

DIARY
OF
DAVID CHRISTOFER SHOTTS
PRIVATE COMPANY A
18th OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY
1861 - 1864

This is the diary of David Christofer Shotts whose residence was Ross County, Denver, Ohio at the time of his enlistment. His entire enlistment from July 29, 1861 to November 4, 1864 was as a Private in Company A of the 18th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

This typed form has been copied from David Shotts original field notes as well as from a handwritten book compiled from his field notes by David C. Shotts. The spelling of words, the punctuation as well as abbreviations are exactly as shown in the original field notes. The only copy of the original field notes is for the period of June 16, 1862 to May 1, 1863.

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Monday July 29, 1861. On Monday evening July 29, 1861 I gave my name as a volunteer in the service of the United States under Captain H. R. Miller.

July 30 Tuesday. Today I was sworn into the service and as I was going to Frankfort to take the oath I was caught in a drenching rain. Though I tried to avoid it by retreating to shelter. I got back home at 9 o'clock P.M. This ended my first day soldering.

July 31 Wednesday. Today I went Waverly Pike Co. O. got two volunteers and returned home.

Thursday Aug. 1. Today I visited my friends, bid them goodbye and went part of the way to Frankfort.

Friday August 2nd. Today arrived in Frankfort where I am now quartered awaiting marching orders. I have seen a small specimen of camp life, a bed of straw and card-playing. Our bording is good. The citizens of Frankfort are friendly.

Saturday Aug. 3rd. Today the only thing taken place worth naming was we went to a flag raising, about a half mile from town, westward. Nearly 98 went in wagons, horses about gone up too. A large crowd was on hand and several vociferous speeches were made.

Sunday Aug 4. Today we went to church twice - morn and eve - heard two good sermons. One by a methodist minister, the other by a presbyterian. We returned to camp retired to rest.

Monday Aug. 5. Nothing of interest took place today.

Tuesday Aug. 6. Today we expexted to start for Columbus but the order was countermanded and we are compelled to wait further orders. The order was received with delight by the citizens but with disappointment by the soldiers.

Wednesday Aug. 7. I don't drill today - feet sore. The company paraded in uniform to let the people see how it looked. At nightthe company go to church to see the word presentation and hear a little speech from Professor Allen of Chillicothe, Ohio.

Thursday Aug 8. Today we went down to Chillicothe to a Union County convention. We are now in town. The streets are thronged with people. Today is hot, slight touches of sunstroke occur. We have just received a dispatch which assigns us to Col. Stanly's regiment and we are to leave Frankfort tomorrow at 11 o'clock. The boys are in bright spirits - don't know what the convention is doing. We go

to Athens into camp to await further orders. The convention appears done all necessary business.

Friday Aug. 9. Today we pulled up stakes and started for camp at Athens. We took the cars at about 11 o'clock AM and run through without any delay, stopping at regular stations from Frankfort to Athens 60 miles. We are now at camp Wool at Athens. The 22nd regiment Ohio are here. They are a pretty hard looking set of men. One of the 22nd came down with us from Chillicothe. He was driven from the passenger car to the soldiers department on account of misbehavior. He didn't do much better with us. Knocked down the stove pipe, kicked a window out. Knocked some roof off with his musket and swore he belong to the bloody 22nd and that he was one of the bull dogs of Athens. Our barracks ate good. We think the best on the ground. We pitched in and got our first meal in camp, considering the experience we had we had it done pretty well. Part of our provisions were cooked.

Saturday Aug 10. Last night we stationed guards at the door of our barracks, we slept fine. Our bunks are about four feet from the ground. This morning we served breakfast without much trouble. Our quarters inside presents the appearance of an open frame work strung full of dry goods. The boys are quite lonely. This part of the company came out in dress parade this evening.

Sunday Aug. 11. Today proceedings vary but little from former ones. About 70 of our boys attend church today in Athens. Capt. Miller preached at night to a large audience.

Monday Aug 12. Nothing of any great importance took place today except the arrival of a company for the 18th Ohio regiment under command of Capt.

Tuesday Aug 13. This morning we were sworn into the service of the United States, Two of our company refused to take the oath, reasons unknown.

Wednesday Aug. 14. Nothing of importance today. Capt. gone home.

Thursday Aug. 15. Nothing of interest today. A fight is reported to have taken place near Springfield, Mo. in which General Lyon was killed. Took place Aug. 14.

Friday Aug. 16. Nothing important today.

Saturday Aug 17. 22nd getting very uneasy, make many hard threats, tried to get up a mob tonight.

Sunday Aug 18. Went to Sunday school and to meeting. A soldier of the 22nd regiment died today.

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Monday Aug 19. Today another company of the 18th came into camp. Several companies escorted the remains of the dead soldier of the 22nd to the depot.

Tuesday Aug. 20. The 22nd are being paid off today.

Thursday Aug. 21. The 22nd leave today for home. They are in high spirits.

Friday Aug. 22. Cloudy and raining.

Saturday Aug. 23. This evening a secesion prisoner was brought into camp, his lover visits him.

Sunday Aug. 24. Our prisoner's lover still comes to see him, brings bread and dinner.

Monday Aug. 25. This morning our prisoner was released on taking the oath of allegiance.

Monday Aug. 26. Nothing of importance today.

Tuesday Aug. 27. Today our Major and two of Capt. Millers arrested a thief - stole a pistol - he was a soldier of Indiana from Terrehaut - had received an honorable discharge - was on his way home - three of took back to Parkersburg, Virginia. Our boys got muskets for drilling purposes.

Wednesday Aug 28. Nothing unusual except squad of 8 persons under care of Sargent Gregory and Lieutenant Haynes was sent to capture two barrels of whiskey, we accomplished our object, brought the whiskey to camp put it under guard for the night.

Thursday Aug. 29. This morning the whiskey was rolled on parade ground to shoot at made a target, they were riddled with balls. The proprietors came after it this morning but didn't get it. A squad of 4 was sent back last night to the bridge and captured a jug of old eye, or red eye. I was one of the number of the first squad that captured the barrels.

Saturday Aug. 31. Nothing of note the past two days.

Sunday Sept. 1 - 2 and 3. Nothing interest under this date.

Monday Sept. 4. This morning the Capt. told us we would leave at noon for Portsmouth and St. Louis, Mo. Didn't tell who we would go under as Col. but when we were just ready to start the order was changed. We wait further orders.

Thursday 5. This morning we were called into line and told to deliver our arms, camp utensils & C. to the quarter master, we done so and we were further told we would go to Cincinnati. We made the attempt. We went to the depot,

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but the authorities of the Rail Road persisted that we should not go on their Road, by this time the boys got very mad. We went under command of Lieutenant Haynes down the railroad with the idea that we would get on the cars and go on. The train came and passed on. Col. Stanly was on the cars with a squad of men, the train stopped let off the squad, they formed in front of us and Col. Stanly ordered us back to camp. Most of us came back, don't know what will come next.

Friday Sept. 6. To about noon our Lieutenant received orders from Miller to come on if it could be done peaceably, if not to stay. We met with resistance by the Col. and Railroad against us, we gave up the trip. Capt. Miller came to camp on the three o'clock train. Capt. says all will be right yet.

Saturday Sept. 7. This morning our officials told us we must be mustered into service or leave camp and go home. After considerable coaxing, swearing and lying every man went into service. It is very hot today.

Sunday Sept. 8. Went to Sabbath School and to church three times, religious service in camp today.

Monday Sept. 9. Nothing except the rules more rigidly enforced.

Tuesday Sept. 10. Today another co. came into camp under command of Captain Tailor.

Wednesday 11. Today wet and rainy.

Thursday 12th, 13th and 14. Nothing of interest under these dates.

Sunday Sept. 15. Went to Sunday School and meeting in Athens. Meeting in camp today

Monday 16. Today a company came into camp from Marietta under command of Jumper.

Tuesday Sept. 17. Today a squad or part of Co. E came in.

Wednesday Sept. 18. Today a company came into camp from South Athens and Meigs County under command of Capt. Miles. The Col. in camp went out and met them and escorted them to camp.

Thursday 19. Nothing of interest today.

Friday Sept. 20.

Saturday Sept. 21. Today our camp was enlivened by the arrival of our uniforms equipment QC.

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Sunday 22. Today we had two sermons preached in camp. Our regimental Chaplain preached for us.

Monday 23. Nothing important today.

Tuesday 24. Today brought in three Cos. or parts they not being filled. They are from Meigs and Galia County.

Wednesday 25. Nothing of interest today. Yesterday Co. A made a draw of government goods.

Thursday 26. Today was the President of the U. S. set apart as a day of fasting and prayer. It is being observed. Rain prevents afternoon service.

Friday Sept. 27. It still continues to rain, tis very unpleasant.

Saturday 28. Today is clear and some eight or ten of us got aboard the cars, got furlows and started home. Arrived at Chillicothe at 12 o'clock AM. Went out home in a two horse wagon. Got home at dusk in the evening.

Sunday Sept. 29. Took dinner at home. Supper at L. J. Sayles.

Monday 30. Today I went to my Uncle Jacob Shotts. Took dinner there. Supper at Aunt Bishops.

Tuesday Oct. 1. To went back to the neighborhood of home.

Wednesday Oct. 2. Today I left home for camp, took the cars at noon in Chillicothe, arrived in camp about 4 o'clock found there had been some changing about while I was gone. Also the arms for Co.s A and B had arrived and the boys were drilling in the manual of arms. Athens fair in progress.

Thursday 3. Today the Cos. in camp go to the fairgrounds give a grand military parade and seen a mill race.

Friday 4. Nothing of interest today except regimental parade.

Saturday Oct. 5. Today our regiment gave tour through town of Athens. Col. Stanly commanding. Just as we came back to camp a wedding took place. Capt. Miles officiated. Thursday while on the fair ground Major G was presented with a sword and a brace of pistols. The regiment was presented with a flag.

Sunday Oct 6. Nothing note rain prevented preaching.

Monday 7. Today a large number of soldiers went home to vote. We left Athens about 4 o'clock AM. Arrived in Chillicothe about noon. I went out to my Aunts, staid all night and from there went to the election.

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Tuesday 8. Today I went to the precinct, voted the straight Union ticket. Walked about 9 miles and arrived Chillicothe took the cars about noon, arrived in camp about 5 PM, a fight took place caused difference of political opinion.

Wednesday Oct. 9. Today everybody is preparing to go to Camp Denison. We expect to go sometime tomorrow.

Thursday 10. This morning we left Camp Wool at 7 o'clock, arrived at Camp Denison at dark where we are now quartered.

Friday Oct. 11. Today our boys are bust fixing up their quarters. Our quarters are good.

Saturday Oct. 12. Nothing unusual. We live in good style. Another company came into our regiment today from Athens.

Sunday Oct. 13. Today two sermons. Prayer meeting at night.

Monday Oct. 14. Today our regiment under Col. Stanly visited part of the camp. Nothing more of importance.

Tuesday Oct. 15. Nothing of note today except prayer meeting in Co. I.

Friday Oct. 18. Today private in Co. I was court martialed for going to sleep on guard. Sentence 5 days on bread and water.

Saturday 19. Today the 20th Ohio regiment went out of camp. Destination not known by me.

Sunday 20. Nothing unusal except our Chaplain formed a regimental union religious society.

Monday 21. Nothing of note today.

Tuesday 22. Today some soldiers came into the fifty fourth regiment numbering about 80.

Wednesday Oct. 23. Nothing important.

Thursday Oct. 24. Today we visited (as a regiment) the 48th regiment. General Wade gave us a short speech.

Friday 25. Today we visited the 52nd regiment twice and they visited us once. Menters Bank accompanied them.

Saturday 26. Today nothing of note. Tonight Menters Band (of the 52nd regt.) gave us a seranade. Saturday night we were called out and formed in line of battle. It was a sham battle.

Sunday Oct. 27. Preaching today by Rev. Murlick of Ci. conference. At night we went to Millsford to meeting. Capt. Miller preached.

Monday Oct. 28. Cool and frosty. This morning about three hundred carpenters came into camp. Are putting up winter quarters.

Tuesday Oct. 29. Nothing important. Seven corporals resigned. Moody gave a speech.

Wednesday Oct. 30. Nothing of interest.

Thursday Oct. 31. Today Co. A commenced skirmish drill and the regiment wagons arrived in camp, having gone yesterday after them. Tonight we were called out by the roll of the drum in line of battle.

Friday Nov. 1. Today we visited the 52nd Regt. No more of note.

Saturday Nov. 2. Cool and raining.

Sunday Nov. 3. One sermon today. Still cool and raining.

Monday Nov. 4. Gov. Denison wants to know how soon we will be ready to march. Considerable excitement in camp. Arms reported in camp.

Tuesday Nov. 5. Gov. Denison passed through camp today. Col. Stanly and regiment and other regiments paid him honors and we all received marching orders. The balance of the regiments received their arms.

Wednesday Nov. 6. This morning we were ready for the cars and off for Cin. again at 8 o'clock, arrived in Cin. about 9. Then we proceeded to the wharf and commenced getting ready for the trip to Louisville, Ky. We started about three o'clock. We ate aboard the Jacob Strader. Baggage and all with a few exceptions, after a pleasant run we arrived at Louisville about 2 o'clock at night. Remained on the boat all night.

Thursday Nov. 7. Today we moved out to Camp Ormsby near town (my first duty after landing in the enemies country was guarding). This evening we received our overcoats.

Friday 8. This morning we received marching orders. Now our tents are all torn down and ready for the wagons. We were under way by 11 o'clock marching in a southwesternly direction and encamped for the night. Raining tonight. No accidents occurred on the way. Weather pleasant.

Saturday Nov. 9. This morning it is raining (the first Ohio Regt. commanded by Col. Smith followed us and encamped with us). Yesterday Co. A of the 18th regt. was placed in front of the battalion as skirmishers. We were under way by 8 o'clock this morning. We arrived at West Point about 3 o'clock. Co. A of the 18th regt. brought up the rear.

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Sunday Nov. 10. This morning is clear and warm. One sermon today. Firing of canon is heard on every side. Tonight we are ordered to sleep on our arms. No alarm was given. About 5000 men are quartered here at West Point.

Monday Nov. 11. Today eleven of our boys (Co. A) were detailed to on an entrenchment. The 9 Mich., 31 Ind., 1st Ohio are quartered here, besides home guards and calvary.

Tuesday 12. Today I worked half a day falling trees before the fortification. Tonight we were called out by the roll of the drum four times but there was no eminent danger.

Wednesday 13. Nothing of importance took place today.

Thursday Nov. 14. Raining. We are under marching orders.

Friday the 15. This morning, with the 1st Ohio Regt. decamped for Elizabethtown, distance 23 miles. We started about 7 O'clock marched 15 miles and encamped for the night. Don't know that other regiments were following us. Two Calvary Cos. were with us as guards.

Saturday Nov. 16. This is my birthday. I am 26 years old. Quite cool last night. We started quite early this morning. The 1st Ohio regiment in the rear. We arrived in Elizabethtown about 10. This is the County Seat of Harden Co. We are encamped near the town. The 19th Ill. is here also. During our first days march from West Point to Elizabethtown we passed a valley called Red Hill.

Sunday Nov. 17. Nothing of importance today. Weather cool.

Monday 18. Today we passed through a general inspection and passed in review before General Buel and General Sherman. We had our full "armor" knapsacks and overcoats. This evening Lieutenant Col. Given arrived in camp.

Tuesday 19. Nothing of special interest. Weather moderate.

Wednesday Nov. 20. Today is pleasant. A regiment past here today on the railroad. Don't know where they were going.

Thursday 21. This morning a regiment passed here going southward. Our regiment paraded in the streets of Elizabethtown and we were returning to camp, we met the 37th Ind. regt. going to the graveyard. One of their soldiers having dies of measles. The Calvary Company is under marching orders. They leave sometime tonight.

Friday Nov. 22. The Calvary left here last night, destination unknown. Tis raining this morning and getting cool.

Saturday Nov. 27. Today is clear and cold. All are busy washing and cleaning up generally. No drill this morning.

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Battalion drill and dress parade this afternoon.

Sunday Nov. 24. Religious services in town today. Chaplain of the 18 Ohio preached in the morning. Chaplain of the 39th Ind. baptised a number of the 31st. Ind boys. The scene was affecting. In the afternoon, the Chaplain of the 37 Ind. preached to the 18th Ohio. Sosier is the Chaplain's name. Cold, stormy and snowing. We had dress parade.

Monday Nov. 25. Today I am helping to guard a bridge on the Louisville and Nashville railroad. We are on duty 24 hours. Weather has somewhat moderated.

Tuesday Nov. 26. Nothing important today. Regimental physician vaccinating today. This evening we went through the formula of a review and inspection.

Wednesday Nov. 27. Last night it rained. Not withstanding the enclemency of the weather, we had dress parade.

Thursday Nov. 28. Today is Thanksgiving Day and though tis raining, it is being observed. We attended church in town. Chaplin of the 31 Ind. preached in the M. E. church and after service baptised (by immersion) two soldiers of his regt. After dinner we went to church held at a Presbyterian house. Rev. J. Dillon officiated. Cleared off beautifully this eveninv.

Friday Nov. 29. Rained last night and is still raining this morning. The rain last night was accompanied with heavy thunder. Hail is now falling. Tonight it snows.

Saturday 30. This morning we awakened and found the ground covered with snow. Today is tolerbly pleasant and snow nearly all gone.

Sunday Dec. 1st. Rather pleasant today with scattering clouds sun shining at intervals. Went to church in the afternoon The Chaplin of the 31 Ind. preached and administered sacrement, two or three of the soldiers joined the Regimental Church.

Monday Dec. 2nd. We surprised to find snow on the ground this morning and still snowing briskly, the snow about three inches deep.

Tuesday Dec. 3rd. Today is tolerbly pleasant. Clear and bright The snow is melting. Ground duty, hunting rabbits and dress parade were the employment of the day.

Wednesday Dec. 4th. Last night the first Wisconsin Regt. came in and encamped to the southwest of us (they arrived about four o'clock last night). One of their men was accidentally shot yesterday morning near West Point, was buried at West Point, this morning then went on to Camp Nevin. One of the 37th Ind. boys was buried today. He dies of typhoid fever

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and another one died today with measles. Today we are hapily informed that the paymaster has arrived. Most of us signed the pay rolls.

Thursday Dec. 5th. Today the 18 Regt. is being paid off. We feel rich and friendly. One of sick boys left at Camp Denison is reported dead. Disease typhoid fever. Weather pleasant. Burial in the 37th Ind. today.

Friday Dec. 6. Weather fine, boys in fine spirits. Performed street fighting. Wagon master displeased.

Saturday Dec. 7th. Today I sent by express to Chillicothe or home \$30.00. A grand or close review was made yesterday of the 18th under the Secretary of Col. Turchin. It was announced that we are formed into a Brigade.

Sunday Dec. 8th. This morning we find ourselves under marching orders to start when ready. Religious service in town today. We are ordered to be ready by 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Dec. 9th. Slight sprinkle of rain this morning. We pulled stakes and set out for Camp Nolin, distant 9 miles. We were under way by 10 o'clock and arrived in Camp Nolin about 4 o'clock. We left about 60 of our men behind sick with nurses to take care of them. Captain Miller was one of the number. We are encamped on the left bank of Nolin Creek and a small distance from a little town named Nolin. This is the terminus of the West Point and Elizabethtown turnpike.

Tuesday Dec. 10th. This morning we struck and pitched tents moving about fifty yards. We cleared off the brush in camp when in the way. We are encamped in the woods. Several rabbits were caught today by our boys. Dress parade this evening.

Dec. the 11th. Nothing special today. Weather quite cool. Three of our boys were transferred to Company I.

Thursday Dec. 12th. Weather cold and frosty.

Friday Dec. 13th. All quiet in camp today. Nothing worthy of notice today.

Saturday Dec. 14th. Today is noted as wash day in camp.

Sunday Dec. 15th. General inspection this morning including all the raps and traps of the soldier. Religious service this afternoon. Quite a number joined the church tonight. A man was accidentally shot in the hand by a pistol.

Monday Dec. 16th. Nothing of importance today.

Tuesday Dec. 17th. Weather fine. This evening we received marching orders.

Wednesday Dec. 18th. We struck our tents this morning and moved out of camp before sunrise. We were delayed after getting on the main road until nine or ten o'clock. After this we moved on pretty rapidly. Our destination was southward crossing the Louisville and Nashville railroad several times. The country presents a peculiar form, undulating and of jago holes and timbered poorly with different kinds of oak. We moved fourteen miles to Bacon Creek and encamped for the night. We passed a small village or station on the railroad about halfway between Bacon Creek and Camp Nevin. We left Co. G at Camp Nevin, reports say to guard bridges. Eleven regiments accompanied us here. We are encamped near Bacon Creek station and to the left of the railroad.

Thursday Dec. 19th. Today we are holding ourselves in readiness not knowing when we will march. We have Co. drill. Regiments are marching to and fro continually. Weather pleasant.

Friday Dec. 20th. This we struck our tents, was ready to march but to our dissatisfaction the order was countermanded and we pitched our tents immediately. Weather cool and pleasant.

Saturday Dec. 21st. Cool and cloudy. The 24 Ill. came into camp today. General Mitchal was in camp today.

Sunday Dec. 22nd. This morning it is raining.

Monday Dec. 23rd. Last night a snow fell half an inch deep, quite cool today. Some drilling done. All is gloomy.

Tuesday Dec. 24th. Today the weather is fine. Target shooting is done today. Cannon balls and shells are used. Firing of canon is heard direction of Green River, supposed to be shells from the noise made.

Wednesday Dec. 25th. This Christmas and through the kindness of General Mitchal we are released from all duty except guarding and "all hands" are allowed to go out of camp. I with several others visited a cave near camp. It is called Bacon's Cave. It extended through a hill to the distance of about 200 yds. The scenery inside is pretty good. It is on the left bank of Bacon Creek and about half a mile above the railroad. The weather is fine. No dress parade today this evening.

Thursday Dec. 26th. Weather warm and threatend rain.

Friday Dec. 27th. A half inch snow this morning. Quite cool. Part of the 13th regiment (Col. Smith) came in by railroad.

Saturday Dec. 28th. Cool morning, pleasant day. I mess had an opposim for dinner today. Fine feast that.

Sunday Dec. 29th. Religious service today at eleven o'clock. Gen. O. M. Mitchel was present and made some very pointed and well timed remarks exhorting us to be good soldiers and good

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Christians. The inspection today proved to be satisfactory to our authorities. On Saturday I took the mumps. Therefore I do but little duty.

Monday Dec. 30th. Today Company A is on picket duty. The weather is fine. A private of Co. I named William Martin died last night of fevers.

Tuesday Dec. 31st. This is the last day of the old year and it will be marked and remembered by the transactions of the day. One feature is the burial of a dead body of Co. I. A grand review of all the forces in this section is had today. Our pickets are behind time about ten hours.

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Wednesday Jan. 1st. This is the first day of the new year 1862. We are excused from duty today but preparations are being made to move our camp. We move about one mile to the northwest. Weather cloudy but pleasant. Nothing of great notice is taking place today. Tonight the brass band of the 13th Ohio serenaded us.

Thursday Jan. 2nd. This morning at about five o'clock a private of Co. A dies, his remains will be sent home to Delaware, Ohio. The Company escorted the corps to the depot paying the last honors or respect to the departed soldier. Our regiment moved to a new camp today. Company A moved in the evening. Tis cloudy and rains lightly.

Friday Jan. 3rd. Last night it rained and sleeted. The trees are covered with ice.

Saturday Jan. 4th. Today it is cloudy. Last night it rained hard. Nothing of importance today.

Sunday Jan 5th. It still continues cloudy and raining. No service today.

Monday Jan 6th. Today Capt. Miller came into camp. Weather still cloudy.

Tuesday Jan. 7th. Captain Miller with a large number of our sick is going to Louisville today. Weather mild and somewhat cleared up.

Wednesday Jan. 8th. Brigade drill today. Weather unpleasant. Day before yesterday our blacksmith was accidentally shot in the abdomen.

Thursday Jan. 9th. Warm and cloudy.

Friday Jan. 10th. Nothing of importance today.

Saturday Jan 11th. Weather rather pleasant.

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Sunday Jan. 12th. Religious service today at 11 o'clock.
Weather changeable, cloudy and raining.

Monday Jan. 13th. Today we are upon brigade drill. Air cool
and weather cloudy. Snowing this evening.

Tuesday Jan 14th. This morning we have about a half inch snow
and cloudy weather. Capt. Miller is in camp.

Wednesday Jan. 15th. Nothing unusual today.

Thursday Jan. 16th. Nothing of note and weather cloudy.
Battalion drill.

Friday Jan 17th. Weather pleasant but cloudy. Regimental drill.
Saturday Jan 18th. Still it rains.

Sunday Jan 19th. Today is pleasant and we are hard at work
ditching new quarters. War knows no sabbath.

Monday Jan. 20th. Last night rained and thundered very hard.
A man of the 21 Ohio shot himself accidentally. Today we moved
into our tents and upon the new camp grounds. One camp is now
near the railroad and near Bacon Creek Station to the right of
the railroad also to the right of Bacon Creek.

Tuesday Jan 21st. Yesterday and today we are making cordroy
road from General Mitchels headquarters to the railroad station.

Wednesday Jan 22nd. Nothing special importance. Today
weather cool and cloudy.

Thursday Jan 22nd. Today has the appearance of clearing off.
Regimental drill at two o'clock.

Friday Jan 24th. Today is clear and the air cool. Ditching
and wood chopping is going on.

Saturday Jan 25th. Today is occupied in continuing the work of
fixing up our quarters. Weather clear and air cool.

Sunday Jan. 26th. Weather charming, clear and bright, morning
frosty. Preaching at half past one o'clock. Cloudy this afternoon.

Monday Jan. 27th. Nothing of note today. Weather not very pleasant.

Tuesday. Jan. 28th. Weather continues about the same. Nothing
noteworthy today.

Wednesday Jan 29th. Weather cloudy. Snowed last night,
some rain today.

Thursday Jan. 30th. Cloudy and raining.

Friday Jan. 31st. Today is warm and the sun shines brightly. Co. A is on picket. This is the first time I've been on picket duty. About 35 of us are on picket. The weather has changed since morning. Tis raining this evening.

Saturday Febr. 1st. Today is interspersed with clouds and sunshine.

Sunday Febr. 2nd. Today is raining and we have no preaching. This evening tis raining and hailing.

Monday Febr. 3rd. Last night a private of Company E died. Weather cloudy. Rained and hailed last night.

Tuesday Febr. 4th. Last night our color bearer died in the hospital of fevers. He was a member of Company C. This morning is cloudy. This afternoon is clear and warm. Battalion drill this afternoon.

Wednesday Febr. 5th. Frosty this morning but the day is beautiful, we are reditching today. We had a sham battle this afternoon. The whole brigade participated.

Thursday Febr. 6th. Weather pretty fair. Nothing of special interest today. Rained extensively hard last night.

Friday Febr. 7th. Hailed last night. Weather cool, nothing important.

Saturday Febr. 8th. Cloudy and snowing today. We have a bayonet drill today by the 19th Ill. boys.

Sunday Febr. 9th. Mess No. 5 (ours) after the usual inspection had a sabbath school at one o'clock in the afternoon. The Sargent Major preached to the regiment. Our forces in Camp Jefferson received marching orders. Great excitement prevails. Cheer after cheer is continually filling the air all over camp. There is not much appearance of Sunday evening. Today the weather is pretty fine. We were not appraised of our orders after roll call and was then called up and formed in line of battle and by our Lieutenant Collsnet was informed of our orders and the duties before us. Camp fires soon began to light up all over camp.

Monday Febr. 10th. This morning the 18th with it's brother regiments (the²⁴ and 19 Ill, 37 Ind.) and the whole force at Camp Jefferson, except one company and the sick struck tents and marched for Green River. The 9th Brigade went before the 8th next and the 18th Ohio Regiment in front of our brigade.

Monday Febr. 10th. We got up at an early hour and started about 8 o'clock. The weather is fine and roads good and we travel fast but are delayed in crossing Green River bridge. Wagons, men and all cross upon the bridge. Most of us got across and encamped by 10 o'clock at night. Our regiment arrived upon the south side of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The distance from Camp Jefferson to this place is about 9 miles. Tis said that this camp

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was once the encampment of General Buckner.

Tuesday Febr. 11th. We get up this morning and find the ground covered with a half inch snow but it does not last long as the weather has made a change and has melted it. Weather partly cloudy with sunshine. We find that we are close to the battle ground of Col. Williches. The bridge across Green River is a splended structure, is about 75 or 100 feet high and 1000 or 1200 feet long. It is composed of three piers, four spans one of wood trussels, the other iron a self supporting (I mean the spans). One pier was blown down by the secesh. Before this the bridge contained four piers and five spans. Munfordsville is the county seat of Hart county and is in sight of our camp on the opposite of the river. I think there are brigades on this side of the river with cavalry and field pieces. The formation of the Earth this side of the river is similar to the other side but the timber is entirely different and much heavier. Beach sugar and other large timber abound. All quiet but a great many reports are afloat in camp.

Wednesday Febr. 12th. This is a fine morning and we are sorry our forces don't move forward. Captain Miller and a number of our sick returned last night. Nothing of special importance is going on that I know of. We are engaged in ditching our camp today and a bake oven is being erected. Just after roll call were informed that we are under marching orders, are to be ready to move at short notice. Cheering and shouts of joy is heard all over camp. We are to take two days rations in our haversacks. The weather is clear and the moon shines bright and this with the camp fire and the tall timber and the bustle of men presents a fine picturesque scene.

Thursday Febr. 13th. This morning we struck tents and took the line of march by half past 6 o'clock. We are marching upon Bowling Green. We left the railroad to our left came to it at horse cave, here the road was blockaded by fallen timber and pools of water contained dead horses. At noon we arrived at Cave City. We marched 5 or 6 miles more and bivouacked for the night. The day was fine but few tents were pitched and it rained and snowed all night, the men sleeping under blankets and in the rain and snow.

Friday Febr. 14th. This morning is clear and resumed our march about half after 6 o'clock and leaving the Railroad to the left. The road was icy for a while and then got sloppy. We arrived at Bowling Green about four o'clock. The artillery and cavalry in front. The former threw a few shells out. We halted in front of the fortifications of General Buckner. The stars and stripes float over the breast works. I with quite a number, volunteered to go two miles down the river after a flat boat. We were to bring it up to town to cross over but we could not do it on account of the swiftness of the current. The name of the river is Barron. Our brigade then came down and passed over on the boat. Marched up to town and took possession of the town without firing a shot. After leaving Green River

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the timber grew smaller with the formation of the country more level than upon the north side. The distance from Green River to Bowling Green is 42 miles and we marched it in 34 hours including all stopages. I know not to a demonstration that anyone was killed in throwing shot and shell into the town. Several horses struck and one locomotive.

Saturday Feb 15th. The weather continues cold. We find the town deserted, but few are left. Our cavalry bring in a Texan Ranger every few hours. Two Companies of our cavalry crossed the river this morning on the flat boats. Col. T. R. Stanley is provost martial.

Sunday Febr. 16th. Weather pleasant but a little cool. Last night three or four houses burnt down. We were called into line of battle. Bowling Green is the county seat of Barren County. The citizens are returning home, since we came here some of the boys committed some very unbecoming acts by way of pillaging. When the rebels were scared out by our shots and shells, they set fire to the Depots, Bridges, Machine Shops, provision stores, pork and corn and all combustibles that they supposed would be of any use to us. No preaching today.

Monday Febr. 17th. Raining this morning and snow nearly all gone. The forces on this side of the river are quartered in deserted houses. Co. A is quartered in a Mr. Underwood's house. It was understood that we were under marching orders to move this morning but we have not gone. This afternoon preparations are being made to cross with the teams. This town is surrounded 7 or 11 fortifications. Two or three houses burnt down Saturday night.

Tuesday Feb. 18th. Large forces are crossing the river and moving south. The weather is pleasant. We are living on secesh provisions.

Wednesday Febr. 19th. This morning it is raining and getting quite muddy. Pilaging has been carried on to a considerable extent in this town. The 19th and 24th Ill have the blame.

Thursday Febr. 20th. Weather cloudy and cool. Our teams are crossing the river today.

Friday Febr. 21st. Weather pleasant. 9th and 17th Brigade have crossed the river.

Saturday Febr. 22nd. River too high to cross at the usual place. The ferry boat is moved down to the steamboat landing and the teams of the 8th Brigade are crossing. Today it rained hard. We are under marching orders but don't march on account of rain and other difficulties. Our teams have all crossed over but two.

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Sunday Feb. 23rd. We have got but two mails since we left Green River. This morning we are ordered to march. The day is fine. We bid farewell to Bowling Green. Turned our faces toward Nashville. We started about 8 o'clock. About 4 or 5 miles from town we passed over a stream of water that runs mostly underground. It raises in a deep gully runs about 200 yds. and then pitches underground and disappears. We passed a town called Woodburn 13 miles from Bowling Green. Went out to Franklin the Co. seat of Simpson County and stoped for the night. The 19th Ill are not with us.

Monday Feb. 24th. This morning we moved out at 7 o'clock taking the Railroad 7 miles then took the Pike again. We passed the Kentucky and Tenn. line 6 miles from Franklin. Went one mile and passed through Mitchelville. Marched some ten or twelve miles and pitched our tents for the night and for the first in the State of Tennessee. The road and weather is fine.

Tuesday Feb. 25th. This morning we started about 7 o'clock. Stopped for diner Tyler Springs. Resumed our march and halted for the night about 16 miles from Nashville after making some 21 miles.

Wednesday Feb. 26th. This morning we moved along, passed through a hilly but fertile country. Passed through Goodlettsville Davis County and after making some 13 miles we pitched our tents upon the farm of an old secessionist by the name of Brown who has two sons in the confederate army. We were disappointed in crossing the Cumberland and going into Nashville.

Thursday Feb. 27th. This morning we struck our tents and were ready to cross over to Nashville by 8 o'clock but we were detained until 12 o'clock at which time we began to move over. Arriving in Nashville we proceeded up the river and bivouacked for the night. Our teams did not cross. The 18th crossed on the steamboat Silvermoon. The old flag that used to wave upon the statehouse tower was taken from its place of security - a featherbed and replaced when the flotilla of steamboats coming up the river. Our gunboats lay out in the channel - the first we have seen

Friday Feb. 28th. Today we are scarce of provisions but our wagons came across the river this evening. The weather is fine. The distance from Bowling Green to Nashville is 65 miles.

Sat. March 1st. Nothing of special notice. Weather pleasant but slightly cloudy.

Sunday March 2nd. Today is pleasant. We have no religious service. We got the first mail since leaving Bowling Green and the hardships of soldiering vanished when the announcement "letters" was heard. On our march we pass Tyree Springs distant from Nashville 21½ miles. Rain this afternoon.

Mon. March 3rd. Nothing important.

Tues. March 4th. Today the weather is very changable, rains wind blows hard clears off gets cloudy.

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Wednes. March 5th. Today our regiment is out on picket. Weather unpleasant. Yesterday the 19th Ill. came into camp but they are not without tents and equipage.

Thurs. March 6th. This morning we got up and found a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch snow had fallen last night and the weather is quite cool. We have plenty of provisions. Now the teams of the 18th came in this morning.

Friday March 7th. Today is clear. Nothing of special note.

Sat. March 8th. The weather is fine. We are to practice target shooting. Today the 18th was paid off. This being the second time we have been paid off since we are in the service. Report says that 12 of our wagons and teams have been captured. We are waiting the enemies advance. The teams were recaptured with the loss of one man killed, one wounded and 8 teams and drivers of the enemy taken and three horses and men of ours taken by the enemy. The weather continues pleasant.

Sunday March 9th. Weather pleasant. No religious service today or nothing of importance occurring.

Mon. March 10th. Raining this morning. We are busy sending our money home and settling our dues.

Tues. March 11th. Today we are drilling. Brigade drill and dress parade this afternoon.

Wednes. March 12th. This morning a funeral procession passed our camp in military order. Provision of various kinds came in for the 18 but it had been so long on the road that most of it had spoiled. Brigade drill and dress parade this afternoon. Capt. and Company officers board themselves.

Thurs. March 13th. This morning some ten of our officers and privates start home as recruiting officers for the regt. Last night it rained and continues to rain today. This afternoon Cos. A and B went out on a scouting expedition. The object to trap some Texan Rangers and other rebels but the object was foiled by the interference of a flag of truce and the expedition returned about one o'clock at night. Captain Morgan and one of the rangers and a Col. of the rebels were bearers of the flag of truce and some other private persons were with them.

Friday March 14th. Morning clear. Afternoon it rains and continues until late at night. Our regiment except Cos. A and B started out on picket. A few minutes elapsed and they returned and again they start out in the afternoon. They have a wet time of it. We drew part of our clothing. The rain pours almost in torrents through our tents and we pass the night in a very moist state.

Saturday March 15th. Today it continues to rain and is very disagreeable. Some of the 24th Ill boys were fired upon last night while on picket. Don't think any person was killed.

Sun. March 16th. Cloudy this morning. Continues to rain a little. No religious today. Dress parade in the afternoon with our new clothes on. Made a fine appearance. Col. Stanley Mathews of the 51 Ind is provost martial of Nashville Tennessee.

Mon. March 17th. The weather is fine. From all appearances we will march tomorrow. A general inspection was had this afternoon and our sick are moved to Nashville.

Tuesday March 18th. We are to take up the line of march this morning at 7 o'clock. Clear and pleasant this morning. The 8 Brigade takes the rear of line. We strike tents and are out upon the road in time. Our regiment is divided, the right wing being detailed for wagon guards. One company to every 14 wagons. Some 15 miles from Nashville we pass a small town called Lavern, one mile further and we take to the left leaving the strait forward road on account of the bridges being destroyed, we encamp for the night - have marched about 14 miles counting from Nashville.

Wednes. March 19th. This morning it commences to rain about 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock and we start early and move on through a drenching rain until 9 o'clock at which time the rain ceases. We have to go through ponds or wade through them. Some places we cannot get round and we wade through. Get our feet wet and this makes hard marching and sore feet. We have passed through some sections of country principally timbered with cedar. We passed over some three or four smartly sided streams of water. About half an hour after dark we arrived in Murfreesborough, and passing through we encamp upon an old secesh camp. We traveled about 22 or 25 miles today making 35 to 40 miles in the two days marching.

Thursday March 20th. Today at two o'clock we marched about two miles further and encamped for a few days. We are encamped upon the premises of a secessionist. Our Brigade forms the advance of the camp. The weather has changed some three times since morning.

Friday March 21st. The wind blows cold this morning and some 200 wagons start for Nashville for provisions.

Sat. March 22nd. This morning the right wing of our regiment went out on picket duty. The weather is cool and cloudy with rain at night.

Sunday March 23rd. This is a pleasant morning. We caught no confederates and were released about two o'clock this morning. The weather is cloudy this morning.

Mond. March 24th. This morning an officer of the 19th Ill regiment was buried today. He accidentally shot himself with a pistol, he was a Company officer. Tis snowing this morning. The left wing of our regiment goes on picket this morning. Tonight we collected at the Cols. quarters and congratulated him by three roaring cheers upon his being returned to the command of the regiment. The Col. responded by a very appropriate speech

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and the band of the 11th Ohio Cavalry serenaded him where upon several speeches and cheers were given. The provision train came back today.

Tues. March 25th. The weather is very pleasant today. The right wing goes on picket this morning. Some two or three fugitive slaves came to our lines today having run off from their master. About 8 o'clock tonight an old house in which our reserve stayed took fire and burned down. This evening an expedition consisting of the 24th Ill and 37th Ind regts. and some cavalry and three pieces of artillery went upon a search for the enemy. They carried four days rations.

Wedn. March 26th. The weather is good wind blowing hard. We are relieved 19th Ills. Several of our sick returned yesterday.

Thursday March 27th. The weather is clear warm and pleasant. A detail of some 10 or 12 from each Company was made and sent on picket. I was among the number.

Frid. March 28. The weather still remains pleasant. Our expedition has not been heard from yet. We have taken a prisoner or two along our line of pickets today.

Saturday March 29th. Today the weather is pleasant. The 18th has taken a contract to build a bridge, a RRoad bridge which was burned by the rebels and in this connection part of us are made "sappers and miners" and I am on the list. We commenced business this morning. The expedition that left a day or two ago has returned. They went as far Shelbyville and the cavalry lost one man.

Sunday March 30th. Weather fine. No news worth record.

April 1st. Tuesday. Today is all fools day and the boys are up to the times. Weather good. Some of our cavalry moved down to Shelbyville yesterday.

Wednes. April 2nd. This morning it sprinkled rain but it soon gave way to nice weather. Our pickets brought in two reffugees negroes, two Irish prisoners and two soldiers from the rebel army.

Tues. April 3rd. Today is the warmest we have had. Several companies of cavalry start for Shelbyville. The 17th Brigade move to the advance today.

Frid. April 4th. Today we finish our contract of the bridge and we finished our duties at this camp by a dress parade this evening.

Sat. April the 5th. This morning we pulled stakes and started for Shelbyville. we made $15\frac{1}{2}$ miles and encamped for the night. We struck tents in a drenching rain which lasted some two hours.

Sun. April 6th. This morning we started early and as we were but $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Shelbyville and it a union town. General Mitchell

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ordered us to put on our dress suit to pass through the town also to pass in review before the General. We passed in review upon the public square in Shelbyville before the General and staff and the 18th got the praises for the best appearance. We passed to southwest of the town and encamped. The distance between Murfreesborough and here is 25 miles. This is Bedford County.

Monday April 7th. Today is a fine spring day. Some of our boys are on picket duty, and we ditch and drill, and have dress parade. Duck Creek is the name of the creek passing our camp.

Tues. April 8th. This morning it is raining. Noon and we receive marching orders to start at three o'clock this afternoon. We started at 3 o'clock for Fayetteville. We marched 7½ miles and encamped.

Wednes. April 9th. Last night it commenced raining and we were compelled to march through rain until about 10 o'clock. We made 7½ miles and reached Fayetteville (county seat of Lincoln County) about 4 o'clock and encamped south of Elk River. Country hilly and undulating and had a rich healthy appearance. Quite cool at night.

Thursday April 10th. Weather quite cool. We took the line of march about 10 o'clock. We travel over mud road today and it is raining and the wind blowing. The country is hilly and well timbered. We cross the Alabama and Tennessee line about a half hour by sun. The country now diminishes to a common level. After traveling about 20 miles and crossing a smartly sized stream taking off shoes and socks and breeches and wading over we encamped for the night.

Friday April 11th. This morning we started at 2½ o'clock and without knapsacks made a forced march upon Huntsville. We arrived at 15 minutes after sunup. Our advance captured upward of 300 secesh. We took possession of the and all the military stores. Our artillery fired upon and arrested two locomotives. One train which was in the act of running off. We took the town by surprize. We have in our possession 15 locomotives. The distance from Fayetteville to Huntsville 31 miles. Huntsville is the County Seat of Madison County.

Satur. April 12th. This morning the 18th with part of some other regiments under command of General Mitchel made an excursion up the Charleston and Memphis Railroad. Small squads were dropped off at each station, and I with a squad of 11 stoped Larkinsville within 20 miles of Stevenson the extent of the excursion. At this place our forces burnt the bridge crossing a small creek. The expedition returned and arrived in camp on Sunday morning at sun up.

Sunday April 13th. This morning we took the train for Decatur. The 24th and 19th Ills. having gone down yesterday. We arrived about 11 o'clock and proceeded to the bridge at H Creek. Our forces arrived just in time to save this bridge from being burned.

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12 o'clock we are awaiting further orders. Weather pleasant. A large amount of secesh stores captured.

Monday April 14th. Today an expedition started for Nashville via Columbia. Our Brigade is repairing bridges on the railroad between here and Tuscumbia. Our tents and equipage of our brigade were brought here today. Co. A goes on picket today. Decatur is in Morgan County 20 miles above the Muscle Shoals on the Tennessee River.

Tues. April 15th. Cloudy today. All quiet on picket line tonight. We have orders to take the cars tonight.

Wedne. April 16th. We took the cars for Tuscumbia about 11 o'clock last night, we left the cars this morning about 12 miles from Tuscumbia, and taking the line of march we arrived at Tuscumbia about an hour after dark. Our tents are left behind.

Thurs. April 17th. From Thursday until Sunday April 20th we have been bivouacking and scouting the country. Today is cool and raining.

Monday April 21st. Today is cold storming and raining. Nothing is doing today worth noting.

Tuesday April 22nd. Today we are ready to march at short notice to go to Decatur, but we are disappointed by the arrival of a gunboat and transport at Tuscumbia, we shift quarters to another farm house.

Wednes. April 23rd. Today the weather is fine. We received papers from home.

Thurs. April 24th. Today we get a mail and with it almost came the announcement to retreat as the enemy was advancing in force upon us.

Friday April 25th. Yesterday we fell back ten miles to Town Creek. This morning we follow up the railroad some five miles then turned our course to the south, made about 8 miles and stoped for the night. It rained day.

Sat. April 26th. It was our purpose to burn some bridges, but as our Cavalry done it for us we turned back taking a northeast direction. About 12 o'clock we arrived at Courtling, ten miles from where we turned back. Company E and K smelled powder yesterday. They were charged upon by rebel cavalry. Our force have destroyed numerous bridges to prevent the approach of the enemy. We are awaiting the arrival of a train to take us to Decatur. Several of the 19th Ills. were taken prisoners by secesh cavalry yesterday. We left Courtland about a half hour by sun. We stoped at Decatur.

Sun. April 27th. Today we are shiping our accourterments toward Huntsville, we have been ready to move all day but now we are destined to remain here.

Monday April 28th. We are still laying here expecting to move every hour. The Railroad bridge crossing the Tennessee River at

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Decatur was burned down yesterday. Yesterday and today our artillery threw some shells across the Tennessee River.

Tuesday April 29th. Today we got aboard the cars and moved off for Athens. Part of the regiment were left along the road to guard bridges. The weather is pleasant.

Wedn. April 30. Today our communication is reported cut off, and we surrounded by the enemy, but investigation proved the report false. We had packed up to leave but now we are all in camp again.

Thurs. May 1st. This morning our pickets were driven in by the enemy, and an advance is being made upon us and we beat a hearty retreat, leaving most all our camp equipage behind also a number of guns. Part of the 18th go by railroad, the rest go afoot. Two trains left Athens, one was loaded with provisions. The rebel cavalry, after driving the guards away from the bridge crossing Limestone Creek and killing two men of Co. E 18th C regiment, cut the timbers of the bridge precipitated the hindmost train into the Creek killing one man and wounding three or four. It was the provision train precipitated. Co's. E, F and a part of it was left behind to make our way out as best we could. We took the railroad and started for Huntsville. We proceeded to Madison Station and staid all night. We do not know where the rest of the 18th are. Co. F and part of Co. A was on the hindmost but got off at a station near Limestone Creek. Co. E was guarding bridges here.

Fri. May 2nd. Cos. E, F and part A still remain at Madison Station. This being the advance post of pickets of Huntsville. A company of 33rd Ohio is posted here.

Sat. May 3rd. Today we hear that the regiment is again in Athens having driven the enemy back and recaptured all we lost. Weather pleasant.

Sun. May 4th. Today Captain Miller is at the head of Companies F and C and part of his own are out on the limit of the Companies here. He got here at sundown.

Mon. May 5th. Capt. Steadman and a part of his Company was taken prisoner in the fight of May 1st as our recruiting were coming back from home to Camp. They were attacked by Morgans Cavalry, made prisoners May the 1st. Today we started back for Athens. Staid all night at Moreville.

Tues. May 6th. This morning we move on to Athens and arrive in Athens at 3 o'clock. Weather good. All quiet at Athens.

Wednes. May 7th. Nothing special now all quiet.

Thursday May 8th. Nothing special today.

Friday May 9th. Today a Company of the 37th Ind. was taken prisoner by rebel cavalry at a bridge on the Decatur and Tennessee

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Railroad and killed 4 and wounded three, one of which has since died. We are all ready to leave, our wagons packed. The enemy is reported crossing Elk River. Tonight we lay on our arms.

Sat. May 10th. We keep in readiness for all that is out. Scouting is kept up continually.

Sunday May 11th. Today matters have assumed a more quiet attitude. Gen. Mitchel is here.

Mon. May 12th. Nothing special.

Tues. May 13th. Today a part of our Company with others start upon an expedition toward Florence.

Wedn. 14th. We made Elk River by sundown, we go 6 miles down the river this morning.

Thurs. May 15th. Nothing special.

Friday May 16th. General Negly threw a few shells across the Tennessee River yesterday at the enemy as he was on his way to Florence.

Sat. May 17th. All quiet today.

Sun. May 18th. We have preaching today by our Chaplain.

Mon. May 19th. Nothing special.

Tuesday May 20th. Nothing special.

Wednesday May 21st. Nothing special.

Thursday May 22nd. this morning 200 of the 18th go to Huntsville as guards to the wagon train.

Friday May 24th. We arrived last night at 8 o'clock. This morning we take the cars for Athens. Arrive at Athens at 10 o'clock.

Sat. May 24th. All quiet today.

Sun. May 25th. Preaching today by the Chaplain. This evening Company A, H and K are detailed as guards on the Railroad 10 miles north of Athens. We go on a train of cars.

Mon. May 26th. All quiet on the railraod.

Tuesday May 27th. We got a small mail yesterday. A quiet today.

Wedn. May 28th. Nothing special.

Thurs. May 29th. Weather clear and hot. Tonight we are relieved by the 21st Ohio. We go to Athens tonight.

Friday May 30th. This morning we bid good bye to Athens and take

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the line for Fayetteville Tennessee. Our brigade went to Athens several days ago. We go 14 miles to Town Creek by dinner.

Sat. May 31st. Yesterday we made some 20 miles and bivouacked for the night. This morning we are off at 5 o'clock and arrive at Fayetteville by 4 o'clock. We laid by in the heat of the day. This evening an orderly Sergeant was drowned while bathing in Elk River.

Sun. June 1st. Today we had preaching by the 18th Ohio and 37th Ind. A member of the 9th Michigan was drowned. Sergeant of Company E not found yet.

Mon. June 2nd. Today an expedition started toward Chattanooga consisting of the 8th Brigade and some of Neglies Brigade and cavalry and artillery. We made 21 miles and bivouacked for the night near Salemn.

Tuesd. June 3rd. This morning we started at sunrise and passed through Winchester about 11 AM, made some 15 or 20 miles and stoped for the night.

Wednes. June 4th. Today we crossed the Cumberland Mts. Gen. Neglies forces in the front had a brush with the enemy. Three of our cavalry were killed. Don't know the enemys loss.

Thursd. June 5th. Today we start at 8 o'clock. Yesterday we made some 15 or 16 miles. Today we made some 16 miles and encamped. We passedthrough Jasper about 2 o'clock.

Friday June 6th. Today we followed up the Sequacha Valley making 18 miles and bivouacked at the foot of Walden Ridge.

Satr. June 7th. This morning we ascent the mountains cross over and engage the enemy Chattanooga, the batt was opened by artillery and musket. The enemy returned the fire sharply. Our loss was one killed and seven wounded. Enemies loss not known. We marched 21 miles today.

Sund. June 8th. This morning firing commenced about 7 o'clock. Our artillery played upon the town. No reply by the enemy only by musket. We start back toward Fayetteville this morning. We made 21 miles and crossed Waldens ridge and encamped on the west side of the mountain.

Mond. June 9th. We move at 7 o'clock made 23 miles and encamped at Jasper, the county seat of Marion Co.

Tuesd. June 10th. Move at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, we go in direction of Huntsville down the Tennessee River made 14 miles and bivouacked for the night.

Wednesday June 11th. Today we passed through Stephenson. The 33 is there as out posts. We ferry across Crow Creek and encamp. We made 11 miles.

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Thursday June 12th. We start at six o'clock, make 13 miles and encamp at Bellfount Ala. upon the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. June 10th we encamp in Alabama.

Friday June 13th. Our Brigade is still in camp, nothing of special interest today.

Saturd. June 14th. Today we learn that the prisoners of the 18th are released on parole, weather hot.

Sund. June 15th. This morning we take the train for Huntsville, arrive and take the line of march for Fayetteville. We go 8 miles and encamp.

Mond. June 16th. We take the line at six, rest four hours at noon and then push forward to camp at Fayetteville, a distance of 21 miles. We arrive at dark. Lieutenant Col. compliments us.

Mond. June 16th. Today we arrive in camp at Fayetteville, Tenn. after a march of 15 days.

Thurs. J. 17th. Letter writing is the principle order of the day.

Wednes. June 18th. Today the 37th Ind. 24th and 19th Ill. leave for other parts.

Thurs. June 19th. This morning Cos. A and I were called out at 2 A.M. to look after some rebble cavalry reported in the vacinity. We scoured the country for 10 or 12 miles and scattered the enemy. Two deserters were picked up.

Friday June 20th. Today we move our camp. We take up our quarters in town.

Sat. June 21st. Co. A on picket. Nothing unusual on picket line or in camp. Weather clear and warm.

Sunday June 22nd. This morning we received, we take the line at two PM. Make 9 miles and encamp. We go toward Hamptonville Ala.

Mon. June 23rd. - This morning we are off at 6. Rest three or four hours at noon. An accidental shot proved fatal to the person of John Hartly of Co. H of our regiment. He was a teamster. We arrived at Huntsville at sundown. General Mitchall makes us a speech. He says the enemy that has run from us so long seems to dare to fight us at Chattanooga.

Tues. June 24th. This morning we take the cars for Stephenson, we arrive and encamp at sundown. Cloudy and some rain. Some of the 37th Ind. are at Stepenson.

Wednes. June 25. We take the line of march and go in direction of Jasper. We make 12 miles by noon and encamp in the open field at foot of the Cumberland mountains. The 2nd Ohio is encamped