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weather while out was very fine, rained once at night. The vegetable kingdom is in a fine stage of growth outside of our lines the farmers are farming to some extent. Probably no great distance to the front farming is pushed on extensively. Some little farming is done inside our lines, but I should think the prospect of securing a crop very doubtful, especially if the army should remain here. Some changes have taken place since our absence. Quarter master Rain was sent to his Co. cause, neglectance of duty and drunkenness. Lieut. Cable takes his place, and I. H. Acton takes the place of Cable. As adjutant Cable and Roistan have gone home on furlow.

Sat. May 16" Our Regt. is on picket today. I am in camp nursing a sore leg. A bile is growing upon the left knee. Part of the Regt. worked upon the fortifications on the Manchester road yesterday. Weather clear and warm. Joseph Shotts a cousin of mine applied for a permit to visit his friends and relatives in this army. The permit was granted, came to the Regt. today and I forwarded it to him today.

Sund. May 17". No inspection this morning. Regt. absent on picket Preaching at Gen'l. Neglie's quarters by a minister from Dayton, Ohio 10½ o'clock. Nothing exciting in camp. Weather fine. Dress parade in the evening. My sore knee seems to be growing better since morning.

Monday May 18". O. D. Wells returned today. A kind of useless inspection was held today in which all clothing not drawn from Government was to have been thrown away. Brigade drill this P.M. My sore knee grew some what painful in the evening. I have taken cold. A couple of the boys got drunk on beer and ale. Our Lieutenant Davidson also was very tight most of the day. Government I think furnishes the best supply of provisions at this time than at any time since the service. We have had warm bread for several meals past. Also corn cake. Weather pleasant clear with a cool bracing atmosphere.

Tuesday May 19". Part of the Regt. on detail, working on the Manchester defence. Thom. McFarlin formerly member of our Co. arrived in camp today. Lieut. still remains about half drunk.

Wednesday May 20". The order of the morning is to wash dirty clothes. Preparations are being made to send all extra clothing to the rear, perhaps Nashville, to be safely kept and sent to us next fall. Some however are sending their extras home by express. The weather is quite clear and warm, nights cool. Considerable excitement in camp this morning grown from two causes. First we are under marching orders, second we are packing our extra baggage to be sent to the rear, don't know where. I packed away nothing but an old over coat. Sometime since money was made up to purchase and present to Col. Given and Maj. Grovenor each a sword by the men and officers of the 18" Ohio. The sword was purchased and this evening at roll call they were presented respectively by J. H. Acton Co. E to Col. Given and second by Doctor Mills to Maj. C. H. Grovenor. Each of the four made short speeches in which some very truthful remarks were made. We look upon the affair as one of the happy little incidents peculiar to camp life. It was a respect truly merited by Col. Given and to some degree by Maj. Grovenor. Ret, was then served a drink of beer and we dispersed happy.

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Mond. May 21". Preparations are still being made to move the convalescent have just under gone examination by the surgeons. Some of them will be attached to the convalescent corps to be sent to garrison forts. Two of our Co. go, R. Connelly, M. Bell. Brigade drill this P.M. at 5 o'clock. I was not as my knee was not yet well. Every body seems to think we will move soon. A kind of panic took place yesterday among fruit dealers. The impression prevailed that army would move this morning and they became alarmed at the of failing to sell out stock and began to sell at reduced prices. Peddling ceased generally.

Mond. May 22". Nothing new seems to be transpiring. The regt. was drilled by Capt. Grovenor this afternoon. The drill ground was quite dusty and made drilling quite disagreeable. It is thought that cavalry expeditions have been sent out upon every road leading to the front and some brilliant exploits is reported having taken place. This perhaps will account for the recent stir and preparations in camp. All seems to have again resumed the usual quiet. The weather is quite warm and roads very dry and dusty.

Sat. May 23". Nothing changed since yesterday unless if possible things are growing more quiet. Fiting in Grant army near Vicksburg reported in progress.

Sund. May 24". Co. inspection took place this morning at about 8 o'clock After this Albert S. Toops and I visited the 36" Ills., Sheridan division to see a cousin of mine whom I had not seen for near 15 years. We found him on picket and enjoying good health. Preaching at Negleys quarters this morning. News from Grant army very encouraging. Hooker is reported falling back upon Washington. Weather very pleasant, clear and dusty. Dress parade in the evening.

Mond. May 25". We are on picket today. Our Co. is in station No. 3 and commanded by Lieutenant Rain of Co. G who was never on picket before. Has acted as Quarter master and Commisserant ever since the regt. was formed untill quite lately and was sent to his Co. for drunkenness. Tho. McFarlin formerly of our Co. starts home today. No disturbance on picket line. Weather clear and warm.

Tuesday May 26". We were relieved this morning by the 74" and a detail of the 21" Ohio. Col. Granville Moody of the 74" Ohio has resigned and gone home. He was not successful in securing the good will and respect of his Regt. and this is said to be the cause of his resignation, having bravery and ability was and still remain unquestioned. Water is geting short and the ground geting very dry. Rain is needed very much. We have good news from Grant. Dress parade this morning.

Wednes. May 27". Slightly cloudy and some appearance of rain. No mail for our Co. today. We feel disappointed. Nothing encouraging from Grant today. The 2" Kentucky battery which was encamped just in front of our left moved to some other camp this morning. Slightly cloudy and a light sprinkle of rain. This afternoon regimental drill at 5:30 P.M. by Capt. McElroy Co. K

Thurs. May 28" We are again under marching orders, a great many troops are changing quarters. I have not learned where they are going.

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The 19" Ills. have been on a scout and returned yesterday. They report the enemy as menacing our front. They had one light engagement. I have not learned the result. Some appearance of rain.

Friday May 29". Rained last night and all days at intervals. Monthly inspection took place at 3 P.M. by a Capt. of Stanleys staff. Drill by Col. Given just before sundown and bayonet exercise Maj. Grovenor. I and several of the boys attended church up town this evening. The attendance was very large and remarkably orderly. Considerable interest seemed to be manifested.

Sat. May 30". Rained last night and is raining this morning. Has all appearance of a gloomy day, had several hard thunder showers. Was ordered to go on review, fell stacked arms, went out but was soon ordered back on account of the rain. It has now cleared off but the prospects for more rain are good. Second Lieutenant Edward McLaren returned to camp this morning. He was wounded at Stones River in the ankle, went home on furlow, but his leg is not well and it is feared will not get well soon.

Sun. May 31". Inspection took place at about 8 o'clock. Was conducted by the Co. officers and lasted but a short time. I think religious services were held in several places today. Weather warm with a few light sprinkles of rain. Meeting up town at night. The sacrament of the Lords supper was administered also the ordinance of babtism was attended to. All was very quiet and seemed to be deeply interested. Dress parade by Maj. Grovenor this evening. News from Grant are not encouraging.

Mon. June 1". Co. drill this morning. Rosecrans division was reviewed today and most of Negleys division were present as spectators. I had a picture taken this morning. The peculiarity of the affair was that I traded beans for it. The beans cost me \$1.00 and I got a picture worth 1.50 and 1.00 to boot. The weather is quite pleasant. Regt. drill this 5.30 P.M.

Tues 2". Co. drill this morning. Slight sprinkle of rain. Brigade drill at 3 P.M. by Col. Stanley, brigade out in full. Negley and Thomas were present during the drill. Quite a No. of us went to a meeting in town tonight. The house was full, quite a No. went to the alter for prayer.

Wednes. June 3". Hard rain and thunder storms passed over last night, cloudy this P.M. Review this P.M. We went out at one o'clock upon the Bradyville road. Was viewed by Gen. Neglie and a officer of the regulars. After arriving upon the view ground and before we passed in review our Regt. performed before a large concave of people, spectators. The skirmish drill and the 19" Ills. in the bayonet drill. I think not less than 300 officers were present as spectators, including Stanley and Turchin, also some citizens and a few ladies. I was at church tonight. The audience small. Some 7 or 8 joined the church tonight.

Thurs. June 4". Four years ago this morning a destructive frost prevailed in the north. I should not be surprised if considerable frost had fallen last night in the north. The air is cooler here this morning than usual.

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Our Regt. go on picket today. About 11 o'clock firing was heard upon the right of us and an occasional shot in our front. A short time and cannonading was heard which continued at intervals until sun down. From the best information I could gather the enemy was of the opinion that a large portion of the army had been sent to Vickburg and they thought this a favorable opportunity to make an attempt to retake Murfreesboro.

Friday June 5th. We were relieved this morning by the 88th Ind. of Col. Baty's brigade. Heavy firing was heard in the direction of Franklin yesterday. Reports say that the place was attacked. We have no particulars of yesterdays engagement. Considerable firing was done on picket line last night. A tremendous thunder storm past over last night accompanied by heavy rain. Several of the boys say they were knocked down by the heavy outbursts of thunder. All is quiet on the line this morning save an occasional musket shot. Our Co. was on stations No. 1 & 2. Our Lieut. Col. (Jonah Given) is today a citizen. He having been discharged in presence of receiving the office of Colonel. He will take command of the 74th Ohio. Vice Granville Moody resigned. A kind of social gathering was held at the Cols. quarters last night by the officers of the Regt. Some speeches were made and no small amount of liquors were drank. Weather cloudy with some rain.

Sat. June 6th. Col. Given left us today and took command of the 74th Ohio. Capt. Welch has command theis Regt. (ours). We regret very much the loss of Col. Given. He carries with him our heart felt thanks for the great service he has rendered us and our best wishes that success may always smile upon him and crown his efforts with honor. We were anxious that he should make a farewell address upon departing with us the regt. but in this we were disappointed. A large number of exchanged prisoners arrived in camp today. Among the number were several from our Regt. two of whom were from our Co., Wm. Christian and B. Maddox. Maj. C. H. Grovenor took command of the Regt. this evening. Doubtless our Regt. has seen its palmiest days and from the present we expect to see it descend from the high and honorable position which it once occupied, or which it now holds. We are sorry that we cannot repose that confidence in our officers necessary to secure good deportment and an efficient regt. Dress parade at 6 P.M.

Sund. June 7th. Regular inspection this morning at the usual hour. Religious service at different places in the forenoon. I attended church at Negley quarters at 3 P.M. Dress parade about 6 P.M. It is said that tomorrow we move and that a general movement of the army will take place. Stirring times are expected.

Mon. June 8th. All is quiet this morning. We have no sign of a forward movement but on the contrary we have orders to clear up the camp in the best of style and this morning we have a drill for one hour. The order referring to the proper hour for eating is being enforced ie. we are required to take meals at 6, 12, & 6 A.M., M. & P.M. Genl. Cooks division came in from Carthage yesterday. A great many of our Regt. and the 89th Ohio are well acquainted therefore as soon as it was found out that Crooks Division and the 89th were here a great no. of our Regt. and Co. went to visit them and in turn they came here. Dress parade this evening.

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Tues. June 9th. Co. drill this morning. Some of the boys are using green apples, have them stewed for supper. Government furnishes a splendid supply of provisions. Some of the boys still bake biscuit and pies. Biscuit worth 20 cts. per dozen and pies 20 cts. per pie. All quiet at this time.

Wednes. June 10th. Heavy showers of rain. Seven promotions have taken place in our Regt. yesterday. Maj. C. K. Grovenor was promoted to Lieu. Col. He now wears the silver leaf and Capt. Welch Co. C was promoted to Maj. and first Lieutenant Cable Co. G (acting quartermaster) promoted to Capt. He then took command of his company and Lieut. Rain was reinstated to his old position as quartermaster. The Regt. is now pretty well officered and it is presumed is prepared for all that is out. Doubtless other Co. will take the lead and win all the laurels if we are so fortunate as to win any. Gen'l. Negley just now passed through camp taking observations and inspecting "Cooks quarters". The order requiring us to carry five days rations in our knapsacks when upon a march is suspended. A cousin of mine from Ross Co. Ohio (Joseph Shotts) arrived in camp today. He has several relatives and many friends in this army and has come to visit us. The Lieut. commanding our Co. (Davidson) is under the influence of liquor today. Brigade and Regt. drill this afternoon and while upon drill Lieut. Davidson committed several errors and for this was excused from further duty during drill by the Col. C. H. Grovenor. Clear and cloudy with light rain interspersed.

Thurs. June 11th. I spent most of the day runing through the camps with my cousin Joseph and others. We visited the 89th Ohio and found quite a No. of acquaintances. Lieut. Davidson offered us his resignation this morning. No doubt it will be accepted. Quite a no. of the Regt. are out a light this evening. Brigade drill this afternoon. Tonight the officers of the Regt. are holding a kind of social gathering or more properly are taking a big drunk over the promotions of Capt. Welch to Maj. and Maj. Grovenor to Lieut. Col. Political songs are sung and no small amount of small talk engaged in and various kind of drink furnished. Of course none but commissioned officers take part.

Friday June 12th. This morning our Regt. go on picket. We arrived on picket about 9:30 A.M. We relieve the 104th Ills. of Baty's Brigade, Division. The weather is fine and everything is quiet during the day. Our Co. is on station No. 1. A few shots were fired in the night.

Sat. June 13th. We were relieved by the 49th Ohio and others of the 1st. Brigade. I and three of my cousins visited the 26th Ohio this afternoon. The visit was a very pleasant one. The boys were well and seemed ready for any emergency. Some of the camps on the left were in splendid order and beautifully decorated with cedars. The 40th Ind made the best appearance and probably was in the best order.

Sund. June 14th. Last Friday some 15,000 soldiers collected together to see some person hung but nobody was hung and a great many persons disappointed. Today several of us with my cousin visited the battlefield. The following is an inscription written upon the headboard of the slain. Dedicated to the memories of Dennis Conway, Phillip S. Griffiths, James Henry and A. S. Sossa of Co. J 18th Regt. O. V. killed at the battle of Stones River Dec. 31, 1863.

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Sleeping on a foreign shore
 Rest, soldier rest, thy trials o'er
 Thy comrades leave this token here
 That some, perchance, may drop a tear.
 For those that braved so long the blast
 And served their country to the last.

The battle field in a general way presents quite a different appearance to what it did last winter. Quite a number of bodies have been taken up, and many graves fenced in.

Mond. June 15th. Lieut. Davidson received his resignation papers today which were approved and he is now a citizen. Doubtless all hands are pleased and that no tears will be shed at his departure. Co. drill this A.M. and dress parade this P.M. Weather clear and warm. All very quiet. Inspection of arms by Capt. Hayden.

Tuesday June 16th. First Lieut. Pearly Brown of Co. H took command of our Co. This morning vice Lieut. Davidson resigned. No objection seemed to be made, to our commander we hope he will please us well. Battallion this P.M. We received orders to get ready for Corps drill at 3 P.M. We were marched out. We could not tell how many divisions were out but it is thought as many as three were present. We formed first line of battle fronting the east, the second the south and the third the east. We were out until sundown. The drill had the appearance of a march more than instruction and provoked some hard swearing. Thomas and Neglie were present.

Wednesday June 17th. Regimental drill this morning and drill of Division this P.M. Division drill is equally as hard as Corps drill and received a due proportion of swearing. Our cavalry reports the enemies cavalry in strong force in the direction Gallatin. Joseph Shotts, my cousin, started for home today. Took the 2 o'clock train. Weather warm and pleasant with some rain in a distance. Quartermaster Rain is again under arrest for drunkenness. We hope the Regt. and army generally will receive a full purging. Lieut. Davidson resigned, took the cars at 2 o'clock train for home. I think he leaves but few warm friends. Division drill by Neglie, Thomas being present. Light showers of rain. The corps have been reinstated to their locations in line. Our Co. takes the right flank, occupies the old position.

Friday June 19th. I am on Regtl. guard today. Co. drill this A.M. and Division drill this P.M. Orderly Sergeant Brown is sick and Sergeant Roten is acting orderly. The boys still continue to bake bread and pies. The weather is very nice. A party from our Regt. went foraging today to procure grass and clover for the horses and mules. All very quiet on our line today.

Sat. June 20th. Cloudy and threatens rain this morning. Division this P.M.

Sund. June 21st. Our Regt. go on picket today. Our Co. is posted at station No. 1 on our line. Each division pickets a specified portion of the line. Our right joins McCooks left, Davis's Division. Weather fine and all quiet on the line. I occupy leasur hours in letter writing.

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Mond. June 22nd. We are relieved by the 74th Ohio. This morning Genl. Turchin and wife visited our post yesterday. Division drill this P.M. at 3 o'clock but our regt. is excused. We have inspection at 6.

Tuesday June 23rd. Cloudy and threatens rain. We are ordered to be ready to march tomorrow. Don't know where we go.

Wednes. June 24th. We were ordered to be ready to march this evening. We got up late and begin our preparations very leisurely. A train is heard moving upon our left but in our department the signs of a move are very meager until nine o'clock at which time we strike tents. A force of cavalry and artillery have just passed out on the Manchester road and followed by Crook's Brigade. It is now raining and the prospects are good for a protracted effort. From all appearances a general forward movement of the army is in progress. We take the line of march upon the Manchester road about 9½ o'clock. Beaty's Brigade is van of our Brigade. Our Regt. is in van of our Brigade, 3rd Brigade in the rear. About 10 o'clock cannonading is heard in McCooks front. All seems to be quiet in our front and on the left. It continues to rain all day. We moved a short distance to the left of the road and bivouacked in an open field for the night, distance about 9 miles. Genls. Thomas and Rosecrans passed us during the day. The boys gave them some hearty cheers.

Thurs. June 25th. Rained nearly all night. We were called up about midnight and ordered to be ready to move at a minutes warning, but the order was soon countermanded and we ensconced beneath our gum blankets. It continues to rain pretty hard this morning. It is now 10 o'clock & we have not moved an inch. Firing is heard on the right. We are ordered to hold ourselves ready to move at short notice, our teams are parked a short distance in the rear. The pattering, trickling, penetrating, soiling rain still pours down upon us. Woeful night! We are closely shrouded by rubber blankets and present one vast motly group, however but little grumbling is heard. In fact a rather cheerful spirit prevails. We are strictly forbidden stragling or pilfering but some of the boys still persist in violating the order. Co. E's orderly Seargeant caught stragling and was by the proclamation of Col. Grovenor reduced to ranks to date from yesterday. We take the line of march about 10 o'clock, We file right and move out upon the road, advance about 2 miles and halt on the right side of the road, about 1 o'clock go into camp, park the wagons and await for further orders upon the march. Our Regt. performs the part of wagon guard to ammunition train. Our division is kept on reserve. We are bivouacked near a farm house. The landlady which is a vile secesh and says we are thieves and expressed a desire for a pistol to show her spunk for killing some beef cattle. Heavy firing of musketry and artillery is heard in the front and on the right in the afternoon 4 o'clock P.M. about 30 ambulances and 20 prisoners passed to the rear. The prisoners say we will catch hell and that it will be no Stone River fight. Two of the main gaps approaching Manchester and Shelbyville are said to be in our possession. Report says our loss on the right, yesterday, was about 90 and 80 in our front. I have heard nothing of the results today. I go on picket tonight.

Friday June 26th. We left camp this A.M. about 8 o'clock and move up near the front. The roads are very badly cut up and muddy. Musketry

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firing goes on briskly with some artillery interspersed. All is quiet on the left. Every thing seems to be in good working order and the general impression is that the enemy will make a stand at this place, Hoovers Gap which 11 miles from Murfreesboro. The rain pours down in torrents this morning but at this writing, 11½ o'clock, it is clearing up. Just now musketry firing is very sharp. We are in possession of the Gap. Some small earth works were thrown up by the enemy commanding the Gap. They were very ingeniously constructed. The topography of this section of the country is that of rugged steeps, narrow defiles, high and peaked hills. Doubtless a better place for strategic movements could not be found. If the enemy fights here and we succeed in whipping them, which we intend to do, he will be thrown into a critical and dangerous situation. Now it is raining again. Beach Grove 2:30 P.M. We are now halted in a grove of the above name where we were once encamped over night while upon the retreat from below here and under Buell. The enemy fallen back and in direction of Martrace and we have left Hoovers Gap in the rear. We are encamped in the grove to the right of the road which has been shelled and leaves some prominent marks of the "measles of war". The country here is rich, is well located for cultivation, is undulating and in some parts is pierced with high round knowls. In passing along our lines it may be seen stretching over the hills and along the ravines like some huge anaconda and ever and anon seems to be stretching forth its fangs of death and destruction to the retreating foe. Our Co. is now thrown out on the picket or skirmish line but there is no enemy in close proximity. Some dozen of shots have been fired by artillery on the right and in sight of us. We have timed the report of the guns and found them to be 2-7/8 miles distant. 6 P.M. everything seems to be quiet and no firing is heard and ambulances and ordinance train is moving forward briskly. One Co. from each Regt. of our Brigade were out reconnoitering the front. They brought in several prisoners.

Sat. June 27th. The sun is now about half hour high and the first gun, artillery has just been fired. The firing is on the right where it was last heard last night. I suppose the enemies cavalry still makes their appearance in the woods. No rain last night but the signs are good today. Baggage and supply trains are moving forward. Troops have also passed. One of the enemies horses lie near by having been gored through by one of our cannon balls. We are 13 miles from Manchester. Dismal hollow. 1 o'clock P.M. Our division moved westward at right angles to the road about three miles. Filed left moved over wood, field, hill and valley in search of a supposed enemy but found none. We then halted an hour, after which we moved eastward and struck the pike about 3 miles from where we encamped having made a circuitous route of about 6 miles. In that circuit we found the best cultivated portion of country we have seen. Wheat is good and the prospect for vegetables are good. After striking the pike, we move up dismal hollow where we are now halted. Gen. Rosecrans and staff have just now passed. He says if we have long legs we can eat supper in Manchester tonight. No firing has been heard since morning. Dismal hollow is the name of a long narrowly constructed hollow bordered by high bluff hills running some 100 feet above the road which hides from view the surrounding country. It is very narrow and some three or four miles in length. It is thought the enemy would contest the occupation of this hollow but I have heard of no opposition yet. Every body seems to be in excellent spirits. The 15th Regt C.V.

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is just now passing. We had no knowledge of such a Regt. being in this department. A fine shower of rain is just now falling. It has been clear most of the day. We waded water half knee deep some 7 or 8 times today.

Sund. June 28th. Camp near Manchester Tenn. We move forward yesterday, arrive and passed through Manchester after dark. We hold peaceable possession. We traveled about 16 miles yesterday. The enemy is reported to be concentrating at Tullahoma and our advance is said to be within about four miles of the place. Weather slightly cloudy. Our Regt. is located south of Manchester upon the right bank of Duck River. We retreated from this place about 10 months ago. The times indicate a general forward movement. The observance of the Sabbath necessary not withstanding. Afternoon as yet we remain where we stoped last night. Had a shower of rain this morning. Pitched tents on purpose of drying them. They were struck and packed while wet and were in danger of rotting. We are preparing ourselves with three days rations. Some of our teams are to be sent back to Murfreesboro for rations. We have not carried our knapsacks but one day since leaving Murfreesboro. Some of the forces still keep moving forward.

Mond. June 29th. We still lie here awaiting the order to move. Yesterday we received orders to send back to Murfreesboro all baggage which we could not carry. We sent back most every thing but gum blankets, gun and equipments. We are now prepared to move with alacrity. Hard rain last night, clear and warm this morning. Several accidents ocured yesterday from promiscuously firing off guns. Heavy cannonading in the direction of Tallahoma. A very heavy thunderstorm shower at 12 M. About 1 P.M. we move out, take the road toward Tallahoma. Another hard rain fell about 3 or 4 o'clock. The road is very muddy and badly cut up. The whole earth is flooded with water. A few shots are heard on the right at 3 or 4 P.M. We are now at a halt but for what purpose I know not. A train left Manchester for Murfreesboro for provisions this morning. Pontoon boats are being brought forward.

Tues. June 30th. Bivouacked in front of the enemies lines last night after one of the wettest and muddiest marches we have experienced since leaving Murfreesboro. Roads were most impassable. We waded mud and water almost knee deep several times. We made some 7 or 8 miles which brought us in 5 or 6 miles of Tullahoma. A few shots were fired this morning. We are in close proximity to the enemies lines.. The whistle of locomotives are heard at Tullahoma. Weather clear, sun hot. Every body in fine spirits and full of confidence. I am on picket and a party of us have just returned from a reconnoissance of the front. A brisk skirmish was going on, on our right. No enemy near our front. It is late in the evening and most extremely pleasant. A shower or two of rain has passed round but we have escaped its penetrating influence. The sun is setting clear. There! our pickets are firing. Since morning we have changed our line and formed them in regular order. The front has been recoinoitered and but meager evidence of the enemy ascertained, but the cause of firing just now indicate an enemy near. Oh! we were mistaken, the firing was on the vidette line still farther in the front of our line. A few shots were fired during the night.

Wednes. July 1st. We were relieved from picket and just as we were joining the Regt. we found it moving out. We moved out and halted a while. The movements of the army are very mysterious to "us privates"

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but I suppose the commanding Genl. is guided by the information received. The country here is very level and poorly watered, though at present water is plenty from the fall of heavy rains. It does seem that an over ruling Providence is dealing with special interest toward us in this particular. Genl. Beatys Brigade has gone to the front and cannonading is heard about two miles off. We are now moved to the front A dozen or more wounded and killed are passing in the rear and a large number have been sunstroked. It is sulfuriously hot and mostly clear. Just as we approached the line some sharp firing ensued, but the enemy were repulsed and all is quiet at this writing. Our lines are now advancing. We change direction to the left oblique leaving Tullahoma to the right and rear. We are now moving to the right of the Elk River bridge. About 6 P.M. a sharp skirmish ensued between the enemy and our cavalry. I killed and several wounded and staff officer missing. Our Regt. was on the front at the line of the skirmish, after which we retired and bivouacked on the hill side near a farm house and creek for the night. Some 400 men were reported sunstroked today.

Thurs. July 2nd. We move out at an early hour this morning. Genl. Thomas passed to the front. Report says we took possession of Tullahoma yesterday. The enemy are upon the south side of the river (Elk). They burned all the bridges. We are now halted upon the banks of Elk River about two miles above the R. R. bridge. Cannonading is heard on our left. Supposed to be Crittenden. Some sharp firing took place this morning. Two divisions of the enemy are said to be on the opposite side of the river. The roads are so badly cut up that pontoons cannot come up. The foot bridge is not totally destroyed, will be repaired and we will cross on that. Pack mules are among the novelties of our train and a number have just passed loaded with picks, axes, shovels, spades &c. The enemy have disappeared on the other side of the river.

Friday July 3rd. We are still lying where we halted yesterday. We moved about 8 o'clock and crossed the river above the Railroad about 1 mile on the bridge above named. The bridge is a new one constructed by the enemy since our evacuation last fall. And in his retreat he tried to destroy it but did not succeed in making it wholly worthless. It was protected by two stalkades and some earthworks. After leaving the river we took an easterly direction and at this writing we are halted in a barley field near a farm house. We are on the track of the enemy and not far behind them, so it is said. A skirmish took place yesterday and 12 or 15 of the enemies dead have been found upon the field since we came here.

Sat. July 4th. We spent the fourth of July last year at Battle Creek, Tenn. and we feasted highly on the best the country offered. Today we are feasting upon pork and crackers. Weather clear and warm. We remain where we halted last night awaiting orders to move. We moved only four or five miles yesterday. We now move out about 12 M. We go in the direction of the mountains, and after making an attempt to ascend the mountain we turn back and go into camp. The road up the mountain is said to be blockaded. Considerable rain the P.M. We have cheering news from official information that Lee had invaded Penn. and Md. and that Genl. Mead had attacked, whiped and routed the enemy. Upon this announcement we gave three long, loud and hearty cheers and in the divisions the report of this news was hailed by a salute of 35 guns, and in honor of the 4th of July

Sund. July the 5th. We lay quietly in camp today. Some heavy showers of rain fell today. Forage train went out today. About 12 M a heavy

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brigade guard was placed around camp. This guard seemed to be quite unnecessary and receives universal censure by men and subordinant officers. I am on this guard.

Mond. July 6th. One of the heaviest rains fell last night. Cloudy this morning. No signs of moving this morning.

Tuesday July 7th. Preparations seems to be making for crossing the mountains. Partly cloudy this morning. Heavy rains fell during the night. Most of the boys are out of provisions and the cry for crackers is clamorous beyond anything we have seen since in the service. Late in the evening we get a supply of crackers, meat has been plenty. Reports from the Potomac and other points are of the most cheering character. Salute of thirty five guns in the other departments are being fired.

Wednes. July 8th. This morning we were aroused from our slumbers by the booming of cannon. It was one of our batteries firing a salute in exultation of the "good news". Rained nearly all night. Cloudy this morning. We had mutton for breakfast. About 10 we moved out of camp, took the line for Deccard, arrived at Deccard early in the evening and went regularly into camp. It is about 9 miles from here to where we were encamped at the foot of the mountains.

Thurs. July 9th. Today was occupied in erecting huts and pitching tents. We are out of provisions and the cry for something to eat is loud indeed. We got one cracker to the man and some beef which was the amount of substance today. A party went foraging for the animals today. The country is well nigh striped of every thing eatable. We receive mail and Nashville papers today. Report says that the cars run to Elk River bridge, four miles distant and our wagons have gone down for provisions.

Frid. July 10th. Provisions are very scarce. Have drawn nothing but hard bread. The cry for something to eat today has exceeded any thing that has ever taken place since in the service. Provision is plenty in camp at Com. Dept. but they are awaiting the regular course of "red tape" and this causes some hard epithets and loud complaining. About 4 P.M. rations are drawn and supper served up in double quick. I never saw pork and crackers consumed so ravenously before. Dress parade this evening. No rain today.

Sat. July 11th. Our regiment is on picket today. Warm and clear.

Sund. July 12th. Nothing of special importance going on today. No religious service that we know of.

Mond. July 13th. Two Cos. of our regt. (A and F) went down to Elk River bridge, went as escort to train and to load the same with provisions. Cars run regular as far as the bridge. The bridge is in progress of reconstruction but it will be some time before it is completed. Brigade drill this P.M. but Cos. A and F are excused as we were on duty this morning.

Tues. July 14th. Rosecrans division moved up today and passed on toward Cowen. Papers in camp today. Nothing new in our dept.

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the stoppage of 25 dollars at the pay table as an equivalent to the stolen goods. The affair is considered as being very unjust. Several trains in today among which was a passenger train. Weather fine.

Thursday July 23rd. Our regt. goes on picket today. No signs of enemy on our line. Indeed we are surrounded by camps on every side, which renders our camp doubly secure.

Friday July 24th. We were relieved this morning by the 37th Ind. Musketoos are numerous and very troublesome in the woods. Weather very warm. We draw clothing V.P. today.

Saturday July 25th. Co. drill this morning. Cloudy and some appearance of rain. A detail of some one hundred men was made this afternoon to cut timber for platforms at the depot, to store provisions.

Sund. July 26th. About one brigade passed toward the front yesterday. No religious service today. Morning inspection took place about 9 o'clock. Sprinkles rain a little.

Mond. July 27th. Weather warm and pleasant but rather hot at noon for comfort. Co. and Regt. drill.

Tuesday July 28th. Brigade drill this P.M. by Col. Stoten, Col. of the 11 Michigan. We also went through the formulas of review.

Wednes. July 29th. Our Regt. is upon detail today. Co. A and F are upon guard at the depot and the ballance of the Regt. upon fatigue at the same place. About sundown Genl. Rosecrans passed enroute for Winchester his present headquarters. Ours, Neglies division, turned out enmass and gave the Gen. a hearty reception by giving three cheers. Lieut. Edward McClerand returned to camp yesterday from Nashville where he was in the hospital. He is not yet able for duty.

Thurs. July 30th. Some heavy showers of rain and hard wind. We have four men upon the chain gang, two of whom were sentenced by the Col. instead of by a court martial.

Friday July 31st. Today terminates the second year of our enlistment. Sun rises clear and the indications for rain a hot day. Inspection is ordered for 8 o'clock. Inspection of arms took place at the time appointed, Capt. Kendrick the inspecting officer. Several promotions have taken place in our Regt. lately. Lieut. Browne and Reiston are promoted to Capts. and the Sergeant major promoted to first Lieut. and today was appointed to Adjutant. And John A. Acton returned to his Co.

Sat. Aug. 1st. Nothing doing today. Col. T. R. Stanley arrived in camp today. His arrival was signalized by a general outburst of applause and rejoicing. The reception shows plainly the high regard in which he is held by those under his command. Our knapsacks were brought up today. A great many are missing and have been rifled of their contents. Some of them were half rotten having been packed away wet. Mine however was not injured. Heavy trains in today and the mail unusually large.

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Sund. Aug. 2nd. Preaching in our Regt. today by one of the members of the soldiers Christian Commission. Sunday morning inspection was deferred until 5½ in the evening. Col. T. R. Stanley was present and participated in the inspection and expressed himself well pleased with our appearance. Col. T. R. Stanley was presented with an excellent sword by the enlisted men of the Regt. and at a cost of \$400. The inscription "Seven Days at Stones River" was inscribed upon the blade. Orderly Sergeant Camp of Co. D made the presentation speech. Col. Stanley made responded in an appropriate and happy manner. He referred to Stones River with tears in his eyes.

Mond. Aug. 3rd. I am on camp guard today. Every thing quiet and dull. Dress parade and Brigade drill at 5½ to 6 P.M. Very warm.

Tues. Aug. 4th. Regt. on picket today. I am excused on account of being on camp guard. A member of the 18th P.V. was run over by the cars and instantly killed. He was literally cut to pieces.

Wednes. Aug. 5th. I am again on camp guard. Considerably drunkenness in camp. A collision of the railroad delayed the train until late in the evening. Dress parade after six. Light rains.

account of the effect of a wound received at Stones River. ~~first Lieut.~~
Baldwin is assigned to duty in our Co. Rained today. Dress parade this P.M. The Lieut. Col. of the 11th Michigan takes command of our Regt. in the absence of Col. Grovenor.

Sat. Aug. 8th. P. G. Browne of our Co. gave us (the Co.) an entertainment today in the shape of a dinner upon the strength of his promotion to a Captaincy. The dinner consisted of an excellent article of soup, new potatoes, blackberries, green corn, light bread and shoulder, and also the proper articles for seasoning. In all it was a good dinner and "the repast" was enjoyed by all the participants. Two years ago (the Co.) took dinner at the Valley House, Chillicothe, Ohio. Dress parade at 6 P.M.

Sund. Aug. 9th. No preaching today. Sunday morning inspection by Col.

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numerous. We are encamped to the west or left of the R.R. and near the old camp of 94th Ohio.

Tues. Aug. 11th. Today is mostly spent in fixing up the camp. We have fine camping grounds. A detail was made for fatigue but we didn't go.

Wednes. Aug. 12th. This morning a detail for fatigue is made, we report at 7 o'clock. About 6 the Regt. received orders to move. Fatigue party and the Regt. take the line about 8. The fatigue party in the lead. I am in the fatigue party. We move along the line of the R.R. and cross the mountain at the tunnel. Fatigue party work on the road. The Regt. go some four miles and encamp. The fatigue party stop after crossing the mountain and go to work. The road is very rocky. We carry three days rations, camp equipage and knapsacks are all hauled. Ours is the only Regt. moving of the Brigade today and we got teams from othe Regt. to haul baggage over the mountains.

Thurs. Aug. 13th. We encamped last night where we first halted after crossing the mountain. Today the 19th Ill. came over and encamped with our Regt. Fatigue party work the road up to the Regt. or station where a temporary camp is located." The name of the station is Tantanllion and is located in a very long and narrow cave and bordered by the mountains of about 600 feet. The creek running down the cave is called Crow Creek. The fatigue party of our Regt. is released and go to the right this P.M. There are quite a number of the inhabitants staying in the mountains. They all claim loyalty to the old flag. Both male and female are of a very slender lean and lank build.

Frid. Aug. 14th. Several rattlesnakes have been killed since in the mountains. It is said that the other portion of the Brigade will come over today. Our Regt. moved down the cave about 4 miles this morning and a fatigue squad is sent in front to prepare the roads. Only half the Regts. move at a time. I am again on the fatigue party. We stop at noon with the Regt. The cave or valley widens as we move downward and the tillable land is very rich. Corn and fruit especially peaches are plenty and we are living upon the best the country affords. We have seen one meeting house since leaving Cowen, passed it today. We encamp upon a farm house near a mill. The owners name being Lynch and has been a recruiting officer in the employment of the confederacy. Fatigue party do small jobs this P.M. on the roads.

Sat. Aug. 15th. We leave camp about 6. A fatigue party go forward to prepare the road for wagons. The baggage of the left wing are moved. First we move down the valley to Anderson Station about 3 miles distant. We encamp below the station to the left of the R.R. The 19 Ill. came forward today. The first Brigade of Rosecrans Division are posted here. Weather warm and roads dusty. Rain in the distance. Corn plenty and the prospects good for a heavy crop. Cloudy this afternoon. Capt. Jno. Jumper Co. F commands the Regt. A rebel Genl. Anderson lived near this station or some say he lives here yet.

Sund. Aug. 16th. We lay quietly in camp today. Many of the boys are washing their clothes. Foggy this morning. Rain this afternoon. An occasional train passes over the road. Mail in at noon, no religious service today. A great many of the boys are out in the mountains foraging and ruminating generally.

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Mond. Aug. 17th. Nothing on hand today, some of the Cos. have inspection. I and a pardner take a trip over the mountains. Scenery good, wild and romantic, rocks of all sizes and shapes and nice streams of water.

Tues. Aug. 18th. Clear and pleasant. Quite a number of the boys are out in the country this morning. About 8 or 9 the ballance of our Division came in and we were ordered to get under way in an hour. It was a very unexpected move and caught many of us in traps. I and several of the boys had gone to the country to visit a cave, were overtaken and informed of the intended move, but before we could get back the Regt. had gone but we soon overtook them. We move down Crow Creek within about three miles of Stephenson. Weather warm.

Wednes. 19th. We encamped last night near a meeting house and in an open field upon the left bank of the creek. Rosecrans moved his headquarters to Stephenson today.

Thurs. Aug. 20th. We are ordered to clean up the camp today for the reception of some Genl. but the Genl. did not come, Genl. Thomas headquarter. Teams are moving forward to the front. We now have a band belonging to our brigade. It is from Chicago, Ills. and arrived in camp but a few days ago Tuesday, I think.

Friday Aug. 21st. This afternoon we received orders to strike tents and be off immediately. We obeyed the order with a will and were soon off. We moved off down the valley about one and a half miles and again went regularly into camp. We are now encamped within about four hundred yards of Crow Creek upon the left bank and very near Neglies headquarters and a spring. The spring is rather small to supply us all.

Sat. Aug. 22nd. Today we spent puting our camp in shape. Troops of various kinds continue to pass, and pontoons are rapidly being moved to the front. Dress parade this evening. The band serenaded Genl. Neglie at night.

Sund. Aug. 23rd. Preaching this morning by one of the Christian Commission. Reynolds Division is reported in Chattanooga. Firing was heard some where last night. Large trains are running to the front to Stephenson. Pontoons are being brought down the valley upon wagons. I am on guard today.

Mond. Aug. 24th. We erected arbors over our tents today. Dress parade this P.M. Some of our teams went to Tallahoma for baggage of the 69. 103 pontoons collected near our camp.

Tues. Aug. 25th. Chaplin Jno Dillon of our Regt. returned to camp today. Rained today.

Wednes. Aug. 26th. Clear and the weather changed to warm days and cold nights. Dress at 6 at which time an artist tried to get a picture of the Regt. but as it was too dark he failed.

Thurs. Aug. 27th. This morning our Regt. with the 11th Michigan 19th Ills. and Shoults battery was formed in order and a picture was taken of the whole. Stanley and staff was present. Dress parade at 6 P.M.

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Friday Aug. 28th. We are ordered to get ready for inspection which is to take place tomorrow. Our band was present this evening at dress parade and discovered some fine music.

Sat. Aug. 29th. Inspection took place this morning, were inspected by brigade staff officer.

Sund. Aug. 30th. Co. inspection this morning. Preaching this A.M. at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock by our Chaplain. In afternoon at 19th by some of the Christian Commission. 6 o'clock P.M. we were ordered to get ready to move at 8 o'clock. We got ready but about 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ the order was countermanded.

Mond. Aug. 31st. We are ordered to pitch tents and await orders. Division passed toward Stephenson.

Tues. Sept. 1st. Expected to move this morning but all seems quiet until 4 P.M. at which time we were ordered to move at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. We "pulled out". We passed through Stephenson thence to the river and crossed upon pontoons at the mouth of Crow Creek. We then moved out three miles and bivouacked for the night in a narrow valley, along the base of Sand Mountain. The ascension of which occupies the whole day. For a mountain road it is pretty good, but wagon masters double time in order to make the move expeditious in crossing. Remember only one division is crossing. From points upon the mountain can be seen Battle Creek and the camp about Bridgeport. I am now informed that the mountain is called Raccoon instead of Sand. We encamp upon the mountain tonight about three miles from where we camped last night.

Friday Sept. 4th. We are off at an early hour, go over and descend and encamp at the foot or base of the mountain and close to the spring. We traveled 8 miles today, which makes it eleven miles over the mountain. Our is located between Sand and Lookout mountains. A few deserters came in today. This valley is tolerably good farming land. We passed over the Tenn. and Georgia state line today and now we are in Dade Co. Georgia.

Sat. Sept. 5th. We do not move today. Sheridans Division passes us and goes into camp at Trenton the county seat of this Co., about three miles below here. Our Regt. was sent out to collect forage or provisions. We got some mutton and about 30 head of cattle. A scouting party went out this morning and at the Trenton Iron Works found a considerable amount of confederate property such as flour, bacon, salt, and quartermasters stores.

Sund. Sept. 6th. Our Regt. was started out early this morning upon an expedition to the top of Lookout Mountain before we had gone far the division had orders to march. Aids were sent after us but did not find us. We went up the mountain and had a skirmish with the enemy. We returned to camp about 3 P.M. and found the division nearly all gone. We struck out in their wake and overtook the division after most of it had gone into camp. We moved in a Southwest direction. We move about 8 miles. We are passing around Lookout Mountain. Sheridans Division is close behind us. I saw my cousin Ezra Shotts today. He is in the 36th Ills. Sheridan Division. We are encamped about the southwest end of Lookout Mountain and upon the banks of Lookout Creek. Surgeon Johnson returned to the Regt. today, had been home.

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Mond. Sept. 7th. The division moved forward and part of it ascended Lookout Mountain. Our Regt. was left behind as rear guard and escort to trains, and we did not get up until dark. Our line of march was in a south west direction. Most of the division bivouacked in what is called Johnsons Cove and Lost Hollow. Our Regt. bivouacked just at the foot of the mountain where the road starts up. Green corn is still plenty. The mountain forms more than a half circle around us. The train is kept moving up the mountain all night and part of our Regt. was detailed to help them up. A fine shower of rain fell P.M. Rouseans division is following us. Sheridan moved to the right. We made about four miles today.

Tues. Sept. 8th. Bivouacked upon Lookout Mountain, Ga. The movement up the mountain was continued this morning. Our Regt. moved about half way up and halted until noon at which time we moved forward some four miles and went into bivouack with the rest of the division and so we are again "camped upon the mountain". This is said to be by some Bade and by others Dade County with Trenton for a county seat. Yesterday we passed by a large and new iron foundry. C. S. A. was preparing "for to live" by themselves. Green corn is very plenty up here and is just in fine roasting order. Enemy reported in front. Weather fine.

Wednes. Sept. 9th. Moved forward at a early hour. Our Regt. in advance We descended the mountain and after skirmishing the valley and taking a few prisoners the division went into camp in McKelloughs cove. Our Regt. was sent forward to Cassandia a cross roads in the valley about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the foot of the mountain where the division is encamped. We are acting as reserve pickets. We moved only four miles today. We are now in Walter County, Layfayette being the county seat. I was on picket last night. Mellons, corn, sweet and irish potatoes plenty in this cove and valley. Some of the inhabitants claim loyalty to the union flag. Enemy is said to be retreating from Chattanooga.

Tuesday Sept. 10th. A squad of cavalry came up to our lines this morning before sunup, but when fired upon disappeared. Our teams came up to this place this morning. We move some four miles and ascertain that the enemy are in strong both in front and left flank. We fall back and take position in line of battle and remain so until near morning when we change front more to the left.

Friday Sept. 11th. Today we skirmish with the enemy all the forenoon and generally fall back. The enemy gain ground all the time and constantly getting upon our flank. About two o'clock we began to fall back rapidly and at point we took up a supposed strong position but as soon as the enemy opened the whole line fell back in confusion, almost a panic. It was an artillery engagement principally. Our Regt. suffered severly four killed and eighteen wounded done by artillery. We continued to retreat until near the foot of Lookout Mountain where we came down. Here we took up a strong position and remained all night. The enemy following closely but did not keep up the attack. I have not learned the entire loss of either the enemy or us. Thomas, Negley, Baird and Beatys were present and Rouseans division was present. Report says the rebel Gen. Polk was our opponent. The enemy cried "Bull Run" as we retreated.

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Sat. Sept. 12th. Col. C. H. Grovenor returned to the Regt. yesterday and took command about 12 o'clock. We expected the enemy to attack us early this morning but no enemy seem to be about. A heavy force of our boys went out today to reconnoiter the front and they went as far as our advance had formerly been and no enemy was found, save in the mountain gap.

Sund. Sept. 13th. Religious service in some camps today. Were ordered to move but did not and we remain in camp all day. The most of our Corps is present now. The whereabouts of the enemy and their strength is not exactly known. A provision train started back this P.M. to Bridgeport. The weather is warm and the whole camp is in a continual cloud of dust

Mond. Sept. 14th. Our Brigade and I think most of the division moved out to Cassandria this morning. We formed line and lay quietly until three P.M. at which time our Regt. went to the front, to the battleground of last Friday and buried our dead 4 of the 18 Ohio, one of the 11 Michigan, one of the 19th Ills. We returned at dusk and bivouacked for the night.

Tues. Sept. 15th. Our teams are ordered up this morning. All quiet in front and we hold our line undisputed. An opinion prevails that the whole army will be concentrated here. McCook is reported on his way here. We are told that the enemy lost some twenty or thirty killed in last Fridays fight, a Lieut. Col. being among them. Corn, vegetables and other forage are getting scarce. Weather pleasant.

Wednes. 16th. We are called up at four o'clock this morning. The enemy being reported in our front threatening an attack but no enemy came and we remain in camp all day. Thomas and McCook were here today and passed along the front. We are ordered to move at three in the morning.

Tuesday Sept. 17th. We did not start at three as the order was countermanded to 8 A.M. Our Brigade was detailed as guard to wagon train. We made some six miles and encamped upon the right or north bank of the Chickamauga Creek. Our line of battle was parallel to the creek. The whole army seems to be moving toward Chattanooga. There seems to be a race by us and the enemy for Chattanooga.

Sund. Sept. 18th. We still continue the movement by the left flank, a sharp engagement took place by the cavalry on the left. We move up to Crawfish Springs.

Sat. Sept. 19th. Today our Corps became heavy engaged but fortune favored us (our Brigade and Division) and we were but slightly injured. We were first thrown to the right where we had an "artillery duel" in which six horses were killed and wounded and one man killed and three or four wounded. We were then thrown to the left or center and at dark we were slightly engaged and lost a few in wounded. From all appearances we got the best of the bargain today. The enemy seems to have fallen back and lost quite a number in prisoners.

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Sund. Sept. 20th. Today the enemy was early in bringing on an attack, a general engagement soon followed and the fight became desperate and was kept up all day and closed after dark. The enemy was too strong for us and drove us back a considerable distance. We were driven from the spring and at night we occupied a poor position for water. As the enemy was too strong for us we fell back some five or six miles took up another position. The forces which we met today were Breckenridges. We slaughtered them by scores. Wounded a Brigadier General (Adams) and his adjutant general. Our Co. loss was one killed and five wounded and three missing. Capt. P. G. Brown was wounded in the arm. I was struck twice but not injured.

Mond. Sept. 21st. The enemy came on this morning. They seem to be anxious for a fight but as they approach our line they become more careful and advance more cautious. A short artillery fire took place on our front but as far as is known not much damage was done.

Tues. Sept. 22nd. Again we retreated. After dark last night we withdrew very carefully and fell back to Chattanooga and went to fortifying with great vigor. The enemy followed us up closely and threatened an immediate attack. But aside from a skirmish and a few shots from artillery nothing was done. Our position is growing strong rapidly. We begin to breathe more easily. Our trains are all across the river.

Wednes. Sept. 23rd. We still continue to pick and shovel dirt. The enemy come out in full view and their trains are moving to and fro. Our artillery gave them several shots but received no reply. Genl. Rosecrans passed our camp and talked personally with the boys. He seems to think we are safe .

Thurs. Sept. 24th. We were called out at an early hour with the supposition that the enemy would bring on an early attack. We continue to shovel dirt with a vengeance. The enemy has kept very quiet and we began to think he might be slipping away and in the evening Genl. Turchin went to the front with his brigade and made a reconnoissance and soon found the enemy in full force. After a spirited skirmish he retreated with a small loss in wounded.

Friday Sept. 25th. All very quiet today until late in the evening when the enemy began to throw a few shells. Doubtless to try the range and to draw our fire and ascertain our position. I have heard of no damage done. We were allowed the privilege of washing our clothes today which were exceptionally dirty. A train started for Bridgeport for provisions.

Sat. Sept. 26th. The enemy opened with a fierce musketry fire this morning before sunup. We were soon under arms but the attack did not last long. Our entire loss since crossing the river is 86 killed 7 wounded and missing 19.

Sund. Sept. 27th. Our Regt. is on fatigue today. Work is done by reliefs of Regt. and brigade. Chaplin J. Dillin preached for us at sundown. Sharp firing of musketry on the right at 10½ P.M. (night).

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Mond. Sept. 28th. A train of ambulances start for the battle field under flag of truce. Drivers exchange at picket line and the enemy go after our wounded who are said to be in a suffering condition. A few shots are fired along the picket line otherwise all is quiet.

Tues. Sept. 29th. Ambulances come back this evening at sundown. Each ambulance was filled with wounded.

Wednes. Sept. 30th. Our Regt. go on picket. Cloudy and rain through the day and continues through the night. Another large train of wagons and ambulances go after wounded this A.M. No firing on picket line.

Thurs. Oct. 1st. Weather disagreeable. Rained hard nearly all day ceasing at night.

Friday Oct. 2nd. Clear this morning. We lay quietly in camp untill about three P.M. when we are ordered to get to move. Report says the enemy burned two hundred of our wagons loaded with supplies near or toward Bridgeport. A late report says that thirty instead of two hundred were burned and that those burned were loaded with forage and ammunition. They were burned in the Sequeachie Valley. We did not move as we expected.

Sat. Oct. 3rd. Our Regt. is on fatigue today. Wm. Reace of Co. E was, today, after having his head shaved and a paper pined upon his back with the inscription "coward" inscribed, marched through camp under guard with the drums playing the "rogues march poor old soldier". All this for cowardice for runing from the field of battle of Chicka mauga and from McLamore Cove. The affair was a pitale one to behold though no doubt the punishment just or perhaps hardly adequate to the offence. Genl. Hooker is reported at Stephenson with an army of 20,000. A portion of the men sent home for drafted men returned and that without any recruits.

Sund. Oct. 4th. Weather clear very cold at night and warm in day time. Preaching in the various regiments today. Very windy and uncomfortable.

Mond. Oct. 5th. All quiet untill 11 o'clock when an occansional shot from the enemies artillery began to draw our attention. The fire grew thicker and thicker and by two o'clock P.M. our position became quite uneasy from the "iron hail" of the enemy "dogs of war" but as night approached the fire began to slacken. The damage done us is very light. A few wounded and some equipage shattered. Our Regt. sustained no damage though several shell burst near our quarters. A few horses were wounded. It is supposed the enemy was trying their guns, but if such was the case they gave us a knowledge of their positions which was as highly beneficial to us as it was to them to learn the range of their guns. We work nearly all night having learned our weak and exposed parts of our line of defense. The enemy threw a few shell about every two hours during the night.

Tues. Oct. 6th. We expected the enemy to open with all his guns today but he has not fired a shot. We still go ahead strengthening our works positions. Very foggy this A.M. Clear and warm through the day, cloudy in the evening, indications of rain. Every body and all surrounding us wears a peculiar gloom and the profound silence seems to indicate a coming storm. I am puzzled to know the cause of this solemnity and gloom which seems to prevade all classes - the high and the low. Time may reveal the the mystery. The bands play the national airs and the drums beat retreat and revilee as usual. Rations are scarce but none are complaining.

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Wednes. Oct. 7th. Capts. Jumper and Roistan have resigned and gone home, they started this morning. The cause of the resignation I am unable to tell fully but it is from some differences between them and Col. Grovenor or some dissatisfaction upon the battlefield. Genl. Negley started for home today on furlough. Rosecrans is said to have gone and Thomas is in command. All is quiet today.

Thurs. Oct 8th. Mail in today. Some firing on the left and right about 4 P.M. Lasted about an hour. I think it was mostly from our guns. Weather is clear and cold. Sun hot at noonday. Negley has not gone home as reported.

Frid. Oct. 9th. Our regt. worked about three hours in the fort this morning. A few shots of artillery at different points today. Dress parade this evening at 6. Weather clear.

Sat. Oct. 10th. A few shots of artillery along the line. Dress parade at 6 and a farewell order from Gen. Negley, he having been relieved of command in the reorganization of the Army. The Army is being reorganized. We do no duty today.

Sund. Oct. 11th. Prepared for inspection but none was had. Negley visited the various Regt. in his division and addressed a few congratulatory and farewell remarks. He was cheered with deep emotion. We are sorry to lose him. May success attend him where ever cast his lot! Some days ago a shell was thrown by the enemy and not busted was placed in the fire where it exploded and wounded five men. This morning another was thrown in the fire, it exploded and killed one man and wounded some four or five others. Preaching by the Chaplain of the several Regts. today. Details of the Regt. are ordered back to their Regiments on account of the breaking up of the division.

Mond. Oct. 12th. Preparations being made for election of tomorrow. Yesterday R. M. Goff of our Co. accidentally fell into a well thirty five feet deep but fortunately was not much injured.

Tuesday Oct. 13th. Principle business in camp today is election. Each Co. headquarters became a precinct and from this cause a great many inexperienced persons are obliged to fill the offices of judge and clerk of election. In our Co. the following judges and clerks were chosen according to law, to hold the election. Vis Judges: Micheal Devine, N. T. McVey and D. C. Shotts (or myself). Clerks: J. R. Wiseheart, H. V. Rittenhouse. The poles were opened at 10 and closed at 5 o'clock. The officers of the election were qualified by an oath act according to law and the best of our abilities. I first qualified the others and then I was qualified by one of the Clerks. The election passed off with perfect smoothness but little argument by anyone and it was quite one-sided. All for Bruff and the union ticket in our Co. 35 votes cast in our Co. In the Regt. 248, 2 of which were cast for Valandingham. Upon the back of the ticket we wrote "draft" and what seems very strange those that voted for Val voted the draft also constant !!! Here is the vote I cast.

For Gov. John Bruff
 For Lieut. Gov. Charles Anderson
 " Auditor of State J. H. Godman
 " Treasurer of State G. V. Dorsey

For Judge of Supreme Court H. H. Hunter
 " Board of Public Works J. M. Barrere
 " Senator J. E. Stephenson
 " Representative Peter Adams
 " Clerk of Common Pleas E. Carson
 " County Treasurer Wm. Rittenhouse
 " Probate Judge N. Throckmorton
 " Infirmary Director Anthony Hirn
 " County Commissioner Wm. Welsh
 " " " S. C. Scott

Another portion of our supply train is reported burned by the enemy in Sequachie Valley. Weather rainy and disagreeable.

Wednes. Oct. 14th. Still rains. A detail of about eighty three men is sent to work upon a fort near the river and near McCooks quarters. No firing as far as I know or have learned. Small mail in today. Nothing for me. Clears off and rains again.

Thurs. Oct. 15th. Rained nearly all night and today, but hapily we are not on duty. On the 13th inst. Col. Stanley gave his command a farewell address each of his regiments except our own. He was lustily cheered and leaves with the best wishes of his command. The enemies camps are in plain view and they seem to have plenty of tents.

Friday Oct. 16th. A detail of our regt. go on picket today. Rained last night at sundown. Clear this morning. All looks gay and hapy. Major of our regiment returned, he having been upon Gen. Negleys staff. Our regiment is now placed under a new commander Genl. Smith and we are said to be not in any brigade.

Datur. Oct. 17th. I think we were not removed from Rousean division untill today. Clear and very pleasant. A shot or two down on the right. The rebs cheer lustily for the last day or two.

Sund. Oct. 18th. No inspection. Rained most of the forenoon. Part of the regt. on fatigue at the river the ferry. About two o'clock this P.M. a mister Murdock of Cin. Ohio made his appearance near our regiment and after being introduced to a large body of soldiers by Col. Moore of 69th Ohio. Mounted the platform and for our amusement and if possible benefit read the 37th Psalm and a portion of the history of Moses and also read and declaimed several pieces of dramatic poetry. Also which we well performed and doubt did some good.

Mond. Oct. 19th. This morning we commence moving our camp to a locality near the river. We are placed on detached duty though in the same brigade as before and same division. The movement of our camp is a very slow affair as we move all our traps lumber wood & c. and we have but one wagon a portion of the time to haul our "traps". Our Adjutant starts home on furlow. Liet. J. H. Acton takes his place as Adjutant. Theodore Ferrell lately commis. first Lieut. has resigned on account of ill health and started for home today. Col. Stanley is now in command of the regiment. Weather clear and warm, very pleasant.

Tuesday Oct. 20th. To is mostly spent in puting our camp in order. However a portion of the regiment is upon duty at the river. Our duty seems to be to work along the river. Watch for rafts and keep the boats runing and in order.

Wednesday Oct. 21st. No change since yesterday.

Thurs. Oct. 22nd. Col. Grovenor and Major Welsh started for home. Grovenor on duty and Welsh on furlow.

Friday Oct. 23rd. Rained last night and continues today. Our tents are fixed up and chimneys built, therefore we live pretty comfortable.

Sat. Oct. 24th. Genl. U. S. Grant, Thomas and several officers crossed the river today in "our ferry boat". No rain but cloudy last night and today. I was on guard at steam saw mill.

Sund. Oct. 25th. A raft came to shore last night but was towed to shore before doing any damage. The main rope of the ferry broke today and the boat went down the river but it was soon brought back by the steam. No religious service in our regiment today.

Mond. Oct. 26th. Our boys and others went down the river with pontoons, landed below about ten miles by river two by land, threw a bridge across, landed a force of armed men over and engaged the enemy. Took them by surprize and after driving the enemy some distance took up a strong position. The enemy shelled the pioneers while laying the pontoons. No body of our Regt. injured.

Tues. Oct. 27th. I am on duty on the Island watching for drifts, rafts &c. The force that went down the river spoken of yesterday went down this morning before day and landed under cover of the darkness and fog. Artillery firing at intervals all day. Weather pleasant.

Wednes. Oct. 28th. Rained slightly this morning. A few shot of artillery are fired at intervals all day. The rebs play tatoos and revelles regularly and their band discourses southern music very tauntingly. We are relieved at 9 o'clock from duty on the Island. Mail in camp. By the recent movement down on the right our line of communication is shortened some thirty miles, says reports.

Thurs. Oct. 29th. A large detail of our regt. cross the river to chop wood for the steam boat. She is to start down to Bridgeport tonight. Weather clear. Heavy fighting down below the point of Lookout. Results not known. Enemy still occupy the point of Lookout and have large guns upon the very top.

Frid. Oct. 30th. Rained most of the day, very disagreeable. The steamboat ran the river without injury but was fired upon by infantry so says report. Not much firing today.

Sat. Oct. 31st. Ceased raining last night and turned cold. Quite a number of us are sent upon the Island to get out boat gunnels. Part will be sawed and part hewed. Steam boats reported ten miles below.

Sund. Nov. 1st. This is one of the most beautiful mornings of the season. A slight frost appeared upon the ground but the sun soon cleared it away. A large drift lodged upon the ferry-boat roap last night. It was a portion of a burned bridge. A raft came down of considerable size yesterday but was soon hauled to shore. The drift of burned bridge was so heavy, a large portion being iron, that it could not be hauled to shore and was let pass down the river. A portion of the pontoon bridge was taken up for it

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to pass through but it struck four boats and carried them off; and then pontoon bridge below point Lookout and carried a portion of that bridge away. Religious exercise by a stranger in our regiment. He wore the signature of Capt. and Chaplain.

Mond. Nov. 2nd. Weather pleasant. Most of the Regt. is engaged in running ferry-boats. Crossing men and provisions. Provisions are getting very scarce and loud complaint is being made. Some large guns were fired today and yesterday by the enemy from point Lookout. We crossed an escort over who had been nineteen days in going to Stephenson and back. They were guards to provision train. The roads are represented as being almost impassable. The river is falling but drift is still coming down.

Tues. Nov. 3rd. Our boys are still running the ferry boats. Weather very pleasant. Stealing is done to an extent almost frightful. Whole beeves are taken at once from the slaughter pens! And anything in the shape of eatables or clothing are stolen at every opportunity. Nor are guards of any account as they have become quite indifferent to all orders. Considerable firing done about point Lookout.

Wednes. Nov. 4th. Weather pleasant. Mail in camp. Provisions still scarce. We are now detached from Rousean division and are formed with the pioneers, Genl. Smith our commander. We are getting out some boat gunnels. Our steamer is at work below.

Thurs. Nov. 5th. Cloudy and raining. Pontoon bridge and ferry are in nice running order. A few shots are fired. I am not well and am not doing duty.

Sat. Nov. 7th. Weather still fine. The enemy still amuse us with a few shot. Provision coming in rapidly but as yet scarce when issued but our boys make sly draws which fill us with plenty. We are ferrying provisions. The inference is that the roads are not accessible to the bridge. Mules and horses die by scores daily from want of food and hard pulling.

Friday Nov. 6th. My health has been reinstated and I am on guard. Today is clear and the prospects are good for fair weather. A few shots from Lookout. Provisions are still scarce.

Sund. Nov. 8th. No religious services. Weather clear. Provisions are ferried across the river. A few shots from the enemy.

Mond. Nov. 9th. Very windy and growing cold. Business dull. Steamer Point Rocks, Capt. McElroy commanding, came up yesterday to the lower bridge. Some of our wounded and prisoners returned day before yesterday. Allen Redden, G. W. Riccob of our Company.

Tues. Nov. 10th. Last night was the coldest of the season, froze ice half inch thick. Clear this morning.

Wednes. Nov. 11th. Quite a frost again this morning. Provisions are being ferried across the river. A few shot of artillery by enemy. Lieut. Grub Co. F returned today. He was wounded at Chickamauga.

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Thurs. Nov. 12th. I visited a portion of Genl. Hookers command today at the camp of the 73rd O.V.I. Several acquaintances there. I also had the pleasure of seeing Genls. Hooker and Howard. Howard is a minister and preached to his soldiers last Sunday.

Friday Nov. 13th. Nothing of importance occurred today.

Sat. Nov. 14th. Weather cloudy with a little rain. Provisions are being ferried across the river in quantities. The pontoon bridge is unable to carry loaded wagons across.

Sund. Nov. 15th. Preaching in town but as my clothes are bad and I did not attend until night. This evening our clothes and supplies baggage which was sent to Nashville from Murfreesboro were brought up this evening. The boxes were broken open pilaged.

Mond. Nov. 16th. This is the 28 anniversary of my birth. It is one of Novembers cold chilly cloudy days. I find myself growing old yet the frost of 28 winters reveals but little signs of my real age. Nor do I perceive any physical disability and the stranger would guess my age at only 21. I am on guard and in very good health but who knows what a day may bring forth. The enemies artillery are being fired.

Thurs. Nov. 17th. This morning some sharp artillery firing was heard up the river some three or four miles off. Report says it was caused from an attempt to lay a pontoon bridge. On our part casualties on our part are unknown to us. Weather pleasant. Genl. Sherman is said to be in the city.

Wednes. Nov. 18th. Desperately foggy this morning. Sun did not appear until near 10 o'clock but the day is clear. A flat boat or barge was launched this morning having been made by our Regt. Work on the Dunbar old steamer progresses finely. A battery of 8 32 pounders arrived a few days ago.

Thurs. Nov. 19th. pontoons are in rapid progress of making and are being shipped somewhere up the river. A heavy detail from our Regt. is made as is supposed for the purpose of doing ferrying and laying the bridge. Another flat boat was launched today.

Friday Nov. 20th. pontoons are still being shipped away under cover of night. A portion of our detail went out this morning with three days rations. Hospitals are being cleared and medical preparation being made for wounded. A fight seems to be imminent. Genl. Thomas has orders that our regiment be allowed no Co. savings on account of our pilfering. Shermans is said to be in close proximity. Very little firing done by either party at present. Weather beautiful.

Sat. Nov. 21st. We the boatman detail, left camp about four o'clock yesterday and went several miles up the river to South Chickamauga creek and encamped for the night. Rained nearly all night.

Sun. Nov. 22nd. We remained on Chickamauga creek yesterday and today. Pontoon boats moved up the river a few days ago are here and when the proper time comes we expect to run them down the river to a certain point below and cross armed men, and lay a bridge. A part of Sherman Corps

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is here and will go down in the pontoons. Preaching in camp by a Chaplain: audience very attentive. There 117 pontoons and each one is calculated to carry 25 armed men. We the boatmen are not armed. Details from other regt. are here to act as boatmen.

Monday Nov. 23rd. We are still here awaiting orders to start our wooden fleet down the river. We will go under cover of the night. Last night one of our Co., Henry A. Harmon, was drowned while running the ferry at Chattanooga. The ferry boat upset or dived and thus he was launched into Eternity's limped stream.

Tues. Nov. 24th. Today, or last night about 12 o'clock we began to pull out for the place of laying the bridge. We moved with the utmost caution and was not discovered or at least not fired on by the enemy. We effected a landing without opposition. Ferried a heavy force and put down the bridge. The newly repaired steamer came up and soon placed artillery over before the bridge was laid. Skirmish firing commenced in front about 7 o'clock. Contrary to expectations no general engagement took place. Though Hooker advanced upon Lookout Mountain and drove the enemy off. The musketry was pretty heavy. The losses I did not learn. Yesterday the 11th Army Corps, Howards, took position on the left and drove the Rebs considerably and took seven hundred prisoners. Cloudy and raining today. Chaplain Dill, C. J. Phillips started for Ohio yesterday. Phillips and others went on recruiting service.

Wednes. Nov. 25th. This morning the ball opened out the front of Chattanooga, on the left, and the struggle soon became general from the left to the right of the center. Our forces moved steadily forward and in the afternoon the enemy's works in front of Chattanooga were charged and carried in fine style. The enemy fled in haste. Large amounts of camp equipment, small arms and artillery fell into our hands. Our losses do not seem to be very heavy. Firing ceased, save an occasional shot, a short time before sunset. Prisoners came in by the hundred, several thousand have already been taken. As yet our regiment has not been engaged. Two days we built two bridges over a stream of water in front of Chattanooga and done other work. The Point Rock came up and discharged a cargo of supplies here. Hooker is said to be at Rossville. No fighting of consequence took place in his front so far as heard from. The whole Rebel army seems to have moved to the left. It is supposed the intention was to crush Thomas and save their rear.

Thurs, Nov. 26th. By proclamation of the President today is set apart as a day of "fasting and prayer" but it does not seem to be observed but very little firing is heard. This morning the enemy doubtless are upon the retreat. Tonight it is reported that our forces are still following the enemy. That we are near Ringgold and Chickamauga station. It is said that our wounded are all brought in by one o'clock last night. Today the dead are being cared for. The enemy's dead are being buried where they fell. This evening three Cos. of our regiment were sent out to Rossville to lay a pontoon bridge. Provision is being sent to the front. Our regiment is being paid off today. Is paid for four months, and square clothing account for the past year.

Friday. Nov. 27th. The army or a portion of it is still following the enemy and a large no. of prisoners are still coming in from the front. Heavy fighting is reported going on in the vicinity of Ringgold.

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Sat. Nov. 28th. Rained last night and today. Steamer Point Rock arrived today. No news from the front. Sheridan's division left town with the supposition of going toward Knoxville.

Sund. Nov. 29th. Turned very cold last night and remained cold and windy today. Point Rock started for Knoxville this morning. Part of the regiment went aboard as guard.

Mond. Nov. 30th. Part of the regiment are getting out timber for a boom to stretch across the river to catch drift, logs, &c. Report says the army are burning all the plantation houses and buildings and are destroying the railroad in front of our lines here. The report is now confirmed that our dead on the fields of Chickamauga were never buried.

Tues. Dec. 1st. Weather clear cool but pleasant. No news of importance.

Wednes. Dec. 2nd. Col. Stanley addressed the regiment today and announced that he had the authority to raise a "veteran" brigade and accept reenlistments. Some forty reenlisted during the day and evening. Capt. McNeal Co. E and others returned today having been home recruiting but I believe they have brought no recruits as yet. Weather clear and pleasant.

Thurs. Dec. 3rd. The hull of a steamboat came down the river yesterday. Think it will be of use to us. Business in the military line very brisk. No word from the front. Weather clear and beautiful.

Friday Dec. 4th. Mail comes in pretty regular. It is understood that our army has all fallen back within the lines of this place Chattanooga.

Sat. Dec. 5th. Rained part of the day and we did but little work. Rations seem to be again growing short.

Sund. Dec. 6th. No religious services today. I visited the 36th Ills. and very unexpectedly learned that my cousin, Ezra Shotts was dead having been wounded while in the charge upon Missionary Ridge Nov. 25th and died some ten days afterward. We hope our "loss is his gain" peace to the dust of the bravely fallen. The steamer Point Rock returned today having got no closer than thirty miles of Knoxville on account of shallowness of water.

Mond. Nov. 7th. Capt. P. G. Grovenor of our Co. returned today. He is not yet well. I am still at work with a portion of the Co. at the timbers for the "boom". Weather fine.

Tues. Dec. 8th. Rained most of the night. Our party worked but little. Nothing astir in camp.

Wednes. Dec. 9th. Weather element. Four of our Co. gave their names as "veteran volunteers" for the term of three years and under the instruction of Col. Stanley.

Thurs. Dec. 10th. I received a long and interesting letter from home today. Most of the regiment was called on to work upon a fort situated about the center of Chattanooga upon an elevated piece of ground. We dislike dropping the axe and picking up the pick and shovel. Sherman's wagon trains and baggage is moving to Bridgeport. Weather fine.

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Friday Dec. 11th. Our hewing party resumed our labor today.

Sat. Dec. Rain most of the day. Mail and news papers in camp. Provision tolerably plenty again.

Sund. Dec. 12th. Cloudy with some rain. No religious in our camp. No news and business seems dull.

Mond. Dec. 14th. Quite a thundershower after sundown accompanied with wind after which it turned cold. Nothing unusual in camp.

Tues. Dec. 15th. Steamer PointRock up with heavy mail. No news here. Weather pleasant.

Wednes. Dec. 16th. Weather inclement. No mail. Camp monotonous. Some of the Cos. visit Lookout. I am not on duty today.

Friday Dec. 25th. Several days ago a squad of twelve of our Co. were sent up to this place, North Chickamauga Creek to get out timbers for a steam ferry boat. Today being Christmas we suspended work and pass the day in the most pleasant way we can devise. G. W. Recob and I go to the country a distance of some 12 miles from Chattanooga to get a country dinner. After considerable search we succeeded in getting a meager meal for the sum of 25 cts. The other boys spent the day in various ways and all declare themselves very well satisfied. During our travels we found the country in quite a destitute condition having been stripped of nearly all its substance by our indomitable boys. But Christmas today was not the Christmas of yore. Nor was it much like that of last year. The great battles of the season have been fought but last year Christmas was just upon the eve of a mighty conflict. The military situation at present seems to be very quiet and without the probability of active operations. Sheridans division is moving its camp equipage up to Knoxville. The men have gone some time ago. Davis' division is also moving to within the vicinity of Rossville. Works of various kind goes on slowly but bravely. Another steamer is plying the river having been built at Bridgeport. As yet we are not fully supplied with clothing and provisions. Nor is it supposed that we will be until the railroad is in full operation. Col. Stanley and other officers are having winter quarters built of small poles. Surgeon Johnson and Lieut. J. H. Acton have gone home upon furlough. Reenlistment for the veteran seems to have ceased. Report says that Christmas was enjoyed at a high state of jollity in Chattanooga. May we celebrate the next Christmas under the friendly roof of home.

Tues. Dec. 29th. Our squad was relieved yesterday or rather we finished our task and today we return to Chattanooga. We found all quiet and moving along in its ordinary way.

Wednes. Dec. 30th. This is a most beautiful morning, clear and pleasant. Some of our boys have gone up to south Chickamauga Creek to get clapboards for roofing quarters.

Thurs. Dec. 31st. This is the last day of the year 1863. The old year leaves us by the falling of a heavy rain. The weather is very inclement and bids fair for a rough New Year. The History of 1863 has past, is recorded and will not be forgotten soon, but will be read with deep and profound interest.

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I may excite some wonder why this book was not filled to the last leaf in the regular stile. Well the cause may be easily infered when a glance is given to the oposite left hand page for it is then seen that the last date is up to the last day of the year 1863 and this is the cause of its not being filled. Further I had another book ready to commence the new year. This book encloses the space of just eight months, a period perhaps the most conspicuous and during which the most wonderfull events of the war transpired. We the Army of the Cumberland, was in the commencement of this journal, at Murfreesboro. From thence we moved on the enemy at Tullahoma. Our division going via Manchester. Thence we kept up a slow movement untill the army was concentrated at points along the Tenn. River, viz Stephenson and Battle Creek. Crossing the river we made the bold and successful flank movement upon Chattanooga and from circumstances unavoidable was driven into the fight of Chickamauga. However successful this movement really is a matter of much controversy. But to every clear sighted eye in the Army of Cumberland, one opinion alone prevails that the movement was a bold game and was crowned with success, the loss of life heavy, not withstanding. The after losing the power to hold the field of Chickamauga and still confront the enemy and hold Chattanooga was a thing not expected by many. After this comes the events of charges and release from command of officers of high and low grade. Then comes the superceedures Genl. Rosecrans by Gen'l. Grant at this place in dislodging the enemy from his strong hold in our front. Since then we have breathed free and have been allowed to come out at large to some extent. Then during these events and during this space of time what changes have taken place! and oh! how many hearts have been made sad and homes desolate! Our noblest blood has been spilled and the dearest ties of Earth broken, but such is war; and we are doomed to hear its grief, but there are bright sides and shining jewels interspersed with all this gloom. Loyal and good men have been forced to combat with traitors and wicked men, and innocent are caused to suffer the severest torture and bitterest woe for the transgressor. But the war is not over yet nor will it be untill both the north and south become more humiliated. Peace, though it seems but younder is far out of reach. Nor are we able to grasp it so long as men rely so much upon their own strength. We are eager for the contest and the south are ready to meet it. Neither are ready to give up the contest or is either ready for peace. Peace cannot be secured without the consent of the south and we cannot get that consent until they are completely humiliated whiped subjugated and are ready to cry out for mercy. When such a time has arrived then we can begin to look for permanent peace. When such a time will arrive is presumption to predict. The ability of the south has far surpassed the general opinion of the north. And the ability to prosecute it still farther is a matter we know but little about. We with all our advantages are surprised at our own resources. And when we look at the unsurpassed prosperity of the north in all its various branches with the knowledge that civil war has been raging all the while, we stand agape, and quiet the subject involved in wonder and astonishment. Now suppose the south to throw all her facilities into the military scale then we may make some stagger at their ability to continue the war but let the war last long or close soon I feel sure of this that when it does close it will put on the proper finish and we may look for peace of the right kind. I cannot think we will have peace any other way. I am a firm believer that God is watching over us and that so soon as we become properly humiliated and thoroughly in earnest he will make all things well. If nothing but humanity will bring us to a proper standard. I believe we will be allowed to go on butchering each other until we sicken for the sake of our fellow man and will then turn to the path of rectitude. The sentiment was