

69th O.V.I. Diary

for 1862 - 1863

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SUPER ENTRIES FOR BATTLE OF

Stones River

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Diary of Jacob Roller, 69TH Ohio Vol. Infantry, Co. E.

~~December 1862~~

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~~Thursday 11~~

Dec 1862

Tues. 11.

Was on camp duty in the morning fixed up my tent and bunk, went out to our Regt. in the evening and back saw Maj G. K. and Hamilton. Weather clear cold.

Fri 12

Was out hewing timber; read the advocate at night. Cavalry fight at Franklin Tenn. Little skirmish at Gallatin. Weather cloudy.

Sat 13

Wrote a letter to G. & P.M. Albright in the morning, went to town in afternoon bought 50 cts worth of STAMPS. Weather cloudy.

Sun 14

Whole Brigade out and inspected by Capt. M. in the morning and some in the afternoon, Weather cold.

Mon 15

Washed my clothes in the morning, was ordered back to the loghouse in the afternoon on account of rain stayed there all night Weather rainy.

Tues 16

Came back to our dog tent again in the morning wrote a letter to my brother in the afternoon. Weather cold.

Wedn 17

Went out to work did not feel well. Weather cold.

Thurs 18

Went out again to work did not feel able to work got a letter from my brother and a mental arithmetic and letter from J. Scz-by's.
Weather cold.

July 11.

Was on Camp duty in the morning just up my tent and found a great lot of our boys had been and had seen my boys' horses and ponies. Weather clear cold.

July 12.

Was out during the day and at night. Early light in the morning. Weather clear.

July 13.

Wrote a letter to Sgt. P. M.

At night in the morning, went to town in afternoon. Light to go to school in the morning.

July 14.

Wrote a letter to Sgt. P. M. in the morning. Weather clear.

July 15.

Wrote a letter to Sgt. P. M. in the morning. Weather clear.

July 16.

Wrote a letter to Sgt. P. M. in the morning. Weather clear.

Dec 1862

Week 18

Went out to work did not
feel well. Weather not so
pleasant.

Thurs 18th

Went out again to work did
not feel able to work later
from my father and a
cousin's and other friends
Laguardie Weather not so
pleasant.

Fri 19.

Did not feel very well in the
morning commenced firing up on
land, went out to the right in the
afternoon got a letter from Mother
got back before night Weather good

Dec 1862

Week 19

Worked on the land again and
feeling better weather more pleasant
The land is very good.

Sat 20

Finished my tent in the morning and
went on inspection, with a letter to my
father in New York got a letter and
other news and went on to see, and got
a letter from Mother got three letters
of Mr. Dooley in the morning Weather
pleasant.

Sun 21.

Worked on the land again and
feeling better weather more pleasant
The land is very good.

Dec 1858

Jan 28th

Tell Brown. Good land in the
area of wells, made by the
to the West side to the
and sent the amount to my
fell some better. Weather good.

Feb 1st

Ballston not in shell in
and afternoon, was not well to
sent to the. Little me to my
one to my brother, and one to
and sent my minister, and also to
my family, got notes to made in the
morning. Weather windy.

Dec 1852

Jan 25th

Get up at 5 o'clock morning had
dinner from the shop for breakfast and
went to the Ballston and out foraging
for the winter. Weather good, cloudy.

Jan 26th

Get ready to march at a new street
up at 9 o'clock movement of troops. Went
with the Major's aide, Gen. Rosecrans
passed me and 4th Med. company, march
the 11 h. we camped 11 miles from Clark.
mine nearly all day.

Jan 27th

Should commencing on Jan 28th
morning march on the Weather rainy.

June 1863.

Mon. 5.

Worked on the engine. Sixty
miles out in the evening, getting
long for our speed. Weather cloudy.

Tues. 6.

Worked at the engine. Tomorrow
left camp, intended to visit
and within limit of New Orleans.
Weather cloudy through day. Arrived
last night.

Wed. 7.

Worked three tables before day. Left to
at 10:00. To my brother. To J. Reynolds.
Was detained to see all day. Weather
cloudy.

June 1863.

Thurs. 8.

Worked, and fixed my work in
the morning. Was detained and left
at 10 for a field across from river
in the afternoon. Weather good.

Fri. 9.

Went with the boat's horse
and got some books in the
forenoon. Read some in
the afternoon. Weather rainy.

Sat. 10.

Was detained by Dr. for company
of three tables, two from my
brother and one from J. M.
at night. Weather rainy.

Jan 1863.

Jan 18.

Took a walk in the river in the morning, wrote two letters in the afternoon. There is no news and one to Mr. Hester. Weather good.

Jan 19.

Was detailed by Co. Frank going out under for bridge. Weather good.

Jan 20.

Was detailed by Co. Frank going in the forenoon, made a trunk and moved into the Rollout in afternoon. Weather good.

Jan 1863.

Jan 21.

Was detailed by Co. in the morning to get out under for bridge. worked at sawing, did not work in afternoon on wet of rain; wrote a letter to Mr. Hester. Weather rainy.

Jan 22.

Was in tent all day had caught packages for dinner. Mr. Hester came in breakfast. got a letter from S. W. Hester. Weather rainy and a snow.

Jan. 1865

Jan. 18

Was detailed by Co and went
our camp ground. Had to attend
for the mill. I had to operate
corp. Had to keep the mill off.
had to be for supper. It being

Jan 19

Spent forenoon to dinner. Had
in morning, washed my clothes
packed my blouse in afternoon
Went to see cold.

Jan 20

Was detailed by Co getting timber
for bridge on Franklin side
worked at sawing. Weather good.

Jan. 1865

Jan 19

Was detailed to work on the
pile bridge every day, and just to
laying off the work by night. It
was, very disagreeable, worked all
day. Weather rainy.

Jan 20

Worked the same all day, by the
night came back from dark, we saw
of the boys. Several died in hospital
from the wound. Eight soldiers very
sick. Weather cloudy with rain night

Jan 21

Worked same, saw S. Sturdt, sent to
at bridge captured. Weather cloudy
and rainy at 8 o'clock, started.

Jan 1863

Thurs 29.

Worked the engine all day & more
of our detachment detached, some of
Baker, coming from the hospital at
Danville. W. H. H. & J. H. H.

Fri 30.

Worked the same all day.
our brigade and have been
our enemy. Weather sunny.

Sat 31.

Was detached for guard duty.
retained and sent to work on the
brigade, worked all forenoon, worked
most of evening, did not work in the
evening on account of rain. Weather
sunny.

Jan 1863

Jan 25.

Worked the engine in the morning,
made a call on my doctor in afternoon.
Weather sunny.

Mon 26.

Reported at the Stone-noon-park
brigade, and worked till 3 p.m.
of the day, of which J. H. H., J. H. H.,
Baker, W. H. H. & J. H. H., W. H. H.,
W. H. H. & J. H. H. & J. H. H. & J. H. H.
in the evening. Weather sunny.

Tues 27.

Was detached by Co. for fatigue
duty, did not report, finished my share
in forenoon, all but J. H. H. reported.

Jan 1868

All the bridges of the bridge and
worked, the weather being, some times
Wet.

Reported at the bridge to the
with J. McDonald, J. Phillips,
Hicks, J. Sisson, W. Stock, G. Jones
and worked all day, the weather cold.

Jan 29.

Worked on the bridge
all day, weather good.

Jan 30.

Worked the same weather
Jan 31.

Worked the same in the
morning, was detailed and went
on road in afternoon. W. rainy.

Feb 1868

Jan 4.

Went to the bridge and
worked weather being, of 7-18 cold
back and rainy from G. S.

Jan 5.

Worked out foraging in
the morning, some back at night
got from below, one from my horse
and one from St. Bidwell. W. cold.

Jan 3.

Went a little to the
in morning; was however
detailed and worked on the bridge
in afternoon, weather cold.

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Feb 1863

Thurs 4

Worked at the bridge again
got a letter from Col Cook, 69th
Regt on fatigue duty, working
in the trenches near Stewart Co.
Le Witt and St Albans. He had
dinner with us. Weather cloudy.

Thurs 5:

Worked the same in the eve-
ning, weather too bad to work in
afternoon, got a letter from R.
St Albans which was left at my
A. D. Walker's study table.

Fri: 6:

Did not work in forenoon

Feb 1863

Satur 7: 1863

Done a letter 6:35 worked
in afternoon. Weather very cloudy

Worked the same all day, 69th
Regt on fatigue working in trenches
near Stewart Co. Col
of 11 Regt was appointed. Got of 9
in place of Elliott resigned. Col
Kilgus appointed Staff Col.

Gen. A. S. Taylor & A. Wilson re-
sponded to orders in Co. G. 59th & 9th Regt.
I saw Capt. Sargent's coat. St Albans. He
was in a study of Lt. Corp. worked
my clothes in evening. Weather good.

Feb 15 63

Jan 8.

Made a letter to Clark, mentioning our bridge hospital made camp in the evening to see the horses; a soldier who was digging in hundreds with his pickaxe in camp, worked somewhat as you see with a stone. The

Nov 9.

Reported at the bridge in the morning, worked all day, got a letter & stamps from Mrs. Mason. Weather warm cloudy, rain part afternoon.

Feb 18 63

Jan 10.

Worked the same all day. First Engineer came through on the N. W. from Nashville to Stone river, bridge not build yet. Some Engineer reported being in the N. W. from Stone river. The work has not been done. Weather warm sunny.

March 11

Worked the same all day, train of cars through from Woodbury bringing over for our bridge. Weather warm

Feb 1863.

Mar 12.

Worked all mine all day
got a letter from my father
the low water stationary

Mar 13.

Worked the same as the day
to purchase bridge being
worked every the water
Weather good.

Feb 14

Worked the same all day
commenced raising the bridge
Weather rainy in afternoon

Feb 1863.

June 15?

Worked a little to my parents
and went to my father in the
morning; got a letter from G.

Although in afternoon and
went with Dad. Capt. Glen with
to have heard the horse was
discharged. Weather good.
How do.

Went to work on the bridge

again worked all day got a letter
from my parents and father;
wrote one to him. Weather rainy

June 15.

Worked in afternoon; Weather rainy
continued

Feb 1853

March 18

Went to the bridge in the morning and in the evening repaired in the morning because kept on grinding the drift of the bridge. I raised high low around by our staff - old of high low. I then saw how D. Mason's was worn. He said it was high. It and wash out to them. The river rising.

March 19

Worked on the bridge again. The old bridge was low & dinner with my girl's hair cutting. I then saw on W.H. Galt's land. By a old staff Mason's was good.

March 20

March 21

Was detached by 6 p.m. and went out carrying up of iron at 10 p.m. The water was high.

March 22

Went to work on the bridge and higher night on account of range finished my movement. The water rising.

March 23

Had to work all day. Worked great Washington's bridge. It was fixed to several such bridges.

March 24

Went to the bridge at 10 p.m.

Feb 1863.

Went off stopped in town
got the number of our Co
Officers from Capt Harris
Weather good.

Feb 24.

Worked on the bridge again
Dinner today served by
Capt Briggs gotten up and
handmade soap from oak
bark. Drove a skin
and packed 350 Weather good

Feb 25

Worked till noon, got the
letter, one from Father in Law
with \$150. one from B. Wood

Feb 1863.

one from J. Alburgh wrote
letter one to Father in Law with
\$100. Weather very rainy.

Feb 26

Worked on the bridge all day
Bought 500 lb iron, paid 19. Weather
good. work like S.

Feb 27

Did not work, I looked around
and read Macaska History today.

Feb 28

Worked on the bridge all day
from today, I have the horse killed
killed for meat, I got the meat for my
self \$3.75 of 19 cents
I have 12 of \$3.75. Bought 100 lbs of
Lard \$1.75. I want 100 lbs of
Lard \$1.75.

March 1853

Jan 4

My eye is getting better every day, and I have been to the doctor, and he has given me some medicine for my eye. He says I must keep it open.

March 2

Got word in the morning that the weather is good, and I shall go out today.

March 3

Went to the laundry today, and I have been to the doctor, and he has given me some medicine for my eye. He says I must keep it open.

March 1853

March 4

Was at the doctor's office today, and he has given me some medicine for my eye. He says I must keep it open.

March 5

Went to the laundry today, and I have been to the doctor, and he has given me some medicine for my eye. He says I must keep it open.

March 6

Went to the laundry today, and I have been to the doctor, and he has given me some medicine for my eye. He says I must keep it open.

March 12.
 Finished the review of yesterday
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 Having a dull
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 fact that the book took down
 of a historical work.

March 14.
 Decided from study again
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March 1865.

Wed. 18.

Ordered and by Co. left camp of 11 by order of West Point worked in considerable camp looking up houses. Weather worked

Thurs 19.

Co. in my charge again, and worked the same finished the

house and returned to left again

Thurs 20. could not see and

thought after from 11 o'clock

went in at daylight, measured it

at night, it had piled 7 ft

to garden shown nearby.

Weather good.

March 1865.

Fri 20.

Was driven by Co. and went on camp ground, Mr. Lewis explained at Henderson Ry. fight of charges between Johnston's Brigade and rebel cavalry, who worked. Weather steady.

Sat 21.

Showered my clothes in the morning

showered my clothes in afternoon

light in front of tents from the

top of an iron kettle and saw several

rebels separated and looking for

Weather steady.

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