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Preamble and Resolutions
adopted by the
Second Brigade General Barks Division
in camp near Nashville Tenn
March 2 1863
Head Quarters 2d Brigade Gen Barks Division
camp near Nashville Tenn March 2^d 1863
at a meeting of the field staff and line officers
of this Brigade composed of the 84th and 92nd
96th Regt and 115th Regt of Infantry and the 9th Ohio
Battery held at Brigade Headquarters this day at 9
o'clock a. m. Col Smith D. Atkins was called to the
chair and Capt. G. L. Sawyer appointed secretary. The
following preambles and Resolutions were read Separately
acted upon and adopted with entire unanimity. The
same was read at the head of each Regt and the Battery
this afternoon at dress parade and acted upon by
the Soldiers with the result certified to below

Preamble and Resolutions
whereas we the officers and Soldiers of this command
here in summer with our comrades in arms
carefully periled our lives and every earthly
interest to save to ourselves and to our
prosperity a country and a government the same

which in historic times were bought with Blood and
 established by that quality of wisdom which though
 human seems divine: and
 Whereas a number of intriguing demagogues at home
 have recently by word and act sought to create dis-
 affections among us Black the wheels of wise legislation
 excite discontent in the public mind and in every
 way to baffle all earnest efforts to conquer the Rebel^{the}
 Resolved that we hold in utter detestation that oblique
 of miscreants in the loyal states who under the garb
 of assumed loyalty are the stolen revenue of each
 treason to excite pity, treason in their own
 communities who have no censures none for the
 officers of our government - no complaints none
 that energetic measures are employed to crush
 the Rebellion - no aspirations none to embarrass our
 Executive and Legislative Departments and engender
 mutinies in our Armies - and no hopes none
 for and ignoble peace and the substantial triumph
 of the Rebels; that we regard them as enemies to our
 Country and mankind who to accomplish their
 hellish purpose would not hesitate to blot

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forever from the hopes of man the cherished thoughts
of self government and that they merit the scorn of all
loyal citizens and true hearted Soldiers combining
as they do the deep guilt of the traitor with the
essential meanness of the coward Resolved
that despite the frenzied efforts of our foes before
us and the despicable intrigues of our other foes
behind us we will abate not one jot of faith or hopes
but believing the maintenance of our government
is worth all the evil expended in its establishment
we emphatically assure all traitors at home that
not until we have undergone a seven years struggle
(if need be) will we cease this contest and not until we
have experienced such sufferings as were bravely
endured at Valley Forge will we begin to mourn.
By all the sacrifices already and hereafter endured
by us - by all the sufferings of our comrades in ~~war~~
prison and camp - by all the precious blood which has
enriched our Eastern and Western waters - by
all the hearths made desolate and heart-strings rent
asunder because of this wicked rebellion - we do
solemnly pledge our honor as Americans and Soldiers

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to see this contest through to a successful issue
 or yield of our lives a willing sacrifice to our country's
 great Resolved That we are mutually opposed to any
 omission or cessation of Hostilities until our glorious
 flag of thirty four stars waves triumphantly from
 the dome of every capital in our land Resolved
 That we fully and unequivocally endorse the policy
 of our civil rulers in using all necessary means
 to strike decisive blows at the unholy Rebellion
 and to bring the war to a speedy sure and glorious
 termination so that traitors in the south may
 meet with deserved punishment and damnable
 traitors in the north may be brought to a terrible
 justice that help be not excited in vain
 Resolved That to the loyal millions who encourage
 us in our efforts who sympathize with us in our
 hard ships and who rejoice with us in the
 successes of our armies we tender such heart-
 felt gratitude as Soldiers bearing a hostile
 foe only can feel

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Camp at Brentwood Tex April 6/68

Our camp is station on a nice piece of ground in the woods right next to the Nashville and Franklin Rail Road we are guarding the rail Road Bridge it is a small Bridge but it is useful to our troops while they are station at Franklin to carry Provisions to them and we are here to keep that Bridge the 19 Michigan was the Regt that was here to guard the Bridge before they was all taken Prisoners the 22 Wisconsin Regt was camp about a mile and a half from when the Rebels attacked them they took the 22 Wisconsin Regt was taken first and then they come down here and took the 19 Mich with out firing a Gun and then they set fire to all the tents and every thing else that our men had our Cavalry went to Reinforcements to our men but they was to late they was all gone they burnt the boys over coats and Blankets

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the 1st Regt of Ill Volt and the 9th Ohio Battery and
 about five Hundred of the 6th Kentucky Cavalry
 is here with as we have been Building
 Fortifications here and we have got them most
 done Colonel Atkins acting Brigadier Gen
 said that he could hold this place now
 if fifteen Thousand Rebels should come up
 and attack to day they have commenced Building
 a fort our cannons will be here tomorrow
 they are 36th Pounds A Sunday we was all
 us of in line of Battle in them for the
 Rebels drove in our Cavalry Pickets but
 the Rebels did not come near of the weather
 is Pleasant and warm through the day time
 but in the Evening they are cold so that we have
 to put on all of our cloths to keep warm
 yesterday went down to the cars to see W^m Wren
 to see Mr Brewster and Wallace & Catombert
 if they got their dis charge and was a going
 home our cavalry picket in these Prisoners
 to day and we came in that had deserted
 from the Rebel Army

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Brentwood is betwene Franklin and Nash-
ville it is ten miles from Nashville and
Eight miles from Franklin so if we are
Attacked we can get Reinforcements in
one hour and a half from either place
Colonel Atkins is our Brigade commander
and General Baird is our Divission
Commander the Regiments that belongs to
our Brigade is the 96 Regt and the 92 Regt
105 Regiment of Ill Vall and the 85 and 40
Ohio and the 9 Ohio Battery and the 6 Kentucky
Cavalry we have not but one Brigade in
our Divission now for the first Brigade
is all taken Prisoners three Regiments
that belongs to this Brigade are back to
Franklin there is thirty Thousand men
at that station there now it is Reported that
the Rebels have fell back across Duck
River but it is not belived by our Generals
the general opinion is that Price will
be deaired by the first of July next

Comp at Franklin Tenn April 9th 1863
yesterday morning our company went out on Pickens
we was station there at Brentwood about four
o'clock we had orders to come into camp and
get ready to march when we got there they had
our tents down and ready to march we left
camp at five o'clock in the evening and started
for Franklin the 42nd Ill Regt. was with us and
the 9th Mass Battery we got in to camp at
nine o'clock in the night and put up our
tents it was a warm and Pleasant day and all
good time to march that is the way after we
got things so that we can depend on selves
first when we have got to march one more day
we would have the entrenchments all done and
every thing so that we would be ready for the
Rebels to come but now if we have a fight we
will have to fight in the open field we have the
put up to Six Regiments that come of from Nashville
and four Batteries the distance from Brentwood
Station is eight miles the country is rough
and Rocky but it is a great point country

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there is not many Apple trees but peach
trees that you cant find of here not seen
one apple tree since of here been in Tenn
-see and there is lots of Almonds trees

The Major said this morning that we was
a going to march to morrow morning for
Columbu Tenn with one hundred and fifty
Thousand strong it is twenty five miles
from Trenton Tenn and it lays on Duck River
it is Reported that the Rebels has two
Hundred Thousand men there but not
generally believe the Rebels are about
Six miles from us now with a force
of twenty Thousand there is here now
of Union Soldiers sixty Thousand

Trenton Tenn April 10th 1863

got up at ~~four~~ a clock and fell in line
of Battle and stand till day light
and then we had to move our tents
in fire and dig ditches around them
we dug deep and some of them wide so
as to let the water run off when it does

Since I have written to letters to my wife to
 Sister and me to Maurice but a year back
 we did not get any mail to day

Franklin April 11th 1863

I went up to see the fort and when I got up
 there our Pickets was attacked the 40th Ohio
 was out on Picket they drove themselves up
 in line of Battle and the Rebels made a charge
 on them and drove them back I did not
 look at the fort any for I had to go back
 to the Regiment for they was drawn up in line
 of Battle we stood before our Quarters till
 five o'clock and then we had orders to march
 and follow up the Rebels which we did do
 we went out and followed the River down
 the name of the River is big Wolfers we followed
 the River down five miles when we had a
 skirmish with the Rebels but drove them
 back then our camping was thrown out as
 the Skirmishing company but the Rebels had
 retreated so that we did not see any more

we was thrown out till three o'clock
 and then we fell in line and march
 back to camp we got back to camp at
 one o'clock and then we had to get
 Gupper our cavalry captured one of
 the Rebels Batteries and one hundred
 and fifty of their men and we did
 not have cavalry enough there so
 the Rebels recaptured the ball thing
 a gain the Rebels made some of the
 Bullets dashes that of every heard
 of they come right into town and
 a captain and three men come right
 under our fortifications and then
 men that was a guarding the front
 Bridge shot the three Privates and
 took the captain a Prisoner we kill
 twenty of their horses and when we
 Pass the battle ground our men had
 counted one hundred and sixty six
 of dead Rebels and they had not counted

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 two lieutenants we still one major three
 captains and two lieutenants when we came
 back the dead Rebels was not picked up but
 was lying all along the road it looks hard
 to see them by there some was shot through
 the head and some through the breast of horse
 of our horse that we retake the Rebel Battery
 we shot six men kill and four wounded they
 was out of the 40 who one was and orderly sergeant
 they was a fighting all along the to the prisoners
 yesterday the Division that was in this Battle
 was General Boyd General Salchert General
 Stanley and a Division of Cavalry and
 of believe that General Shuckers Division
 was there they Cavalry got come in with
 the Rebel Battery and three hundred more
 of their men if we had went out two hours
 or more we might of taken all of them but we
 could not more till we had orders

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yesterday, was a smoky day we could not
 see over a mile went up to the fortifications
 to day two Regiments and a Battery of six guns
 can hold it if there was a force of twenty
 Thousand come up to take it went down to the
 end and see two Hundred Rebel Prisoners
 get in to go to Nashville to be kept in short
 confinement we had three Lieut one Captain
 one Major one Lieutenant one Quartermaster
 and one pay master the Prisoners said that
 they thought that we had not but one Regiment
 here or they would not of attacked us now
 they said that General Vandorn ran fast
 as soon as we commenced firing our
 shells the Prisoners are what we call the
 Texas Rangers and they are the best men
 that the Rebels here we took in all of the
 Rebels four Hundred they are a dirty set
 of men they was dressed pretty well some
 of them said that they would fight us till
 they could not fight anymore and some was
 tired of it

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Camp at Franklin Tenn April 1463

Came of from Picket this morning from
Colonel Atkins's Head Quarters had a bold
tent to stay in there was not much firing
last night in Picket night before last
the 7th of Regt went out on Picket and they
had one man shot and one man wounded
it was so dark that they could not see ten
feet ahead of them and they shot one of
the Rebels Wednesday we went out on
Picket our Regiment and we had one
man in company H that and one wounded
where our company was stationed was in
and old house and the Rebels shot at
us twice and the Ball came so near
that it made us dodge it Rain all day
and all night and it was so
dark that we could not see five feet
before us we did ~~not~~ get our guns get-
out of our hands and we just kept our
Eyes and ears open we expected that
they would come and give us fight in

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the morning but it rain so that they
 did not come we was relieved at eight
 o'clock in the morning yesterday
 some of our men had a fight with
 some of Vandorne men and whip
 them out and took lots of Prisoners
 but we have not heard how many
 yesterday I got two letters one from
 Seavire and one from Justice answered
 one of them Corbitt Atkins said
 this morning that we was a going
 to be attacked and he was up at
 four o'clock but the search did
 not come to day I wrote one letter
 to Justice and we got four months
 pay we showed fifty two dollars
 of Board the Justice Eight dollars
 for a pair of boots that I got of
 him and of wish that he had them
 a gain for they was not worth three
 dollars went out on drifis piece
 this evening no paper to day

Camp St. Franklin Ten April 18th 1863
 we was call out this morning at half past
 three o'clock in line of Battle for we did
 expect and attack this morning for they
 came with a large force and fired at
 our Pickets but did not kill any nor wound
 any of our men we could not tell whether
 we killed any of their men or not nor do I care
 we furnish Sixty men on the fortifications
 ten on guard ten in the wood out of our
 Regiment to day it has been the smallest
 detail that we have had since we have
 been here we hear by the papers that the
 General Vandome the Rebel General has
 had heavy reinforcements and if that is
 so he will give us fight but if he will
 wait a few days we will be ready for him
 for we have commenced some new fortifications
 and when we get them done he can come with
 two hundred thousand men and he can
 not take it of Bought to Bunches of Candy
 of the Gutter and paid 40 cents a Bunch

this afternoon I went over the other side
 of the Rail Road and seen the dogs tents
 that we have got to have all that they are
 is to piece of Cloth better together and
 a Pole is in through the middle of them
 to hold them up both ends is left
 open so that the wind and rain can
 blow in and they are long enough but
 that our feet will be out of them and
 there cant but two  stay in them
 and we cant stay in one of them
 we have not got our get end of  that
 we want get them when we more  there
 got to take them in our backs with us.
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 the 1st Regt.  them
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Knapsacks and all most every other thing
 now we will begin to know what Goldring
 is the captain told me to day that our Regt
 was a going to be filled up with drafted
 men and I am glad of that for it is a getting
 reduced down a good deal the Cavalry man
 came in to day and reported that the Rebels
 have fall back to Chattanooga and that
 they went out as far as Spring Hill and
 captured 40 of their boats but it is not
 entirely believe a woman and her boy told
 the same story this woman and her son
 came in for Protection her husband is
 the Rebel army of should like to know why
 she did not go where her husband was
 General Baird burnt two houses there
 this afternoon and of which that the
 would burn the hall town for it is the
 first place that the Rebel flag was
 set a place in Tennessee but they will
 protect it nothing occurred of any I sent
 home sixty two dollars to day

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Camp at Franklin Tennessee April 19th 1863
 got up at four and fell in line of Battle but
 did not stay there long for it rained so that
 we could not dry any of a piece of dough for
 Bread clean up my gun &c. write two letters
 one to Laurie and one to Sister got one letter
 from Laurie and got two papers from home
 we did not have any inspection this forenoon
 it rained so that we could not pocket of my
 ourselves to send home to make my load
 lighter for us much it will make ten
 pounds difference and that is some thing
 when we are on a four or march all the boys
 are expressing their over casts home I heard
 this morning that we was not a going to
 leave here in three months and of have not
 got much hopes of that for they will send
 us of some where to Build fortifications
 for some other Regiments to come and take
 our place when we get them done that is the
 way that we have done most of the time

Camp at Franklin Tennessee Apr 20th / 63
 got off at four o'clock and put in line
 of Battle and there till daylight and
 then got Breakfast; and at six o'clock we
 had a Regimental Muster to see how many
 we had in the Regiment - so we could send
 the muster Rolls to Washington so that
 the President can send us some more
 men if there not heard how many men
 this Regiment can muster there has come
 and order that if the Regiment can muster
 five hundred and eight - that half
 of the Commission officers and half of
 the non-commission shall be mustered out
 of the Service the Colonel and Major
 shall be mustered out and that the Lieutenant
 Colonel and Adjutant shall take command
 of the Regiment - that is the best thing that
 I have heard for Government want being
 Paying officers such things when they
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 done with loss of the officers

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yesterday was Sunday and General
 Bronger burnt four nice houses and
 Every thing that was in them it was a
 nice sight to see them all burnt together
 the men that our them is in the Rebel
 army yesterday of got a letter from Sammie
 and wrote two one to sister and one to Sammie
 and of got two papers from home to day the
 most of our Regiment went up to the fortifi-
 cations to work of was Sergeant of the Fortique
 Party that went up to fort to work we are a
 getting the fort almost done it will take
 us about ten days more and then we can
 put in two Regiment there and a Battery
 of six guns and then we can hold it if
 and army of twenty thousand men come
 to take it there is four regt of men in
 the fort now and there is five more a
 coming to be put out of hand this
 afternoon that General Baird told General
 Bronger that if his command was always
 got to move to other places and Paul

fortifications for other Regiments to move
 in after we have got them done that he would
 Resign his position and his command
 but Gen George told him that we was
 to build this fort and then his Brigade
 would stay and build it that we would
 not have to build any more that is the way
 that I like to hear the General Bould
 talk for we have built fortifications and
 when we get them done then we would have
 to give them up to some one else we have
 fort heard from the two boys that we had
 thought had deserted of out before we went
 on that trip to Duck River but they did
 not desert they went one day to far from
 camp with out their arms that is their guns
 when some of the Rebels came on them and
 took them Prisoners and sent them to
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 and kept them in jail for a short time
 and then they Paroll them and sent

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them to camp where in which where they
 are to be exchange our Major got a
 letter from them to day and they say that
 they want to get back to the Regiment -
 it has been a warm day and a pleasant one
 we have got three parts here almost done
 the names of my relief to day are

H. R. Haugh's Co of	C Peppard Co of
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C Newton " "	P Damphear " " A Hainer " "
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we must out to work on the part of seven
 o'clock and work till six o'clock at night
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 one hour and then the other would work for
 an hour we had to take our guns with us

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Camp at Franklin, Tenn. at 21st / 63
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 the Rail Road and got my likeness taken
 it cost me two Dollars and it a very good
 one Colonel Atkins said this morning
 that we would not have them Day tents if
 was over to the Regiments that have got
 them and they say that they aint worth a
 Cent and that they want keep them but they
 will have to keep them if the General says
 so the Regiment that was out on Picket
 last night was fired into twice but no one
 was hurt the officers think that it was
 some of the town People the General had
 ought to burn the whole town down to ashes
 and then there would not be a place for
 the seers to secrete them selves which
 we knew that they do a Sunday as one of
 our men was a ridding through town there was a
 woman shot at him but did not hit him

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Comp of Franklin Ten Apr 22nd / 63
 got up at four and fell in to line of
 Battle and stocked our guns and then
 went and got our Breakfast and at five
 o'clock we had inspection of our guns
 we detailed out of our company three
 men to chop wood three men for camp
 ground six men for Picket and a corporal
 for Picket and fifteen men and a sergt
 and Corporal for to work on the fortifications
 Sertgt Stearns and Corp^s Thomson to
 work at the fortifications yesterday we
 had to detail Sertgt Smith Sertgt
 Ferguson Corporal Ellis Corporal Thora
 Corp. Youngs Sertgt Clark and
 Captain Blodgett that is to commission
 officers and five non commission
 officers an in one day we have to
 furnish more officers out of our company
 than any other company in the Regiment
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 if of was to go home now if of live of am
 bound to see this war through and of think
 that of will for of never had better health
 in my life than of have had since of have
 been in the army here in the army er more
 and call his soul his own it is worth
 every thing for a man to be free when he
 wants to go any where he can go with out
 having to go and ask and officer if we
 can go but there is a good time a coming
 as the Christians say yesterday one of
 the twenty second boys that was taken
 Prisoner by the french at Breventurd came
 in to our lines he got away from them
 at Calumba he was glad to get away from
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the distance from Brentwood to Columbia
is thirty three miles he said that they
misfed him a little while after he was gone and
that he laid down beside of a log and the
Rebels coming close to him but did
not see him but he said that he would
be shot before he could get to our
lines again but he was not he says
that the others boys were in good spirits
when he left them but since he left them
they have all been paroled and sent to camp
at Chase Ohio he says the Rebel force
is large he thinks that they have about
sixty thousand men and they are all
mounted on horses he says that they
have three Batteries of six guns each
now all the force that we have is about
fifteen thousand but the rebels can come
here with one hundred men and they
cant take this place from us

This morning our Country had a skirmish with the Rebels but there not the end how they come out - only that we had some men how many of did not know we got seven of the Rebels prisoners and they say that we kill over a hundred of their men and wound over a hundred of them the Rebels have come here with a large force we will see some hard fighting pretty hard one two but we are all anxious to whip them and have this Rebellion stop General Clark said that need not have them stay unless we wanted but I heard to night that here get to get them to morrow but the boys swear that they will burn them if when they get them

The 92^d Regt went out on Pickens to day and we there get to go on day after tomorrow and of will bet that it will rain for we have not been out yet but what it rains

Evening and it was so warm that we did
 not want any thing over us yesterday our
 Cavalry captured six Wagons and teams of
 the Rebels and got some Prisoners but of
 here not heard how many they was out
 after forage for their teams and they came
 to about to our lines and the Cavalry had
 a little skirmish with them but we have
 not heard how they came out of got two letters
 yesterday one from Seavie and one from
 of Brown he is in the 33rd Wisconsin Regt
 and are Station at Memphis Tenn yesterday
 we heard that miles Jones was dead
 but we are in hopes that it aint so
 this morning our Regiment went out on
 picket the other side of Big Wolfcreek River
 and the Rest of the Regt in our Brigade
 have gone to work on the fortifications
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 is to attack this place in a couple of
 days they said that he would of attacked
 yesterday but his Reinforcements
 did not come of in time but he is a
 making all the preparations to give us
 a Brush after a while General Branger got
 Telegraph news to day from Morpuesboro that
 they got General Morgan a Prisoner and
 fifty of his men at Morpuesboro but it
 is not believed so here but we are all in
 hopes that it is so there is lots of Families
 been sent out of our lines for the past week
 and they have gone to Calamba where the
 Rebel force is Sergeant Thomas here
 got some of prom guard from the front
 and he says that the Rebels Pickets are in
 sight of our not more than eighty rods
 of each other they will keep a coming cluster
 when they will have to go back quicker than

They come when their twenty four
 Pounders come after them they will
 think that the old fellow is after
 them himself of wrote two letters to
 day one to Sister and one to of Drorn
 of help the Gutter some this after
 noon it is reported in the papers
 that our men have taken the boat call
 the Queen of the West end a captain and
 Eighty men that is a good haul if it
 is true General Mitchell has issued
 and order for all the Artillery in side
 of his lines at Warhille to take the
 oath of Allegiance to the United
 States with in thirty six hours or
 leave the City and if they dont he will
 put them in clost confinement that is
 the way that I like to hear a General
 talk for it shows that he wants to see
 this thing done and returned home
 to the Dear friends that he loves which
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 keep paying the officers such big pay
 for they dont care a fig for the union
 but it is the almighty Dollar of wicked
 that the President would cut their pay
 down half then this thing would come
 to a close they dont care for a private
 and how much they march or how fast for
 they dont get paid for they have a good
 horse to ride and they dont look to the
 health of the Soldiers they go in to a
 house and have every thing as they want
 it here two or three Niggers to wait on
 them all that a private gets is thirteen
 Dollars and here get to be out in the rain
 all night and day where they will sit in the
 house the Generals of meen and drink their
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and then they want get get me again either
but if we get in to a fight there will be
some that want never see here again but
we all know that it was a dangerous place
to be in but let it come we come here for
to Die for our country if need be we did

it come here to die in camp the boys
dont have it hard enough on a march so
they have got some tents for us to be in
when we march but if they get me to carry
one of them they will be smart for if have
got and Rubber Blanket and when we
march of will make a horse of that when
we camp on a march for the Blanket is
of no use as good as the tents are and there
will three pounds carried for nothing
it wont be six months before they will
make us carry a mule and provisions

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 names are three of them have applied for a ^{discharge}
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 W. Weston } F. F. Melindy } A. S. Chandler
 J. M. Clark } C. E. Westcott } M. R. Brewster
 W. J. Taylor the number that have died
 Serjt. Montgomery Corp of Illinois Private
 of Hope R. Wilton miles of ours
 the number that have deserted is three
 Corp S. Crocker } G. B. Young } C. Spalding
 the number that is sick at the hospital
 is six their names are
 Corp H. Fink } R. G. Payne } S. Hawkins
 F. Pollen } of S. Richmond } A. Worley
 there is three on detached duty their
 names are M. Blunt } A. Dennick } A. Boney
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 H. Turk, and they are all new ones
 that is they have been appointed since we have been down in Tennessee the
 number of Sergeants is five the names
 are J. H. Gallier George Ferguson & Stearns
 of Sinklatter H. of King the names
 of our company officers are
 Capt. A. J. Blodgett Serjeant W. Hoisting P. Blodgett
 that enacts the full number of the
 officers up to the 24th April 1863
 John Stearns is our Ordeley Serjeant
 of how not got time to sit down all of
 the private names now some companies
 have not got one Serjeant-bit for duty
 now so it comes harder on the Sergeants
 in other companies we have our full number
 of officers and they are all well

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Camp at Franklin Tennessee April 25th / 68,
got up at five and got breakfast and
then I was detail Sgt of the camp
guard it was not my turn for of some
of from guard yesterday morning at nine
o'clock and then to be detailed to day of
went to the capt and he said that I
need not go on to day so of I don't
look my place our Regiment come in
from Picket at nine o'clock they say
that some of the 6th Kentucky Cavalry
went up to the Rebels Pickets and
shook hands and talk with them
for three hours if our General will
allow that is a Rebel himself and as
for the Kentucky Cavalry I believe that
they are all rebels for their acts show
it four Regiment of northern men
are worth ten Regiments of Kentuckys
men for they always run when they
get into Battle I know that they did
at this skirmish that we had here

The Regiment has gone out to Practice target shooting that is hard when they have first come of from picket and they have got to stay out two hours and when they come in they will have to clean their guns before they can lay down and sleep but what does our officers care they would not care if all the boys was in duty every day for they dont here to carry a gun nor do they here to handle the shovel or pick all days the Cavalry here first picket in there more prisoners that they got out in front there was two come in to our lines and gave themselves up and took the oath of allegiance and they wanted to go to Kentucky so our General gave them a pass and sent them there one of them was engage to be married to a union girl and she told him to do that and then she would marry him after this war is over she live in in this place

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 and then we had inspection of guns
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 Bays and Knapsacks which came up
 at ten o'clock of drewed one pair of
 pants one hat this morning and some
 feathers to put on the hat of was not
 going to draw the trimmings to the hat
 but Colonel Clark said that we had
 to take them and put them on or else
 he would put us under and went that
 is the kind of officers that we here
 got they will make the boys try for
 things that they can get a long with
 out who wears three or four pounds
 of Beraps on their hats for the hats
 are heavy enough with out them
 I got a letter from home and some
 papers from home it is a raining
 hard now nothing new in the papers
 to day

in the afternoon about three o'clock
 from Regiment of Cavalry has just
 gone out to the the report is that
 the Rebels are retreating but it is
 not believed but we will know when
 the Cavalry comes back we have
 heard some firing out to the front
 a ready Colonel has ordered and
 ordered to say that the boys have got
 to stop a bettering pen knives and we
 have got to eat what the cooks cook
 and if we do we will all die before
 long for we eat lime in beans soup
 and salt pork and hard bread all the
 time and we get beans soup once a
 day and we do get tired of it all the
 time there is a man in the Regt
 that likes Colonel Clark and says
 swear if he takes us in to Battle
 that he never will come out a live if
 wish that Colonel Champion was here
 things would go different he have gone
 here on a sick furlough

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 from the Cavalry that went out to the
 front this afternoon but have heard
 firing in that direction they have not
 come in yet we have got 2000 pieces of
 in the fort probably feet high that we can
 climb up and look for ten miles we can
 see the Rebels camp of fort as plain as
 though they was not five miles of
 it is a nice place to sit and see the
 fight when there is one the 40th
 Regiment have been on Extra duty for
 Berkling when they get their dig tent
 General Spranger put them on for ten
 day to work on the fortification that
 is hard of now one thing they will have
 to put our Regiment on duty when we
 get them tent for we will make more
 noise than the 40 did the General wants
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got up at four and fell in line of Battle
and stood till day light - then our Regt
started to chop down some timber but
we had not got forty rods from
camp when we had orders to go to the
front and prepare for a fight - for
the Rebels was marching on us with
a big force we marched to the front
and the Rebels saw us a evening with
a large force and they turn and rode
all of our Cavalry went out to the
front and a Battery went with them and
at four o'clock they made a charge on
the rebel camp and found them to
sleep all but two companies and they
was a cutting the roll our cavalry poured
into them and the rebels all shot and
killed more but we got one hundred and fifty
of them and lots of their wagons and
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and advanced guard of the Rebels that our
men charge on we kill twenty of their men
and wounded about thirty all that they
wounded of our men was four and did
not kill one of our men we took one doctor
one Colonel three explorers and six
serjeants that was a good hold before
Breakfast we found in the Colonel's
purses in the hall description of our battles
and participations and of our how we
are engaged and the men that gave them
to the Rebel Colonel was a man that does
live in town but we cant find him
now but he will be kept off for a while
for the General here got some men to
watch him and if he comes in town a
gain he will be kept and then he will
be sent to Nashville for safe keeping
that is the way that we like to see the
General do it shows that he is burnt

to have the rebels all leave the town
 or be taken to workville and he have
 assured and order that if any one is found
 a giver of intelligence to the rebels or
 aiding them any way that he will burn
 the hall down in less than ten
 hours after he finds it out and if
 the one is detected he will treat him
 as a spy and his sentence will be
 death of gas that will put a stop to
 their demible skinnings they have sent
 all the prisoners to workville to
 day and there they will be kept in
 safe keeping for a spell and
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 that this Brigade shall get up at four
 o'clock and fall in line of battle and
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 we here sleep, so long in the morning
 it is reported that Vandome has been
 Reinforced by General Price if that is
 so we will have some hard fighting before
 we whip Price but if believed that the
 report is not sensibly believed but we
 know that the rebels here got a much
 larger force than we had when we got the
 other side of Big Horn, the River we was
 drawn up in line of Battle where we stood
 two hours and then we was ordered to
 march back to camp and leave our things
 and then report to General Foyols the old
 Quarters and get our axes and then go
 to cutting down the timber that was back
 of our camp which we did we commenced at

in a forest and skinned till four
 and then we went to camp and got our
 supper and then we had to go out on
 dress parade we cut down ten acres of
 timber and it was the best timber
 that I ever saw it laid so thick together
 that a man could not get through it
 there was one ^{man} there that had a tree fall
 on him but did not hurt him any for
 he fell down close to another log if he
 had not of done that he would of been
 killed instantly, I was Sergeant of one
 of the Regiments and the names was

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they was all of our company and I was
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Camp at Franklin Tennessee 5:30 PM 29/63
 we got up at four o'clock and fell in
 line of Battle and stood till the sun
 was up and then we had Battalion drill
 for one hour and then we got breakfast
 and then the detail came for guard and
 for to work and the participations we had
 to take four out of our company for camp
 guard six for Picket and twenty four
 for ~~camp~~ in the participations and
 what was left in camp had to police the
 Regimental parade grounds and it went
 on till three o'clock in the afternoon
 Colonel Clark will have all the men
 work all the time or less he cant stand
 it all the boys in the Regt here to be
 detailed every day we here to work all
 the time here the boys say that they did
 not enlist to work all the time to night
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boys in the manual of arms but the
officers told him that the men had
worked hard enough to day and we did
not have to drill and when of here been
to work all day of want drill we go in
dress parade they can get me under and
crest spirit and then of want me police
all of five acres to day there has been
some hard skirmishing some miles
from here but we have not heard the
results that is the report and there has
been some goss heard that way there was
a private sentenced to be shot to day
but he was reprieved and sentenced to
prison for three years the cause was
that he tried to desert three times and
go into the rebels but he was caught
every time first before he had got to
the Rebels since it look hard to see
one of our Soldiers sentenced to be shot-

but we have got to make an example
 of some of them before long and he
 knew what the penalty was before he
 went but of our good that they sent him
 to prison in stead of shooting him
 for it will give him time to repent and
 returned to the army and of this that before
 his time is out he will wish that he
 had sailed with his Regiment he belongs
 to the 115th Ohio Regt that is the first one
 that of here heard of being sentence to
 be shot or sentence to be in prison
 of went over the other side of the rail
 road and got my likeness taken and
 paid three Dollars for it we had orders
 from General Atkins to stay to winter over
 half of our term and he said that we
 would have to march in a few days to
 Humphreys but it is not generally
 believed there is nothing new in the
 papers to day except Wm. M. they was detain'd
 by Fickett and Sergt. Smith better for Portugal

Camp at Franklin Tex April 29/43
 got up at four and fell in line of
 Battle and drill in the afternoon of
 arms till day light then we had inspec-
 = tions of arms Sgt Ferguson was detail
 as Sgt of camp guard I wrote a letter
 to Laurie and I got one from sister
 this after noon we drowed our dogs
 tents there was four of us bottom
 together so that it makes all the room
 that we want we can not stand of me
 them when we are in them we have to sit
 down in them but they want keep the
 cold out make but they are better then
 nothing we had a heavy rain after we
 got up and they did shed the rain
 better then we thought they would the
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and stood there about an hour and then
we had and drill for an hour and then
we had inspection of ours and then we
got ready to be mustered for our pay
we had to take our knapsacks out our
master General Baird was here to see
the inspection he spoke very high of
our Regiment - we had a General muster of
all the Regiments that that is here went
to see the Cavalry they are camp in
some wood and they are just full but
their horses are all poor and broken down
of course a letter to sister to day we had
two privates four men for tickets their
names are W Davis of Fovier it show
at Stewart and one Corporal his name
is M. Deulin and Sergeant D. Lockman
but D. Lockman has come into camp and General
Baird has sent over and taken his sword
away from him but don't know what for

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 1st 1862
 we got up at four and fell in line of
 Battle and stood there till day light and
 then we drilled one hour and then we
 had inspections of our guns we did not
 make a detail of any men but to go out
 on picket for we expected and attacked
 here to day so we wanted all the men here
 General Von Dorn sent in a flag of ^{truce} breath
 yesterday and told General Granger that
 he would give him till three o'clock in
 the afternoon to surrender or less he would
 take the fort by force but General Granger
 sent word back to him that he would not
 surrender and that he was ready to fight
 him at any time if says that the Rebel
 Von Dorn dont know how many of Illinois
 boys there is he if he did he would not
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 front at two o'clock in the night but the
 Rebels did not come to attack us our
 covely made a charge on the Rebels at
 four o'clock and mad them run for
 their lives if they had been and hour
 sooner we would of got a bout a thousand
 of the Rebels we kill a number of their
 Rebels and wound about fifty of their
 men and took lots of their Priseners
 but of home not heard they did not kill
 any of our men but wound twenty five
 or thirty of them but not so but what
 they will all get well if our covely had
 of attacked them and have sooner they
 would of found them all to sleep they
 went out time enough to of attacked them
 and hour sooner and of dont see why they
 did not do it

it is reported that we are to have a heavy Reinforcement here in a couple of days and then we have got to move to the front and whip the Rebel Von Don out or else drive his hell force back to Columbia and then we will have to fight him or his camp and build some more fortifications to hold them in check there for a while we furnished six men for Ricket guard and one sergeant for camp guard the boys like these big tents better than they thought that they would and we have all the room that we want and they are more healthy than those large one all the full that we can find with them is we have got the dregs over selves out of doors the Doctor says that there would be half as many sick as there was in those large tents and of gets that it is so for we want to breathe the same air over so many times and if one of us are sick we would be trouble half as much as we was in the large tents

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 the boys gets their news but of hope that
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 nine months of will enlist in the Artillery
 or Cavalry of think that of would enlist in
 the Cavalry for they do have a Thrush
 with the Rebels every little while and they
 are in the more all the time they out in camp
 twenty four hours at a time when subtlety
 moves they have got to carry our Knapsacks
 and guns Blankets and every thing else that
 a Soldier have, but we did not have enough
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 we got up at twelve o'clock and fell in line
 of Battle and stood there till one o'clock
 and then we went into our tents to
 sleep but we had to keep our Coltridge
 boys for we was liable to be call out
 at any moment the reason that we was
 called out was Captain Tallock was
 a going the grand rounds and he picked
 in the news that the Rebels was between
 us and Brentwood with a large force
 and that they was about to our Tuckers
 lines and that they was a making preparation
 to attack us at day light - but they did
 not come then we slept till after day
 light then I was detailed as Sergeant of
 the Pratique men we went up on the hill
 where the Signal Corps was and where
 they are now we had to go first to the
 Brigade head quarters to Colonel Atkins
 then to the old fort and from there to where
 we worked if we had went right from our

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 we cant tell how deep it runs for we
 did not get half way to the Bottom of it
 all that we had to do was to run under
 a crow bar and it would come up in
 Big sheets the names of my relief is
 Watson Dennis Dec 10 D Worsley Dec 10 J Forrester Dec 10
 B Smith of Vorpatten J Swindles
 G Smith G Paddock G Webb
 A Paddock C Thyer G Becken
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 and worked till four in the after noon
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 with work to day and I think that the other
 Relief did not either we had about two
 thirds of the Regiment out to work to
 day the foregoing teams started at this
 morning to get some things for their
 teams but they had not gone three miles
 before they was drove in we could see
 the Rebels with the gliders three miles
 out and we seen them when they drove
 in our teams but the guards that was
 with the teams kept the Rebels back
 till our teams got back in to our lines
 again we had six teams taken by the
 Rebels yesterday on the Nashville pike
 while they was a going to Nashville I
 believe that the teams was from the
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 Rappahannock in three places and
 he will do something before long and
 it was Telegraph in here to day that
 General Meade's army has
 all been annihilated in Missouri and
 that we had taken him and all of his
 army but it is not believed that we
 have got him we hope that it is so
 but if all of to days news are true it
 will hurt the Rebels cause awfully we have
 just received some sealed orders there
 is something of hope that it
 will be decided for we have got so that
 we can live now of received two letters
 to day one from Sister of did not go out
 on dress Parade for my head achi so
 that if did not feel like going out we
 got a paper from Chicago to dated April 30th
 and it says that General Hooker is on
 the move we had a Telegraph about Gen
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Camp at Franklin Tennessee April 9/63
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 Battle but we did not stand there long for
 it was so that we could not we expected
 and attacked this morning for the Rebels
 have got between us and Brentwood so
 we expected that the Rebels would attack
 us at the front and rear both in vain
 but they did not come we had inspections
 of arms and had the Regulations read
 to us Mr George White arrived here to
 day from Lake Co it seems good to have
 some of our friends to come and see us
 he has a Lin in Company C there has
 one Regiment of Cavalry just gone out
 to see where the Rebels are and to see
 how large a force they have if they can
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 papers from home but they was late ones
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Camp at Franklin Tennessee Aug 4th/63
 we got up at three and fell in line of Battle
 and stood there about an hour then we
 went to our tents and got ready to go out
 on Picket our whole Regiment went out on
 Picket this morning we started from camp
 at about 5 o'clock and relieved that other
 Regiment our company was stationed right in
 the Timber about one hundred Rods from the
 Reserve in and old bar between the Reserve
 and us is all Prairie so if we should be
 Attached we would be right in open fire of
 the Rebels while they would be in the Timber
 and behind trees last night our company fell
 back about half way to the Reserve but we
 had to leave four men and a Sergeant of was
 left there and W Davis A Fournier F Worth
 C Haggelt and the Company Picket's fell back
 with in ten Rods of us now that cant right
 to let the Cavalry fall back so close to
 us for if the Rebels should make a charge on

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we are nearly would be no doubt to us
and they would have to fall we all would of
been better Government before we could get
back to the Reserve while the country would
much might by us in them we would have
to remember or else get till the whole was
over in a large space yesterday they advised
that we had not been in the long hill
that our country beyond should be in the
day have we remembered that night by the
whole for they thought that we kept on man
them all night but when they got up to the top
of the hill they found that they were sold all
that they found was the top of the hill we had
a man when not but a little ways from there
and he seen them but when they came down they
went night to their own camp and one of the
Rabbits came with in the hole of one of our
Rabbits and the rabbit did not see him if
he had he was a pair of rabbits and one Rabbit
did not see for he had one to fall back
on and the whole was he money for him

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 5th 68
 we came off from Pickett at nine o'clock and
 got some things to eat it rained all night
 so what boys staid up to the old barn was
 as dry as could be, ^{but} the company that fell back
 got as wet as could be at day light the
 Rebels advanced out to their outer post
 and our company advanced to where it
 was station about seven the Rebels came
 up to our company Pickett and fired at them
 but as they came up our Pickett had some
 Reinforcements so our men made a charge
 on them and drove them back but the
 Rebels made another charge on our men
 and was drove back again we have not
 heard how the skirmish resulted and we
 have not heard whether we had any ~~been~~ skill
 or not and there has been heard some more
 pretty hard firing at the same place this
 after noon two Regiments of Cavalry have
 gone out there so we will hear from there
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 would all have to fight and we may get before
 night all the Regiment was chosen in line
 of battle for night our men had the new
 gun that they got in the first they fired three
 shots and they showed the shells from miles
 that is to of them the third went two miles
 and broke in the air and when the shells reached
 it broke with in three rods of company the
 first end of it had of 3000 it made of
 kill them all it is a thingy like powder
 now we have from long gone in the first
 end we are expecting. There more every
 day but when they will get here is more than
 we can tell. Mr. Wm. Bingham said for
 here to day and more the best men of our
 here we are in the hopes to day that General
 Gordon has got Frederickburg but the last
 was having in both making we all know
 that he will do some thing if they will give
 him a chance

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 7th 1863
 came of from guard at eight o'clock and
 then cleaned my gun yesterday I was
 detailed as Sergeant of the guard it was
 Camp guard of had to Corporals six
 men we have commenced a new way
 to stand Camp guard one Camp only
 stands one day and then another takes it
 so it fetches us on camp guard every
 tenth day and it is a better way to stand
 guard for we know where the boys are when
 we let them go to their tents all the men
 that we had on a relief is to one before
 the rearward tent and the other back where
 the horses are so that the Cavalry men
 would not steal them the other night one
 of the Cavalry men took our Major's horse
 but our Major went and found him in
 the morning of it as they was a going to
 brand him and they was a going to cut of
 his main and tail so that the Major could
 not prove him

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 8th 1863
 got up at three and fell in for roll call
 and then we formed a line of Battle and
 stand there till day light then we drilled
 one hour and then came the detailed for
 Ricket we had to furnish ten privates
 one Sergeant and one corporal Sergeant
 Sinkler went and then all the privates
 that was left in camp had to go on fatigue
 and one Sergeant sergeant Steeners went on
 fatigue. the boys had to work on the fortifica-
 -tions on the big hill where the signal corps
 are the boys have to come on duty every day
 now and when they work all day they have
 got to get up at three and stand till day
 light and then drill one hour and then
 have to go to work just as soon as they
 get their Breakfast the Colonel takes the
 night to drill the boys for he cant in the
 day time but the boys swear that they wont
 stand it much longer they dont get time
 to wash their clothes

Colonel Chapman got back to the Regiment yesterday he has been here in a Truck because he does not look as well as he did when he left they think that he wont be able to take command again but we all hope that he will for we like him better than we do Colonel Clark for he look to the boys comfort and all that Colonel Clark cares for is to get the work out of the boys yesterday there was a fight at Brentwood where we was stationed we heard the commanding officer say as though we was shot to it we have not heard how the battle terminated one Regiment of Cavalry went out there from here but they have not got back and one Regiment has gone out to the front we are expecting a fight here any hour we have got our tent fix so that we are comfortable now we can stand up in it and we have built us a bed out of Boards and raised it one foot from the ground

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Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 1/63
got up at three and fell in line of
Battle and stood there till day light and
then we had to drill one hour then the detail
came for guard we had to furnish ten men
for picket more for camp guard and all
other men that was left in camp was detailed
to work in the fortifications we got the
news that General Hooker had to pull
back this side of the river on account of
the River a rising so that he could not
get his Reinforcements across to help
him we had five more guns come to day
to put in the fort that will make eight
guns in it and we expect a lot more since
General Hooker has been defeated the
boys are a getting dis courageed and I think
that this war wont never come to a closed
get two letters from home and all are well
it is reported that the Rebels are a falling
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it was telegraphed here this afternoon
 that General Sherman and General
 Sigel are in Richmond and have got
 men enough to hold it till they get some
 reinforcements and it is said that they
 have got President Davis and all of
 his Cabinet but the fact is not believed
 for that is no more good news for once
 but if it is so the war will soon draw
 to a close but if General Hooker is
 defeated the war will continue for one
 year to come the boys all think that
 they will have to stay for three years
 their time is out but of hope that we
 want here to stay that long but of our
 bound to see things through but has
 friends of the boys would let the union
 go to the Devil if they could get
 home of home heard them say so but
 if they should go home they would
 want to be back in the army again before
 they had been home a month if know that
 I would

Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 11th 1862
 we got up at four and fell in line of Battle
 and stood there till about one hour and then
 we had Company drill for about an hour
 and at ten o'clock we had General inspection
 and review one of General Bairds staff
 was present the papers contain the
 news that the stripes and stars are afloat
 in Richmond and that General Walker
 has crossed the River again with General
 fine Thousand fresh troops and it was
 telegraphed here to day that General
 Sherman was in Richmond and had
 men enough to hold the place till he could
 get some more reinforcements and
 it is confirmed of General Von Donns
 being killed now if the ore all true
 the war will soon be over and it was
 telegraphed here to day that we have got
 the Rebel of V. Donns but that will
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 to day we have sent one company of
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Camp at Franklin Tennessee 12th/63
 got up at four and fell in line of
 Battle and stood there till half past
 four and then we had company drill
 for one hour and then we got ready to
 go and cut some timber down the
 Regiment all went out we cut down some
 Splendid Timber that it was an end a
 farm that belonged to a rebel we cut
 down his apple trees and peach trees
 the trees hung full of fruit the peaches
 was as large as a wall nut it was a
 pity to cut them down but he had
 no need to be a rebel it was them that
 took us here to destroy their property
 but if he had been a union man we
 would of had to cut it down for it was
 in the way of the range of our big guns
 it is about a mile from the fort we cut
 down some trees that was six feet and
 five inches through the logs trees
 that I ever saw

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I saw a negress woman that would measure
 ten feet around the waist she had every
 thing that I ever saw and to night there was
 a white woman come to see us on ~~last~~ parade
 the first one since we left Danville Kentucky
 it made the boys think of home once more
 the white woman one fine and I scolding here
 was telegraphed here last night after
 dark that General Hooker had got to Richmond
 and that he had taken four Divisions two
 hundred cars and two ~~papers~~ and wagen loaded
 with ammunition and provisions and lots
 of guns camp stuff but it isn't all believed
 here yet but we all pray that it is so
 when the news come the boys got out of
 their beds and cheered the news but the
 papers did not give any account of it to
 day of an afraid that the boys cheered for
 nothing but hope not there isn't nothing new
 in the papers to day the weather to day
 has been awful warm and we was in the
 woods so we could not get any of the air

I was Sergeant of the Second relief and
the names of my relief is

Capt Wm McKay	W Davis	G Thoms
Private A Hauer	T Worth	O Haggitt
D Thayer	Mc Devilin	A Paddock
G Rich	J Swindles	J Veripolten
George Carpenter	J Paddock	A Stewart
O Thayer	T Peffer	W Webb

we did not work all day for one of
General Baudet's staff came out which
we was to work and said that we
had done so well that we need not
work any more we quit at three o
clock and came in camp and work
up and then got ready to go on
drill parade the General said that
he thought that the Ohio boys could
not down Timber but because they
came from a Timbered country but he
says that the Illinois boys will
cut three trees to their one and
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Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 13/1868
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 and stand there about an hour and then
 we had company drill and drill about
 an hour and then we went in to camp
 and got Breakfast and then the detail
 came for picket guard we furnished six
 men for Picket and then the rest of
 the company went to work on the fortification
 Corp. Wm. the key was detail to go with
 them the boys come in every day now
 and will if there isn't any attack here
 but when they get in hill fortified they
 put them on a walk in the hall fence
 that is here is surrounded by fortification
 so if the Rebels should happen to come
 on us we all could get in them before
 there is much harm done and if we
 keep a fortifying as we have done there
 isn't Rebels enough in Tennessee to take
 this place and if you think the rebels
 that is in front of us think so to

A Negro came in camp and said that
 General Van Dorn was shot for he
 was there when it was done he went on
 to tell him it was done he said that
 a Surgeon shot him for violating the
 Seventh commandment with his wife
 he said that the Surgeon went to his
 tent and I happened for Van Dorn and
 they shot him that he was in the
 other tent and he walk of and shot him
 in the head and kill him and there got
 on a horse and come to their picket
 lines and shaved his puffs and they
 pushed him out of the lines and come
 to our lines and he is there now it
 seems that Vindore let him have a
 pass to go outside of the lines when
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the Rebels lines of this we all wish
 that there was some more "Garguans"
 in the Rebel army that would do the
 same thing that is the quickest way
 to kill of the Generals this paper states
 to say that General Hawker has not crossed
 the River again and that the spots and
 stripes does not float in Richmond
 we all was a friend that it would turn
 out so but we have got hopes that
 General Hawker will do some thing in
 a little while General Burnside is
 a doing some thing in Kentucky and
 we are glad of that General Banks
 is a routing the rebels where ever
 he goes and so is the other Generals
 it seems that the ball game is over
 a more of me that lots of the boys have
 got the story back on them lots of them
 I have not found one in one sense of
 I have been in the sense but of our
 afraid that I will if the boys keep coming
 in my tent

Preambles and Resolutions carried
 over from page four Resolved
 That the Governor of Ohio Governor
 McArthur of Indiana and Governor Oglesby
 of Illinois we extend our hearty thanks
 for their ceaseless labors in behalf of the
 Soldiers from their respective States

Action of the Soldiers

Col J. D. Atkins Sir: The 84th Indiana
 Volunteers adopted the preamble and
 resolutions submitted to them this
 evening at a public assembly.

March 2. 1863

Samuel Orr
 Secy. Col Comdg

Col J. D. Atkins Sir: The vote of the
 96th Illinois Volunteer Company was given
 without a single dissenting voice in favor
 of the preamble and Resolutions

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Thomas O. Chapman
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Col. S. D. Atkins: Sir: The Soldiers of
the 92^d Illinois Volunteers adopted the preamble
and Resolutions with enthusiastic unanimity
B. F. Shultz

March 2. 1863

Sevi-Cond County Regt.

Col S. D. Atkins: Sir: the vote upon the
preamble and Resolutions by the men of the
115th Illinois Infantry was unanimously in
favor excepting thirty six dissenting

Wm. H. Harrison

March 2. 1863

Sevi-Cond County

Col S. D. Atkins: Sir: the vote of the
9th Ohio Battery on the preamble and
Resolutions submitted this Evening was
entirely unanimous in the affirmative
H. A. Tallmadge

March 2. 1863,

1st Sevi-Cond County Battery

Smith D. Atkins

Chairman

J. C. Lower

Secretary

To camp at Franklin Tennessee May 14th 1863
 got up at four o'clock and fell in line
 of Battle and stood there for an hour
 and then we had company drill for one
 hour then came the detail for Pickens - we
 had to furnish six men and a corporal
 viz Wm. C. Key went the rest of the
 boys had to go on fatigue and to work
 on the fortifications Sergt. Sinker was
 the Sergt. that on fatigue P. T. Molindy
 came from Nashville to say he has
 been there sick for a good while there
 is a man to be shot at Nashville to
 morrow at noon for deserting it was
 read in dress parade and we had another
 order read to night and there aint a
 man he excuse nor leave the ranks
 while on drill what ever may be the
 case we hear to day of the death of
 Stonewall Jackson to day but am
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Prisoners for that Dr Peters that
shot the Rebel Von Dorn in exchange
for him and if our General should
do that he had ought to be shot to
for he has taken the oath of Allegiance
and is willing to help support the gover-
-ment of the united States and when he
is willing to do that he had not ought to
be given up to them they say that they will
shoot him if they do ever get him and
they want wait for a trial either day
before yesterday the Rebels with a Brigade
came within sight of our cavalry Picket
and loaded up a large train of wagons
with forage and returned back to their
camp without any trouble from our men
and the same night the Rebels made a
dash on our pickets and drove them in
it seems that our men dont want to
fight with them but let them get what
they want so if they want meddle with us

here him in my tent but he was bound
 to come in but I had the right to choose
 who I was a mind to live Regiments of
 Cavalry went out to the front at three o
 clock this morning with two days of cook
 Rations this noon there was an Ambulance
 come in from the front with a horse tied
 behind the wagon with one rider some
 of the boys said that there was a wounded
 man in it at three o'clock the half four
 came in with lots of Rebels horses and
 we here not heard whether they got any
 Prisoners or not and here not heard
 whether they had a brush with ^{the Rebels} or not
 I went down to the river and had a good
 swim the water was cold but it done me
 more good than any thing else we had a
 Regimental drill this afternoon it was
 the Sick men drill or at least them
 that pretended to be sick we drill two
 hours and it will do the boys more good
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The papers state to day that General
 Hooker has not crossed the River again
 and that both armies hold the same position
 as they did before this Battle and the paper
 states that General Hooker was under
 great stress and the paper reports that Gen
 Hooker lost seventeen Thousand men
 in this late Battle and the Rebels lost
 Eighteen Thousand men but Hooker cut
 off all the Rebel communications to
 Richmond and the paper report that
 General Sherman went within one
 mile of Richmond City and captured
 a rebel Battery and that he meant to
 march clear in if he had a mind to
 but he was afraid of being cut off
 from the main army and he taken all
 of them prisoners and the paper says
 that General Grant has got Back Bay
 surrounded and has got the Rebels
 Supplies all cut off from them and
 we are in hopes that he will take the place
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Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 16th 1863

got up at four o'clock and fell in line of Battle and stood there about an hour and we got ready to go out on Picket we left camp at half past five our camping stand in turn. this time I went with picky men and guarded the depot the names of my Guard is

W. Davis } For Worth } S. Towing }
O. Payne } C. Hoggell } of Dailey }

and Colonel W. Key of had one man on a relief the Captain with twenty men I had to the Court House and guarded some prisoners our Cavalry pitched in four rebels to day our General went out with a flag of Truce to the rebels and took a rebel Major to Exchange for one that they had of our but they did not Exchange for they ~~put~~ back the rebel Major did not hear what the reason was that they did not Exchange there was a few shells fired last night but have not heard what it was for

Camp at Franklin Tennessee Aug 18th 1863
 our Regiment was relieved from Picket this
 morning at Ten o'clock to and this night
 this morning there was a rebel came into
 our lines and gave himself up he says that
 the force out at the is a drawing of to re-
 -force of General Miles Memphisboro he
 fetched in a Splendid horse with him he
 said that he had got tired of fighting in the
 rebel side and he said that he was force
 in the army and that he had been a watching
 his chance to get into our lines the papers
 state that the rebel General McClem is
 dead our men had got him and hid him and
 left him a line and he killed himself some
 way that is good news and the papers state
 that they are a fighting at Vicksburg and our
 men was unsuccessful but we are in hopes
 not and the papers state that the rebel made
 a bold dash on Washington drove in our
 Pickets but a Bridge being torn up stoped
 them from coming close to Washington

yesterday the General had five nice Brick
 houses torn down in town they were large ones
 and they belong to rebels the furniture was
 in one of them and the General had some
 Bomblings come town yesterday and they
 took them outside of the lines and let
 them go and there is three more got to go
 to day they that is left in a looking the
 Oath of Allegiance there has one regiment
 of Cavalry just gone out to the front we did
 not have any inspection to day our Colonel
 got us ordered for to day so as to let the
 boys sleep that is the best deal that he ever
 done to this Regiment before we have built us
 a Bake oven so we have baked bread three
 times a day the cooks make the bread and
 it is good we do not have to draw bread
 bread while we stay here there is nothing
 new in the papers to day if got three papers
 from home to day the boys has just got into
 of bands to raise their tents and to
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Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 1863
 we got up at half past three and fell in line
 of Battle stand there about an hour and
 then we had Regimental drill for an hour
 and then we went to camp and got Breakfast
 then I was detail as Sergeant of the police
 men to police the regimental grounds the
 names of the men that I had is
 Wm Sellers Co D Wm Telle Co D Wm Crisp Co D
 A Willitt " " S Peppard " " A Carpenter " "
 we furnished seven men for camp guard
 and Sergeant Siemen's Corp Thompson
 and fifteen men for to work in the fortifications
 then we had Company drill for one hour and
 a half then after noon we had regimental
 drill for two hours Colonel Clarke is bound
 to keep the boys on duty all the time we
 here get orders this afternoon that when
 we march all that we can carry is one Blanket
 and not a shirt but the one that we have on
 and what paper we take we will have to do up
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 that they are nine month men that they have but
 twenty five dollars that we will be home in
 June of next see what make them think so far
 of our seeing signs of it of wish that it was
 so there was a report in the days paper that
 a rebel General Surrendered all of his men
 to one of our Generals and has been a union
 man and our folks has made him a Brigade
 General of him but it is not believed true
 General Wood took command of the department
 at Knoxville yesterday, instead of General
 Granger the paper reports that Bonies have
 been driven back with some loss there is
 nothing new in the papers to day, the weather
 is pleasant and warm to day it is hot days
 and cold nights - so that we have to put on
 all the Blankets that we have and some other
 clothes heavy dew here every night - we have
 to put the lights out at eight at night -

Camp at Franklin Tennessee Aug 19th 1863
 got up at four and fell in line of Battle
 and drill one hour and a half then the
 detail come for ground we furnish for
 guard six and for fatigue was
 seven and a Corp the Corporal was

Ollis we had to drill two hours
 company drill and then we went and
 shot at a target of hit it once this after
 noon we had Brigade drill from two
 o'clock till four and then we went to
 camp it was hot so that we could not
 drill as fast as we wanted to General
 Baird was present but did not drill
 us only Colonel Atkins Acting Brigadier
 General was the one that drill us
 we had a drill to in the presence
 of our Colonel Champion took
 command of the regiment to day he has
 been sick so he had to give the command
 of it to Lieut Colonel Clark for a spell
 nothing new in the papers to day

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Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 20th 1863
 got up at half past three a clock and fell in
 line of battle and stand there till day light
 then we had company drill for an hour then
 came the detail for Packhouse we furnished five men
 and a Sergeant of had to go of had to take
 nine men and a corporal and go up to the
 Signal corps and attend the names of ^{men are} these
 A. D. Hollison Co. A. } W. B. Gates Co. A. } P. Hawks Co. A.
 A. Brown " B. } C. Wild " B. } T. Bennett " B.
 D. Nelson " C. } J. Adams " C. } T. Bailey " C.
 and Capt. of Percussive the boys out of
 our company went to another place so
 we could not be together a full we was
 positioned on the top of a big hill and we was
 in a nice sharp place the Regiment had
 a General muster and inspection yesterday
 to see how many men the Regiment could
 muster for duty of here not heard how many
 that they could there was one man dropped down
 in the ranks in the 32nd Regiment last
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Camp at Franklin Tennessee Aug 21st 1863
 we was relieved this morning at eight o'clock
 by the 40th Ohio boys nothing occurred last night
 of any importance the Signal corps was a
 telegraphing all night the signal men said
 that it was telegraph to them that General
 Banks had got past Knoxville and that he was
 in the rear of Kicksburg the company here
 general in drill of went here to drill till
 after noon then we are to have Brigade
 drill the weather is awful hot here now
 generally the country men turned their horses
 in a steady stream what feed is left them eat
 it up it had commenced to head out and it
 stands as thick on the ground as it ever did
 seems a pity to do it but it is of no use what
 we must do to stop this Rebellion when there
 is all Trade down they have one part as big
 as this one and we half of all the rails
 to make pens of and every thing else of gold
 when the Rebels see this place they will wish
 that they had staid in the union

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 and drilled till five General Baird drilled
 us to day the General gave us the prize
 for drilling the best - it was a hot day
 so we sweat our clothes all through we
 had to send out some more pickets this
 after noon camping I went out and some
 more out of other companies - the expect
 and attached here in the morning there
 has been signs of it - the day of Bought
 me and knife at the 84 Ohio Regt and
 paid two dollars for it - I appointed
 Stewart Sergeant to day and of Druggery
 was appointed first sergeant - he is a
 good a fellow as we could get and he
 is always ready to do his duty - some
 of the boys are mad because he was
 appointed but the captain could not
 get a better man for it - we have to
 be on duty all the time or on picket
 and every man here to go out or less he
 will be put under arrest unless they have
 got and excuse from the Surgeon

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Camp at Franklin Tennessee Aug 22nd 1863
 got up at four o'clock and fell in line
 of battle and drilled for one hour and a
 half then came the order for forage we
 had to furnish seven men and a
 Sergeant of was detailed and the names of
 N. C. Beecher of } Voris } O. Wesley
 P. P. Kennedy of } Swindles } G. Smith
 Henry Williams they was in my relief
 and some more but I did not take their
 names there was plenty of relief we went
 up to the Signal Corps hill we cut limbs
 of from trees and sharpened the ends and
 drew them around the hill and made a sort
 of a fence with them with the sharp end
 sticking out we put them so close
 together that there cant a man get through
 them and we have a rifle pit behind
 them so if the rebels should make a
 dash on the Signal Corps we can kill
 every man that comes near us
 we more they will finish the digging

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 on the hill so as to signify the men that
 is in it - and they have got a rail road
 from the Bottom to the top so as to
 draw things up the cars are drawn by
 horses for we never could get a wagon
 in the feet and it is all that a man
 wants to do to get to the top of the hill
 without any thing to carry and they are
 going to build a stone house in the
 feet so that the signal cars can work with
 out being seen last night we expected
 to be attacked but there was seen five
 Thors and rebels within a half and
 mile of our picket lines and they was
 a showing signs of a Bank in us we
 had to send one company up to the feet
 and we had to double up our pickets
 all a round last night about eleven
 o'clock my good vaders to march with us
 by nature the creek was routed off

and got the fire started and some of the
 companies had got out in line when the
 orders was countermanded and we were
 ordered back to bed the six Kentucky
 Cavalry went out some time in the night
 towards Brentwood when they came back
 they fetched in one Rebel Colonel one
 captain and one Major and three Lieut-
 nants that they got between here and Brentwood
 when they first went out the Privates all
 got away from them we are all surrounded
 by the rebels that was a good hold for one
 night work we had a great time here right
 before last one of our boys gave three cheers
 and said nine men this man and it look
 like wild fire and went through the
 Brigade of all the cheers for about an
 hour of never heard all the boys are sure
 that they are nine months men two companies
 in the 92nd Regt here where that they will
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Camp at Frontier Tennessee May 25th 1863
 we got up at four o'clock and fell in line
 of Battle and then we drilled for one hour and
 at nine o'clock we went out and shot at a
 target one hundred and fifty yards of hit
 the board once of would of hit it more if
 I had of had any other gun of would of hit
 it more than once for it is what where
 I hold it of on a going to take it here
 with me when I go home we did not have
 any drill yesterday for it was Sunday so
 the day is left for us to clean of our
 guns and to do some working and other
 things of help the soldiers all the after
 noon we went of and guarded the post
 the night our company and one company
 out of the 92nd Regt being with us
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Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 24th 1863
we came off from the fort at six o'clock in
morning for there was some come to relieve
us we had to get read for Regiment the g-napped
-men and now in come of it in six o'clock
we had to go out with our knapsacks and
it was hard for us to go out for we did
not get any sleep but there went out
for the Wickard and a Soldier with a bit
better than a dog but we went here to stay
here always the cavalry fetched in six
Rebel's Prisoners this morning and
a lot of horses they got them out towards
Brentwood the papers state that Rebels
has got Vicksburg but it isn't believed
the papers state there is three hundred
Thousand men to be mustered out
of the service between this and the
beginning of June next if that is
so we are to be mustered out by that
time and of hope that we will be for
I have got all that of want of Soldiers

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Camp at Franklin Tennessee Aug 25th 1863
 got up at four and fell in line of Battle
 shed Battalion in drill for one hour and then
 the detail came for picket - we furnished
 six men and a corp corp Wm. C. Key went
 and we had in through ten men for brigade.
 Sergeant Druegly was detail with them
 the papers said that Gen Grant has taken
 Vicksburg and all of the big guns and
 the paper stated that south Carolina
 is a coming back in the union we
 are glad to hear of that for she was the
 strongest Rebel state that there was
 if she does come back in the union
 there is hopes that the other ones will
 follow soon and this war will draw
 the war to a close soon I did not go
 out to shoot at the Fort this forenoon
 for I had to do some mending Sergeant
 Collier made the best shot to day there has
 and order came to all of the Regiments
 here that we must take our Army socks

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 grows the more they make the boys every
 and drill all the more we went out on
 Brigade drill at two o'clock and drilled
 till four and then we got our supper
 and then we had to go on duty parade
 the weather was awful hot a person
 would sweat a standing still but
 Colonel Stikins kept us a going
 all the time he did not care how
 hot it was he could ride a horse
 all the time but if they do keep the
 boys on duty so much all the time
 there will be lots of them sick for
 they can not stand the hot weather so
 much of hot with Wm. Tolins a pair
 of boots with six dollars that we
 would not be in the state of Illinois
 in six weeks and he had a pair of
 boots that we would pay
 for one pair if it was so but of
 our opinion that we will not get there
 till the war is over

Camp at Franklin Tennessee Aug 24th 1863
 got up at four and fell in line of Battle
 and moved there about one half and hour
 then we went in our quarters and got ready
 to go on Pickets we went the other side of
 the town the full Regiment went our
 camping was in the reserve Wm Dorsey
 Lieut of Company F was put under and
 order for fooling with the boys the patrol
 officer put him under and arrest after he
 put him under and arrest the patrol officer
 went down down and got four cavalrymen
 to take him but the Lieut got the
 company out and charged Bayonets on
 them and they could not get him and they
 had no right to take him but put him
 under and arrest to say there was a family
 ordered out of the lines the cavalry
 picket in six Rebels from the front
 the papers state that General Grant
 has taken sixty four miles of Cannon
 and 9,500 Prisoners at Vicksburg

Camp of Franklin Tennessee May 27th 1863
 came of from guard at nine o'clock this
 morning nothing of any importance occurred
 last night the possibility that was ordered
 out of our lines yesterday went this
 morning the pay master is here and is
 a going to pay us off thus the report is
 in camp that General Grant has been driven
 back from Rich Spring but it is not believed
 the paper report that General Grant has felt back
 to Washington that among some never will
 do any thing some they had ought to exchange
 the troops send them Westward troops there
 and send them of here for of know that
 we can take Richmond but the trouble is
 we have got to big and strong there for
 one General is command for General
 Harsh at the fight at Fredericksburg he
 did not have has of the army a fighting
 there last night some was some Regiments
 of Cavalry went out to the front and they
 have not returned yet

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yesterday on Brigade drill there was
 two men in struck one got as soon
 as they got him to his tent died and the
 other one is not expected to live till
 morning the both belong to the 40th Ohio
 and if they keep up the drills and Double
 quick as much as they have done they
 will be more of them so struck it was
 a little rain in the noon it rained so
 that we could not go out on Brigade drill
 and I was glad of it we did not have
 any dress parade to night for they have
 change it so we have dress parade in
 the morning and then we have camp
 drill in the forenoon and in the
 afternoon we have Brigade drill we
 have to go out on Brigade drill at three
 o'clock and drill for an hour
 there has just went out a regiment of
 Cavalry out to the front and we have
 sent out some more pickets it was
 telegraph here to day that General Grant
 has been drove back but is not believed

Camp at Franklin Tennessee Aug 28th 1863

we got up at two o'clock for we had orders
to march and we had to fill our Herry sacks
with two days rations and we was ordered
not to carry any thing but our Herry sacks
containing one blanket and our gun for it
was a fierce march the Genlly went out
at 10 o'clock this morning and here we
got back the Genl said that we was
not of been attacked between that and the
morning night - we are waiting expecting
orders to start every moment - we had drill
parade at eight o'clock this morning and
company drill at nine and brigade drill at
ten and drill till seven that is to be
the order after that for our drills and
parades of Regts as we are to go all
the time we get good news from General
Grant's army and we hope that he will
take or kill every man of them the Rebels
will grant that they would surrender if he
would let them lay down their arms and march

out but General told them no the papers
 started to day that Grant has got Vicksburg
 the garrisons got back and gaged a Soldier
 from one of the enemy regiments he was as
 drunk as he wanted to be he struck and
 captured from the Regt. Capt. W W Bingham
 got back to the Regt. to day from home
 he fetched me a pound of tobacco pipe cut
 chewing and I was glad of it - and the papers
 started that General Bragg has ordered
 all the cavalry under General Wheeler to
 Report to Columbia with in five days
 and if that is so we will have some
 fighting here after a while we did not
 have any Brigade drill to day for it seems so
 that we could not the cavalry fetched in
 six specimens to day and the 1st
 Cavalry force is at the front we expect
 to have some firing at that direction
 soon for the enemy reports the Rebels
 are drawn up in line of Battle on

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Camp at Franklin Tennessee May 30th 1863
 got up at five and fell in for roll call we
 did not here to go out in line of Battle for
 it rained so that we could not do it we had
 to furnish the camp ground so they we had
 to furnish thirteen men and the mounds are
 Genl. H. of King } Brig. O. Young } C. Hoggatt
 Sumner } Phayre } Brig. McLean } Brig. Rich
 G. DeCarville } " } W. Crozer } A. Brown
 S. Leggett } " } A. Gentry } F. Worth
 F. Peppard he was the Colonel Ordely
 to do evants for him we had to get awi-
 nd dress parade after band mount of don't
 know what they will get up after a while
 we did not here a Brigade drill yesterday
 after rain for it rained all day so they
 has not any news only that Grant keeps
 a gaining ground at Vicksburg we are
 all in hope that he will succeed there
 but am afraid that the Rebels will get
 Reinforcements there and that Grant
 will have to pull back nothing new

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Camp at Franklin Tennessee Aug 31st / 1863
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 Brigade inspection but I did not
 get out to them for I was not oblige
 to for of come of from guard of did
 not sleep a bit last night went out
 on dress parade Brigade dress parade
 the Cavalry had a little Skirmish with
 the rebels to day got some prisoners
 we did not have a man killed with one
 killed and got two pipes from them
 the despatched courier said to day
 that General Bragg sent to General
 Rosecrans for ten thousand reinforcements
 and General Rosecrans would
 not let him have them General Bragg
 told Colonel Aikin when he got the
 nine miles men out of the way that
 he would have men that would fight
 he think that nine men would fight

Camp at Franklin Tennessee June 21st 1863
 got up at four o'clock and had a inspection
 of camp then we had company drill
 for one hour then found march and
 at eight o'clock we had a dress parade
 we have not had no other drill since
 formation we had orders not to go
 away from camp for we are expecting
 to march every minute we have of our
 sent all of the sick to Nashville we
 may have trouble for here before long
 the Cavalry here had orders to cook
 their five days rations and be ready
 to march at twelve o'clock to night
 where to we do not know there is some
 thing up for we have not had any
 drill no day Captain Raimond Smith
 is going to Nashville to
 take charge of some Negroes they go the
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Camp one mile from Triune Tennessee June 2/63
we got up at 11 o'clock and fell in line of Battle
and stood there about an hour then we got
ready to march we started about nine o'clock
for Triune where we was ordered to Report
our Brigade and General Gibbons Division
all went the Distance from Franklin to Triune
is nine miles but when we started we took
the wrong road so instead of marching nine
miles we had to march twenty two before
we got to Triune there was thirteen miles
march for nothing it was a real tiring job
as we started and rain had fallen an hour
then the sun came out and it was the hottest
day that we have had here the sun would fairly
melt us we struck the Shubbyville spike a
hour noon and then the traveling was
more easy we got to Triune about six
o'clock in the afternoon and we expected
to camp there but we had to go on three
miles before we camped the day was all
hard work and could not of march on.

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I gave out when we was with in half a
mile of the camping ground we had not of
march four miles before the boys began
to throw all of their things away Knapsacks
Blankets and every thing else all but a
Rubber Blanket some had new pants and
shirts and they throwed them away of course
near of a throwing mine away but I thought
that we did not have business miles to go
and a Blanket would be good to sleep on
at night - but we kept a going and did not
see Timme and I got mad and would not
throw mine away and that I would carry
it - till we camp if it kill me but when we
saw a gain every thing was in a Rubber
Blanket - we would all of gone out - before if
Gen Baird had not of come up he ordered the
Attendants to strip the men and let them rest
he said he did not want his men kill by marching
them to death we had not left Franklin is house
before the Rebels attacked it - we are camp on
Clare River Bottom ground I was detail as
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Camp about one mile from Trinne Tenn June 9/63
 some of from guard at mine a distance of
 some all night - heard of had to go the ground
 rounds with the captain three times last
 night - to see that the boys did not get to
 sleep from one end of the guard to the
 other was two miles we went around three
 times and the captain was a young wound
 again but of told him that the guard
 might go so far of should not go around
 again in night and then he said that he
 would not if of did not - we did not get but
 one hour sleep the camping ground is a
 level piece of ground and is covered
 with clover when of came in camp the boys
 ask me where my horse was of with them
 what they meant they said that the Colonel
 of the 92 said that a Sergeant and one
 other man out of the 96 was taken prisoner
 last night - he came and told our officers
 of it and all believed it - we did not see
 any signs of a rebel host night -

The fighting lasted last night - till
 nine o'clock in the evening at Franklin
 and commenced at five this morning
 and stopped at seven to night - we had
 drags parade this morning at nine o'clock
 but of did not go out on it - we had orders
 not to leave the camp half and have at
 a time for we was expected to have orders
 to march any moment - I cut up my knapsack
 and made a little bag to carry my shirt -

and paper in of am a coming right down
 to a Soldiers life now care for nothing
 and care for nothing for any body and look
 out for number one of dont mean to kill
 myself by carrying things any more there
 is twenty thousands and more here now and
 they do still keep a coming in and at a
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 is fifteen thousands and more that is going
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Camp near Trinne Tennessee June 7/1863
got up at four and fell in line of
Battal and stood there till five and then
we had to get ready for inspection
and Regimental review it is reported
here this morning that our men at
Franklin blowed up the forts there
and that we have deserted the place and
it is also reported that the Rail Road
between Franklin and Nashville has
been torn up for some miles by the
rebels but is not generally believed
The First Tennessee Cavalry went out a
skirmish this morning and they had
not gone half a mile from the pickets
before they came upon the first Rebels
Tennessee Cavalry camp they had a sharp
brawl with them and half of our
Cavalry got cut off and then we sent out
some reinforcements and whipped them
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Camp Near Greene Tennessee June 4th 1863
 got up at four and put in line of Battle
 and drill till six then we got our Breakfast
 just and at three o'clock we had a
 Battalion drill for two hours and
 in the afternoon we had Battalion
 drill for three hours had a rifle parade
 General Baird left our Brigade this
 day and takes command of General
 Gilberts Division General Galliers is
 ordered and ordered for not sending some
 Reinforcements to General Coburn at
 that fight at Franklin and the fourth
 has left our Brigade and gone into
 Generals Bairds Division what is
 left in our Brigade is all Illinois
 by three Regiments General Baird
 told some of the boys that these three
 Regiments has quit their tents
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Camp near Prairie Pennerre June 9th 1863
 got up at four and the Regiment fell in
 line of Battle and drilled for two hours
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 very well and we had two hours drill
 after Breakfast Colonel Clark drilled
 us and the more that he drills us the
 more the boys hate him for he don't
 know as much as some of the privates
 and can't drill the Regt. half as well this
 after noon we went out to have a Brigade
 drill but we had not been out half an
 hour and rain before we was ordered in
 and fill our Heavy sack and get ready
 to march at a moment's notice our
 Company Packets was in one in the
 after noon and we can hear them a
 fighting about a mile of us they kill
 one of our packers to day and wounded
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Camp at - Truine Texas June 10th 1863
got up at three and fell in line
of Battle and drill for two hours
and then we got Breakfast and at
nine we had to go out on company
drill and drilled till eleven and
then we got Dinner and at one we
had Battalion drill drilled till
three we did not have any drills
parade the 92nd Regt read and
order into class parade against a
by in that regiment the by has
got to stand on a Barril two hours
with a Belt and Chain tied to his
legs and then he dropped out of
Camp tomorrow for sleeping on
his post on picket it is hard
but we are in a Rebel country and
surrounded by the rebels and
we dont know what movement they
they will be on us he had ought
out of known better

To day we could hear the Bugle
of the Rebels - the front - no plain
as we hear our own the Rebels
have a large force with in four
miles of us they are a come in there
from the front of Memphis via
General Rosecrans sent word here
not to go out and attack but hold
them here till he come up in the
rear and then attacked them at both
sides our cavalry had a little work
with them to day we took ten prisoners
we lost nine yesterday at Franklin
the Rebel General commending the first
three though two of them they came
in camp dress in our uniform and
said that they was from Gen Rosecrans
camp and was inspection of camp
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and the other said he had but there
was a Rebel - man that had seen
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A camp at Trivine Tennessee June 12/43
got up at two and fell in line
of Battle and drilled for two hours
after Breakfast. The prisoners be-
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before we heard firing in the
front and we was ordered out in
line of Battle the Rebels drove
in our pickets then we sent
our company out as skirmishes
company. A wood of woods a standing
on a hill and of see the rebels
fir their Artillery for a while
they fired at us then our Artillery
commenced their shelling that
we fired our distance one of their
guns which they had to leave they
spiked it. Two of their shells
struck in Gilbills tent they did
not have a bit of powder in them
the fight lasted till four o'clock

we had all of our things packed
 up and sent to the rear so of the
 Rebel shells passed over our
 camping and pretty low we took
 twenty prisoners and had six
 men killed and one severely and had
 twenty wounded we have not heard
 how many we kill of the Rebels
 when the firing first commenced
 W. W. Bingham and the other Gators
 Clark ran for the entrenchments
 they were unable to pack up the
 things and the boys had all that
 they wanted there other than
 had gone to Nashville that was a
 guard on the Gators we expect
 to have a fight with them tomorrow
 but when come we are ready for
 them it is reported in the papers
 that Vicksburg has surrendered
 and we had to us about thousand
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Comp of Travis Tennessee June 15th 1863
got up at two o'clock and fell in line
of Battle and started down about ten
minutes and then we went back to
bed our officers made a mistake and
thought that it was four o'clock and
was detail to guard a wagon train
to Nashville for supplies we had
one thousand and four hundred wagons in
the train and we took three pris-
oners to Nashville that was taken
the day before in a skirmish we had
the good road all the way there
we got into Nashville at two o'clock
we had the rest of the afternoon
to our selves I got me a pair
of boots and paid six Dollars
for them we camped about half
of a mile from Nashville the
report came that day that they
was a fighting at Tennessee and that
it would not be safe for us to
start with the train

Camp at Greene Tennessee June 14/63
 we started with the Train about nine
 o'clock from Nashville we did not think
 that it was safe but we would run the
 of it we had to walk almost all the way
 back for the teams was loaded so heavy
 that they would not let us ride but we
 did some the distance from Greene to
 Nashville is twenty four miles it was
 the hottest day that we have had here
 the teams was all loaded with proge
 for the teams we did not have any
 trouble a evening here we had two
 companies of Cavalry with us there
 was one man shot at Nashville a
 couple of days ago for Deserting it
 was true our boys here did have
 a little fight with the Rebels here
 by before yesterday of all the train
 of cars come into Nashville a lot of
 loaded with Wounded from the Reservoir
 they have had a hard fight there

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 the army of the Cumberland

Head Quarters Dept of the Cumberland
 Knoxville Tenn June 8th 1863

Special Field Order
 No. 156

III. - The following troops are assigned to the
 command of Major General Gordon Granger, with
 the organization herein prescribed, and will be
 known as the "Reserve Corps."

First Division - Brig. Gen. A. Baird, Commanding

1st Brigade	Second Brigade	3d Brigade
40th Ohio Inftry	98th Ohio Inftry	33d Indiana Inftry
84th Ind "	113th " "	85th " "
92d Ills "	121st " "	22d Wisconsin "
96th " "	78th Ills "	19th Michigan "
115th " "	Battery "M"	
18th Ohio Battery	1st Ills Artillery	9th Ohio Battery

our marching is about over now if
we are held as Reserve and I am glad
of it I wonder what the boys think of
the more months now the 33rd Indiana come
into Nashville while we was here they have
been exchanged in Nashville they are to
be organized again and then come out where
we are this order was read
on dress parade and there was and
order read against of Guppy for sleeping
on his post while on picket - Frankly
he is so loose one months pay and he
had ought to be glad to get out of it that
we did not have any drill today for
the officers went of a recruiting some
where we had dress parade the report
is that they are a creeping all over
Illinois if that is so we will all
be home in a few days but the boys
all think that we will be mustered
out before the first of July but
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Camp at Cleveland Geo May 1st 1864
we was under orders to be ready to
march at a minutes notice and we are
getting ready to march but where to we
do not know but think to go a scouting
to be gone a few days Cleveland May 2/1864

we have orders to pack all of our things
and prepare for a long march we have
sent every thing back to Bridgeport it
seems that we are a going to start on
the spring campaign

On the march in Tenn ^{May 3/1864}

we left Cleveland today and where to
go we do not know but think that it is
to go to Blue Springs and probably there
our Hull Corps (K) is a going with us

Camped at Red Lily Geo ^{May 4/1864}

started about eight and march to within
five miles of Dalton when we come
upon the Rebels our Regt was wagon
guard today we did not have to go into the
fight to day the hull army is on the move

Camped in the woods Lee May 25/64
fell in line of Battle and stood there till Eight
in the morning and then we moved camp about
fifty rods and made Breastworks over Cavalry had
some hard fighting to day but we had no Infantry
Engagement to day

Camped in the woods Lee May 26/64
laid in our Rifle pits all day in line of Battle some Cavalry
fighting but there was not any Infantry engaged to day had
Orders to be read to march at four o'clock in the morning

Camped on Tunnell hill Lee May 27/64
we took Tunnell hill about eleven o'clock to day our Regt
was the first on the hill and we did not fire upon our
corps was a head of the hull army a mile Gen Whittiker
is bound to take any thing that is in his way the hull
army has fast come off

Tunnell Hill Lee May 28/64
we lay in line of Battle all day had some skirmishing had
three men wounded in our Brigade drove the Enemy three
miles we got telegraph news that Grant whipped Lee and
drove him to Richmond our Brigade came back on Tunnell
hill and camped for the night

Camp at Piggos Gap Lee May 29/64
our Brigade charged Rock face Ridge but we could not take it for the
for the rock was so high moved to the right and came on the Rebels
with a large force fought them till Eight in the evening had
two men killed and thirty wounded none out of our Corps

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Camped in the Woods See Aug 10/84

cleared of our guns about ten o'clock the Rebels commenced to shell our camp the fifty-first who had three men wounded we had to move our camp to another place there was no fighting to day had orders

Camped on the battle field See Aug 11/84

there was sharp fighting to day on our skirmish line to night we lay in camp till eight and then we relieved the 64 army corps so that they could go to the right of us it is expected that

Aug 12/84

the Rebels will overtake Dallas to night: Camp at Bufford Rest at Bufford Rifle pits and laid in them till night the Rebels threw some shell in our lines but did not hurt any one there was

not any shooting along the line to day Camped five miles ^{from} Dallas See Aug 13/84

we marched through Bufford Rest at eight o'clock the Rebels overtook us last night passed through Dallas had a little fight the other side took some prisoners went on picket some

Camp on

See Johnson has got Eighty Thousand men. Rebel See Aug 14/84

we marched within thirteen miles of Beas River and then we came upon the Rebels we made some rifle pits at two o'clock we made

and advanced we had to fight to and then they flanked our right and we had to be cut and run every man for himself Camp in field

Sept 1/84

the Rebels overtook the mountains last night we followed

them to Rasee at this we had to rest for a half a day for the bridge was burnt we camped five miles from Rasee the Rebels was only three miles ahead of us

Camped in the field Dec May 19/64

Gen Hookers Corps (20) made and advances this morning and drove the Rebels back in the fortifications then he charged the fort three times before he took it he took four cannons and some prisoners

Camped in the field Dec May 17/64

we started at seven and we had not gone 10 miles before we came on the Rebels we drove them ten miles but we had Mr. Thiermich all of the way we had some killed in the Brigade the 3^d Div was a head of us took some prisoners both sides ^{19/64} they we did not march for two days for all ~~for~~ our army had to cross one Bridge there was no fighting to day every where we go through there is not a family left - they are told that we will kill them if they stay camped at Ellington Dec May 18/64 we commenced to advance at seven and a Brigade was ahead we had not gone a mile before we came on the Rebels we drove them seven miles after we passed Kingstons we saw the line of battle of the Rebels we commenced to shell them they broke line and ran like sheep

Camp Dec Hopsville Dec May 20/64

we laid in line of battle all day we heard heavy fighting on our right and left we took one Brigade of Rebs we have received orders for every man to dress shoes for we have got two weeks of hard marching where we are to go we cannot tell some seems to think it the area of attention

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Camped at Cassville Geo May 21/64

we did not move to day had inspection of Knapsacks and
guns we did not we did not hear any firing along the line ^{to day}
we all think that we are going in the Rev of Atlanta the Doctor told

me that I could not go Camped near Cassville Geo May 22/64

had inspection of guns of horse not been around or but to day for
my ankle was so sore that I could not walk and it has been

a growing worse all day saw Jerry Commons he is in the 139th of
the 20th Corps is going with us Camped in the field Geo May 23/64

had orders to march at twelve went seven miles put me in a
ambulance did not go into camp till ten in the evening then

we camped in a wheat field it was headed out nice we are
within 10 miles of the Rebs Camped in the woods Geo May 24/64

we started at seven but I could not march for my ankle
was so sore we passed through some good country large wheat

fields Disastrous it passed through a town met a family left
in it gone with the Rebs Camped in the woods Geo May 25/64

we started at seven and passed Re over mountain in come
up with our Brigade had to park our teams at the

front of the mountain it was so dark that we could
not keep up with the Brigade Cavalry Corps marched

ahead of us to day had a fight about four o'clock
fought till dark

At the field Hospital Lee Aug 28/64

I was detailed to take charge of some ground at the field Hospital we we had some wounded in our Div to day the other corps lost yesterday twelve hundred killed and wounded we drove the Rebs three miles to day at the field Hospital Lee Aug 27/64 I was up from eleven till five in the morning there was not much fighting till five o'clock then it was hard for our men was advancing Gen Sherman sent in an order to put up tents enough to hold ten thousand wounded men at the field Hospital Lee Aug 28/64 our men made a charge on the Rebs lines and was Repulsed with a heavy loss at two o'clock the 3^d Div of my corps Gen Wood made a charge and was Repulsed the (20) corps and the (44) was in the Center

At the field Hospital Lee Aug 29/64 there was heavy firing all along our lines last night the Rebs made a charge on our works and was Repulsed there was some hard fighting on our flanks the 9th & 11th Regt come in here to day 9:00 I think they all one sharp Shanters the other corps moved to the left to day our corps is alone in the center

On the Road to Kingstons Lee Aug 30/64 the Rebels made a charge on our works last night and was Repulsed twice there was fighting all night this was not but free of our Divs hand we got to Kingstons and got at an the eyes for Chatteranooga

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we started at four and was on the road all day there was a few shells fired at us by Bush who others but no one hurt we passed through some fine country of some more than three hundred acres of wheat in one place we met lots of troops a going to the front we camped eight miles from Kingston there is one thousand wagons with us on the cars Dec 1st 1864 we got into Kingston at eleven and then got on the cars for Chattanooga we here heard heavy cannonading all day to the front last night the Rebs made eight charges on our line and was repulsed every time we took 1500 Prisoners on the cars for Nashville we got into Chattanooga at ten o'clock got dinner at the Soldiers home we met four trains a going to the front it rained some

(On the cars Ten June 2/64)

we passed through Huntsville then we passed through some fine country big farms of grain and fruit saw some hundred days and lots of negro troops (Hospital etc 19 Branch 1st Nashville Ten June 2/64) we lay on the cars all night five miles from Franklin Ten for the train ran off from the track and it was not got on till morning we passed through our old camping place y at of from the cars at noon and went to the Hospital in Nashville they told us that we would have to be moved to Louisville tomorrow hours fighting at the front

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 5/64

got up at five and had my ankle dropped and then I went down on
 the street I did not sleep much last night for my ankle pained me so
 we have good news from the front ~~that~~ Sherman has driven them out of this
 string hull one brigade left for the front Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 6/64

had my ankle dropped went down on the side walk and stood most all day
 there is lots of business done in this place I walk a round on my feet ^{to much}
 to do it is worse we cant hear a word from Sherman's army he
 went along a word to be printed Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 7/64

got up at five and had my feet dropped and then I was fine till noon
 I laid on my back all of the forenoon in the afternoon we had dinner twice
 this was sent to Louisville to day we do not get all that we
 want to eat here

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 8/64

had my ankle dropped the Doctor told me that it would be a long
 time before I would be able to do Duty I saw Watson

Davis to day he looks hard they did not send any to Louisville
 to day we heard that Sherman was five miles from Atlanta
 we hope that it is so Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 9/64

had my ankle dropped got me some milk my ankle is so that I
 can walk some on it now we have got the news of Lincoln
 nomination for President and also that Gen Sherman
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Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 11/64

had my ankle dressed and then I wrote a letter home and one to Thomas Fuller went to the theatre went to school said that he could get me a detail here sent some to Louisville to day hear nothing from Thomsons army

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 12/64

got of at five and had my ankle dress and then I had all day to myself for it is sandy we sent anything from Thomsons army went to the theatre last night some wounded come in

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 13/64

got of at five and had my ankle dressed had my breakfast brought of to me this morning we have not heard a word from the front went down town some Gent to Louisville to day

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 14/64

did not sleep much last night for I was sick got my ankle dressed then I got a paper to go around the city went down to Emory place no news from the front to day

Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 15/64

got of at five and had my ankle dressed went down town we have not received any news from Gen Thomsons army went to the theatre last night there was some of to Louisville to day

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Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 15/64

had my ankle dressed and then I went down on the streets and
staid all day saw John Swindlers and Ed Thevans no news
from Thomsons Army went to the Theatre last night

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Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 17/64

went down in the city and staid till noon got dinner and
then I went and seen Capt. Pilo she just come from
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lets sent to Louisville to day no news from Thomsons Army

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not go out much to day for I was sick nothing from Thomsons Army

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Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 20/64

went down to the city did not stay long for I was sick good news
from Thomsons Army the Bottle was on 19th Captured 121 Cannon
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Hospital No 19 Nashville Ten June 21/64

got on the cover at four for Murfreesboro arrived in Murfreesboro at twelve
sent me to the Hospital I was not able to go to the convalescent
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Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Ten June 22/64

was call of at four for Breakfast did not see the Doctor to day my
ankle is some better I did not get a paper to day they are a
Expecting the Rebels to make a Raid in this place ever day

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got a paper but there was nothing from Sherman's army

Hospital No 1 Morfreesboro Ten June 24/64

had a blister put on my back had my back dressed no news from
Sherman went down to the city in the evening there was a dinner
but I did not attend it

Hospital No 1 Morfreesboro Ten June 25/64

got up and had my blister dressed I did not sleep much last night
had two letters from home one with ten Dollars in it nothing
from Sherman's army

Hospital No 1 Morfreesboro Ten June 26/64

I did not sleep much last night for my back pained me so now told
of the great Boatswain nothing from Sherman's army they will not
send a man to the front

Hospital No 1 Morfreesboro Ten June 27/64

got up at five o'clock some letters went down to the city nothing from
the front

Hospital No 1 Morfreesboro Ten June 28/64

we received news that Gen Hooker was wounded and that we
have gained ten miles on the Rebs

Hospital No 1 Morfreesboro Ten June 29/64

got a paper and it stated that the 21st Reg made a charge on the
Rebel's works and took some prisoners and took two cannons
they belong to the same Brigade that I do

Hospital No 1 Morfreesboro Ten June 30/64

had my back dressed went down to the city and stayed till the paper
came in it stated that Gen Hooker died from the wound he received
at the first battle on the 22nd of June

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Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro Tenn July 1st 64

had my back dressed and then I went down town the paper stated that Gen Hooker died from a wound received on the 26th of Gen Beal and Chapman is wounded

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Hospital No 1st Murfreesboro Tenn

Had my back dressed and then I went to the city and staid till I got a paper there was not any news in the paper from Sherman army we had a heavy rain here this after noon

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Hospital No 1st Murfreesboro Tenn July 3rd

I told the doctor that I wanted to go up to the fourtrips and stay but I did not find any one from the 96 Regt went down town and staid till dark nothing new in the paper to day

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at Rosecrans Murfreesboro Tenn July 4th

went of to Rosecrans in the families except I am in company it help build a house to stay in there is twelve in our mess there is no news from Gen Sherman's army at fourtrips Rosecrans Tenn July 5

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we worked on our house in the forenoon and then I went down town the Colonel wanted me to act as wagon master but I didnt want to nothing from the front to day

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Camp Massillon Muspelu Ten July

went a fishing but did not have any luck
I was detailed to do the writing for Lieut
Mark Wood fixed me a boat.

Camp Massillon Muspelu Ten July

commenced to write at eight and wrote all day
I wrote the military rolls of an tried the
papers report that our army hold Petersburg
and the Rebs hold Harper's ferry

Camp Massillon Muspelu Ten July

Signed fifty pay rolls for Lieut Mark Wood
and then I made out a furlough for T B Tompson
it raises hard here to day Gen Sherman is a going
to send all out of Kentucky that is not for the union

Camp Massillon Muspelu Ten July

made out a but more pay rolls had to do
some writing on a court-marshal kept
me busy all day there is no news from Sherman

Fort Massillon Muspelu Ten July

got up at four and cleaned out the office write some
and went down town Muspelu is and awful
dull place nothing new from Gen Sherman army

Fortress Rosecrans Memphis Tenn July 14/64

got up at four and cleaned out the office and then of made out some clothing receipts made out a fortough the paper reports that the Rebels are within sixteen miles of Baltimore

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Fortress Rosecrans Memphis Tenn July 14/64

wrote orders all day told Seibert that he must get some one else for of Cent stand it to write so much that is nothing new today

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Fortress Rosecrans Memphis Tenn July 14/64

I was assigned as orderly Sergeant of Co F I did not want to write any longer for I had to stay there all of the time Seibert Brumfus commands the Co now

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Fortress Rosecrans Memphis Tenn July 14/64

called the Hall and then of made out the morning report and made a out a Register of the names wrote some orders I was busy all day mattering from Gen Sherman army

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Fortress Rosecrans Memphis Tenn July 15

called the Hall and then of wrote all day making out receipts and orders that the Seibert turned over to me the Rebels are falling back from Washington

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Fortress Rosecrans Tenn July 16/64

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Call the Roll and then I had to write about one hour
and then I went down town the paper reports that
Gen Sherman's army is all out to day no news from front

Fortress News comes 7 am July 18/64
called the Roll and then I went down to the Hospital
to see if there was a letter for me but there was
not nothing new Fortress News comes Musfuboro 7 am July
had roll call and then I wrote lots of orders in the order
Book made out some Relations Reports nothing new from
the front there not felt well for a couple days

Fortress News comes 7 am July 20/64
had roll call went down town and staid part of the
forenoon I could not sleep much last night
for my back pained me so nothing new to day

Fortress News comes 7 am July 21/64
had roll call and then I made out some forlough
and sent them of to be signed nothing new to day

Fortress News comes 7 am July 22/64
had roll call and then I wrote some orders
for the Regs Discription Roll went down town
it is reported that the Noble Gen Fairist is coming
here with his command

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Fortress Rosecrans ^{July 23} Memphis Tenn

had roll call and then I made out their clothing receipts and then went down town had inspections of guns no news from Sherman's army

Fortress Rosecrans Memphis Tenn ^{July 24}

had roll call and then I went down town and staid all day nothing new to day I did not have to write to day

Fortress Rosecrans Memphis Tenn ^{July 24}

had roll call and then I wrote some orders for the boys Descriptive Roll saw Gen McPherson's corps pass through here to day there was no news from the front

Fortress Rosecrans Memphis Tenn ^{July 24}

called the roll and then I went down town we have not had any news from the front for three days done some writing to day

Fortress Rosecrans Memphis Tenn ^{July 24}

had roll call and then I wrote till noon and then I went down town sent two men to their Regt new news from the front to day

Fortress Rosecrans Memphis Tenn ^{July 24}

had roll call and then I wrote fifty orders for my men Descriptive Roll in my campy saw news from the front - got letter from home

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Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro July 28/64
had roll call wrote two letters home wrote
some orders then I went down town it is
reported that our army is in all out a hope it is so

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro July 30
had roll call and then I gave the boys some
clothing and soap then on their description shall
it took me most all day setting news in the paper

Camp Rosecrans Murfreesboro Tenn July 31/64
had roll call and then I was put on as officer of
the guard we had inspection of camp today
the report is that Gen Grant is in the move
last night our cavalry picked in three days
that they caught in two miles of here the
Report says that there is a large force
close here

Fortress Rosecrans Murfreesboro July 1/64
had Guard mount and then I went down
town and staid most all day the paper had
good news from both armies Gen Grant has blown
up one of the rebel forts at Petersburg

Murfreesboro July 2/64
we had inspection to see who was fit to send to the
front send three men from my company I had
to write most all day

Fortif. Reseccion Murfreesboro July 3/64

had roll call and then I laid down and did not get up till roll call at night for I was sick nothing new to day

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Murfreesboro July 4/64

had roll called and then I laid down for I did not feel well wrote some orders in the afternoon till the boys from my Regt that is there is ordered to the front but me Fortif. Reseccion Murfreesboro Per July 5/64

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had roll call and then sent lot of men to their Regt then I went down to the city and staid all day the 115 Ohio Regt has order to go to the front not seen a rd

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Fortif. Reseccion Murfreesboro Per July 6/64

I had to make a recidition for some gen had inspection of guns to day nothing new from the front to day Fortif. Reseccion Murfreesboro Per July 7/64

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I went down to church to day in the city we here know news from the front to day our scouts come in to day with five Bush whacker to day got them in five miles of this place Fortif. Reseccion Per July 8/64

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went down to the city and staid till noon and in the afternoon I had to write all of the afternoon in the order book nothing new to day

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Fortress Rosecrans Massachusetts Ten July 8/64

I laid down and sleep till noon in the afternoon
we had Battalion drill there is nothing new

Fortress Rosecrans Ten July 10/64

went down to the city and staid till noon in the after-
noon I had to do some writing for the boys in the
company nothing from the front to day

Fortress Rosecrans Ten July 11/64

I wrote till three this afternoon and then we had
Battalion drill till six a lock our courts caught
some Bush whackers to day nothing new to day

Fortress Rosecrans Ten July 12/64

wrote for some of the boys descriptive ball to
day we have some news from Mobile nothing
from the front

Fortress Rosecrans Ten July 13/64

I wrote till four and then we had Battalion drill
till six. there was lots of men sent to the front
to day nothing new from Sherman

Fortress Rosecrans Ten July 14/64

went to the city to church in the afternoon I went
to a digger baptizing it beat any thing that I ever
saw nothing new to day

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Porter's Recession Wed July 15

I would down after roll call for I did not feel well
to day sent for some descriptive roll to day no news

Porter's Recession July 16/64

went down to the city and staid all day there was
lots of men sent to their reg to day had some
hair no news

Porter's Recession July 17/64

had to do some writing to day went out side of
the pickets lines after some ribs caught two of them
and broke of a fancy house

Porter's Recession July 18/64

had roll call and then I went down to the city they got
a woman in jail for killing a black woman

Porter's Recession Pen Aug 19/64

had roll call I had to do lots of writing
it took me till about two a clock no news
to day rained all day

Porter's Recession Pen Aug 20/64

maed out some for roll for this month the
Bible Gun Whelan has escaped the Pen's Mirror

Porter's Recession Pen Aug 21/64

wrote a letter home to day and then I went
down to the city to church it rained here
all night and till about noon to day nothing
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1st Connecticut Batt^y Fortif^d Massachusetts Insurgents
went down to the city our scouts fetch in three
Berk whackers to dig sides come in to day for every
man to be sent to the front no other news

Fortif^d Massachusetts Insurgents Aug 27/64
I had to make out a roll of the company so they
could tell who to examine to send to the front order
for every man to go

Fortif^d Massachusetts Insurgents Aug 24/64
had inspection of the Battalion to see who was fit for
field duty the doctor told me I was not so he made
me to stay

Fortif^d Massachusetts Insurgents Aug 25/64
I gave out some clothing for the boys and then I went
down town and bought some potatoes for the boys
sent fifty out of my company to the front

Fortif^d Massachusetts Insurgents Aug 26/64
went down town and staid most all day when I
got back found lots of orders to write which it
took me till ten o'clock at night to finish them

Fortif^d Massachusetts Insurgents Aug 27/64
went down town and staid till ten o'clock and then
I took charge of forty men and went down to Stone
River and took charge of the stockade there

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Stone River Stockade Pen ay 28th

went out in the country and was on the old
Battle ground went up to camp and there
was lots of men sent to the front our scouts
came in and reported that the Noble Gen Wheeler
was within ten miles of Murfreesboro

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Stone River Stockade Pen ay 29th

there was some more men sent to the front to
day I was examined and was not fit for field
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seven miles from here

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Fortress Rosecrans Pen ay 30

Made out a Muster Roll we are getting ready for
wheeler he is expected here very soon all of the
Government Stores has been fetched from
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Fortress Rosecrans Pen ay 31

Took the company out in line of battle at three o'clock
in the morning but the rebels did not come all of
the Merchants fetched all of their goods in camp
to day we had one soldier shot in the city last night
by a citizen and one wounded rebel is within six
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Porters Rose eron ~~Wheeler~~ Pen Sept 1/54
got the company of at three this morning and stood in
line of battle till six and then we had to keep our
things for we did not know how soon wheel would be ^{here}

Porters Rose eron Pen Sept 2
got the company of at three and stood in line of battle till
six the Rebels come in sight this morning and stood out
two hours but was not near enough for us to fire at them

Porters Rose eron Pen Sept 3/54
our cavalry had a brush with the Rebs this morning
the Rebs tore up the R.R. Track between here and Stackville
but we could not help it

Porters Rose eron Pen Sept 4/54
heard the Rebels a fighting within three miles of here but it
did not last long the report is that Gen Sherman has
taken about a Geo hope it is so Porters Rose eron Pen Sept 5/54

our cavalry had a brush with wheel this morning
we are driving them fast we will have lots of his men
we can not hear a word from the front for the road is ^{cut}

Porters Rose eron Pen Sept 6
I was put under arrest this morning for a striking a man
our cavalry fetched in one hundred and fifty rebels by day the report
is that we have captured Morgan ^{and} all of his men

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Forty Russian men

went and saw some prisoners come in they was
wheeler men the Capt. Released me to day. I knew
that he could not do anything with me. I will not
have anything to do with the Company any more

Forty Russians Sept 8/64

went and seen the ribs and then I helped make
out some py rolls and then I went a fishing
but didn't get any nothing new to day

Forty Russians Sept 9/64

made out some py roll and then I went a fishing
but did not get a fish there was not any papers

Come in to day weath. that Forty Russians Sept 10/64
went and saw some prisoners and then I went down
town and stand all day the Rail Road is fixed so
that trains run through to day nothing new

Forty Russians Sept 11/64

went on picket and had lots of food there was
lots of people come in on my post for to attend church
it is reported that there is a large force of ribs near here

Forty Russians Sept 12/64

went down to the City and saw lots of boys that their time
is out nothing new from the front

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Fortress Russ cron ^{Amur} Petersburg Pen Sept 7/64

went down to the City and staid all day nothing new in the papers to day only that we have taken another like of work before Petersburg and taken some prisoners waiting for Sherman

Fortress Russ cron Sept 14/64

I went on picket to day had a good time it rained some to day very hot there was nothing from either army to day was down to the City a while to day

Fortress Russ cron, Sept 15/64

Come of from picket went down to the City a while made out some pay rolls there was news new from either army to day weather cold

Fortress Russ cron Sept 16/64

went down to stone river Black House for the Seint to sign some Receipts and then I went to the Hospital to see Seint Mark Wood he is very sick nothing new in the papers to day

Fortress Russ cron Sept 17/64

went down to the Black House and then I went to the post Quartermasters and turned over above that I had to Ride or few days, took ^{his Receipt for it}

Fortress Russ cron Sept 18/64

wrote a letter and then I went down town to Church know news in the papers the Report is that the Red Sea Wheel is coming here a gain

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I went on picket to day I was on Woodberry pike there was
lots of Citizens come in our lines to day from the miniselle
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Fortrip Russocross Sept 20/64

Come of from picket had a good time but it was so cold
that we could not sleep we are expecting the py mastin
here every day nothing new

Fortrip Russocross Sept 21/64

went down to the city and staid all of the forenoon and then
I went to camp there was a hard fight in the Honedicho valley
we took 2500 prisoners

Fortrip Russocross Sept 22/64

had to help make out some new py dolls and then I
went down town and staid a while the py mastin is a
pying of the men at the hospital nothing new

Fortrip Russocross Sept 23/64

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Fortrip Russocross Sept 24/64

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for Seinculot Johnson it was a good speech we took a vote
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Partys Rusecens Murfreesboro Tenn Sept 25/64

went down to the city to church went home with a young lady and took dinner with her and then went up to camp the report is mostly Sherman army has gone to grant

Partys Rusecens Sept 26/64

went down to the city but did not stay long for Gen Van Cleve got a telegraph dispatch that Gen Forrest was a making for this place as fast as he can the citizens are a coming into camp fast

Partys Rusecens Sept 27/64

went down to the city and found every thing packed up the Gen is a hurry every thing swept inside of the fort the rebels are within twenty miles of here we have got some reinforcements

Partys Rusecens Sept 28/64

went down to the city and bought me a pair of shoes had to pay five dollars for them we are expecting forrest here every minute we had two men taken prisoners today five miles from here

Partys Rusecens Sept 29/64

we got orders to be ready to fall out at a moments notice for the rebels are within ten miles of here we received some reinforcements today from Nashville

Partys Rusecens Sept 30/64

this was three boys wounded out of the 115th Ohio four miles from here Gen Forrest is on the retreat for we are to bat for him here

Fortress Success Memphis Tenn Oct 1/64

there is some excitement here forest was seen four miles from here again some of his men come within two miles of here her herent is on the march

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Fortress Success Oct 2/64

I was detailed for picket I was stationed on the woodbury spike had section men out of the 174th Ohio new Regt we was fired into twice had all I could do to keep the men on their feet

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Fortress Success Oct 3/64

come of from picket I did not sleep but last night for I had lots of men never stand picket before it is reported that herent held Richmond forest went into camp four miles from here

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Fortress Success Oct 4/64

went down to the city but could not see anything for the city gun has left for the fortress it is reported that the Gen Van Smith is within six miles of here with a large force

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Fortress Success Oct 5/64

went down to the city today after a hour there is no one in the place they are all out in the fortress saw some shells to day no news in the paper to day

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Fortress Success Oct 6/64

went down to the city the Gen has got over his scene the city gun here all gone back to town we did not get a paper to day waiting news to day

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Murfreesboro Tenn Oct 7/64

went out a foraging with twenty two teams went five miles from here saw a few Rock whackers but did not get a shot at them saw where two soldiers was killed a Sunday

Forbes Reservoir Oct 8/64

went down to the city and then I went out a scouting with Mr Burgess to day but did not see any thing it has been very cold

Forbes Reservoir Oct 9/64

went down to the city to church heard a good sermon there is nothing new to day the paper has not come for we do not get any mail till this evening

Forbes Reservoir Oct 10/64

I was detailed to take charge of thirty men to guard some cattle to Watahoma Tenn we went fourteen miles the first day we had twelve hundred in the drive nothing was seen on the road to day

Farmville Tenn Oct 11/64

we started at daylight and marched fifteen miles we did not have any trouble with the cattle today we passed through some fine country to day

Wartrace Tenn Oct 12/64

got into Watahoma about noon to day went and got our transportation back to Murfreesboro had to stand guard all night nothing new to day in the papers

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Forty's Rescues Newpusth 9 Oct 1864

got on the cars at Eleven for Newpusth and arrived at five had a good time on the cars my feet were so sore that I could not hardly walk it is reported that hood's army is in the rear of Sherman

Forty's Rescues Oct 14/64

I have not done any thing to day but read and sleep for I have got the Rheumatism so bad as to sleep on the ground what caused it - it is reported that hood has been captured near the sea

Forty's Rescues Oct 15/64

there is no news in the paper to day I have not left my tent but twice to day for the Rheumatism is so bad that I could not

Forty's Rescues Oct 16/64

went down to the city to church my Rheumatism is not so bad to day we have not had any paper for two days there is lot of talk that the boys will have a chance to go home and vote

Forty's Rescues Oct 17/64

cut some wood for the stove and then I laid down and sleep till noon the Rheumatism is worse on me to day it is reported that hood is in the rear of Sherman

Forty's Rescues Oct 18/64

went down to the city and bought me some tobacco and then I laid in my tent all day Rheumatism is bad here not had any paper

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we have not had any pop to day there is a lot of
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Fortess Rose excavation Oct 20/64

I was detailed for fortress guard today had charge of
fourty men the rheumatism is awful bad there was
nothing new in the papers to day

Fortess Rose excavation Oct 21/64

Came off from guard this morning wrote a letter and then I
went and saw the rail road head get a train of cars on the track
that they got last night

Fortess Rose excavation Oct 22/64

wrote one letter and then I cut some wood for the store
Gen Sherdian has won another victory in the Valley
he took three thousand prisoners and forty cannon and a lot of wagon

Fortess Rose excavation Oct 23/64

cut some wood for the store and then I laid down and read
I did not feel like going to the city to church for I was to some
with the rheumatism

Fortess Rose excavation Oct 24/64

went down to the city and saw an id called fetchin there
Bushman one of Shemen helped kill the Budget kill the leader
of the band at Valley New

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Camped in the field Dec 20th / 1864

we pitch our and march three miles the Calvary made a charge on the Rebs and drove them a cross duck river and took five cannon and five hundred prisoners

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Camp in the field Dec 21st / 1864

we did not march to day for our Pontoon train did not come up so we could not cross the river without a cut

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Camp in the field Dec 22nd / 1864

our pontoon train come up to day and we will soon have orders to march and march same to day know news from the front

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Camped in the field Dec 23rd / 1864

we pitched tents at eight and crossed the river passed through Columbus and went into camp at twelve for a little while more five miles our Regt had a skirmish with the Rebs Killed a ^{Captain} Reb

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Camp in the field Dec 24th / 1864

our Corps was in the River to day our Calvary had a fight to day with the Rebs to day we passed through Sevensville we march fifteen miles this afternoon

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Camp in the field Dec 25th / 1864

we left camp at nine and marched till ten in the evening our Calvary had a fight with the Rebs and got whipped took lots of the Rebs Magazine train we here out had nothing to eat but even for two days

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Camp in the field Pen Dec 26th / 1864

We did not leave camp to day for our supply train did not come up till night and we could not go any farther till they did come Colvey had a fight with the rebels but whiped them

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Camp in the field Pen Dec 27th / 1864

We marched twelve miles to where our Colvey was the roads was awful bad so our teams could not keep up with us it is reported that Sherman has savanah with fifteen ^{thousand} men

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Camp in the field Pen Dec 28th / 1864

We got official report from Sect Stanton that Gen Sherman captured with savanah 150 Cannon 33 Boats of Cotton 150 Engines 193 Cows 800 prisoners lots of other things

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Camp in the field Pen Dec 29th / 1864

We did not move to day waiting for orders the Rebs have all crossed duck river and it is reported that we are going to Palaska and go into winter quarters

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Camp in the field Pen Dec 30th / 1864

We moved at seven in the Evening our supply train come up to day with Rations Gen Sherman has whiped the Rebs in East Pen and took 33 Cannon same some to day

Camp in the field Pen Dec 31st / 1864

We took the Athens road and marched seventeen miles and went into camp snowed all night - nothing done

midfebruary Pen Oct 2/64

there was lots of women at my feet - just
said that they wished that Forrest would come
in here and kill all of the blue yankees I
made them stop such talk where I was or
I would shoot them one woman said that
she would not stop and some of the boys
got their guns and they would of shot her
but she kept still Oct 3/64 there was one
guard shot on the Manchester file lost
night by the Rebs and one wounded and
three killed on the Nashville file by Bushwhackers
the Rebs still and old man last night that was
Eighty years old because his son was a union
Scout it is reported that Gen Brent took four
thousand prisoners in fifty encounters with Richmond
it is reported that the Rebs. Gen Forrest is a making
for Nashville in hope of taking it Oct 2/64
our Scouts went out to day and found 10 of our men
that went out for apples yesterday they were taking
prisoners and that each had four ball hole through
them they were thrown into a ditch and covered

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 them they was bored to see at last a duck skin
 Van Cleave offered two hundred dollars for the man
 that done it he was a Rib there was thirty home guards
 taken by the ribs to day and killed seven miles
 from here all was from Bend *Murphy's Pen Oct 14/84*
 when I got to Tallahoma I asked the Sicut that was
 in charge of the cattle if I was released he said
 that I would have to go to Chatanooga and I
 was not to go only to Tallahoma I went up to
 the Colonel commanding the post and he told
 me that I was not able to go and I got my horse
 and potatoes and got released of the Sicut he was
 mad because I went up to the Colonel and we
 had some words he was going to put me under
 and arrest and I dared him to do it but he dare
 not do it for I had to much against him
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Murphy's Pen Oct 24/84 the Illinois boys are
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make out our forlough we will be apt to start tomorrow if they do get them made out soon enough we get one to think that we would not have a chance to go home there is ten out of the some company that I belong to that is a going home and all is a going to vote for Lincoln and Johnson there will be about one hundred leave camp and all a going to vote for Lincoln Oct 28/64

some citizens went out to where the bushwhacker Smith lives and four soldiers with myself went with them and we laid in ambush for him we laid there about one hour when he come up to a citizens house and sat fire to it and told them if they tried to put it out he would shoot them and as he spoke he killed both of them and then he come towards us as he come near enough to shoot me let him here it we put six ball holes through his body and one through his fore head and we killed one of his other men their bodies will be fetched into camp tomorrow

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went down to the city to hear a speech had
not been there but a little while before there
came orders for us to report back to
camp for the orders has come for us
to go home and that we would start
about four o'clock when our furlough
was made out the medical director
did not have time to sign them before
the train started so we will not go
before tomorrow then we will be home
a wednesday night our furlough is
for fifteen days but I will bet that
they will not get here back as soon
as that for I will get it extended
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Pickup Rose crows Munster Oct 29/64

went and saw them put the engines on the tracks it was a nice job we have been waiting for orders to go home but they here not come yet some seems to think that we will not go till Monday

Pickup Rose crows Oct 29/64

went down to the city and staid till noon eat some food for the staid making news in the papers from either army

Pickup Rose crows Oct 29/64

was detailed on picket guard there was nothing new in the papers to day our scouts that the shuckwhacker Smith and his body will be fetched in camp to day

Pickup Rose crows Oct 29/64

come of from guard help fixed the tent there was nothing new in the papers to day our scouts fetched in the body of Smith that was shot by them

Nashville Ten Oct 29/64

got on the train at 5:30 and got into Nashville at eight for here our foul play was made out in Murfreesboro for fifteen days no news

Nashville Ten Oct 30/64

we staid in Nashville all day had a good time we sees all appear to get started for home

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Croskill Per Oct 21/64

we got on the train at Murfreesboro at six and arrived
in Nashville at eight. There we had to lay over
for the train to come out take us to Booneville
By we went all over the city and had a good
time while we was there saw lots of the boys
that I know the report is here that the table
Gen Stand has got in the rear of Gen
Sherman and that they are a fighting at Decatur
all and the report is that they will hold us
here to see if we will not be wanted here
I will bet there will be a fuss if they do
try to keep us here for we are bound to
go home now if we have got our furlough
and they can not keep us now we have
not got to get any transportation to Decaturville
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Antioch Ill Nov 7/64 ¹⁶³

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cold here I had rather be at Muskegon while
it is so cold know news from the army

Antioch Ill Nov 8/64

went down and voted for Lincoln & Johnson
Lincoln had 281 votes and the copperhead men
only had fifteen made one man leave town
for talking against Lincoln

Antioch Ill Nov 9/64

went up to J Leroms to see them come back
to the Village to hear the Elections Return but
did not hear

Antioch Ill Nov 10/64

went to a dance last night had a good time
did not know hardly any one we got the Returns
of Election and Lincoln was elected great joy

Antioch Ill Nov 11/64

went down to the store and staid all day I have got
tired of staying here for there is no excitement here
and we cant here any news from the army till it is all

Antioch Ill Nov 12/64

the doctor sent for and Extension of my furlough he
thinks that I will get it weather awful cold

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Antwerp Ill Nov 13/64

went up to a Droms to see about my sheep go see if he
wants to keep them if there is at sixty I can sell them

Antwerp Ill Nov 14/64

went up to the grave yard to see my Bruthers grave stone
it is very nice the weather was warm to day I
have not felt well to day nothing new

Antwerp Ill Nov 15/64

went down and had Dr Payer Examine me for and
Expstension of my furlough it is snowing here
to day I do not feel as well as I did when I came
home

Antwerp Ill Nov 16/64

went to a party and had a good time was up till
three in the morning dont feel very well

Antwerp Ill Nov 17/64

it snowed here all day and it was awful cold
went up to Ripleville but did not see the men
that I wanted to know news from the front

Antwerp Ill Nov 18/64

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of cards we did not get any news from the front
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Anteach full Nov 19/64

went down to avon to see some of the boys that
I knew there Charles Sammons come home today
he come from Chattanooga Tenn walking new today
Anteach full Nov 20/64

played cards most all day and did not get beat because
it was so cold that we could not run around we do
not hear anything from the seat of war

Anteach full Nov 21/64

The weather was cold snowed some went up to drums
killed so of frogs to death we do not hear any news from
the seat of war

Anteach full Nov 22/64

The weather was cold had to keep closed to a stone
went to J H Sammons to a winter sopp and danced
till three in the morning had a good time

Anteach full Nov 23/64

I did not get up till ten went to J H Sammons to a
party Miss Ellthorpe invited me played a few
games of cards the weather was awful cold

Anteach full Nov 24/64

went down to S P Barnes to a party staid till
a heat ten the weather was pretty warm to day

antioch Ill Mon 25/64

there was no paper come in here to day if none get tired of staying here I shall start for the front in a few days or news to days

staid
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fire me

antioch Ill Mon 26/64

went down town and played a few game of cards and did not get beat once there is nothing new to day from the front

got on
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antioch Ill Mon 27/64

it rained here all day got a letter from the Barnes got a some in the books we did not get any paper to day

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antioch Ill Mon 28/64

packed my things to start back got warren williams to take us up to the rail road there is nothing new in the paper to day

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Waukegan Ill Mon 29/64

started at nine to Daley Station to report back from where I was furlough from got into Waukegan at seven in the evening

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Chicago Ill Mon 30/64

staid at W W Bingham's 40700 Bond street went to the theatre staid last night in Waukegan the paper reports that Thomas & Hoar are fighting at Franklin

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Chicago Dec 1st 1864

Went to Mrs. Ellthorp went to woods there and
saw Jennie Heath she is a splendid flyer saw a large
fire weather cold

on the cars Dec 2nd 1864

got on the cars at five thirty for Nashville on the Pittsburg
and put Wayne got into Paducah got on the cars for
Jeffersonville had a good time weather cold

Sevensville by Dec 3rd 1864

got on the cars at Paducah arrived in Sevensville got
my transportation and then I went to the Saldris house
the army is a fighting at Nashville

Sevensville by Dec 4th 1864

got my breakfast and went to the cars for Nashville but
there was so many dropped men so that I could not go
went all over Sevensville nothing new

Nashville Ten Dec 5th 1864

got on the cars at Sevensville and got to Nashville at seven o'clock
we had a good time on the cars could not here any news from
Nashville got some reinforcements from Memphis

Nashville Ten Dec 6th 1864

got to Nashville at seven went out saw no action or any fighting
on the boat to day weather cold snow on the ground

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Nashville Tenn Dec 7/64

went down to the depot to see if there was a train a going to Murfreesboro but the Rebs held the road went to the Regt

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Camp at Nashville Dec 8th / 64

got up at five for it was so cold that I could not sleep went on the Steamship line to get some fodder to lay on the Rebs drove in our Steamship line to day

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Nashville Tenn Dec 9th / 64

wrote two letters home to day went down to the theater it snowed here all day weather cold

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Nashville Tenn Dec 10th / 64

went down to the city and went to a circus in the evening went to the theatre did not get to camp till one in the morning

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Nashville Dec 11th / 64

I was detailed for picket this morning but did not go till six this evening there was not much firing on either side to day we can see the Rebs flint on ^{side}

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Nashville Tenn Dec 12th / 64

Came of from picket there was some shooting on the line went down to the city and went to the theatre heard that the fourth Corps was under marching order

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Nashville Dec 13th / 64

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Nashville Tennessee 14th/11/1864

we received orders to march on the Rebs at a moments notice
we are packing every thing to be ready for the march
Camp on the battle field Tennessee e 15th/11/1864

we marched on the Rebs at six our Brigade was on Reserve
captured 33 Cannon and fifteen hundred prisoners took his
lines of the Rebs works

Camp on the battle field Tennessee e 16th/11/1864

marched on the Rebs at six but our Corp was on the Reserve for
we done most of the fighting yesterday in the afternoon our
Brigade charged the Rebs on Look Ten Concession and six hundred prisoners

Camp Franklin Tennessee e 17th/11/1864

Left the battle field at seven and marched against the Rebs but
the field back beyond Franklin built a bridge across the
Harpath River took some prisoners

Eight miles from Columbus Tennessee e 18th/11/1864

we left Franklin at seven and marched all day but did not
have a fight to day for our Cavalry drove them all day I never
was so tired in all of my life

Duck River Tennessee e 19th/11/1864

we struck tents at ten and marched four miles the Rebs
Cross Duck River last night we had to build a bridge across
the River it has rained every day since we started

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Preamble and Resolutions
adopted by the
Second Brigade General Boids Division
in camp near Nashville Tenn
March 2 1863

Headquarters 2d Brigade Gen Bairds Division
Camp near Nashville Tenn March 2^d 1863
At a meeting of the field staff and
line officers of this Brigad. composed of the
84th _____ 92nd Ill 96th Ill and 115th Ill Regt of
infantry and the 9th Ohio battery held at
Brigade Headquarters this day at 9 o'clock
_____ Col Smith _____ was called to the
chair and _____ appointed
secretary the following preambles and
Resolutions were read separately voted
upon and adopted with entire unanimity
The same was read at the head of each
Regt and the Battery this ~~this~~ afternoon
at _____ and voted upon by the
Soldiers with the result certified to below

Preamble and Resolutions

whereas we the officers and soldiers of this
command here in common with our comrades
in arms charfully periled our lives every
earthly interest to s _____ to ourselves
and too our prosperity a country and a
government the same which in historic

times were bought with blood and established by that quality of wisdom which though human seems divine; and whereas a member of intriguing _____ at home have recently by work and act sought to create disaffections among us block the wheels of wise legislations excite discontent in the public mind and in every way to baffle all earnest efforts to conquer the Rebels therefore resolved that we hold in utter detestation that clique of _____ in the loyal states who order the good of assumed loyalty _____ the stolen revenue of ~~of~~ or _____ on to excite petty treason in their own communities who have no _____ some for the officers of our government no complaints ~~save~~ that energetic measures are employed to crush the Rebellion - no aspirations save to _____ our executive and legislative departments _____ engenda _____ in our Armies - and no hopes save for and ignoble peace and the substantial triumph of the Rebels that we regard them as enemies to our country and mankind who _____ accomplish their hellish purpose would not hesitate to blot forever from the hopes of man the cherished thoughts of self government and that they _____ the

_____ of all loyal citizens and kind hearted Soldiers combining as they do the deep guilt of the traitor with the essential meanness of the coward. Resolved that despite the frenzied efforts of our _____ before us and the _____ able _____ of our other _____ behind us we will abide not one jot of faith or hopes _____ believe in the maintenance of our government is with all the _____ in its establishment we _____ assure all traitors at home that not until we have undergone a _____ years struggle (if need be) will we cease this contest and not until we have experienced such suffering as were bravely endured at Valley Forge will we begin to murmur. By all the sacrifices already and hardships endured by mostly all the sufferings of our comrades in Hospital and camp by all the precious blood which has encrimsoned our Eastern and Western waters by all the hearts made disolate and heart strings _____ under because of this wicked rebellion we do solemnly pledge our honor as Americans and Soldiers to see this contest through to a successful issue or _____ our lives a willing sacrifice to our country's _____ Resolved

that we are bitterly opposed to any armistice or cessations of Hostilities untill our glorious flag of thirty four stars waves triumphantly from the dome of every capital in our land Resolved that we fully and unequivocally endorse the policy of our civil rulers in ~~an~~ using all necessary means to strike decisive blows at the unholy Rebellion and to bring the war to a speedy _____ and glorious termination so that traitors in the south may meet with deserved punishment and ~~damnable~~ traitors in the north may be brought to a terrible justice that _____ be not erected in vain

Resolved that to the loyal millions who encourage us in our efforts who sympathize with us in our hardships and who rejoice with us in the _____ of our armies we tender such heartfull gratitude as Soldiers facing a hostile foe only can feel ~~~~~

Camp at Brentwood Ten April 6/63
 Our camp is station on a nice piece of ground in the woods right close to the Nashville and Franklin Rail Road we are guarding the rail Road Bridge it is a small Bridge but it is useful to our troops while they are station at Franklin to carrie provision.

to them and we are here to keep that Bridge the 19 Michigan was the Regt that was here to guard the Bridge before they was^{all} taken Prisoners the 22 Wisconsin Regt was camp about a mile and a half from when the Rebels attacked them they took the 22 Wisconsin Regt. was taken first and then they come down here and took the 19 Mich without firing a Gun and then they set fire to all the tents and everything else that our men had our Cavalry went to Reenforcements to our men but they was to late they was all gone they burnt the boys over coats and Blankets the 92 Regt Ill Vol and the 9th Ohio Battery and about five hundred of the 6th Kentucky Cavalry is here with us we have been building Fortifications and we have got them most done Col Atkins acting Brigadere Gen said that he could hold this place now if fifteen thousand Rebels should come up and attack today they have commenced building a fort our cannons will be here tomorrow they are 36 Pounders a _____ we was all drawn up in line of battle in them for the Rebbbs drove in our Cavalry Pickets but the Rebbbs did not come near us the weather is pleasant and warm

through the day time but in the evening they are cold so that we have to put on all of our clothes to keep warm yesterday went down to the _____ to see Wm Warren to _____ Mr. Brewster and Wallace Cahombertlin if they got their discharge and was a going home our calvary fetch in three prisiners today and one came in that had deserted from the Reble Army

Brentwood is between Franklin and Nashville it is ten miles from Nashville and eight miles from Franklin so if we are attacked we can get reenfoursements in one hour and a half from eather place _____ Atkins is our Brigade commander and Gener. Baird is our Division Commander the Regiments that belongs to our Brigade is the 96 Regt and the 92 Regt 115 Reg Ill Vol and the 85 ~~an~~ Ind 40 ohio and the 9 ohio battery and the 6 Kentucky Cavalry we have not but one brigade in our Division now for the first Brigade is all taken prisners three Regiments that belong to this Brigade are back to Franklin there is thirty Thousand men _____ ther now it is Reported that the Rebles have ~~putt~~ pull back across Duck River but it is not believed by our Generals the General

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Opinion is that Piece will be declared by
the first of July next

Camp at Franklin Ten April 9th 186³
yesterday morning our company went —
on Picket we was station then at Brentwood
about four o'clock we had orders to come into
camp and get ready to march when we got
there they had our tents down and ready to
march we left camp at five o'clock in the
evening and started for Franklin the 92 Ill
Regt was with us and the 9th Ohio Battery
we got in to camp at nine o'clock in the night
and put up our tents it was a warm and
pleasant day and a grand time to march
that is the way after we get things so that
we can defend our selves first rate we have
got to march one more day we would have the
entrenchments all done and every thing so
that we would be Ready for the Rebels to
come but now if we have a fight we
will have to fight in the open field we
gave the — of to Six Regiments that
came from Nashville and four Batteries
the distance from Brentwood Station is eight
miles the country is rough and rocky but it
is a great farm country
there is not many apple trees but peach trees
that you cant — — have not seen

one apple tree since I have been in Tennessee and there is lots of Almonds trees the Major said this morning that we was agoing to march tomorrow morning for Columbia Ten with one hundred and fifty thousand strong it is twenty five miles from Franklin and it lays on duck river it is reported that the rebels has two hundred thousand men there but not Generally believed the Rebles are about 10 miles from us now with a fource of twenty thousand there is here now of union soldiers sixty thousand

Franklin Ten April 10th 1863

got up at 3 or 4 o'clock and fell in line of Battle and stand till day light and then we had to move our tents in line and dig ditches around them one foot deep and seven ~~a~~ inches wide so as to let the water run up when it does rain I have writtern to letters today one to Lester and one to Leannie Rock we did not ~~get~~ any mail to day

Franklin April 11th 1863

I went up to see the fort a when I got up here our Pickets was attacked the 40th Ohio was out on Picket they drawn themselves up in line of Battle and the Rebbbs made a

charge on them and drove them back
 I did not look at the fighting for I
 had to go back to the Regiment for they
 was drawn up in line of battle we stand
 before our Quarters till four o'clock and
 then we had orders to march and follow
 up the Rebels which we did do we went
 out and followed the River down the
 name of the river is big Harpers we
 followed the river down five miles when
 we had a skirmish with the Rebels but
 drove them back then our company was
 thrown out as the skirmishing company
 but the Rebels had retreated so that we
 did not see any more we was then thrown
 out till nine o'clock and then we fell in line
 and march back to camp we got back to camp at
 one o'clock and then we had to get supper our
 cavalry captured one of the Rebels Batteries
 and one hundred and fifty of their men
 and we did not have cavalry enough there
 so the Rebels recaptured the holl thing
 again the Rebels made some of the ~~o~~ badde
 dashes that I every heard of they
 came right into town and a captain and
 three men came right under our fortificati
 and the ~~o~~ men that was a guarding the
 _____ Bridge shot the three Private.

and took the captain a Prisoner we kill
twenty of their horses and when we
pass the Battle ground our men had
counted one hundred and sixty-six of
dead Rebels and they had not counted
all of them I have not heard how many
more they found after we left there we
took twenty Prisoners and one was
three and two Lieutenants we kill one
major three captains and two Lieutenants
when we came back the dead Rebels was
not picked up but was laying all along
the road it look hard to see them lay
there some was shot through the head
and some through the heart I have
past heard that we retook the Rebb
Battery we lost ten men kill and four
wounded they was ~~out~~ of the Ohio one
was an orderly sergt they was a
fighting all along the Murfreesboro
yesterday the Divisions that was in
this Battle was General Baird General
Gilbert General Stanley and a Division
of Cavalry and I believe that General
Sheridan's Division was there their Cavalry
came in with the Reble Battery and
three hundred more of their men if we had
out two hours we might have

taken all of them but we could not
move till we had orders yesterday was a
smoky day we could not see over a mile
went up to the fortifications today two
Regiments and a Battery of six guns can
hold it if there was a force of twenty
thousand come up to take it went down to
the