with it, hoping to catch up with the company at night. In the evening the Yankees, who had been marching parallel with and on both sides of us all day, closed in on us and captured the whole wagon train, numbering many hundred wagons and ambulances. The wildest confusion reigned among the drivers. As the Yankees were all around us, nothing could be done. Many of the horses were cut loose from the wagons, and as they galloped away riderless over the fields were shot down. Notwithstanding I was in the enemy's hands some time, I rallied my strength and escaped to the woods, where I slept, with many stragglers or lost men like myself, till the morning. On the morning of the 7th, while attempting to get across the Appomattox, we were gobbled up by the enemy, under the very nose of whose advanced line we had slept the last night. My captor, who was a Pennsylvania Dutchman, treated me with great magnanimity, giving me crackers and parched coffee. It is useless to say I was almost famished.

Note.—For remainder of Creed T. Davis's experience, including several months in prison at various places, see his personal diary, in his possession.—Ed.

Diaries of John Waldrop, Second Company, and Wm. Y. Mordecai, Second Company, Combined.

March 24, 1862.—Found company at Wynne's mill, three miles from Y. T. Rain.
March 25-6.—Cloudy. At Wynne's mill.
March 27.—Clear, cold. Enemy advancing in large force.
March 28.—Reached camp at Wynne's mill, about three miles from Yorktown. Fine day. Put guns in position in breastworks.
March 29.—Camped at Wynne's mill. Rain in evening. Enemy reported to have fallen back.
March 30.—Rained all night 29th. Still raining. Heavy firing heard in direction of Newport News. Third detachment moved to dam nearer Yorktown.
March 31.—Company and Third detachment as above.
April 1.—Tuesday. Weather fine. Camped same place.
April 2.—Firing heard 30th found to be a salute to President Hamlin on his arrival at Newport News. Target practice 2 P. M.
April 3.—Fine weather. Night clear.
April 4.—Friday. Firing heard, and report that enemy are about three miles distant. Enemy advancing.
April 5.—Clear afterwards. Battery engaged all day at long range. Brisk artillery firing all day.
April 6.—Sunday. Clear. Musketery heard towards Lee’s mill. Infantry skirmishing all day.
April 7.—Monday. Rain P. M.
April 8.—On guard second relief. Began to rain (evening) and rained all night. Battle still going on. Skirmishing.
April 9.—Rainy evening. Quiet. Some snow. All quiet.
April 10.—Cleared off. Enemy quiet.
April 11.—Friday. Very fine day. Skirmishing with the enemy in the evening very briskly. Sharp skirmishing.
April 12.—Saturday. Heavy firing heard below. All quiet here.
April 13.—Clear day. Camp shelled in the night.
April 14.—Monday. Enemy shelled us last night very rapidly for a short time. Shelled us again this evening. No one hurt. Weather very fine. Woods shelled by the enemy.
April 15.—Weather very fine. Dr. Mayo gave medicine. All quiet.
April 16.—Clear. Brisk cannonade of Wynne’s mill all day. Enemy attempted to cross dam No. 2 and were driven back with loss. Heavy cannonade day and night.
April 17.—Clear and warm. Enemy still shelling Wynne’s mill. Cannonade and skirmishing.
April 18.—Fight continues. Weather clear and warm. Bombardment continued.
April 19.—Some shelling from enemy. Clear and warm. Shelling and skirmishing.
April 20.—Raining. Quite cool. Some shelling going on.
April 21.—Monday. Rained hard all day. Enemy shelling us occasionally.
April 22.—Rain and sunshine. Some shelling going on. Shelling less frequent.
April 23.—On guard fourth relief. Fine day. Clear and warm. Some shelling going on.
April 24.—Thursday. Very fine day. Good deal of shelling from enemy. At work throwing up sand-bags till late at night.

April 25.—Rainy and cold. At work on breastworks. Some shelling going on. Not much.

April 26.—Saturday. Cold and rainy. Enemy attacked our pickets early this morning and drove them in. We did not fire our gun. First skirmish I was in with infantry. Fourteen of our men were taken on picket-post in front of our gun at daybreak.

April 27.—Sunday. Our gun relieved by one from Latham's battery. Moved and camped about one mile to the rear. Some shelling. Cloudy and rainy.

April 28.—Camped at same place. Clear and pleasant. Shelling still going on.

April 29.—Moved further to the rear. Cloudy. Some shelling going on.


May 1.—Thursday. On guard last night. Cloudy and damp. Skirmish last night in direction of Yorktown. Third detachment relieved Fourth detachment during the night.

May 2.—Moved to Wynne's mill last night to relieve second gun. Rumored that we are to fall back. Fine weather.

May 3.—Packed up expecting to leave. Clear and warm. Lines abandoned during the night. Moved at 8 P. M. and continued to march all night.

May 4.—Sunday. Retreated from Wynne's mill last night. Marched all night and all day with only three hours' rest. Clear and hot. Roads very bad. Fight below Williamsburg.

Marched through Williamsburg and stopped a mile beyond. Battle Williamsburg began P. M.

May 5.—Staid at Williamsburg all last night under orders. Rained and still raining. Quite cold. Fight going on. Wounded passing by. We are in reserve at Williamsburg. Marched out into a field at 2 o'clock, and left at 12 at night. Marched all rest of night, and reached Williamsburg early in the morning.

Rain. Battle Williamsburg. We moved back to scene of
Richmond Howitzer Battalion.

action, but were held in reserve. Stood at the guns all night in pouring rain.

May 6.—Marched all day. Roads very bad. Marched twelve miles.

Marched at 2 A. M. to Burnt Ordinary, twelve miles, through mud literally knee deep. Enemy following closely. No rations.

May 7.—Marched all day—eight miles. Roads very bad. Firing heard towards West Point. Clear and warm.

Our detachment brought up the rear of the army. Marched all night. Nothing to eat.

May 8.—Marched all day and crossed the Chickahominy. Clear and warm.

Crossed branch of Chickahominy and came up with our wagons. Got something to eat.

May 9.—Marched all day and camped near Long Bridge. Clear and warm.

Marched to Long Bridge, in New Kent.

May 10.—Saturday. With wagon to Long Bridge.

Near Long Bridge. Did not move to-day.

May 11.—Joined company at Long Bridge with wagon.

Near Long Bridge.

May 12–13.—Clear and hot. Camped near Long Bridge.

May 14.—Camped at Long Bridge—same place. Rained in evening.


May 16.—Friday. Rain and sunshine. Retreating still further back. Marched to within eight miles of Richmond.

May 17.—Cloudy and hot. Marched to within four miles of Richmond—Stearns's farm. Marched to attack gunboats, but found none.


May 19.—Camped on Yarbrough's farm.

May 20.—Moved camp to Mrs. Jordan's farm, about a mile nearer to Richmond. Clear and hot.
May 21.—Moved camp to another field on same farm.


May 23.—Clear and hot. Moved camp to Stearns's farm. Visited by mother.

May 24.—Rainy. Camped same place. Continued firing heard on the left from early in the morning till 2 P. M.

May 25.—Moved camp from Stearns's farm to near Fairfield Race-Course. Marched through lower part of Richmond. Very pleasant day.

May 26.—Cloudy. Rained in the evening. Same camp.

May 27.—Same camp. Clear and pleasant day. Went to Richmond with wagons.

May 28.—Very warm. Same camp.

May 29.—Clear and warm. Same camp.

May 30.—Camped same place. Heavy storm at night.

May 31.—Saturday. Rained very hard last night. Left camp early in morning and marched to battle-field. Engaged the enemy. One man wounded. Fight about five miles from Seven Pines. Roads horrible.

June 1.—Slept on field last night. Attack renewed this morning. Enemy repulsed. Battle concluded. Retired at night and camped on Poe's farm.

June 2–3.—Left the field and camped about —— miles from Richmond, at Poe's farm.

June 4.—Rainy day. Rained all last night. Camped at same place.

June 5.—Rainy and disagreeable day. Camp same.

June 6.—Clear and pleasant. Same camp.

June 7.—Very hot. Same camp.

June 8.—Camp same place. Sunday. Went home and ate dinner there.

June 9–10.—Same camp.

June 11.—Moved camp nearer P—-'s house.

June 12–13.—Camped same place. Horses to Richmond to be shod.

June 14.—Same camp. Marched at night ten miles down the Charles City road to support J. E. B. Stuart in a reconnoissance.

June 15.—Hitched up all day. Returned to Camp Poe's Farm.
June 16-17.—Same camp.
June 18-19.—Same camp. Clear and warm. Detailed to drive.
June 20.—Clear and hot. Went on picket in the evening to most advanced post on Williamsburg road. Near Seven Pines.
June 21.—Clear and warm. Pickets fired some during the day. Yankees shelled us at long range and made good shots.
June 22.—Clear and pleasant. Relieved in the evening by Donelsonville artillery and marched to Blakey’s mill pond (or Randolph’s farm?)
June 26.—Clear and pleasant. Camped at same place. Grand fight before Richmond began this evening about 3 o’clock. Firing very heavy. Battle at Mechanicsville.
June 27.—Clear and pleasant. Same camp. Fight going on. Battle Gaines’ mill.
June 28.—Marched about two miles to Picot’s or McRae’s farm. Fight going on. Artillery engaged below.
June 29.—Returned to camp without a fight. Clear and hot. Fight going on. Camp Randolph’s farm.
June 30.—Marched seven miles down the Charles City road. Fight going on.
July 1.—Battle of Malvern Hill. Carried teams to battlefield at night for captured guns and started with them at midnight for Richmond. Fighting going on.
July 2.—Same place, Picot’s. Not much firing.
July 3.—Camp same, Picot’s farm. Enemy still retreating.
July 4.—Clear and warm. Went with teams after captured guns. Last night up all night. Left for old camp at Blakey’s mill pond early this A. M. Randolph’s farm.
July 5-8.—Camped Blakey’s mill, Randolph’s farm. Went with team for captured guns Pass to Richmond.
July 9-13.—Same camp. Sick.
July 14.—Sent to hospital. Mother came after me with carriage. Went home.
July 15-28.—Company still at Blakey’s mill, Randolph’s farm.
July 29.—Fine day. Moved from camp at 7 A. M. Marched till 10 P. M., stopping a mile beyond Petersburg.
July 30.—Moved down some distance below the city of Peters-
Diaries of John Waldrop and Wm. Y. Mordecai.

burg, and came back a few miles, having found the place unfavorable for an attack on the enemy's transportation. Up all night.

July 31.—Rainy. Moved down again to Coggin's Point. Batteries opened along the river about 12½ A. M. Firing very heavy for about half an hour.

August 1.—Friday. Moved back to within a mile of Petersburg.

August 2-3.—Same camp.

August 4.—First detachment went on scout near City Point. Returned to camp in the night and found the company gone down on scout.

August 5.—Thursday. Moved camp two or three miles below Prince George Courthouse. Marching and countermarching all day in an insane manner, under Colonel Hall, of North Carolina.

August 6.—Remained on picket all day, and marched to Prince George Courthouse at night.

August 7.—At Prince George Courthouse.

August 8.—Went on scout. Returned to camp near Petersburg.

August 9-10.—Clear and hot. Near Petersburg.

August 11-12.—Near Petersburg.

August 13.—Moved nearer Petersburg.

August 14-15.—Near Petersburg.

August 16.—Went below Prince George Courthouse on scout. Marched near Coggin's Point.

August 17.—Went to church. Marched at daybreak to Coggin's Point.

August 18.—Marched back to Petersburg. Camped at 10 P. M.

August 19.—Camped near Petersburg.

August 20.—Moved out of camp and halted near Drewry's Bluff at 11 P. M.

August 21.—moved to old camp near Blakey's mill-pond, Randolph's farm.

August 22-5.—At Blakey's mill-pond, Randolph's farm.

August 26.—Battery marched through Richmond to Brook Church.
August 27.—Camped some distance beyond Goodall's and about twenty-eight miles from Richmond.

August 28.—Marched to within a few miles of Louisa Courthouse.

August 29.—Marched four miles beyond Gordonsville.

August 30.—Marched to Rapidan Station.

August 31.—Camped at Rapidan Station.

September 1.—Marched to Culpeper C. H.

September 2.—Marched to Jeffersonville (ton?), Culpeper county, Va.

September 3.—Marched to Warrenton, Fauquier county, Va.

September 4.—Marched to near Gainsville, Fauquier.

September 5.—Marched and camped on road to Leesburg, Loudoun county.

September 6.—Marched to Leesburg.

September 7.—Marched all night and crossed Potomac to (Buckeyestown?) Md., about daylight.

September 8.—Moved two miles nearer Frederickstown.

September 9.—Near Frederickstown, Md.

September 10.—Marched six to eight miles beyond Frederickstown.

September 11.—Marched within four or five miles Hagerstown.

September 12.—Moved to Funkstown.

September 13.—Near Funkstown.

September 14.—Battle South Mountain. Marched back towards Middletown and camped for night.

September 15.—Recrossed Potomac at Williamsport. Remained all day guarding ford. Moved six or eight miles at night in Berkley county.

September 16.—Crossed the Opequan to Shepherdstown, Jefferson county.

September 17.—Marched from Shepherdstown to Martinsburg; Battle of Sharpsburg.

September 18.—Marched towards Williamsport six miles and camped. First section sent towards Shepherdstown.

September 19.—Crossed Potomac and camped near Williamsport.

September 20.—Firing at squads cavalry all day. Recrossed Potomac and marched some miles.
September 21.—Marched to Martinsburg and camped.
September 22.—Company at Martinsburg. Marched seven
miles to Darksville and camp.
September 23.—Camped Darksville.
September 24.—Marched five or six miles beyond Martins-
burg and joined first section.
September 25.—Moved to one-quarter mile from Martins-
burg, old camp.
September 26.—Same place, at Martinsburg.
September 27.—Moved through Martinsburg towards Win-
chester and camped near Bunker Hill, Berkley county.
September 28.—Same place.
September 29.—Move half mile nearer Winchester.
September 30.—Same camp.
October 1.—Camped same place. Rifle section ordered and
moved to report to General Stuart.
October 2.—Rifle section marched all night and camped near
Charlestown.
October 3–5.—Camped same place, Bunker Hill.
October 6.—Rifle section at Charlestown. Attacked by Federal
cavalry and drove them back. Company at Bunker Hill.
October 7–8.—Same camp, Bunker Hill. Coke's Parrott gun
and some horses and twenty men assigned to our company, and
our howitzer sent to Winchester.
October 9–19.—Rifle section near Winchester and other section
with regiment near Bunker Hill.
October 20–27.—Same place. Rifled section returned 19th.
October 28.—Moved camp to Mr. Blackburn's farm, in Clarke
county. Ice to-day at 12 M.
October 29–30.—Same camp, near Berryville.
October 31.—Wm. Y. Mordecai appointed Quartermaster Ser-
geant of the company.
November 1.—Moved camp near to Millwood, Clarke county.
November 2.—Camped near Millwood, Shenandoah river.
November 3.—Sent to occupy heights west side river.
November 4.—Yankees advanced. Took possession of Ash-
by's Gap. Fired at them. They did not return fire.
November 5.—Left heights last night and moved six miles to-
wars Front Royal.
November 6.—Same place, Whitepost, two miles from Mill-
wood.
November 7-8.—Snowed all day. Same place. Third gun sent on detached duty. I stay.

November 9.—Sunday. Joined by third gun. Whitepost.

November 10.—Left camp. Moved to near Winchester, two and one-half miles beyond.

November 11-20.—Same place, Winchester.

November 21.—Moved through Winchester, Kernstown, Newtown, and camped near Middletown.

November 22.—Marched through Middletown and Strasburg and camped near Woodstock.

November 23.—Cold. Snow. Marched through Woodstock, Edenburg and Mt. Jackson, and camped on the banks of the Shenandoah.

November 24.—Marched through New Market. Crossed the Massanutten and camped on the east side.

November 25.—Marched seven miles and camped foot of Blue Ridge.

November 26.—Cold. Rained all last night. Crossed the Blue Ridge. Camped on Robertson river, five miles from Madison C. H. Kinglersville.

November 27.—Marched through Madison C. H. Camped about three miles from C. H.

November 28.—Marched all day. Camped two miles from Orange Courthouse, on James Madison’s estate.

November 29.—Marched through Orange Courthouse, and seven miles on road to Fredericksburg.

November 30.—Marched twelve miles towards Fredericksburg.

December 1.—Marched eighteen miles; turned off the road that leads to Fredericksburg.

December 2.—Marched about seven miles towards Guineas.

December 3.—Marched three miles. Camped near Guineas depot.

December 4.—Marched about fourteen miles. Camped on Turner’s farm, near Rappahannock river. Cold and rainy. Five miles of Port Royal.

December 5.—Hail and snow all day. Same camp.

December 6-9.—Same camp.

December 10.—Rifle guns went down the river to Tobacco Ford and fired at gunboats. Returned the fire. Returned to camp at night. Cold.
December 11.—Same camp. Heavy firing near Fredericksburg.

December 12.—Marched all night and camped near Fredericksburg.

December 13.—Left camp early in morning. Engaged the enemy all day. Lost in killed, 1; wounded, 6; total, 7.

December 14.—Guns first and third went on field and staid all day. No artillery firing. Skirmishing all day.

December 15.—Clear and cold. Guns went on field and staid all day. No firing. Burnside recrossed Rappahannock during the night.

December 16.—On field. Enemy retreated across the river and fired on us from other side.

December 17.—Cloudy, some snow. Camped eight miles from Fredericksburg, near Grace church.

December 18.—Caissons to Guineas depot. Camped at Grace church.

December 19-24.—Company camped six miles from Guineas, at Grace church.

December 25.—Same camp. Christmas day, 1862. Spent day loading wagons with corn. Christmas dinner, corn-bread and Irish potatoes.


December 27-28.—Same camp, near Grace church.

December 29.—Marched to and camped near Bowling Green. Fifteen miles march.

December 30.—Moved camp two miles from Bowling Green, Broadus farm.

December 31.—Same camp, Broadus farm. Selected camp for Winter quarters.

January 1, 1863.—Camped near Bowling Green, on Broadus' farm.

January 2.—Same. Began to build stables.

January 3.—Same. Began chimney to tent.

January 4.—Same. Finished chimney. Winter quarters.

January 5-15.—Same, Broaddus' farm.

January 16.—Same. First detachment on picket. Severe wind.

January 17.—Same. Third detachment on picket.
January 18.—Same. Third gun went on picket duty.

January 19-20.—Camped as above.

January 21.—Camped as above. Rain and wind.

January 22.—Camped as above. Stormy. Cold.

January 23-4.—Camped as above. First and third detachments at Grace church.

January 25.—Company started for Grace church, but returned. Clear and pleasant.

January 26-7.—Camped as above. First section returned.

January 28.—Camped as above. Snow all day.

January 29.—Camped as above. Snow four inches deep.


January 31 to February 3.—Broaddus' farm, near Bowling Green. Winter quarters.

February 4.—G. W. M. (Mordecai) went to hospital. Same camp.

February 5.—Snow and very cold. Same camp.

February 6.—Rainy. Cool. Same camp.

February 7.—Clear and pleasant. Same camp.

February 8.—Sunday. Clear and pleasant. Same camp.

February 9-10.—Same camp. Winter quarters.

February 11.—Same camp. Snow and rain.

February 12.—Same camp. Clear and cool.

February 13-16.—Same camp. Clear and pleasant.

February 17.—Same camp. Snowed all day. Cold.

February 18-21.—Same camp. Rainy and cold.

February 22.—Same camp. Snowed all last night and until 10 A. M. to-day. Snow ten to twelve inches deep.


February 26.—Same camp. Rain.

February 27.—Same camp. Cloudy.

February 28 to March 1.—Same camp. Rain.

March 2.—Same camp. Clear.

March 3.—Same camp. Blustering.

March 4.—Same camp. Clear.

March 5.—Same camp, near Bowling Green.

March 6-14.—Same camp, Broaddus' farm, near Bowling Green. Winter quarters.

March 17.—Same camp. Firing heard towards Fredericksburg.

March 18.—Same camp. Had orders to be prepared for an attack at any moment. Went on picket duty.

March 19.—Same camp. Snow at 4 P. M.

March 20-21.—Same camp. Snow. Winter quarters.

April 1-3.—Same camp.

April 4.—Same camp. Snow in the evening.

April 5.—Same camp. Snow six inches deep.

April 6-11.—Same camp.

April 12.—Same camp, near Bowling Green. Rain. Winter quarters.

April 13-28.—Same camp, near Bowling Green. Winter quarters.

April 29.—Marched all night and went into position at Hamilton’s Crossing.

April 30.—Changed position.

July 1.—Company at Greenwood. Marched to near Gettysburg, Pa.

July 2.—Engaged with enemy at Gettysburg.

July 3.—Engaged with enemy at Gettysburg. Tom Pendleton and J. Maupin killed. Angel wounded.


July 7.—Rainy. Marched through Waynesboro’, Pa., and fifteen miles through Hightersville, and camped near Hagerstown.

July 8.—Rainy. Camped near Hagerstown.

July 9.—Camped near Hagerstown.

July 10.—Moved two miles nearer the Potomac.

July 11.—Hitched up all day. Went into position with Rhodes’s Division, opposite Hagerstown.

July 12.—In position all day. No artillery firing.

July 13.—In position all day. Skirmish in evening.

July 14.—Rainy. Retreated all last night. Roads very bad. Marched all day. Camped about four miles from M’burg.

July 15.—Left camp at 6 P. M. Marched eleven miles and camped near Darksville(?). Reached camp at 11 P. M.
Richmond Howitzer Battalion.

July 16-19.—Camped near Darksville.

July 20.—Left camp 7 P. M. Marched until 1 A. M. Camped five or six miles from Winchester.

July 21.—Marched through Winchester and camped one mile on Berryville road.

July 22.—Marched to Newtown.

July 23.—Marched through Front Royal and halted about eighteen miles from Luray. Cooked supper and marched on to within eight miles of Luray.

July 24.—Marched about fifteen miles and camped on the Sperryville pike, about twelve miles from Sperryville.

July 25.—Marched about twenty-three miles; crossed at Thornton’s Gap; passed through Sperryville, and camped near Woodville.

July 26.—Marched about nine miles. Camped about two and one-half miles from Culpeper C. H. Fed horses on corn first time since leaving Hagerstown, Md.


July 28-30.—Hard rain. Camped same.

July 31.—Marched through Culpeper and camped three miles from there on Rapidan road.

August 1.—Saturday. Hot. Marched seventeen miles. Camped at Orange C. H.

August 2.—Sunday. Clear and hot. Marched seven miles and camped near Liberty Mills, Orange county.

August 3.—Clear and very hot. Moved to within five or six miles of Gordonsville.

August 4.—Hot. Camped near Gordonsville.

August 5.—Hot. Camped near Gordonsville. Angel elected Second Lieutenant at Blue Run Church.

August 6.—Hot. Rain in evening. Moved about three miles towards Orange C. H.

August 7.—Hot. Rain in evening. Moved back to old camp at Blue Run Church.

August 8-31.—At same camp, Blue Run Church.

September 1.—Camped at Blue Run Church.

September 2-13.—Camped same place.

September 14.—Left camp last night at 12 P. M. and marched to Orange C. H.
November 10.—Company at Pisgah Church, Orange county, Va.

November 11-13.—Camped at same place.

November 14.—Camped at same place. Hard rain.

November 15.—Sunday. Started for Raccoon Ford. After going a mile returned to old camp at Pisgah Church, Orange county.

November 16-17.—At Pisgah Church.

November 18.—Reveille at 1 o'clock last night. Marched to Raccoon Ford, but found all quiet.

November 19-25.—Camped near Raccoon Ford.

November 26.—Went to Morton's Ford. Fired on Yankees few times and returned to old camp.

November 27.—Left camp at 3 A. M. and marched to Vidierville and camped there. Heard firing.

November 28.—Went in position on pike leading from Fredericksburg to Orange C. H. Yankees fired a few shots. We did not return the fire.

November 29.—Clear and cold. Up all last night. Went to work on breastworks on left of pike. Guns not in position.

November 30.—Went in position on the left of the pike. At work all day on breastworks. Right smart shelling. We returned the fire.

December 1.—In position. No firing on our part of the line.

December 2.—Clear and cold. Yankees gone at daybreak. Followed after them but did not catch up. Returned to our position.

December 3.—Marched back to old camp at Pisgah Church.

December 4-9.—At Pisgah Church.

December 10-20.—At Pisgah Church. Lieutenant Angel returned to company.

December 21.—Left for winter quarters. Camped for the night in Spottsylvania county, Va.

December 22.—Moved on and reached our permanent camp near Frederick's Hall, Louisa county.

December 23.—Snow in the morning. Camped near Frederick's Hall.

December 24-25.—Near Frederick's Hall.

December 26.—Near Frederick's Hall. Began building house.

December 27-31.—Near Frederick's Hall.
January 1–3, 1864.—Camp Frederick’s Hall.
January 4.—Camp Frederick’s Hall. Rain, snow and hail. Box from home.
January 5.—Camp Frederick’s Hall. Cloudy and slushy.
January 6–7.—Camp Frederick’s Hall.
January 8.—Camp Frederick’s Hall. Snow.
January 9–31.—In camp Frederick’s Hall.
February 1.—Camp, Frederick’s Hall. Winter quarters.
February 2–5.—Same camp.
February 6–7.—Same camp. Left camp 9 o’clock P. M. Marched to Morton’s Ford. Rained. Roads very bad. Marched all night and all day. Camped on Mrs. Holladay’s farm, fourteen miles from Frederick’s Hall. Firing towards Orange Courthouse.
February 8.—Marched fifteen miles and camped near Pisgah church.
February 9.—Started at 1½ P. M. for Winter quarters. Camped near Vidersville.
February 10.—Marched sixteen miles. Camped near Jones’ Store, Louisa county.
February 11.—Reached Winter quarters, near Frederick’s Hall.
February 12–24.—Same.
February 17.—Winter quarters Frederick’s Hall.
February 18–24.—Same camp.
February 26–28.—Winter quarters as above.
February 29.—Winter quarters. Yankees on a raid. Passed within a mile of our camp. Captured Capt. Watson, of our company, and Wallace McRae (who were attending a court-martial.) We were in position, but did not fire.
March 1.—Rainy. Rained all last night. We were in position prepared for an attack. No alarm. Returned to camp at 9 A. M. Capt. Watson rejoined the Company.
March 2.—In our old camp. Alarm in the evening. Enemy reported only 4 miles distant. Went into position on the railroad at our old stand.
March 3.—In position all last night and all day to-day. No enemy appeared.
March 4.—Guns in position all last night. Returned to camp to-day.

March 5.—Cloudy and rain. In quarters at Frederick’s Hall.

March 6—21.—Same camp.

March 22—23.—Snow 8 inches deep. Camped still at Frederick’s Hall.

March 24—31.—Same camp.

April 1.—Same camp. Rain.

April 2.—Same camp. Snow.

April 3—16.—Same camp.

April 16.—Frederick’s Hall—winter quarters.

April 17.—Same camp.

April 18.—Same camp. Marched 11 miles and camped within a mile of Louisa C. H.

April 19.—Marched about 17 miles and camped 3 miles from Gordonsville.

April 20.—Marched 4 miles and camped on Newman’s farm, about 2 miles from Barboursville.

April 21.—Newman’s Farm, camp as above.

April 22—30.—Same camp.

May 1.—Same camp.

May 2.—Same camp. Rain and wind.

May 3.—Same camp.

May 4.—Clear. Marched from 4 P. M. to 11 P. M. about 12 miles.

May 5.—Marched to Mine Run. Some firing going on in front.

May 6.—Marched about 3 miles nearer the lines. Firing going on. Muskets given to the cannoneers in anticipation of cavalry attack.

May 7.—Moved nearer to the front. Not engaged. Some firing going on. At 9 P. M. marched to Vidiersville.

May 8.—Marched twelve miles and camped near Shady Grove Church, Spott (?) Co. Preaching in camp by Mr. Gillmore.

May 9.—Marched about eleven miles and camped near Spotsylvania C. H.

May 10.—Clear and hot. Moved into position at daybreak. Hard fighting all day. We were engaged in the evening. Enemy charged the works on our left. Major Watson wounded. [Mortally.—C. McC.]
May 11.—Cloudy and hard rain in the evening. Skirmishing along the lines; we in position.

May 12.—Rainy. Hard fighting. The Yankees the attacking party. We had Davy Clarke, Joe Cocke, George Christian, George Mordecai, John Ellett, Burnley, and Trent wounded. Left the field after firing all our ammunition.

May 13.—Rainy. We were at the rear all day, having been relieved the evening before. Skirmishing along the lines.

May 14.—Showery. Skirmishing along the lines. Went into position in the evening. Enemy disappeared from our front and on the left.

May 15.—In position. Skirmishing along the lines.

May 16.—Skirmishing along the lines and some artillery firing.

May 17.—Heavy skirmishing and some artillery.

May 18.—Enemy attempted to charge our position. We drove them back with considerable loss on their side. No one in our company was hurt.

May 19.—General Ewell attacked the enemy on their right flank. Severe fight. Fell back to works at night. No artillery engaged.

May 20.—In position. Skirmishing on the lines.

May 21.—Left the lines at 4 P. M. On the road till 11 P. M. Camped on the Telegraph road. Heard firing in direction of Spotsylvania Courthouse.

May 22.—Left camp on Telegraph road at 4 A. M., and marched to Hanover Junction, reaching there at 11 A. M.

May 23.—Moved away a little from the Junction. Firing in direction of North Anna river.

May 24.—Camp as yesterday.

May 25.—Went into position near Hanover Junction and threw up earthworks. Skirmishing along the lines.

May 26.—Showery. In position all day. Skirmishing along the lines.

May 27.—Marched to within four miles of Atlee's Station, Virginia Central railroad.

May 28.—Marched to within the three miles of Mechanicsville.

May 29.—In camp all day.

May 30.—In camp all day. Skirmishing along lines.
May 31.—Went into position on Johnson’s farm.

June 1.—Marching around all of last night. Went into camp at sunrise and remained till night, when we went nearer to the lines.

June 2.—Went into position in the morning. Quite a severe fight in the evening. We the attacking party. Our company engaged, but no one hurt.

June 3.—Sharp fighting on part of the lines. We fired some in the morning. No one hurt in our company. The Yankees charged our works and were repulsed with great loss.

June 4.—Relieved. Went to the rear. Skirmishing along the lines.

June 5.—Went into position in the evening.

June 6.—Enemy disappeared from the front of our corps. Went on a reconnoissance and came up with the Yankees, but did not attack them.

June 7.—Went on reconnoissance in the evening. We were under fire a short time but could not get a position to return it. Patterson was wounded.

June 8.—Camped behind breastworks all day.

June 9.—Cloudy. Moved camp to Gaines’s farm, near Gaines’s mill. Some firing along the lines.

June 10–11.—Camped near Gaines’s mill.

June 12.—Camped near Gaines’s mill. Some artillery firing along the lines.

June 13.—Company moved. (Sick.)

August 10.—Company at Mitchell’s Station, Culpeper county, Va.

August 11.—Moved two miles nearer Culpeper Courthouse.

August 12.—Marched through Culpeper and camped near Hazel river.

August 13.—Marched about seventeen miles and camped near Flint Hill.

August 14.—Sunday. Clear and hot. Marched about fourteen miles; passed through Front Royal and camped near Shenandoah river.

August 15–16.—Cavalry fight in the evening two miles from Front Royal.

August 17.—Marched after the Yankees about seventeen miles and camped on Winchester pike.
Richmond Howitzer Battalion.

August 18.—Moved on to Winchester and camped.
August 19–20.—Camped near Winchester.
August 21.—Marched about fifteen miles on Charlestown road and camped.
August 22.—Very heavy rain. Marched about seven miles and camped near Charlestown.
August 23–24.—Camped near Charlestown.
August 25.—Moved camp a short distance.
August 26.—Went on picket below Charlestown and had a small skirmish with the Yankees.
August 27.—Left Charlestown. Marched fifteen miles and camped near Brucetown. Passed through Smithfield.
August 28–30.—Camped near Brucetown.
August 31.—Moved to near Winchester.
September 1.—Camped near Winchester.
September 2.—Camped near Winchester. At dark hitched up, marched about a mile and came back to old camp.
September 3.—Cloudy. Left camp at 1 P. M. Marched to Berryville. Sharp fight near Berryville. Our company in position, but not engaged.
September 4.—We in position, fired a few shots. Skirmishing going on.
September 5.—Marched back to old camp, near Winchester.
September 6.—Winchester, rainy and cold.
September 7.—Winchester.
September 8.—Winchester. Rain.
September 9–12.—Winchester.
September 13.—Hitched up, expecting to move, but did not.
September 14.—Camped near Winchester.
September 15.—Marched seventeen miles. Passed through Kernsttown, Newtown and Middletown, and camped near North Fork, of Shenandoah, on road to Luray.
September 16.—Marched about thirteen miles and camped on Luray pike.
September 17.—Marched sixteen miles, camped at foot of mountains near Thornton’s Gap.
September 18.—Marched about seventeen miles, crossed mountains and camped near Woodville.
September 19.—Marched about fifteen miles and camped near Culpeper Courthouse.
September 20.—Marched twelve miles and camped near Rapidan Station.

September 21-22.—Camped near Rapidan Station.

September 23.—Marched fourteen miles. Camped near Gordonsville.

September 24.—Marched nineteen miles. Camped near Standardsville.

September 25.—Marched seventeen miles. Crossed the mountains at Swift Run Gap.

September 26.—Marched fifteen miles and formed a junction with General Early near Port Republic. Skirmished with Yankee cavalry.

September 27.—Camped near foot of mountains at Brown's Gap. Left camp at dark and marched two or three miles towards the river.

September 28.—Marched eighteen miles and camped near Waynesboro', Augusta county. Infantry and cavalry skirmishing with the enemy.

September 29-30.—Camped near Waynesboro'.

October 1.—Rainy. Marched seventeen miles and camped near Mount Sidney.

October 2-5.—Camped Mount Sidney.

October 6.—Left camp at 12 M. and marched twelve miles down the Valley.

October 7.—Marched twenty-one miles and camped near New Market.

October 8-9.—Camped near New Market. Yankees advanced in evening, and we went out two miles on Valley pike, but returned to camp at night.

October 10-11.—Camped New Market.

October 12.—Army moved down the Valley.

October 20.—Army falling back up the Valley.

October 21-22.—Camped near New Market.

October 23.—Camped near New Market. Moved camp short distance.

November 1.—Camped near New Market. Moved camp about a mile.

November 2.—Camped about two miles from New Market.

November 3-9.—Same place.

November 10.—Marched twenty miles and camped within a mile of Woodstock.
November 11.—Marched twenty-one miles and camped three miles from Newtown.

November 12.—Hitched up all day, expecting a fight. Left camp at 7 P. M., and marched eleven miles up the Valley.

November 13.—Marched eighteen miles and camped three miles from Mount Jackson.

November 14.—Marched fourteen miles and camped four miles from Mount Jackson.

November 15–17.—Camped near Mount Jackson.

November 18.—Marched to within three miles of Staunton.

November 19.—Rainy, some snow.

December 15.—Company marched six miles from Staunton to within two miles of Fishersville.

December 16.—Camped near Fishersville and commenced building Winter quarters.

December 17–19.—Camped on Hamilton’s farm, two miles from Fishersville.

December 20–21.—Company ordered to Mount Crawford. Left behind with Barefoot Squad.

December 23.—Company returned to camp. Trip extended to Harrisonburg.

December 24–7.—Camped Hamilton’s farm, near Fishersville.

December 28.—Moved into quarters near Fishersville.

December 29.—Snowed last night.

December 30–31.—Winter quarters, near Fishersville.

January 1, 1865.—Winter quarters, Hamilton’s farm, Fishersville.

January 2–7.—Winter quarters, Hamliton’s farm, Fishersville.

January 8.—Winter quarters, Augusta county. Distributed a dinner to Army of Valley and our company received nothing.

January 9–12.—Winter quarters as above.

January 13.—Winter quarters as above. Men sent home with horses for the winter on account of scarcity of forage.

January 14.—Same camp. Snow.

January 15–31.—Same camp.

February 2.—Left Fishersville and took cars for Gordonsville.

February 3.—Left Gordonsville at 6 A. M. and reached Richmond. Passed through Richmond and went by rail to Dunlop’s Station, Richmond & Petersburg railroad.

February 4.—Marched to Fort Clifton, on the Appomattox river, about four miles below Petersburg.
February 5.—At Fort Clifton. All quiet.

February 6.—At Fort Clifton. Fighting on our right.

February 7.—At Fort Clifton. Snowed, hailed and rained alternately all day.

February 8 to March 6.—At Fort Clifton.

March 7.—At Fort Clifton. Marched to Petersburg and took cars in evening for Lynchburg.

March 8.—Reached Lynchburg about 11 A. M. Muskets were issued to us and we were quartered in the town. [In a government hay shed.—C. McC.]

March 9.—Moved out to the lines, about two miles from Lynchburg [on the heights on the opposite side of river to town.—C. McC.]

March 10.—On the lines. Second detachment manned a ten-pound Parrott.

March 11—12.—On the lines as above.

March 13.—Left Lynchburg at 7 A. M. (on cars) for High Bridge.

March 14—15.—At High Bridge.

March 16.—At High Bridge. Left at — on cars and reached Petersburg at 1 A. M.

March 17.—Marched to Fort Clifton.

March 18.—Camped (huts) at Fort Clifton.

March 19 to April 1.—Same camp.

April 2.—Left Fort Clifton 10 P. M., retreating, and marched all night.

April 3.—Marched all day. Passed Chesterfield.

April 4.—Marched all day and camped near Goode's Bridge.

April 5.—Showery. Marched all day and assigned to Walker's division.

April 6.—Marched all last night and all day. Fought the Yankees near Deatonsville. Two men killed.

April 7.—Marched to High Bridge last night and marched all day. Passed through Farmville, Va.

April 8.—Marched last night and all day, and camped about five miles from Appomattox Courthouse.

April 9.—Marched to Appomattox Courthouse and had a small skirmish with the enemy.

April 10.—Prisoners at Appomattox and waiting to be paroled.