

Lt. Sturges, A.

Nov. 29th, 1862
Saturday

Cold and rainy again and rainy. Cleared up at noon. The wagons went into town today to get harness. St. Suphes went also. He returned in afternoon saying and said the box I was expecting had not come. The wagons however brought it in the evening everything was all right with the exception of some fruit that had spoiled. Exercised my new horse in the forenoon, Old Mr. Knapp of Penfield Swain county ate supper with us. He is here visiting some of his acquaintances in the battery.

NOV. 30th 1862 SUNDAY

Day cold again. St. Suphen and I were going into town he to the hospital. The rain which began about nine o'clock prevented us. Rained by fits and starts all day and all night poured. Read in my bible in the afternoon and evening.

DEC. 1st 1862 MONDAY

In morning after getting up found that some loose horses had torn down some of the guys to the tent and had trampled the ground in front of our tent into mud. About nine o'clock rode into town, _____ St. Sypher whom I was to meet on the way---he found me in the express office. Learned from the ex agent that my package sent to Shelbyville Tenn. last summer was probably destroyed by the rebels at Wartrace. Met. _____ & Bill Payne and George Dunn in the city--ate dinner at their boarding house. They are clerks in the Quartermasters department of the post. Called at the _____ of the Art. reserve to see Maj Lawrence ~~the~~ He was not at home. Dr. Stanton and Sgt. Maj. Paddock were here. Got back to camp after dark.

DEC. 2ND 1862 TUESDAY

In morning woke up deary and read papers---in afternoon excercised my horse. Weather clear and cold.

DEC. 3D 1862

WEDNESDAY

Until 6oclock prep and for review which Gen. Rosecrans to make of our division. A dew was on the ground--~~The~~ State Lunatic Asylum grounds---the guard first inspected the troops the infantry and artillery in two separate lines, then they passed him in review. Capt. Standat being the ranking captain and chief of artillery in the division commanded all the batteries. Did not see anything particularly impressive in Rosecrans' face. He looked good natured. Met John Mc _____ on our way back from review. _____ camp about three oclock ate supper and dinner together. We _____ clean _____ and warm---

DEC 4th = (THURSDAY)

In morning after breakfast studied tactics, at nine oclock started my section to drilling commenced letter to Morris St _____. Received new harness in the afternoon and fitted it to the horses of my section Harness good. Lieut. Dorsey of Edgarton's battery called. In evening played whist and ole sledge. Every gamès w in the former, got beaten in the latter.

DEC 5TH 1862

Was awakened by a slight patering on _____ but this morning. It was a few particles a dry sleet falling--in the course of the forenoon a soft mellowing snow began to fall. Bonded a couple of papers which I read. In afternoon copied up my diary---cleaned up al night and turned cold.

DEC 6th 1862

Heavy frost on the ground this morning. Bought a paper with _____ message in--read till about ten oclock. Commenced letter home--wrote some in afternoon. Capt Standat changed his quarters this afternoon went to Smith's HdQrs--He now commands the At's of _____ division. _____ men did today.

DEC 7 1862

Cold again, but clear and sun shining. Bot paper this morning. It was intimated from headquarters that we move tomorrow - next to Nashville. Finished letter and mailed it. went to Nashville after dinner with the old harness-- and to get some ordance stores. got a spare wheel and right--horses. visited Lieut Supher _____ at Mrs. Nookes in town. Found him improveing. got back to camp after dark, received letter from home of 24th.

DEC 8 1862

Got up and attneded roll call---Lieut Baldron said he had received order in night to go with the brigade on ~~and~~ foraging excursion. At 8oclock we started. at about ten oclock having found that we had gone out of the way about five miles we counter marched and went in another direction, the Stones river bottom pike---went perhaps a dozen miles to the banks of the river where we found plenty of forage about a hundred and fifty wagons were loaded. after dark we started back, got into camp about eleven oclock---had supper and went to bed.

DEC 9 1862

Awoke late in the morning--the sun was shining into the _____. Supposed I had missed reveille roll call but was mistaken the bugler being sick then having been _____ after breakfast studied tactics. A brother of Capt. Standats took dinner with St. B. and I. He staid until about three oclock. He says the late nights have been colder than he has ever known it in Nashville. He is a resident of that city. Today the sun shone clear and the _____ was pleasant.

DEC 10th 1862

Got up at reveille--in morning moved camp00went into town called on St. Sypher, went with him around town a look for spurs and other articles in harness making _____ bot spurs and tt _____ strap---had hair cut and was shaved.

Saw Gen. Steechman and shook hands with him. He was summoned as a witness in the Buell case---He said that the latter failed "vol--from want of brains _____-- from want of good intentions" Comming out the guard said it was reported _____ McCook had taken Murfreesboro. that _____ ambulances had gone by with the wounded.

DEC. 12th 1862

Got up at reveille--- wrote up diary--made out +++++= studied tactics. Weather clear and pleasant. wrote letter to supper in evening--

DEC. 13th 1862

Got pass for Llewhellin to go into town--studied tactics. weather clear Llewhellin carry back bringing ntoe from Sypher

DEC. 14th 1862

Got up at reveille--Head inspection at eleven oclock by Lieut Parsons of the 4th regular Artillery. He complimented my battery on the appearance of its horses. In afternoon attended sermon in mon of the regiments the first since we left Shelbyville

DEC 15th 1862

Was awakenèd at four all by Lieut Baldiow who told me that the order was to stand by the pieces This means to be al posts ready for attack. was rather cold at nine we had a mounted drill. At noon received two old letters from home and one from express agent at Louisville---It began to rain and blow very hard after noon continued until after night when it cleared off cold. Bill whom I had sent into town come out wet to the skin

DEC 16th 1862

Got up at reveille. Lieut Baldwin went into town. Drilled the battery at fool drill---weather cold and clear.

DEC. 17th 1862

Got up at reveille---in morning went into town with Sergt. Thompson. Went to express office--bought back kettle visited _____ Called on

_____ He and Bill Payne. Called on Sypher Got into camp about dark.

DEC 18 1862

Got up at reveille Commenced letter home after breakfast. was interrupted by arrival of Lieut Sypher We troop in _____ about a mile out on the Stones river bottom road turned to left _____ at 5oclock and " _____ to arms" finished letter home and delivered it to Lt. Sypher to mail. In afternoon made a new bed Col Barnett came out to camp

DEC. 20th 1862

Got up about 5oc. Orders had been given during the night to the division to prepare one day's rations and to be ready to move at six. The wagons of the div. had also been ordered to accompany the troops for forage. They foraged on the road before the troops got out. as soon as the latter started the wagons came double quicking into camp. and went over to the Lebanon pike, after going about a mile on this took a branch leading to a ford over Stones river the 19th and 22nd brigades crossed here under cover of the 10th which remained at the ford. the 19th brigade continued straight forward at the ford. the 22nd turned to the left and after marching about three miles again struck the Lebanon pike. a miles march on this bearing opposite to the Hermitage??? when it remained about half an hour. It marched a half a mile farther and again halted. Having waited half an hour the column reversed went directly in over the Stones river ford on the Lebanon road. Wfhe ford was in very bad order and was crossed after dark. at this time we heard firing of artillery to our left, a dozen rapid shots, came across swollen ford like wise bad _----Crossed from the Leba pike through the fields the same route we took when coming before from S's river to our present camp. got into camp about ten oclock. the day was cold and sunny--I suppose the move we made was a reconnoissance in force.

DeCember 21st 1862

Got up at reveille. but a small feed could be had for the horses which

had had but one feed yesterday morning _____ marched from twenty to thirty miles.

December 22nd 1862

Got up at reveille which to us blown about ____ oc. got ready to go foraging. started about halp past _____ marched to and through Nashville out on the Hillsboro pike passing down marked st to Broad turned to the Cherry turned to the left up Church to the Hillsboro pike. Passed the post office, St. Cloud Hotel, Chattanooga depot and Penittere ~~xxx~~ _____. The latter built in 1826 is a substantial building. Passed some fire _____ a few miles from town also what looked to be an educational institute, with an observatory. This road was a good pike and after the first four or five miles ran through a hilly _____ region. We halted in a battery 9/2 miles from N. where we found an abundance of forage. we parked the batteries on both sides of a stream and fed our horses, the second feed in fifty four horses. A turnip field near where we stopped sufficed _____ successive and persistent changes for Artillery & Infantry---About three ocloek we turned homeward preceeded by a train a mile long loaded with forage---we got into camp about 9oc. the day had been bright and pleasant warm enough at noon, I found to lie down in my ordinary clothing and tak a nap (We marched 27 miles)

DEC. 28th 1862

Laid in bed until after day light. after breakfast went into town staid with Sypher until after supper, came out with the _____ Dav. Capt. Wickersham.

DECEMBER ²⁸~~29~~th 1862

Was awakened about 5o.c. by St. Baldwin who said he had received orders to have three days rations on hand in the mens haversacks and to have his command in readiness to move at daylight. Accofdingly baggage was packed, blankets and tarpaulins folded and strapped on the ammunition chests. The horses were harnessed and hitched in and at the time appointed we awaited orders to move-- The orders did not com---It began to rain and continued by fits and starts

through forenoon--At noon an order was given to attend inspection of the Art. of the division by C.B. Parsons Lt. 4th Art., _____ of Col. 4th Div. At about three oclock we pulled out. After the Lt. had inspected the batteries in the usual ord4r, he had each one drill a few minutes. Returned to camp about 5oc. After supper handed in charges against Capt. William E. ~~Stant~~ Stanton. Made letter to ex agent at Louisville Ky. concerning my box.

DECEMBER 25th 1862

Went to Plamers HdQrs to date the _____ a paper of last night. Had a mounted drill about 9 oc. by the captain . In afternoon read paper & ladies. In evening wrote letter home, and talked to Thompson

DECEMBER 26th 1862

Was awakened about 5oc. by Lt. B. telling me that he had received orders to prepare three days rations and be ready to move at 6/2 also to carry two day's rations inthe wagons. About an hour after the time appointed we set off taking the road to Murfreesboro our brigade in advance. After getting throught own pickets we halted and let the cavalry pass us. The 9th Pa. and 3 _____ some of whom we knew were among them. We then advanced about a mile where skirmishing began to be heard ahead. We halted until it was over. ~~XXXXXX~~ Advancing again we passed some rebel prisoners and some of our wounded. Again we heard skirmishing both with infantry, cavalry and artillery, one section accompanying the cavalry. We were now between to thick groves of cedar and pretty soon bump against one of the _____ went a solid shot shattering it. Gen. Crittenden was close by the battery. Gen. _____ sent for a section of rifled pieces. Lt. B. took up the center section. Gen. Palmer came up to me and told me to go over to the left and look for a position for a battery. No position could be found except by first driving the enemy's skirmishers away. In the meanwhile the battery had advanced. I took position on the left of the road and came into position to rake a ridge to the left _____ from which the enemies skirmishers had fired when I was looking for position. Fired two shells at a

barn where some rebels had been seen. Brought my rifled piece into the road and fired at a section of the enemy just coming into the road to take up position. The shell went over their heads _____ beyond them a shot distance and scared them back. Just as No 1 (a man by the John Blan _____ was ramming the cartridge home it caught fire, blowing the rammer through his hands throwing him on the ground with great violence--I supposed he was killed, and called on the others to carry him off. However, only his thumb and two fingers were gone, and his same face and greasts were bruised and burned. By this time the firing had ceased. _____ having _____ some distance The cavalry and infantry deployed and we took the road and all advanced. Having gone about a half a mile the enemy again opened on us. I took position in a field to the right and the other two sections to the left. The infantry commenced fighting. quite briskly on our right and left in the woods. night coming and stopped the action, we went into camp in a field which we had once before occupied. soming from M. Co. At summer about _____ of mile from Lavergne. During the whole action things solid shot struck all around us coming within a few feet of some of my men. It rained quite hard in the forenoon. commenced again about 9 p.m. wetting our bed some although we had rubbers on top---

DECEMBER 27th 1862

Arose before daylight put on my boots coat and rubbers and ate some crackers and pork and drank some doffee. The rain let up about daylight. Skirmishing was kept up in front with occasional firing of Artillery until about noon where quite a little engagement took place. Our battery prepared for action in a field on the left of the road some what advanced from the position we had held last night. The rebs however gave way and we came out in the road and ~~advance~~ advanced a mile brought us to Lavergne a small village entirely deserted. Most of the houses had been burned in previous engagements and the remainder were nearly all riddled with shot. Dead horses were quite plenty here. We advanced slowly about 5 miles waiting every half hour or so for our troops in front to clear the

the way of Rebels. It rained all the time we were marching. Our brigade was second in the division, the division 2d in the left wing today. We went into camp near the 19th milestone from Nash'le in some woods on the right of the road. It ceased raining when we halted and there was a magnificent rainbow. We pitched a tent and slept pretty comfortable

DECEMBER 28th 1862

Got up and hitched in before daylight. Did not _____ Gen. Rosecrans made his appearance in camp. Skirmishing was kept up all day across a creek that ran between the enemy and us. The day was pleasant. Bot a paper and read it. At night again went to bed in tent.

DECEMBER 29th 1862

Today arose early and prepared to march. Our progress was slow as our advance had to clear the road occasionally of the enemy's rear guard, every once in a while the latter would send a round shot spinning along the road. At night we encamped in an open field two and a half miles from Murfreesboro. The other troops encamped on either side along the road and in the heavy cedar groves all around us. Commenced to sleep in the open air _____ it having begun to rain put up a tent and slept comfortably.

DEC. 30th 1862

Arose daylight we took the battery through a grove of cedars on and _____ along a road and came into battery--to the right. The ground on which we posted the guns was very rocky and covered with cedars our skirmishing were advanced a few hundred yards in front of us and kept up a brisk fire for our with those of the enemy. A ball from the latter would at times whistle by us--our artillery on our left about a gn of a mile opened on the enemy in front about nine o.c. and were replied to artillery opened on our right and kept up all day. Our brigade was on an angle formed by the juncture of our right and left lines.

Dec 31st 62

In morning first went to the position which we had yesterday morning. Soon changed to the spot whence we had fired last evening. Heard heavy fighting on our right. Opened our guns to shell the woods in front of us. We were on the edge of a cedar grove the trees of which would once in a while be shattered by the enemy's artillery. They seemed to be driving us on the right. I was ordered by Lt. Wright of Crafts

~~was in the way of~~
Hot fighting going on there.

Unlimbered and ran my pieces
down almost to the line of
infantry by hand. The enemy
on a ridge under cover of
cornfields, (chimneys?) + bushes
gave them for about - half or
three quarters of an hour - shrapnel
and Schenkl shell - By that time
the action was very hot

and I advanced my piece
a few rods and changed
shrapnel for canister. By
this time also their batteries
had answered and rattled their
projectiles of all kinds through
the cedars around us. Sam
Eoul my rifled piece's gunner
put his shells right into
their battery. The canister I
could not see the effect
of for the smoke and
cover. Our right seemed
to be being driven. We saw

prominently bearing the stairs
and bars. I directed my
fire at the latter and they
went down. The ammunition
the gun without miss was
the rear. My smooth bore I
had previously ordered into a
new position in order to get
them out of a shower of
canister. All this time
the right of our line

had been driven and we were in a
sort of horse shoe & and as our
reserves had gone to keep the
right we had to retire before
the largely superior forces of
the rebels. I found my smooth
bore with but one man left.
The rest however were near. I
rallied them and helped them
to limber up and sent them out.
A careless driver (a new man)
ran the pole up against a tree
and broke it. We (saw?) the piece
back by hand & started it again.

I followed up on foot. Early in the ~~engagement~~ engagement I gave my horse to a spy whom I knew with Negley, who was sitting by a tree holding another horse. During the heat of the action he was lost. I lingered some to look back. Our infantry were beginning to rally and at moved from the woods in good order. Old Rosey was here on the ground & I heard him say something to encourage the men and add "we're meeting them." I saw him several times afterward

on the field giving directions and
encouragement. Our line fell back
in the centre about a half a mile.

Nov 29th 1862

Saturday

~~Sold and gave away and~~
~~received.~~ ~~cleaned up at noon.~~
The wagon went out here today
to get harness, Stephens went
also. He returned in afternoon
paying and paid tobacco was
expensive had not come. The wagon
however brought it in the evening
every thing was all right with the
exception of some fruit had had
spoiled. Received my new horse
in the forenoon. ^{from the} Mr. Knapp
of Danville, also supper with us.
He is here visiting some of his
acquaintances in the valley.

Lt. Stump, B, 10th Regt

Nov 30th 1862

Sunday

Went out again. Stephens
is now going into town, he is
the hospital. The rain which
has been about since a clock pre-
ceded us, arrived by the
start all day and all night
forced, had in my bible
in the afternoon and evening -
Dec. 1st 1862
Sunday -
In morning after getting up
found that some loose nails
had been driven some of the
quips to the tent and had
fallen. The ground upon
of our tent into snow.

in ~~two~~ separate lines, then
the ~~pages~~ ~~hires~~ in ~~revised~~ -
Edgell; ~~Stanley~~ being the ~~only~~
only ~~lawyer~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~and~~ ~~chief~~ ~~of~~
attorney, in the ~~division~~ ~~in~~ ~~com-~~
manded all the batteries.
~~After~~ ~~next~~ ~~to~~ ~~camp~~ ~~about~~
Did not see anything partic-
ularly ~~notable~~ ~~in~~ ~~improvement~~
in Richardson's ~~troop~~. He looked
good ~~and~~ ~~well~~. ~~His~~ ~~troop~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~
on our way back from ~~recess~~.
Got into camp about three o'clock.
The supper & dinner ~~both~~.
The ~~other~~ ~~is~~ ~~clear~~ ~~pinny~~ ~~and~~ ~~warm~~

Dec. 4th 1862
A morning after breakfast
started my section to drilling.
Commenced letters to ~~Frank~~
Hawthorn. Received our ~~names~~
in the ~~division~~ and fitted it
to ~~my~~ ~~the~~ ~~horse~~ ~~of~~ ~~my~~ ~~section~~
James good. Smith, ~~Densie~~
of Edgerton's battery, called.
In evening played ~~what~~ ~~and~~
old ~~pledge~~. ~~Edgerton~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~
yonder, ~~Edgerton~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~letter~~.
Dec 5th 1862
Was awakened by a slight falling
on the ~~but~~ ~~this~~ ~~morning~~. ~~It~~ ~~was~~
a ~~few~~ ~~portals~~ ~~falling~~. ~~In~~ ~~the~~
course of the ~~operation~~

~~It began to~~ a small multi-
ing snow began to fall. Bought
a couple of papers what I
read in ~~the afternoon~~ ^{the}
In afternoon copied up my
diary. Cleaned up all my
and turned cold.

Dec 6th 1852

Wrought on the ground this
morning. Bought a paper with
Dr's S's message in. Read till
about ten o'clock. Commence
ed letter home. Wrote
some in afternoon. Copy-
standed changed his quarters
this afternoon - went to
Sunday at Dr's. He was con-
mended the other day's physician
as it was our own and

Dec 7 1852

Got a pain, but clear and
and shining. Got paper this
morning. It was returned
from head quarters but not
above tomorrow - ~~waited~~
startingly. Quinched letter and
mailed it. Went to school and
dinner with my old partner -
and to get some ordnance store.
Got a spare wheel and eight -
traded Paul - Sophus give
to me. ^{Dr. Brown has}
took in ^{received letter from}
my - ^{Dr. Sack's camp after} ^{Nov 15}

Dec 8 1852

Got up and attended with call -
and Baldson paid he had received
order we might to go with the
and on a long his excursion -
at 8 o'clock we started. At about
ten o'clock having found that
we had had good and of the
was about five miles

we counter-marched and went
in all the direction, the route
was between pipe - West -
perhaps 40 or 50 miles to the
bank of the river where we
found plenty of frogs - that
amounted to fifty or more
were loaded - October
we started back, got into
camp about eleven o'clock -
Had supper and went to
bed. Dec 9th 1862
As the late in the morning -
the sun was shining like blizzard.
Dispatched a pack mule with
rifle and rifle, but was mistaken the baggage
being with horse having been used
with breakfast - studied tactics, & history
of Dept - Standard book dinner with
Hester and G. - He stand until about
three o'clock. He says the late
night's horse has eaten - how he
has ever known of - in Chatham.

It is a accident of the city - today
the provisions clear and the 1st
was pleased - December 11th 1862
Got up at reveille - Hydrant
read papers and studied tactics.
The platoon did the same -
Gen Smith was engaged at
in command of the division of
Gen Palmer, lately commanding
a division in the Army of the
North Virginia.

December 11th 1862
Got up at reveille - in order -
we moved camp - went into
the called on St. Stephen, went
with him around horse to go to
for skins and other articles in
his notes making line - St. Stephen
and read Sharp's Book, hair cut
and was shaved, shaved Gen Sherman
and took hand rights hair. He
was summoned as a witness

in the - Bugle case - Received
that the galley "Jules" had
gone down - 3 systems put - from
ground - 9 good situations
Convincing the ground said it
was reported Gen. McCraw had
taken Thompson, that going
circulations had gone by with
the remainder -

Dec. 12th 1862

At up at newville - went up
made out + + + + +
took 2 - weather clear and
out, went down to Sphar in
my -

Dec. 13th 1862

Got paper - 100 miles
to - 100 miles - 100 miles
clear - 100 miles - 100 miles
going - 100 miles - 100 miles
Dec 14th 1862
got up at newville - 100 miles
inspection at eleven o'clock
by Smith - Parsons of the

The regular Attorney, New
completted the order of the
application of 10 months - the
application of attorney person
in one of the requirements of the
first advice was left - 100 miles
Dec 15th 1862

was answered at your office
by Genl. Ballou who told
me that the order was to stand
by the piece - This means
be at ports ready for attack.
was rather odd - at Prince
had a mounted drill. He was
referred to old letters from
home and one from de
agent of New York - It
seems to have been a
hand after more information
with the matter was it dan
ed up with - Bill Johnson
had sent into him can
out well - is the same

Dec. 16th 1862

Get up at - no sick, Sick, Sufferer
Baldwin went into town.

Printed the letter at post-
office. Matter cold and damp.

Dec. 17th 1862

Get up at - no sick - in

morning went into town with

Sergeant Thompson, and back

with office, bought paper with

printed sheet of paper, called on

Gen. Brown, and sold with paper.

Called on Siphon - got into

camp about dark.

Dec. 18th 1862

Get up at - no sick, Sick, Sufferer

to camp, announced letter

to camp after breakfast. No

letter printed by several of

Sail. Siphon.

Dec. 19th 1862

Printed at 5 o'clock, and started

to town and delivered it to Siphon

and a new bed - Siphon

made a new bed - Siphon

came out to camp.

Dec. 20th 1862

Get up about 5 o'clock. Orders

had been given during the night to

the division to prepare on day's

notice and to be ready to march at

six. The wagons of the division had

also been ordered to get out.

They

had been ordered to get out. They

had been ordered to get out. They

had been ordered to get out. They

had been ordered to get out. They

and went over to the Sebastian
side, after going about a mile
in this, we passed through a line
of a few over Stone and
the dinner the 19th & 20th days
also crossed here in the river
of the 19th which remains
at the pond. The 19th bridge
contained about 1000 yards at
the pond. The 20th turned to
the left - and after marching
about three miles a rain shower
the Sebastian side. A mile
march on this bridge ~~the~~
of which to the Sebastian side
where ~~the~~ it remained about
half an hour. At Anacostia
a half a mile from there and
again halted. Having reached
the end now the Sebastian side
was reached directly in over
the the Stone side pond

the Sebastian side. The
pond was in very bad order and
was crossed after dark. At this
time we found young of an illness
to our left, a doge perhaps shot,
came across quickly. The water
was bad. Crossed from the side
the pipe through the fields, the
same route we took when arriving
before from the river to our
actual camp, got into camp
about four o'clock. The day was
cold but clear and sunny.
I suppose we made we made
and a reconnaissance in
force. December 21st - 1862
Got up at sunrise. But a small
flood could be had for the horses which
had had but one pad. The distance from
the Sebastian side to the
the Sebastian side was
40 thirty miles.

December 22^d 1862
got up at 6 o'clock while in station
about 5.00. got ready by 8.00 for
going. started about 8.30 for
Bike. started by saddle
out on the Killbuck pipe.
Passing down Market St. to
Broad turned to the right -
to Broad to Cherry turned to
the right - up Cherry - to Church
turned to the left - up Columbus
to the Killbuck pipe. Passed the
Post Office, St. Cloud Hotel,
Chalmers dept. and Quillen
tenny. The latter built in
1856 is a substantial building.
Passed some fine rural view
also what looked to be an
educational institution, with an
observatory. Then road was
a good pipe - and after

the first town or five miles you
through a hilly ~~region~~ but you
the region. We rode in a
valley 9 1/2 miles from N. where
we found an advanced stage of for-
est. We passed the ballines on
the pipe of a stream and for
one hour, the second day in
the pipe. I saw a few
pigeons, some hawks, and some
whom we stopped. I gathered some
necessaries and particular things
particular things and a few
more. I saw a few
prettied by about a mile long
loaded with forage. We got into
camp about 8.00. The day had
been bright and pleasant, warm
except for a few clouds to be done
in any or dinner, clothing and
late to night. We washed a
few - 27 miles -

December 28th 1862
Staid in bed until after day -
light - After breakfast - sub-
mits - lower - Staid with my gun
until after supper, came out
with the carbine - open - saw
Bapt, Trebersham -

December 29th 1862

Was awakened about 5 o'clock, by St.
Baldwin who said he had received
orders to - have the day's rations pre-
pared in the trench having said to
to - have his command in readiness
to move at daylight - Accordingly
baggage was packed, blankets, wool
tarponline pitched and strapped on
the animals' backs. The horses
were harnessed & hitched in and
at the time appointed for marching
orders to move - The orders did
not come. It began to rain and
continued by fits & starts through the

perison - It - over an order was
given to attend inspection of the Arls
of the division by Gen Persino St. 4th
Regt. Sulphur of St. 5th Div - At -
about - three o'clock we pulled out -
After the St. had inspected the
batteries in the rear orders - to load
each one with a few mounds.
Returned to camp about 5 o'clock
After supper - handed in charge of
a general - Capt. William E. Smith
The - Callin to - ex equal - ad - in -
with the - convening - only 800 -

Dec: 25th 1862

What - is - Patton's - riding to - later he
remains to - paper of last night. - Had a
mounded drill about 9 AM, by the cap-
tain. - Hoffman's - rear and paper & letters.
A evening - water - letter home, and
talked to - Sharpshooter -
Dec: 26. 62
Was awakened about 5 o'clock by

21. B. telling me that he had received
order to prepare three days rations
and he gladly to move at 6 PM
also to carry two days rations in
the wagons. About an hour after
the time appointed we set off taking
the road by the pass and
proceed on advance. After getting
the road we were on a high ridge
and let the cavalry pass by
the 9th Pa, and 3rd Ky. Some
of whom we killed there among
them. The 1st advised a brief
a while when skirmishing began
to be heard ahead, he halted
until it was over. Advancing
again we passed some old
prisoners and some of our
wounded. Again we heard
skirmishing both with signals
by cavalry and artillery, the
action accompanying the

cavalry. We were now between
a thick grove of cedar and
pretty soon, being ordered
on of the latter went a
short shot - shouting it; you
understand we were 8 by the mt-
ing. Our couple said for a
ribbon of rifled pieces. 21-B,
look up the cables - station -
the Palmer came up to me
and told me to go over to the
left and look for a position for
a battery, no position could be
found except by fire during
the enemy's advance. The
in the mountain while our battery
had advanced. The 1st Pacific
in the left of the road and
came into position to make
a ridge to the left of the
road which the enemy's steam
engines had fired when we

Looking for position. Fred
was ~~at~~ at shell at a
base where some shells had
been seen. Fred might have
been into the road but Fred
at a section of the enemy
line - coming into the road
to take up position. He fell
in and over their heads and
beyond them a shot ~~discovered~~
and returned him back, and
a ~~section~~ they ~~went~~ went
up / ~~section~~ the ~~section~~ section
was ramming the ~~section~~ section
it. caught fire, blowing the
remains through his hands. The
explosion on the ground with
bombs - supposed to be
killed, and called on his
to camp line of ~~section~~ section
only his hands and ~~section~~ section
Fred were gone, and his ~~section~~ section

force + ~~section~~ were ~~section~~ section
burned, ~~section~~ section the ~~section~~ section
we had ~~section~~ section that ~~section~~ section
having a ~~section~~ section ~~section~~ section
The ~~section~~ section and ~~section~~ section
deployed and we ~~section~~ section
road and all ~~section~~ section
Army ~~section~~ section a ~~section~~ section
the ~~section~~ section ~~section~~ section
no, ~~section~~ section in a ~~section~~ section
to the ~~section~~ section and the ~~section~~ section
sections ~~section~~ section the ~~section~~ section
sections ~~section~~ section ~~section~~ section
Fred by ~~section~~ section ~~section~~ section
in the ~~section~~ section. ~~section~~ section
on ~~section~~ section the ~~section~~ section
Fred ~~section~~ section ~~section~~ section
which we had ~~section~~ section
up ~~section~~ section ~~section~~ section
summers ~~section~~ section ~~section~~ section
and ~~section~~ section ~~section~~ section
the ~~section~~ section ~~section~~ section

shot - struck all around us
ing within a few feet of some
of my men. A received guide
head in the formation.
Commenced again about
9 AM. nothing our best point
although we had outposts on
left - December 29. 1862
A rose before daylight but our
outposts could not see
all - some crackers & pork and
strawberry coffee. The rain
fell up about daylight. At 10 AM
we were kept up in front - with
caissons of heavy artillery until about
11 AM when guide a little engagement took
place. Our battery prepared for action
we acted on the left of the road some
what - advanced from the position
we had held last night - the odds
however gave way and we came
out - in the road and advanced
to mile house - only 5 or 6 miles

small village entirely deserted - most
of the houses had been burned in previous
engagements and the remainder were
mostly all gutted with shot. Dead
horses & guide - plenty here. We advanced
steadily about 3 miles reaching
very half hour or so for our battery in
front - by then the way of the rebels. It
rained all the time we were marching. Our
brigade was ordered in the morning ^{to} ~~to~~
the division 2 of us ^{the} ~~the~~ camp today. We
went into camp near the 19th mile stone
from York the morning words on the night
of the road. It ceased raining before we
halted and there was a snow & heavy rain.
Now, the rebel army and sleep freely
in front of us - Dec 29 1862
We went and halted in the daylight. Did not
see any more and no appearance in camp.
Remaining motionless up all day and
that you believe the enemy is up. The day was
pleasant. At a Paper and road at 11
mile - again went and in tent.

by sending their bullets over about
 our heads. One fellow was in
 a tree and when he shot - there
 port - of his gun ~~was~~ was very close
 told us that he was very close
 The second level - on having an
 article in our. At length, one
 of our stormtroopers brought him
 down - some of my men said
 they had him as he stood out
 & stepped upon the ground.
 He had to be down all the time
 in the afternoon. Our stormtrooper
 showed on the left - showed the
 choice those of the enemy, a hop
 & made. They were supposed to
 the enemy's bullets. I don't
 know. They had a battle on the
 left - then the place was
 could see both ours & the
 two. There are minders
 them from their position & steam
 captured some articles. At the
 time the stormtroopers in front of me

as I advanced I soon took the
 rifle fire of the enemy but for
 word - of newspapers and an
 winter - had to retire. The col-
 of the 3d Blue told me that night
 that two men had some of the
 for a period of time at a change
 brought their ammunition down
 all expended. At the O.C. we then
 returned and went back to where
 the cars were. I went to
 bed under a tarpaulin. This bed
 however, and my feet being wet &
 cold, said not sleep very comfortably.
 Jan. 11th - 1912

at 5 P.M. I arose and according
 to order had my horse harnessed.
 The gun drove out today bright &
 warm. After my meal had got
 down meal & coffee, I had them
 fitted & upped marching over to the
 other half battery, where I found cir-
 cumstances on the creek bank in the
 some woods half a mile from the

Jan 3^d 1862

Was driven out of bed by the noise
sometime near 10^o on the 3^o of
I had lost my rubbers on the
3¹st in this way. ~~What I got~~
My horse had in some way got
between the hands of the 1st thick
Butter ~~where he was~~ ~~was~~ ~~was~~
found. The rubbers which had been
dropped on several were gone,
Dear report. Today was part of Stark
Covert's brigade. From now on I
In this brigade was our old friend
the 1st Wisconsin (Starkweather's
regt.) & 29th Pennsylvania Col.
Hendricks. Daylight was the signal
for the sharpshooters to commence.
About 8 o'clock I was ordered to open
fire on the woods in front of me and
to the right to protect the advance
of the regt of skirmishes, Jackson.
to Edge of Hill, on Thomas' staff gave
me the order. The soldiers on the

Hill - also opened. The enemy replied
freely. I was hurt on my side that
I had of. Before daylight I had
had my limber chests filled up
with ammunition from the caissons.
Returning this morning the caisson
horses which had retained the pieces
horses acted badly. Had the piece
horses brought back. They were pour
ed down all day. St. Stephen's
out to the field hole & this morning
was with us on horse or so when
he returned to the side. The sharp
shooters about one in ten minutes
wound and when respect delivered
in a whittier tone. One of them
ed for a portion of the silence of
Harry Hoals, ~~one~~ of the sergeant
of one of my snuffblows. During
to the fact that we laid down
and of signal - most of the time
no one was hurt. My horse
place was on the trail of my
right piece. Sitting on this

could see the flash of their guns
 & direct my head before the bullets
 could come along. A little before
 dark orders from our forward came
 to shift the woods in front. The
 battalions on the left also were order
 ed to open fire - a cannonading
 of about fifteen minutes in
 distance was made ^{by the main body} on the
 although it was dark, from the
 light from the flash of the musket
 we could see that our men
 were driving them, & they were
 coming with all order from their
 Thomas is ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~through~~ shells in
 front of our men from my right
 side. During the way in the dark
 open the heads of our own men was
 a delicate task; & then their ad-
 vance started. The ~~order~~ ^{order} ~~stand~~
 to watch the effect of the ~~shots~~
 He commented some of the tr-
 ous he had seen no make the
 might - before. Our men ~~left~~

Jan 5th 1863
 stood with the battery until afternoon
 when I was relieved a short time
 from duty & permitted to visit his
 field upon which we had gone to
 the ~~side~~ ^{front} of the right
 still made near the splintered
 timber, ~~hand~~ ^{hand} ~~ground~~ ^{ground}, scattered
~~projectiles~~ ^{projectiles} ~~fragments~~ ^{fragments}
 of ~~artillery~~ ^{artillery} ~~carriage~~ ^{carriage} & ~~debris~~
 little pits & ~~breachwork~~ ^{breachwork}. The dead
 men had nearly all been picked
 up & buried. I saw a great amount
 ad - Entailed 8/25 - Ohio -
 He had once had some men
 detached from that regi-
 full man our battery. Entailed
 was in one of my ~~detachments~~ ^{detachments} and
 was one of the best of the ~~regt~~
 detached. When returned to the

At 12 pm there was a chief-
 of staff meeting in the University of
 Michigan. The first thing that
 was mentioned was that
 some of the men were just going out
 to buy some. With Smith + Ruple
 who died of their wounds this makes
 the first death occurring from the
 engagement. The 1st had just arrived
 out. ~~They~~ Forward night the weather
 is unusual cold. The order came after
 dark to be made to move at 8 P.M.
 in the morning.

Jan. 21st 1863
 By 8 A.M. breakfast was over, blank-
 ets packed + everything hidden up
 and ready to start. We waited an
 hour or more in camp before
 the boys that were to precede us
 got out. The batteries of the division
 all moved together, I had to wait
 out waiting between them. The
 men which were to be ordered be-
 fore them this place + from camp

Battery they had orders to move.
 We fell in with our brigade and
 moved to the front of the
 a mile + went into camp in a cedar
 grove on the left of the pipe.
 The 107th Division was encamped near
 us. The 1st St. Sig. Co. came
 to the battery. Still at a tent one
 of the boys got in the rear camp.
 Jan. 22nd 1863
 Got up a little after daylight. Went
 out to the front of the battery to work
 in some water that had collected
 in a little hollow. After break-
 fast went over to the 107th to inquire
 for John Miller whom I had seen
 last belonged to that regiment. John
 Miller who said he had been in the
 and when it came out John was not
 to be found. Had over the field +
 into camp with St. Sig. Co. instead
 of our line. My young ladies in how
 he knows. But I think were a

with the old lady, the former per-
 some children, she granted
 at the price we offered her,
 saying that "when our army
 (rebel) is as here I could get 1000
 into space for my children's
 not to be outdone by the church
 we paid her the same sum
 price, in consequence of
 whether it was a chapter would
 to pay a moderate price in
 great care. Jan 17th 1863
 The morning began with rain.
 Got Bonnet's
 Ball Street, got out to have
 came out to our camp to have
 some horses shot. Being from
 prisoners had quite a strength
 some gossip. He said he was
 by got horse when he had
 it at shot-off, that prisoners
 got back & the price had
 more the morning upon the
 battle, that prisoners had

for me write a letter to Prof.
 Mr. Thompson's (no father) the
 received letter from Ed. Stanton
 wrote him from in afternoon.
 wrote up Henry. It would
 today. Put up in our but a can-
 store, a very comfortable thing.
 Jan 24th 1863
 Received order of march to
 ready to march another camp
 in the course of the afternoon
 started out on the hills &
 turned toward the mountains
 continued in the direction
 perhaps a mile when we were
 a camp on our right crossed
 it and took up our quarters
 a piece of woods near the house
 of an "evil secret" after putting
 upon the camp, that prisoners
 board of the barn + made
 a very good breakfast
 with them. The banquet

our loss in killed wounded
 + missing were fifteen men
 and a who were that there
 that of the enemy. We killed
 all over + changed clothes, the
 George, my little contraband,
 impressed the old scotch
 which I had a small
 in it + brought the water for
 the army. In the afternoon
 the rain ceased. In evening
 occurred a little rain here
 about 2 1/2 p.m. also one
 from March to the 10th, mounted
 Jan 11th 1863
 those of -ville
 in morning finished the house, Kate
 a letter in answer to St. Anthony, in
 receiving a letter from
 Jan 12th 1863
 Read a novel, which I was lying about
 - "The Prince of Denmark" by Agnes
 See " - Had a - some - journal
 to get a section ready to go foraging
 to town after breakfast - saw orders
 to get a section ready to go foraging
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about - 9 a.m. and to report to division
 - heads for orders. Had read from the letter
 those of brigade there to - Col. Campbell
 - sewer - of the - faring party - but
 at about - 11 a.m. sent the pipe inward house
 and with my place in rear of 2d Regt
 as they reached the public square. matter
 for the house to get - by the party
 with out on the - the pipe, which
 and through part of the late - battle field,
 another - day was caused by the stream
 which was to be reported. Around point
 of corn, food + sharp - about - part
 under from - part. got - back to camp
 from March to the 10th, mounted
 Jan 13th 1863
 in morning finished the house, Kate
 a letter in answer to St. Anthony, in
 receiving a letter from
 Jan 14th 1863
 Read a novel, which I was lying about
 - "The Prince of Denmark" by Agnes
 See " - Had a - some - journal
 to get a section ready to go foraging
 to town after breakfast - saw orders
 to get a section ready to go foraging
 to town after breakfast - saw orders

Jan 15th 1863

Woke early in the morning and found the water was packing gradually into the bed. I had occasion hard all night after breakfast. Built a bunk a foot high. The ground on which ~~we~~ ^{we are} encamped ~~was~~ being very flat - was covered with ~~stones~~ small pebbles. ~~The ground~~ found the picket rope and part was out-merged entirely. In the evening it changed to steel. The two camp-
fires.

Jan 16th 1863

The morning was cold. ~~strong~~ ~~blow~~ ^{strong} ^{blow} ^{from the north}. The steel had changed into a ~~very~~ ^{very} ^{thin} ^{ice} ^{crust} on snow which laid on the ground about an inch thick. I remained in my tent the most of the day and read a fiction called "The March of Davy Crockett" by G. F. Johnson & H. H. H. in which the battle of Hill Springs is painted. In evening saw a copy of the Union with account of Mississippians.

Jan 17th 1863

Went to get venison. After breakfast went with S. and Mac into the fields in front of us to look for rabbits. Did not get any. In afternoon got a better haul. Weather clear and cold.

Jan. 18th 1863

Remained at this place until evening. We started to the place to the Mississippi and halted at "Hickory Creek" 8 miles from Humphreysboro.

Here we went into camp in ~~the~~ ^{the} ^{middle} ^{of} ^a ^{grove} ^{of} ^{cedars} on a hill ^{one} ^{mile} ^{or} ^{more} ^{to} ^{the} ^{west} ^{of} ^{the} ^{place} ^{where} ^{we} ^{had} ^{our} ^{camp} ^{the} ^{day} ^{before} ^{last} ^{night}. In changing but up at venison. ^{Jan 19th 1863} ^{at} ^{the} ^{place} ^{where} ^{we} ^{had} ^{our} ^{camp} ^{the} ^{day} ^{before} ^{last} ^{night}.

Jan 20th 1863. In afternoon I got up the hill was covered with ice today. Weather in morning cloudy, with rain in afternoon.

Jan. 23^d 1863

Very pleasant, snowing most
studied and took some work
on a log that laid behind our quar-
ters. Dr. Johnson's took a box of
the head-works. In evening about
divulged the tent's baggage moved
part - w, toward the Wellington.

Jan. 24th 1863

Spent the day at the Capt. W. Crocker
St. Stephen's & telling us that our see-
tion would move at 4 with the
day's baggage. Got up about half
past three, ate our breakfast
and at the time designated had to
bring in provisions to start. The
the poor morning was performed
with ease. Dr. Johnson's baggage
the marched toward W. Well. through
ready will to within four miles
of Woodbury - County Seal -
Garrison. There we halted -
St. Stephen's section was put at

Jan. 20th 1863

Got up at 7 o'clock. The men were
still at work at the head-works.
So did my duty to stand horse
and add to fast brought to my letter.
Remained nearly all day.

Jan. 21st 1863

Had and ~~stayed~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~day~~ - The weather
was cloudy and occasionally it
would take a few drops. Rain
at night - that about five of the men's
company were captured with baggage.

Jan. 22^d 1863

A beautiful day, clear and warm
with the temperature just - only a little
in the evening. Studied and exam-
ined on a stamp with an arc. In
afternoon read & studied and hall
ed with the Capt. W. Crocker, around the
fortification.

to their order began to agitate
like regular
open & from
forces and
achieved, onward. by
will files -
written of our
was to support -
ing doards of
over 21 attend
a fore-seeing
the temperance
The only of con-
sable, maintaining
not the way by
the ~~the~~ pie
other killed. Our
loss was the 1863

begin to agitate
was to be the Mac-
Send me, was my
read in full -
1863
The day was - he
received me. He
~~attention~~ and stud-
ied, he said wrote
a letter to him a
liberty, I was, and
which, he has the evening
wrote a let. the 1863
Obtained the pass from
Capt. Semler to land
for a month through
might be approved by
Gen. Supts. at once here

Calvin had kept me in our
Spauld. At the anniversary of 1815
they are reading our papers.
The papers which had had a sub-
bit - which we had for dinner -

Jan 31st 1863
Read a pamphlet - called "The
North" - Received a letter from
Rev. Mr. Thompson in reference
to his sister, Capt. Thompson.
In evening read the "New York
 Tribune" and "Commercial" con-
mercial.

Jan 31st 1863
The next was spent-day by day
of the 31st - Each morning got up
and attended my will. m. c. bell - got
ready for breakfast; my presence
is to a letter or read, and ex-
posed with an eye, attention as
you know, read to - had early
to me. The day changed the
morning, at other rainy and
with the 31st 1863
The 31st 1863
The 31st 1863

with the land for company. read
to - Palmer's, "Illustrations and notes -
some had given us business
not only of my own but of the
city. Some to my and other
or lot of ordnance stores. July
got a few barrels of coal. Got
the letter of Capt. E. J. King, who
I think is a son of Dr. King of
New York. returned about 1860
out - got him a bundle. Bought out
a supply of newspapers. Had a cold
today. Saw Col. Parrott - St. Paul
all Capt. D. D. Smith & Menashalet.

Jan 29th 1863
The morning was cold but the
sun was out. As there was a
a little snow during the day, and
might be in, Dr. Smith & I went
with some of the boys for walking.
Some plenty had - so I had walking
to shoot with. Having only one
for exercise, got. more.