

Childs TAYLOR was the son of Prince & Hannah (CHILDS) TAYLOR. He was born in 1760 and served in the Revolution. He died in 1824 in Hartland, CT, and is buried there although the Childs Taylor Chapter of D.A.R. had his name inscribed on a stone in Claridon Center Cemetery

Childs married Rhoda BATES. She came to Claridon with Childs, Jr., and his family about 1830 and is buried at Claridon Center.

Children:

- i. Childs, Jr., b. 23 Apr 1782; m. Althea BEACH; Claridon;
- ii. Achsah, b. 1784; m. Ozi BLAKESLEY; settled in Claridon in the fall of 1814; both buried at Claridon Center;
- iii. Horace, b. 7 Apr 1786; m. Nancy DOUGLASS; settled in Claridon late 1811;
Sophia m. Robert ROWLEY
Tracy m. Nannie EMBREE
Edith m. Thomas LEIGHTON
Nancy m. John CALFEE
- iv. Sophia, b. 1786; died 1836, unm;
- v. Lester, b. 5 Aug 1798; m. Mary WILDER; came to Claridon as newlyweds in 1821 (although Lester had been here earlier) Lester DeWitt TAYLOR, b. 1 Dec 1832; m. Carrie BRAINARD served in Co. E, 105th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and wrote the journal of the events of the Civil War.

The journal was apparently copied from his original notes. The paper is standard and larger; some of the days entries have been grouped together as 13, 14, 15 June - Rain.

- vi. Rhoda m. Samuel CLEMENTS; they did not come to Ohio.

Lester DeWitt TAYLOR and Carrie BRAINARD had two sons:

- i. Wilder Brainard, b. 16 Sep 1869; m. Etta E. ROWLEY (a dau of Sherwood (brother to Tracy); their only child, Robert, d. Feb 1982;
- ii. Arthur Wallace, b. 14 Mar 1872; m. Mabel ?; he d. 21 Nov 1937 in Pittsburg; their only child, Lester, was in Calif- when his mother died in 1952.

Horace	brothers	Lester
Sophia ROWLEY	first cousins	Lester DeWitt
Tracy	second cousins	Arthur
Edith	third cousins	Lester
Nancy	fourth cousins	2 children; names unknown

Nancy CALFEE'S relationship to the writer of the journal is:
1st cousin, three times removed

Originals and transcript in possession of:

Mrs. John Calfee
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Lyndhurst, OH 44124

as of 1 June 1984

August 12th 1862

Enlisted in the service of Uncle Sam.

- 13th A.M. Finished mowing with my machine
P.M. got up hay. Evening made some calls.
- 14th Started for Camp Cleveland, took dinner at the Cowles House; and supper at the Commercial. Marched to Camp, found about fifty barracks finished; as many more building; and about 2000 men now in Camp. Our barracks will accommodate from thirty to sixty as necessity compels. Our beds are the soft side of a pine board; our covering the same, three feet above us.
- 16th Nights very cold; Got up at made a fire warmed went to bed. Up at daylight drilled til sunrise, joints all limber.
- 17th J.O. Treat arrived with a load of blankets, If it had not been Sunday, we would have given three times three and a tiger, for John & the Claridonians for responding so nobbly to the call of the Soldiers. He also brought a box of eatables from Julia & Louise for LaRoyal & myself.
- The motto over our door is "The Happy family" "Geauga boys." It attracts a good of attention.
- 21st. Were mustered in & left O. for old Kentucky.
- 22nd. Arrived in Covington. The ladies gave us picnic breakfast.
- 25th Left Covington & arrived at Lexington.
- 30th Started for Richmond until half past 5 oc
- 31st A.M. Slept in the corner of the fence until 5 oc, marched until 9 oc, were then turned into a corn field, stationed two deep, with loaded guns, and told to curl down and not speak as 2000 rebel cavalry were expected down the road; we remained until M. with doing more than scaring a few passers-by, at seeing 1000 guns through the fence.
- We went one mile into the field & filled our canteen and joined the returning forces, that had been defeated at Richmond; for Lexington; where we arrived at 9 oc which we could not have done, had we not had rain about 3 oc (It rained hailed & the wind blew terribly) which refreshed us, for the lime stone dust had been so thick we could scarcely see our right hand man. We all arrived lame and a great many; with feet blistered from heel to toe, but thanks for my want of pride, for allowing me to go barefooted at home; so that the bottoms of my feet were toughened, so that the stones did not hurt my feet through the soles of my shoes.
- Sep 1st. Left Lexington at 9 oc where we had slept on the brick floor of the market, with clothes still wet, and went into camp one half mile from town where we spent the forenoon cleaning guns & getting a little rest. In the afternoon were called out to meet the rebels, marched on the road, in the field climbed fences & leaped ditches; until night but did not find the enemy. We then started as we supposed for camp about four miles from the city; in about two miles we overtook the rest of the Brigade, then we knew we were on the retreat. It was now no longer "come boys" but "go." We marched all night, rested a short time in the morning, then marched till night & went into camp hoping for a nights rest; in two hours were called up & marched three miles to Frankfort, where we received a cup of camp coffee, the teamsters had prepared for us.
- 3rd. Got up from the brick side walks at 4 oc marched around leaving picket guard, &c, there being no one near enough to hurt us, again started marched till 5 oc, when we had our first supper, such as it was. Had

- another big fight, amounting to the same as the previous ones, almost killing our men, by exposing them to the hot rays of the sun without water. Camped at night.
- 4th Started again at midnight and at 10 oc on the
5th Arrived at Louisville. Our baggage all gone everything thrown away; the waggons bring in all the men they could, that fell out by the way, guns & bayonets were not sufficient to prevent their falling out, some even fell dead. More than one half of our Reg. would have done so had not pride prevented for many took off shoes at Frankfort, supposing we were to stay all night, & when ordered up, their feet were so swollen they could not get their shoes on & marched stockingfoot till stockings were worn and then barefoot, & were sent to the Hospitals. In the six days of our retreat, I ate four crackers & drank two cups of coffee. I drank water when I could get it, but the streams were mostly dry, the wells & ponds were emptied by the forward Reg. I have seen the boys drive geese from little frog ponds & fill canteens, till no more could be got.
- 10th Moved camp one mile South.
13th Louisville- West
16th Louisville review, which killed more than the retreat. The boys swear that Generals Terrell, Jackson & Nelson shall not live through a battle. This day will never be forgotten by us soldiers.
- 18th Moved camp one mile W.
22nd Got a pass into the city to see LaRoyal. Found him some better but with no appetite. He says there is no place he could wish to be, except home, when sick. Rev. Mr. Gordon & Wife are very kind to him, requesting him if there is any wanted, to let them know. I was there when dinner was passed & was invited to eat with them. Fresh boiled beef, two potatoes, two slices of bread and one cup of nice soup, was such a dinner as we do not get in camp. L. took a dish of chicken soup, tasted & gave it to me, he has no appetite yet. Sanburn looks badly. I fear he will not live. Walked one mile & a half and found Merton. He is getting along well.

The city is all excitement, Bragg is reported within a few miles of us. People are rushing across the river, sixteen boats are running, three pontoon bridges have been built, red & white flags are being put upon the Hospitals; & troops are coming in rapidly from Cincinnati. We do not drill at all now, spades and picks are at work digging riffle pits, three feet deep in front, & 3½ feet back to stand & load in, 4 feet wide; the dirt is thrown in front. 100 of our men went down the river yesterday, to cut down the trees that the gun boats might come & assist us if attacked. Bragg will meet with a warm reception.

From some cause, we have no Chaplain. There is great need of one; our Col. & Gen. swear like pirates. I wish Tolls was our Col. for he does not swear. Government is now owing us 150 lbs. of potatoes, yet we get none except as we throw our change together and buy a bushel or barrel, at 75 cts per bushel. We usually have good bread but the last time we drew, it was so poor we are obliged to soak it from one meal to another. Once in two days we have beans which make good soup for our bread; we have also rice once in two days, & pork or bacon. The coffee is not good, being cooked in sheet iron kettles.

P.M. The sick are being carried from camps & hospitals across the river. Our Reg. all called from work & sent out on picket except the guard.

Dr. Patch called & fixed my teeth.

Oct 1st Left Louisville

3rd Arrived at Taylorsville

4th " " Bloomfield

6th Left Bloomfield;

8th Battle at Perrysville. The artillery firing firing had been going on for some time before we arrived. We were ordered to support a battery, and double quicked it, up one hill, down, part way up another, when we found the battery deserted. We were halted, & told to fix bayonets & load & fire at will. The enemy were ambushed on two sides & in front, & as soon as we were in position to suit them, they opened cross fires at us, but as we worked on our knees, the balls passed over us. I never knew hail to fall faster than the bullets did. We were ordered to retreat which we did, about ten rods, leaping two fences, and halted in a piece of timber, & worked each for himself. I kept the fence rising to fire & dropping to load, were ordered to retreat to the gully six rods to the rear. I did not hear the order, & kept at work, till turning my head a little when sending a bullet home I saw but one man in sight - Charley Hitchcock, turned my head the other way, & saw three men. I delivered that fire, & fell back to the Reg. We did not see Charley alive again. He was found there dead. Just at night Buels forces came up and the enemy fell back.

9th The enemy ran away last night. Capt. Canfield was wounded, Capt. Kee killed, Gen. Terrell, Gen. Jackson & one other killed. Gen. T. said he never knew a Reg. fight as the 105th did. Co. E. were the last to fall back every time.

10th Cold rain topping off with snow.

14th Arrived at Danville. Two weeks tomorrow since we left Louisville. We left the pike a few miles from L. and the land, the most of it being such, that the more a man had; the worse off he was. Our marches have been mostly short, from eight to eighteen miles per day; depending upon a supply of water; we sometimes find good water & at others horses & mules share with us from ponds with neither inlet nor outlet. We occasionally help ourselves to a hog sheep or chickens. The officers sometimes smile to see us cooking our fresh

meat. Our eight days rations were used up before we could connect with our supplies. We get corn in the ear to shell & parch.

19th Sabbath. Military life does not allow us to spend the day as we used too at home. I have not heard a sermon since we left Cleveland.

20th Arrived at Lebanon; having marched twenty-nine miles in twenty-four hours. Our business is to protect the train or communication. I never made so easy a march in my life, my feet all right - others not so fortunate, macadamized roads hard on feet. Peter Hitchcock is with tonight - he has been after the body of his son. I wear straps on my coat sleeves, being Corporal in the place of C.H.

22nd Left Lebanon.

24th Arrived at Woodsonville.

25th Crossed Green river & arrived at Mumfordsville.

26th Cold with snow, were sheltered in R.R. building.

28th Knapsacks arrived mine missing

29th Moved to camp

Nov 1st Co. E. went out on a foraging expedition, with a train of eighteen waggons. We followed the pike three miles then the dirt road eight or nine, halted at sundown on a secesh farm by a spring in a grove, & near a corn field; we got meal for pudding & molasses at a house near by; which with potatoes hard bread & coffee made a nice supper. Secesh invited the Capt. & Waggon Master to supper telling them he is a good Union man. Neighbors say no.

2nd For breakfast we confiscated three or four chickens, a sheep, bag of potatoes & a hive of honey. We loaded sixteen waggons with corn, forty bushels in each, one with lumber & one went back empty having broken down. The corn was receipted, so if the man proves himself Union he will be paid. Got back to camp about 5 o'clock, with some honey, potatoes, six head of cabbage & two sheep. It seemed like old times for me to work at camp.

Last night was detailed Corp. of the guard at Col. Hall's head quarters.

It rained and one of my men, stationed near a dry goods box took a seat on it & fell asleep, he was punished by being made to walk by the side of the guard four hours, allowed to rest two & then marched four. Our Chaplain has arrived he preached last Sun. for the first time, but I have not seen him out with the men at all. Last Sunday I was on guard at the bridge; took three prisoners; two we released, as they belonged to a Reg. that passed the day before; one a hard looking customer we took immediately to head quarters, he was found skulking behind trees with out gun or hat & refused to give a satisfactory account of himself. The bridge was destroyed by Bragg 8 or 10 months ago, & has been rebuilt & the cars passed over it last Sat. It is 180 feet high & 900 long. It is our business to guard it & the depot.

Green River runs from N.E. to S.S. At present not a very formidable stream. We are stationed on its W. bank & so situated as to get quite a breeze. To get water for cooking & drinking, we have to go down the bank, stepping very carefully resting or placing our feet against stones; or run the risk of losing our understanding and getting bruised. Arrived at the bottom; it is some twenty rods to the spring, it being one of the largest I ever saw, and is capable of furnishing water for 20,000 men; it is thirty feet across & deep enough to fill a pail by dipping. The water must come from the bottom, & runs off in a rapid stream. A few rods back of us is a small pond, where we get water for washing, with neither inlet nor outlet. The depth I do not know; there are half a dozen such ponds around us. Our line of tents are arranged in the direction of the River; the ground rises as we go W. for a short distance our fort being on the high; six or eight rods from the W. tier of tents. The Gen's. head quarters are twenty rods in the other direction, on another rise of ground. The depot is one half mile in our rear. The pike is the same distance up the River, on which the City is standing overlooking another of the same size across the River.

6th. Left camp in another foraging expedition. We filled fifty-five waggons with corn, we took 700 bushels one year old from a crib, and the remainder about 1200 from the field. We also took three nice horses; one of them had been fed expressly for Gen. Buckner. We took the owner & sent him away for safe keeping; his black boy who told us where to find things; came back to camp with us next day. We carry our confiscation no further than our Officers permit, order, or consent: Our regular routine of duty, when not on guard is, At 5 A.M. roll call; 5½ water squad; 6½ breakfast, 7 Officers drill: 8 squad drill one hour: 9½ to 11½ company drill: 12½ dinner: At 1 o'clock P.M. Officers recitation: from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock battalion drill: 4½ o'clock dress parade; and then supper. When on guard duty sleep out, with a stick of wood or stone for a pillow.

25th Our box has arrived & I have got some boots, butter, dried fruit, &c. I was obliged to borrow shoes yesterday when I went out on picket: as the bottoms of mine were worn through.

29th LaRoyal came up. & just after we got asleep were routed, struck tents & marched one mile across the River.

30th. Got up from the cold ground, where we had slept a little & marched twenty miles in the rain, we got onto the wrong road and passed Horse Cave when we should have passed Mammoth cave. We camped at night in the woods, made fires; rolled logs together & put on rails, made some tea for LaRoyal and coffee for the rest; we carry it with us, (the teams did not come up till after 9 o'clock, spread our blankets, lay down feet to the fire & slept quite well. Got up twice piled on rails, & drank another cup of coffee & went to sleep again.

Dec 1st Marched four miles. Glasgow is quite a pretty place, more like a N. ern town, than others here. My birthday, 30 years old. Oh dear.

6th Left Glasgow. Yesterday snow fell to the depth of three or four inches. Cold enough for Ohio. Froze so as to hold up the teams.

8th. Crossed the line into Tenn. Snow full as deep as in Ken. Streams frozen hard. The land is covered with heavy timber; with occasionally a small clearing with a poor log hut, and the most miserable set of inhabitants I ever saw. I can hardly call them human beings. They are quant, spindle shanked, butternut backs with peaked faces, and noses that make me think of the land shark hogs, Such are the "poor white trash" of Tenn. I never saw such timber, if a man could transplant 200 acres of such to old Geauga, his fortune would be made. I thought there was timber in Burton: but don't now.

- 9th We passed through Red Springs, & saw the great and noted Water Cure establishment
- 10th Marched, twenty miles or more, ten of which were through Goose Creek a deep gully; we followed Goose Creek till it brought us out into the world again, & arrived at Hartsville at 8 o'clock in the evening.
- 11th. Came to Castalian Springs
- 24th On picket again. We are in daily expectation of a fight. Slaves of the Citizens say Morgans & Smiths forces are combined and that Morgan says he will take breakfast with us tomorrow morning. Should be pleased to have him (his sword being in Col. Hall's possession.)
- 24th Forged-Barren-River-
- 25th Christmas day. I was allowed to sleep all night only waking once in two hours to send out my relief.
- 27th Entered Ken. once more.
- 28th Forged Barren River.
- 29th Arrived at Glasgow.
- 31st Left Glasgow and arrived at Bear Wallow.
- Jan 2nd 1863 Left Cave-City-&-marched- Bear Wallow & came to Cave City eight miles.
- 3rd Left Cave City.
- 4th Arrived at Bowling Green. 'Tis a nice place, but shows the sad effects of war.
- 5th Left Bowling Green.
- 8th Arrived at Nashville. They seem to think this Reg. is good at marching and keep us at it.

I visited the cave from which Cave City derives its name. I should think I descended almost perpendicularly, to where a splendid spring of water comes to view, which in times past had been carried in a trough, to a large wheel; the power thus obtained was used to force water $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile to a reservoir which furnished the Rail Road & City of half a dozen houses with water; with the help of my candle, I waded some-thirty or forty rods, some of the time could stand upright, at others was almost on my knees, when the depth of water compelled me to return; well satisfied with my morning's excursion. When I came in sight of Camp saw tents were being struck; was just in time to say good bye to LaRoyal who goes to the Hospital again.

We camped two miles from the City. I got a pass in to see Lester Patchin & Esq. Waters. The Hospital gate was locked, so did not see L.P. The State House is a splendid one, but very dirty being used by soldiers, its proportions are better than the Ohio S.H. The grounds are almost ruined; It is used for a fort; heavy canon are mounted pointing in all directions. We have been out to guard a provision train of 400 wagons with six mules to a team. We marched twenty four miles in eight hours with out resting. The country shows what-fools the Southern people have been to cause war in their very midst. It can never recover. Wood & rails can never be replaced. Some of the ladies here are beautiful very different from those we saw coming on the march.

- 12th Arrived at Murfreesboro.
- 21st Capt. Canfield taken prisoner
- 24th The Brig teams have all been shod for a march.
- 28th LaRoyal is with us again. Orders were that all able to leave their beds should report to their Reg's. We started from Nashville with thirty others, many of them fell out by the way. He came through in three days, marching ten miles per day.
- Feb 3rd Our whole division 1800 men with artillery and cavalry started on a reconaissance with seven days rations and with out tents. Lieut. left his tent in LaRoyals charge, telling him, as I was not well enough to go with them to invite me to stay with him, and to eat the best it afforded. We found pork, beans, flour, and coffee; and for breakfast this morning we each took a cup of coffee a little beef soup and part of a cracker.
- 7th Division returned to camp.
- 14th Returned from a four days trip to Nashville where we went to guard a train, were quartered in the market house at night. The trip has done me good, I am much better than when I started: I wish we could have water from our wells at home, we should feel much better; can get no good water here.
- 22nd Returned from a four days scout. We had a grand time. The bridge across Stone River had been burned by the Rebels, & we spent four hours building a raft. The stream was very rapid; it took twenty five men to haul the raft across after it was loaded, horses & mules swam. We brought back a number of horses & mules, also a brother of John Morgan who is the conscriptor for that Co. It is better for us to go out on these scouts than to lie in Camp. We can not make a forward movement until the roads are much improved.
- 24th The first death in our Co. while in camp occurred today. A Cor. commands the escort at the funeral of a private; eight men with guns follow the music is in front of the ambulance, the rest of the men without guns follow the ambu^l. 20 men is all that are left now in Co. E. able to do full duty. I hope the warm weather will bring back many more.
- March 7th Returned from a six days scout. On the sec day we were out, we were called up at 10 o'clock at night marching over hills rivers & mountains to surprise a rebel camp of Cavalry; we were discovered while taking our position, & brisk firing was kept up for several minutes, when the enemy skedaddled, leaving one dead man, & one dead horse, none of us hurt. Next day we marched fifteen miles, a part of the way over the rocky and stony River bottom where 100 men could have kept our whole Brigade at bay. We took five men with good horses and saddles. It takes a pair of shoes nearly every time we go out on these scouts, nothing but iron could stand it.
- 17th Went out on another scout, but not till after our box came. All right.
- 29th After chasing Morgans cavalry for months he to day offered us battle. We took our position on a hill covered with trees, some few were sent out as skirmishers, but the most of us remained to support the battery at which the Rebels artillery was directed. We lay down behind a natural breast work of rocks, The enemys shells & bullets struck on the rocks or passed over our heads. It was a splendid sight to see their Cavalry walk their horses around us, perfectly cool and quiet, as positive, as men could be, that there was no escape for us: but they were mistaken, our position gave us the advantage; and they were soon flying from the field taking most of their dead and wounded with them. We lost one man killed & two slightly wounded.
- 21st Returned to camp.
- 25th A.M. Reviewed by Hall. P.M. by Gen. Reynolds and inspection by Col.

Tolls.

26th Another review, was on picket myself.

31st Reviewed by Gen. Rosecrans. I had the honor of passing a few words with him.

The Gen. made some remarks about the men in our Co. looking so trim, and rode up to me, saying "Serjeant, Do those men always look as well on Sunday reviews?" I replied "Every day alike Sir," he asked a few other questions & passed on.

Apr. 17th LaRoyal went into the Hospital tent yesterday. The Peach and Cherries were in full bloom here the 1st of March, and the grafts now looks, as it does the middle of May in the Reserve. But the country looks very gloomy here, there are no fences for miles & a great deal of valuable timber has been cut down for firewood & for building fortifications. We are very strongly fortified here at Murfreesboro. I doubt if the whole rebel forces could take us, except by cutting our communications & even then we have supplies to last us some time.

20th Another scout.

30th Returned

May 1st Received our pup tents.

2nd Received our green backs; two months pay

12th Moved camp two miles E. The situation is a beautiful one; presenting a bold front to the E, and our base on the edge of a heavy timber making a nice shade. The height of ground fell to our Reg. which made some of the boys, pronounce us Hall's pet Reg. If this Reg. has been petted since coming into service I am sorry for others. We have a nice green lawn to drill upon.

LaRoyal received his discharge papers to day. He has refused to ask for them although advised to do so by the Surgeons at the different Hospitals, for he wanted to recover and serve his country. But the Physicians assisted by Dr. Howe tell him one lung is badly congested, and that he will not live long there, but may recover his health if he goes home, and takes good care of himself. After seeing him start Jule & I visited the convalescent camp on Stone River the other side of town.

Diary of a Soldier
Member of Company ~~50~~ 105 Regiment O.V.I.

June 24th 1863 Left Murfreesboro at 4 o'clock A.M. It commenced raining at 7 A.M. Marched 15 miles to Hoovers Gap; arrived there at 3 o'clock P.M. where Wilder was already engaged with the enemy.

Our Brigade being an advance; rushed to his support he being hard pushed, but regained his ground, just as we arrived to relieve his men. we held the position all night. Raining still. Rubber blankets no protection.

25th. Picketted & skirmished all day on the same ground. Rebel sharpshooters give us a pop every opportunity. I tried my gun on them which made them duck their heads behind their breastworks. I was sent out to learn where they were secreted & get their range if possible; & while passing a narrow open space, not more than two rods wide 4 bullets whized over my head. None in our Reg. hurt. So passed another rainy day.

26th. Advanced with force sufficient to clear out the rebels with but little fighting. Moved 11 miles, camped, heavy rain.

27th. Reached Manchester. Has been quite a little town, in ruins now.

28th. Sunday. Remained in camp, raining still. Sent our Knapsacks back to Murfreesboro; keeping only our dog tents & rubber blankets.

29th. Started for Tullahoma. Rained tremendously. Kept the R.P. track most all day. Roads so cut up as to be almost impassible. Wagons tip over & break down etc. Camped in a dense thicket - cleared with axes for artillery.

30th. Remained quiet through the day.

July 1st. Entered Tullahoma. Soldiers tearing down houses to get lumber to lie upon & to make fires. So this town is being destroyed. Weather extremely warm.

2nd. After Bragg towards Chatanooga; can track him by the corn meal scattered. Road through swamp terrible. Pioneer Corps hard at work to make them passible. Camped on Elk Creek; a very swift-running stream.

3rd. River too high to ford. Came back three miles. Camped again on the same stream where Buel built a long bridge & stockades last year. Bragg has just burned the bridge. heavy timber not burned. Pioneers at work to repair it.

4th. Marched three miles to Brakefield Point. 7 miles from Winchester.

Co. E. sent two or three boys for something to eat. They brought in a nice yearling for beef, we brought corn meal from Tullahoma & get potatoes wherever we can find them, green apples & dew berries to stew &c, &c, & we had a feast. We destroy every thing as we go; cut corn & get sheaves of wheat to lie upon. We kill hogs, sheep, cattle; every thing eatable. This is the twelfth day since we left Murfreesboro & it has rained ten. Extremely hot when not raining.

6th. Moved out of the wood one mile to a good camp. Rain.

7th. Rain day & night. Good news from the E. Burned a good deal of powder by way of rejoicing.

8th. More powder burned. Good news from Vicksburg.

9th. Got a pass for myself & eight others to go blackberrying two miles from camp; way down in Dixie.

10th. Strayed when after water; found blackberries & blueberries. Neither rain nor sunshine.

11th. Went with a detail from the Brigade across the river four miles from camp; for rations. We got 10000 lbs of bacon, 13000 lbs hard tack, sugar,

- salt, coffee, & soap in proportion for three Reg's. & a Brigade ten days.
- 12th & 13th. Rain.
- 14th. After berries again. No rain; cloudy.
- 15th. Cloudy. Drilled to day for the first time.
- 16th. Pleasant without sunshine.
- 17th. Washed all my clothes. Had no change; of course, would have shocked the modesty of those not with the Army. Days hot & nights cold; & such heavy dews that the water drips from the tents in the morning.
- 25th. Moved camp two miles E. of Deckard. Splendid place.
- 26th. Built bowers over our tents & fixed up splendidly. Tore down buildings to get boards to build bunks.
- 27th. Moved 12 miles to University Heights; were 5 hours climbing the mountain. Saw 19 horses hitched to one gun carriage. This mountain takes its name from a University that was commenced here, for the Chivalry & was not intended to be polluted by the mudsills and "greasy mechanics" of the N. The corner stone was laid four years ago; and now the rebellion has finished it. The Soldiers have broken up the corner stone & are very busy shaping the pieces into curious toys & trinkets for friends at home.
- Aug 1st. Brigade band arrived.
- 5th. Splendid weather. Our drill is the bayonet exercise hard work arms & legs. No place for battalion drill. The mountain is heavily timbered & only a small space cleared for head quarters.
- 8th. Weather fine. This morning our knapsacks arrived from Murfreesboro. Found mine all right. Some lost everything. Received our Greenbacks to day; four months pay.
- 9th. Preaching to day.
- 13th. Had our first Brigade drill to day in the woods. As one of our Capt's. was passing under a tree or bush, a snake several feet long jumped from the tree, over his head to the ground. Tis said the rattlesnakes are plenty here; though I have not had the pleasure of seeing one.
- 14th & 15th. A little rainy. Tis music to hear the thunder here on the mountains.
- 17th. Left camp marched 12 miles; the descent from the mountain very steep. Hard work to keep our knapsacks back; but by dint of coaxing, succeeded in doing so.
- 18th. Marched six miles. Camped on Battle Creek. The Valley $\frac{1}{2}$ mile wide. Remained two nights.
- 21st. Another six miles march to Jasper. Since leaving the mountain, which is 17000 feet above the level of the ocean. the weather has been extremely warm or hot. Have lived on green corn & peaches. Hard tack no account, bacon scarce. Scenery splendid. Those that have seen the pictured rocks around Lake Superior, say the cliffs here resemble them only much higher. At one point they beat any of Nature's work I ever saw except Niagary Falls. At first sight, I pronounced it, the ruins of an ancient castle & at a nearer approach it lost none of its beauty or resemblance. Some 40 feet of its perpendicular is above the top of the highest trees on the mountain side. Were a ladder placed from base to summit it would be a Sabbath days journey to climb to the top of it. On its top grow stunted trees, & it can be reached from the rear. Although it had the appearance of being a castle in the air, it had solid foundations.
- A splendid place for picnics.
- 25th. Hottest of the season.
- 26th. A.M. a little rain. P.M. cool.
- 29th. On picket last night; cold. twenty-seven conscripts came to this post

& gave themselves up.

30th. Left camp for a scout, crossed the Tenn. within fourteen miles of Chattanooga.

31st. Returned to Shell mound. One year ago to day commenced our retreat from Lexington to Louisville. Weather much the same now as then.

Sept. 1st & 2nd. Received our tents & knapsacks. One of the 75 Ind. boys drowned.

3rd. Entered G. spent the night in the road.

4th. Co. E. helped wagons up hill. Artillery horses have had nothing to eat for 36 hours. Some of them gave out & we had to draw the guns up by hand. Made only three miles. Slept beside the road.

5th. Descended the mountain. Came up to the Reg. at 9 o'clock.

6th. Spent the day at Trenton. Caught a spy in camp. Papers in his boots.

7th. Marched five miles. Camped near Empire works, between Lookout & Raccoon mountains.

- 25th. On picket - Orderly sick; again in charge of Co. Since about the 15th days more comfortable nights very cold. No rain since leaving University Heights. Dust awful, and get no lofs without some small gain - the best bed we get is to lie where the dust is six inches deep. We are just as clean when we get up as when we lie down.
- 26th. Last night at sundown a rebel battery opened on our picket line & kept firing some time, balls flew thick & fast. Having got our exact range, some burst over our heads, the peices falling all around us, and wounding three slightly. This morning there was a heavy fight to the left of us. A number killed on both sides. Our guns from the fort fired shells which passed over our heads, knocking a chimney of a burned house down - - -
- 30th. Ambulances gone again after wounded. On picket P.M. Raining the first since leaving University Heights.
- Oct. 1st. Still raining very hard. Relieved from picket at 8 o'clock.
- 2nd. Clear & cold.
- 3rd. On guard. The rebels took 350 wagons loaded with supplies. Hang Them.
- 4th. All quiet.
- 5th. Rebels commenced us at half past 11 o'clock A.M. with 20 guns. kept it up for six hours. Some twenty shot & shell struck on our Reg. parade grounds, one passing through the Quarter Master's tent causing him & the Suttler to seek a more genial clime down town. None hurt in the 105 Reg. Have heard of but two killed or wounded.
- 6th. Once in about three hours last night shell or shot would come, making us seek the shelter of the ditch. The latter part of the night slept in the ditch expecting they would fly thick & fast in morning, but all remained quiet through the day.
- 8th. On picket. A few shells passed back & forth for compliments.
- 9th. The anniversary of the battle at Perrysville. Then it was hot weather; now cool, nights cold. Not a mouthful of meat to eat to day, only one cracker for breakfast, shall have nothing more till sundown, then three small crackers, six crackers for three days, have had to do as Free Downing said he did, buckle up his belt one notch every day to deceive his inner parts. I have seen a Col. pick corn from the mud & wash it to parch. Misery loves company. The Officers fare the same as the privates. We don't complain, had rather eat mule meat than be obliged to cross the river to meet our rations, giving up the place to Bragg. He can't have Chattanooga.
- 10th. Down town got my picture taken for Mother.
- 11th. Called on Lieut. Carter, good visit.
- 12th. Visited the 41st Reg.
- 13th. Election of State & Co. officers. Am one of Co. E's. judges.
- 14th. A.M. Still raining. On guard P.M. looks like pleasant weather. Bully for the 105 Reg. 284 votes cast & not one for Val. One ticket had Brough's name scratched out, but Vallandigham's not written.
- 19th. Broke camp. slept without shelter. Reg. most all on picket. Not well myself.
- 20th. Moved to our new grounds & pitched tents.
- 21st & 22nd. Cold and stormy.
- 24th. Hot.
- 26th. Reg. on picket. Warm weather since we came here. When not on other duty, spend time fixing up. I will describe our little house. Two posts & a ridge pole, foundation eight by twelve feet, three stakes a side, two & a half feet above ground; a twelve foot board, one a a fourth wide nailed to the stakes, shingles & short pieces of boards up & down to make it light below;

one gable and boarded up and down; the other has a good chimney & fireplace with a stationary crane to hang a little pail for making coffee; a wide board for a door with one iron & one leather hinge, hook for a latch, nail for catch; and two pup tents for the roof; bunk six feet by six and a half, one half foot from the ground made of plank; a board on the ground in the corner by the door for canteen, above then a cracker box for our plates, cups, knives, & forks, spoons, sugar can & pepper box for the mefs; We lie with our feet to the fire our heads to the N. and our guns under them. Private houses & out buildings have been torn down to make shelter for the soldiers. Chattanooga groves, covering miles of territory & the nicest for the extent they cover that I ever saw, nearly all used up.

- 27th. Heavy firing but a short distance down the river.
 28th. Two letters. A.M. Rain. P.M. pleasant.
 29th. Hard fighting for four hours last night and so near as to keep us awake.
 30th. Stormy. Steamers with barges came up the river, within a few miles of here last night; said to have on board 300 or 400 loads of rations.
 31st. A.M. cold and cloudy P.M. clear. Reg. on picket which will bring me on guard again tomorrow. Guns on Lookout Mountain whacking away at us occasionally; but can't reach us; looks like having artillery planted in the heavens.
 Nov. 1st 1863. Very pleasant. Two men detailed from this Co. into the battery; fourteen from the Reg. Rebels sent a raft down the river last night, sweeping away a part of the pontoon bridge.
 Nov. 2nd. Another raft last night sweeping away more than a hundred feet of the bridge. Pleasant.
 Big guns on Lookout Mt. popping away at us; three shot reached away down town; four or five struck near our Brig. head quarters; no casualties as yet. our forts reply occasionally.
 3rd. We exchange compliments by firing salutes occasionally- now and then. Quite warm; we can hardly get $\frac{1}{2}$ rations since the raft came down.
 4th. Was detailed with 54 others to go foraging expecting to be gone six or eight days; up the river 50 miles; marched down town drew a few rations, expecting to depend on parched corn for food, with what better we might pick up on the road. At 9 o'clock found our train would not be ready until tomorrow, so returned to camp with orders to report at 7 o'clock in the A.M. Very hot. Got three ears of corn to eke out my rations.
 5th. Rain all day. Forage train given up.
 6th. Clear & hot. Down town, not much satisfaction; found nothing to eat.
 7th. Very pleasant.
 8th. Sunday cold & clear. Wrote to John Ladd. Eve. went a mile to call on Lieut. Carter, found he had resigned and gone home.
 9th. Called to see Capt. Johnson, but he had not returned, visited with John Potter, Chet Watts and Manning Cowles. Cold and windy. Water froze to the depth of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch.
 10th. Lieut. Spencer called on us, had a good visit. the 7th O.V.I. is six miles below us.
 11th. Reg. on picket. I had charge of a team to haul wood, drew six loads. Recd. a letter from Martha and a note from Alice T., and an Ohio Farmer from some friend. I wish I knew who to thank for it. The paper looked familiar like an old friend.
 12th. Clear but not as cold.
 16th. Weather cold for the last four days. signed pay roll this A.M.
 17th. On picket. All quiet except artillery dueling from Lookout and Moccasin.

- 18th. Recd. greenbacks, Col. T. has come back.
- 19th. Pleasant. Mornings very foggy till 10 o'clock. There is a much greater difference in the temperature of the days & nights here than in Ohio. Making it unpleasant at times to carry clothing enough during the hot weather, without loading ourselves too heavy for marching, to keep us comfortable at night. Five months to day since the battle at Chicamauga; time seems short: rations too. We are fairing a little better now.
- 25th. Left camp at 5 P.M. with 100 rounds of cartridge & three days rations moved to 3/4 of a mile to the front: at night - picked weeds, piled them up three feet high for our beds.
26. Rainy. Hooker took Lookout.
25. Sherman is engaged on the left: at 11 o'clock our Line (Beards) is taken to the left of the 4th Corps: at 5 P.M. firing ceases on the left; and commences on the right; an advance is being made at that point, also along the front upon Missionary ridge, the point is taken. Our turn comes; we do the work in fine style. This Brig. (Vandeverisy) took seven guns; at dark the ridge is ours. This charge was very exhausting we were obliged to push till dawn use our guns to push ourselves up the steep ridge; and twice orders were given to lie down and rest, hundreds of us fell down faint and out of breath.
- 26th. 3 P.M. Marched with five days rations: camped at dark. seems like old times to have rails to burn.
- 29th. Marched at 4 o'clock arrived at Ringgold at 11 o'clock. The 7th Reg. are charging the hill; their losses being Col. & Lieut. Col. killed thirteen out of fourteen team Officers killed or wounded.
- 28th. Cold & wet. Remained quiet. Pine boughs for bedding.
- 29th. Very cold. at 11 o'clock started for home, marched 18 miles without resting, arrived at dark. Awful cold.
30. Inspection.
- Dec. 1st. Reviewed by Maj. Gen. Hunter & Grant. P.M. Went over to see the 41st boys. All doing well. Took supper with Manning Cowles. Another year added to my age. One year ago arrived in Glasgow. Col. Tolls had Capt. Munn brought to our hospital tent.
- 2nd. Went to Capt. Munn's Reg. after his effects, found him dying on my return.
- 3rd. Pleasant. Col. requested me to take a man with me and sleep in the building with the corpse.
4. Lieut. Spencer called. Was about starting for home would carry a small parcel for me. Sent it down but was too late.
- 5th. Dr. Fisher of the 41 Reg. said he would take it.
- 6th. At dress parade the following order was read. Head quarters 105 Regiment Chattanooga, Tenn. Special No. 31 Lester D. Taylor will act as Serjeant Major of the 105 O.V.I. & will be respected & obeyed as such until further orders. By order of W.R. Tolls Lieut. Col. Com. Reg.
7. Spent the day performing my new duties. Capt. Lea arrived with my long looked for watch.
- 8th. So busy to day did not get my breakfast till after 8 o'clock. Rained all day.
- 9th. Warm. 189 letters went from this Reg to day besides Officers documents, papers & several daguerreotypes.
11. Marched to Chickamauga Creek to guard a bridge. carried blankets & three days rations.
- 12 & 13. Rainy.
- 14th. Wind blows a perfect hurricane. Cold.
15. Cold but pleasant.
16. At 5 o'clock this morning struck out for some milk old cow kicked like

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blazes; but I had seen such before. It took four men to keep her in the corner. Got one quart for my share.

- 17 & 18. Cold and windy.
- 19. Cold. Returned to camp.
- 20. Cold. Like to have frozen last night.
- 21st. Pleasant. Wrote Jule Moffett.
- 22nd. Very pleasant.

23. Cloudy. Cold wind.
- 24th. One of the pleasantest days I ever knew in Tee. enough to make one think of home & wish he could be where he was two years ago to night or in some other good place, with as good company.
25. Didn't get so much as a hard tack in my stocking although hung on a stick of wood. Cold wind.
- 26th & 27th. Rain all day.
- 28th & 29th. Pleasant
30. Cloudy. 31st. Raining very hard.
- Jan. 1st, 1864. A day that would make a N. day blush. sunshine with thawing.
- 2nd. Ditto.
- 3rd. Moderating a little.
- 4th. A regular N. easter. frozen rain.
- 5th. Thawing a little.
- 6th. Cold. Ground solid again.
- 7th. & 8th. do. Snow one inch in depth. We had not seen a flake before this season.
- 9th. Sun shone all day. Snow did not melt.
- 10th., 11th. & 12th. Cloudy & cold as ever.
- 13th. Moderating.
- 14th. Recitation & drill. The first train of cars. guess how we felt.
- 15th. Warm. 16th & 17th. Pleasant.
- 18th. A billious day. Stormy & windy.
- 19th. Cold but clear.
- 20th. Warm. Full rations of bread. Newspaper correspondents can now say we have full rations without hurting the soldiers feelings.
- 21st. & 22nd. So warm do not need a fire with coats off.
- 23rd. 2nd Ohio Calvary arrived last night. went down & saw Lieut. Millard also Allen Spencer.
- 24th. Reg. left wholly under my charge. Col. & all the other Officers gone up onto Lookout Mt.; was requested to make my abode in the Col's tent - to see any one that might call on business.
- 25th. Visited Lookout for the first time. How we ever climbed the mountain to make a charge a mystery to me.
- 26th. Left camp at sunrise for a scout; marched 18 miles; the boys suffered with heat. Camp 1 mile from Harrison. I find the benefit of my office now. I carry a saber instead of a gun, and my baggage is put onto the waggon with the Officers.
- 27th. Remained in camp; sent out scouting parties.
- 28th. Returned the 12 mile rout.
- 29th. Hot as ever.
- 30th. Pease arrived. A little rain.
- 31st. A.M. Rain. P.M. pleasant.
- Feb. 1st. Rained hard last night; but warm and pleasant since 8 o'clock A.M.
- 3rd. Quite cold. Col. Tolls started for home.
- 5th. Moved our line of tents to the right flank, the line Officers occupy our old line.
- 6th. A little inclined to rain, but make hard work of it.
- 7th. Sunday. had service. Very pleasant. Depot burned last night. Did not go down.
- 8th. Pleasant.
- 9th. Visited Lookout for the sec. time; which generally satisfies one; if obliged to walk.
10. Officers gone to Chickamauga.

- 11th. Received orders to march the 13th.
- 12th. Orders to march countermanded till the 15th.
- 13th. Had two grinders extracted.
- 14th. Begins to rain. The first cloudy day for some time. I dread marching as we have not yet had our rainy season; though rain is very much needed as many of our wells are dry.
- 15th. Muddy & nasty enough. Picket instead of marching. George Waters, Gib Hathaway & Sam Derrit arrived. The mail box is in my tent so I have an opportunity of knowing how many letters this small Reg. send out each day. Yesterday there were 350 average 6000 for month. It is my business to frank these letters.
- 17th. Clear and very cold. Sold my watch and bought another.
- 18th. Very cold yet. Traded watches twice.
- 19th. Still cold. Sold my watch & bought another. Stand in pocket the same as three days ago & have a watch worth \$10.00 more than the one I had at first.
- 20th. Went down town also over to see the Col. Reg. on Drefs Parade.
- 21st. Warm. Had preaching.
- 22nd. On a march to within two miles of Ringold.
- 23rd. Two miles beyond Ringold.
- 24th. Remained quiet till dark, then marched five miles.
- 25th. Up at 5 o'clock half past one/o'clock; marched at 3 o'clock; at 8 o'clock arrived at Crows nest where we were met by the enemy; drove their skirmishers two miles into their intrenchments & under cover of their masked batteries; where we remained under cover fire of their guns & sharp shooters, during the day, being so protected by the timber, as not to receive any harm.
- 26th. At 12 o'clock at night; commenced a retreat marched fifteen miles before day; the Rebels 35000 strong tried to gobble us up; but we were too quick for them. At noon moved direct to the front. Arrived at Tunnel hill station, six miles, there remained until 9 o'clock. then fell back to the Gap, having marched twenty-seven miles, during twenty-four hours; twenty-one of them by moonlight & forty-eight since we had a night's rest.
- 27th. At 1 o'clock P.M. the enemy advanced & attacked our picket line. We fell back two miles into the Gap fighting all the time. We were so tired as to fall asleep every time we stopt. I had several naps between the firing of the heavy guns.
- 28th. Slept on our arms in the road, & were relieved at 9 o'clock. & went into camp just out of the Gap.
- 29th. Returned to Chattanooga after the Col's. things. Saw Moffett & Kellogg. Rained to day, the first time since we marched. Weather has been splendid.
- March 1st. Loaded up head quarters things & started for Ringold, went into camp seven miles out. Rained awfully.
- 2nd. Pleasant. Arrived at R. 3 o'clock pm: roads horrible.
- 3rd. Put up my shebang.
- 4th. Whole Reg. on picket. Pleasant.
- 5th. Cool but pleasant - a little rain last night.
- 6th. Had a chimney built, with a good long fire place, so we can make a large fire. Rails burn well.
- 7th. On picket again. A heavy rain & hail storm during the night.
- 8th. Peach trees in full bloom, being eleven days earlier than where we were last year.
- 9th. Was sent to Brig. head quarters twice; once for shelter tents & once for Ordnance. Rec'd. letters & Arthur's magazine.
- 10th. Quite warm. A heavy rain last night.
- 11th. On picket. Pleasant.

- 12th. Very warm.
13th. Sunday. One of the pleasantest days I ever knew.
14th. All quiet. No standing at arms this morning.
15th. On picket - chilly air, about midnight the wind commenced blowing hard & cold. Men in camp had to stand at arms before daylight.
16th. Very cold; froze very hard; a large fire necessary to make us comfortable.
17th. Clear but very cold.
18th. Weather moderating.
19th. Averil Way died; Measles & hard cold causing congestion of the lungs. Sick two days.
20th. On picket.
21st. Pleasant but cool.
22nd. Snow fell last night to the depth of eight inches & continued to snow all day but melted as fast as it came. I have not seen so much snow since I left home as there is now. The Soldiers play ball a good deal, & to day it has been snow ball.
23rd. Very cold last night, ice formed in our house to the thickness of half an inch. To day the sun shines clear & thaws fast.

- 24th. On picket. Chilly air.
 25th. Three inches snow fell last night.
 26th. Warm.
 27th. Attended church in the brick church.
 28th. Rainy.
 29th. On picket. A hard rain last night.
 30th. Cool air. A little snow this morning.
 31st. Pleasant. Received a line from Emily Douglass by way of Frank Doolittle.
 Apr. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. Cold, some rain.
 4th. On picket.
 5th. Cold rain. It rained all night; very hard this A.M. for an hour.
 6th. Brigade drill; preparatory to the great review tomorrow.
 7th. The Div. was reviewed by Gen's Thomas Palmer Hooker & four other Generals. It was two miles from camp; & we were gone about five hours. Gen. Thomas was heard to say it was the best he had seen this Spring.
 8th. Rain.
 9th. A.M. hot P.M. cool.
 10th. On picket. Cold, snows a little. We caught a Reb. cavalry picket post; four men with their horses & a number of horses without their riders.
 11th. Wet. 12th. Rain. 13th. A beautiful day.
 14th. Fair prospect of rain before night.
 15th. Cold wind.
 16th. On picket. The Officer of the day came out at 12 o'clock and informed us, that, the Gen. had received information that a party of infantry had left Tunnel Hill just at night, supposed for the purpose of trying to gobble up some picket post, I went $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in the woods to notify Commanders of posts to be on their guard keeping one half their men up all the night; and after 3 o'clock all up, but we were not disturbed.
 17th. A.M. cool. P.M. cold rain.
 18th. A.M. warm rain. P.M. wind whistled, cold regular Ohio fashion.
 19th. Clear but cutting wind, which makes up "hump ourselves."
 20th & 21st. Little warmer.
 22nd. Came from picket in the A.M. P.M. parade drill, warm.
 23rd. Quite warm. Went to Church in the evening.
 24th. Rain,
 25th. Warm, with good breeze. Went up to the ordnance Office after three-3000 rounds cartridges.
 26th. Brig. drill, hot.
 27th. Hot. Went up to the Div. ordnance office twice after ordnance; got nineteen guns, and twenty-five sets of accouterments complete.
 28th & 29th. Warm. Gen. Patterson out with infantry.
 30th. Kelpatric with his cavalry have gone to Nickerjack on a reconnoissance.
 May 1st. Inspection and muster.
 2nd. Up at half past 2 o'clock and started for Tunnel hill at half past 4 o'clock A.M. Kelpatric with his Cavalry taking the lead; had a skirmish with the enemy; had two men killed & five wounded. Rebel logs not known. Returned to Camp at 11 o'clock Sherman Thomas & Palmer came to town.
 3rd. Cool. Instead of one train to day we had eight.
 4th. The 4th Corps arrived & went into Camp, in front of the Gap.
 5th. Received calls from six of the 41st boys. Turned over our Ordnance.
 6th. Received orders to march at daylight tomorrow with four days rations in Haversack & sixty rounds ammunition in box. Weather hot.
 7th. Were ready at the appointed time but did not start till 8 o'clock. Camped for the night one mile beyond Tunnel Hill. The 4th Corps took the advance and met with very little opposition. The Rebels leaving in a