

The Diary of William A. Millen 1862-1863

Attached to the front of the diary is a paper that reads as follows:

An account from the 1st of August 1862 till the 1st of January 1863 –

On the 26 of Aug't we got orders to march. We moved to the depot, stayed till the 28th when we took the cairs and went to Collumbia and on the 1st of Sept. we marched to Franklin – 2nd marched to Camp Andy Johnson. 9th we moved into Nashville- 26th we went out on a scout And on the 2nd of Oct. we started and marched 20 miles to White Creek where we had a skirmish with the enemy. Returned the same night and on the 6th we started and marched to Leavegne where we had a skirmish. On the morning of the 7th Union loss 4 killed, 8 wounded Rebel loss 90 killed 80 wounded and 300 prisoners. We returned to camp and on the 9th we escorted the Rebel prisoners out of our lines and on the 15th we moved our camp one mile North and stayed till the 22nd when we marched and attacked the enemy at Neleysbend killing 30 taking 25 prisoners. Our loss 5 killed, 8 wounded. We returned to camp and on the 31st we went into town and quartered in the Courthouse and on the 5th of Nov. the enemy made an attack on Nashville, but they were driven off. Our Reg't 78th supported a battery and on the 26th I went into town to guard Haymasters, and on the 9th of December we marched 8 miles South of Nashville to Camp Hamelton, and on the 12th we had Grand Review, and on the 26th we moved to Nolinville. We then moved on to within 5 miles of Mufreesboro, and on the 31st was the day of the great battle of Stone's River. Thus ended the year of eighteen-hundred-and-Sixty-two.

Title page of Diary reads:

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Murfreeseboro, Penn.
Companey Cr. 78th Reg
Penna. Voll.

- Jan1 – On the battlefield and on picket duty at night
- 2- Moved till the left center in the fight. And drove the Rebels across the river.
 - 3- Stay on the left – the rain falling in torrents.
 - 4- Moved to the centre and lay all day
 - 5- Went into Murfreeseboro as Seorro guard
 - 6- On guard
 - 7- Off duty
 - 8- Off duty
 - 9- On guard. Dress parade in the eavning
 - 10- Off duty
 - 11- On guard.
 - 12- Off duty
 - 13- Off duty
 - 14- On guard
 - 15- Off duty. It rained and snowed. And was very cold at night.

- 16- On guard
- 17- Off duty
- 18- Off duty
- 19- On Patroll guard
- 20- About quarters. Off duty
- 21- On fatieugl duty in fournoon off duty in afternoon
- 22- About quarters. Off duty
- 23- On post guard
- 24- Off duty and rained all day
- 25- On post guard
- 26- At quarters and off duty
- 27- On guard and it snowed all afternoon.
- 28- Off duty and the weather being very cold
- 29- On quard
- 30- Off duty. The weather being very pleasant.
- 31- On quard the Reg't was taken out and discharged their guns.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - Off guard
2. On patrol guard
3. Reileived of guard.
4. On guard and it snowed.
5. Releived of guard about quarters.
6. Off duty, and about quarters.
7. Off guard
8. Off guard.
9. Off guard.
10. On guard.
11. Off guard.
12. On patrol guard
13. Off guard.
14. Off guard.
15. On patrol guard.
16. Off guard.
17. Off guard
18. On guard at Courthaus
19. Off duty.
20. Off duty
21. On guard.
22. Releived of guard . stayed about quarters.
23. Off duty
24. Off duty.
25. Off Duty
26. On guard
27. Our Reg't was payed off for four months.
28. Off duty. The Co. presented Capt Cummins with a sword costing \$100.
29. Off duty and about quarters.

MARCH

1. Started on a Reconnoissance marched 18 miles and back to Bradyvill pike, Buivocked for the night.
2. Marched back to town. Got to our quarters at 4 o'clock, P.M.
3. On guard.
4. Off duty at quarters.
5. Off duty at quarters.
6. Off duty at quarters.
7. On guard at Courthaus.
8. Relieved -at quarters
9. Off duty at quarters.
10. Off duty at quarters
11. On guard
12. Off duty at quarters
13. On Post guard at town
14. Relieved at quarters.
15. Off duty at quarters.
16. Off duty and Battelion drill in eavning.
17. On guard at Town.
18. Battalion drill - Calv. Surwell was presented a sward
19. Off duty in quarters
20. Off duty in quarters
21. On guard in Town
22. Regt mentall inspection.
23. On post guard in town.
24. About quarters raining in the Eavning.
25. Prepare for review -rains all fournoon- go on guard in eavning
26. On guard the weather being very pleasant
27. On guard and the weather ??
28. About quarters. Dress parade in eavning
29. About quarters the weather being very cold
30. On guard. About quarters.
31. On review. *And I was 22 years of age.* The weather being very plesent. Went on guard in the evening.

APRIL

1. On guard the weather being very pleasant.
2. Off duty and about quarters
3. Off duty and had a large battalion drill
4. On guard in town
5. Off duty and battalion drill.
6. On guard in town as peace guard.
7. Off duty - dress parade in the eavning
8. On post guard in town.
9. relieved frome guard in morning - drill in afternoon.
10. Off duty and about quarters
11. Off duty and seeing the ??

12. On post guard???
13. About quarters – Regimental drill in the evening
14. On guard weather ?
15. About quarters ????
16. About quarters ?? duty
17. About quarters-1'o past noon regt drill in country
18. On guard the weather beautiful!
19. About quarters – rains in the evening
20. On guard –the next ??- wer relieved frome guard at town
21. Pitched tents and fixed up –our quarters rained in evening
22. About quarters – got payed in afternoon
23. Review in forenoonwent on picket in evening on the Manchester pike
24. On picket all day
25. relieved of picket in forenoon – about quarters
26. Off duty- about quarters- on sick list
27. about quarters in forenoonBattalion drill in evening
28. on camp guard- the weather being very warm-started out on a scout
29. lay an Brigaid picket-some 7 miles south of Murfreesboro
30. On Brigaid picket -the weather being pleasant

MAY 1863

1. On Brigaid picket
2. Relieved of brigaid picket in the evening and returned to camp
3. About quarters – got a pass and went to the 78th Regulars
4. Company muster in forenoon – about quarters in afternoon
5. out on pass and got a picture taken
6. on ?? quard – the weather being ??
7. about quarters –weat and cold
8. About quarters –drill in evening
9. Company drill in forenoon- Batallion drill in the evening –inspected by 50 ??
10. Company inspection in forenoon-Regimental drill in afternoon
11. Went on Picket southeast of Murfreesboro
12. Relieved of picket morning- put up our shelter tents in the evening
13. On fatigue duty in forenoonBatallion drill in evening
14. about quarters in fournoon –Battulion drill in evening
15. About quarters in ? -? ? drill ?
16. Sick and about quartrs
17. Sick and about quarters
18. On fatigue duty in forenoon –Brigaid drill in evening
19. On Brigaid drill in the afternoon
20. Company drill in forenoon – Regt in afternoon
21. Camp drill in forenoon -???????
22. Camp drill in forenoon –Brigaid drill in afternoon
23. went on picket in forenoon
24. relieved of picket in forenoon
25. About quarters in forenoon –Brigaid drill in the evening
26. Company drill in the forenoon –A dress parade in the evening

27. On camp guard the weather being very pleasant
28. about quarters - dress parade in the evening
29. Regimental inspection in forenoon - Battalion drill in the evening.
30. Rained all day - A dress parade in the evening
31. Company inspection in the morning - About quarters through the day- dress parade in the evening and our chaplain delivered an address, it being just one year since he last preached to us and that was at Rogersville in Alabama.

JUNE 1863

1. Went on picket on the North East of Murfreesboro
2. Relieved of picket in the morning - dress parade in the evening
3. Prepare for review-had a grand review in the evening
4. Prepare ? for eight days in the forenoon regimental drill in the evening
5. -about quarters in forenoon - went about three quarters of a mile and witness a man hung for murder
6. On police duty in the forenoon Regimental in the evening
7. Company inspection - dress parade in the evening
8. About quarters all day. And not very well
9. went on picket stayed till the morning of the
10. was relieved of picket
11. about quarters all day till the evening when we had Brigade drill
12. Brigade inspection in forenoon - Brigade drill in the evening.
13. off duty - the Regiment had drill in the evening
14. off duty - rained in the evening
15. About quarters in the forenoon - Brigade drill in the evening.
16. Gen. Negley had Division drill in the evening
17. About quarters in forenoon - Division drill in the evening
18. On Camp guard
19. About quarters in forenoon. -went on Division with the 74th Regt Ohio Vols.
20. About quarters in forenoon - Division drill in the afternoon.
21. about quarters in forenoon. -dress parade in the evening
22. Went on picket with the 74th Regt. C. V.
23. Relieved of picket in the morning and catch wretched.
24. Started at 8 o'clock and marched 8 miles on the Manchester Pike
25. marched 3 miles and stopped for the night
26. start at 8 o'clock and marched about 2 miles to Hoovers Gap
27. Marched 18 miles to Manchester
28. Stayed at Manchester, it being Sunday
29. marched 6 miles towards Sulahoma - and it rained all day.
30. Went on picket in front of Sulahoma

JULY 1863

1. Relieved off picket in the morning.
2. marched 2 miles and bivouacked for the night
3. Started at 6 o'clock A.M. and marched Southwest and crossed Duck River ? miles in all 5 miles.
4. Left camp at 12 o'clock and marched 5 miles to the foot of the Cumberland Mountains.

5. Stayed in camp at the foot of the Cumberland Mountains –went on guard at night.
6. Relieved of guard in the morning-put up our tent
7. went out ?? in the morning -? I haddryed meat, stewed apples, and coffee for supper.
8. Started at 11 o'clock A.M. and marched ? to Decherds Station.
9. Put up our tents and had nothing to eat but broiled beef
10. Policed in the fournoon. Went on guard at Brigaid headquarters in the eavning
11. About quarters in fournoon – Brigaid drill in the eavning
12. About quarters and had dress peraid in the eavning.
13. About quarters in the fournoon –Brigaid drill in the eavning
14. On Police duty in the fournoon – Brigaid drill in the afternoon
15. Com. Drill in the fournoon -Battallion drill in the afternoon
16. Camp drill in the forem=noon – Brigaid drill in the afternoon
17. About quarters the weather being very pleasant
18. Went on picket west of Camp at Decherd Station
19. Relieved off picket in the morning – and about quarters in the afternoon
20. About quarters in the fournoon. Regtmental drill in the afternoon
21. on fatigue duty cutting brush for to cover the unts
22. About quarters all day – dress parand in the eavning
23. About quarters in the fournoon Regt.mentall drill in the eavning'
24. on Camp guard
25. Relieved of Camp guard in the morning –got payed for 2 months, went out and relieved Co. D to get thers pay
26. About camp dress parand in the eavning
27. went on picket Southwest of Decherd Station
28. Relieved of picket in the morning – Regt drill in the eavning.
29. About quarters in the fournoon –went to the depo and presented arms to Gen Rosecrans.
30. About quarters in the fournoon – Dress peraid in the eavning
31. On fatigue duty in the fournoon – and on Battallion drill in the eavning – the wather being very nice – We had preaching in the eavning after Sun-set. At Lieut Colo A. Blakleys headquarter.

AUGUST 1863

1. Company inspection in the morning. Brigaid in section in the afternoon
2. went on guard at the Division quartermasters –Stayed all day.
3. We was relieved of guard in the morning –dress ? in the morning camp
4. about quarters in the fournoon – Brigaid drill in the eavning
5. went on picket southwest of camp
6. relieved of picket in the morning about quarters in the afternoon
7. On camp quard
8. relieved of camp guard in the morning – about quarters in the afternoon
9. About quarters – Brigaid dress peraid in the eavning –preaach in ??
10. about quarter in the fournoon – dress peraid in the eavning
11. about quarters with dress peraid in the eavning
12. went on picket southwest of Camp Decherd
13. Relieved of picket in the morning about quarts in the afternoon

14. on fatigue duty at the depot unloading carrs.,
15. About quarters rain in the eavning –Brigaid dress peraid in the eavning
16. Started at 6 o'clock A.m. marched to Cows Station, took diner marched over part off the m mountains. 10 miles
17. Marched at 7 o'clock A.M. marched five miles. Stayed for the night.
18. Went back two miles for wreshions.(rations) Marched 12 miles. To camp between two mountains.
19. Put up our tents, the weather being very warm. The name of the camp –Cave Springs
20. in camp fixing at the tents.
21. about quarters. Civaed our tents, rained in the eavning.
22. About camp through the day. Dress peraid in the eavning.
23. About camp through the day. Brigaid dress peraid in the eaving
24. Went out on a Scout crossed a mountain, got some peaches and returned to camp.
25. About camp. Battallion drill in the eavning.
26. Regimental inspection in the fournoon. Dress peraid in the eayning.
27. about camp through the day. Dress peraid in the eavning.
28. On fatigue duty at Davisions Headquarters. Dress peraid in the eavning.
29. About quarters in the fournoon. Dressperaid in the eavning
30. on camp guard. Got orders to march in the eavning.
31. Had Company muster in the fournoon. About camp through the day got orders to prepair three days cakes, hams and have them in haversacks. And eleven days wreshions in the wagons.

September 1863

1. about camp. Started at 6 o'clock P.M. marched 8 miles crossing the Ten. River
2. Marched up the Tenn River 10 miles near Bridgeport
3. marched over Coons Mountain and encamped a in a peach orchard . distance five miles.
4. Marched 10 miles crossing the Ala. and Ga. Lines in Dade County, Georgia.
5. went on a Scout at Lookout Creeck. Stoped at a grist mill near a furnace.
6. Biouvauched in the woods and tending the mill.
7. buivauched in the woods. And on fatigue duty in the fournoon.
8. marched ten miles the foot of the Lookout Mountain, I was rear guard.
9. marched over Lookout Mountain and went on picket in the eavning.
10. marched five miles South East – Skirmishing all the way.
11. We had a skirmishing, falling back to the foot off the mountain, Our loss 30 killed or wounded and miss
12. put up fortifications of route. Buivanched in the woods.
13. Went out on a foriging expediton. About Quarters in the eavning.
14. On camp quard at the foot of the mountain.
15. relieved of camp guard. About quarter in the afternoon.
16. About quarters the weather being very pleasant.
17. Marched 8 miles past. Buivauching in the woods
18. On camp guard. Marched at 4 P.M. distance 2 miles. On picket at the creek.

19. Marched East to the battlefield, in the center our regiment supported a battery, on picket at night.
20. Supported a battery. Marched back to Chattanooga Valley
21. took a position on a hill southwest of Chattanooga, had a skirmish. Marched in to ??
22. threw up fortifications on a hill on the centre in front of Chattanooga
23. worked on the fortifications. Threw a few shells in the evening
24. worked on the fortifications. A Skirmish at 10 o'clock at night.
25. worked on the fortifications. Skirmishing at night.
26. About quarters at night. Some Skirmishing through the day
27. About quarters. -a flag of truce up to bring in the wounded.
28. worked on the fortifications. And brought in the wounded
29. About quarters. Attending the funeral of Leut. A. Leawrey. Quartermaster of 78th Rgmt
30. put up our tents in the forenoon. Rain in the evening.

October 1863

1. Went on picket in front of fort Star. Rained all day.
2. relieved off picket in the morning. About quarters in the afternoon.
3. About quarters in the forenoon. policed around my tent in the afternoon
4. On camp guard the weather being very pleasant. The Reg worked on the fortifications
5. On camp guard. The Rebels shelled our camp in the afternoon.
6. On camp guard. The Regt. lay back out of range of the rebel cannon.
7. About camp. The Regt. went on picket.
8. On camp guard. The Regt was relieved of picket in the morning.
9. About camp through the day. Relieved of camp guard in the morning.
10. Off duty. And about camp. The Regt worked on the fortifications.
11. Off duty and about camp the Regt. on guard at the fort.
12. Off duty and about camp the weather was very unpleasant.
13. About quarters through the day. Went up and took our position in the fort.
14. Went on picket. South East of Chattanooga. And it rained all day and night.
15. Was relieved off picket in the morning. And it rained all day.
16. Worked on the fortifications. West of Chattanooga.
17. On camp guard. And moved camp a few rods north.
18. put up our tents. Rained some in the forenoon.
19. About quarters. The Regt. Worked on the fortifications.
20. About quarters. In the forenoon, moved camp on the right.
21. Went on picket at the mouth of West Chickamangha River.
22. relieved of picket in the morning. Fixed up our tents in afternoon
23. on fatigue duty and it rained all day.
24. carrying brick and building a chimney in our tent.
25. about quarters and only one cracker to eat. We were called out in line of battle at night.
26. about quarters, the weather was very pleasant

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