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as guns and keep a sharp lookout for the
 day a good deal of excitement during the night
 occasioned by the firing of guns in the Camp of
 12th Dec ordered to Salt River the Regt. ~~left~~ up
 the line of march at 10 Am Arr Co as near good
 nothing of note occurring to-day. Encamped in a
 large meadow 8 miles distant from F. I was
 unwell 9th broke camp early and marched to Salt
 River distance of 14 miles arrived and went into
 Camp about dark 10 Sunday we practiced shooting
 at a target while we remained here we
 had great excitement called out four times
 one night but each alarm proved false
 Camp guards firing at stumps &c handles the
 Williamson returned to Co bringing me several articles
 in his m. 15th left Salt River Arr. for Elizabethtown
 marched fifteen miles bivouacked for the night had
 a grand time getting straw. 16th left up the line of
 marched early arrived at E and went into Camp
 name of Camp "Haycraft" marched eight miles
 while here our Lt Col came to us ^{capt 24th Ohio Inf} ^{19th Feb}
 this is a beautiful and healthy Camp ^{19th Feb}
 Brigaded with the 19th Id and 37th Id. Col Turchin ^{19th Feb}
 Brigaded 18th Regt by Col Turchin. We remain
 here until Dec 18th Pay of Dec 5th \$15.60
 Dec. 18th leave Haycraft for Bacon Creek ^{19th Feb}
 Arr seven miles from Haycraft name of Camp. Stander

We remained here until the
marched to Bacon Crut. (Camp Jefferson)
where we remained until the 11th February 1862
here the 24th Ill was attached to our Brigade. We
now are the 8th Brigade (Purchase) (3rd) Division (Mitchell)
14th Army Corps Dept of Ohio. Feb 11th left camp
Jefferson marched to Green River distance eight miles
Left Lt. Skirvin in charge of sick also 13 men sick
at Jefferson; a few days previous to our arrival a
severe skirmish took place between the famous
Texas Rangers (Rebels) and the 32nd Ind Regt. The
Rangers were severely punished with a loss of
their Col and several others. Feb 12th Another lot
came to us bringing me several ~~articles~~ from home
we spent the day in clearing up our Camp near
(Madison) ~~the 12th~~ received marching order to right and
in seconds with baggage. Feb 13th broke camp early
destination Bowling Green marched twenty miles and
bivouacked found very cold and snowed very hard
to the discomfort of all. Will still along thinks it is
hard times. Feb 14th (Valentine's day) started out
under the snow early and passed on our journey
had a hard march. The Rebs skedaddled from B.G.
but burned the Bridge before they left however Capt
Xorris got up in time to send them a few val-
entines in the shape of 12 pd shells. today we marched
27 miles in six hours. Col Lincoln says will be
done if she dont go into B.G. to night. we get

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into Camp (Taylor) tents up and tolerably well fixed
through awful cold. When we hear the order
fall in we of course obey march 4 1/2 miles down
the river to cross. Our Regiment, being third in
the Brigade have to await our turn but build fires
out of rails get some hay out of a Barn and
lay down as we are very tired. My feet are un-
countable sore, we remain here until about 1 o'clock
when we are ordered across we cross and start
for B. G. arrive there at daylight but find no ribs
but the Depot burnt a large lot of commissaries
destroyed and a huge pile of Corn burning
I go with C C Hudson, Sam A Price tho Hudson to a
private house and get breakfast. We remained here
until the Feb 23^d while here at heard of the capture
of Fort Donelson. We remained with us while
remained here but went no farther. Feb 23^d started
for Nashville marched to Franklin 21 miles from B. G. Hudson
and myself got supper at private house. Feb 24th continued
our march today we marched miles and
Bivouacked. being short of Rations we killed many
hogs, sheep, & Cattle. Feb 25th marched arrived
opposite Nashville could not cross the river as
the Rebels had destroyed the Bridges 26th
crossed the River on the Steamer marched
through the city and three miles out on the

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Wingspread Pike and went in Camp ^{Jackson} Sept
Stems Street & Chicago / 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st nothing occurred
worthy of note. March 1st Sergt. Hoster received
in ranks for incompetency. Estlin appointed Sgt
and sent to this to ^{March 15th} Recruit. March 8th Company paid
up to February 29th \$26. March 18th started for Wingspread
marched 20 miles and bivouacked. March 19th marched
to Wingspread distance 20 miles it rained all day
boys very tired. March 20th moved into Camp
three miles south of M. on Maj Childers' former
Camp Van Buren. Nothing of importance occurred
during the rest of this month. Apr 5th started
for Shelbyville marched ²⁰ miles and bivouacked.
Apr 6th marched into S and went into Camp
Harrison. Shelbyville is a union town while at
this Camp I heard of the death of Mr Jenkins.
April 8th started for Huntsville marched ~~to Fayetteville~~
~~and bivouacked~~ miles and bivouacked April 9th marched
to Fayetteville miles and bivouacked for the night
heard good news. April 10th marched all day and
night came into Huntsville about 8 o'clock the morn-
ing of the 11th captured 200 prisoners 17 locomotives
many Cars and a large quantity of Ammunition.
Apr 12th Pte Kennedy died being the first man lost
from our Company. [April 13th started for Decatur
on the Cross arrived there in time to save the
bridge across the Tennessee 14th remained at "D"
15th started for Tusculum on the Cross went
15th Pte N. to Capt. ~~and~~ Clark to the S. A.]

30 miles where we found the Bridge Burnt dismantled
 and marched 15 miles bivouacked. remained here
 until the 22nd when we (Two Companies I & E.) went to
 Independence Landing, ^{5 miles} to guard provisions brought up the
 River by Transports. Escorted by a Gun Boat which
 captured a Rebel Boat. 24th started back to Decatur
 about five miles and bivouacked upon picket
 line an excitement prevailing owing to the report
 that the Rebs are coming in on us to-night.

continued our march the roads very muddy
 raining our squad of Cavalry was attacked
 Rebs but at the approach of the Infantry
 Rebs retreated we continued our march

to Courtland, making to-day 15 miles. 26th left
 Courtland at 9 am on the cars crossed the
 River at Decatur and went into Camp. 27th burned
 the Bridge across the Tennessee River. 28th left
 Decatur for Athens on the Cars arrived at Athens
 about sunset went into Camp in the Fair Ground

29th spent the day in fixing up Camp. 30th made
 a reconnaissance but found no enemy we marched
 to-day 23 miles. ^{under the Scott} The Enemy attacked our pickets
 at sunrise. when a Co was sent out to ascertain
 his strength. They reported two Regiments of Infantry
 and a section of Artillery. Our Colonel ordered a
 retreat and we retreated leaving all our Camp
 and Garrison Equipage behind as our horses
 were out-grazing and we were left with transports

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The true strength of the Enemy was one Regiment
of Cavalry and a Detachment of Artillery. We continued our
retreat until we met reinforcements and then we
we lost several wagons and several prisoners of Anderson
marched back four miles and bivouacked for the
night. To-day we marched about 19 miles. May 2^o we
returned to Athens rose up the town considerably
and then pursued the Enemy to Elk river a distance
of 24 miles but found no Enemy there however the
4^o VC overtook them and had a slight skirmish
but it did no good as they had escaped with
the teams and wagons. We returned down
and bivouacked. May 3^o arrived at Athens
11 AM. May 4^o Sgt Charles Stevens and Pvt F. A. Cline
taken prisoners by Morgan at Pulaski. May 7^o
moved our quarters to the S M Church. May 26^o
Pvt Seycy died at Huntsville Ala. May 30 left
Athens for Fayetteville marched 25 miles and
bivouacked for the night May 31^o arrived at
Fayetteville at 1 P M. We went into Camp and
into ^{our camp was again together} marched today 12 miles. June 2^o left Fayetteville
on an expedition against Orlanovga marched to
Salem a distance of 21 miles June 3^o marched
through Winchester and bivouacked near
Cowan. To-day we marched 20 miles June 4^o
crossed the Cumberland Mountains our advance
had a slight skirmish with the Rebel Cavalry
Today we marched 28 miles. June 5^o crossed
the Squashina River and marched to the

to Tullahoma distant from Elk River 15 miles
 25th at Tullahoma 26th went to Manchester on
 the Cars. 27th went back to Tullahoma
 28th Co on Picket: an attack, expected.
 August-30/1862 Cap Stems appointed Pro Em and the
 Co is Provost Guards on duty until the 8th
 8th march to Duck River distance 8 miles 9th
 march to Manchester distance 20 miles 10th Mr
 Adams came to the Reg 12 Lt Adams discharged and
 stays home with his father the 13th 15th Co on
 Picket Gen Hook's Brig and passes through
 19th Co on Picket-24 Sgt S A Pice discharged
 for disability 25 Company ordered 8 miles up
 the R R to guard a Bridge 26th Commenced
 a Stockade Col Forrest's Cavalry reported in vicinity
 27 Stockade completed Companies A & H attacked
 by Col Forrest 3 miles East of us. The Rebels were
 repulsed with a loss of 40 killed and wounded
 our loss 9 wounded 39th came back to Man-
 Chester 8 miles. ^{Sgt in P. Co appointed} September 2nd 1862 Gen M Cook's
 Division arrived here. 4th marched towards
 Murfreesboro our Reg being temporarily assigned
 to Gen Willicox's Brig 5th arrived in Camp
 3 miles south of Murfreesboro 6th Co on Picket
 west of Camp 7th marched 3 miles north west of
 M camped for the night 8th marched to Nashville
 arrived at 11 P M bivouaced on the Banks
 of Mill Creek 9th our Regiment assigned

The 19th Regt composed of 18th and 69 Ohio 15th Ill
 and 11 Mich TR Stanley Col 18th Ohio an
 went into camp in the south west part of
 the City 13th Co on picket, 13th Co escort a Horse
 Train on the Franklin Pike 16 Madison Circle appointed
 Capt vice R. M. promoted to Sgt 18th Co Escort a Horse
 Train twelve miles on Franklin pike & return
 20th Co on picket on HardingSt Pike 22nd The Regt goes
 with a supply Train on white creek pike under
 Col Miller Captain 30 Smoilles 27th Co on picket
 on the Granny White Pike October 4th Co on picket
 on the Charlotte Pike Oct-7 Company went with
 the Regiment on an Expedition against General Andersons
 Rebel Forces at Laverge, the Regt under command
 of Lt Col Egan, the Brigade under command of Col
 Miller, we travelled by the Nolensville Pike and arrived
~~at 8~~ 1 South of Laverge at daylight attacked the
 Enemy in the rear while Genl Farmer engaged them
 in front with one Regt of Infantry, Battery of Artillery
 and Stokes Cavalry 12th Tenn, fight lasted thirty minutes
 when the Rebels fled in confusion their Commissary stores
 and baggage fell into our hands together with 300
 prisoners 30 horses 5 RR Cars (which were burned) and a
 number of small arms. one 12 pd Rifle Gun and
 several stands of Colors Our loss in killed and
 wounded was 10 the Rebels lost 30 twenty of
 whom were killed. We returned at 2 PM on
 the 8th return first in the 18th Ohio

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Oct-20th Company on picket on the Sharvitts Pike,
" 22nd the Co went on an Expedition on the Nolensville pike
and returned on the Murfreesboro pike at Seven Andy
the Rest nothing of interest occurred only we
marched about thirty miles 23rd Co Escorts at
Horage Train on the Harding Pike 25 W F Thompson
private tried before a Regt Court-Martial for falling
out of ranks without leave on our retreat from Murfreesboro
on the 6th of Sept; and for deserting his Co when on a
march in pursuit of the Enemy on the 22nd September
Sentence 10 days imprisonment and fatigue duty also one
months pay stopped, 30th Sgt Hudson discharged for
disability and started for home. Nov 1st Sergt
G W Belmont promoted to 1st Sgt vice Hudson discharged
Capt Trussell " " Sergt " Clark promoted
Company on picket on Frank White Pike. Our
pickets were fired on during the night on Gallatin,
Franklin & Murfreesboro Pike 9th at 3 AM the 18th
was called out and stood at arms. The Pickets skirmished
until daylight when the Rebs commenced shelling them
from several points on the different Pikes. Our Artillery
responded from Ft Wesley at 4 AM firing was kept
up on both sides till 9 AM when a Brigade and
a Battery was thrown out on the Franklin and
Murfreesboro Pikes Gen Wesley on Franklin and
Gen Palmer on the Murfreesboro. They engaged the
Rebs on each pike some four miles from the city having
an artillery fight for an hour when the Rebs fell back

We captured 9 Prisoners and 50 Beef Cattle on 11th
Franklin Pike, 18th held in reserve all quiet at 7
Nov 26th Private of P Webster & Dalrymple and
Wm Webb volunteer in the 4th U.S. Cavalry and
were discharged from the Co. Genl Order No 3 Nov 31st
Genl Rosecrans Nov 30th Sergt - Y C Hudson died
at - Keokuk Iowa " 25th Sergt - Chas E Stivers
appointed and commissioned 2^d Lt. Dec 12th 1862
J C M Elroy 1st Lt - Detailed on Gen Court - Martial for
8th Div Dept the Cumberland Corps within provisions
to Sergeant w/c Hudson deceased Dec 10th The Regt
marched to ... Hamilton on the Franklin Pike
Dec 25th Lt Stivers detailed as Aid to Col Stanley and
29th Brigade - M Elroy returned to Co Dec 26th
The Regt marched to Holmsville rained the most
of the day. 27th marched to Stewards Creek on
the Murfreesboro Pike rained the most of the day
29th marched to Storm River our Brigade in
the advance skirmished with the enemy the
most of the way, 30 heavy skirmishing all day
lost 10 men from the Regt wounded, 31st The Battle
began (general) at 8 a.m. The Enemy drove the
right wing under Gen M Cook back with heavy
loss capturing 30 pieces of Artillery we lost from
the Regt - 162 men killed wounded and missing
from our Co killed Privates Thomas Long, W F Thompson
and Elias D Wolf wounded A Baringer, P J Hostley
& Hallman of Kullerton L. A. Pullins, wounded and

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Captured Corp Huggins, Privates 510 Angell, M Bosworth
G J Rice, Gorn S Willis. Captured E W Tucker

January 1st Corp Joseph Huggins promoted to Sergeant
we supported Skell's ^{Shult's} position during the forenoon
and 11 Cooks left in the "P M" for P Capt Stivers
mortally wounded while charging some ~~some~~ sharpshooters
part ~~part~~ ^{stayed} of woods on the bank of Stone River

at the right of the Battle Ground of today evening
for Wm Moore killed by a musket ball ~~early~~
in the engagement. The Enemy main General Brackets
attacked our forces under General Hancock at 3 PM

and drove him back across Stone River when our
Division was thrown forward and checked the enemy
and drove him back in great confusion

Capturing ~~three~~ pieces of artillery and a large
number of small arms. Jan 3rd but little fighting
occurred today. Jan 4th Capt Stivers died of his
wounds was buried on the field. The Enemy evacuated

Murfreesboro and we bury the dead and
care for the wounded move south of Murfreesboro
and go into camp on the Manchester Pike

Jan 14th Pri Milton Bosworth died of wounds
received at the Battle of Stone River Dec 31st 1862

February 2nd Co on Pickett 4th 9th Regt promoted to
Hospital Steward of the Company went with
the Regiment to exchange Genes 12th March
from Nashville 14 Co on Pickett 16th
Brigade inspector by Gen Negley & at Vicksburg

17th Co on picket 18th Inspection in C. Frontier by Brig. Insp. Private Henry Alexander discharged for disability 23rd
1st Sgt G W Clark received his commission as 1st Lt to rank as such for Jan 4th 162 Corp. Puffer pro to Sgt St. W. Gray received Captain's commission Lt Stevens reported to his Regiment was assigned to duty as aid to Col J R Stanley Comd 2nd Reg 2nd Div 14th Dec DC, March 1st Marched with the Reg to Bradyville and routed the Rebel Cavalry then captured 60 Prisoners, 2nd returned to Camp March 7. Privates David Jay and Jacob Alexander discharged for disability 10th The Regiment marched to Salem Tenn it remained at an Out-Post until the 14th 14th returned to Camp 20th Pri G W Angel died in Hospital at Murfreesboro of wounds received at the Battle of Stone River Dec 31st 162 Mth 26 Review of Regt Regtys Division