

CIVIL WAR DIARY

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THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1864

Came from Stevenson, Alabama to Brig. front with horses and left them there. Cold day.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1864

Got back to camp from Nashville, Tenn. Came from Brig. front on the hearse. Very cold night.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1864

Was out to a review of our Corps. Warm pleasant day. Wrote a letter to George W. Pettit and Sabrie Pettit.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1864

Pleasant day and I got a letter from Sabrie and wrote one to her and nothing happened of importance.

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1864

It snowed this evening and it is quite cold. The first time we have had any snow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1864

It snowed today all day and the snow is fifteen inches deep, something remarkable for this country. Cold evening.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1864

Pleasant day but our snow hasn't all gone yet. Anson Park died last eve. He was sent home. Dead went to Chattanooga.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1864

Warm today and our snow is all gone and it warms. I commenced to draw rations today.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1864

We had some more snow last night but it all goes off today. The mud is deep. We drew some mules today.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1864

Pleasant day and warm. Nothing happened of importance. Got a letter from Sabrie.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1864

Pleasant day. Had inspection and I wrote a letter to Sabrie. All quiet on the lines.

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1864

Rainy day and the wind blows very hard. Nothing happened worth relating.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1864

Cold and disagreeable day. I have got a sore throat. All quiet on the lines.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1864

Pleasant day. My Reg. has gone to Trenton, Georgia. 1 st. and 2 nd. Brig. gone.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1864

73 rd. Reg. got back today in the 1 st. Brig. Pleasant day and warm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1864

Got April fooled once by Thomas Blits. Cold day and looks like snow.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1864

Rained today and cold. Our Reg. back today from Trenton, Georgia.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 1864

We had thunder storms last night. I got a letter from Sabrie and wrote one to her.

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1864

Rainy day and cold. Was over to the Reg. today. All quiet there.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1864

Rainy day. The mud is deep and disagreeable weather.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1864

Pleasant day and warm. The 11 th. Corps is consolidating with the 12 th. Corps. All is quiet.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1864

Pleasant day. Nothing going on worth relating.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1864

Pleasant day. I got some papers from Sabrie. All quiet about here.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1864

Pleasant day. Got a letter from George W. Pettit and the folks were all well.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1864

Pleasant day. Nothing going on. I wrote a letter to Sabrie and one to Sophie.

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1864

Pleasant day. Had a skirmish out to the front at Tunnel Hill, Georgia. Nothing of any account.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1864

It rained some today, but warm. Had a letter from T.C. Harms. All quiet.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1864

Pleasant warm day. Had a big ball play with 73 rd. Mass. with Hookers staff. 73 rd. beat us. Wrote a letter to Theodore.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1864

Pleasant day. All quiet out to the lines.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1864

Pleasant day. Had a review by General Thomas of our Corps.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1864

Pleasant day. Went to the ball play. 154 th. NY and 35 th. Mass. played. Our Reg. got beat by one tally. The game was 1 to 0. A very close game.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1864

Pleasant day. I wrote a letter to Sabrie and went to the station. Very lonesome day with me.

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1864

Fine day and we played ball. I got a letter from Sabrie and one from father and got some shirts from home.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1864

Fine day. Played ball and had a great time. All quiet here, no news worth relating

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1864

Fine day and warm. We played ball and had a good time.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1864

Rainy day. Nothing going on worth relating. All still.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1864

We drew forty horses today and I got myself a saddle horse.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1864

Fine day, hot. Theodore Hauns got back today. We drew some more horses.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1864

Pleasant day and warm. Wrote a letter to Sabrie. All still and quiet about here. 119 th. Regiment come in our Brig. today.

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1864

Pleasant day. I got a letter from Sate and Sabrie.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1864

Fine day. We was out on inspection. We was inspected by the Major General of the Corps.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1864

Hot today. We was out drilling today for the first time. Wrote a letter to Owen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1864

Was out to see the sham fight. The 3 rd. Div., 20 th. Corps, had the sham fight. It was a fine, sunny, warm day.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1864

Rainy day. All quiet here, nothing going on worth relating. Was out drilling.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1864

It rained some today. All quiet here, nothing going on of importance.

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1864

Fine warm day. Was inspected by Col. Bushbeck, Marching Orelons. Had a letter from Weband. Wrote to Sabrie.

MONDAY, MAY 2, 1864

3 rd. Brig. marched today. I eat some candy, Sabrie sent me today. Warm day. Our ambulance went to Chattanooga. 3 rd. with Brig. sick.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1864

Fine day. We got marching orders today. We moved twenty loads of sick to Chattanooga. Doctor Gordon gave me Krout sour pickles.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1864

We moved seven loads of sick to Chattanooga today. We left Lookout Valley at 2:00 o'clock a.m. and marched over Lookout Mountain, 6 miles.

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1864

We marched 10 miles to within 5 miles of Ringgold, Georgia and then left Ringgold to our left. Rough country. Hot day, all woods.

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1864

We marched within 10 miles of LaFayette, Georgia. We are in the State of Georgia now. Fine country and a hot day.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1864

We went to Ringgold with train of sick and got back to Gordons Mills at 10 o'clock and camped for the night. Very hot day.

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1864

Came from Gordon's Mills to Gordon's Spring Gap and to Buzzard's Roost and Brig. had a fight at Buzzard's Roost and got repulsed.

MONDAY, MAY 9, 1864

We went from Buzzard's Roost to Ringgold with two hundred wounded. Fighting near Dalton, Georgia. Our Cavalry got whipped today. Very hot day.

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1864

We came from Ringgold to Buzzard's Roost. Got here at 3:00 o'clock a.m. No fighting today. All quiet fine day and warm. Heavy thunder storm in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1864

Fighting today at Tunnel Hill. I went five miles to the rear and drew rations today. No fighting here today.

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1864

We marched from Buzzard's Roost to Snake Creek Gap. Five miles through the Gap. No fighting, some skirmishing.

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1864

We marched from Snake Creek Gap five miles. Heavy skirmishing all day. We drove the Rebs three miles. Not but a few wounded. page 5

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1864

Had a big battle today. General Howard fought with his Corps and drove the Rebs. I wasn't in the battle. Marched at night.

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1864

I was in the fight all day. The 20 th. Corps commenced the battle today at one o'clock and had a heavy battle. Drove the Rebs and got four cannon.

MONDAY, MAY 16, 1864

The Rebs are on the skedaddle last night and we are following them. We marched to Oostanaula River and crossed the river.

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1864

We marched and crossed the Oostanaula River. Marched all day. All woods, mostly and a hot day. Got in camp at 2:00 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1864

We marched all day within 3 miles of Kingston, Georgia. Fine country and a hot day. The 4 th. Corps had a fight and lost 300 men.

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1864

We marched all day through woods with stretchers. The 3 rd. Div. had a fight near Cassville and drove the Rebs across the river. Hot day.

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1864

Was in camp all day. I went to Cassville. A nice little town, country city. I was to the rear for rations. Wrote to Sabrie and father.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1864

I went to Cassville depot with a train of sick. The troops didn't march today. Got a letter from Sabrie. Very hot day.

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1864

We laid in camp all day. All quiet. Sent 3 loads of sick to Cassville Station. Very hot day.

MONDAY, MAY 23, 1864

Marched all day from Cassville to Etowah River and crossed the river at night. Got a letter from father. Fine country.

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1864

We marched from Etowah River to Raccoon Mt. 15 miles. No Rebs today. Thunder showers. Fine country.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1864

We marched from Raccoon Mt. to Tuncom Creek and crossed and had a hairy little fight. I was out all night. Rainy.

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1864

Heavy skirmishing all day. Four hundred wounded in the 20 th. Corps. I was out to the front all night. The fight today is 4 miles from Dallas.

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1864

Heavy fighting all day. Heavy cannonading all day. We moved the hospital from Pumpkinvine Creek up to the front. Fine weather.

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1864

Heavy fighting all day. We have a great many wounded. I was quite sick today. This is fine weather. We had a very lot of hospital wounded.

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1864

Sounds of heavy skirmishing all day and in the night. The Rebs made a charge on our lines and got repulsed.

MONDAY, MAY 30, 1864

Heavy skirmishing all along the lines all day. Sent all the wounded to Kingston. I stayed to the front. Fine day.

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1864

Skirmishing all day. The teams got back tonight from Kingston. I went to Sicking River for rations, eight miles to the rear.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1864

Skirmishing today. Our Corps got relieved today by the 15 th. Corps and the 20 th. Corps has gone on the left.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1864

We started from Pumpkinvine Creek and marched to Armuchee with a train of wounded and stayed all night. Heavy thunder storms.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1864

We marched from Armuchee to Kingston and stayed all night. Colonel Jones is here and going back with us to the front.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1864

We left Kingston and came to Armuchee and stayed all night. It rained all day.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 1864

We marched from Armuchee to Burnt Hickory. Very muddy. All of our horses played out. Warm today.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1864

Marched from Burnt Hickory to Allatoona Station. Stayed all night. This is on the railroad. A little town. Hot day. I seen ripe cherries today and wheat, some berries is ripe, potatoes are big enough to eat.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1864

Marched from Allatoona Station to Aragon and five miles beyond and joined our Divisions. Fine day.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1864

We were in camp all day. I wrote a letter to Sabrie. Fine day and warm. Theodore was here today.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1864

We were in camp all day. Fine warm day. I drewed rations today. All quiet in front. Had green apple sauce for dinner.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1864

Laid in camp all day. Had orders to march and got ready but didn't go to the front. Corps marched. Rainy day.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1864

Laid in camp all day with orders to march but didn't go. Some fighting to the front. Rainy day.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1864

No marching today. Skirmishing to the front today but not a general battle. The teams went to Aragon for feed. Rainy day.

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1864

We moved camp today. Moved to the front. Skirmishing all along the lines all day. Rain and very muddy weather.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1864

We laid in camp today. Some fighting today to the front. Our lines advanced one-half mile. Had a letter from Sabrie.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1864

The 20 th. Div. had a fight today. 154 th. got cut up. Had a number of wounded. I was to the front all day. Hot times to remember.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1864

We are having a fight today. Heavy shelling. I was to the front all day. Capt. Crosby got wounded today. I got a letter from Sabrie..

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1864

The Rebs fell back last night and our troops are all in very heavy fighting on our left and on our right. I went to Aragon with wounded.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1864

I went to Aragon with a train of wounded. Mud four foot deep and still raining. Heavy fighting all day. The Rebs. falling back and fighting.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1864

I went to Aragon with a train of wounded today. Fighting to the front and we took Marietta and the Rebs are falling back.

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 1864

Stayed all night in Acworth and left there this morning and went to Lost Mt. The Fourth Corps had heavy fighting all day. Rainy.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 1864

Heavy fighting all day. The Fourth Corps had hard fighting. Heavy cannonading. Rainy day and very muddy. I was on the run all day for rations.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1864

Fighting most all day. Heavy artillery duel. Was up to the front today. Very muddy but pleasant day.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1864

Slight skirmishing along the lines today. I went from near Marietta to Acworth with a train of wounded. Very hot 10 mile march.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1864

Come from Acworth to near Marietta. 10 mile march, very hot day. All quiet in front today, some little skirmishing, but slight.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1864

Left the front and went to Acworth with a train of wounded. Very hot day. Ten mile march. Some skirmishing today.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1864

Marched from Acworth to near Marietta a distance of 15 miles. Skirmishing in front all day. Very hot day. I got a letter from Sabrie, folks all well.

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1864

I was to the front all day. Got shelled most smartly. Our Corps advanced some and had some fighting. The whole line advanced.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1864

I went to Brig. shanty with a train of wounded and stayed all night. Some fighting, eleven mile march. Very hot day.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1864

Came from Brig. shanty to the front and loaded up and went back to Brig. shanty with a train of wounded. 20 mile march today. Very hot day.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1864

Came from Brig. shanty today to the front and in the evening we moved to the right about four miles. Some skirmishing. Very hot day.

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1864

I was in camp most all day. We moved the hospital on the right. Very hot day. Some skirmishing,

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1864

I was out to the front all day and night. It rained some and skirmishing all along the lines. The Rebs. are falling back some.

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1864

The Rebs. all left last night and we are following. Then we marched 7 miles towards the river. The 2 nd. Div. got 400 deserters. Hot day.

MONDAY, JULY 4, 1864

I was out to the front all day with the snatchers. Some skirmishing. A dull day for the forth. The bands played and the Div. all drunk.

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1864

Marched 7 miles within two miles of the Chattahoochie River and in sight of Atlanta. Some fighting today. Very hot. Got a lot of deserters.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1864

I was out to the front. Carried some sick back to the hospital and at night marched on the left near the river on the railroad. Skirmishing. page 10

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1864

We marched five miles to the left of our lines. Some skirmishing. Very hot day. I laid out with the snatchers to the front all night.

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 1864

I laid in camp all day. The finest day that I have laid still on this spring campaign. Wrote a letter to Sabrie. Very hot day. Little skirmishing.

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1864

I was in camp most all day. Theodore and I went back to the supply train. Some fighting this side of the river, but slight. Very hot day.

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 1864

I was out to the rear for rations, our train went to Marietta with sick and wounded. I was down to the river. The Rebs. have all crossed.

MONDAY, JULY 11, 1864

I was down to the river today and seen the Rebs. and talked with them. I was on picket with the snatchers. Very hot day. Wrote a letter to Sabrie.

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1864

I was out to the front on skirmish line by the river all day and night with the snatchers. A little firing across the river. Very hot day.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1864

I was out to the front all day with the snatchers by the river. Some little skirmishing. Very hot day. Wrote a letter to Webster.

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1864

I came from the front and went to the rear where the hospital is and Sargent Swarts went to the front. I wrote a long letter to father.

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1864

I was in camp all day. Everything quiet. Nothing going on worth relating. Went a black berrying. Very hot day.

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1864

I was in camp all day. All quiet in front. Nothing going on. Warm day and rained at night.

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1864

I was in camp all day. Marching orders. I went a black berrying and wrote a letter to Sabrie. Fine warm day.

MONDAY, JULY 18, 1864

I went to Marietta with train of sick and wounded and come back to Chattahoochee River and crossed the river. Marietta is a nice little town.

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1864

We marched a short piece today to the front and put up the hospital. Skirmishing and we advanced 2 miles.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 1864

20 th. Corps had a hard battle today. The Rebs. made the attack and drove us a little. The 1 st. Div. got cut up bad. The fight was 2 1/2 miles from Atlanta.

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1864

We moved the hospital from the battlefield to the rear. Not much fighting today. Some skirmishing along the lines. Very hot day.

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1864

Heavy fighting on our left, near Atlanta today. I don't know how they come out. I was in camp all day. Heavy cannonading today.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1864

I went to Vimina station with a train of wounded and our lines advanced today. A little fighting today. Very hot day.

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 1864

I made two trips to Vimina station today and cleaned out the hospital. Not much fighting today. Heavy shelling at night. Had to move.

MONDAY, JULY 25, 1864

I left the front this morning and went to 3 rd. Div. and carried a train of Reb. wounded to the station.

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1864

I came from Vimina station to the front near Atlanta and went to camp. I got a letter from Sabrie and father and wrote one to Sabrie. Fighting today.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 1864

I was in camp all day. Some fighting on our left. The Rebs. got depleted with a heavy loss. Fine pleasant day. The Rebs. shelled our camp.

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1864

I was in camp all day. General Howard had a heavy fight and whipped the Rebs. Gen. Hooker left us today.

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1864

I was in camp most all day. Went to the front in the afternoon and relieved Swarts. Some picket firing. Very warm day. Hotter than common.

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1864

I was in camp all day. Not much fighting today but heavy shelling. First Div. captured one hundred prisoners. I was sick all day. Very hot day.

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1864

A very still day, but little picket firing. I was to the rear and drew rations. We had a fine shower. I was some sick today.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 1864

I was in camp all day. Wrote a letter to Sophie and Sabrie and got a letter from father. Charlie Lauhler got back from Kingston. Some skirmishing.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1864

I was in camp all day. Not much fighting. Little skirmishing all day. Very warm day. I was out to the wagon train for rations.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1864

I was in camp all day. Some artillery firing, otherwise was quiet. Got a letter from Sabrie and Sophie. Some rain.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1864

I was out to the front. We expected a fight, but it didn't happen. But was heavy fighting on our right and our forces got the railroad and whipped the Rebs.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 1864

Was in camp all day. Heavy fighting on our right but don't know how it came out. The Rebs attacked the 20 th. Corps but each drive in skirmished.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1864

Was in camp all day all quiet. The Cav. crossed the river for the first time today. Fine warm today.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 1864

I was in camp all day. An uncommon still day. No picket firing and all quiet along the lines. Very warm day. Wrote a letter to Sabrie.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 1864

Everything quiet in front. I came from the front to the rear and Sargent Bachman went to the front and took my place. Fine rain. page 13

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1864

In camp all day. Nothing happened of importance. Heavy shelling along the lines. Rainy day.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1864

Still day until night then there was heavy cannonading all night. I drew rations. Was in camp most all day. Got a letter from Sabrie.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1864

I was in camp all day. Nothing happened worth relating through the day. At night there was quite a fight on the right. I don't know how it terminated.

FRIDAY, AUGUST, 12, 1864

I was in camp all day. Very still in front and a very lazy day with me. Rained some. Cool and nice.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1864

I was in camp all day. All quiet here, nothing going on of importance. Rainy day but warm.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1864

I was in camp all day. Heavy skirmishing in front. I wrote a letter to Sabrie and one to father. Hot day.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1864

I was in camp most of the day. Went to the front to stay to fight. All quiet today. Fine weather.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1864

I was out to the front all day. Nothing going on worth relating. Very hot day. Was over to wagon train for rations.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1864

I was in camp all day, quiet along the lines today. We had marching orders. Very hot today.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1864

One year ago today I left home. We didn't march. The orders were canceled. The Rebs shelled our lines, but hurt no one. Heavy fighting on the right.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1864

I was in camp all day. There was a big artillery duel this morning at daylight, all along the lines. Our batteries shelled the Rebel lines. Splendid. page 14

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1864

I came from the front to the rear and Swarts relieved me. I drew rations today. All quiet today. Very hot. I got paid today. I drew eight months pay and that paid me up until the first of Sept. I drew 148 dollars.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 1864

I was in camp all day. Very still day, no picket firing today. I wrote a letter to Sabrie. Sick with disintary.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1864

I was in camp all day, no picket firing in front today. I wrote a letter George. I am hard up with the Georgia quick step.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1864

I was in camp all day. All quiet along the lines. I got a letter from Webster and Sophie. Very hot day.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1864

I was in camp all day. We got marching orders. All quiet along the lines. Very hot day.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1864

We moved the hospital across the river and the troops moved tonight. I went back to the hospital and to the front in the night for sick. Out all night.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 1864

We got to the river near Vining Station and went in on the road near Geary's Headquarters. Very hot day.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1864

I was in camp most all day. Fixed up camp today and then went to the front to guard.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1864

I was in camp all day by the Brig. near Vining Station on the banks of the river. Fine place. Wrote a letter to Sabrie.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 1864

I was in camp all day by the river. Nothing going on of importance. Warm fine weather. Went swimming in the river.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1864

Was in camp all day. Fine weather and all quiet. Was up to the Regiment most all day visiting. Good time.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1864

I was in camp all day. Drew rations and I wrote a letter to Webster. All quiet, fine weather.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1864

I was over to the wagon train today for rations. All quiet here. Fine weather and warm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1864

I marched from Vining Station to the City of Atlanta and stayed all night in the city. The city was taken today.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1864

I left Atlanta and went to Vining Station to move the hospital and then went back to the city and stayed all night. Rain.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1864

I left Atlanta and went to Vining Station for sick and then went back to the city and camped in town all night. Fine day and hot.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1864

I was in camp all day. Seen twenty five hundred prisoners come in. We had a heavy wind and rain.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1864

I was in camp most all day. Went to the Corps Head Quarters with six ambulances for duty. Rainy day. I wrote a letter to father.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1864

We were fixing our bunks in the houses today. We have got a good place here. The Fourth Corps. went through town.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1864

I was in camp all day fixing our ground for Ambulances. Fine day. The whole army is coming back.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1864

I was in camp all day. Nothing to do. Very lively here in the city today. Plenty of soldiers here. Fine weather and warm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1864

I was in camp all day. All quiet here today. Got a letter from father and Sabrie. Fine weather and quite warm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1864

My ambulances were all out today. I wrote a letter to Sabrie. Warm day.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1864

I was in camp all day. The citizens went to the Rebs line today, but there are a great many left here yet.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1864

I was in camp all day. Nothing going on of importance. Fine pleasant weather and warm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1864

I was in camp all day. All quiet, warm pleasant day. Got a letter from father.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1864

I was in camp all day, no news of importance. All quiet here. Fine weather and warm. Carl B.D. went to Sandy Springs with load.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1864

I was in camp all day, fine warm day. No news of importance.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER, 17, 1864

In camp all day. Rainy. No news of importance.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1864

In camp all day. No news of importance. Rainy day. I wrote a letter to Sabrie.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1864

I was in camp all day. No news worth relating. Fine warm day.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1864

In camp all day. No news of importance. Fine day.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1864

I was in camp all day. Had orders to go on review, but the heavy rain stopped us.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1864

I was in camp all day. We had orders for review, but the orders was countermanded for it rained.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1864

I was in camp all day. Nothing going on of importance. Rainy day.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1864

Rainy day and cold. No news of importance. All quiet here. We have review tomorrow by Gen. Sherman.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1864

I was in camp all day. All quiet here. No news. Got a letter from Sabrie. Fine day.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1864

I was in camp all day. I have been in the field today. Rainy day.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1864

I was in camp all day. No news here. I wrote a letter to Sabrie. Fine day and warm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1864

I was in camp all day. The Rebs is in our rear. The troops are going back on the lines.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1864

I was in our inspection today. No news. Fine day and warm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1864

I was in camp all day. Ruben Eaelston died last night. Fine day and warm.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1864

I was in camp all day. No news of importance. All quiet here. Fine weather and warm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1864

I was in camp all day. The rebs reported in our rear and torn our railroad up. 14 th. Corps. gone for them.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1864

The Rebs has torn up our railroad and are in big forces in the rear. The 4 th. Corps has gone to look for them.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1864

The Rebs are near Marietta with two Corps. Sherman has gone there today. Had a fight in Sandy Springs today.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1864

We all went to graze our horses. No forage here for our teams. Sherman had a fight near Marietta.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1864

I was out grazing our horses. The Rebs have cut our communications off. We don't hear from Sherman today. We are fortifying city.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1864

I was in camp all day. No news. No trains thru from Nashville yet. Fine warm weather.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1864

In camp all day. No news all quiet here and fine weather.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1864

I was at home all day. No news from our rear. Fine weather.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1864

I was in camp all day. Fine day. No news from the North, our railroad still cut off.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1864

2 nd. Div. went out in the country today for forage. Fine day and warm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1864

I was out in the country grazing the horses. We got paid today. I drew 148 dollars. Fine warm day.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1864

I was out grazing today. There was a train come from Chattanooga today. The first in a long time. Got a letter from Sabrie.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1864

No news today all quiet here. Fine warm day.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1864

I was in camp all day. The Rebs. havn't got to running yet. No news from the rear.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1864

I was in camp all day. No news. All quiet here. Fine warm day.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1864

I was in camp all day. The men got back from the foraging expedition and got lots of corn.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1864

Was in camp all day. No news, all quiet here. Rather cold weather here.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1864

I was in camp all day, No news. Another party went out foraging for corn.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1864

I was in camp all day, nothing going on. Fine weather.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1864

I was in camp all day. All quiet here and no news. Fine weather, only rather cold.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1864

I was in camp all day. All quiet here. We got the news of Sheridan's great victory in Virginia. Got a letter from Sabrie and father.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1864

We had inspection by Capt. Row today. Wrote a letter to Sabrie and one to father. Fine day.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1864

The foraging party got back today with plenty of corn. Fine warm weather.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1864

I was in camp all day. No news. Fine warm day

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1864

I was in camp all day. We were all moving hospitals. Warm day.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1864

3 rd. Brig. went out foraging today. I got seven letters from home today. Fine warm weather.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1864

I was in camp all day. Fine warm weather.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1864

The trains come through from Chattanooga today and George Pettit come from home today.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1864

I was up to the Regt. to see George Pettit. Had a good visit. Wrote a letter to Sophie and Sabrie. Sent \$ 20.00 in a letter to Sabrie.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1864

The Corps Head Quarters moved quarters today and we moved too. I have got a splended white house to live in.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1864

I was up to the 154 th. Regt. today to see brother (George). Fine warm day. Wrote a letter to Sabrie. Just got one.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1864

I was at home all day. No news, all quiet here. Rainy cold day. Wrote a letter to Sabrie and sent \$ 20.00 dollars.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1864

I was in camp all day. No news of importance. Rainy day and cold.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1864

I was in camp all day. No news. Cold rainy day.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1864

The 1 st. Div. and 2 nd. Div. left Atlanta today. We have orders to be ready to go tomorrow.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1864

The 2 nd. Div. got back today. They only went out 5 miles, but we have orders to be ready to march at hours notice

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1864

In camp all day. Expect to march every hour. Was up to the Regiment and got a letter from Sabrie.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1864

I was in camp all day. The boys gone to Eatonton today. Have orders to march in the morning. Fine day.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1864

Our pickets was drove in this morning at daylight. The Rebs. attacked us with a Brig of Cavalry and three pieces of artillery, but got drove back.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1864

No news today. All quiet here, fine weather and warm.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1864

We had a big fire here this evening. The soldiers lit them a fire. Burnt some 50 buildings. Hot times, fine day.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1864

All quiet here today, we expect to march every day. Fine day and warm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1864

George was up here to see me today and dined with me. We had a good visit. Fine day.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1864

We have got orders to march tomorrow. Fine weather. Tearing the depot down and burnt some buildings.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1864

We left Atlanta today and marched to Decatur for dinner. We got in camp at one o'clock A.M. We marched to Stone Mountain. 20 miles.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1864

Left Stone Mountain and crossed White River for dinner. We marched 17 miles today. Rough country and woods.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1864

We marched all day through a nice country and we marched 20 miles and got into camp 12 O'clock P.M. Fine day.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1864

Marched to Social Circle to dinner and passed thru Ruthledge and within two miles Madison. Stayed all night. Marched 17 miles.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1864

Left Madison at 4 O'clock and marched all day 20 miles. We captured 25 horses. Warm day.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1864

We marched all day. Myself and Thomas captured horses and got lost and was out all night. Stayed in a nigger shanty.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1864

Started this morning and joined 3 rd. Div. and passed thru Eatonton. Nice town. Marched 17 miles. Stole my horse. Rainy.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1864

Marched to Milledgeville and crossed the Oconce River and got into camp 12 O'clock P.M. Marched 11 miles.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1864

Laid in camp all day near Milledgeville. Nice town. Very cold weather for a few days. We moved camp at night two miles.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1864

We left from near Milledgeville. Marched five miles for dinner. We made eleven miles today. Rough country. Cold weather.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1864

Marched all day. Made 17 miles. Rough country and woods all day. Fine weather, but cold.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1864

Marched to Sanderville for dinner. Had some skirmishing. The trains stayed here all night and the troops went for the railroad.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1864

We marched from Sanderville to Davisboro, 16 miles. Fine warm day and nice level country. No skirmishing.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1864

Marched half of the day to Louisville, 10 miles. Stopped here to build a bridge the Rebs. burnt. A fine warm day.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1864

We laid in camp all day to build a bridge across the river. Fine warm day. 2 nd. Brig. is off tearing up the railroad.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1864

We crossed the river today and marched 15 miles. Fine country and plenty of supplies. Fine weather and warm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1864

Marched all day, 12 miles. Fine warm day. Good country.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1864

We marched all day and went 15 miles. The Cavalry had a little skirmish today. Fine warm day. Swampy country

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1864

We marched all day, got in camp at Twelve O'clock at night. Went 12 miles. Fine weather and warm, went thru swamps. George W. foraged.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1864

We was all day marching 5 miles. Very bad roads, all swamps. Fine pleasant day and warm.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1864

Marched all day. Fine country. We marched 17 miles today. Warm and pleasant. I was sick with a bad cold.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1864

We marched all day and made 9 miles. All swamps and very bad roads. Fine warm day.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1864

Crossed Little Turkey Creek and then crossed Big Turkey Creek, very bad roads. Rainy day, made 12 miles.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1864

Marched to and passed through Springfield and the Troops went ahead. Heard heavy guns in direction of Savannah.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1864

Marched today made 8 miles. Some skirmishing today. Fine warm day. We can hear heavy guns at Savannah.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1864

Marched 6 miles within 5 miles of Savannah. Heavy cannonading and some fighting today.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1864

We moved camp today. We moved to the Savannah River, three miles from the city. Heavy skirmishing today. Fine day.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1864

We laid still today, our Brig. captured a steamer today with 8 prisoners on it. Some skirmishing and cannonading.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1864

Laid in camp today, Sharp firing in front. Shelled us like fun. Fine warm day. No rations.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1864

We was in camp all day. Some firing in front. We have got communications with the fleet. Hardup for rations.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1864

We are still in camp. The Rebs are shelling us from the river. They wound some. Fine warm day, but no rations.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1864

I went out to the front to relieve Sargent Swarts. The Rebs shell us like fun, Hot day and no rations. Pleasant and nice.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1864

Laid in camp all day. Still day. The Rebs didn't shell us but little. I got letters from home, the first in a long time. No grub.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1864

We were in camp all day. The Rebs shell us lively. Very fine warm weather. I wrote a letter to Sabrie. No rations yet.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1864

Fine and pleasant day. We got a few rations today. The first since we left Atlanta. Wrote a letter to father.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1864

Was in camp all day. The Rebels shelled us for four hours steady. We got six big guns up here for today. Fine warm day.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1864

The 2 nd. Div. 20 th. Corps took Savannah this morning. the first troops in the city. The Rebs. left. We captured prisoners.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1864

We moved the hospital to the city of Savannah today. Fine day, but very cold.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1864

I laid in camp all day, all quiet here. I was uptown to see the city. Pleasant place. Fine weather.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1864

We are all building houses today. We are hard up for rations. Musty meal and molasses is all we had.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1864

We are working hard all day to finish our houses. We have got nothing to eat.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1864

We are building barns for our teams. The 14 th. Corps was reviewed in the city today. Fine warm day.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1864

I was up to the Regiment today. All quiet here and no news. Hardup for rations. Fine warm day.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1864

We finished our barns today. No news here. We got a little rations. Wrote a letter to Sabrie.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1864

I was in camp all day. No news. All quiet here, Fine warm day.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1864

The 20 th. Corps was reviewed today by Gen. Sherman in the City of Savannah. Made a fine appearance.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1864

Laid in camp all day. The fire company was out on parade in the city. Rainy and cold day.

Memorandum: Henry Pettit
120 Reg. M.J.B.
Washington, D.C.
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Back cover of diary:
Joshua R. Pettit
Ellicottville
Cattaraugus County
New York
My Home

154 th. Regiment N.Y.
Co. A 1 st. Brig., 2 nd. Div
11 Corps Army of the Cumberland

Front cover:
Joshua Pettit from Sabrie
Stationed at Lookout Mt. Tenn.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES:

MAY 12 TH. 1864

Peaches is half grown and wheat is in the bloom and I seen green peas today and potatoes are in the blossom and corn is one foot high. A great deal of wheat sowed in this country and it is called a backward season in this country. It is hot day times and cold nights.

JULY 3 RD. 1864

The Rebs fell back from near Marietta and we are still fighting. We got a great many deserters. Four miles from here to the river. Very hot day.

JUNE 18, 1864

I had ripe black berries today. Corn is as high as my head. Rainy day. Mud very deep.

JUNE 20, 1864

The Fourth Corps had a heavy fight today. The Rebs charged four times on them. Got repulsed everytime.

NAMES OF MEN IN THE AMBULANCE CORPS

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| 154 TH. NY | 75 TH PA | 109 TH NY |
| Sargt. John Swart | Charles Liehler | G. Saeney |
| Sargt. Joshua R. Pettit | John Wenley | G. Deiter |
| Sargt. Wm. Buchman | | J. Meenoy |
| John McCluse | 55 TH NY | J. Mortz |
| Carl Day | James Stroble | J. F. Fetcher |
| William Bainck | James Morane | J. Graham |
| Alomso Linderman | Wales Newlid | H. Gross |
| Abraham Riant | James Green | |
| Dudly Phelps | Louis Campbell | |
| Ruben Eggleston | George Thomas | |
| Thomas Bliton | | |
| David Parmater | 111 TH NY | |
| David Hinkpalrick | Wm. Hornsen | |
| Harison Ganepps | Wm. Offendle | |
| Ruben Wocly | Wm. Hazen | |
| Fredrick Hinicle | James Bahkley | |
| | F. Rigney | |
| | John Jackson | |
| | Balz | |
| | E. R. Drirkee | |

JULY 20 TH ,1864

The 20 th. Corps had a sharp fight today near Atlanta. The Rebs made the attack on the 20 th. Corps and the battle lasted for hours. The Rebs drove our Corps a little on the start but we finally drove the Rebs and held the battle field. The 1 st. Div. lost heavy. The Rebs had three Corps engaged and we had only the 20 th. Corps engaged. Our loss I think was about one thousand killed, wounded and missing and the Rebs much heavier.

SEPT. 2 ND., 1864

Atlanta was taken today. The Major surrendered the city today at Ten O'clock P.M.. The 111 Reg. was the first that took the city. I went in the city today. The 2 nd. Brig., 2 nd. Div. was the first Brigade that went in the city.

CHRISTMAS DEC. 25 TH. ,1864

We are building houses all day and but little to eat. For breakfast we had mush and molasses and for dinner we had rice and molasses. Got our houses finished all but the fireplace. Warm nice day.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1865

We had inspection by Lt. Steubens and General Geary called to our camp and found everything looking nice. Myself, Swart and Moran went to Goldsboro on a ride, had a nice little ride and I feel fine, never in better health. The roads are dry and dusty, and the weather is warm and pleasant.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1865

We are in camp this day and the boys are greasing their harnesses and washing their ambulances. The whole army is drunk, lively times. Henry Comestalk came back from the hospital. We moved the hospital to Goldsboro and sent all of our sick to the rear. Looks like a move soon. The weather is very warm and pleasant.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1865

We are still in camp, all quiet in the military line. But a great day for sporting running horses. One bet of two hundred on a ride, and several other races. I seen John Nelay from Olean today and got a letter from Sabrie. I was some sick with a bad headache. Was up to the Regt. in the evening. Weather fine and warm, but dusty.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1865

We are in camp yet. All quiet here, no news of importance and 2 nd. Div. was reviewed today by Gen. Geary. We drew rations and got the best rations that we have had since we left Lookout Valley. I feel better today. Porter Rise and Foresithe went home today. Warm fine day.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1865

Glorious news, we just got the news of the fall of Richmond. It makes great excitement here among the troops, good and hardy cheering all around. We haven't got the particulars of the fight yet. I was out to town to see the horse racing, sharp races. The 2 nd. Brig lost with the Cavalry. I feel well and hardy today. The weather is warm and pleasant.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1865

We are still in camp. We are awaiting for more news from Virginia. Great excitement here of the yesterday news. I was up to the Regt., They were all having good times and lots of fun. We had some rain today but warm and fine Theodore was here to see me. I feel very well, but got plenty of time to think of home.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1865

We are still in camp. All excitement here on account of the reports and rumors from Virginia and the troops are more than cheering and raising hob, blowing up their canteens. We carried about 100 sick to the rear. Theodore was up to see me. I am unwell with a headache and bones ache and feel bad all around. Weather fine warm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1865

We have orders to march tomorrow. Ordered for a 30 day campaign. We loaded our train with hard bread, something we never done before. I wrote a letter to Sabrie, but couldn't send it, for there isn't any more mail going out. I was sick today, Weather fine.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1865

We broke camp this morning and we are once more on the war path. We passed through Goldsboro. The First Div. on the advance, they had some skirmishing, but did not amount to much. We went through good country. I was sick some, hadn't ought to have started out on this campaign. It is a very rainy day and got good and wet. Marched 10 miles to camp.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1865

We marched all day through a fine country. 2 nd. Div. on the advance had some skirmishing. We went to Smithfield, N.C., a small town near the railroad. We got in camp at 5 o'clock pm. I feel a little better today and will be all right in a few days. The weather is very hot for the time of year. Marched 14 miles.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1865

We continue our march today. We left Smithfield and crossed the river. We just got the good and glorious news of Lee's surrender to Grant. It makes great excitement. The troops are crazy and having a great time. No skirmishing in our Corps. Today we passed through a fine country. I feel a little better today. Fine weather and hot. Marched 16 miles, camp at 4 o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1865

We marched to Raleigh and took the city without the loss of a man. The 14 th. Corps was the first to enter the city and the 20 th. Corps was next in town. We expected a fight, but not a shot fired. Mighty fine country and thick settled. I feel very well today and we went in camp one mile from the city. It rained some today and the roads are muddy. Marched 14 miles, camp at 5 o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1865

I was in town today to see the city. I found it quite a nice town, some very pleasant dwellings. Seen the deaf and dumb asylums, a very nice one and was to the lung asylum. The 75 th. and 17 th Corps was passing review through town today. I feel well today but some home sick. Weather fine.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1865

We were all ready to march, but a heavy rain stopped us so we didn't go. Great rumors of Gen. Johnson surrendering. Everyone is having him surrendered, but I guess he hasn't yet. I made a letter for Sabrie and sent it. I feel tip top again and am all right. It rained very hard most all day and heavy thunder showers.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1865

We are still in camp. Waiting for Johnston to surrender. Everybody is having Johnston surrender whether he wants to or not. This evening we got the good and glorious news of Johnston surrendering his entire army to Sherman. Great cheering and firing of guns all night and a happy time all around. I am in good health and the weather is fine.

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1865

We are still in the same camp all quiet here. We haven't heard what Sherman and Johnston have done, but they are communicating with each other. We just heard that our President has been assassinated in the theater at Washington. But we don't think the report is true, at least I hope not. I am feeling first best, but want to get home. Fine warm day.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1865

We are still in camp, no signs of a move. Great excitement about the President being assassinated and the soldiers up on their dignity. Have to put on triple guard to keep the soldiers from burning the City of Raleigh. We don't hear what Sherman and Johnston is doing yet, but it is supposed that Johnston has surrendered his forces. Feel well. Heavy thunder showers

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1865

We moved camp today and moved into town to the Rebel Hospital. I seen a great many Rebels from Johnston's army and they said that the President of the so called Confederate States had surrendered everything to the United States. Harison Van Epps got back today. I am in good health and feel fine. The weather is warm and pleasant.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1865

We are fixing up our camp today. We are building us good summer quarters and policing up gay. The 2 nd. Div. was on Div. Drill today and General Geary told the men that they would soon be on their way home. I am well today but a little homesick. Wish I was to home. Fine warm day.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1865

I was in camp all day, no news, all still here. The 25 th. Corps was reviewed today by General Sherman in town. I wrote a letter to Sabrie, the first that I have in a long time. It is very lonesome here and time passes slowly. I am well, but lonesome. Fine day and hot.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1865

We had nothing to do and all quiet here and no news. The 20 th. was reviewed in the City by General Sherman and they did make a fine appearance. There was a large crowd to see them. I got a letter from Sabrie. I feel well, but it is lonesome times here now. Weather fine.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1865

It is all quiet here today and no news of importance. We were moving Confederate wounded and sick to the hospital. I wrote a letter to Sabrie. It is a very cold and windy day. I am feeling well.

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 1865

We moved the sick to the cars today and have orders to march tomorrow. I was up to see the 17 th. Corps reviewed. Gen Grant was here and Mead. A large crowd was out. I was up to the Regt. and got a letter from Sabrie. We are to start for Johnston tomorrow, so the War ain't over yet. I feel well and in good spirits. Warm, fine day.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1865

We started on the war path again this morning and marched to Harley Springs. Johnston is on the run and we are after him. We passed through a very good country. Nothing happened of importance, only it is very dusty and disagreeable marching. I don't feel very well today, weather hot and pleasant. Distance 15 miles.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1865

We laid in camp all day at Harley Springs. It is reported that Johnston has surrendered or something of that kind is going on. It is all ears. Went to Raleigh with Colonel Farat of 33 rd. NY. Very hot today. Had to lay in the sack to be comfortable. I don't feel well today, bad headache.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1865

I went to Raleigh with a train of sick. The wagon train is ordered to return to Raleigh. Johnston has surrendered yesterday, so the war is over and glad are we. Got to town at dark, marched 20 miles. We start for Washington in a few days. I don't feel well today. Weather hot and dry.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1865

I was about town most all day. We moved all of the sick to the cars and then went up to the Div. We got orders to be ready to march. 20 th. Corps came back to Raleigh today. We start for Richmond Sunday. I got a letter from father. All is well at home. I am not very well today, don't feel right. Fine warm day.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1865

We were in camp most all day. Went in the eve to town and carried the sick to the cars and sent them to the rear. Thomas B. went sick. We are getting ready to march. In the morning we start for Richmond. I wrote a letter to Sabrie and father. I don't feel very well today, fine day and warm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1865

We left Raleigh this morning and started for Richmond. Passed through a fine country and crossed Neuse River and camped for the night. We had a nice march and we all feel gay for we are marching for our homes. I seen a lot of Reb fighters returning to their homes. I feel well today, fine warm weather. Marched 15 miles.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 1865

We left near Neuse River and marched smart and we reached Tar River and crossed and camped for the night. We passed through a fine country and I seen a goodly lot of gals, best I have seen in the country. Good roads. I feel very well today, fine warm day. Marched 21 miles.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1865

We left near Tar River and passed Senator Harris plantation and more to Middleburg and camped for the night. We passed through a very fine country. It is a very cold day. Had to ware my overcoat all day. Got in camp early. I feel fine today, fine day, but cold. Marched 16, miles.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1865

We left from near Middleburg and marched to the Roanoke River and camped at noon. We passed through a fine country and the 12 th. Corps got ahead of the 20 th. Corps. We crossed the stateline and camped in Virginia. The weather is fine, but chilly. I don't feel the best. Marched 11 miles.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1865

We crossed the Roanoke River at Terry's Ferry. It was a very large river. We marched all day, it is a very rough country, hilly and all woods. The boys are all feeling good and they travel lively. Water was very scarce. I feel well today and the weather is rainy and warm. Marched 20 miles.

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1865

We marched today through a fine farming country and struck the Richmond plank road and we crossed the Newburn River. Small river. I was on the rear, had a great time with the nigrs women. The roads was bad. I don't feel well today. Warm fine day. Marched 22 miles.

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1865

We marched today and crossed the Nottoway River and struck the Soutside Railroad at Black White Station and come in connection with the Army of Virginia. Some of the 6 th. Corps are here on the railroad. I was almost down sick today, bad cold, and fever. Very hot day, the hottest we have had. Marched 14 miles.

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1865

We marched today and passed through a very fine country and came to the Appomattox River and crossed and camped within two miles of the river. Here is where Sheridan had been through with his cavalry. The country shows the marks of the yanks. Fine and warm day. I feel well today. Marched 16 miles.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 1865

We left from near the Appomattox River and marched all day lively. We passed the Grover Hill Coal Mines. Extensive coal works. We passed through a very fine country, the best I have seen in Virginia. We marched within seven miles of Richmond and camped at Falling Water. The roads were bad. I feel well today, fine warm day. Marched 25 miles.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1865

We moved camp and we are within three miles of Richmond. It rained today and made the roads very muddy. The 14 th. Corps got here on the 7 th of this month and beat us and we had the best road. We have orders to march in the morning. We are camped in a nice field. I feel very well today, it rained today. Marched 4 miles.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1865

I was to the City of Richmond today for the first time. We carried the sick to send off. I seen Libby Prison and Castle Thunder, and seen where our prisoner dug out. Richmond is a very good looking city. Lively times here and looks like home, all kinds of trade going on. I feel well today, the weather is fine and warm. Marched 8 miles.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1865

We started on our march for Washington today. The 12 th. and 20 th. Corps passed through the City of Richmond on review. We were all day passing through the city. I see Washington's statue. We camped four miles out from the city, great crowds to see the review. Fine warm day and I am well. Marched 10 miles.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1865

We marched today and left the City on the Kentonville Pike and crossed the Chickahominy River and camped at Ashland Court House. Fine little village. The roads were very bad today and we had a hard time getting along. Very fine country. We had a very heavy thunder shower last night. I feel fine today. Marched 12 miles.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1865

We left Ashland this morning and crossed the South Anna River and continued our march to the Little River and crossed the river and camped for the night. Passed through a good country and the roads were very good. I feel fine today, fine warm day. Marched 16 miles.

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1865

We marched from near Little River to the North Anna River and crossed the river on pontoons. We passed through a fine country and made a big march. The roads were very bad. Nothing happened worth relating. I feel fine today and having a good easy time. Weather is fine and warm. Marched 20 miles.

MONDAY, MAY 15, 1865

We continued our march today and crossed the Pole River and passed Spotsylvania Court House. We passed all the battlefield of Spotsylvania. I was over the field and it was a horrible sight. We passed the old Chancellorville battlefield and crossed the Rappahannock River and camped on the old ground that I have before. Fine warm day. Marched 22 miles.

I was over the battlefield of Spotsylvania Court House and it is a horrible sight. The worst I ever seen. I seen lots of our men that never was buried and what had been buried, the rain had washed them out and their bones laid all over the ground by the thousands. I seen where General Hancock's Corps made the charge and at that place I seen a tree 20 inches through that was cut down by Minnie Balls. I seen some parts of the battlefield of the Wilderness. Also was over the battlefield of Chancellorville. It looked natural, only the bushes had grown up and changed it some. We crossed the Rappahannock River and camped where we got shelled once.

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1865

We left the Rappahannock River this morning and marched over the old ground that I have traveled on before. We are on the road leading to Catlett Station. Everything looks natural here in this country. We made a long march and it was very hot day, the hottest we have had this spring. I feel well today. Marched 17 miles.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1865

Marched today and passed by Catlett Station. I was at our old camping ground where I stayed when we were here before. We marched to Brentsville and camped for the night. We are within 25 miles of Washington now. We passed through a very fine country. Very dot day, too hot to march. I feel fine today. Marched 17 miles.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1865

We left Brentsville and marched to near Fairfax Station and camped for the night. It was very hot this forenoon and we had a heavy rain and muck. The roads were very bad. We didn't get in camp until midnight. Very hilly and rough country. I feel well and alright. Very hot day. Marched 12 miles.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1865

We left from near Fairfax Station and passed the station and struck the Alexandria Pike and marched within three miles of Alexandria, and that is the end of our march. Everything looks like home about here, for we are acquainted all about here. I am well and feel fine to think we have got to our destination. Rainy day and cool. Marched 16 miles.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1865

We laid in camp all day. Nothing going on worth relating. I wrote a letter to Sabrie and got one from Thomas Bliton. He is in New York. Was up to the Regt. and washed all of my clothes. I feel well today. It rained some today, but it is warm.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1865

We laid in camp all day. All quiet here and no news worth relating. It rained most all day and I laid in bed and done as they do in Spain, let it rain. Was up to the Regt. and seen a number of old friends. I am feeling very well, but am anxious to get home. Rainy day, thunder showers.

MONDAY, MAY 22, 1865

All quiet here, laid in camp all day. I was over to the 2 nd. Corps today and seen Henry and Charlie Pettit and Baker and a number of others that I noted. Was at the Baileys Crossroads and seen lots of soldiers. Was almost to Washington. I feel well today, but homesick. Fine day and warm, but very muddy, Rained in the evening.

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1865

We was in camp all day. Had a great time dressing up for review. Washed our ambulance and blacked our boots and sewed on our stripes. Henry VanAernam was to the Regt. today and Dr. Steward and William was here and a number of other from Ellicottville. I feel fine today, fine warm day.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1865

I and Swart and Lt. Owen went via Alexandria to Washington to the review, and it was the nicest one I ever seen, and the largest crowd I ever seen, a very big crowd of ladies out. Seen Theadore and got a warm meal, the first I have had in over one year. Spent the last cent I had today. Pleasant day, got home at dark.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1865

We moved camp today and crossed the long bridge and passed through Washington City up the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and camped at Fort Thazer close to the railroad, three miles from Washington. Pleasant camp and a good place. I am well and feel alright. Warm day and very dusty. Marched 12 miles.

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1865

We laid in camp all day. It is a very rainy day, rained all day long. I wrote a letter to Sabrie and seen a number of boys from Franklinville. Gail Swrl and Gus, Bill Stone. Gob Fenton made a speech to the New York troops today. A lot of citizens to Gen. Jones Headquarters. Six hundred officers drunk. Feel well today, but I am homesick. Very rainy day and chilly.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1865

Laid in camp all day, very rainy day, rained all day. William Stone was here today and stayed some time. Had a good visit. I got two letters from Sabrie. All is well at home. I was up to the Regiment, all talk about going home. George was here today. I am well today but I am anxious to get home. Rainy day and cold and disagreeable.

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1865

We laid in camp most all day. Moved camp just at night. Sam Maloy called on me today, he is Clerk here. Stiles and Stone was here today, all quiet here and no news of importance. It is very muddy and disagreeable weather here now. I don't feel very well today. I have got the quickstep.

MONDAY, MAY 29, 1865

All quiet here today. I was down to the city today and was all over the city. Went to the Sanitary for the 154 th. Regt. and got two ambulance loads of sanitary for the Regt. Had a good time with Harl and Lon. Got home and had a sanitary dinner. I am well today and right. Warm and pleasant day.

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1865

I was over to the Regt. to see Gob Fenton present a flag to our Regt. and he made a speech to the New York troops. I went to the city today and went to visit the Capital and to the Smithsonian Institution and to the Patent Office, and seen the President's house and I got well paid for my troubles, seen great cities. Lt. Owen was with me and Moran. I am well, fine warm day.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1865

We turned over our horses and ambulances. Took them to Washington and turned them in. I let my horse go. We are to report to our Regt. at noon. I was over to the Regt. and the detached men are reporting back. All quiet here and no news. I ain't very well, got the quickstep. Hot and sulky day.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1865

We have orders to report to our Regt. and we are all packing up to go. We went after dinner. Had a great time getting ready, lots of fun. Eight of us went back to the 154 th. and 5 went to the 118 th. and six to the 134 th.. Had a good time getting to the Regt. I got a letter from father. I ain't very well today. Very hot day.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1865

Everything is quiet here, and I am a little homesick in my new home. It seems odd to be at the Regt. although I have nothing to do. We see thousands passing here on the cars, soldiers going home. We are in a very hot camp out in an open field and the sun is hot enough to boil eggs. I am not feeling well for reasons of desintary.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1865

It is quiet here today and no news worth relating. There are thousands of soldiers passing here on the cars for home. The 15 th. Corps has all gone, Hain't any of the 20 th. gone yet. I got two letters today, one from father and one from Sabrie. Very hot and sunny day, no air stirring. Hard up today, an not feeling well.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1865

All quiet here today, and no news worth relating. It is a very hot, day, so hot that we hain't comfortable anywhere we lay in an open field and no shade. I am a little homesick for is is so disagreeable staying here in the heat. I was down swimming. Went two miles to find water. I don't feel right today with my old complaint.

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1865

We are still laying in camp yet and all quiet here and no news worth relating. Not much signs of going home this week. But we may go the last of the week. Naps Battery went today and some out of the 3 rd. Div. Byron was here today. DG it is a very hot day, the hottest we have had this summer. Feel very well today.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1865

All quiet here today and no news. Smith from Freedom was here today and old Crumb was here. It is a cloudy, dull day and hain't so hot , but it is very lonesome here and time passes by slowly. 119 th are mustered out tomorrow. Cool nice day and cloudy. I feel very well and getting over the disintary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1865

We laid around all day, nothing to do. No news worth speaking of. The 119 th was mustered out today. Soldiers are passing here by the thousands on their way home. Fall in and get your rations of ears. Quite warm today, feel very well, but I am anxious to start for home.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1865

All quiet here today. The 119 th. Regt. went home today to New York City. They passed here today. We are to be mustered out Saturday. The 3 rd. and 1 st. Div. is going with us. Fine day, but very hot and disagreeable. I feel very well today.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1865

All quiet here today, got a letter from Sabrie, all is well at home. Was all ready to be mustered out, but some of them were wrong and had to make them out again, so it will take two or three days longer. Feel well today, fine warm day.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1865

No news today, we had our papers all made out, but some of them were wrong so they will half to make them over again. 134 th. Regt. was mustered out today and start for home tomorrow. I am well and all right. Very hot day and no air stirring.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1865

This has been a lively day with us. The 154 th. was mustered out of the United States service. Expect to start for Elmira tomorrow. Dar Blair was here today, had a great time getting ready to be mustered out. We are Brevet soldiers now. I wrote a letter to Sabrie and one to Albert Pettit. I am well and all sound. Fine warm day.

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1865

We broke camp at 2 o'clock pm and went to Washington and stayed there all night and then got on the cars for Baltimore and started at 11 o'clock at night. 154 th. went this morning. We are all going to get started for home. I am feeling well. Fine warm day.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1865

We arrived at Baltimore at day break and stayed there until 10 o'clock am and then started for Elmira. Passed through Little York and we made 100 miles before dark, and was on the road all night, last night. Fine country and nice traveling. Fine day and cool. I am well and all right.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1865

We arrived in Elmira today at noon. Was on the road all night and we went in camp near town. George and Theadore went home and I got started but was to late for the cars. Seventy five went home tonight from the 154 th. Regt. I am well and all right, fine day.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1865

I left Elmira this morning for home and arrived in Ellicottville at 2 o'clock pm. Johnson and Harry and Bird boys was with me. Got a late dinner and then went up and seen Sabrie. Had a very good time. Very cold and disagreeable day. I am well and feel fine to get home once more.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1865

I was up with Sabrie most all day and come down to town after noon. Had a pleasant ride, seems like home about here and think some of returning to Elmira in the morning. Warm and pleasant day. I feel fine since I got home.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

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MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1865

I left Ellicottville this morning for Elmira and arrived at Elmira at 5 o'clock pm. Had a good time on the road as half of the 154 th. Regt. were on the cars and the cars were crowded full. It rained hard today.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1865

I laid in camp at Elmira all day. The 157 th. Regt. got paid today. The 154 th. Regt. gets paid tomorrow, if nothing happens. I seen Wilks Miller today. It rained all day, but it is very warm. I feel this day lost as it is very lonely here now.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1865

I laid in camp all day at Elmira. We signed the payrolls today. We get paid in the morning. The 154 th. Regiment had a big time last eve. Lit up the whole camp with candles and raised hob half of the night. I was in the Rebel prison today. I feel fine today. Rained some today, but warm.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1865

I laid in camp all day at Elmira. All quiet here only the men are getting demoralized staying here so long and they are raising hob all around camp. They claim to pay us in the morning. I was downtown all day. Feel fine today, warm and pleasant day.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1865

We laid in camp all day and we got paid at 4 o'clock pm and then we got our Discharge papers. I bought me a suit of clothes and I and Theadore went to the Theater at Elmira, had a good time. Stayed up all night at the hotel. Feel well and glad to get the Buzzard. Fine warm day.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1865

The 154 th. got started for home today, all on a spree for we don't get the Buzzard only once in three years. Had dinner at Hornersville and got home at four o'clock pm. Found the folks all well at home. I feel fine to get home for good. Rained some today.

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