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**1862**

**Thomas, Cyrus, b. ca. 1832**

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Journal commencing with

**February 14, 1862**

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 1862

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 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.<sup>[3]</sup> 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. 16<sup>th</sup> 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

" 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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were ordered to march The rain continued to fall till 9 oclock The pike<sup>[4]</sup> was covered with thin mud The boys manifested an unusual lively spirit to which they gave vent by singing ~~shon~~ songs indicative of the pleasure they felt ~~at they felt at~~ on leaving their old stamping ground & moving farther into rebeldom where an opportunity would be offered to test the truthfulness of the pompous assertion of southern braggarts - That ~~three~~ **one** southerners ~~were~~ was equal to 3 northern mudsills<sup>[5]</sup> Made 18 miles 5 miles of which was pike & 2 or 3 by R. R. & the balance of the way we truded through as muddy roads as ever was

seen on clayey pikes Many  
dropped out by the way

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Feb. I never before saw as tired a set  
of fellows camped at **Bell's Station**  
≈ 1/2 miles from **Bowling Green**

### **February 18, 1862**

[6]18<sup>th</sup> "19<sup>th</sup> "20<sup>th</sup> "21<sup>st</sup> "22<sup>nd</sup> "23<sup>d</sup>

Remained in **Camp Fry**

till the 23<sup>d</sup> 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 delight

ful 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

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this camp till the eve.

of the 26<sup>th</sup> Nothing of

interest transpired

Visited the batteries the 25<sup>th</sup>

Found them much more

formidable than I had

supposed them to be

### **February 26, 1862**

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Marched ~~to~~ at 5 P.M.

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**

" 27<sup>th</sup> 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 delight  
ful country country Large  
plantations & splendid  
mansions could be seen

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Feb. from the road Capt. 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut.  
& 3 of the Ser<sup>gts</sup>. occupied a deser-  
ted house in the village in  
which we passed the night very  
comfortably

### **February 28, 1862**

"28<sup>th</sup> 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

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### March 01, 1862

March 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>d</sup> 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 oclock Marched to the river & after waiting 2 hours marched aboard the boat [7] where we Remained ~~on~~ aboard the boat [8] about 2 hours without any shertter [sic, 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 Were ordered to halt about

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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 [9] In less than 20 minutes bright files [sic, fires] were blazing along the line The cold rain continued to fall This was the ~~coldest rain~~ most dreary night we had yet experienced

### March 03, 1862

"3<sup>d</sup> 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  
~~for~~ is as healthy, convenient &  
pleasant as could be desired  
Is on a gentle elevation facing  
the south Country surround-  
ing the encampment deli-  
"4<sup>th</sup> ghtful & fertile in the extreme

### **March 06, 1862**

"6<sup>th</sup> Snow fell to the depth of  
3/4 of an inch

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March 1862

### **March 09, 1862**

"9<sup>th</sup> Our pickets were driven in  
Union loss 1 corporal, killed  
As usual in camp nothing  
of interest transpired Comm-  
enced regular diary ~~at~~ on

### **March 15, 1862**

"15<sup>th</sup> 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**

"16<sup>th</sup> A misting rain continued  
to fall till 9 oclock a.m.  
Marched at 8 oclock & 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[10] Camped

near **Franklin** a village of  
15000 inhabitants

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March

**March 17, 1862**

"17<sup>th</sup> 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**

"18<sup>th</sup> Remained in camp Weather  
pleasant

**March 19, 1862**

"19<sup>th</sup> rained very hard during latter  
part of night & early in the morn-  
ing nothing of particular  
interest transpired during the  
day

**March 20, 1862**

20<sup>th</sup> Marched at 9 oclock &  
reached **Rutherford creek**  
at 10 oclock where we waited  
sometime expecting to cross  
dry shod when growing impati-  
ent 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

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**March 21, 1862**

March

21<sup>st</sup> Weather cool & cloudy  
a little snow fell in the  
morning

[No Journal entries from March 22  
until Sept. 3, 1862][111]

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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

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### **September 12, 1862**

Sept 12<sup>th</sup>

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<sup>[12]</sup> 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

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**September 18, 1862**

Sept. 18. Ordered to prepare 2 days rations & one P.M. Eacked his own bread after the dough was kneaded  
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 **Louisville** 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

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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 thence to **Louisville**

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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**<sup>[13]</sup>

### **September 30, 1862**

" 30. Still in camp Expect to leave tomorrow

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### **October 01, 1862**

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1862

Left **Louisville** at 8 A.M.

<sup>[14]</sup>marched 15 miles & halted for the night near **Middletown**

Advance guards had a small skirmish The **89th Ill. Regt.** <sup>[m4]</sup>attached to 6th brigade

### **October 02, 1862**

" 2<sup>d</sup>. 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**

" 3<sup>d</sup>. No orders to march Were confined very closely to camp

### **October 04, 1862**

" 4<sup>th</sup>. Remained in camp all day Nothing of importance transpired

### **October 05, 1862**

" 5<sup>th</sup>. Sabbath Weather delightful **49th**<sup>[m5]</sup> 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

ones feelings

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### **October 06, 1862**

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

" 7<sup>th</sup> Remained in camp till sundown when **Co.[m6]<sup>s</sup>. H.[m7] E.[m8] & K.[m9]** went on picket At midnight recd. orders orders to march at 1 P.M.

### **October 08, 1862**

" 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **Lawrence burg** at 9 A.M. Stacked arms in

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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 filed left Mached 10 or  
12 miles making about 27 miles  
Many fell behind & were captured

### **October 09, 1862**

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>

Ordered to march at 7 A.M.  
Were **attacked**[b3] in the rear &  
the **6th Brigade**[m12] was ordered to the  
rear to check the enemy **49.**[m13]  
formed on the right. Skirmish-  
ing along the entire line  
Our battery threw several  
shells but with precisely what  
effect I have never learned  
The rebels withdrew their [illegible]  
skirmishers Our train was

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thrown in front & we marched  
forward Marched 12 miles

### **October 10, 1862**

Oct 10<sup>th</sup>

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**

" 11<sup>th</sup>

Marched at 9 A.M. Roads very  
rough & slippery Marched 13  
miles & encamped on the battlefield  
near **Perryville** Saw several woun-  
ded in ~~Willisville~~ **Maxville** Rebel dead on  
yet on the field **Gen. McCook**  
passed through our camp &  
the hearty cheers with which he  
was greeted revealed the high  
regard entertained for him by  
the **2nd Division**[m14] Evening clear

& cool Arrived too late to  
visit the **battleground**<sup>[b4]</sup>

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### **October 12, 1862**

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Marched **into** ~~through~~ **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 rebs 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**

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

### **October 14, 1862**

" 14<sup>th</sup> Marched at 10 A.M. Passed  
through **Danville** Rather a neat  
place Passed out on the **Crab**  
**orchered** pike<sup>[16]</sup> 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

[4] Def. from OED: N. Amer. colloq. A turnpike road; generally: any highway or main road.

[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

[9] Def. from OED.: adj. Military term. Applied to the quickest step next to the run

[10] Def. from OED: n. a. A secessionist. Also secessionists collectively.

[11] No Journal entries from March 22 until Sept. 3, 1862

[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)

[m4] United States. Army. Illinois Infantry Regiment, 89th (1862-1865)

[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

[m12] United States. Army of the Ohio. Division, 2nd. Brigade 6th.

[m13] United States. Army. Ohio Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865)

[m14] United States. Army of the Ohio. Division, 2nd.