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to our left. Weather warm and some rain. Two shots were discharged at a train of cars across the Tenn.

Thurs. June 26th. This morning our Co. went down to the river to feel for the enemy. Couldn't draw them out.

Friday June 27th. Today we had a hard rain and wind. It blew most of our tents down. A flag of truce starts for Chattanooga.

Sat. June 28th. Rain today. Flag of truce returns. All quiet on the Tennessee.

Sund. June 29th. Religious service this A.M. Nothing special today.

Mon. June 30th. Gen. Turchin arrived in camp this morning. Co. A goes on picket. Weather pleasant. We are posted along the river bank. The enemy on the other side seldom show themselves but we are not allowed to shoot, though we are shot at. Col. Sills order.

Thurs. July 1st. Last night the enemy appeared to throw out a strong picket. It is thought they are digging rifle pits. This morning I took a bath and swim in the Tennessee river. The pickets converse with each other across the river.

Wednesday July 2nd. An expedition went to Bridgeport yesterday but returned today. They fired one shell at a Co. of secesh but the shell burst short of object. We move camp this afternoon. We move into the woods toward the mountains.

Thursday July 3rd. Weather clear and pleasant. Firing is heard toward Bridgeport this morning. Cause unknown. Preparations are being made for a big dinner tomorrow in our Co. A.

Friday July 4th. Our regiment is still encamped in a cove of the Cumberland Mountains on the Tenn. River. This day observed by the hoisting of the Stars and Stripes and a national salute of 34 guns. Our Co. partook of a fine dinner for camp. It consisted of bread, mutton, chicken, black and huckle berries, potatoes and honey, mutton and chicken soup. Weather warm and clear. A secesh Lieut. Col. came over the river under a flag truce.

Sat. July 5th. About ten o'clock today our pickets beyond battle creek were fired upon which caused an alarm in camp. The battalion staked arms but all became quiet. One of the 4 Ky. cavalry was killed. Enemies loss unknown. This evening we received orders to march. We are to garrison and hold the towns of Talahoma and Cowen on the Chattanooga and Nashville Railroad. Tonight our artillery opened fire upon the enemy across the river. The roar of artillery was wild and terrific beyond description. Some 30 or 40 shells were fired. Don't think the enemy returned the fire. All soon became quiet again.

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July 6th. We struck tents before six and loaded up and started out of camp, but just then we received orders to return to camp and await further orders. The day passed quietly. Our Co. go on picket. We fire a few volleys at the enemy at night. They were clearing the river bank of brush.

Mon. July 7th. Our forces are throwing up breast works for cannon.

Tues. July 8th. Heavy details are made to work on fortifications. All remains quiet in vicinity.

Wedne. July 9th. Entrenchments are still being thrown up by our men, and as near as can be observed the enemy are entrenching themselves. We drill in skirmish drill.

Thurs. July 10th. Have a fine shower of rain. We are preparing to move our camp.

Frid. July 11th. Owing to rain yesterday we did little toward the new camp. About 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  last night by the report the enemy had crossed the river above our picket line and twas thought they would attack us soon. We were ordered to strike tents and move camp equipage as soon as possible. We did not get our camp cleared before daylight. We fell back about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles and pitched tents. Most of the night and for an hour or two in the morning it rained light and heavy showers. The report as to the enemy appears to have been false. As yet we have nothing confirmed as to last nights report.

Sat. July 12th. Nothing of special importance. At present there is a great cry for tobacco. There is but little in camp.

Sund. July 13th. Yesterday evening we received marching orders. We are to go to Cowen and Tallahanna upon the Chattanooga R. R. We struck tents and were off at about 9 o'clock. Our line is up Sweedens Cove and over the Cumberland Mountains, five of the 24 Ills. go with us. We make 12 miles and encamp at Blue Springs at the foot of the mountains.

Mon. July 14th. Today we start early and cross the mountains and are met by a courier with orders to report as quick as possible at Dechard. We take supper at Cowen. We made 20 miles and after supper moved on to Dechard distance 6 miles. It is reported that our forces are whiped at Murfreesboro, by secesh cavalry. Heavy forces are being sent to Murfreesboro.

Tues. July 15th. Our Co. was placed on picket last night. Today noon we move for the bridge crossing Elk River. We arrive early. The distance from Dechard to this place 5 miles. This place is noted for once being a cotton manfactory, and is called Elk Springs.

Wednes. July 16th. We begin fortifying. A squad of our cavalry encounter the enemy so says report, and two of our men killed. We hear that Richmond ours. Weather cloudy. Enemy driven back from Murfreesboro.

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Thurs. July 17th. Rained last night and continued till noon. Today we got a mail and our tents that was left behind at Cowen. It still continues to rain till night.

Friday July 18th. Light showers of rain. We are still working at the defences fortifying and falling timbers. We now have two pieces of artillery.

Saturday July 19th. Morning clear. We move our camp today. Our camp is now on the west side of the railroad.

Sund. July 20th. Rained last night. We have a new order to the effect that every man shall bathe himself in the river before breakfast. Inspection ordered this morning, but this was cut short by the long roll of drums. We were soon in line but the alarm proved false. Our Co. is on guard duty at the fort. Dress parade, a short exhortation and prayer by the Chaplin. No train today.

Monday July 21st. Since our arrival here we have been very short of rations. We shell corn take to mill grind and make mush. None have suffered for want of provisions, but we do not get half rations from Government. This evening a train arrives with some provisions.

Tuesd. July 22nd. Two trains pass here for Nashville. 5 Co. of the 24 Ills. go to Talahoma. We get a mail. Nothing of great importance occurred. Our Co. go on picket today.

Wednes. July 23rd. Rained last night and this P.M. Col. Stanley is called to Athens to answer charges.

Thurs. July 24th. Weather warm. We received orders to march this ~~McKain~~ Work was immediately suspended. We are to go six Cos. to Tallahoma the rest Cowen. We are aroused about ten and informed that we must move shortly. We strike tents are underway by 11 and at daybreak we arrived at Tallahoma, a distance of about 12 miles.

Friday July 25th. This morning our regiment went into camp and our Co. detailed as provost guards. Most all of the forces here started upon an expedition to McMinsville. Talahoma is a small place upon the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad. The town is fortified by rifle pits. Weather clear.

Sat. July 26th. We have no word from the expedition yet. Cloudy and light sprinkling. Report says our expedition captured 1,000 bbls of flour, 900 bushels of wheat and a large quantity of pork. Tonight we put upon the alert by the report that the enemy had evaded Genl. Smith had flanked him and were coming down upon us.

Sund. July 27th. We slept undisturbed and all hands got up and in line at 3 o'clock to be ready for the enemy. Our Co. was detailed for provost guard but was soon attached to an expedition to go to Manchester. We went by rail. Were under way by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  and arrived at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  AM. We found our expedition at this place and the enemy reported near at hand, they having fired at our pickets this morning and presented quite a bold front but upon scouring the

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country no enemy was found. Our Co. was put up provost duty and we took up quarters at the Court House. Manchester is the county seat of Coffee County.

Mon. July 28th. We are placed upon reserve . . . picket last night. We move quarters to the depot this morning. It is 12 miles from here to Talahoma. A heavy force was thrown into town last night. The streets blockaded and preparations made to resist an attack. Our Co. acted as guard to the train running from here to Tallahoma. We return by rail to Tallahoma this evening. Stanley and Given are called to attend court martials.

Tues. July 29th. One year ago I enlisted. Capt. Miller is in command of the Cos. here. We received a mail today.

Wedne. July 30th. Today our Co. was placed on picket duty. . . . It rains light showers this evening.

Thurs. July 31st. We got mail matter today. It rains by piece meal. Nothing stirring is transpiring of late. All quiet today.

Friday Aug. 1st. Weather pleasant.

Sat. Aug. 2nd. Our Co. goes on picket today. Buel telegraphs that 3,000 of the enemy crossed the river at or near Chattanooga. All quiet on the picket line.

Sunday Aug. 3rd. Slight rain last night. Weather pleasant. Geo. W. Roten of our Co. preached today.

Mon. Aug. 4th. Wind and rain last night. A detail of ten men from our Co. today for cutting telegraph poles. We went 6 miles from camp without equipments not withstanding we are required to sleep upon our arms and get up at 3 o'clock AM.

Tuesday Aug. 5th. Our Co. as provost guards. Capt. Stivers of Co. K is provost martial. Weather very warm.

Wednes. Aug. 6th. Nothing special.

Thurs. Aug. 7th. Weather warm. Day before yesterday Aug. 6 Col. McCook of the 9 Ohio while upon the march from Winchester and while riding in an ambulance was rushed upon by a band of guerrillas and brutally murdered. His remains passed through here on the cars today. Dress parade this evening.

Friday Aug. 8th. This afternoon we received orders to remove to Duck River 8 miles north of Tallahoma. We were under way at 3 o'clock PM, and arrived at 9 at night. A stalkade is being constructed at Duck River. About 100 negros are at work upon this stalkade. Last night one year ago was our first night in Camp Wool Athens Ohio.

Sat. Aug. 9th. Our Co. goes on picket. We get orders to march immediately to Manchester distance 14 miles. Only five Cos. of the

regiment are here. The other five are moving on Manchester where we expect to join them. Our Liut. Col. came to us today. We took the line of march about 5 PM and arrived at Manchester about 2½ AM. We found the rest of the regiment encamped in the fair grounds.

Sun. Aug. 10th. This morning we move our encampment. Our Co. took up quarters at the fort or redoubt. Co. G is quartered at the Court house. The rest of the Regiment are encamped near the Railroad Depot. We have no public service today.

Mon. Aug. 11th. About half of our Co. go on duty today. Weather warm. Col. Stanley rejoins the regt. this evening. We know ~~but~~ *but* little about our enemies.

Tuesday Aug. 12th. All quiet today.

Wednesday Aug. 13th. Nothing special.

Thurs. Aug. 14th. Wagoner's Brigade moved toward McMinsville.

Friday Aug. 15th. Gen. Woods division passing through here. The Gen. is here this morning. His forces encamped here.

Satur. Aug. 16th. Weather pleasant clear with light clouds. Nights extremely cold.

Sun. Aug. 17th. We have inspection of men and equipment and pass before Col. Stanley in review. Very cold last night. Sun hot today.

Mon. Aug. 18th. Today is appointed for general muster. Weather pleasant. A regimental court martial is being held and at present the charge preferred by Aaron Gregory against Captain Miller is being tried. Report says that some 20 bridges are destroyed between Nashville and Louisville. We have battalion drill and dress parade. An order is read declaring the issue of but half rations.

Tuesday 19. The court martial is still going on. A train comes through from Tallahoma but brings no mail for us.

Wednes. Aug. 20. Weather pleasant and warm. Our Co. goes on picket. I am detained in camp as a witness before the court martial. Quartermaster Van Vorhees has been appointed to a Colonelcy and will leave the regiment in a day or two and the officers will give a supper in honor of the Quartermaster.

Thurs. Aug. 21. The tribute of respect given in honor of Col. Van Vorhees turned out to be a big drunk and a knockdown. It was altogether disreputable to the good character of the 18th. Weather pleasant. Dress parade.

Friday Aug. 22. Today several of our Co. are ordered to be stationed at bridges upon this railroad. We repair to the depot and await the arrival of a train and while we are here about half the Co. get drunk and we have a high time. The train arrives but passes on and we remain. Col. Given arrives - We get a

mail. The times look squally and the enemy will beat us if the wickedness of the army does not abate.

Sat. Aug. 23rd. We are still at the depot awaiting orders to move. Weather cloudy, light sprinkle of rain last night. The train arrived and we started (6 Cos. of the regt.) about 5 o'clock. Cos were dropped off at each bridge. Our Co. going furthest from Manchester to this place 14 miles.

Sun. Aug. 24th. This morning the plan for the stockade is laid out, and we pitch our tents. Fruit apples peaches and green corn are plenty. We had just settled ourselves comfortably when the train from McMimsville came down and we were ordered to strike tents and jump aboard the cars. It was evident a retreat was in progress. The train passed on picking up the Cos. till all were on board, and it was then found that the train was overloaded and some 200 of us walked 6 miles, the distance to Manchester. **The Regiment stoped at Manchester.**

Mon. Aug. 25th. We still remain at this place Manchester. Co. A goes on picket. The regiment drills. Weather warm.

Tues. Aug. 26. This morning we discharge our guns and have a short drill. This afternoon we pitch tents and prepare for staying awhile.

Wednes. Aug. 27th. This morning we are ordered back upon the railroad. We go by train and start about 8 o'clock. 6 Cos. go, the rest stay at Manchester. Our Co. with Co. I stoped at the ~~same place~~ that our Co. was when first upon the road. We go to work upon our stockade.

Thur. Aug. 28th. We are reinforced today by Co. D of the 9 Mich. Work upon the stockade progresses finely.

Friday Aug. 29. We finish the stockade about noon. Except some temporary finishings. We had just finished dinner and were lounging about camp when the enemy dismounted cavalry. Genl. Deforests command came dashing down upon us and there was a rush for the fort. The enemy tried to get possession first but we were a little too quick. The firing was hot and deadly, but the engagement was short about 3 minutes length. We repulsed the enemy and gained a glorious victory. They left 9 dead and 6 six wounded on the field. They set a small bridge on fire about a quarter of a mile from here and we put it out after the fight.

Sat. Aug. 30. This morning we rebuild the bridge. Two physicians arived here from Manchester last night and two from McMimsville this morning. A rebel surgeon was sent back to look after the wounded left upon the field. Since the fight we have ascertained that among the killed was a Captain and a lieutenant, Captain Huston. The number killed dead and that has died of their wounds is 11 and some 30 wounded. Our loss was none killed and 9 wounded. 7 of Co. I 1 of Co. A 18 Ohio and 1 of Co. D 9 Mich. The train came up today and moved the wounded both ours and the enemies to Tallahoma.

Co. I left by train today. Cannonading has been heard today. In the fight of Aug. 29th some 30 guns and 12 pistols were taken. 8 of the killed were buried today in one common grave and two were taken away by their friends.

Sun. Aug. 31st. Today is Sunday and it is very unlike the Sundays of home. We have no train up today. Four citizens, which we took prisoners shortly after the fight and which are strong secesh took the oath today. Weather pleasant.

Mon. Sept. 1st. Weather partly cloudy with light showers of rain. We are still strengthening our defences. This evening a train arrives and Co. D of the 9th Michigan leave for Tallahoma. Our equipments are also sent Manchester and we are ordered to march in the morning at 3 o'clock. We move to Co. E tonight.

Tues. Sept. 2nd. This morning we are off at 3 AM. We arrive at Manchester about 7 AM, distance 12 miles. Gen. McCooks forces came in here today, they encamped for the night. Dress parade tonight and an order read that we are once more brigaded with the 6 brigade. Gen. Willicks command and is now composed of the 39 and 32 Ind. and 15 and 49 Ohio and our regiment.

Wednesday Sept. 3. Today we are upon the line for Murfreesboro. The column is composed of three brigades. The head of column moves out at daylight and the rear about 9 o'clock. Our rout is the Murfreesboro and Manchester pike. We make 13 miles and bivouack for the night in open field near a small stream.

Thurs. Sept. 4th. We are under way early and make 18 miles and encamp. The country through which we passed today and yesterday after dinner is hilly but seems to be rich. We passed through a cedar grove of several miles length this P.M. Since in camp we learn that Gen. Nelson's forces has been whiped and himself killed at Lexington Ky. Weather clear sun hot air cool. We are encamped 3 miles from Murfreesboro near a spring of immense size. Dress parade tonight.

Friday Sept. 5th. We lay in camp today. Some however are moving on, don't know where.

Sat. Sept. 6th. We have battalion drill this morning and while out we receive orders to march. We made 7 miles and counter march  $3\frac{1}{2}$  making  $10\frac{1}{2}$  miles and encamped. The air in camp was filled with dust, water scarce.

Sun. Sept. 7th. This morning we off by times. The wagons going in advance of the men. Last night a soldier was killed at a private house and by way of retaliation the houses were all burned. We made 15 miles and stoped at Laverne for supper. Our regiment formed the rear guard to the column. We rest  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours and then move onward, we made 11 miles and encamped at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock. Enemies cavalry seen in our advance, Several houses and a saw and grist mill were burned at Lavern last night.

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Mon. Sept. 8th. The dust last night was most desperate to travel in. Weather clear and warm. We move 2 or 3 miles nearer town and halt and await our turn to cross the river. We were mistaken in the idea of crossing the river. We were ordered to go into camp. We marched through town and encamped southwest of the city and near the fortifications. Our regiment is placed in a new brigade composed of the 69 Ohio 11 Michigan and the 19th Ills. We are under General Neglie. Mail today.

Tuesday Sept. 9th. We received orders to move camp last night, therefore today we moved and pitched tents near a state hospital and within the suburbs of the city. Regt. detachments and corps of different kinds are encamped all about us and this makes water very scarce.

Wednes. Sept. 10th. Today we have a fine shower of rain which was very exceptable. Cos. A and I go on picket today. All quiet on picket line. We are relieved this morning by the 7th Ohio Col. Moodys regiment. The weather is warm but pleasant. Fortifications are being constructed.

Thurs. Sept. 11th. Dress parade this evening and an order read informs us that we are the 29th Bgigade Col. Stanley commanding. Heavy thunder showers.

Friday 12th. Very warm light clouds.

Sat. 13th. Cloudy and foggy this morning. Clear this afternoon. Cos. A and I accompany a train of foraging as guards. We went but three miles from the City and found plenty of corn hay and oats. Fruit and sweet potatoes were found in abundance,

Sunday Sept. 14th. Regiment inspection this morning at 9 o'clock preaching at 11 AM and prayer meeting at 7 PM. Dress parade.

Mon. Sept. 15th. Today our brigade is engaged in constructing a place of defence out of the old State hospital. Two forts are being built south of the City, upon elevated ground. While at other points all around the city the work of defence is going on. Our source of supplies is cut off and we will soon have to submit upon the surrounding country.

Tuesday Sept. 16th. The work of defence still goes on. Yesterday two of the 19th was shot by a citizen. Today a citizen was found heavily armed and was put under custody.

Wednes. Sept. 17th. Nothing special today but the camp is full of wild rumors of various kinds.

Tuesday Sept. 18th. All remains quiet on the Cumberland today. Fortifying still goes on briskly.

Friday Sept. 19th. Nothing new. Co. A goes on picket today. We have cheering news from the east to the effect that Jackson is badly whiped by McClellan.



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Sat. Sept. 20th. So far as we know we have no communication with the outer world and we have nothing new in camp.

Sunday Sept. 21st. We have preaching at 11 o'clock and prayer meeting at 7 P.M. Dress parade.

Mon. Sept. 22nd. A detachment of our brigade went foraging. We went 10 miles from the city, saw about 200 of the enemies cavalry, captured one and wounded another.

Tuesday Sept. 23rd. The enemies cavalry are encircled all about the city. They annoy us but little.

Wednes. Sept. 24th. From Sept. 24 until Sept. 25 nothing of special interest occurred except the cheering news from different parts of the army and the resignation of some of our officers attract some attention. Our first Lieutenant Felix McNeal resigned, Sept. 25th and Lieut. Haynes takes his place and Sergeant Davidson of Co. A (ours) is promoted to Second Lieutenant.

Sat. Sept. 27th. The work for the defence of the city still goes on rapidly. An alarm in camp called out several regts yesterday but the alarm was false one.

Sund. Sept. 28th. Chaplin of the 39 Ind. preaches for us today. Prayer meeting this evening, dress parade and regiments called out to be in readiness for the enemy but no enemy came.

Mon. Sept. 29th. Most of our Co. are on duty today. Provost guards, picket and fatigue.

Tues. Sept. 30th. Regimental drill this afternoon. Weather quite warm.

Wednes. Oct. 1st. Our regt. go with forage train as guards, we went down the river about 10 miles. The enemies cavalry were in the vicinity and our cavalry went in pursuit, dashed upon, surprised and routed them, killing 40, taking a number prisoner and wounding 39. No loss on our side. We got quite a nice supply of forage and provisions, with arms and accouterments horses etc. The 19 Ills. went upon another expedition, in which case they routed some guerillas and took some prisoners and killed a captain.

Thurs. Oct 2nd. Weather warm with some rain, nothing of special interest today. Drill by battalion and prayer meeting at night.

Friday Oct. 3rd. Rained this morning but clear this afternoon and quite warm. All quiet on the Cumberland.

Sat. Oct. 4th. A foraging expedition went out today. Nothing unusual took place. We brought in hay corn and a lot of cattle.

Sunday Oct. 5th. Preaching by chaplain of 11th Mich. at 10 A. M. and by chaplain of 19 Ills at 3 P. M. Sunday School at 2 P. M. Prayer meeting at night.

Monday Oct. 6th. Quite cool last night, weather clear. Dress parade. Our regiment had orders to go picket but we joined an expedition to Laverne.

Tuesday Oct. 7th. Last night at 8 o'clock we joined the expedition to Laverne, distant 15 miles. The expedition consisted of some 6 or 8 regts., infantry, some cavalry and several pieces of artillery. We divided into two corps, one taking the Murfreesboro road, the other a road leading to the right. Thus throwing it beyond or in the rear or south of Laverne. Our regiment joined this latter corps. We arrived and engaged the enemy about sunrise. The fight lasted about 30 minutes. We routed the enemy completely, took their camp equipage, commissaries and stores of all kinds. The enemies loss was some 30 killed, 80 wounded and between 200 and 300 prisoners. Cols., Capts. and non commissioned officers were among the prisoners. Our loss was four killed and 7 wounded. We burned several cars. Among the captured property was one piece artillery, a quantity of small arms, horses, wagons and several flags. We returned and reached Nashville about 3 o'clock. We made a march of about 35 miles in less than 21 hours.

Wednes. Oct 8th. Today is occupied in resting from our hard march of yesterday. The weather is clear and warm. A supply train arrived from Louisville today.

Thursday Oct. 9th. Nothing special. Our regiment went as guards to forage train. We secured large amounts of hay, corn and wheat oats and cattle sheep and deer were killed, of which our Co. killed two. Weather cool with a drenching rain.

Oct. 10th. The above remark should have been written on record for today.

Sat. Oct. 11th. Rained all night and is quite cool this morning. Forage train started out but returned immediately, cause unknown.

Sund. Oct. 12th. Our regiment went on a forage expedition this morning. We returned by 1 o'clock P.M. A large amount of corn hay and oats were brought in. Religious service by Chaplin.

Mond. Oct. 13th. We have but little duty today. Drill at 2½ P.M. Weather still quite cool.

Tuesday Oct. 14th. Today our regiment go on picket. Co. A occupy posts No. 1 & 2. A band of guerillas was seen in front of post No. 1 on Franklin Pike. Quite a number of buggies are going toward the city this morning. Weather cool and clear sun hot nights cold. Country hereabouts is rich, well timbered undulating and decorated with fine plantation houses. Our cavalry went in pursuit of the guerillas. They routed the gang and captured 13, none killed on either side. No disturbance on picket line today.

Wednes. Oct. 15th. We were relieved by the 21st Ohio. Clear and cold.

Thursday Oct. 16th. Our regiment went foraging today. 227 wagons were out, most of which were well filled. We returned by 2 o'clock.

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Friday Oct. 17th. Nothing of special interest has occurred today. A foraging train went out and returned heavily loaded. At 9 o'clock P.M. we are ordered to hold ourselves in perfect readiness for an attack. The enemy being reported in force near town.

Sat. Oct. 18th. This morning we were called out early to meet any emergency but no attack was made except by some cavalry that dashed upon the picket line. We learn that no special damage was done on either side. The balance of the day passed off quietly.

Sunday Oct. 19th. Col. Granville Moody preached in Chattanooga Depot this morning. Preaching by Chaplains at different points. Dress parade at which General Neglie honored us with his presence and a word of eulogy. All quiet on the Cumberland.

Monday Oct. 20th. Nothing important. About 1 o'clock last night a party left camp commanded by Capt. Miller to look after some of the enemy who were encamped on the Gallatin Pike. The party routed the enemy, killing five and wounding several. Capturing some 15 among whom is a Col. Our loss was one killed and one wounded.

Tuesday Oct. 21. Today our regiment is on picket duty. We went on at 9 last night. It is reported that some 40 of our men was taken prisoner on picket line. Don't know what regiment they belong to. All quiet on our line.

Wednes. Oct. 22nd. We are relieved by the 21 Ohio. A large forage train went out last night and returned this evening. The train went some 18 miles. They got the wagons well filled.

Thurs. Oct. 23rd. Today several expeditions went in search of the enemy. Our regiment was among them and was under Col. Miller's command. We made some 25 miles but found no enemy except a few scattering cavalry some of which were taken prisoner.

Friday Oct. 24th. Weather continues clear and cold at night. I am on camp guard today, the first since leaving Battle Creek. A member of Co. E died last night and was buried today.

Sat. Oct. 25th. Last night the weather grew very cold and continues to blow very cold and snows slightly. This evening it snows quite hard. We are ordered out on picket.

Sunday Oct. 26th. We are on picket duty having come out last night. The snow fell two inches deep. We are allowed to keep fires on posts today. The snow disappears. Cloudy with a little sunshine.

Monday Oct. 27th. Clear last night and today. Hard frost this morning. Forage train went out this morning, 470 wagons.

Tuesday Oct. 28th. Clear weather. Forage train out today. Large quantities of provender and cattle procured.

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Wednes. Oct. 29th. Our regt. was out today with forage train. We went 13 miles and got full loads of corn, hay, oats and blades, beside we get wheat, hogs and some cattle.

Thurs. Oct. 30th. Our Lieut. Col. Given with some convalescents started for home today. They were to go under a flag of truce. Forage train went out today. Weather pleasant with cool nights.

Friday Oct. 31st. Forage train went out this morning, secured large quantities of hay, corn, hogs, sheep and cattle. The enemy was in the vicinity but run away at the approach of our cavalry. The work for the defence of the city still goes on briskly.

Sat. Nov. 1st. Light clouds this morning but a pleasant day. Dress parade. This evening we went on picket.

Sund. Nov. 2nd. Our Company relieved the 37 Ind. from picket this morning at 7 o'clock. A few shots were exchanged across the river last night by the pickets and the enemy. Nothing of special importance took place during our 36 hours on duty.

Mon. Nov. 3rd. Our regt. was relieved by the 21 Ohio this A.M. Quite cool this morning, sun warm.

Tuesday Nov. 4th. Nothing of special importance occurred during the day. At night we are ordered under arms. The pickets were fired on at night.

Wednes. Nov. 5th. This mornig our pickets were fired upon at an early hour before day and soon after the enemy brought up several pieces of artillery and fired on the pickets. Several picket posts were taken prisoner. About supup a general attack was brought on upon the south side of town but after an engagement of some 3 or 4 hours the enemy withdrew. Our forces followed and engaged the enemy about noon. The result of the engagement was about as follows, the enemy lost some 5 or 15 killed and some 15 or thirty wounded and 23 prisoners. Our loss was some 5 or 10 wounded, 3 missing and none killed and thus the fight ended. Weather clear but pleasant but a furious storm of dust arose in the evening. The forces that made the attack this morning were commanded by General N. B. Forest, we captured 55 head of cattle.

Tuesday Nov. 6th. All remain quiet today though we were called out by 3 o'clock A.M. We were very revived by the announcement of the near approach of some of Rosecrans's army. They encamped within 9 miles of here tonight.

Friday Nov. 7th. Today General McCook arrived here and visited our camp. He brought some commissary stores. Our regt. go on picket tonight. Weather cool and cloudy. General McCooks arrival was announced by a salute of 13 guns from St. Cloud hill this morning and as the General passed around the works of defence each gave a salute of welcome and honor.

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Sat, Nov. 8th. Clear fine weather. We draw sugar, coffee, beans and rice. We begin to feel that we are living upon Uncle Sam again, feel rich.

Sunday Nov. 9th. A large supply train came in this evening and one started out this morning. Religious service by Chaplain this morning. Weather fine.

Mon. Nov. 10th. Another provision train arrived today. Nothing special transpired today. We received orders to march at a late hour but the order is countermanded.

Tuesday Nov. 11th. Louisville and Cincinnati papers sell at 20 to 25 cts per copy. Weather clear and Indian summer very smokey. All the forces under Gen. Neglie are inspected by Gen. Rosecrans and pass in review before him. Provision and transportation trains arrive and go out daily.

Wednesday Nov. 12th. We are overjoyed at the arrival of a mail. The first since we have arrived here over two months ago. Oh how glad we are to receive news from home and then how sad when we learn that some of our fellow soldiers have fallen victims to the fate of war. Rained last night and this morning.

Thurs. Nov. 13th. Some of the forces here supposed to be a division took the leave for parts unknown. Our regt. escorts a train on a forage tour. They encounter some guerillas and kill one. They got a large amount of hay and corn. Weather beautiful.

Friday Nov. 14th. Our regt. go on picket today. A very lamentable accident occurred today, the shooting of James Mowbry. The shot was accidental and in the hand cutting off two fingers. Mowbry is a private of our Co. and a good soldier. We receive another mail. General Rosecrans visits the picket lines and camps. Fine weather.

Saturday Nov. 15. Capt. Miller is in command of the Co. A large provision train arrived here today from Mitchelsville distant from here 38 miles.

Sunday Nov. 16th. Today is my 27th birthday. Weather light cloudy. Religious services at several places and at different hours. A forage train went out and got a large amount of provender.

Mon. Nov. 17th. Our sutler has been absent for some time but is now here and will open tomorrow.

Tuesday Nov. 18th. We receive newspapers from home. Weather cloudy and rainy.

Wednes. Nov. 19th. Cloudy and raining. Forage train went out today. Rained a great portion of the day. Forage train returned with tolerable supply.

Thurs. Nov. 20th. Our regiment are on picket. Day before yesterday Nov. 18th 4 Cos. of our regiment move quarters to Ft. St. Cloud and will garrison the place a while.

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Friday Nov. 21st. We are surprized to learn of the arrival of some of the heros of Cumberland Gap. General Morgan's command; also Parson Brownlow. Brownlow will address the people tonight in the Methodist Church. Weather cloudy. Dress parade at 4½ P.M.

Sat. Nov. 22nd. Our regiment go foraging. Capt. Milller starts for home, goes from here on horseback. Forage is found in abundance.

Sund. Nov. 23rd. Preaching by Chaplin. Weather pleasant. I am placed on guard at private house today. Cause; am doing half duty on account of sore eyes.

Mon. Nov. 24th. Nothing of special importance occured. Our regiment are on picket. Lieutenant Col. Given returned today. The four Cos. that were garrisoning Fort St. Cloud have been ordered back to the regt.

Thurs. Nov. 27th. A call for volunteers in the regular service is being made and some of our regt. are volunteering.

Friday Nov. 28. Nothing of special importance.

Sat. Nov. 29th. Weather cool with light clouds and some sunshine.

Sund. Nov. 30th. Preaching by Chaplin. Rained last night and today.

Mon. Dec. 1. Nothing special. One a sergeant of E died of chronic diareah and was buried today.

Tues. Dec. 2nd. All quiet on the Cumberland, business reviving.

Wednes. Dec. 3rd. Today the regt. is being paid off. We look for a big drunk. Several persons are here from Frankfort Ohio.

Thurs. Dec. 4th. Our Co. is paid, are paid for three months and squared up for the past year. We were paid for our losses of May 1 at Athens Ala. The finest spirit prevails in camp. A general settlement is taking place among the boys. Some of the boys find themselves in dept after paying clothing, suttlers and other bills. Sky clear, sun warm and the air cool.

Friday Dec. 5th. This morning snow is falling thick and fast, ceased snowing at 11 A.M. The presence of greenbacks in camp has revived the watch trade which had been carried on so extensively sometime ago, but for want of means had taken a stand still. An unusual amount of drunkenness prevails in all the camps as well as ours.

Sat. Dec. 6th. The boys at camp are taxed with an ununual amount of duty. Clear and cold.

Sunday Dec. 7th. Last night was the coldest we have had this season. Clear and cold.

Mon. Dec. 8th. Regt. on picket. We receive orders to be ready to move at a moments warning. Our visitors from Ross County left this morning. The sick are moved to the post hospital.

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Tues. Dec. 9th. Two of our boys start for home, H. Grubb and S. Strampher.

Wednes. Dec. 10th. Today we pull stakes and move to the country, five miles from the city. I join the regt. The Brigade all move together. We are upon the Franklin turnpike, five miles from the city south of the city. We form part of the outpost.

Thurs. Dec. 11th. A large expedition of cavalry, artillery and infantry went out today.

Friday Dec. 12th. Expedition returned bringing some 10 prisoners. They went as far as Franklin, had a skirmish with the enemies cavalry, drove them in all directions and returned without any loss on our part. Rosecran's headquarters are just in front of our camp. Enemy reported in force in and about Murfreesboro. Cloudy and sprinkling rain.

Sat. Dec. 13th. Our Co. went on picket last night, all quiet during the night. Clear and very windy.

Sun. Dec. 14th. An immense forage train went out toward Franklin, full wagons return. The enemies cavalry captured four of men, killed one and wounded 3 or 4 and took four horses. Preaching by Chaplin.

Mon. Dec. 15. Drilled a little. A dashing rain this P.M. with a strong western wind.

Tues. Dec. 15. Hard rain last night, clear this morning. An immense forage train is moving to the front. This looks very strange when it is reported that the enemy is menacing us and is in strong force in our front. Cavalry artillery and infantry escort the train. All quiet at 11.30 A.M. but 12 A.M. hark the clattering of the couriers horses hoofs tell us that all is not right, then the long roll is beating. We fall into line and off we go to look after the reported danger. Report says forage train is all captured. We go out some three miles and are ordered back. Some of the enemy was seen by our foragers and fired upon. That was the cause of us being called out, a strong force was sent out but we are again in camp. Forage train returned with full loaded wagons. Dress parade this afternoon and the Martial band of the 19 Ills. played for us. They are excellant drummers. Some 6 or 8 months ago Cos. A and E sent for two fine drums. One to be presented to the Major drummer the other to Co. E's drumer and tonight the drums came to camp. They are splendid drums and cost about 70 dollars a piece, also three fifes were donated to the fifers, which cost 8 dollars a piece. We expect to have good music henceforth. "Music charms".

Wednes. Dec. 17th. Very cold last night. Clear today. A huxter was mobed by our regt. and tis hinted that it was done at the suggestion of the "powers that be". Bunk one gathered about two bushels hickory nuts, nuts are abundant. Bunk 2 has a refuge negro quartered with them. Quite lately I saw what I never expected to see in decent society that a negro and white man playing cards together.

Thurs. Dec. 18th. Clear cold and frosty. Drill at 9 P.M. This morning we had brigade drill byr Col. Stanly. This was the Cols. first effort and we are glad to say he adjusted himself admirably.

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Sat. Dec. 20th. Our regt. goes on picket. Considerable firing on picket line. Cannonading heard during day and at night in direction of Murfreesboro, supposed 6 - 8 miles distant.

Fri. Dec. 19th. Last night Col. Given's wife arrived in camp. A happy meeting no doubt. This morning we were ordered to be ready to march within a half hour with three days rations in our haversacks. The idea of carrying three days rations to us was very inconsistent, but before we were ready to take the line the order was countermanded. Cause of the order unknown to us. A forage train has passed out today. Brigade drill this afternoon. Dress parade and quite a number of orders read among which was the decision of a court martial held upon the charge of drunkenness preferred against several members of the regiment. The penalties were severe yet just, but the majority of the regt. denounced the act as it was punishing only a few out of many that was guilty of the same or worse offenses, among whom are several command officers. Forage train returned with safety having seen but few of the enemy and were out some 8 miles.

Sunday Dec. 21. We are relieved by the 37 Ind. All quiet on picket line. Capt. Miller arrived in camp last night, brought two recruits. At dress parade we were honored by the presence of Gen. Neglie, and our regiment was presented with a new stand of colors by the government, upon which occasion Col. Given made some very appropriate remarks. Part of forage train returned safely, they having had a light skirmish, in which two of the enemy were killed, 3 or 4 taken prisoners and a few guns and horses taken. Our loss one wounded. Part of train is delayed and our regt. went out and met it returning safely and well loaded. Preaching by Chaplin.

Mon. Dec. 22nd. Regimental drill this morning. A lot of contrabands came in the morning. Forage train went out and returned unmolested with filled wagons.

Tues. Dec. 23rd. Regimental drill this morning. Brigade this afternoon. An alarm was caused by the 19 Ills. firing off their guns when relieved on picket.

Wednes. Dec. 24th. Ordered up at 3½ A.M. supplied ourselves with three days rations, enemy reported threaten us. We are ordered to be ready for any emergency. Forage train going out, now returning. An expedition seemed to be going to the front, we join it and now we are under way. Neglies Div. is all out, the Gen. in command. We went about 6 miles, forage train followed and succeeded in getting forage. We saw but few of the enemy. Enemy and our cavalry had a light skirmish. We returned to camp about 6½ o'clock.

Thurs. Dec. 25th. Last night we were ordered to move at 6 this morning but the order was countermanded. This is Christmas Day and we are determined to have a good time. Weather cloudy. We spent last Christmas in Camp Jefferson, Bacon Creek, Ky. Review was ordered. We reported at the place appointed for review, but before the performance commenced we were ordered back to camp. Tonight Bunk 1 and other bunks had oyster suppers. Christmas passed off rather dull. We are ordered to move at 6 in the morning.



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Friday Dec. 26th. We are off this morning at an early hour. Our regiment taking the lead. Our route is southward. We take the Franklin Pike a few miles, turn to the left, form a junction with other forces and strike the pike at Nolinville. We bivouack for the night one mile south of Nolinville. Our wagons fail to come up. It rained during the day and part of the night making it one of the most disagreeable nights we have experienced since in the service. We had no blankets nor overcoats. McCook's forces engage the enemy at Nolinville and drive them back several miles, and took one piece of artillery, some prisoners, but further I know not. Considerable cannonading was done during the day. We made about 10 miles.

Sat. Dec. 27th. We countermarch one mile and then commence an oblique movement toward the Murfreesboro road. Our line of march lay via neighborhood roads over hills, rocks, and muddy valleys. Cannonading is heard to our right and left. It rained hard and as fate had it we are in the reartoday wading mud and water unequal to anything we have seen for a time. Rain, mud and cold wind altogether make it the most disagreeable march we have seen since in the service of Uncle Sam. We are long after dark getting to camp. Our wagons are not all up yet. Our (Co. A) team is one that is still behind and we pass the night without tents, blankets or overcoats, but it has ceased raining and cleared off. We make large fires, and of rails and brush make our beds and thus pass the night as best we can. We borrow coffee and other provisions from some of the Cos. as our wagon is behind. We are encamped near the Murfreesboro Road having made some 10 miles. Cannonading is heard at intervals all day. Report has it that a number were killed on both sides. Soldiers are scattered from their Regts. and Cos. and many are quite lost, took wrong roads.

Sunday Dec. 28th. Hostilities seems to have ceased as it is Sunday or perhaps from some other cause. A little skirmishing goes on. Some of us go on picket. We are ordered to move this P.M. but didn't. Weather clear and pleasant. Our wagons have all come up, they had hard work to make the trip having to put 8 and 12 mules to a wagon to get up hills and through mud holes. Considerable amount of equipage was thrown away and numbers of wagons broken. The enemy appears to await our approach, a fight is expected tomorrow. Today has but little resemblance of Sunday at home.

Mon. Dec. 29th. Our Brigade moves to the front. Cannonading commenced about 8 o'clock A.M., continued about 1½ hours when the enemy took to flight. Our wagons are loaded and ready to move, are awaiting orders. The success of these in front doubtless will govern the movement. General Rosecrans division came in last evening. Our wagons move out but are turned back and we remain all night. Enemy driven to Murfreesboro. Our Regiment are still in front. When the regiment left camp I was on picket and consequently was left behind.

Tues. Dec. 30th. Rained last night cloudy and rainy this morning. Heavy cannonading this morning in front. Enemy's cavalry reported hovering about our trains. Couriers report a train attacked between here and Laverge. Further information tells us that nine wagons were taken by the enemy and burned. Cannonading is heard in the rear.

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Our position is growing unsafe and the train moves out at 3 P.M. The guards are formed into line and move forward one mile, then back again, and again forward one mile and halted and went on duty at a bridge 6 miles from the front. The night was cold and most of us were without blankets or overcoats, but little fighting was done today. Our regt. is said to be still in from skirmishing and several have been killed and wounded.

Wednes. Dec. 31st. We are still kept on duty as rear guards and guards at the bridge. Report says we are beaten and a retreat will follow. McCooks right gave way early and the enemy followed up breach with a will. A great many stragglers and panic stricken soldiers are returning from the front with despair and defeat sadly pictured in every feature. They give a sad account of operations in front. This P.M. we start for the regiment. Many wounded are being cared for along the road. Enemies cavalry have taken several pieces of trains but in turn our cavalry retook them, some were burned. We find it difficult to find the Brigade or regiment. We arrive in front before the days fighting closes. The loss on both sides is thought to be considerable. We find the regiment. Three of our Co. have been killed and some 10 wounded and some missing. Lieut. McClacker of Co. E was killed and several other officers wounded. Lieutenant Col. Given slightly wounded in the arm. We have our blankets and overcoats. The wounded are cared for, the dead go unburied. Clear cold and frosty.

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Thursday Jan. 1/1863. This is New Years Day and is spent by fighting instead of sporting. The ball is opened by musketry but as far as I knew nothing of special importance has occurred. Quite a number of prisoners have been taken today, some gave themselves up.

Friday Jan. 2nd. Skirmishing along the line very brisk at times. Our division was thrown to the right but soon brought to the center. Enemy made a furious charge carrying our first line, but our division met the charge and turned the enemy and regained all the lost ground. This affair took place about 3 o'clock P.M. and closed at dark. The loss was heavy on both sides. Our Regt. lost several killed and quite a number wounded. Capts. Welch and Stevens were wounded. Col. Scott of the 19 Ills. was wounded.

Sat. Jan. 3rd. Picket firing commences early. Our artillery shelled a column of the enemy this morning. This afternoon our regiment went on picket. Rained very hard. Ambulances gather up dead and wounded under flag of truce. This evening about dark our forces engaged a force of the enemy in a skirt of woods. The firing lasted about 1½ hours and was very brisk. We succeeded in driving the enemy from the woods. Rained considerable during the night.

Sun. Jan. 4th. Clear this morning. Hostilities seems to have ceased. as there is but little firing on picket line. We discharge our guns and clean up. Enemy has evacuated and our lines are extended. The dead are being buried and a report of losses made out. A great many of the enemies dead lay upon the field.

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Mond. Jan. 5th. This morning we move into Murfreesboro. Finish burying the dead. We wade Stone River knee deep. We find quite a number of our wounded in Murfreesboro - paroled. Expeditions are sent in different directions from the town to harass the retreating enemy. Report says a Brigade of the enemy were captured together with 101 wagons. Gen. Rosecrans visits our line and is cheered vociferously. Weather not very pleasant.

Tues. Jan. 6. We are very of rations, bitter complaints. Quartermaster neglects his duty, is said to be drunk. Our wagons arrive loaded with provisions having left Co. equipment at Nashville. We have to respect red tape before we can get provisions. We are without tents and draw those worthless shelter tents. The loss of our Co. is the skirmish of Tuesday (Dec. 30) and the two fights of Wednesday 31 and Friday Jan. 2nd.

Killed at Stone River Dec. 31, 1862 Co. A

John Mowbray  
Marshall M. Blucher  
James Hoddea  
Ebenizer B. Fennimore  
Royal S. Augustus

Killed at Stone River Jan. 2, 1863

Corp. Josiah Timmons  
Wm. T. Speaker

Wounded

H. C. Roby - arm off  
D. A. Woodland - thigh  
W. A. Christian - shoulder  
G. W. Coder - hand  
R. M. Goff - arm  
H. Purcell - breast  
A. G. Mackerly - shoulder  
Allen Reden - neck and head  
E. E. Truitt - slightly in the thigh  
E. A. Smith - big toe

Shocked by shell.

R. W. Bigs  
Thos. Goodman  
Henry Hays  
A. S. Toops  
N. Luteman

Prisoner. Brady Maddox

Lieut. Edward McCleran wounded in the leg near the ankle

Henry Purcell died of his wound Jan. 7th.

Of the loss of the regiment Capt. Fenton Co. B was wounded and taken prisoner.

Capt. Welch, Ross and Stivens were wounded  
Augustant Venier wounded

Lieut. Col. Given slightly wounded

Capt. Taylor mortally wounded lived about four days

Lieut. McBlacker killed upon the field

The loss of the regt. in killed, wounded and missing is about 175. 29 killed and about 29 missing.

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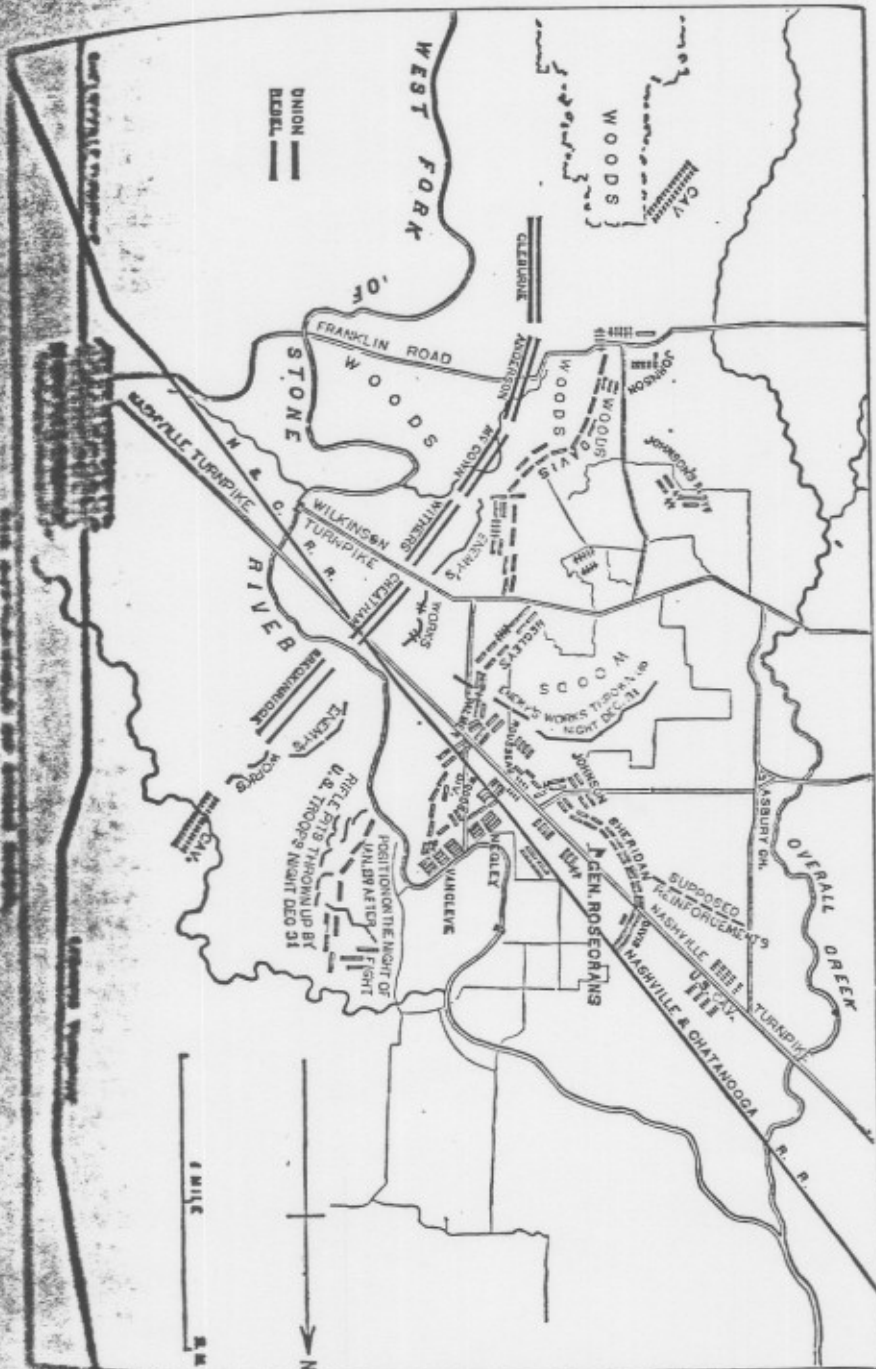
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Wednes. Jan. 7th. Nothing of special interest in motion. The wounded are being cared for and some prisoners are taken occasionally. Large forages are marching to the front. We are encamped upon the Manchester road  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from town.

Thurs. Jan. 8th. We are pleased to learn that our wagons came up last night. We got some old tents and pitched them and then turn over the shelter tents. We now hope for some rest.

Friday Jan. 9th. A forage train went out 5 miles got plenty corn and jerked several hundred pounds pork from a planter.

Sat. Jan. 10th. Raining this morning. Small mail in camp.

Sunday Jan. 11th. The day passed quietly without any religious service. Regiment escorted a forage train, forage plenty.

Satur. Jan. 17th. Since the 12th we have had some heavy rains which ended with a light snow. Large mails have been received. Several persons from Ross County were here looking after the boys of the county. Large numbers of northern physicians are here nursing and otherwise caring for our wounded. Weather clear and cold.

Tues. Jan. 20th. Cloudy and rainy. Capt. H. R. Miller has resigned and will go home in a few days. All our old officers will have left us then and we'll be upon a new footing.

Wednes. Jan. 21st. Capt. H. R. Miller started for home today. 34 wagons reported burned by the enemy while on a foraging expedition.

Sunday Jan. 25th. We have been engaged several days in preparing the mortal remains of some of our Ross Co. boys for transportation north to the family cemeteries of their friends. Our regiment was ordered on picket but for some unknown cause was sent back to camp. No religious service. Cloudy. Lieut. Davidson is in command of the company.

Thurs. Jan. 29th. Considerable rain has fallen lately. We were on picket day before yesterday. Weather very unpleasant. It having rained and snowed and the snow continues to fall and at intervals the wind blew hard. Veru cold today with snow on the ground.

Sat. Jan. 31st. Vacancies having been made in the non commissioned staff of our company and Capt. Miller having left, Lieut. Davidson wished the place filled and offered a corporalship to A. Gorrel and myself but both of us refused the appointment. This occurred about the 20 or 25th of Jan. M. Devine, R. Irvin, M. B. Miller were appointed. Weather pleasant. Mail in today.

Sund. Feb. 1st. Cloudy and raining. No religious service. Forage train out. Two more of the wounded of our Regt. have died. A force is reported gone to Shelbyville. Forage train returned with unloaded wagons, could find nothing. Major Grosvenor returned last night.

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Dress parade this P.M. upon which occasion Grovesnor made some very appropriate remarks. This was our first dress parade since the battle or since leaving Camp Hamilton one month ago. Mordica Bell came to the Co. having left us at Bacon Creek, Ky.

Mond. Feb. 2nd. We go on picket this morning. Weather pleasant but during the night it grew cloudy, cold and snowed. No enemy in our front.

Tuesday Feb. 3rd. We are relieved by the 21 Ohio. Weather bitter cold. Forage train was successful in procuring supplies yesterday. Our cavalry have successfully beaten the enemy and captured not a few lately.

Wednes. Feb. 4th. Our regt. worked on the fort today. Extensive earthworks are being thrown up on Stones River north of Murfreesboro. Canonading heard toward Shelbyville. Cause unknown.

Thurs. Feb. 5th. Forage train went out, a detail of our regt. formed part of the escort. Forage not plenty.

Friday Feb. 13th. We have just returned from a trip to Nashville. We started last Saturday evening and returned yesterday evening. We were one day going up and three days coming back. The roads were very badly cut up, some places almost impassable. The country between here and Nashville presents one waste desolate waste. The greater portions of buildings are burned and also fencing and all combustable matter nearly all consumed. Leveringe once a nice little village is almost extinct. Burned up mules and horses lay dead all along the road. Camps are established at several places and small forts are being thrown up. We took our muskets with us and exchanged them for Enfield rifles. The regiment is now well armed. Large reinforcements arrived at Nashville and quite a number of pontoons boats are being sent to this place having been shipped from points north to Nashville. Several members of our Company and of the regiment came to us and are now in camp. They had been taken prisoners by Morgan last May. Weather changable and rainy.

Sunday Feb. 15th. Yesterday we were on picket, rained a good portion of the time while on duty. Some deserters came in today from the rebel army. The mail is in regular running order at present.

Monday Feb. 16th. Inspection of equipage by C. Vonstrader and General Neglie. Also inspection of our proficiency in drill. Cloudy and rainy.

Friday Feb. 20th. A forage expedition of two days duration left camp yesterday morning. A detail of our regt. accompanied the train. We took the Salem road and gradually bore south. We wnr about 15 miles. Found forage plenty, loaded, returned three miles and encamped for the night. Some of the enemies cavalry seen. Our artillery gave them a shell or two and dispersed them. The road was bad and having to drive some distance after dark several wagong stuck fast or was broken and were set on fire and left behind. This morning we struck our camp, arrived at noon. General Spears of east Tenn. was in command. This evening we were paid by government for four months, amounting to 53 dollars.

Sunday Feb. 22nd. Like many other Sundays, which we pass in camp, it is quite unlike Sundays at home, no religious services. But it is the birthday of "the Father" of our country" and in tones of thunder from the mouths

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of one hundred canons - we are reminded of gallent deeds and heroic struggles for national existance. The salute was fired at 6 o'clock P.M. The roar of canon was immense and perhaps productive of some good. Forage train went out yesterday and a heavy rain fell accompanied with cold wind. Today a cold northern wind prevails and cloudy.

Wednes. Feb. 25th. Day before yesterday we were called out for battalion drill, Major Grovesner in command and as the number out was quite small we were sent to quarters and a camp guard of sixty men was detailed with strict orders to arrest any member of the Regt. that might be found outside the lines and the guard was not allowed to pass anyone without a proper pass from the Major, but allowed to pass any from other commands having business or wishing to go to the sutlers of the regiment. The principle interpretation of this new flury was to prevent the boys from spending their money any place save at our own sutlers shop as the Major has a share in the shop. For soldiers to hold stocks in sutler shop is forbidden by the articles of war. Yesterday our regiment was on picket. Enemies cavalry dashed upon our cavalry videtts damage done, one horse wounded. Don't know the enemies loss. Heavy rain this P.M.

Sat. Feb. 28th. Part of our regiment was on picket yesterday. Enemies cavalry attaccted our vidette last night. We passed "general muster" today. Forage train went out three days ago, was surrounded by a sudden rise of water and cut off from camp three days. Weather changeable with rain.

Sunday March 1st. This-morning we left camp with three days rations, and joining an expedition of cavalry, artillery and infantry, we took the line for Bradyville distant 15 miles. Some 500 wagons followed to procure ferage. The cavalry encountered the enemies pickets, rushed forward to Bradyville, met the enemy with drawn swords, routed them, capturing their camp and equipage, some horses and about prisoners including some officers. We bivouacked all night at Bradyville unmclosted.

Mond. March 2nd. We were up early and about 8 o'clock A.M. we turned about for camp where we arrived at 3 o'clock P.M. The expedition was commanded by Genl. Stanley and Miller and upon the whole was a successful one. A few deserters came in desiring to take the oath of allegiance and become good union ment.

Friday March 6th. Yesterday Col. Stanley and Given returned to camp for duty, having been home recruiting their health. Yesterday evening we were ordered to get ready for action immediately. The enemy had been making a demenstration in our front, but as yet no engagement has taken place.

Sat. March 7th. Several of the East Tenn Regiments pulled stakes and took the line for parts unknown, perhaps for Ky. Our regt. is going through a general inspection by Col. Given. We are again living under the destestably suspensive order "to be ready to march with three days cooked rations".

Sunday March 8th. A detail from our regt. was on picket today. Heavy canonading to our right, lasted some 3 hours. 2 Cos. of 4th regulars taken prisoners today.

Tues. March 10th. Rained last night and today. Battalion drill this afternoon by Lieut. Cel.

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March 14th. Tuesday March 10th our Regt. with several others left camp about 5 o'clock P.M. We took the Salem pike and supposed we were going on an expedition. We carried three days rations, but after reaching Salem we turned in for the night. Salem is five miles from Murfreesboro. The roads are exceedingly muddy and we traveled most of the way after dark. We often plunged into the mud knee deep. But after stopping we kindled a fire and made ourselves, apparently, comfortable. Instead of going on some expedition we remained at Salem until this morning when we returned to camp. At our place of bivouac we built small huts or sheds in which we lived comfortably. For erecting these huts we used rails and beards. The beards we knocked off of houses and fences and gum blankets. For fires we used rails, log cabins and any thing combustible, several log cabins were burned. No enemy was seen and of course nobody hurt. A short distance outside our picket line a gin house was burned. Supposed to have been done by the enemy. A force of our men were some four miles in front of us and the inference is that we were thrown out as a reserve and to keep open communications. What this force was sent out therefore is not known by me but no doubt it was to watch the "willy foe".

Tues. March 17th. Weather very fine. Ten of us were on picket yesterday. Many regiments are changing quarters.

Thurs. March 19th. Yesterday we had the pleasure of seeing Gen. Rosecrans and staff. Today we had battalion drill and dress parade.

Sat. March 21st. This morning the firing of musketry was heard at several places on our front principally on the right. A force of infantry was soon sent out and in a few minutes cannonading was heard which continued at intervals until about 10 o'clock A.M. We now have reports that the enemy appeared in considerable force consisting principally of cavalry and a few pieces of artillery. We prepared ourselves for a general engagement or for any emergency but we were not called out and the excitement gradually wore away. The result seems to have fallen on our side as some 500 of the enemy were brought in as prisoners and some 200 wounded. Our loss being very light. Capts. Ross and Welch returned for duty today. They having been home on furlough. While on the return here the train upon the L and N Railroad upon which they were riding was captured but before they were paroled a squad of our Ills. boys recaptured the train from the enemy and drove them off (the enemy).

Tues. March 24th. Gen. Negley returned to camp today or perhaps yesterday. He had been home on a visit. He wears the two starred shoulder straps which indicate a Major General. Sprinkles rain.

March 26th. Today we Negleys division was reviewed by Gen Rosecrans who was accompanied by Gen'ls. McCook, Thomas and many other officers of the field and line. Negley was present of course. We were reviewed outside the picket lines upon the right of the Bradyville pike. It is thought that the division made a good show. The Gen. pronounced us in good order. After the review the 19 Ills. made an exhibition in the bayonet exercise and we made a few maneuvers in battalion drill.

Mond. March 30th. The past three days have been spent in cleaning off and moving upon a new camp. We moved yesterday. We are now nearer town than before. A detail was on picket yesterday. Several of the



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boys have built bake ovens and have gone into the bakery business. It is a very lucrative business. One barrel realized 17 dollars and another brought 32 dollars clear of all expenses. In moving camp a change was made of the companies as to the locations in the line. That is, the Senior officers were given such positions as is required by regulations. Co. C is now on the extreme left, Co. B on the right and we now occupy the place formerly held by Co. K which makes us the 8th Co. on the left flank of the regiment. John Goodwin of our Co., a teamster, is discharged and will leave for Ross County, his home, tomorrow.

Tues. March 31st. Clear, cold and windy and blustering March is going out with a vim. A detail of 10 on picket.

Wednes. April 1st. This is all fools day and the joke has been carried into effect with considerable hilarity. Dress parade at 5 o'clock P.M.

Tuesday April 2nd. The regiment goes on picket today. This is caused by two regiments of our Brigade having gone to Nashville. The 19 Ill. and the 69 Ohio went as escort to a supply train for hay.

Friday April 3rd. Weather cool, clear and windy.

Sund. April 5th. Our regiment was on picket yesterday and we go on tomorrow, our duty is becoming rather hard. Those regiments of our Brigade returned today. No religious service. Dress parade this 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  P. M. This is Easter Sunday but we have no eggs.

Monday April 6th. We are on picket again today. The weather is pleasant.

Tues. April 7th. We are relieved by the 21 Ohio. Dress parade this evening at 5 o'clock.

Wednes. April 8th. A detail from the regiment go on picket today.

Friday April 10th. A general muster has had today. The express train was captured by the enemy. It contained \$14,000 and the mail. We signed the pay rolls a day or two ago, expect to be paid soon.

Sunday April 12th. A detail was made from our regiment with a days rations to report at depot. The last week or two has been clear and dry and the past few days has been quite dusty, so much so that it is impossible to keep clean or when the wind blew to breathe fresh air. But last night we were blessed with a fine shower of rain. Gen. J. B. Turchin returned here for duty today. There was great joy in the camp of the old 8th brigade upon his arrival.

Mond. April. 13th. We were paid by Government today for two months, \$26.00. Gen. Turchin paid us a visit today. He was received by three good hearty cheers.

Wednes. April 15th. We were on picket yesterday, all quiet on the line. Capt. A. Fenton of Co. B 18th Regt. died in hospital at Murfreesboro last night of wounds received in the fight of Stones River.

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Friday April 17th. Co. drill in morning. Battalion drill in the afternoon and dress parade in the evening at which time a sword was presented to Capt. Welch of Co. C through the hand of Major Grovesnor. It being a gift by the privates and non-commissioned officers of the Co.

Sund. April 19th. We attended preaching at the 69 Ohio today. Rained last night and today. Inspection this morning, regiment in good order.

Mond. April 20th. We are on picket today. Weather fine. We learned yesterday that D. A. Woodland is discharged from the service on account of disability. He was a member of our Co. was a fine young man, a good soldier and we deeply regret his loss. His absence makes a vacancy in the non-commissioned officers ranks and it was thought necessary to appoint some one to the office of Corporal and I was again solicited and urged to accept the office. This is the third time that I have been offered the office of Corporal but I still refused to accept.

Tues. April 21st. Weather pleasant. We have been in the habit of keeping fires and making coffee, cooking meat & c on picket lines at the reserve, but at present we are allowed no fires and the boys are not at all pleased with it. Capt. Welch of Co. C is in command of our Co. and the station which we are now have no special regards for him and this morning while being called out on post we were a little slow in getting in line and the Capt. talked quite short and as we moved out to post we raised a groan and yell of contempt, which did not agree with the Captains idea of good order. So therefore he demanded our names and reported us to the Col. commanding (Col. Given). The final result is not known, we await our trials. There were 19 of us in the mess. Rained this P.M.

Wednes. Apr. 22nd. Major Grovesnor left for home yesterday, I know not the nature of his business. The Major was provost martial of our regiment and upon his leaving Capt. Welch of Co. C was appointed Maj. and provost martial. An order exists in our regt. prohibiting gambling, but some of the boys still persist in the habit and thereby two corporals of Co. H was caught playing, were arrested and tried before Capt. Welch and the sentence preferred reduced both to ranks and forfeited each one months pay. The order prohibiting gambling has long existed and has been disregarded by both officers and men nearly ever since it existed, and is known positively that many of our commissioned officers have played for money and in other ways have violated the order. But they were allowed to go unpunished, not even so much as reprimanded. The idea of inflicting so hard a punishment after disregarding the order is not in accordance with our ideas of justice and we denounce the course pursued. The Corporals above named were reprimanded this P.M. at dress parade, and the stripe of one cut off. Drill today.

Thurs. April 23rd. We have been preparing for several days for a grand review. Today we passed in review before Gen'ls. Negley, Reausean, Turchin and Rosecrans was present. Also Gen. Reausean's daughter and other ladies also many other officers and soldiers. The review as seen by a fellow in line was a magnificent affair. Everything seemed to go off finely. Weather pleasant.

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Friday April 24th. Brigade drill today by Col. Stanley. Capt. Welch commanded our Reft. Another member of our Regt. died last night, a member of Co. E.

Sun. April 25th. Preaching today by Chaplin of the 11th Michigan Regt. O. D. Wells of our Co. started home on a furlow of 20 days. Gen. Neglie, staff and guards passed through our camp today.

Wednes. Apr. 29th. We were on picket last Monday, all was quiet on our line, but some firing was heard upon our right. Several reffugees came in, one black woman and six men, and two white men. They all claim to be runing off from southern despotism. They also report a large army in front of Tallahoma and Shelbyville also moving to our right. Weather light cloudy with light rain. Today we were very unexpectedly called into line and moved out toward the front upon the Manchester road. We did not learn the positive cause of the alarm but it was reported that large bodies of the enemy had been seen upon the Manchester road. At the present every thing has resumed its usual quiet. Rained considerable.

Thurs. Apr. 30th. Today is set apart by the President of the United States as a day of Thanksgiving but in most respects is not observed save however the dispensation of drill. We drew shelter tents today. They are made of linen. A general muster took place which is in accordance with

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1863. Our Regt. is on picket today. I spend leasure hours in writing. Weather very pleasant. Major C. H. Grovenor returned to camp. Had been up to Ohio to purchase a horse for Gen. J. B. Turchin which was made a present to the honored and valient Gen'l. by the officers of the old 8<sup>th</sup> brigade at a cost of \$500. All quiet on our line today. A few shells were fired on our right, cause unknown. Today the Sibley tents were turned over and the shelter tents pitched in their stead. The Silbeys will be sent to Nashville. We consider the shelters a useless affair and doubtless many will be thrown away upon the first march.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The new lines of defense are in rapid progress. The signs of the times indicate active operations. A new Brigade is assigned to our division. We spent our May day on the picket lines yesterday and though the romance of this war is nearly played out we had a smickering of romance notwithstanding.

Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. No religious service today. Dress parade this P.M. Gen'l. Turchins new horse was presented to him today. Preaching and ~~was~~ appropriate and profitable.

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Tuesday May 5". I am on brigade guard today. Rained last night is cloudy and sprinkles rain this morning. This is fine growing weather. The leaves of the forest are about half grown and pasture is good and furnishes much food for our convalescent horses and mules. Col. Stanley and Gen'ls. J. B. Turchin and Stanley (cavalry commander) passed before guard quarters this morning. I improve leasures hours in writing. The soldiers here have resorted to a great many ways to make money. Some sell tobacco, others paper, novels, lemon ade beer, oranges, cigars, apples, and many other articles. Green apples cost \$27.00 per barrel or five cents per piece.

Wednesday May 6". Rained last night and this morning and has been cloudy most all day, and rained at intervals. Battalion drill this P.M. by Capt. McNeil of Co. E. The amendments of ball playings and horse runing is becoming quite frequent.

Thursday May 7". Our Regt. on picket today. I started got sick and returned to camp had taken a pill which was the probable cause of geting sick. Quite cloudy and drizzling rains prevails most all day. It is also disagreeably cool. Reports from Hookers army are very conflicting sometimes favorable to the Federals and again against them. We wait patiently and hope for success to the cause of the union.

Friday May 8". Still cloudy cold and disagreeable. Cleared off and became more clear in the afternoon. Dress parade this P.M. upon which occasion an order was read specifying the articles necessary upon a march and reducing baggage. This looks like active operations.

Sat. May 9". Most of our Regt. work on fortifications on the Manchester road. The boys do not work so willingly now as they did soon after the fight of Stone River. The value and comfort of breast works are not as fresh upon the mind. We were in a state of anxious surprise all day in regard to the probable success or defeat of Hooker, but the arrival of the papers relieved us of further trouble, yet we realize but little real relief as the reports were adverse to the Federal arms. The papers were dropped like hot irons and melancolly gloom prevailed almost every where. The more hopeful, however, still assert that "all is right" yet. If Hooker is defeated it will secure our stay here awhile longer. Let us trust in God and do our whole duty and hope for the best. The weather is pleasant. All seems quiet in the front. Neglei visited the fortifications.

Sund. May 10". Preaching in camp by the Chaplin of 69" Ohio. The speaker expressed the belief that as soon as we as an army and nation properly humiliated ourselves and went to work in earnest, admitted an over ruling Providence that just as soon we would meet with success in puting down the rebellion. I have entertained the same opinion for more that a year. Inspection took place early in the morning. Rumors from the army of the Patomac are very conflicting and the most exagerated reports are in circulation. Richmond taken by Gen'l. Hayes. At tattoo the excitement grew rather wild and a general yell was raised.

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Mond. May 11". Nothing stirring in camp, save the Col. was called upon to furnish three men (privates) for some special purpose. In filling the call oneman reported to the Col. who was selected by officers of Co. and from the 10" reported three were selected by lottery. I happened to be one of the three. We go with arms, equipments and three days rations, doubtless we will be off soon. Weather clear and warm. We bid our Commanders farewell.

Friday May 15". I resume my journal by saying we left camp about 4 o'clock P.M. last Monday. There were 8 of us. Three from our Regt. three 19" and two from the 69 Ohio. We were commanded by a Seargent of the 19" Ills., we took the Manchester road. Negley and Stanley both told us what our duty was, which was to penetrate the enemies country as far as possible, make all the discoveries we could, learn where the enemies pickets outpost camp was &c. We were to avoid all attacks possible, defend ourselves if attacked, choose our own ground to advance upon, but was to keep secreted as much as possible, and when we ascertained all we could of the enemies whereabouts, we were to return to camp. We passed outside our lines at dark, went into the woods, seperated into groups of two, threw off our traps, secreted ourselves and crawled in for the night. Some of our dreams were not very pleasant, as the falling of timber of old trees sounded like the belching of canon or the tipping of a rabbitt over the dry leaves was suddenly magnified into the dashing of a thousand horsemen, yet we slept very well. Next morning (May 12) we began our operations by moving slowly forward. We wnt about 2 miles when by some misunderstanding two of our number were separated from the rest of us. We hunted but did not find them, we still moved custiously forward. We crossed the dry branch of Stones River and here we questioned a black fellow whom we found plowing in the field and learned that the enemy were posted no great distance in the front and that theypatrolled the woods and bypaths regularly. Our commander then deemed it necessary to turn back. We came to our videetes, found them on the lookout passed in and soon the two missing came in having a an old man, a farmer. He (the farmer) having passed so near them that they had to take him prisoner, as had he informed upon us, it would have cut our operations short. We had learned that a detachment of the enemy visited a house just in front of our lines, every day sometimes twice a day. We informed the Gen'l. of the fact and we were ordered to take them or in some way prevent them from from returning to their csmps. We laid our plans and struck out. But just as fortune would have it, we arrived just the same time they did and our plans of operation was frustrated. We could not get the position we wanted. There was ten of the enemy. As they turned to leave we ordered them to halt but as soon as they saw us they laid whip and were off in a moment. We fired four shots but none were unsaddled in our sight. We learned afterward that one of them got an arm broken. How true this report is we know not. We again returned to our lines and put up for the night. The second day May 13" we made a few reconnaissances but made no discoveries of impostance. A negro woman came to the lines wishing to get in. She had been severly whiped by her master. Her husband is inside our lines, she says she is abused on that account. She was not allowed to enter our lines but permission has been granted her by Gen'l. Negley. Tonight we sleep inside the lines. The third day (May 14") we made a few detours to the front but ascertained nothing of special interest. Some of the enemy have been seen but they appear to be very sly. The fourth day (May 15") we start back to camp, arrived at noon. Are out of rations and returned without the loss of any of the Company. The