

Diary of REUBEN R. OGDEN--Age, 32 years. Enlisted, August 22, 1862, at Portland, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. E, September 24, 1862; mustered out with company, June 11, 1865, near Bladensburg, Md.

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Sept 29th 1862 Left Jamestown at 6 o'clock P.M. Arrived at Elmira at 6 o'clock AM the 30th ____ Stopped till Noon drew our arms & Equipage. left at one o'clock for Baltimore arrived at Baltimore Oct 1st at 12 o'clock left Baltimore at 11 o'clock P.M. arrived at Washington Oct 2d at 8 o'clock A.M. left the same afternoon arrived at Camp Seward at 9 PM Sunday Oct 12th left Camp Seward at noon Slung knapsacks & marched ten miles toward Fair Fax Court House rainy afternoon Struck tents at dark rained all night Monday 13th continued our march arrived at Fair Fax about noon Pitched tents ready for rest at four P.M. weather pleasant till Sunday Oct 26th commenced raining at 8 o'clock rained in torrents till Monday noon windy & rainy blew down tents wet Blankets through under us thought it hard Nov 2d left Fair Fax marched within two miles of Centerville Beyond the village left Lew at Centerville Encamped for the night Resumed our march at half past Seven next morning arrived at Hay Market at 5 PM Friday 7th Struck tents marched within six miles of Warrenton Snowed all day Encamped till Sunday the 9th Struck tents Marched back to Thorough Fare Gap Monday 17th Struck tents at four o'clock in the rain marched three miles turned in for the night 18th Resumed our march traveled within two miles of Centerville encamped in the rain 19th Marched to Camp near Fair Fax at Germantown rained during the entire march rained till thursday night 20th

Lay in Camp three weeks Wednesday Dec 10th Mooved for Fredricks-
burg marched three days arrived at Dumfries rested half day &
marched three days longer which Brought us within two miles of
Fredricksburg hard tack scarce Virginia Mud deep Dec 16th lay in
Camp awaiting Orders knapsacks Packed mooved at dark mooved through
mud & water till mid night lay on our arms till morning 17th mooved
at two o clock P.M. & encamped near Falmouth a mile & half from the
Burnside Slaughter Field lay in Camp till Jan 13th 1863 ordered on
Picket went out three miles Staid two hours ordered to march
traveled for Camp Wednesday 14th mooved at three o clock AM on a
reconnoisance 15th Built a Road to the United States Ford 16th
marched Back to Camp 17th Marched Back to the Ford Stood Picket
at night 18th lay in Camp 19th on Fatigue 20thmooved to Guard the
Pontoon train to Banks Ford Walters Haight & myself detailed to Guard
Sesesh Property Rainy night Burnside Stuck in the Mud Stoped till
Monday 26th returned to Camp Near Falmouth

Feb 5th mooved in a Snow Storm left Good Quarters mooved ten
miles encamped in an open Field on the rout to Stafford Court House
Snow turned into rain rained till noon next next day 6th Resumed
our march arrived at Camp near Stafford Court House at night mud
deep all quiet in Camp till April 9th Generals Howard & Mc Lain
received the 11th Corps the 10th Old Abe & Fighting Joe Reviewed the
Corps

April 13th Marched for Kellys Ford arrived at the Ford 15th
commenced Raining at night rainy night 23d & 24th Rained Steady
Boys Stood Picket every other day 24th helped take a drowneded Reb
out of the River 27th Brigade teams arrived with Knapsacks 28th

the 154th NY ⁸ 73 Penn crossed the Rappahannoc Deployed Skermishers
came Back at two o clock AM 29th the Army crossed the River our
Brigade in the Reserve 30th Marched to the Rapid ann arrived at
1 oc clock took the afternoon to Ford the River 5 o clock mooved
for the Junction Marched till twelve at night Some 22 Miles May 1st
ordered out at 2 o clock mooved a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile Ordered Back heavy
fireing on the left at 5 o clock Drawn up in line of Battle lay in
line till 2d the 154th went into the entrenchments fireing commenced
again at noon at 5 o clock the Rebs made an attack on the right
Drove us to the Chancellor ville House Colonel wounded Adjutant
killed

changed our line of Battle during the night Sunday Morning May 3d
the enemy opened their fire Before Sunrise Steady fire till half Past
eight fireing Partially ceased Repulsed the enemy the 154th Ordered
to the rear Behind entrenchments fighting all day Hooker rode along
the lines at the close of the Loud Cheering for Joe We occupied our
Position Behind the Breastworks during the Night & Still occupy them
this Morning the 4th Skermishing along the lines at intervals all
night & continue this Morning at 6 o clock PM the enemy opened fire
on our right a Sharp Short little fight ensued lay in the Pits the
night of the 4th heavy canonadeing at Fredricksburg May 5th fell
Back from the Pits onto the Reserve in a tremendous Shower Rained
during the Night Cold & dreary May 6th Mooved at day light over
the River May 7th arrived at our old Camp Near Stafford

June 12th Regiment Marched for the Gettysburg fight Bummers sent
to Div Hospital June 14th Div Hospital Ordered to the Rear went to
Acqua Creek in the afternoon took a transport at 6 o clock arrived
at Washington at Midnight the 15th Sent to Columbian College Hospital

July 1st went into a tent as an attendant Aug 28th left the Hospital went to the Soldiers Retreat 29th went to Camp Distribution 30th joined the Regiment Sept 26th left Camp Alexandria 28th arrived at Bell air 29th Passed through Zanesville Columbus & Dayton Ohio Richmond & Centerville in Indiana fed up to the handle at Centerville arrived at Indianapolis at 10 o clock took supper & mooved at twelve at night Sept 30th arrived at Jeffersonville at 11 o clock Ferryed across the River to Louisville Kentucky arrived at Nashville at 8 o clock A.M. Oct 1st arrived at Bridgeport Oct 2d

Oct 27th left Bridgeport Marched two days arrived at Lookout Valley Skermished with the Johnnys & drove them to the foot of the Mountain Stood Picket at Night the 12th boys & 2d Brigade of our Div were attackted at one o clock at Night fought till three with Considerable Loss to the 33d Mass & 73d Ohio Releived from Picket at daylight & joined the Regiment at 7 o clock next Morning which had advanced to the Battle Ground of the Previous Night lay in line of Battle during the day at Night Stood Picket till 31st rained Steady & hard was Releived & fell Back on the line Nov 22d left the Valley & Marched to Chattanooga 23d drew up in line of Battle fronting Missionary Ridge Made a demonstration Several wounded on the line 24th went on Picket at Break of day was drove in Case Ash & Covey wounded fell Back to the entrenchments advanced to the Picket line & Stood till Night Rained during the day lay in the entrenchments till next Morning 25th advanced & held the Skermish line & formed a junction with Sherman on the left a heavy fight Progressing during our moove lay on the Rail Road till next morning the 26th when We Pursued the flying Rebels chased them two days was detailed Back to Guard Prisoners arrived at Chattanooga Sunday night Monday Night

arrived at Camp in the Valley Nov 30th the Corps mooved to Knoxville
to the Relief of Burnside Dec 13th left Camp Guarding Supply train
to the Corps at Cleveland Thursday 17th arrived Back to the Valley
Saturday 19th Mooved Camp Put up Winter Quarters

Jan 25th 1864 Mooved to Kellys Ferry Jan 27th Mooved Back to
Lookout Valley

(Note: Ogden's account of the Atlanta Campaign was written in pencil
and some of it is unreadable. All that can be deciphered is copied
here. He then rewrote the account in ink, making some changes, and
that account is also reproduced in turn.)

May 4th mooved from the Valley Marched till 7th at Sun down
Sunday 8th Mooved at 11 o clock mooved till 3 o clock in a Skermish
line came up to the enemy fought till dark Scaling the Chantooga
Mountain was repulsed & fell Back on the Valley Monday 9th lay in
the woods till dark ordered to General Gearys Head Quarters threw
up fortifications during the night Tuesday 10th lay behind the Breast
works canonadeing on....

skermishing all day at 11 o clock at Night the enemy advanced in
line of Battle a heavy fight ensued We Repulsed them Monday
Morning 30th We Releived the front Breast works & Skermish line lay
at the front till Tuesday 31st Skermishing Most of the time were
Releived & fell Back to the 2d line of Battle as support wednesday
June 1st fatigued in the forenoon Marched by & to the left flank in
the afternoon Picketed at night Thursday 2d left the Picket line at
noon & mooved to the left flank mooved some three miles & drew up in
line of Battle in a tremendous Rain terrible thunder & lightning
intermingled with Artillery of Battle the 23d Corps drove the enemy
Marched by the flank a mile or two & encamped for the night Friday

Morning 3d Still in camp Slept all night without disturbance
continual Skermishing along the line Saturday Morning 4th Raining
the enemy left our front Sunday 5th Still raining in the reserve
till 14th mooved to the front 15th deployed as skermishers four men
& Lieut wounded Quilliam wounded through hip & both ancles Porter
through the Stomach Strain in hip Wilson in foot Barnhart through
leg Skermished till five o clock PM & charged the lines drove the
Rebs to their fortifications found them Strong a Spirited engagement
till near midnight the moon was Shining bright Shouring up Breast
works all night lay in the 2d line of Battle all day the 16th at
night threw up Breast works till two o clock AM lay down and Slept
2 hours the order came to forward march as the enemy had left their
Strongly fortified Position about 30 rods from our line of Battle we
mooved to there entrenchments 17th & Stoped for hard tack & coffee
Mooved out at 11 o clock in line of Battle Some two miles through a
dense thicket formed a regular line of Battle the Rebs commenced
throwing Shells at our advance our Artillery was run up along the
line had a splendid Position & commenced an Artillery duel that Beat
all the Artillery fighting I ever Saw we all enjoyed the Battle as we
lay Back & let the Artillery go in it was Sport to See the Shells
burst over & around the enemys guns & grape & canister cut through the
woods that contained (the must Be frightened Johnnys) Skermishing &
fighting all night Mooved our Breast works to the front during the
night lay down to Sleep about 2 o clock 18th awoke & found myself
drenched with rain rainy day Sunday 19th our Skermishers advanced at
day light over their first line of Breast works the enemy abandoned
them during the night advanced a Short distance & came upon their

Skermish line commenced raining tremenduously & poured down for 3 or 4 hours Established another line & entrenched at night Stood Picket Monday Morning 20th weather clear lay in the entrenchemtns till tuesday Morning 21st raining again mooved to the right & threw up Breast works lay Behind them all night Wednesday Morning 22d clear ordered to pack up advanced our line & lay in line of Battle till five o clock the Rebs made an attack on our first division were Repulsed with tremenuous Slaughter our Artillery poured the Shells & grape & canister through them with an enfiladeing fire as well as front attack left piles of their dead on the field did not take off all their Officers Thursday 23d clear held our Position 24th clear 25th clear Sunday 26th clear & hold our Position in the center 27th davanced our line charged the Rebs on our left were repulsed with heavy loss 28th 29th & 30th lay Behind our advanced fortifications 31st mooved at night to the right Marched till 3 o clock in the morning threw out our Picket & Skermish line fronting the enemys fortifications till Sunday Morning July 3d they abandoned their fortifications during the night We davanced lots of Rebs lay in the bushes & gave themselves up as we advanced in Pursuit of the enemy 4th mooved a few miles lay over night in a corn field 5th the Johnnys run again & our troops in Pursuit chased them within two miles of the Chattahoochee River run upon their fortifications & Stoped for the night 6th mooved to the right & came around nearly in front of our Position of the Previous night established a line about eighty rods from the enemys line of fortifications lay in camp till Saturday 9th went on Picket the Johnnys abandoned their fortifications during the night Sunday morning 10th Pickets advanced to the chattahoochee River the enemy fell back across the river Burned the Rail Road

Bridge destroyed all the Bridges Relieved from Picket at night
lay in camp till 12th detailed for Picket our Skermish pits on the
west side the Rebs pickets on the east Side of the River popping all
day the 13th relieved at night lay in camp till Sunday 17th Marched
at 4 o clock crossed the River marched till Midnight 18th advanced
Some two miles in line of Battle 19th continued our advance Some
Skermishing along the lines 20th advanced about half a mile our
Division was Getting into Position had run our Batteries up on the
left & opened a few times when the enemy charged our division five
lines of Battle came upon us like an avalanch the 1st Division was in
the Rear coming up to connect with our Right which left our flank
exposed the Rebs within three or four rods of our front their line
extending around our flank we Saw we would all Be Gobbled if We
Stood longer about faced & Skedaddled Back to the Breast works we had
put up the night Before rallied there & marched Back about half way
to where the 1st Div had checked & driven them Back & established a
line of Battle fortified & held our Position till 22d advanced in
the Morning about two Miles & Fortified within 2½ miles of Atlanta
McPherson was fighting heavy on the left of the line & was killed
23d the enemy threw Shells & Solid Shot at our works all day doing but
little damage Went on Picket at night 24th Still on Picket the Rebs
throwing Shells over us 26th advanced our line & threw up Bom Proof
works the Johnnies threw Shells into our works & over us bursting
in every direction killing & wounding a few _____ Lay behind our
fortifications doing fatigue duty occasionally till Aug 2d went on
Picket lay in Camp till 8th went on Picket compromised with the
Johnnies not to shoot

(Note: Ogden copies this section over in ink.)

May 4th 1864

Mooved from Lookout Valley Sunday 8th Deployed as Skermishers came upon the enemy at three o clock fought till dark charging Stony faced Ridge We were Repulsed & fell Back at dark 9th lay in the woods all day ordered to Gen Gearys Head Quarters at night threw up fortifications during the night 10 occupied our Position Behind the fortifications heavy canonading on our left 12th Marched By the right flank through Snake Gap 13th lay through the Gap till noon Gen Killpatrick came from the front wounded,, our Division mooved at noon Some three Miles & drew up in line of Battle in an open field Surrounded By woods heavy fighting on our left till dark fell Behind Breast works during the night Skermishing along the lines the 14th P.M. till one o clock a General engagement ensued & raged with desperate fury till night closed the contest our Brigade mooved at 11 o clock at night Marched till 4 Sunday Morning 15th Mooved again at noon to the front & whiped the enemy at the Battle of Resaca drove them from hill to hill with considerable loss to our forces till night Spread her Sable Mantle over the combattants We were ordered to the extreme front about Mid night they attackted us while we were diging four Pieces of artillery from the Fort that our troops had charged & taken But could not hold we held one Side the Rebs the other & neither could occupy the Fort the enemy evacuated their Position at night & left their artillery as we had it Before Morning 16th followed up the Retreat of the enemy till Noon came to the Ettawah River (or conesauga) Divested ourselves of clothing & waded through waist deep came to the coneaweabee River at night crossed Butterfields Division during the Night 17th joined the Brigade Marched in the

afternoon about twelve Miles 18th Mooved on at 4 o clock in the
Morning Marched till 9 in the evening 19th Guarded the train
Marched from 5 till 12 PM Guarded train till Twenty fourth Marched
24th & 25th came upon the enemy at pumpkin vine creek Met the enemy
& drove them to their fortifications 26th Sharp Skermishing on our
center 27th hold the Position Artillery Planted in our front & open
a heavy fire in the Morning Skermishing till five o clock the 4th
Corps Made an attack on the left fought till dark Skermishing all
night 28th fighting all day along the lines occupy our Position in
the center the enemy open an artillery fire of Shell Grape & canister
doing But But little damage advanced our line at night & fortified
29th Sharp Skermishing all day the enemy made an attack at 11 P.M.
were Repulsed by our forces 30th on the Skermish line 31st Releived
& fell Back to the Second line of Breast works June 1st fatigued in
the forenoon Marched in the afternoon Picketed at night 2d Releived
from Picket at noon in a Rain Storm Marched to the left about three
Miles & drew up in line of Battle in a tremendous Rain heavy thunder
Sharp lightning intermingled with the roar of Artillery the 23d Corps
drove the enemy Marched By the flank two miles & encamped for the
night lay in camp till 14th mooved to the front 15th Deployed as
Skermishers four men & Lieut wounded of Co E Skermished till 5
o clock & Charged the enemy drove them to their works at Pine Knob
found them Strongly entrenched & fortified fought till Midnight
Gained a Position & entrenched 16th threw up Breast works at night
17th the enemy abandoned their works Mooved in the Morning & took
peacable possession of their works followed up their Retreat at 11
o clock two Miles in line of Battle through a dense thicket formed a
line of Battle the Enemy Shelling our advance run our Artillery up

on the line had an Artillery fight of Several hours duration We enjoyed the fight as We lay back & let the Artillery Go in advanced our works during the night 19th advanced our Skermishers at day light the enemy abandoned their works the night previous advanced a Short distance & came up to their Skermishers a heavy Shower of three or four hours duration Established another line & entrenched at Night Stood Picket 20th clear lay in the works 21st raining again Mooved to the right & threw up works 22d clear ordered to pack up advanced our line & lay in line of Battle till five o clock the Rebs attackted our 1st Div & 23d Corps were Repulsed with heavy loss 23d clear 24th 25th 26th clear 27th advanced charged the enemy & Repulsed with considerable loss 28th 29th 30th lay Behind our advanced works 31st Mooved at night to the right traveled till 3 A.M. Releived the 23d Corps July 1st the enemy abandoned their works at night 3d advanced lots of the enemy Gave them Selves up 4th Mooved a few Miles lay in a corn field at Night 5th the Johnnies run again our troops in Pursuit chased them to the Chattahoochie River came to their fortifications & Stoped for the night 6th Mooved to the right established a line lay in Camp till 9th went on Picket the Johnnies abandoned their works during the night 10th Pickets advanced to the Chattahoochie River the enemy fell Back across the River Burned the Bridges lay in Camp till 17th Mooved at 4 o clock P.M. Crossed the River Marched till Midnight 18th advanced two Miles in line of Battle 19th continued our advance Skermishing along the lines 20th advanced about half a Mile had run our Batteries up on the line & opened a few times when the enemy charged our Division while Getting into Position with no Support on the right fell Back & rallied advanced & held our Position punishing the Enemy Severely entrenched

& held our position till 22d advanced our line & fortified within two & half Miles of Atlanta heavy fighting on the left by McPherson Gen McPherson killed July 22d Drove the enemy to their Defences around Atlanta & hold them tight to day August 13th left our works investing Atlanta Aug 25th at 9 PM Marched all Night to the Chattahoochie River threw up Fortifications the 26th the right wing Swung to the Rear of Atlanta which forced Hood to evacuate the City Sept 2d the 20th Corps marched into & occupied the City

Oct 5th detailed to Corps Head Quarters

(Note: The remainder of the diary is written in pencil.)

Nov 15th Marched from Atlanta 18th captured Madison 21st captured Eatontown 22d arrived at Milledgeville 26th arrived at Sandersville 28th arrived at Davisborough Dec 12th Met the Enemy came to a halt in front of Savanah Marched in to Savannah 21st

Jan 19th left Savannah in a heavy Rain Mooved 8 miles halted for the night Started Back for the City the 20th flats inundated completely Submerged could not get Back was compelled to go forward about 20 Miles Rained all day 21st lay over Raining 22d Still Stopping Raining Stoped at Hardeesville till 28th Marched at 7 AM to Robertsville Feb 1st went to Coochachie Station with a Dispatch to Gen Sherman 2d came Back to Robertsville Corps Mooved to Lawson 3d Sent Back to Sisters ferry with a Dispatch to Gen Slocum _____ ride fifty miles & joined the Corps at Bufort Bridge 6th Marched Seventh went ahead of the Colum with the Scouts ran the Rebs about a mile & a half to their Reserve they charged & drove us over the Same Ground on the Dead run Flidneys(?) Wagners & the Scouts horse tumbled in the creek & So did mine wet rainy & cold Mooved on to the Rail Road

17th arrived in front of Columbia went to the River the Congaree River to look at the City with Gen Williams kicked by a mule on return to Camp 18th the 17th & 15th Corps Marched into the City & Burned it 21st crossed Broad River & Marched into Winsborough town on fire when we arrived 22d Marched to the Catawba River 23d crossed over & Mooved four miles & encamped mooved on till March 2d without Oposition wet & Disagreeable weather March 2d Marched into Chesterfield C H encountered the Enemy Drove him through town 3d lay in Chesterfield 4th Marched to the Pedee River 5th went forageing in the forenoon lay in Camp in afternoon 6th Mooved to Cheraw Vilage on the Pedee River ___ Corps Crossing March 11th arrived at Fayetteville 12th rested 13th Mooved over Cape Fear River 16th Met the enemy in force fought them all day with considerable loss on both Sides drove them to their third line of works captured three pieces of artillery where they checked our force till dark fighting ceased 17th advanced the enemy had left in haste leaving many of their wounded on the road with caisons & ambulances mooved within twenty Miles of Goldsborough & met the enemy the 19th in force a heavy Battle ensued they Broke our lines on the left the men rallied & drove them Back took up a new Position & held it against Seven distinct charges enemy fell Back during the night about a mile to their fortifications 20th lay in line of Battle 21st lay in line 22d lay in line 23d mooved into Goldsboro lay in Goldsboro til 10th of April marched the 10th Skermishing with the enemy all day drove them ten miles 11th mooved early in the morning Marched to Smithville with some opposition 12th Marched 13th mooved early in the Morning Marched in to Raleigh at noon Raining in the AM clear PM 14th lay in Camp in Raleigh 15th Ordered to moove at 6 AM order

countermanded Raining hard 25th Mooved from Raleigh 26th lay in
 Camp 27thmooved Back to Raleigh 30th marched for Washington 15 miles
 crossed the neuce River May 1st marched 20 miles crossed the tar
 River May 3d crossed the Roanoke 4 marched to Saffords Bridge 5th
 Marched 19 miles near Black & Whits 6th Marched 7th Marched to the
 appotomax River crossed at noon 8th Marched encamped five miles
 from Richmond 11th Marched through Richmond 12th crossed the
 chichahominy & South anna Rivers 13th crossed the north anna River
 15th crossed the Rappahanock arrived at Alexandria the 17th of May
 24th passed through washington on Review

1 Over coat	12 00
1 Jacket	7 50
1 wool Blanket	3 50
1 Ruber	3 50
4 Shirts	10 00
4 Drawers	5 00
1 Jacket	9 25
2 pr pants	12 00

(Note: Several other ledgers have been omitted.)