

24th Ohio

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The first day of January found us in the battle of Stone River. Which began on December Thirtieth 62nd, But we did not get into it until the 31st. Such a new Year eve may I never see again or such a new year although we were not actually engaged on that day we were in reserve where the shells flew pretty warm.

Friday Jan. 3rd. we were still in reserve but about 3 o'clock p.m. the Rebels made a charge in our direction driving Van Cleve's division over us and forcing us to fall back a piece but we finally rallied and in forty minutes the Rebels lost 3000 men and several pieces of artillery this was the last of our fighting but we lay in expectation of a renewal of it until the morning of Sunday the 4th. On Saturday the 3rd. we lay around in the mud and the rain!

Sunday the 4th. about 4 o'clock in the morning our Regiment was ordered to go out on a picket party and the Rebels were no where to be seen and when we were ordered to leave we waded the river about waist deep and came to the rear where we posted until the 7th. Then went back of town about 3 miles.

Monday the 5th. all quiet with us, firing beyond town. On Tuesday the 6th. rainy morning all quiet. Wed. 7th. we moved out east of town 3 miles. Thursday cool all quiet. Friday 8th. cold today we moved one mile nearer town. Saturday the 10th rainy morning today there were a number of promotions in the regiment and the post I made First Sergeant.

Sunday the 11th. was warm we cleaned up our camp. Monday the 12th. warm and clear went out with the company on hike. Tuesday 13th. was a fine day, Wed. the 14th. rained all quiet. Thursday the 15th. rainy the camp was under water, it snowed in the P. M.

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January and February

Friday January the 16th. 1863. Cold went on picket just at night. Saturday 17th. Warm got back camp at night. Sunday 18th. warm all quiet. Monday 19th. cloudy and cool. Tuesday the 20th. cloudy and cool went foraging very early. Wed. 21st. cool. Thursday 22nd. warm today I have written home for the first time since the 1st or the last 3 months. Friday 23rd. warm in the afternoon we marched to Beardsville and stayed for the night. On Saturday the 24th. Marched to Woodbury and had quite a skirmish and returned to Beardsville. Sunday the 25th. we are still at Beardsville. Monday 26th. returned to our camp at Murfreesboro.

Tuesday the 27th. cold and snowy. Wednesday the 28th. cold and snowy. Thursday 29th. clear and warm. Friday the 30th. warm, got a letter from home. Saturday the 31st. clear and cool all quiet. Sunday February 1st. 1863 went foraging again rained all day Colonel Higgins (formerly Captain of the company C) was with us for the first time. Monday 2nd. cool, clear and quiet. Tuesday 3rd. cold. Wednesday the 4th. clear and cold. Very dull. Thursday 5th. cold and snowy. Friday 6th. warm and thawing. Sat. 7th. all quiet. Sunday 8th. clear and cool and went foraging. Monday 9th. clear and warm. Tues. 10th. all quiet. Wed. 11. warm and clear. Thursday 12th. rainy went to Nashville with a wagon train. Friday 13th. warm and were in town all day. Sat. 14th. rained returned to Murfreesboro. Sunday reached our camp. Monday the 16th. cold. Tuesday 17th. rainy. Wed. 18th. rainy. Thursday 19th. clear. Friday the 20th. clear and warm. Sat. 21st. rainy. Sunday 22nd. cold and cold. Monday 23rd. rainy. Tuesday very fine. Wed. 25th. rainy looks as if were to have a second of Noah's flood.