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Dear Sue,

Sorry I took so long  
in getting this Civil War  
diary of Bob's Great Grand  
father. I hope it's  
some help in your researches.

We enjoyed the SAR  
State meeting in Huntsville.

Sincerely,

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# 1<sup>th</sup> PENNSYLVANIA CAVALRY

OTIS GIBSON GEROULD

(1830 - 1918)

Otis Gibson Gerould was one of four children born to Ephraim Bennett Gerould who in turn was one of nine children born to Jabez Gerould.\* Otis married Mary C. Seamon in 1855 (she died in 1909) who bore him seven children, the first three before the Civil War began. Otis, the second-born, went to Alaska during the gold rush. His last known address was a small native village near Nome. Adah, third-born, died of "Black Diphtheria" at the age of 6 while her father was away at war. The first-born, Putnam, and the four children who were born after the war all remained within a radius of 100 miles of the family homestead in the small, north-central town of Covington, Pennsylvania.

The sixth child, Christiana, was the mother of Gerouldine Becker and the grandmother of Robert E. Becker who now possesses the small diary which Otis Gibson Gerould kept during 1862. A literal copy of the diary, as exact as it was possible to make, accompanies this exhibit. Jamie Ann Becker is the daughter of Robert E. Becker and the great-great-granddaughter of Otis Gibson Gerould. Otis was wounded in the back during the latter days of the war and had to sleep in a chair rather than a bed during the remainder of his life.

\* Otis' grandfather, Jabez Gerould (1748-1802), served in the Revolutionary War. According to official War Archives records of the State of Massachusetts, "Jabez Gerould appears with the rank of private in Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Joseph Sergeant's company, Col. Sparhawk's regiment, which marched in the alarm of April 19, 1775, from (town not given, probably Frinton) to Cambridge. Served seven days. Appears with rank of drummer in the muster roll of Capt. John Jones' company, Col. Doolittle's regiment, dated Aug. 27, 1775 and served three months and twelve days. Appears with rank of private in company return of Capt. Jones' company, Col. Doolittle's regiment, dated Winter Hill, Oct. 6, 1775."

Note that April 19, 1775 is the day that the Minutemen battled the British troops at Lexington green and Concord, the "shot heard 'round the world" which signaled the start of the Revolutionary War.



- Wed, January 1, 1862 Camp Crittenden came here on Christmas  
weather today warm and fine
- Thurs, 2 the weather this morning is the same as yesterday in the  
afternoon colder with sleet and rain
- Fri, 3 Still cold with continued rain and hail afternoon still  
growing cold flurries of snow
- Sat, January 4 Still cold with a little snow last night afternoon  
clear and cool
- Sun, Jan 5 Still cool 4th cav regt left for Ky this morn. Destination  
not known they were under sealed orders this afternoon sunshine  
and shower
- Thu Jan 16, 1862 weather mild with some rain appointed by Maj Given  
Commissary Sergeant 3<sup>rd</sup>/<sub>II</sub> Batn. 7<sup>th</sup>/<sub>II</sub> Regt
- Thurs, Jan 23, 1862 this morning froze to hold up a horse very rough in  
camp in the afternoon muddy again this evening cold and freezing
- Fri, 24, 1862 Froze so that it would bear a man up in the afternoon  
thawed so that it is muddy again no drill getting some more horses  
from Louisville going to shoe them tomorrow.
- Sat. January 25, 1862 Nice pleasant day with chilly air J. Jones had his  
head shaved Led before that reg<sup>t</sup>/<sub>II</sub> formed by companies at their  
quarters then turned out of camp.
- Sun. 26 the reg<sup>t</sup>/<sub>II</sub> left camp Crittenden for Bardstown Ky took up the  
line of march at 9 AM a nice springlike day and went through  
a fine farming country.



Mon. 27 commenced Snowing 2 inches in the morning warm and rainy during the day. lay today at camp Sword Jefferson county Ky some thunder and lightning in the eve

Tues, Jan 28, 1862 left camp Sword with fine weather mached 19 m<sup>s</sup> and camped at 4 Pm in camp (Note: blank) drove up at three Oclock with water running through our tent hevy rain

(No notations from Wed. Jan. 29 through Sat. Feb. 8, 1862)

Sunday, February 9, 1862 Stormy rain hail and snow not overly cold but very unpleasant and disagreeable getting about

Monday 10 Froze considerable hard this morn Sun shine this afternoon warm. but cold air dose (?) thaw in the Shade

Tuesday 11 froze very hard horses can walk on the hubs instead of in the mud afternoon warm and no sign of frost. this eve very pleasant

Wednesday, February 12, 1862 cool this morning but came off nice and pleasant in the afternoon like Spring all out on drill tent all to myself

Thursday 13 verry warm pleaslant weather inspection this morning this afternoon moved about 1/2 mile on to another ridge got our tents up and moved in just dark

Friday 14 commenced Snowing about ten last eve this morn 3 in Snow on the ground cold air with warm Sunshine but didnt throw any (obliterated)



Saturday, February 15, 1862 this is a capital fine day great many  
in their Shirt Sleeves a co<sup>m</sup> artillery camped about a mile  
north of us two of their men here

Sunday 16 more mild snow thawing fast artil<sup>y</sup> left about sunrise  
they left as suddenly as they came quite a stir among the  
Soldiers in this section.

Monday 17 growing warmer Snow all left today more of astir on the  
road with Troop than usual long train of baggage wagons passed  
today towards Bardstown

Tuesday, February 18, 1862 Still growing warm and it is quite pleasant  
Troop still moving about

Wednesday 19 verry pleasant and getting quite good getting about  
See the Smoke from the camp of 3 regt<sup>s</sup> In north East of us  
1/2 mile distant

Thursday 20 this is another of our wet days commsed to rain in the  
night and was wet all day but one reg<sup>t</sup> poking around in the wet

Friday, February 21, 1862 Still cold with warm sun but did not thaw  
this morn there is an artil<sup>y</sup> camp in sight come up mush room  
fashion they are nearly south of us

Saturday 22 more moderate lowr<sup>y</sup> in morn began to rain 10 a m  
rained hard till 5 PM troops around cel<sup>s</sup> G.W<sup>s</sup> Birthday  
(George Washington) boom boom all sides.

Sunday 23 this has been the finest and warmest day of the season  
today there has been quite a Stir among the troops there has  
four regt<sup>s</sup> passed towards Bardstown today



Monday February 24, 1862 verry warm and pleasant there was 11 regt<sup>s</sup>  
 passed towards Louisville and 3 Batteries artillery Bot a valise  
 at Bardstown paid \$5.00 first time out

Tuesday 25 one more nice day reg<sup>t1</sup><sub>11</sub> Officers went to Bardstown for  
 inspection 10<sup>th</sup><sub>11</sub> Indiana passed towards Bardstown on their way  
 to Louisville destination Neworleans

Wednesday 26 verry fine day Stirring times in camp preparing to move  
 as report says to Munfordsville a great deal of Speculation in  
 regard to our destination

Thursday, February 27, 1862 Revalee a 1/2 past five in motion and on  
 the road at 11 passed 2 cav regt<sup>s</sup><sub>11</sub> 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup><sub>11</sub> ky and 28<sup>th</sup><sub>11</sub> In ky  
 mch<sup>d</sup> through N Haven 1 1/2 M f<sup>m</sup><sub>11</sub> Bardst<sup>n</sup><sub>11</sub> 2 m<sup>s</sup> to Camp Bucl (?)

Friday 28 Splendid Day laid over to muster in for Pay camp 1/2 mile  
 from Lincolns Birth Place camp on creek (Blank)co. one of the  
 clearest best streams on the March

Saturday, March 1 Started 8 1/2 O clock in a storm of hail Snow and rain  
 froze as it fell marched 17 miles through a wild country  
 bad road for a Pike

Sunday, March 2, 1862 Burried a soldier at 8 1/2 O clock Started at 9 1/2  
 left the pike and marched 2 1/2 miles to Hammondville horrible  
 roads rain all day

Monday 3 no Storm but cold in the morn pleasant afternoon marched  
 back on cross road to pike Made 7 miles and hard days work



Tuesday 4 verry cold marched mud road and horribly bad made new roads and pried wagons out of mud at all times of day came to camp at Munfordsville at 3 O clock

Wednesday, March 5, 1862 verry cold laid in camp all day Some of the rear teams not in till 3 PM camp on the outskirts of Town the Town is more of a paper Town than otherwise

Thursday 6 verry cold Snow laid on the ground all day in the full blaze of the Sun makes one think of Pa to see the hills white with Snow

Friday 7 more mild snow all gone with prospects of cold night Some talk of moveing next week considerable speculation about our destination

Saturday, March 8, 1862 Shem (blank) Lamb Died between 4 and 5 am at Hospital in Munfordville buried this afternoon Cap Essington is to Telegraph immediately to His (Lambs) Brother

Sunday 9 light warm Shower this morn the afternoon verry warm and Pleas and was out this afternoon to look at the country a little every available Spot of Ground has ben a camp

Monday 10 in Town today nothing to brag of learned a 4 Pm that we start for Bowling Green tommorrow morn verry busy making preparations go in conv<sup>y</sup> with the Ohio 3<sup>rd</sup> cav

Tuesday, March 11, 1862 Splendid Day Started in column a 9 am. Marched 17 m<sup>s</sup> Camped at 8 Pm I was out all night with the teams and some of them 7 miles out of camp went over Mamoth cave

Wednesday 12 balance of teams came up at noon left camp 2, oclock Pm



made a fine March of 13 miles camped again on the pike and  
 camped 18 miles from B Green

Thursday 13 Started 5 1/2 0 clock am rained hard Shower clear  
 again after arrived at B<sup>g</sup> Green 12:15<sup>m</sup> X <sup>d</sup>/<sub>11</sub> Pontoon Bridge  
 Went into camp (Blank) 3 Pm good farming land and fine country  
 both Bridges are still down

Friday, March 14, 1862 drew Provisions and left camp 1/2 past 2 Pm  
 marched 10 m<sup>s</sup> camped in a church verry rainy night men or  
 horses were neither unloaded for the night

Saturday 15 left the camp church before light passed through Emmetville  
 and Franklin marched 18 miles 6 miles mud road horribly bad  
 camped 1 mile in tennasee at Mitchelville

Sunday 16 left camp 8 am marched 20 miles good road but rough country  
 passed Tyree Springs a great Summer resort in this Section  
 Went down the mountain one of the crookedest roads I ever Saw  
 camped 5 0 clock Pm

Monday, March 17, 1862 left camp 7 am marched 8 miles and camped in  
 camp Johnson at 11 1/2 am fine location for a camp and a good  
 section for agricultural purposes.

Tuesday 18 called up at midnight and left camp at two am came to the  
 river before day and were not all ferried over till 11 am  
 camped in camp Worth 1 Pm co. a cap Jenna at Springfield  
 took cap Low prisoner



Wednesday 19 fine day Some 19000 troops passed our camp today on their way down farther into Dixey their destination is Supposed to be Alabama all in high Spirits at advansing

Thursday, March 20, 1862 weather hazy and cool road still filled with Troops advansing verry stirring times with troops nowadays

Friday 21 weather Still cool Struck tents and moved 3/4 of a mile S. West off from the pike better camp but not so much to be seen

Saturday 22 quite cool with flurries of Snow flying cleared out Streets and camp looks verry respectable tip top water and everything pleasant

Sunday, March 23, 1862 Flurries of Snow Inspection and general review by Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Negley. Troops Still advansing South Drew our Pistols yesterday (this may refer to pistol referred to on cover)

Monday 24 weather more mild nothing in camp worthy of note except the departure of the first Ba<sup>t</sup> gone 20 miles South to Franklin

Tuesday 25 weather very much like Spring 6 Pm orders for the 6<sup>th</sup> Squadron to move immediately Order countermanded but are to move in the morning

Wednesday, March 26, 1862 up all last night issuing Provisions 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Starts 5<sup>th</sup> Sq<sup>n</sup> to Murphesburg the 6<sup>th</sup> for Lebanon in command of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Umteby.

Thursday 27 Started 7 1/2 am marched 15 miles to Lebanon arrived at noon and quartered ourSelves in cedar camp in Town.

Friday 28 Fine weather find ourSelves Atatched to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ky Infantry and commensed duty today as Scouts and Pickets.



Saturday, March 29, 1862 continued good weather and we are all well pleased with our new Associates they are very Sociable and accomodating

Sunday 30 very warm took a ride 8  $\frac{m}{h}$ <sup>s</sup> in the country and found quite a good deal of the union feeling took dinner with M<sup>r</sup><sub>II</sub> Green

Monday 31 nothing unusuall Still keep Scouting have caught some of Rebels and have administered the Oath they jenerally take it cheerfully

Tuesday, April 1, 1862 verry fine weather nothing worthy of note transpiring had a very pleasant game of ball the co<sup>1</sup><sub>II</sub> Lieut co<sup>1</sup><sub>II</sub> etcetera participating fine time

Wednesday 2 Scouts Secured a carriage and harness that was taken from Bowling Green, by the Rebbels when they Evacuated that place

Thuraday 3 Scouts out today brought in one Rebbel who was home on a furlo the last that came transgressed and brought in some geese

Friday, April 4, 1862 the Scouts that disobeyed orders yesterday were today dealt with the Adutant being ordered away

Saturday 5 clowdy but warm the Adutant left today to as perorder to co<sup>1</sup><sub>II</sub> Wykoop this leaves the Sixth Squadron without any coms<sup>d</sup><sub>II</sub> Staff Officer

Sunday 6 verry warm heard of ten Rebbs at 12 m Scouts started at once returned without any booty it proved to be a false alarm

Monday, April 7, 1862 court was to Set today but they will not hold it under the Stars and Stripes consequently they have none



Tuesday 8 yesterday c<sup>ol</sup>/<sub>||</sub> Hundy and Lieut/<sub>||</sub> Co<sup>1</sup>/<sub>||</sub> Jackson delivered

Speeches at the courthouse telling the people in this comm-

Wednesday 9 unity they have nothing to fear that they are here to protect and not destroy their property or deprive them of any of their constitutional rights

Thursday, April 10, 1862 fine warm weather the people seem to have more confidence in US Boys they begin to open their Stores and Shops for trade

Friday 11 Still capturing Sesesh and administering the Oath

Some take it verry cheerfully while others are quite reluctant

Saturday 12 Yesterday I went to Nashv<sup>le</sup>/<sub>||</sub> returned this eve and visited the Tomb of the Ole Hero Gen<sup>1</sup>/<sub>||</sub> Jackson it is very plain all made of Stone that were taken from His own farm by Himself

Sunday, April 13, 1862 verry warm ben busy issuing rations Scouts out 16 miles from here have found alarge quantity of weat and flour intended for the C S Government

Monday 14 6 teams in last night with wheat and flour from said Mill

All the teams have gone today to bring in SeSesh Wheat and flour

Tuesday 15 have had a wet Spell quite backward here planting all done but corn and that jenerally is large enough to work at this time in the Season

Wednesday, April 16, 1862 paymaster arrived last night paid 23<sup>rd</sup>/<sub>||</sub> Ky. In. today teams in last night heavy loaded Say there is 100 bbls flour and 5000 bush wheat



Thursday 17 verry ram this morn we the 6th Sq<sup>n</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Po cav recd  
two months pay up to 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>n</sub> March

Friday 18 Some rain today quite a large escort with the paymaster  
back to Nashville yesterday back to camp 4 0 clock Pm

Saturday, April 19, 1862 verry wet and cold feals like Snow this puts  
back late corn planting which makes it verry late for this section

Sunday 20 Still wet and cold no inspection today no stirring more  
than is absolutely necessary one of the dulest days in camp

Monday 21 begins to fair up Sun Shines a little but the air is verry  
chilly yet our captain came to camp today first time Since  
we left camp Wood

(no notations for April 22 and 23 but filled in with entry of  
January 25, 1863 -- see later)

Thursday 24 cloudy with some rain orders to move in the morning to  
Murfreeseboro on the way to corinth our cap is out on a Scout  
with 18 men

Friday, April 25, 1862 Still cloudy with a drsling rain Started  
at 8 am marched 16 miles Captain came into camp last night  
1 am with 8 cap<sup>td</sup>/<sub>n</sub> horses

Saturday 26 Started this morn 6 1/2 0 clock arrived at Murfreeseboro  
12 1/2 Pm pitched tents in camp Parkhurst 3 Pm by the side of the  
bal of our Bat<sup>n</sup>/<sub>n</sub>

Sunday 27 23 Ky In camped on another road less than 1/2 mile from us.  
Staid over-night and moved to a new camp 1/2 farther off but Still  
in sight of us



Monday, April 28, 1862 verry fine weather the offi<sup>r</sup> of the Bat<sup>n</sup>

Presented Maj. Ja<sup>b</sup> (?) Given with a very fine Sword. He in  
return gave them a Supper

Tuesday 29 weather Still fine nothing of importance Stirring here  
all verry quiate busy times here with the planters putting in  
cotton

Wednesday 30 today Mustered for pay for 2 months Maj Given Mustering  
officer Bill Campbell came to camp yesterday from the hospital  
at Louisville

Thursday, May 1, 1862 this month comes in as fine as it seems possible  
for weather to be it seemes more like the middle of June than  
the first of May

Friday 2 Some talk of our being disbanded verry soon. Rumoured of the  
combined attack of corinth Richmond Memphis York Town and New Orleans

Saturday 3 two regt/„ In and one com of cavelry out after Morgan  
it is said He is 18 miles from here atwartrace We are ordered to  
be ready to move at a moments notice

Sunday, May 4, 1862 Morgan camped 7 miles west of here last night  
tore up the R Road track towards Nashville about 1000 cavelry  
after him part 1<sup>st</sup>„ and 4th Ky and Penna 7<sup>th</sup>„

Monday 5 800 of them campe up with „o<sup>n</sup> at daylight at Lebanon Ten they  
made a charge on them killing quite a number and taking 160 prisoners

Tuesday 6 Started this morn 6 1/2 Oclock arrived at Murfreesboro  
12 1/2 Pm pitched tents in camp Parkhurst 3 Pm by the side of the  
bal (probably balance) Bat<sup>n</sup>



Wednesday, May 7, 1862 returned to camp with the prisoners horses and arms 200 horses and mules prisoners sent to Nashville with Morgans Brother and 5 others capt<sup>d</sup><sub>||</sub> yesterday

Thursday 8 laid in camp until evening when there was a night Scout Started co<sup>1</sup><sub>||</sub> Duffield prot<sup>ed</sup><sub>||</sub> to the command of all forses in Ky.

Friday 9 rumors of armed rebbels in different directions Scouts out continually but do not do much except catch horses that have ben in the rebbel Servis Some Splendid ones

Saturday, May 10, 1862 rumor of fighting at wartrace 23<sup>rd</sup><sub>||</sub> Ky and 1<sup>st</sup><sub>||</sub> Ky cav left for there last night at 30clock and Co<sup>1</sup><sub>||</sub> Wykoop returned to Nashville at the same time

Sunday 11 at noon there was word that Morgan had taken two train cars between Bowling Green and Nashville our Battalion in command of captain

Monday 12 McCormick Started after him with orders to follow as long as they could hear of Him they join part of the Pa 9<sup>th</sup><sub>||</sub> on the Cumberland river it is thought they will have a long chase

Tuesday, May 13, 1862 15 of the leading men in town arrested and sent to Nashville for Safe keeping they refusing to take the oath Morgan Swears he will rescue his men at all hasards

Wednesday 14 perhaps He will but our boys think He will have a happy time of it without He behaves better than He did when at Lebanon.

Thursday 15 reced word that our men have joined Maj. Jordon (?) of the 9<sup>th</sup><sub>||</sub> Pa and have heard of Morgan and are to give Him chase in the Morning



Friday, May 16, 1862 not much going on in camp Still Scouting

pick up some rebbels and escort them in to town to pay a visit  
to the provost Marshal

Saturday 17 He administers the Oath gives them a pass and lets

them go this is wrong for they are back and forth and keep the  
rebbels posted. All wrong

Sunday 18 Our men just came in from chaseing Morgan they run Him hard

but He made his escape they followed Him to the reggel lines on  
his way to Chatanooga

Monday, May 19, 1862 the boys are pretty well tired they have had a

long hard chase and nearly bootless this they lay to the Major in  
command as they were

Tuesday 20 at one time within 1/2 an hour of Morgan and nothing would do

but they must go 7 or 8 miles knowingly out of the way just beca-

Wednesday 21 use the major had heard there was a few armed men there

when they arrived there was none to be found and it was so late that  
they had to lay over till the next morning and

Thursday, May 22, 1862 by this time Morgan was out of their reach again

this exasperated both Officers and Men and some even said they believed

Friday 23 He Maj Jorden was afraid to overtake Him at least He lost the

confidence of several captains that were with Him the Boys say that  
at one town

Saturday 24 they passed through Morgan and His men were Served like Lords

but when they arrived there there was nothing to be had and they were  
treated in such



Sunday, May 25, 1862 a manner that the captains were in favor of chastising the inhabitants by burning the town but the Maj would not allow

Monday 26 them to touch a thing even to the feeding a horse a little corn. in which they were in great need of and there was plenty of it there. and if they

Tuesday 27 could have had their own way they at least would have fed their horses and themselves to pay for what the rebels had this is the course

Wednesday, May 28, 1862 the people take here they give anything they have to help these bands destroy their beautiful country but when we come

Thursday 29 around to protect them and their property they have nothing joeres and insults for us and so it bids fair to be as long as they are treated

Friday 30 with kindness. It seemes as though there must be more stringent means used to bring them to understand our motives and to realize that it is best to return to their

Saturday, May 31, 1862 duty to their country and so enhance their own Interests and advance the cause of humanity it is strange how wilfully blind they are

Sunday, June 1 Since the return from the Morgan chase we have ben as busy as could be scouting and

Monday 2 patrolling day and night as it were there has been a great many brought in but all that would take the Oath have been left



at liberty to go and come as

Tuesday, June 3, 1862 they please and some of the men that help capture our boys have frequently ben in camp and some have even ate there and told the Boys of

Wednesday 4 it and they knew each other at sight they come in and are fed. we go out and are taken if they can do it. this is our compensation for kindness

Thursday 5 captain Unthak Ky 4<sup>th</sup> cav Started for McMinnville with 79 men 14 Tenn boys the balance Ky<sup>s</sup> and our own boys from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bat<sup>n</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Pa cav

Friday, June 6, 1862 cap Essington Started to look up some fat cattle said to be the other side of Liberty. He had thirty five men. to return by way of reedyville

Saturday 7 cap Unthank and party surprised and captured about sunrise while at breakfast at reedyville with 3 killed 10 only came to camp

Sunday 8 a great deal of conjecture in regard to the fate of Unthank and party great fear of cap Essington falling in with the same party it is reported at 600 men by those that made their escape and came in

Monday, June 9, 1862 cap Essington, all came to camp yesterday at 6 Pm Unthanks Men this afternoon on their parolls all but cap Gray a Tenne<sup>n</sup> fate unknown

Tuesday 10 very busy getting ready to Start with Gen<sup>l</sup> Dumont for East Tenn. all are to take 6 days rations and forage all are to go that can ride



Wednesday 11 Gen<sup>1</sup><sub>II</sub> Dumont Started for the Mountains and East Tenn by way of McMinnville it is supposed to make a junction with Negly and Mitchel

Thursday, June 12, 1862 a courier left for Dumont's command with disp<sup>S</sup><sub>II</sub> last night not heard from since very warm Mercury at 94°

Friday 13 nothing new in camp all quiet there being nothing to create an excitement so warm all are as Still as possible M 95°

Saturday 14 the 9th Mich. In. returned to camp they have ben with Negly right from Chatanooga Shelled the town but could not cross the river to get possession

Sunday, June 15, 1862 courier in from Dumont they are at McMinnville just heard of Starnes and Starting in pursuit as the courier left, Mer<sup>V</sup><sub>II</sub> 102°

Monday 16 verry warm and dry the mercury stood in the Shade at 12.M. at 105° with a fair breeze some indications of rain this eve

Tuesday 17 courier came in from Gen<sup>1</sup><sub>II</sub> Dumont He is at McMinnville waiting for Mitchels Divi<sup>n</sup><sub>II</sub> when He arrives they will make a decent on Chatanooga

Wednesday June 18, 1862 Still hot and dry Gen<sup>1</sup><sub>II</sub> Dumont and guard came in to camp 4 PM. the Gen<sup>1</sup><sub>II</sub> is quite unwell

Thursday 19 the balance of the force returned during the night. all agree that it is the roughest county they ever Saw. near Pikeville

Friday 20 Moved over near the Hospital N 1. it is in the colledge building. camp is north and west of it on the Liberty Pike



Saturday June 21, 1862 cleaning and fixing up our camp which is in a most Splendid grove but far to level for wet weather. it is still.  
Parkhurst

Sunday 22 Still warm with occasional flitting clouds air more brasing. and not So Sultry Some indications of rain

Monday 23 more indications of rain cool nice breezes with occasional rumbling of thunder in the Nor west. but far off

Tuesday, June 24, 1862 morn cloudy verry airy commenced raining 11.0.Clk verry heavy thunder rain purd down in torrents  
4 com<sup>s</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Min. In. 15 inches water in their tents

Wednesday 25 morn Showery. Infantry draining their camp. afternoon fair with occasional sprinkle of rain evening quite fair and warm

Thursday 26 Still Showry at 12<sup>m</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Min Struck tents and moved to Nashville Pike. North of west from here distance near 2 miles  
(here for the time between June 27, '62 through July 12, 1862, he had filled the blank spaces with 1863 notations from 1863 which we see later)

Sunday, July 13, 1862 Fight at Murfreesboro commenced 1/2 past 3 AM. our loss 25 killed and 3 wounded. reibels report 63 killed with a great many wounded

Monday 14 I started on my first Bout on Saturday night 12 O clock. heard the cannonading yesterday arrived in Nashville 2 Oclock AM nothing to eat from 5 Pm Saturday till 8 AM Monday neither our horses

Tuesday, July 15, 1862 formed in line of battle at break of day and marched into town at 4 AM Soon went back to camp great excitement for fear of Nashville being attacked.



Wednesday 16 troops arriving great deal of talk of the rebels being in great force in this vicinity and are bound to retake Nashville if tried will be hot time

Thursday 17 less talk of an attack. ben busy getting clothes and issuing to the Boys that are of our bat<sup>n</sup> which is less than 60 in parolled and all start in the morning at daylight

Friday, July 18, 1862 Started for Lebanon 300 of our regt and the 4<sup>th</sup> Ky arrived 2 Pm. administered the oath to 35 that we picked up on the way left this eve

Saturday 19 Started for Murfreesboro 11 Pm last night arrived 9 am. this morning found the town occupied by Gen<sup>l</sup> Nelson the citizens look down in the mouth .

Sunday 20 we are in company with the 2<sup>nd</sup> bat<sup>n</sup> and the Same of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ky on our old ground and it is a perfect picture of desolation all burned and destroyed by the rebbels.

Monday, July 21, 1862 Still in camp but our boys are very busy scouting we have more troops comeing in every day draw provisions for Six days are to Start at daylight

Tuesday 22 at 9 am. 7 regt<sup>s</sup> In. 3 batter<sup>s</sup> Artillery and 1200 cav Start for Nashville lay overnight 10 miles from there we lay in column as we moved

Wednesday 23. heard of the rebbels in another direction passed where they fed last night about 3 Pm. Came to Lebanon Pike found a Brigade ahead of us We returned to Murfreesboro at sunst



- Thursday, July 24, 1862 laid in camp all day preparing for a move in the Morning the Brigade that went towards Lebanon returned to Blacks X roads
- Friday 25 Started 6 am from Blacks X roads met the Brigade on their way to town. 8 PM returned and lay in line of Battle in a woods 1/4 m of town
- Saturday 26 9 am. returned to X roads returned to town 7 Pm 1 1/2 m<sup>s</sup> from Town were fired into by our own Piquets and then ordered back to X roads arrived 2 am. and verry tired
- Sunday, July 27, 1862 Sunday lay at crossroads verry quiet for there was nothing to wake us up except the heat and the (this ?) tended to make us Stupid. heat extreme
- Monday 28 Still at X roads 2 Pm ordered back to Town. X roads occupied by a portion of the 5 Ky cav. co<sup>1</sup> Haggerty arrived as we left
- Tuesday 29 3 Am. left town by the Woodbury Pike 9 Am. arrived at reedyville 3 regts In. a battery and our cav. camped for the night. under comd of Gen<sup>1</sup> Manson
- Wednesday, July 30, 1862 lay at reedyville rain in the afternoon and during the night all quiet but Still verry warm weather
- Thursday 31 rain for part of the day afternoon clear and hot rumors of an attack at day break orders for all to be in order for Battle at 3 A!



Friday, August 1 verry warm Gen Nelson arrived 9 1/2 Am. from Murfreesboro. and all moved on and camped at Woodbury at 4 PM. on our way to Mcminville

Saturday, August 2, 1862 3 am Started for and reached Mcminville the cav 2 PM: the last of the train not in till after dark our men fired on our loss none 2 rebs killed

Sunday 3 verry warm and quite Strange all hands are in camp doing nothing but piqueting and forageing most quiet Sunday I have seen for a long time

Monday 4 cav in advance for Sparta 4 miles from there the cav had a Skirmish in which the rebs report 30 killed our loss one man taken prisoner. In. and train camped at cany (Caney) forks of rock rivver

Tuesday, August 5, 1862 heavy rain last night Started at Daybreak all up the Mountain when Gen<sup>l</sup> Nelson recd a dispatch and immediately gave orders for a counter march

Wednesday 6 last night the rear of the train left cany forks at dark camped at 2 am. 4 1/2 miles from Mcminville Started at sunrise and came into town 11 am.

Thursday 7 lay quiet the balance of yesterday had a reinforcement of 4000 cav. 3 am the Sq<sup>n</sup> of 4th Ky and our cav started for MurfreesBoro extremely hot marching old settrs say the last 3 days were the hottest they ever saw

Friday, August 8, 1862 came into camp 1 oclock last night and have laid still at our old quarters. the co<sup>l</sup> has gone to Nashville for the teams and tents etc



Saturday 9 Still verry warm and clear Overhead a briggade left here  
for liberty yesterday morning rumors of an attack in the morning

Sunday 10 Wotfords cav arrived 1000 in number. quite a large forc  
came by rail goodeal of a stir among the citizens rumor: has it  
we shall be attacked Shure in the morn

Monday, August 11, 1862 Daylight found us in line of battle but were not  
molested all quiet during the day rumor has died a natural death  
once more

Tuesday 12 Colnel returned from Nashville, teams started yesterday  
but turned back on act of rumor of Rebs along the road. came in 1  
oclock last night

Wednesday 13 Started 6 am. for McMinnville camped at Woodbury making  
a march of 19 m<sup>s</sup><sub>||</sub> in company with a heavy Division train and some  
artilery and Infantry

Thursday, August 14, 1862 in motion at day break Marched 15 m<sup>s</sup><sub>||</sub> and  
camped for the day at 1 Pm lay over to rest the In. which are  
worn out heat extreme

Friday 15 4 am. once more on the road reach McMinnville a little  
before 8 am. distance of 7 m<sup>s</sup><sub>||</sub> lay in camp preparing for a  
move in the morn

Saturday 16 4 am we start with 6 heavy and 3 light teams for Liberty  
to join Gen<sup>l</sup><sub>||</sub> Johnson with the 2<sup>nd</sup><sub>||</sub> indiana and 5<sup>th</sup><sub>||</sub> Ky all cav.  
arrived at dusk. Liberty is Strong Union



Sunday, August 17, 1862 4 am. the whole force in motion for the Mountains leave the column on ac<sup>t</sup><sub>||</sub> of the roads the cav camp at Smutville the train on Sunday Island 2 ms Short

Monday 18 at daybreak fix the road and leave the river one of the most beautiful streams I ever Saw. leave Smutville with the column 11 am

Tuesday 19 camped last night 3 Ms from cooksville. this morning turned back towards carthage 7 Ms from there we leave the cav with teams and the train starts for Liberty camp at Gordonsville at Parson Bowens

Wednesday, August 20, 1862 at Sunrise the train under command of Lieu<sup>t</sup><sub>||</sub> Harlan Start for Smithville by way of new Middleton Alexandria and Liberty camped 7 Pm.

Thursday 21 camped near 23<sup>rd</sup><sub>||</sub> Ky last night captured 3000 lbs bacon and two waggons and arrived with them in McMinnville at dusk

Friday 22 in our ole camp on the bamen branch of cottino river I am in camp making some preperation for a move forage very scarce in this section

Saturday, August 23, 1862 have not yet heard from our boys know nothing of them Since we parted on the 19<sup>th</sup><sub>||</sub> Some talk of our leaving for Murfreesboro Skirmish at Somerville today

Sunday 24 teams began to leave their camp 11 last night all leaving today 9 am we have orders with our teams for Manchester get off from town

Monday 25 near night after waiting for someof our teams that wer



out forageing when they came in 4 of them without orders went  
to Murfreesboro the balance came in here to Manchester 2 Pm.  
one reg<sup>t</sup> here the 18<sup>th</sup> Ohio

Tuesday, August 26, 1862 verry warm we moved across the R.R. to town  
this afternoon forage Scarce and Soldiers on 1/2 rations on ac<sup>t</sup>  
of transportation from Liberty

Wednesday 27 1/2 past 6 am. 5. co<sup>s</sup> In. left by R.R. for (blank)  
guards between here and McMinnville Stationed at different points  
along the road

Thursday 28 left for Murfreesboro with our waggons Sixty of 128 in all  
More citizens at home along the road than I have seen before for  
Some time nearly all look as though they would like to have our  
heads

Friday, August 29, 1862 lay at Murfreesboro with the 1<sup>st</sup> bat<sup>n</sup> first time  
I have seen it since we left Nville in the Spring well and in  
good Spirits

Saturday 30 our little Squad of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Bat<sup>n</sup> at 12 Oclock night  
Started for Nville to the command arrived at 12,M Co<sup>1</sup> in  
Town Sick

Sunday 31 in camp 1 mile nearly west from town Mustered for pay for  
this and last mt<sup>h</sup> this makes 4 mt<sup>hs</sup> pay now due mustered by  
capt<sup>n</sup> Hibbler He being in com<sup>d</sup>

Monday, September 1, 1862 drew and issued rations we are now on 1/2  
rations the boys think it rather light feed as they are prohibited  
from forageing



Tuesday 2 moved 1/2 mile N West. the object to have this camp for a convalescent camp 1000 just arrived from Louisville

Wednesday 3 busy fixing up tents and arranging our comisary department recd some clothing the remnants of the com<sup>y</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> bat<sup>n</sup> are arrangeing as a company for their own convenience they number now in camp 37 men

Thursday, September 4, 1862 issueing clotheing and fixing up some things for 1<sup>st</sup> bat<sup>n</sup> at Murfreesboro. Troops are concentrating at this point talk of going to Kentucky

Friday 5 this is just now a verry time here with troops they are comeing into this place verry fast and rumor has it they are all comeing

Saturday 6 that are in the state it looks much like it now is about filled up here with them and they are beginning to cross the river on the R Road Bridge

Sunday, September 7, 1862 troops arriving hourly day and night and others leaveing. the same rumor has it they are going to Bowling Green

Monday 8 great activity among the troops 18000 it is said has crossed the river today Some say for Bowling Green others to Cincinnati

Tuesday 9 troops arriving from South and west of here. there has been an issue of provisions here for 80000 in a day Strong talk of this Nashville being evacuated

Wednesday, September 10, 1862 movement Still keeps up moveing back and forth. Some in and others out of town Still keep moveing over the river. cloudy



Thursday 11 the troops across the river are mostly between here and Galliliten (?) heavy rain this afternoon first in a long time the talk of Evacuating this place at present is over

Friday 12 cloudy with a little rain forage trains for 2 or 3 days have been disturbed by citizens passing themselves for Southern Soldiers. they think we are forageing too much for their benefit

Saturday, September 13, 1862 cooler than before the rain moved back to the East of the convalescent camp. our camp still goes by the name curtain

Sunday 14 I was not able to leave camp for church today but was highly pleased to hear the bells at different hours in the day, weather fine

Monday 15 great Stir in town caused by a citizen killing two soldiers Members of the Illanois Regt. In. vol. the house where they were killed was burned by the soldiers

Tuesday, September 16, 1862 all quiet in town today fortifying Still going on we have two verry fine forts here one on colleage hill the other on cloud hill

Wednesday 17 two men missing out of com<sup>v</sup> C. either Deserted or taken while on Piquet the had escorted a flag of truce outside our lines

Thursday 18 two men in co. L missing went out with a forage train in the waggons and have not returned the same were out with the 2 missing from com<sup>v</sup> C. something misterious about it

Friday, September 19, 1862 Eleven waggons with thirty guards went out on Franklin pike forageing under com<sup>d</sup> of Lieut Garrett co. H.



on their return. 9 m<sup>s</sup> from here the teams were all captured

Saturday 20 on. Harding pike forage train was attacked but the Rebs were repulsed with a small loss to them none to us

Sunday 21 verry quiet cal day church bells ring as clear as though all was harmony the world over

Monday, September 22, 1862 verry quiet around here except the Musick which we have in abundance it is nearly all Marshal Musick very few bands none in servis

Tuesday 23 our men are very hard rode patrolling now for a few days have a party day and night patrolling the Town

Wednesday 24 and some of them have ben on for 48 hours for want of Men to relieve them. and the same on Piquet this is wearing them down very fast

Thursday, September 25, 1862 rumor of two forage trains being attacked but no loss. driving ahead on the Fortifications fast as possible

Friday 26 last night called up at 10 Oclock. reported large force of rebs just outside our Piquets on harding pike all hoax

Saturday 27 all calm and nice as a bright may morn and the church bells are ringing a merry peal as if in harmony with the cerenety of the day

Sunday, September 28, 1862 no alterations of late except the rumors of the rebbels being about Keep our Boys more busy Scouting

Monday 29 Scouting and Patrolling is our main business this with escorting forage trains is all that we can attend to



Tuesday 30 flags of truce are getting to be quite common as they all call for the Surrender of the city (Nashville) there is but little notice taken of them

Wednesday, October 1, 1862 Fortifying is Still progressing but Forageing is the main thing nowadays trains frequently fired upon but jenerally

Thursday 2 little or no damage done to us but we frequently bring in Some of the butternuts as they are frequently called from their Uniform

Friday 3 Forageing gones on finely first rate Success. we go with two or more regt<sup>S</sup><sub>II</sub> of In. from 2 to 4 pieces arti<sup>1</sup><sub>II</sub> besides cavelry our trains are frequently attacked but with no loss

Saturday, October 4, 1862 Started 5 am. out forageing 2 regt<sup>S</sup><sub>II</sub> In 2 pieces ar<sup>t</sup><sub>II</sub> and 60 cav with over a hundred waggons came with all loaded with

Sunday 5 forage of different kinds the In Boys brought in a great amount of Poultry. and a little drove of beeves they got among Gen<sup>1</sup><sub>II</sub> Hardings deer and had use for their guns

Monday 6 4 1/2 am. Started across the river with 264 Waggons guard about the same as Saturday went 11 m<sup>S</sup><sub>II</sub> all came back loaded. and brought a goodly number of cattle and Sheep

Tuesday, October 7, 1862 Had a Skirmish at Lavergne with some troops just arrived there. completely routed them killing 60. to 70. and taking near 300 pri<sup>S</sup><sub>II</sub> our loss 7 or 8



- Wednesday 8 I was not there but when our troop came in they brought a large train of waggons well loaded with camp and commissary Stores. loss in our reg<sup>t</sup> 1 killed 1 wounded
- Thursday 9 4 am. crossed river foraging train 405 waggons 9 mt (?) on Bowling Green Pike returned with waggons loaded So many camped there that it was dog work but we loaded and returned before night.
- Friday, October 10, 1862 warm and lowr/<sup>s</sup> this morn 12<sup>m</sup> commenced to rain and turned cold night cold flag of truce came in for Surrender of city by 9 am. tomorrow
- Saturday 11 Still raining and cold 9 am another flag asking for the surrender of the city and giving till 9 am. tomorrow, warmer this eve
- Sunday 12 All quiet no Stir but church going bells are ringing as usual to judge by the ringing all places of worship are occupied
- Monday, October 13, 1862 the flag of truce on Saturday instead of asking for a Surrender was to negotiate an exchange of Prisoners
- Tuesday 14 cold nights and mornings foraging goes on usual large quantities of forage and cattle are brought in on each expedition
- Wednesday 15 nothing of importance on foot we moved our camp again yesterday also 78 Pa, In. 51<sup>st</sup> and 74 and 69. Ohio In<sup>ty</sup> moved we are camped by the side of 78th Pa.
- Thursday, October 16, 1862 considerable excitement from a rumor that we are to be attacked in the morning the rebs are said to be within 6 miles of here
- Friday 17 it has been rumored that a party run inside our lines last night. did not know where they were till daylight they left without a Shot fired



Saturday 18 orders came to camp last night to be ready to move at a moments warning as it was expected we would be attacked in the morn if not sooner. heavy patrolls out all night

Sunday, October 19, 1862 most a lovely day but our reg<sup>t</sup> is kept exceeding busy Some of our men are on duty from 48 to 72 hours lay one day then on again

Monday 20 Forage train ordered out at 3.am. 8 am. had a Skirmish with 1200 reb<sup>s</sup> took their co<sup>l</sup> and 4.men. our loss 1 killed of the 78<sup>th</sup> Pa enemy scattered 1<sup>st</sup> Tenn. US run at once

Tuesday 21 Yesterday morn we had the first frost of the Season it looked natural to see my old acquaintance at this Season but it pinches the natives

Wednesday, October 22, 1862 train ordered out last night 8 Pm. returned 3 Pm. today it caused a great excitement their going out at night Sunny but cold air to day

Thursday 23 all quiet to day nothing afoot no attack yet as was apprehended by many last night warm and pleasant but damp air

Friday 24 out after wood warm and very dusty but the air feals and it looks as though there was a storm brewing another heavy frost last night or this morn

Saturday, October 25, 1862 weather changed cold and hazy commenced to rain at one Oclock after drisly misty. 8 Pm. Sleet and hail freasing as it falls



Sunday 26 this morn the ground is covered with 2 inches of Snow.

look.Pa.like old residents say they never saw the like in October

Monday 27 Snow all gone heavy frost this morn. train started at 3 am.  
on Franklin Pike 3.Pm. returned our waggons heavily loaded  
with corn in sack put up for the rebs use. with some wheat and  
a platform Scales

Tuesday, October 28, 1862 clear and heavy frost forage train out at  
3.am. on Hardin pike out 14 miles. returned 4.Pm. warm and  
verry Smoky this afternoon

Wednesday 29 verry hard frost and clear morning keen and bracing air  
rumor of haveing to move soon probably to Murfreesboro or in  
that direction

Thursday 30 frost not as cold as yeaterday forage train out at  
3.Am. again warm day train not in little after dark all  
unloaded at Post Comisary some there till midnight and after

Friday, October 31, 1862 cold and heavy frost today is muster day for  
pay again all went of quiet the co<sup>1</sup>/<sub>7</sub> praised the Boys  
their arms were in good order

Saturday, November 1 moved again today 3/4 mile South on Frnklin Pike  
Same distance from fort Negly on coud hill pleasant camp in a  
locust grove

Sunday 2 Some frost with very chilly air all quiet except the church  
bells and church goers Yesterday I was poorly with diarhea  
tending to my business today



Monday, November 3, 1862 hard frost cold air that creates a verry unpleasant Sensation more of Something else than cold warm and very Snokey this afternoon

Tuesday 4 light frost. Soon warm and very Smoky. Ordered to have 2 days rations cooked and be in readiness at a moments notice Smokes dense it makes ones eyes Smart

Wednesday 5 Skirmishing commenced 1.am cannonading at 5.am. 2.PM all quiet our last guns not answered. our regt<sup>S</sup> loss one taken Prisoner the whole 1 killed 4 wounded. the rebs cociderable heavyer

Thursday, November 6, 1862 expected the attack to be renewed but all quiet a part of Rosencrans division arrived this afternoon Still crossing the river this Evening

Friday 7 all quiet with weather verry cold a rumor that Gen<sup>1</sup> Crittenden has retaken Murfreesboro and 4000 prisoners. wrote a letter to my wife today

Saturday 8 Still cold a large train of waggons Sent to Mitchelville yesterday for provisions there is where the cars now run to Some recruits arrived for the 78<sup>th</sup> Pa. Co<sup>1</sup> Sirwell

Sunday, November 9, 1862 verry cold raw air our teams Started for Mitchelville for provisions some of the previus train returning this eve expect soon to move forward

Monday 10 pleasant and warm first rain all in draw full rations for the first since Aug and the first coffee and Sugar since 15<sup>th</sup> Sept/ it looks like liveing again



Tuesday 11 all quiet in camp and about in this section the city is getting pretty well filled up with Strangers the pattrolls have plenty to do

Wednesday, November 12, 1862 cool with light frost Sun soon warmed up the air the latter part of the day warm and verry smoky

Thursday 13 Chas/,, Brant Sjt<sup>t</sup> Maj. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bat<sup>n</sup> in from Louisville br<sup>t</sup> a letter from g Hartman. first I have heard from the Boy from C

Friday 14 answered Hartmans letter but not seen Brant Since, if I cant see Him again I shall send to Hartman by mail directed to covington

Saturday, November 15, 1862 Brant left without ry seeing Him Sorry as I wanted to send word to Miles Lee at Louisville. cold raw air

Sunday 16 warm and sultry with light Showers after rain Lieut Bechtel rec<sup>d</sup> His papers of resignation approved at Head qt<sup>ES</sup> Starts for home tomorrow

Monday 17 Lieut Bechtel left city for home this morn Sent box by him to Ira Patchen covington I have been verry hoarse for four days. Much better now

Tuesday, November 18, 1862 Nothing Special to disturb our equanimity here in camp we have a rumor that the first bat<sup>n</sup> are soon to be here

Wednesday 19 co<sup>1</sup> Wynkoop left for home this morning He takes with Him the remains of His Son, He was killed at Gallatin, Aug

Thursday 20 Cap<sup>tn</sup> Hibler in command of our camp in absence of the co<sup>1</sup> Some of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bat<sup>n</sup> in our camp, all have arrived in Town



Friday, November 21, 1862 Some of our 3<sup>rd</sup> <sup>1</sup>/<sub>11</sub> Bat<sup>1</sup>/<sub>11</sub> Parolled Boys came to us to day they say others are on their way from Louisville bringing horses heard Parson Brownlow and Maynard his (word?) com<sup>1</sup>/<sub>11</sub>

Saturday 22 rec<sup>1</sup>/<sub>11</sub> and issued some clothing more wanted as Some of the Boys are quite destitute. 5 regt<sup>s</sup>/<sub>11</sub> In. and 15, pei<sup>s</sup>/<sub>11</sub> art<sup>y</sup>/<sub>11</sub> left for Murfreesboro

Sunday 23 heavy frost this morn verry warm day cannonading yesterday direction of Murfreesboro report today there was fighting and the rebs drove towards chattanooga

Monday, November 24, 1862 frost this morn cold wind all day Some of the Murfreesboro Prisoners returned and also some recruits in all 16 for co L

Tuesday 25 heavy frost not as cold and raw as yesterday Miles Lee made His appearance here in camp Scott this afternoon

Wednesday 26 very frosty this morning. quite cold wind. fine Sunny day, appears like Indian Summer at home out of the wind. fires for four nights in Succession

Thursday, November 27, 1862 our cap<sup>1</sup>/<sub>11</sub> had His Returned Prisoners and recruits out drilling this.am. policing and fixing of their quarters this PM

Friday 28 cool air and hazy overhead Sun wades deep look like Snow if at home I should expect a snow storm sure from the indications

Saturday 29 much the same as yesterday but more hazy and windy Some Scouting and Some rumors of a rebel force at Nolensville Said to be fortifying themselves there



Sunday, November 30, 1862 verry raw wind all day and cloudy the Sun seldom to be seen Stronger indications of a Storm verry quiet here just now

Monday, December 1 verry heavy rain last night. for about 2 hours it was one continuous flash.and roar of thunder rain came down in torrents

Tuesday 2 Major (blank) came to our camp this afternoon and paid the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Batn<sup>s</sup> all but the orricers and non commissioned Staff

Wednesday, December 3, 1862 moved and consolidated the Reg<sup>t</sup> are in camp Rosecrans oposite Mt<sup>t</sup> Olivet cemetery on Lebanon Pike 2 m<sup>s</sup> from Nashville

Thursday 4 first Bat<sup>n</sup> paid yesterday I was in Town for my pay this evening but did not receive any Shall not till after next muster

Friday 5 verry quiet in camp All but co<sup>s</sup> A and L they are full of Whiskey and fight. all among themselves however. getting verry cold again

Saturday, December 6, 1862 commenced.3am. to Storm. Sort of hail at daylight began to Snow it Snowed Steady till noon two inches Snow on ground

Sunday 7 verry cold last night Cold air all day Snow about half gone tended meeting in 1<sup>st</sup> Ky cav went 5 rods from our tent

Monday 8 issued rations to reg<sup>t</sup> and carbines to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Batn<sup>s</sup>. Smiths Pa<sup>t</sup> brk off. best in use.. not new had them of 4<sup>th</sup> Mich cav. they have colts revolving 5 Shooter rifle. good gun.but too long and heavy for cav.



Tuesday, December 9, 1862 receiving and issuing more carbines and clothing rumor that our men are to start at 12 O'clock tonight with 3 days rations

Wednesday 10 Wolfords 1<sup>st</sup> Ky cav col<sup>m</sup> left 9 am. wagons train not till dark it is supposed they have gone to Gallatin. 77<sup>th</sup> Pa. gone towards Town

Thursday 11 two nights past not able to lay down till 1 O'clock and then not permitted to sleep. Our men left camp at daylight with 3 days rations not known which way they have gone 9 Pm Shooting on Murfreesboro pike

Friday, December 12, 1862 warm and pleasant roads verry dusty men returned at dark have ben to Nolensville and Franklin. had a Skirmish at Franklin

Saturday 13 nothing Special today the teams and men out forageing talk of moving again tomorrow

Sunday 14 the regt out for review, at 10 1/2 O'clock ordered out on Lebanon pike Suposed for a fight. turned out to be a false alarm expect to move in the morning

Monday, December 15 out a forageing again teams and men all out began to rain at 11 O'clock balance of the day rainy

Tuesday 16 rained till, 3 am. and cleared off cold wind harsh and raw all day forage teams out till after dark

Wednesday 17 Heard from home by way of W<sup>m</sup> Campbell. Small Pox in covington Still cold and froze verry hard last night cold air with bright sun all day



Thursday, December 18, 1862 forage train out across the river not in till late and not near allloaded Still cold but getting warmer

Friday 19 quite warm and pleasant verry comfortable in Shirt Sleeves forage train not in till 11.Pm but well loaded

Saturday 20 forageing piqueting etc the order nowadays men nearly all on the go constantly forage one day Piquet next

Sunday, December 21, 1862 cannonading at Lavergne last night at 6 Oclock our troops advanced, and were fired on by the rebs. We took 60 Prisoners

Monday 22 I went forageing on HillsBoro Pike in camp at dusk with waggons all well loaded no Rebs in Sight to day

Tuesday 23 all in camp and everything quiet till sunset rec<sup>d</sup> orders for men to Start at daylight 3 days rations haversacks and 5 on wagons had to draw and issue after dark

Wednesday, December 24, 1862 Order countermanded it is verry warm and pleasant like Spring Orders Same as last night. a move will Soon be made

Thursday 25 Order again changed and turned to forageing rebs attacked us we lost 12 men and 2 teams 3 wounded, rebs loss I have not heard

Friday 26 Orders Same as last night at time to Start all were to go. we are now on the way to Murfreesboro 2 m<sup>s</sup> this side Lavergne had to fight our way. rainy all day our reg<sup>t</sup> had 3 wounded

Saturday, December 27, 1862 another rainy day teams-in camp till 3 1/2 Pm. Shelled the rebs back then moved on 4 1/2 miles past Lavergne camped. 9 Pm. cleared up. rainbow just sundown



Sunday 28 very fine pleasant day rebs in Sight of our advance all day rumored reinforcement of 3000 reb<sup>s</sup><sub>n</sub> last night heavy fighting anticipated to get Murfreesboro

Monday 29 the ball opened anew Some heavy canonading rebs drove within 5 miles of Murfreesboro. we went into camp near our advance about 10 O'clock PM

Tuesday, December 30, 1862 the rebs make a stand this Side the river on the ground where they fell to last night. fight not heavy today. prepareing for tomorrow.

Wednesday 31 fight on the right most severe Mccook drove back on to Rosecrans. by the fault of Johnson the Johnson of Gallatin notoriety rebs went through His lines on the extreme right and Mccook had to fall back or be flanked the fight raged with great furor in our camp we had to Skedaddle with our teams. went five miles to the rear. for the day

Thursday, Jan 1, 1863 weather mild with bracing air fell back with the teams 2 1/2 miles across Stewarts creek lay in park till 1 O'clock Pm. Started for Nashville by order of q.m. at Lavergne the train was attacked by Wheelers band all of our waggons captured and burned with all the Regt Books and stores and most of the clothing of the men our Regt lost 23 waggons all we had along the batternuts made quite a stand with about 3000 cav. 3 pieces ar. one of which they captured of our troops. they the rebs were not driven off at dark the roads were jamed full



of stragglers from Johnsons Divn that were repulsed and driven back yesterday morn on our right they could not be brought to a stand or nearly all the train could have been saved. but run like sheep

Friday Jan 2nd 1863 this has been the great day of the battle here.

in the morn there was but little done. there was a little artil practice on the right and centre about 3 Oclock P.M. Commenced the hardest fight of the war in the west. the ----- drawn on into an enfilading (?) fire of 30 pieces of art~~y~~ and 3 divisions of g<sup>n</sup> (?) and in 1 1/4 hours from 4 to 5000 of the enemy were slain our Grape and canister mowed them down in heaps when the rebs gave way it caused a great panick in their army the rout became general and they were driven from the field the fireing did not entirely cease till after midnight the night skirmishing was mainly on the right at Lavergne yesterday our lost was five killed. 7 wounded. rebs lost 35 killed. and many more wounded number not known

Saturday 3rd rainy this morn just daylight our canon opened upon and shelled the field of carnage yesterday and the surrounding country but recd no reply during the day there was some skirmishing with musketry at dark there was another storm of shell sent them by way of Roses (?) compliments but still elicited no response it is rumored they are evacuating Murfreesboro. the carnage of yesterday was awful to behold



Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Cleared up and a very fine day as last Sunday We are laying still far as fighting is concerned but our Brigade moved about 2 miles across to Wilsons pike and camped at the cross roads known as Willsons cross roads this is ground that has been occupied by the reb cav during the fight it is rumored our troops are now in Murfreesboro

Monday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1863 Sun rose clear and bright and soon the Brigade were on the way to Murfreesboro our rout lay through the Battlefield of Wednesday and sickening and heartrending the scene that we were compelled to witness the dead were still laying unburied I counted the corpses of 78 of our brave soldiers as I passed along the road I could not ascertain the number interred of either side there were but few of the regs still there for they removed all they could in the two days they held the ground and striped many of our dead of all but their shirts we arrived at Murfreesboro without further casualties and moved through the town on the Manchester road the last of the rebs left on this road at 5, Oclck this morn our advance came upon them 2 miles from town the town. the 4th Reg<sup>t</sup> cav. were in the advance of our Regt rear guard they were soon ordered up to support the reg<sup>t</sup> after driving the rebs 2 1/2 miles they were bro<sup>t</sup> to a sudden stop by having grape and canister forced into them at close quarters but soon our ar<sup>t</sup> and In<sup>v</sup> coming up we opened on them with shell and our reg<sup>t</sup> were ordered to the front on the left and one com<sup>v</sup> dismounted as skirmishers our reg<sup>t</sup> ran onto the rebs consealed in a cornfield after some very hot skirmishing and a sharp fight the rebs were driven back their loss not known loss on our side. In 3 killed 8 wounded



cav loss 1 wounded in our Reg<sup>t</sup> Sargant Kingsley of Co. C.  
 shot in the arm and entered the side coming out under the opposite  
 shoulder blade

Tuesday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1863 Changed our camp a little nearer town. it has been  
 cool and rainy today. I have been around but little but everything  
 indicates the rebs leaveing in great haste for in many of their  
 camps their tents are still standing clothes knapsacks are in heaps  
 and scattering are strewn over the ground evidently for want of  
 time to remove them.

Wednesday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1863 Cleared off but rather cool troop rather quiet  
 cav Scouting but little but every day bring in more or less Prisoners  
 Some of them not knowing their army had left till they were picked up by  
 our forces and wanted to know when we got possession of the place

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> our three wagons that were left at Nashville with our tents Stores  
 etc arrived yesterday in camp 2 m. has recd and issued some clothing  
 and blankets today have to send to Nashville for the balance

Sunday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1863 Friday was cloudy all day and the night rainy the Brigade  
 after dark recd orders to be ready to march in 30 minutes with two days  
 rations they were not in camp so we had to go to town for them and issue  
 to the men when they reported there for orders we did not break up camp  
 the men it is supposed were sent after a party that burned some cars at  
 Syrma it is verry warm since the rain Friday night it is more like  
 May than winter. I have not yet seen any official report of the casualtie  
 here it is generally thought our loss in killed, wounded, and missing is  
 5000 to 6000 while the rebs is near twice that the estimate of their loss  
 is obtained mostly from their wounded and Prisoners. Murfreesboro is  
 nearly filled with wounded Soldiers



Monday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1863 this has been a verry warm springlike day so warm that the flies are about outdoors our men have not yet returned. it is rumored they have captured about 400 butternuts since leaveing camp. there is this eve an order to be ready to move with two days rations. some think we are to move to Lavergne to the Reg<sup>t</sup> which rumor says is there

Wednesday Jan<sup>y</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> no change since Monday except the wind commenced last night to blow a perfect gale 12 m today it began to rain rained constantly and hard till I went to bed

Tuesday Jan<sup>ny</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> the rain of above did not abate till next night 4 PM it was then so cold it turned to hail and began to freeze in the morn the ground was hard and 1 1/2 inches snow on it for winters dress it was very cold all day friday. Saturday it was more mild and thawed some in the Sun which shone pleasant all day. Sunday it was warm and Spring like so warm that I sat in the tent and wrote with comfort in my shirt sleeves Monday Still warm with rain this eve the regt returned that is Monday evening. today it has again cleared up and is Still warm it has not frozen any since last Saturday morning

Friday 23 still verry warm the reg<sup>t</sup> out on Shelbyville pike last night returned bringing two gray back rumor in camp that co<sup>v</sup> is captured they were on piquet on Bradyville pike. false alarm in regard to their being captured 24<sup>th</sup> co<sup>v</sup> all right

Sunday Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1863 cold and blustery very quiet in camp nothing worthy of note till Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> (except that the weather is very



changeable cold and Stormy Sunshine and rain then Springlike alternately) when all the available men in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/<sub>II</sub> Bat<sup>n</sup> went as an escort to a Spply train

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> this morn all the men in camp Started on a Scout with 3 days rations destination not known

Sunday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> today the 4 horse ambulance returned to camp bringing 2 of Co A in that were wounded in making a Sabre (charge?) David Price orderly sjt wounded in the face not dangerous the other a Private wound in the chest doubtful of His recovery. the rebs Soon run leaveing quite a number of dead and wounded behind them and lost about a hundred taken Prisoners and a large lot of horses mules and wagons etc

Monday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863 cold and disagreeable the escort in from Nville this evening

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> heard from the Scouting party. by way of macrumon (?). She says they have sent about 300 Prsn<sup>s</sup> to N.ville and they have recd reinforcements from there and six days provisions. they were still in the vicinity of Rover where they commenced operations about 18 miles.SW. of here

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1863 nothing worthy of note has ocured since above date the weather is still changeable recd an order for an escort to go to N.ville. Start at dailight they are to have 3 days rations and I must go into Town and draw them tonight yet. dark now



Monday 9<sup>th</sup> the Escort were off in due season but I were kept up most of the night. I am told they took a large number of Prisoners with them the weather today stormy and cold

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> the weather some showery but comfortably warm. it is rumored that the S<sup>c</sup>outing party that left camp on 31<sup>st</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> are at Fort Donaldson. the cav. are under command of co<sup>l</sup> Minty.  
com<sup>dr</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Brg

Wednesday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1863 today is verry warm and Springlike there is nothing new in camp today all verry quiet there is reb deserters making their way inside our lines and giving themselves up some of them actually taking the oath of their own accord thus bidding farewe to the rebel army and cause forever reffuges are also daily making their way to us. Some of them joining some of our Regts I saw 6 of them that came in yesterday and enlisted today they are about our camp with part of U.S. clothing on the balance will soon be supplied them. Reffugees and deserters say the Southern army before us. is a goodeal scattered and badly demoralised. many of them verry poorly and destitute of salt and most of them the conscips in particular are very anxious to have the war over with our own soldiers would be glad to have the war over and Peace once more established but it is eaqually true there is nothing that makes them more out of patience than to have to hear of valindigham and c. talking of peace in the way they do. if they want to die a natural Death it will not do for them to come to the army of the cumberland crying Peace. Peace. no never. they want to hear that first from Jeff and c



(This appears to be the last entry except for)

Memoranda

Memo of the inscription on the Tomb of  $M^rs$  Rachel Jackson Wife of President Jackson who Died the 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1828 Aged 61 years

Her face was fair Her Person pleaseing Her temper amiable and her heart Kind She delighted in relieving the wants of her fellow creatures and cultivated that Divine pleasure by the most liberal and unpretending methods: to the poor She was a benefactor to the rich an example; to the wretched a comforter to the prosperous an ornament. Her piety went hand in hand with her benevolence and she thanked her creator for being permitted to do good. A being s gentle and yet virtuous Slander might wound but could not dishonour; even Death when he tore Her from the armes of her Husband could but transport Her to the bosom of her (

the above written by the General in memory of the Deceased  
General Andrew Jackson Born March 15<sup>th</sup> 1767

Died June 8<sup>th</sup> 1845

the Above is all that is inscribed on the Slab that covers the Ole Heroes resting place. inscribed in accordance with His request

Memoranda

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1862 of clothing drawn by me (rest of paragraph almost obliterate by apparent erasure but ending) Started at 12 Oclock night before

one overcoat	1 forage cap	1 Reg <sup>l</sup> n Hat	
" pr pants	1 Stable Jacket and Tálma (?)		
4 " Drawers	3 pr Socks.	1 pr Gloves	
5 Shirts	1 copy Army regulations		
2 Dress Jackets	1 of OG. Text Book	1.50 (Otis Gerrold)	
1 double Blanket	1 Portfolio and paper	1.75	4 qrs
	22 prepaid Envelopes	.70	



Memoranda

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1862 of clothing Drawn by me at this date of Lieut H.B. Hooney  
in camp Campbell near Nashville Tenne

one pr. Pants	
2 Shirts	1 forage cap
1 Blouse	1 single blanket

Oct<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> rec. of Q. M.T. Rickets

one overcoat	1 Blouse. 1 cav Jacket
1 pr Boots	1 haversack and canteen these should have
2 " Drawers	been in the above list of Mooneys
1 cap cover	

Memoranda

Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1863 of clothing etc. lost with wagons at Lavergne on above date

1 Single U.S. blanket	2 1/2 quire paper
1 overcoat new	1 3/4 packs Envelops
1 pr. pants new	1 testament new 1 hymbook. the Psalmist
1 blouse new	1 bottle ink
4 Gov <sup>t</sup> Shirts white	7 plugs tobacco each 4/- (?)
1 Gum blanket new	besides many more little notions and
1 copy army Reg <sup>s</sup>	cups spoons etc.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1863 clothing drawn for myself since Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>

1 overcoat	2 pr Socks
1 single U S. blanket	1 haversack
1 pr Pants	1 blouse
2 pr drawers 2 shirts	

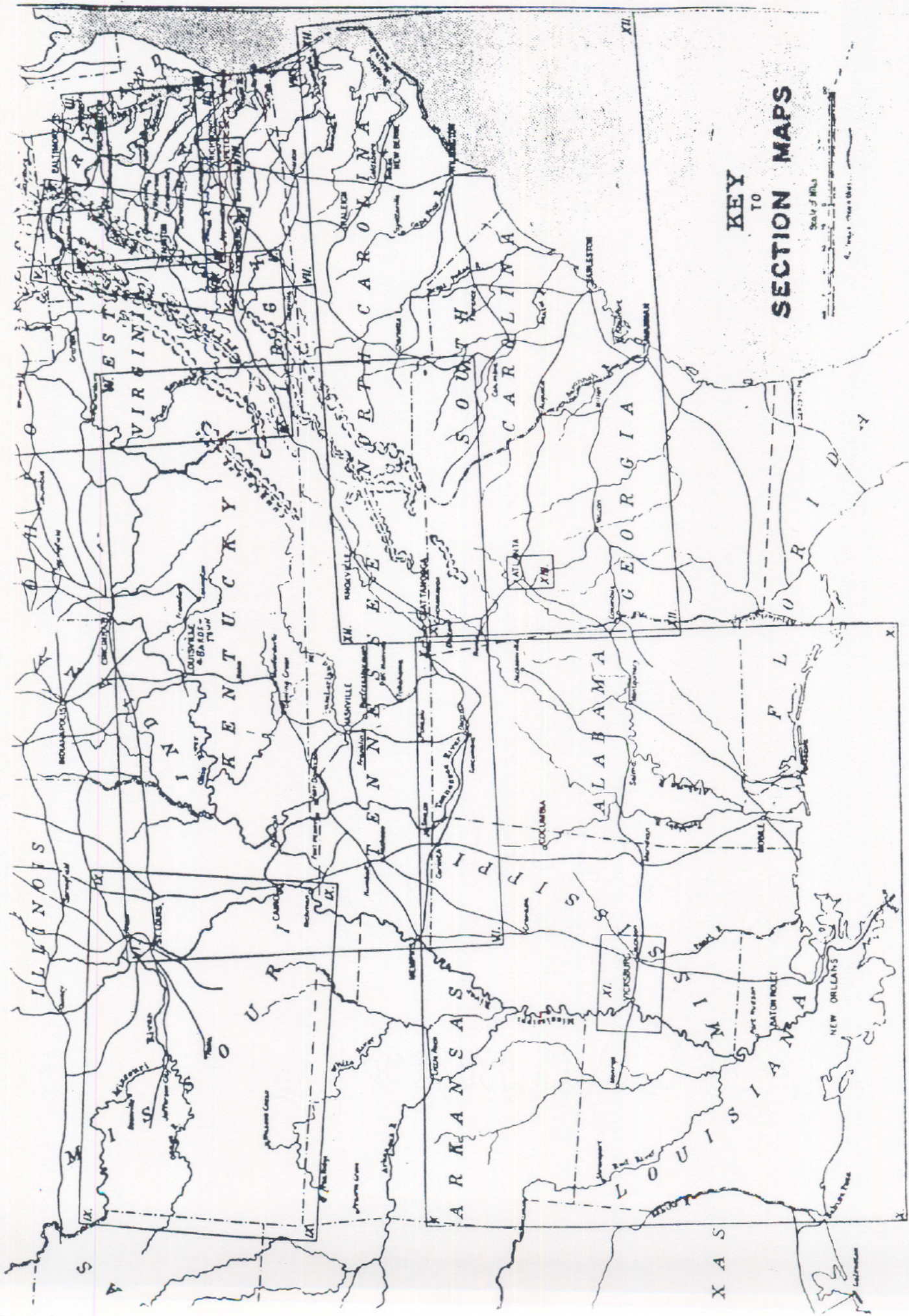
25<sup>th</sup> 1 Gum Blanket

February 11<sup>th</sup> 1863

One pr Boots
" " Socks at prev <sup>s</sup> date

28<sup>th</sup>  
one pair gray shirts  
" " pants





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