quite cool.
- 24 Weather still pleasant. finished writing a letter to Father Heavy cannonadeing on boath sides. Staid in camp all day. Aroused in the night by heavy skirmishing in frunt. Heavy cannonadeing in the night from boath sides. Evening and night quite cool

- Monday
July 25 morning very pleasant. Detailed on fatigue to build breastworks about eighty rods in front. Worked during the day about four hours during the day. Heavy skirmishing in front and some cannonading &c
- 26 Morning some cloudy and smoky. Went to work on breastworks during the day about six hours. The Brigade moved over to the front line about dark rained some in the evening and night.
- 27 Morning cloudy and some rainy. Quite heavy cannonading on our left and heavy skirmishing in front. Went on fatigue building breastworks in the evening from four to nine o'clock. Rained some
- 28 Morning cloudy but warm Staid in camp all day Heavy skirmishing and cannonading commenced about four o'clock P.M. and continued about all night. Staid close up to the breastworks most of the time.
- 29 Morning smoky and cloudy wrote a letter to Uncle Thomas Afternoon very warm and pleasant. Everything quiet along the lines except now and then a shot from our cannon Evening some rainy and very warm
- 30 Weather cloudy and some showery. heavy skirmishing and cannonading. Wrote a letter to father and br Harrison Went on picket at five o'clock P.M. Thundered and lightened in the evening. Night very warm.
- 31 Weather very warm but cloudy Still on picket Everything quiet along the lines except now and then a shot from our cannon Rained in the afternoon very hard. Got relieved from picket at five o'clock. Evening and night some rainy &c
- August
- 1 Weather cloudy and some rainy. Went over to the supply train and got quite wet. Afternoon very warm and pleasant. Staid in camp the remainder part of the day Everything quiet in front. &c
- 2 Morning a little cloudy and some rainy. Went down to the creek and washed my shirt drawers socks and handkerchief. Afternoon very warm and pleasant. worked some on the fortifications. Then wrote Sarah Erwin a letter. Darned my socks etc.
- 3 Weather still very warm. Staid in camp all day. Everything quiet along the lines in front. Had a severe headache in the afternoon some skirmishing about five o'clock in the afternoon.
- 4 Weather some cloudy and windy. Staid in camp all day. took my gun to pieces and had an awful time putting it together again Heavy skirmishing and some fighting in the evening and night
- 5 Morning clear and very warm. Got a severe headache cleaned my gun and had orders for general inspection at eight o'clock but didnt have any Went back about half mile and help draw rations. Heavy skirmishing commenced on our left about two o'clock and again on our right at four o'clock P.M. Evening some cloudy and signs of rain
- 6 Weather a cooler and cloudy. Some cannonading on our right. Staid in camp all day until five o'clock then went out on picket. Rained quite hard in the evening and got quite wet. After part of the night very pleasant