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Journal commencing with

February 14, 1862
Feb. 14th 1862
Feb. 13th in the
evening we were ordered to be ready for marching the next morning Marched 14 miles & camped beside the R.R. near the Upton Station Snow 2 inches deep. Weather tolerably cold.
February 15, 1862
Feb. 15 Waited for further orders & for
the teams to come up At M. recd. orders to be ready to march
at 2 oclock P.M. Marched 56
miles & camped in an open
field Slept on brush

February 16, 1862
Feb. 16th Were aroused at 2 oclock & ordered
to be ready to march at 4 oclock
Made 11 1/2 miles & camped near
Rowlet Station one mile south
of Green River pitched tents &
passed the night very comfortably

February 17, 1862
" 17th A cold rain commenced falling
early in the morning Were called
into ranks [sic, ranks] at 7 & stood in the
rain till 8 oclock when we

were ordered to march The
rain continued to fall
till 9 oclock The pike was
covered with thin mud
The boys manifested an unusual
lively spirit to which they
gave vent by singing songs indicative of the pleasure
they felt leaving their old stamping
ground & moving farther
into rebeldom where an opportuni-
ty would be offered to
test the truthfulness of the
pompous assertion of southern
braggarts - That three southerners
were equal to 3 northern
mudsills Made 18 miles
5 miles of which was pike & 2 or 3
by R. R. & the balance of the
way we trudged through as
muddy roads as ever was
February 18, 1862

Remained in Camp Fry till the 23rd. Rained most of the time. Nothing of importance transpired.

In the eve. recd. orders for marching in the morning.

Began the march at 8 o'clock. March 20 miles & camped 2 1/2 miles from B. Green. Traveled on stone pike all day. Boys had very sore feet. Camped in the woods beside the road.

Passed through some delightful country. On the right 2 or 3 miles distant a range of hills ran 15 or 20 miles thence stretching southward several miles. Was a beautiful tract of country some 5 miles in length. Remained in this camp till the eve. of the 26th. Nothing of interest transpired.

Visited the batteries the 25th. Found them much more formidable than I had supposed them to be.

February 26, 1862

Feb. 26th. Marched to the river & after waiting
2 hours crossed on boats stationed in the river for that purpose Camped for the night on the south bank of Barren River

February 27, 1862
" 27th Marched at 8 oclock A.M. & made 22 miles Stone pike all the way Never was so tired before Camped near the village of Franklin about 1500 inhabitants Passed through some delightful country Large plantations & splendid mansions could be seen

February 28, 1862
"28th Marched at 7 oclock & made 23 1/2 miles Camped at Sulphur Springs Crossed the Tenn. Line at 10 oclock when 3 hearty cheers [were] given for old Tenn Boys in high glee This evening our 2 days rations run out & we drew flower [sic, flour] & salt beef & it was rather diverting as well as hard to see the various methods resorted to to convert them into something eatable After converting it with into dough some wrapped it around sticks & then baked it others smeared it over chips or boards others made it into balls & then dropped them into boiling water or beef broth others made a thin soup broth of it
March 01, 1862
March 1st, 1862 Marched 13 miles & halted at the junction to get a supply of provisions. Got a full supply here. We saw the Cumberland R. for the first time.

March 02, 1862
March 2nd. Marched 8 1/2 miles filed left marched one miles & halted in the grove where we expected to camp for the night but at M. recd. orders to be ready to march at 2 o'clock. Marched to the river & after waiting 2 hours marched aboard the boat where we Remained on aboard the boat about 2 hours without any shelter the rain pouring in torrents all the time. At dark we marched ashore & after passing marching through the city advanced 1 1/2 miles into the country in the direction of the fare-ground where we were told we would camp for the night. We were ordered to halt about

March 03, 1862
face & countermarched back to the city took a new pike which we followed 4 miles & halted in an open field. Our equipments were soon thrown aside & the rails traveled double-quick. In less than 20 minutes bright files were blazing along the line. The cold rain continued to fall. This was the coldest rain most dreary night we had yet experienced.
"3d Part of the a.m. was spent in getting straw & hay for bedding at M. recd. orders to be ready to march at 2 P.M. Marched 1 mile to our present camping ground which is as healthy, convenient & pleasant as could be desired Is on a gentle elevation facing the south Country surrounding the encampment delightful & fertile in the extreme

March 06, 1862
" 6th Snow fell to the depth of 3/4 of an inch

March 09, 1862
"9th Our pickets were driven in Union loss 1 corporal, killed As usual in camp nothing of interest transpired Commenced regular diary on

March 15, 1862
"15th Rained nearly all day today & yesterday Did not drill Nothing was done Two boxes of overcoats were expressed by C. E. to Fostoria

March 16, 1862
"16th A misting rain continued to fall till 9 o'clock a.m. Marched at 8 o'clock & made 14 miles Passed through some delightful country It is Sun. & the slaves flocked to the roadside by scores & appeared to be very well pleased with the visit We saw a great many of the aristocracy all of whom were evidently secesh Camped
near Franklin a village of 15000 inhabitants

March 17, 1862
"17th Morning delightful air cool & bracing Marched at 9. & made 16 miles Nothing of particular interest transpired on the march camped within 1 1/2 miles of Little Duck river

March 18, 1862
"18th Remained in camp Weather pleasant

March 19, 1862
"19th rained very hard during latter part of night & early in the morning nothing of particular interest transpired during the day

March 20, 1862
20th Marched at 9 oclock & reached Rutherford creek at 10 oclock where we waited sometime expecting to cross dry shod when growing impatient forded in Current very rapid with a depth of 3 feet 15th O.[m1] followed Several muskets were lost None of the men suffered very severely Marched 6 miles

March 21, 1862
March
21st Weather cool & cloudy
a little snow fell in the
morning

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until Sept. 3, 1862][11]

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**September 03, 1862**
Sept 3 Marched at 9 A.M. &
made 13 miles Camped near
Beach grove

**September 04, 1862**
"4. Left Camp at 6 A.M. Marched 16 M.[miles]
& camped near Murfreesboro M is 31 m. from Nashville

**September 05, 1862**
"5. Remained in camp 3 miles from Murfreesboro

**September 06, 1862**
"6. March at 9 A.M. 4 miles north of
M. about faced & marched 9 miles 2 m. marched

**September 07, 1862**
"7. 49 O. [Ohio][m2] & 34 Ill. [Illinois][m3] acted as wagon
guards rode all the way Train halted at 4- mile- creek

**September 08, 1862**
"8. Quite an excitement in camp

**September 09, 1862**
"9. Went on picket

**September 10, 1862**
"10. Were ordered to be ready
to march on 15 minutes
notice Marched at sunset
Passed through [illegible] to after night
September 11, 1862
"11. Halted at 3 A.M. after marching 13 miles

September 12, 1862
Sept 12th
Left Tyree Springs at 6 A.M.
Halted in the yard fronting the Hotel till 9 A.M. when we marched slowly forward Marched 15 miles & bivwacked[12] for the night in an open field Halted at 10 Marched as rear guard for 2 days

September 13, 1862
" 13. Left camp at Mitchelsville at at 5 A.M. Passed the state line at 6 A.M. 7 miles from Franklin Ky. Camped at Sinking Springs 7 from F. Marced 15 miles

September 14, 1862
" 14. Marched at 2 A.M. Marched 12 miles before day dawn Halted & remained over night 3 miles from Bowling green

September 15, 1862
" 15. Marched at 7 A.M. Passed through B. & camped 1 mile from town in an open field Made 4 miles

September 16, 1862
" 16. No marching orders till near 5 A.M. at 5 forded Barren river

September 17, 1862
" 17. Forded the river at 5 A.M. Marched 15 miles & halted at Dripping Springs Night
very disagreeable Rained all night

September 18, 1862
Sept. 18. Ordered to prepare 2 days rations & one P.M. Eacked his own bread after the dough was kneeded Marched 11 miles & bivwacked in an open field

September 19, 1862
" 19. Remained in camp all day Paroled prisoners passing all day 3 miles north of Bells station Rebs reported in strong force at Green river

September 20, 1862
" 20. All quiet in camp Orders to march tomorrow

September 21, 1862
" 21st Marched at sunset & reached Rowlet Station at sunrise Marched 15 miles

September 22, 1862
" 22. Marched at 1 PM found wooden poart [part?] of Green River bridge burned Rebs moving toward Lou isville Many rebel prisoners passed back through our lines Halted at Bacon Creek Made 11 miles

September 23, 1862
" 23. Left camp at 7 AM Passed old Camp Nevin at 3 P.M. Halted & made coffee Found the old
camping ground refenced [illegible] & covered with a very large growth of corn - shocked - Marched 24 miles & halted one mile from Elizabethtown Commenced baking 3 days rations of bread at 11 P.M.

September 24, 1862
Sept. 24. Left Elizabethtown at 5 A.M. Marched to West Point on Ohio river Making 23 miles Found the river very low

September 25, 1862
" 25. Marched A.M. Country good When within 8 miles of Louisville filed left & after marching 3 miles camped near the river Were cheered by a visit from the paymaster Marched 12 miles

September 26, 1862
" 26. Marched at 8 A.M. to the pike thince to Louisville

Marched & countermarched 15 miles Camped on the bank of the Ohio directly opposite Jeffersonville

September 27, 1862
Sept. 27. Remained quietly in camp all day

September 28, 1862
" 28 All quiet in camp ordered to prepare for field service Making out payrolls
September 29, 1862
" 29. Genl. Nelson killed by Genl. Jeff C. Davis

September 30, 1862
" 30. Still in camp Expect to leave tomorrow

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October 01, 1862
Oct. 1st 1862
Left Louisville at 8 A.M.
Marched 15 miles & halted for the night near Middletown
Advance guards had a small skirmish The 89th Ill. Regt. attached to 6th brigade

October 02, 1862
" 2nd. Marched at 9 A.M. & made 15 miles Halted for the night at Shelbyville Passed through Boston & Simpsonville Were well received at Shelbyville

October 03, 1862
" 3rd. No orders to march Were confined very closely to camp

October 04, 1862
" 4th. Remained in camp all day Nothing of importance transpired

October 05, 1862
" 5th. Sabbath Weather delightful 49th invited to attend divine service in the grove At 1 P.M. Regt. formed & marched through the streets of S. thence to the grove where we listened to a discourse which was evidently intended to do violence to no
October 06, 1862
Oct 6th Marched at 6 A.M. Passed through a rather broken country
Passed through Claysville Hardins ville Bridgeport & halted late
in sight of Frankfort
Marched 22 miles

October 07, 1862
" 7th Remained in camp till sundown
when Co[m6], H.[m7] E.[m8] & K.[m9] went on picket
At midnight recd. orders orders
to march at 1 P.M.

October 08, 1862
" 8th Marched at 1. Passed through south Frankfort & taking
the Bardstown pike passed up the right bank of Ky.
river Found Frankfort very inferior to what I expected
both in appearance & population
The rebs. had plundered the place
Is situated in the valley of the
Ky. with high hills overlooking it
on all sides Passed through Rough and ready 8 miles from F. at sunrise
Citizens secesh Reached Lawrenceburg at 9 A.M. Stacked arms in

the street our advance found
a small force of cavalry & engaged them[b1] in sight of us with cavalry
& artillery 3 killed & 3 wounded
After the skirmish[b2] was over the 49.[m10] occupied the left of the road
Co. E[m11] deployed as skirmishers but found no enemy Joined the
Regt. again & marching back one mile field left Mached 10 or 12 miles making about 27 miles Many fell behind & were captured

October 09, 1862
Oct. 9th
Ordered to march at 7 A.M. Were attacked in the rear & the 6th Brigade was ordered to the rear to check the enemy formed on the right. Skirmishing along the entire line Our battery threw several shells but with precisely what effect I have never learned The rebels withdrew their skirmishers Our train was

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thrown in front & we marched forward Marched 12 miles

October 10, 1862
Oct 10th
On the march at 5 A.M. Marched slowly over a very rough & poor country Water scarce & rather poor Passed Chaplainville Marched 12 miles & halted at 8 P.M. in an open field near Willisburg Rained most of the night

October 11, 1862
" 11th
Marched at 9 A.M. Roads very rough & slippery Marched 13 miles & encamped on the battlefield near Perryville Saw several wounded in Willisville Maxville Rebel dead yet on the field Genl. McCook passed through our camp & the hearty cheers with which he was greeted revealed the high regard entertained for him by the 2nd Division Evening clear
& cool Arrived too late to visit the battleground.

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**October 12, 1862**

Oct 12th Marched into Perryville at 7 A.M. & halted sometime in the street. Talked with several of the wounded who were in fine spirits. Continued on the march & camped in a beautiful grove near Harrodsburg March 10 miles. The rebels had made preparation to attack us in many places along the road by tearing down the fences. Passed through a small place call Nevada.

**October 13, 1862**

" 13th Left camp about 5 A.M. & marched 7 miles. Halted in a grove near Danville. Country very good. Rebels reported within 10 miles at camp Dick Robinson[15].

**October 14, 1862**

" 14th Marched at 10 A.M. Passed through Danville. Rather a neat place. Passed out on the Crab orchered pike. Marched at 7 9 miles & camped on Hanging branch, a tributary of the Dix River. Country very good.

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Notes

[1] Western Michigan University Archives and Regional History Collections number
[2] A sum of a list of numbers
[3] Possible abbr. for midnight
[5] Def. from OED: U.S. fig. The lowest class of society; a person of this class.
[6] Dates are listed vertically in the left margin
[7] annotation "where we" by unknown author
[8] this phrase was crossed out in pencil by an unknown author
[12] Def. from OED: bivouacked ; Mil. Of troops: To remain, esp. during the night, in the open air, without tents or covering.
[13] This entry refers to General William "Bull" Nelson, who commanded the Army of Kentucky on the Union side. Nelson was killed by fellow Union General, Jefferson C. Davis, during an argument at a hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.
[14] Illegible text in pencil in margin
[15] Camp Dick Robinson is located in Lancaster, Kentucky, which was established as a United States Army recruitment and training camp
[16] could be Crab Orchard Pike

Referenced Battles

[b1] Lawrenceburg, Battle of, Ky., 1862
[b2] Dog Walk, Battle of, Ky., 1862
[b3] Lawrenceburg, Battle of, Ky., 1862
[b4] Perryville, Battle of, Perryville, Ky., 1862

Referenced Military Units

[m1] United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 15th (1861-1865)
[m2] United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865), Company E
[m3] United States. Army. Illinois Infantry Regiment, 34th (1861-1865)
[m5] United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865)
[m6] United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865)
[m7] United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865), Company H
[m8] United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865), Company E
[m9] United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865), Company K
[m10] United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865)
[m11] United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865), Company E.
[m13] United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865)