Capt. W. H. S. Burgwyn

Diary #4
September 29, 1864 – March 11, 1865
Diary

Commenced Sept 29th 1864
Ended March 11th 1865

Bought while a prisoner of war at City Point 
October 3rd 1864 
Price 50c. in blankets.
Thursday Sept 29th 1864

Visited & inspected our lines this morn found things in good condition. Suspected the Brigade engine and we returning to baggage sent out dinner trains heard from Capt White A.A.G. that the Division had been ordered off for Chapuis's farm. About 6 PM took the train for Deumpy Bluff from Dunker's House. On arriving at Deumpy Bluff marched immediately on to Chapuis's farm. When we arrived about 10 PM found all right on the road about 36 miles from the farm. Received a letter from Miss...much like rain-souly.

Friday Sept 30th 1864

About 6 AM moved up to an intrenchment 1 mile distant & waited till about 2 PM.
when we moved to take position in line of battle preparatory to charging the enemy, out of the works he had captured from us yesterday.

About 3 PM Everything having been arranged. Our artillery having opened to the enemy we started on the charge.

Wailes Division to charge at an oblique angle to us from our left by Sen. Picketts of Hazards Brigade & Feint by Sale's Brigade also to charge on a line with us & turn right. But Colquitt's Brigade was immediately in our rear to act as our support all the line to charge pic.

Multaneously, as soon as we saw fields men charging we were to start.

At 3 1/2 or 3 PM the Siile troops having one commented to change & been driven back started again & word came for our Brigade to go forward. I had been ordered by Maj. Adams to take charge of a line of skirmishers in the rear to keep the men forward but at my solicitation he permitted me to charge with the Brigade. He started slowly up the hill & we came on top then with a yell we started on the charge. Finally the 31st Rgt having been sent forward the right by Col. McLeetham as he did not know how it would go as it was under new Regimental Commander.

As we started the whole Yankee line opened on us in plain view about 500 yards as I afterward found the Yankees had missed.
their troops in the works might in our front having entirely vacated the works to their left & I suppose they were 3 lines deep behind their works as they were all armed with yeshotes & the fire was angural. By the time we got in about 50 yrs of their works our line was entirely broken not from any falling back but literally from the men being cut down by shells by the artillery fire & also support Colquih & Brigade having retired behind the hill being appalled at the sight of the mortality & fire what remained of our Brigade lay down on the ground somewhat protected by an enfilade between the houses from where we started & the road the enemy were.

I thought falling down twice from my Apis catching in the grass kept up with the men tho I would not go ahead as I generally do as I remembered my father. I would not from the time we lay down about 3 PM & laid down there we lay about 30 yrs from the Enemy line some entirely exposed some shielded from view by some woods & grass but all entirely at the mercy of the Enemy but they did not fire on us knowing we could not get away the shelled by dozen & dozen we faced almost certain death to do so.

About dusk as I was getting ready to run the gauntlet
favored by the increasing darkness when the enemy put forward a line of skirmishers who captured almost without a struggle everyone all who had not surrendered. As I got up to see if I might have to surrender or not I saw a Yankee with his gun pointed towards me calling out to surrender or he would shoot I then took out my handkerchief and waved it up my sword to a Yankee Captain & was returned to his lines sent from there to Genl. Benjamins. He then went to Genl. Burrell about 4 miles off.

At 1:30 we were traversed very quietly at a signal at Genl. Burrell. He & began to examine about me & found my clothes pierced through & around places & my harness was cut off. He said all night at 1:30 a.m.

Beauvoir cloudy & rained at intervals but about 3/4 a.m. when it commenced to rain rained off very all night.

I think our failure to take the works was owing to Field's Division failing to drive the enemy or turn their right flank & to General Brigade not supporting us. I don't know how much we lost but I think our boys lost at least 2/3 of their killed around p.m. & fear 1/4 of our

think the other troops lost but inconsiderably few
Saturday October 13/64
About 6 P.M. we started on the
march from Fort Pocahontas 11:30 a.m. to
stop bottom about 4 miles
At 4 P.M we started in a
Boat for Bermuda Hundred.

[Signature]

Look something
to eat then a vessel no boat arrived
to carry us to City Point we
remained at Bermuda Hundred
all night slept out in the
_The air was the worst ground
& it raining. With father a
boat near the Breast Merchan
hurried to reach it. Father
Carried very hard during the
day & about all day.

Sunday October 14/64
took the boat for City Point
about 6 A.M. after eating
some breakfast. After we
had remained some time

under guard at City Point & had
left dinner we were depa-
rated from the Enlisted men
put in a confined place
which was guarded by Negro
brothers from the 16th Pennsylvania
Negro Regt. The area was about
100 long & 30 wide with a
large house to sleep in. The
_The area report that they have
possession of the earth side
road. Weather changing
by turns towards right clouded
up & rainy rains. Heard
we that they were ordered to
be kept here till further notice

Monday Oct 22/64
Passed a dull, unmeaning day.
Back to the Sanitary Commission
who are exclusively our guard
& got some letters & envelopes
Coffee crackers & meat in the AM & bean soup in the PM. We were guarded entirely by negroes & when you were to go any where had to be escorted by one of them by permission of a negro chief. Rather fair & warm. Wednesday Oct. 5th /64.

At 6 o’clock  we started for Washing[ton city] in the steamship Manhattan. Enjoyed the voyage very much. Passed a good number of mines & transports going to join Grant’s Army. Slept in the extreme low end of the boat & slept pretty comfortably. Rather fair & warm reached Fort Monroe on the way about 8 PM saw a very pretty young lady on the Baltimore boat. Was very glad to go further north.

Tuesday Oct. 6th /64

In the New world we would possibly go north today but certainly tomorrow.

Had two meals a day one about 9 AM & second at about 6 PM had
Thursday Oct 6 1864
Arrived at Washington City at 9 A.M. & were marched immediately to the Provost Marshal about 3½ miles & again back to the Old Capitol Prison about 2½ miles. Fronts of us officers were put in a room 20 by 15 feet with two windows & the door kept constantly shut making the air very close & suffocating. Had two meals one at 9 A.M. & another at 3 P.M. having at breakfast cold bread meat & vinegar eaten with a knife only. Afternoon tea of soup & cold bread eaten by a knife. After each meal 15 to 20 minutes exercise & then we have to go to our rooms & spend the remainder of the day. Note Father & Uncle

David Grumough at Boston Map. He can get any supplies from the Butler at the prison who charges enormous profits. They gave us his hands at a price. Could get your clothes washed by paying 10c to a prisoner playing at the prison

Friday Oct 7th 1864
Sent my two letters off at 10 O’C & came at 8 A.M. One officer from a room is allowed to go down stairs at a time but he has to carry a wooden pig in his hand as an indication he has permission to Dr Col Maum C S A. who was captured on the 29th & m’d had a lunch sent home by some friends in the city & the lunch
Sunday Oct 9th 1864

Head to prison today. Read the Testament religious books &c.

A fire in the room all day was pleasant. We are allowed plenty of coal. Motel Morton.

Motel Morton fair &c.

A gentleman brought us some tracts in the afternoon which were acceptable.

Monday Oct 10th 1864

Motel Morton yesterday but as you are not allowed to write but one letter a day I sent mine to Mother Morton early a new letter to day.

Had Coffee & bread at 9 pm instead of bean soup.

Heard we had captured from the Enemy in front of Richmond 1300 prisoners & 18 pieces of Artillery. Also that Thursday was falling back from...
Harrisonburg saw in a Yankee paper a dispatch from Maine glorifying in having destroyed 2000 barns full of grain. 200 miles full of flour. In the Valley brought every house for 5 miles from the death of Gen. Everts Engine Corps. Weather warmer than the day before Sales Fair.

**Thursday Oct 11th 1864**
Arrived myself principally in reading a book called "Harriet". Skipped a page which he promised to do. Weather fair and warm.

**Wednesday Oct 10th 1864**
Occupied myself principally in reading. Bought a pair of slippers for $2.25. Weather cloudy & rained some & turned cool towards night.

**Thursday Oct 11th 1864**
Received a very kind congratulation letter from Uncle David Bumpus. Inclosing $100.00. Wrote him a letter in reply. Bought a towel from the tailor at $3.00. in dollar. Heard there had been a large fight at Blenheim but no particulars.

**Friday Oct 12th 1864**
Wrote a letter to Uncle David in reply to the one received from him yesterday but it was returned to me as I had written him to get Mr. Shew to send me a line.
form of grey cloth which was not followed unless I got ex-

secutive permission from Col. Bird.

Weather cloudy and warm. Col. Murray changed from our room to room. No bug was very much exerted.

Saturday Oct 13th 1864

Wrote another letter to Miss Davis

tone to Mother both of which I imagine were as they were not returned. Bought yesterday

2 pairs boots $4.50 each. With lining

60 cts. Havens & Co. The prices most exorbitant. Rather fair and warm. Had coffee bread

for breakfast instead of meat

1 meat for dinner instead of bean soup.

Tuesday Oct 16th 1864

Lunch May Rogers Capt. Jones

olt Butler five dollars apiece

at Jones. Capt. Jones came to see him from Kentucky who had been there. Monday he had called at Jones.

Sunday Oct 16th 1864

Hord preaching in the Ave.

held in the yard of the farm.
a uniform each of grey. I also
received two blue shirts. The shirt
also Capt. Jackson was buried
in the same manner.

Wednesday Oct 19th 64

Heard it rumored we were
to be sent to Fort Warren
Boston harbor but hardly
believed it. Wrote Father
a letter am getting very
nervous, been up about

Thursday Oct 20th 1864

Was very much disappointed
in not receiving a letter from
home as several arrived from Dique.

Friday Oct 21st 1864

About 8 PM Mrs. Clarke sent
leer informed us we would
leave at 6 PM for Baltimore

Wednesday Oct 27th 64

Heard it rumored we were
to be sent to Fort Warren
Boston harbor but hardly
believed it. Wrote Father
a letter am getting very
nervous, been up about款
Saturday Oct 22nd 1864

Married from the depot to the
yard about 1 mile from there to
Pront Marvels Office about
2 miles. Received breakfast of
bread coffee &c. We marched
back to the yard but found the
boat gone. Remained at the
yard in a house all about 8 pm
when we marched back to the
Pront Marshals they gave us
coffee bread again. Several
schemes for escape were
started by different officers
but none were carried out.

Rather rained a little very early
in the day all day cloudy
& cool wind blowing.
At 7 pm went a note to Mrs.
Sue in Dallas to let me know
my uncle still were well
when I last heard from them.
Sunday Oct 23rd 1864

Started from Philadelphia for Fort Delaware about 8th in two small tug boats. Reached Fort 8 a.m. 9th by 9 a.m. Report being put in the Navy yard. We were thoroughly searched and took about 1 dollar of our money taken away oil cloth canister but left us our clothes those who had watches were also deprived of them. They allow us to draw our money in button tickets they expect the rest for their trouble of doing so. though we were confined to giving up the many a real Yankee trick.

I saw several officers of our Brigade here. Not being as yet furnished with

Monday Oct 24th 1864

Halted & slept with a friend Capt. Benedict & C. S. Clothing.

Weather fair moderately warm

Called our Division (143rd) together appointed as Col. Maury President

Washed & some little & mess. Left of an Adjutant. Had two meals one at 9 a.m. & the other at 3 p.m. trayed meat in the many at bread meat &amp; in the afternoon held a perfect cyclone of trinity is going on between the prairie officials & the prisoners. Numbers of whom have bribed the officials to be exchanged before their time by five fifty to a hundred dollars but a peaceman reporting the fact to Col. Schrep (Commandant) it has been stopped or rather it is feared it will be.
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Wednesday Oct 26th 186-

Entirely into a mess with a

Capt. Clark. Bought $11.05 worth

of mess furniture & cows. Bought for

myself 1 over shirt & 3 pair

of pants. Bought for

Molly Queen Minnie Anderson

to Louisville, Kentucky.

Took a walk about 1:30 in

the yard which was very cold.

Had an examination of sick

wounded soldiers to be ex-

changed & presented my

old wound for examination

but could not pass as I did

not pretend to be injured

by it. Some fifty or more

arrived during the night.

Weather fair & pleasant.
Thursday Oct 27th 1864

We were very unanimously
sent of our 35 y order to
procure other berth & after a
tittle search got quite a good
one in Duy 24. Had a very good
breakfast & dinner which we cover
with our coffee pot arrangement.
Read 25 pages in Shakespeare.
Nather cloudy & about dusk it
commenced to rain & even then
quit hard did not rain all
night.

Friday Oct 28th 1864

This island is built on a marsh
which at high tide floods it
about 315 byt it is dyed around
& dirt put in the former marsh
for a foundation which as at
high tide is below the sur-
rounding water about 8 ft
can not be drained till

once a day together with
The former marsh soil in
Raining weather is nothing but
a bog & cannot be walked on
There are several large
ditches running across the
island which are filled
daily by the bay water &
which furnish the water for
washing. Our drinking
water is brought from
Brandywine creek about ten
miles which water (the
ditch water) is sometimes
almost filling & generally
looks so. Read 25 pages of Shakespeare.

Managed to get a peice & put up

a shelf which we medals very
much. Nather - rainig /cloudy

Saturday Oct 29th 1864

Had a general white weathering
of all the divisions which the
very necessary for the Prayers to a good deal of trouble. Moving out with their baggage. Received a letter from Uncle David dated 27th Dec. Was very much annoyed by being kept waiting after getting our meals like the whole "Buck Run" had eaten which arrangement was made by the authorities to enable them to put the proper sort of rations on the tables there to prevent a man's taking more than one ration which as they are very small are temperment many to do. Weather fair & pleasant Sunday Oct 30th 1864 Not knowing at what time service took place I was very late for which it was very sorry. Service was held in Division 53 by the Rev. Mr. Kingdon. Episcopal Chaplain Mote Uncle David Greenough. Mr. Munson. Brother Cool. Somewhat cloudy. The 42d N.R. of Soldiers who passed the Examining Board last Wednesday Monday Oct 31st 1864 The book (Shakespeare's works) that I had been reading was sent for by the owner so I was deprived of the pleasure of reading. Borrowed a blanket from Capt. Williams A.D.C to Gen. Core and covered the 4 blankets up and made a bag of them which was much warmer than to leave them after Brother Cool.
Tuesday Sept. Nov. 1st 1864
Quite a cool day very cool. Night had a fire in the stove at the Division for the first time which made the Division quite comfortable. Kind almost as much trouble here to get the letter to buy things we want which he had not in hand as at Old Capitol House. Borrowed another book of Shakespeare. Monday cloudy cold. 

Wednesday Nov 2nd 1864
The whole prison was turned out ordered to take all their covering bed clothes etc. With them there 3 or 4 kept examined each officer as he passed through the enclosure again taking away blankets from those who had more than one & half armes space.

one blanket of those laters to those who had none. Broke [cursing] a letter. Spent today the last cent of money & process for encables. Monday cloudy cold.

Thursday Nov 3rd 1864
Played several games of chess with my mess mate Capt. Clarke which was very interesting as we were both very equally matched.

Friday Nov 4th 1864
Cleaned up today. A change of the guard. Said it was in the Washington papers that all prisoners would be exchanged before cold weather but I do not believe the report. Held a meeting of the A.S. Christian Association in our Division to night. Read Mr. Harris.
Rapides Presbytery was determined to join the Association. Was one of 40 who gave 5 dollars in Campbell money to elect Presbyterian a life director for the constitution of the Association to give 200 dollars in Campbell money to elect any person a life director. Weather cleaned up very fair. Saturday, Nov. 5th 1864.

I felt the want of money to buy some things & more so as I have over thirty dollars in Greeneville among me. Took a nice walk before going to bed in a tub I borrowed. Mother asked widow selected a little about 1846.

Sunday, Nov. 6th 1864.

Attended Divine service by the Revd Mr. Kingstoin, Episcopalian.

Minister but had no sermon. Was also introduced to Miss K today. Had quite a long conversation with Miss Heather. Fair and very pleasant. Monday, Nov. 7th 1864.

Rained all day but not hard. Received a letter from Uncle David dated 5th. Also from Cousin Minnie. Anderson dated 10th which gave me considerable pleasure. Occupied myself in reading & playing chess.

Heather moderate owing Tuesday, Nov. 8th 1864.

Received a letter from Uncle David dated 5th. Told saying my clothes had been rent. Though this is the great day of election for President of the United States. It seems we have been over two weeks when the sentiment was doubled stone shot a hole through the paper. For some cause or other & they...
Thursday, Nov. 10th, 1864

They would not allow any visitors to come in today which as is done when they contain good

Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 1864

A Mr. Butler having paid Capt. Clark ten dollars to come with him we went to see Mr. Smith who had been sick for a few days ago and was in a car sick of want of food. He had been suffering from the effects of a few days of neglect of food. Election returns show that Lincoln was elected. I don't know yet that it is better for us. I was surprised I did not get my letter from Mr. Selim today. They would not allow any visitors to come in today which as is done when they contain good

Friday, Nov. 11th, 1864

Election returns show that Lincoln was elected. I don't know yet that it is better for us. I was surprised I did not get my letter from Mr. Selim today. Weather cloudy but warm.

Saturday, Nov. 12th, 1864

Was again disappointed in not getting a letter. Received a letter from Mr. Selim Boston dated Aug. 9th containing one hundred dollars what I
Sunday Nov 13th 1864
For Christmas Minuter being sick Episcopal service was
read by last Sunday. Mrs. MRS.
Mrs. Hulbe, David Bunyapt
Cousin Minnie Anderson
Cousin Kenzie Hill Burgum
Heather cold but moderate

Monday Nov 14th 1864
Had roll call of each Division
Heather very cold. The Division
very uncomfortable. Cold it
being the largest Division in the
Barracks. The supply of coal
for the stove is insufficient.
Heather cold & cloudy

Tuesday Nov 15th 1864
Mrs. Earl Chingman a letter did
not receive my values which day
I cannot account for

Heather grey with cloudy weather
a little sunshine at night from
cold very much

Wednesday Nov 16th 1864
This day being appointed by Mrs. Davis
as a day of Thanksgiving Service it was
kept by us all. The Episcopal Service
was in the Ave & CME. Most Father
Heather cloudy & cold

Thursday Nov 17th 1864
The Division were whitewashed
again we are wise very much in
Convenience. Having to move
Everything out & then clean up the
Division Heather cloudy about
Dark began to rain a little

Noted 25 Officers of McCluerlaw's Boy
Cavalry captured in the Valley as
Arrived to right

Friday Nov 18th 1864
Noted Mr. Earl A. G. Martin asking
her to inform my Mother where I was
on her return South
weather rained slightly during
the day but cleared up at night
Saturday Nov 19th 1864

Good news came in today's paper
that civil occupation had been
released in Tennessee County
in many cases why my valley does
not appear. Three patients arrive
today captured somewhere in the
first weather fair & moderate.
Sunday Nov 20th 1864

And Mr. Hunsinger administered the
Holy Communion & I was glad to partake of it. Weather rained moderately.
Monday Nov 21st 1864

A Dr. Smith in the barracks
said that Father informed him
that a general exchange was
going on. We all would be exchanged
in two or three weeks. Weather rained
suffered a good deal at night

from cold. The sisters were closing
the PM then had nothing
to call his contraband
good morning. Man arrest
of the visit of the Inspector
Tuesday Nov 22nd 1864

Found accidentally this money
that my value had arrived two
weeks ago. To be they had neglected
to inform me of it. Everything
arrived safely of every other
material but I was not allowed
to receive the eats. The cook by trying
Tink & in charge & they write
& gave charge asking for it.

Brother Uncle David. Brother
fares but very cold every
very cold & we all suffer from it
Wednesday Nov 23rd 1864

So cold last night. The water in
the tank froze up & it was some
beneath the day before we could
get water. Write newspapers between
Our blankets we lay upon to make them warmer which I think was of some good. Weather fair but cold.

Thursday Nov 14th 1864

Left Trains said Capt Lott Adair Eare laid in reply to my note to Eare saying that Capt Hadd been in giving me the over coat that he should have slept in trowsers me the undercoat.

Had double ration of bread for breakfast same said because it was Thanksgiving day others than The bread was given out to prevent it from spoiling it was whole bread.

Weather fair & cold. The skies froze.

Friday Nov 15th 1864

Nothing happened of worth recording. Weather fair not very cold.

Saturday Nov 16th 1864

Had many reports about a general exchange but none reliable.

I was very much disappointed in not getting a letter from Eare.

Moderate Sunday Nov 21st 1864

Mr. King solving being in the hospital last night he left a message also an excellent sermon on the "Prodigal Son." Weather fair & moderate.

Note Cousin Hill Burgeen again.

Monday Nov 28th 1864

Received a letter from uncle David dated 25th from Confin Hill Burgeen dated 23rd.

Note Cousin Hill & a Judge Aldis at St. Albans burnout. Weather fair & moderate. Got no new papers.

Thursday Nov 27th 1864

Note Uncle David. He wrote from the new the papers contain today that肃尔 Sherman is in rather a tight place, no one probably be destroyed.
Saturday, Dec 3rd 1864

No very important news about Sherman today. Ellis Grant telegraphed to Leesy Atkinson & Redman to keep Sherman off the coast. Weather cloudy & about 4½ p.m. a heavy cloud appeared, but no rain.

Sunday, Dec 4th 1864

Hai Episcopal service this morning. Had an Easter very and a very good deal. Many reports of a general exchange are floating about with some show of instability as Gene Schuyler says there will be one very soon.

Monday, Dec 5th 1864

Several surgeons left for Sipin among them Dr. Stetson. A Smith of Earl Clemmons command Army of Tennessee who began forty dollars in butlers cheeks.
Wednesday Dec 7th 1864
Rather cloudy and rainy during the day. Encouraging news still about Sherman. This chance diminishing daily.

Thursday Dec 8th 1864
Nothing important from Sherman. Richmond papers consider of fight at Franklin as a large victory. Rather fair Monday & cold night extremely cold & Rappahannock very much much.

Friday Dec 9th 1864
Rather cold but night not quite so cold. Received some news during the night. No news of importance.

Saturday Dec 10th 1864
Received a little during the day. Rather cold. Encouraging news came about Sherman today. Weather cloudy & a little rain.

Monday Dec 12th 1864
Weather clear. Most Judge Aldis.
Sunday Dec 11th 1864

Found when changing my clothes that the kerchief Dr Smith had taken off with him a pair of my new woolen drawers & a handkerchief had episcopal service by Rev Mr Kingstow in Division No 27. Weather cold continually. Cold night, suffered very much from cold all night.

Monday Dec 12th 1864

A very important event. Favors being ordered by Earl Schenck to give me my coat the having given it away to an officer in the barracks as he said gave me a very poor substitute in its place of poor material of theirs but to make up for its thinness he also gave me a back of woolen material. News today gives me great concern as I see a large force under Gen. Warren have left in front of Petersburg started for near my home.

Nelson MC.

Curl Vance received Earl Oakes circular.

Today about furnishing colored officers with clothing blankets the he had the chiefs of the division in his room to make arrangements about it. Weather very cold but as they gave us plenty of coal to burn we did not suffer so much at night. Received a letter from Uncle David dated 10th last was called out in the rain to get my coat they had detained from me my uncle having written to
Wednesday Dec 14th 1864

New report from Sherman in line of battle 3 miles from Savannah. A battle hourly expected. Civil War news returned after ranging as far as Hickenford. Very grateful for it. Weather moderate but turned cold during the night.

Thursday Dec 15th 1864

Note yesterday Capt. Abe A.A.G. a letter informing him that Dr. Smith went off among the forty five dollars re.

Received a letter from a man named Johnson from what is Fordtown a relation offering me money re. I replied

No important news from Sherman but papers state he has invested Savannah & intends to attack at weather moderate & about dark it remained come.

Civil War news was sent back after ranging as far as Hickenford. Very grateful for it. Weather moderate but turned cold during the night.
Friday Dec 16th 1864
No news from S but papers state Genl. Thomas attacked Hood yesterday driving his left about 5 miles but night stood firm. Mother moderately trained during the night.

Saturday Dec 17th 1864
No definite news from S. I have 7 telegraphs that he drove Hood the first days fight but says nothing about the second days battle & we do not know the result. Mother moderately trained.

Mole Uncle David
Sunday Dec 18th, 1864
Attended Episcopal Service in Div 34. Mole Father. The night Mother cloudy, misty, trained duty.

Monday Dec 19th 1864
Janyer paper confirms Hood’s defeat. I am afraid he was somewhat mistaken. Heard today that I was reported killed in the papers when I was captured. The report gives me great concern. I can only hope some of my letters have reached home. Mother cloudy, misty, moderate.

Tuesday Dec 20th 1864
Very bad news if true from Hood. Papers report 9000 prisoners reported taken from him 9000. All of his Artillery. Mother cloudy, moderate.

Wednesday Dec 21st 1864
Received a letter from cousins.
Saturday Dec 24th 1864

I heard from some officers lately arrived that I had been published in the papers as dead. My obituary written.

Weather sort of fair & moderate. The Battle Pony President has appeared off Newington.

Gael Bragg telegraphs he can hold the place.

Sunday Dec 25th 1864.

Can not but contrast my situation on this Xmas & that of last Xmas & am de-pressed at being in prison.

In the complete power of my ruthless & bloody enemies. I can not but be thankful & return thanks to Almighty God that he has preserved me to be even here through.
The numberless dangers I have passed through between this last Christmas and devine service by Rev. Dr. Kinzelton in the 23.  River was more impressed with our beautiful prayers and the prayer boots than I was today.  The double returns of news.  Neather beautiful friend seems to smile as the man seems to frown.

Monday Dec 26th 1864

Bad news for us today. Savaan fell on the 21. East Earl Hardie evacuating the city but 25,000 bales of cotton fell into the enemy hands. The wood today. Neather rained about all day.

Tuesday Dec 27th 1864

Received a letter from cousin Mr. Sand Johnson dated

on the cloud enclosing to del 700 papers today. Neather snow this night.

Wednesday Dec 28th 1864

Good news from Wilmington. Gen Bragg has repulsed a single attack on the Fischer. Felt very badly today. Had a chill about 81. PM Neather rainy and moderate.

Thursday Dec 29th 1864

Felt better today. Had no chill. Better went east from Fair Bragg telegraphs to Lord Davis. The enemy have been embarked on their transports. Neather showed a little turned cold fast but during the night it moderated.
Friday Dec 30th 1864
Confirming reports of our great
success at Wilmington Del.
Rutler's command was reen-
tarked for St. Munroe.

I felt much better today
Received a letter from cousin
Hilie Ruprinn dated Xmas day
Miss - Mother Weather
very beautiful temperature.

Saturday Dec 31st 1864
Commenced knowing a little
before day breaks continued
sickly all day. Felt better
today no fevers today

Received a letter from Cousin
Hilie Ruprinn dated Xmas day
Mother not very cold

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Sunday 1st Jan.
Had a very severe chill +
for some time was afraid
it was worse than a chill.
Mother very cold. Was too
picky to eat. Drives. Devise

Monday Jan 2nd 1865
No important news today.

Felt very much better finished
my chill. Mother feels very well.

Tuesday Jan 3rd 1865
No important news. Had all
night a severe pain in the
bowels. Mother commenced eating
about dark. Remained nearly all night.

Wednesday Jan 4th 1865
Received a letter from Judge
Aldis containing 25 dol dated
Xmas day. No papers today.

Miss Cousin Hill B. Weather
fair but cold very cold
night.
Thursday Jan 5th 1865
No paper today owing $ believe to the ice

Received a letter from
Mother cold again

Friday Jan 6th 1865
Notwithstanding the snow was on the ground we
had to move out everything out of doors lest the Division
be whitewashed. Weather moderate about 3 pm
Commenced raining &

rained

Saturday Jan 7th 1865
Note yesterday cousin Minnie Anderson dined Jan 1st 65

Mote yesterday cousin Minnie
Anderson & Mrs Judge Aldis
No news of importance

Weather commenced to turn cold about 9 pm very cold night

Sunday Jan 8th 1865
Had divine service in Dec

23. Mr. Ensorson is to be
Superior for the island
as an especial favour

I am afraid we will

lose him as a Pastor

Mother very fair Tuesday

Monday Jan 9th got 165

Papers today report the eq

Change has been resumed
As their news. Today

Weather fair moderate

Tuesday Jan 10th 65

A letter to an officer in

The Barracks informed

him arrangements for a

General Exchange had
been completed. No news
in the papers. Weather

raining moderate but turned
cold during the night
Wednesday Jan 11th /65
No important news except that Genl W. H. Butler has been removed from command for his failure at Wilmington. Weather fair mild.

Thursday Jan 12th /65
No important news. I see by the paper that Col McConkey has returned from Frederica. Three political prisoners came in today. One man with one leg. One very old man. Victims of Yankee despotism. Come from vicinity of Savannah Ga.

Friday Jan 13th /65
No news of importance. Weather fair moderate.

Saturday Jan 14th /65
Weather turned cold.

Towards evening I received a letter from Cousin Susan.

E. T. H dated Jan 12th.

Sunday Jan 15 /65
Had Episcopal service in Drill on Capt Boyle's order. The services.

Monday Jan 16 /65
I forgot to state that on last Friday the Yankees make a requisition on the Chiefs of Divisions for all the blankets in their divisions over one.
Thursday Jan 14th 1865

Was much depressed and disappointed today in not getting a letter from home.

As a “Dixie” was received.

Confirmation news of the fall of Ft Fisher arrived today.

Weather cold but fair.

Friday Jan 15th 1865

Was again disappointed that I did not get a Southern letter as the mail is still being distributed.

Received a letter from Cousin Sue dated 17th Jan.

Weather fair and cold.

Wednesday Jan 18th 1865

Was much depressed by the news that Ft Fisher had fallen under the combined attacks of Porter & Terry.

Weather cold & cloudy & very cold night raged from north.

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Thursday Jan 19th 1865

Was much depressed and disappointed today in not getting a letter from home.

As a “Dixie” was received.

Confirmation news of the fall of Ft Fisher arrived today.

Weather cold but fair.

Friday Jan 20th 1865

Was again disappointed that I did not get a Southern letter as the mail is still being distributed.

Received a letter from Cousin Sue dated 17th Jan.

Weather fair and cold.

Wednesday Jan 18th 1865

Was much depressed by the news that Ft Fisher had fallen under the combined attacks of Porter & Terry.

Weather cold & cloudy & very cold night raged from north.

The first letter from home.
since my capture & they
gave me intense pleasure
to receive them. Weather
commenced to snow about
3 PM & continued till 10 PM.
Most curious little 13 cent
for some underclothes also
ms LETTER dated 24th Oct
Sunday Jan 2 1865.
 Had Episcopal Service in
Div 30. A Capt Dwight officiating. Weather fair but cold
Monday Jan 3 1865
Did not get any mail today
as was customary.
Weather rainey & moderate
Tuesday Jan 4 1865
My spirits were enlivened
by receiving ten more letters
from home one from
Mother dated Oct 28 and one
from sister dated Nov 10.

They both write very cheerfully
Weather fair except cold night
Wednesday Jan 5 1865.
The Dixie mail still continue
to be issued did not get
a letter. Our cotton for
Blankets for our prisoners
has arrived at New York.

Weather fair & cold
Thursday Jan 6 1865
No letter again today was
a little disappointed as
I am afraid they have
given all the Dixie letters
that remained today.
Weather very cold & cloudy
Friday Jan 7 1865
Papers report Mr. Elam
has returned from Richmond
was happy to day by rec
Our little flet from George
Bluff made an attempt
Tuesday Jan 31st 1863
Received a letter from Coven the 14th & dated 27th
saying she would do all she could for my parcel.
Weather very cloudy

Wednesday Feb 1st
Papers report that Judge Campbell
visit A. Reed Stevens & a Mr Hunter from Va have passed
THEIR LINES ON THE WAY TO
Washington City as Peace
Commissioners from Brad
Davis to Mr. Lincoln
Weather cloudy & moderate

Thursday Feb 2nd 1863
The peace Commissioners
have certainly passed the En
sorgs lines Secretary Bower
has gone to St. Munroe to meet
them. Weather fair moderate
Received a letter
from a Mrs. C. N. Jenkins
A no 146 & 31st St. A. T.
Friday Feb 3rd 1865
The papers report that her
eward returned to Wash.
Mr Lincoln she returned
to St Louis to meet our
Commissioners.

speech by Hon Geo Brookes
from New York tent by Conuin
in A. Va pocket check board
from Conuin John G. Heather
cloudy but moderate
Sunday Feb 5th 65
Attended Episcopal service
in Doo 24. Heather very
Windy and cold Mole Zilner
Cousins Sue N. Hill 13
+ John G.

Monday Feb 6th 65
The newspapers report the
Peace conference a neapure
Each side determined to fight
it out. The papers report
a true Exahnge agreed
upon. Heather especially very

Saturday Feb 7th 65
Mole yesterday Judge Aldis
Mrs Jenkins
More prospects for Peace
The papers state. A num-
ber of Privates have been
harbored previous to an
exchange. Received a
letter from Cousin Hill 13
dated Jan 23rd 65

Exchange report currently
reported today No mail
or hopes today no account of the weather which commenced to snow about 10 AM
Know nearly all day

Wednesday Feb 8th 1865
Genl. Grant has moved on Petersburg on our right flank, no definite return known. Exchange news current. Weather cloudy & cool

Thursday Feb 9th
Papers report Genl. Grant repulsed & conclude badly

About 75 Officers were paroled preparatory to their exchange & to sue. Exchange was reported in the papers. Weather fair & cool

Friday Feb 10th 1865
Confirmation reports of Genl. Grant repulsed. Genl. Exchange

again reported in the papers. Weather fair & moderate

Received a letter from Uriskohn dated Feb 7th in reply to mine

Saturday Feb 11th 1865
Had a chill about 11 AM, remained in bed all day. Weather fair but cool & cloudy. Up about 11 1/2 PM & removed the 11th night. Received a letter from father dated Nov 2nd 64 From Unionville. It dated 9th Inst.

Sunday Feb 12th 1865
Remained in bed all day, felt somewhat better. To-day was the coldest day we have experienced during the winter. Many officers have grumbled to keep warm. Yesterday & today there was no water in the tanks, the only

Confidential reports of Genl. Grant repulsed.
water we could get was by melting snow. The night was expressly cold and very windy as was all the day.

Monday Feb. 13th /65
About 7 1/2 PM. was taken with a chill that a pretty severe one. Weather more moderate than yesterday. Received a letter from Cousin H. B. dated 10 East Tuesday Feb. 14th /65
Remained in bed all day and had a severe pain in the left breast and
toothache.
Weather fair and moderate. Received a letter from cousin dated 2nd Feb. and one from mother dated 4th from father dated 24th of January.

Felt somewhat worse till about 5 PM. when I put on my left side a mustard plaster. To which I had a slight attack of Bronchitis. Received a letter from Judge Aldis dated Feb. 9th.

Thursday Feb. 16th /65
Felt somewhat better today but up mostly of the day. Weather fair and moderate.
Mote Judge Aldis.

Friday Feb. 17th /65
Felt some better today. It is generally believed a case of pneumonia has been agreed upon. Weather fine.

Saturday Feb. 18th /65
Am steadily improving.

Weather fair and moderate. Lie in the papers Conspire passing through Baltimore as exchange in large numbers.
Sunday Feb 19th 1863
Heard Mr Harris Baptist preacher preach in Div 33.
Weather fair + moderate.
Mol. Mother + Cousin Minnie.

Monday Feb 20 1863
All Officers who had Carol money or watches at the fort were ordered to go out & get them. The best sign of an exchange yet.
Papers report Columbus, S. C. evacuated.
Weather fair + moderate.

Tuesday Feb 21 1863
No papers today.
Weather fair + moderate.
Received a letter from Cousin.

Wednesday Feb 22 1863
Mol. Mr. Snider yesterday
Was very unexpected.

Thursday Feb 23 1863
Did not leave today as was expected, but expect to leave tomorrow.
Papers report Fort Anderson below Wilmington. Weather very pleasant at noon.
Friday Feb 24th/65
was disappointed again at not leaving. Papers report
Wilmington evacuated.
Saturday Feb 25th/65
was again disappointed in not leaving the island.
Weather misty, cloudy.
Received a letter from Minnie a dated Feb 22.
Sunday Feb 26/65
Did not leave today don't know why as we were twice ordered to get ready.
Weather fair, warm.

At last we started this morning about 12 m in the
Altair Transport Crescenda
my feelings were beyond expression as I left the

hope for ever all the privations of H. Delaware. We were
all put 100 privates & 200
officers in the between decks in bunks as close together
you could not sit up &
Continued part on the Halsey ways we were compelled
to stay on there. Weather
fair & moderate.

Tuesday Feb 28/65
Reached H. Munroe about
12 the & about 4 miles of City Point about dark. Weather
rainy but not stormy.

Wednesday March 1/65
Reached Virginia about 12 in land off of it all
day tonight. Found another
Transport with Provision
of War on board waiting exchange. Weather fair.
Thursday, March 2, 1905

About 9 Am left the Con. Sandra. We all marched about 3 miles to where our Commissioners were waiting for us. My feelings as we passed the last steep hill were indescribable. Had to march to Richmond but I went to Emil Curtis's. His 3rd Captains house. I got an ambulance truck to Richmond which I had about dark. Weather rained all day.

Friday, March 3, 1905

Got a furlough from Capt. Everell via Exchange & transportation to Neld. Met Mrs. Margaret Stuart.

on the street reached her at home. She introduced to Miss Mildred. She was in charge of a package for her to Raleigh. Went to see my brother George at the Cadets barracks but found him on furlough. Started for Raleigh at 5:30 by train. Telephoned Mother. Weather cloudy and rain. Sunday, March 4, 1905

Received furlough at 1/2. Left 9 1/2 hours late. Train connection remained all night in Delap. Slept at the hospital. Weather fair and mild.
some other causes
found Earl Joe Johnston's
Army passing on its
way to Fayetteville. Passed
the night at Springboro
3 AM next day
Telegraphed Mother again
Mother fair & mild

Monday March 6th
Left 9 at 3 Am & at 11
Am reached Raleigh
When I met sister &
Cousin Annie Devereux &
Mr. & Mrs. Lightburne who
came to meet me. Rode
up home & Uncle Jim's
Carriage. Found my dear
Mother wonderfully in-
formed & was much at ease
Called on Mrs. Lucy Bryan
To inform her of her sis-
ter's death but she was not at

home. Called to see Aunt
Emmie & Uncle Tom who I
day on my way from depot
home Mother fair & mild

Tuesday March 7th
Called to see Mrs. Maggie &
Delivered her miss Des
Package. Called with
Uncle Tom via the carriage
into the D. but found them
about but the little
darlings Mary, Laura
For whom I had come
Presents. In the Rain started
at home & not feeling very
well. Mother fair & pleas-
ant.

Wednesday March 8th
Was prevented from
going & spending the
evening at May Devereux
on account of the rain
I did not but spent

...
The evening at Dr. Johnston's. Weather had been cloudy all day. Nuisance a number of letters to Prisoners.

Thursday March 9/65
Called upon Miss Maggie McRae & a Mrs. Braghton for her son, a friend of Mr. Smith. Mary H. Tile Branch. Took dinner at Uncle Sonny's & 900 tea. Spent the evening at Major S. Weather cloudy.

Friday March 10/65
Staid at home. Nearly all day. Being a frost day appointed by Pres. Davis went to church.

The Ann & Bess. My brother George unexpectedly arrived from plantation in his way to Richmond to join the Cadets. Weather fair but cool.

Saturday March 11/65
To spend the evening had dinner Annie & Kati D. Miss Lucy B. Miss Katie McRae. Capt. Dr. Hamme I A Collins. Had a most delightful time.

For Telegraph Monday

Sunday March 12/65
Excerpts from Shakespeare:

1st. Marry, acquaint a man with strange beholders. Excerpt: Act II, Scene II.

2nd. The act like patience as a monument amiding at grief.

3rd. Better a witty fool, than a foolish wit.

Act I, Scene V.

4th. That old acquaintance song we heard last night: Act II, Scene IV, Twelfth Night.

5th. Some are born great, but achieve greatness, having greatness thrust upon them.

Act II, Scene V, Twelfth Night.

6th. Our doubts are traitors; for we make us sure the good we oft might wight; having to attempt.

Act I, Scene V, Measure for Measure.

7th. Our doubts to act. Scene V, Measure for Measure.

8th. Now might we resign ourselves to the....

Gothic script is difficult to decipher.

14th. Of the death of Act I, Scene II, Othello.


Saw maxims in Blackstone
1 Accessorias sequitur naturam sui principalis. B1V P36/3
2 Memo bis funeris pro eodem delicto & B1V P315/3
3 Prolatus debet ante omniam restitution B1V P362/3

Conjelanc's Poems

The lives of great men all remind us
We may make our lives lasting
And departing leave behind us
Footsteps on the sands of time.
Life is short, time is fleeting
And our souls like muffled drums are beating
Meaning life marches for the tomb

Money lent Prisoner of War at Old Capitol Prison, Washington.

Oct 16 to Capt. N. H. Hervaud 5.00
18 to Capt. P. B. Mims 7.00
Capt. Jones A.D.C. 5.00
1 Maj. A. J. Rogers 5.00
21 Maj. A. J. Rogers 5.00
2 Capt. N. H. Hervaud 5.00
Lt. Richards refused to pay 5.00
26 Capt. Mims' PCA 25.00
Nov. 25 Capt. Stone 20.00
Dec 1 St. Bryan's St. Bon O 100.00
19 Capt. Jones St. Braghton 200.00
24 Capt. Clarke messmat 3.50
27 Capt. Jones & Nicholson 36.00
28 Capt. Pitchard 10.00
29 Capt. Jones 5.00
16 Capt. Clarke messmat 3.50
38 J. W. Steedman 3.00

Money drawn from Mr. James A. Clarke and Superintendent.

Oct 13 By Cash 20.00
15 Order for Cotton 13.00
17 Order for Maj. Rogers 5.00
21 Capt. Mims & Jones 10.00
21 J. W. Steedman 5.00
21 By Cash 2.00
21 Cash on account 35.00
1 bell = 12 1/2, 4 1/2, 8 1/2
2 bells = 1, 5, 9
3 bells = 1 1/2, 5 1/2, 9 1/2
4 bells = 3, 6, 10
5 bells = 2 1/2, 6 1/2, 10 1/2
6 bells = 3, 7, 11
7 bells = 3 1/2, 7 1/2, 11 1/2
8 bells = 12, 4, 8

O'clock