In the Army at the Stockaded Camp, Fort Monroe, near Alexandria.

I think would like to be at home.

I went the book

The Old Bush, or

Out of the Ledges

By: Mrs. E.L. E. H. Sutherland.
Seek first the Kingdom of God & his righteousness & all these things shall be added unto you.
Fear thou not, for I am with thee; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. The Lord thy God will hold thy right hand saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.
Names of Men & Officers
En't. W. Regt. N.Y. Vol's
July 24" 1863

Lt. George Brown
Sergt J.G. Gaardner
Cpl. Myron H. Force
Coopers Edward L. Parsons
Private Frank Bailard

Henry Corine
Myron Collins
Daniel Grandin
Edward S. Holcomb
Leeman H. Purchase
John Rush
Peter Dee
Charles M. Bentall
William Stacy
William Sequirt
Christopher Snyder

Carried smallpox.

1863
MONDAY 5
January
Continued

Private John K. Wathley

Thomas J. Jenkins

Daniel N. Cray
January, TUESDAY 6, 1863.

P. W. Kenyon
G. W. Astin
Miss R. O. Astin
January, THURSDAY 8, 1863.

Why do I live
by Rev. A. B. Young
A. J. S.
January,  FRIDAY 9,  1863

Battlepin
Elias Phillips 609 Broadway

Edward Brown 74 Bleeker
B.D. Hayward 208 Broadway

I know the station in church, where my friend
Herbert.

Ill. of the West

L. A. of the East

D.G. de the Church Day.

P.S. I met party by chance. 80
Alphabetical list of killed &
Battered Prisoners

Corp. Barrow

Crawford

Pvt. Bartolomew

Brown died armed in arms

Cripps

De Con

Griswold

Hawkins

Roberts

Westbrook

Wm. Whitmore

Ed. Evans mortally wounded
5 Wounded
5 Berg Morris
2 Kathbone
2 Armstrong
3 Private Allen
5 Ayers
5 Coons
5 Downs
3 Fritz
3 Gaetzman
5 Garlach
5 Harmon
5 Proceed on return post, private died
5 Ditto, slight
5 Rose
5 Van Winkle
5 Whitlock
5 E. Whitmore
Pork Cake

1/2 lb salt pork chopped fine
pinch of nutmeg or 1 tea cup of hot water
1qt of flour
2 cups of sugar
1 cup of molasses
2 teaspoonsful of baking soda

4 cups of cider

1/2 cup of raisins

bake one hour or nearly
January, WEDNESDAY 14,  1863.

Gingerbread or Cookies

2 Cup of Flour
8 Tablespoonful of water
1 " " full of Alum
2 Table Spoons Ginger
2 " " Pina
4 " Butter
Lard
Joshua E. Fitzian
from Cedarville.
Cumberland Co.
New Jersey.
January, SATURDAY 17, 1863.

Lorenzo Ames.
9th Michigan Battery
Hudson, Lenawee Co.
Michigan.
January, SUNDAY 18, 1863.

D. W. Arneker Sergt.
Co. E, 5th Michigan Cavalry.

From Kalamazoo, Michigan.
Goto Harvey Heath at Ward 9 Lincoln Hospital & get eight dollars & mail to my sister Bette E. Ostrander.

Sep 12 1868

Lt. H.C. Williams
December

the power of self adaptation to every new opening of

Pursuance

Drive to fill a new place with naturalness.
"Go then, earthly fame & treasure,
Come disaster, scorn & pain;
For the service pain is pleasure,
With thy favours love is gain.
I have called thee, Abba Father,
I have set my heart on thee;
Storms may howl & clouds may gather
All must work for good to one."
Sandwich巴牌 价

青菜 92分 1
deerhill order 89分

1863 TUESDAY 29, January
Extract from a Syriac Poem

"Sometimes I weep alone to think that I have lost thy love forever—and then, oh! bitterly I weep to see thy mother's favored bow—full well she feels the treasure lost—the young child of the beautiful. I marvel not, angel, that thou art gone—for heaven were better fitted for thy home than earth—but I marvel that we can live yet awhile on earth—live without thy smile."

"And then who couldst barely resist the cold—thy fate is hard: Our friend to whisper comfort nor careful eye to watch—in thy cold solitary, mysterious grave—none can give comfort. But how foolish! I speak to dust. Thy soul thank God! is far beyond the hurt of man or evil spirit."
January 1, 1864

Morning very thick fog but warm
Have finished a letter to Wife today

This morning

Spent some time looking for shells
for wife. No letters today.

This evening came put down for a
furlough

No war news to day of interest
The news from the Southern news
are very despondent.
January 2, 1865

Bitter cold west wind
No letters to day from wife
A letter from father.
No particular news

have been no dinner to day.
Help scrub the floor this morn.
 Went to H'd of the report for furlough.
Expect to go home tomorrow, Monday.
Wishing it was not so cold to day.

Why don't my wife write to me.
It is too bad. Something is the matter I fear. How can it be so.
January 3, 1869

Cold, windy day. Yesterday was the coldest of this season.

Go to chapel this morning. Am not particularly pleased with Episcopal Ceremonial. Very good congregation no sermon. It is Communion Day.

It is the general impression that we go home tomorrow afternoon. I hope it will be so.

The daily paper says that the English at last have come to the conclusion that the South must give up. If the Southern papers see no further hope for them.

Gold in the Southern states is at an enormous premium. 20 to 30 dollars for one dollar in gold. Flour at 150 $ per barrel. Coffee $8.50 a lb. Sugar 3.
January Monday  
February, Wednesday 4. 1864

Cloudy this morning but not as cold as for 3 days past

Names taken down for furlough
February, 1869

Thursday 5

Not quite so cold

Time seems heavy. I am so anxious about mine at home.
Quite comfortable to day

The lecture was exceedingly bad

from last evening.

Could not understand the

speaker at all.

Then instead of Pneumatics

he tried to tell something about

everything connected with

air & water, health, ventilation

& the lungs.

No letters yet, what does it mean.
February, Thursday, SATURDAY 7, 1864

The mildest day for the last week. Spent the day in reading Cooper's "Deerslayer.

Feel quite down for want of news from home.

Geo. Otisander starts for home this morning. Expect to go to-morrow.
January 8, 1864

Snowing this morning & has been snowing most all night.
Did not rest well although I got a furlough to go home for fifteen days I shall start immediately after dinner should have gone sooner but wait for letters from home but wait in vain.

This is cruel indeed
Can it be
February, WEDNESDAY 11, 1863

Democrat
One who adheres to a government by the people or favors the extension of the right of suffrage to all classes of men.

Democracy
Government by the people. A form of government in which the supreme power is lodged in the hands of the people collectively.
Republican
One who elects or prefers a republican form of government

Republic
A commonwealth: a state in which the exercise of the sovereign power is lodged in representatives elected by the people.
Our Beef
Coffee
Tea
Sugar
Molasses
Vinegar
Candles
Pork
Beans
Rice
Honey
Soap
February, SUNDAY 15, 1863

Drizzling rainy day.

No inspection.
Springlike beautiful day.
Get a pass & start for Brush
Only go to Berks Station
And is very deep.
Snow all day arrive in Washington about 11 o'clock go to see some of the Public Buildings & see the Senate & Representative in Session.
February, WEDNESDAY 18, 1863.

P K Armstrong Dr.
to memorandun 30
C J Short Dr.
to paper & envelopes 30
Stamps 30
P K Armstrong Dr.
to paper & envelopes .70
R. Lane pA 92
To paper & envelopes 50
Was telegraphed three to
17 Stamps

Rainy day got back to
camp just at night very
tired & sore.
Snooze to day out & sleepy.

received a letter from And

sold most of my stuff right off & got the money.


Your Bartholomew

4 00

Shore me for express 30

Washing 20
February, FRIDAY 20, 1863.

Sunshine not clear but the wind blows hard.

Sent a letter to my wife today with my allotment of 15 dollars. Hope she will get it.

Gave Ben Strong 1 dollar to buy postage stamps and 2 dollars for Burrell myself & others to pay for the Daily Morning Chronicle for 5 months.

Johnson has come in & brought some butter & bread & butter for this & my supper, a hearty Indeed.
February, SATURDAY 21, 1863,

Quite a pleasant day.

Johnson left me this morning.

I wrote a letter for him.

Nothing of interest today.
Down all day & cold
No one out

Hardly had the men only at
meal times. No newspapers
Write a letter for Bartholomew
to his wife sought to write to you
The day has been most like Sabbath
Time before in a long time
February, MONDAY 23, 1863.

Sun shines out warm & clear
the snow melts some
No particular news today
all seems very quiet
Encouraging reports from the field
Should think the banking bill just passed a bill of great importance
Very fine day—rather cool although thawing some.
Co. drew 140 lbs. of beef today.
This evening read in the Herald: get ready for South Prayers they shawl terribly over the Europeans & Democrats.
February, THURSDAY 26, 1863.

Barnabas new haunch 5 shaxels
February, FRIDAY 27, 1863.

Enclose a five dollar Treasury note No. 2752 to my wife today.

Bartholomew need a letter from W. M. particular war news.
Burton & I get our first paper.

Co drew 7 qts molasses

a nice warm day.
A beautiful day Springlike.
High wind afternoon.
Drawarters except been
Write a letter for Barthol

Last night the long role was
beat in anticipation of an
attack false alarm

Read for soupgrave 225
Cool fair weather no excitement today
all is quiet about here
The order is read on dress parade
Mr. Lush is appointed Major
March 3, 1863.

Cold & fair & cloudy.
Thunder showers towards night.
Just at night Hollis Johnson comes.
He looks very bad ought to be discharged.
March, WEDNESDAY 4, 1863.

Have written a letter for Bartholomew and one for Johnson to mail this morn. Johnson goes back to hospital at Willsburg.

The sky is clear but it is very cold. Saw wind, have beans for dinner, draw noodles beef to day. (Note: Parsons & I bought 25 lbs worth of meal.)
a splendid day but last night was severely cold and hardly but warm. a good deal of excitement to day reports of the rebel pickets being in sight from our picket lines. it is very strange I do not hear from them.
March, Saturday 7, 1863.

Letter to Mr. De Garmo.

9 Envelope.

A rainy day.

Answer De Garmo's letter of Feb 16.
March, SUNDAY 8th, 1861

Bartholomew
To 2 stamps & cash 16
March, MONDAY 9, 1863.

A clear fair warm day - beautiful last night oh how it rained.

This morn a party Rebels entered our lines & captured a General & said also took off about 30 horses & a wagon & some other property.

Emery Pratt is not expected to live till morning.

Have finished a letter to my wife this eve.

The left wing of our Regt came off picket this morn report 17 persons came from Beesne to Union to be protected. Lieut Marshall is under arrest for leaving his post to early in the morning.
Mail a letter to my bath a 2 doll. In this
No. 38188

Basturmon
To mount
Stamp 5

Dr 5 0
March, MONDAY 16, 1863

Will soap grease 2.25
O H Armstrong 1.50

Rose
To letter fabric 3.00
Muffles 0.50

Bartholomew
To bootmaker 0.50
Van Im Wagen 1.00
Molasses
March, FRIDAY 20, 1863.

Signs of a storm
Boys go out on cricket
The news from the North is more encouraging Copperhead will soon be a long ways below par.
Journey day sloppy & drizzly, draw rations.

The 2 days' rations refuse the test. I receive a letter for Johnson.

Mr. Mack of Ontario calls on this evening. Has seen Bill Andrews on his way to Washington. Has been home on a furlough.
March, SUNDAY 22, 1863

Fine warm spring day
Mud-dries up fast
Be inspection by Commandant
Inspection of Quarters by J.E. Smith
March, MONDAY 23, 1863.

Nice day, spring like. Four men detailed to help.

The cook tent is reconstructed;

a great help to me.
Clisky Tody the Bregate of our Brigade move up two near us from Union Mills. The idea seems to be to strengthen this position. No mail to day.
March, WEDNESDAY 25, 1863.

The past night has been rainy, but to day is fine.
Current report this morning that a train of cavalry & baggage wagons have been seen over in rebel land.
No encouraging news from
Richburg. God help us.
March. SATURDAY 28, 1863.

Very rainy day.
Mail letter for H. Johnson.
March, Sunday 29, 1863.

All 13 men, Cora, Borg, gone out on furlough.

Our rebel ladies want to come through to go to N.Y.,

but don't want to take the life.

A fine day only a little cold wind. The men ordered to have all ready for a fight.

The rebels reported advancing upon us under Jackson & Grant.
March,  
MONDAY 30,  
1863.

Beautiful day.

George Goetzman shot in the shoulder last night by the picket—a cowardly action.

Barths get letter from Helen.

Last night a man shot in the ankle by Camp Guard of the 125th Reg. must stop when halted.

To-night haversacks full of canteens ready for action. A man shot in the leg by the guard: must stop when challenged.
March, Tuesday 31, 1863.

Braving like fun this morning.

Paid Bartholomew 30 cts.

I now owe him three dollars.

Tents over one (Plant 33 Convoy).

Look to hear from home.

Report evacuation of Richmond.
April, WEDNESDAY 1, 1863.

All forts day.

6am & Biggsamt on Picket. Wind a Hurricane & Cold.

Not much Cornell. Hope the tent will stand the gale. Soup for dinner.
April, Thursday 2, 1863.

Cold but clear
High and to night.

Refugees still keep coming
telling hard things of Rebel

I guess all signs of a battle
here have blown over for
the present. The boys complain
of battalion drill this P.M.
A warm day nice & clear

Today we read that all rebels
captured with Union uniforms
are to be treated as spies.

It is reported the Paymaster
is at the 125 Camp.
Johnson receives word that he must come home to attend to his insurance suit.
Curious weather
No war news reliable. A report is in circulation that 1000 Rebel troops crossed toward us at Thoroughfare Gap.
April 7, 1863.

Johnson, ice stamp.
Astrand 11.
April, WEDNESDAY 8, 1863.

Received crisp letter of date 22 March to 2 April.

George Gatenma came out to-day.

A stranger leave hospital.

Received for soap grease 2.25.
April, THURSDAY 9, 1863.

I want to send home by Johnson to Ernie Nutmeg.
- dried flan
- a vest
- pocket knife
April, FRIDAY 10, 1863.

Windy but fine
Spend 5 cts for matches
5 cts for pipe

Beautiful weather
Little

today is General Mustin
April, SUNDAY 12, 1863.

Sold on acct of C. E.
65 cts coffee 15 cts per lb.

Sold on acct of Co B, 111th Reg. N.Y. 150
10 1 lbs of coffee at 15 cts.
per pound

Due total $15.15

Paid to Capt. Leary
The Co fund rec'd this day

A. Leary

Tomorrow must be ready to take
the field for active operations.

Need letter from Harmon.
April, MONDAY 13, 1863.

No movement today, drilling as usual.

Some faint sound by shots. Let him come in worthwhile if he wants less.

A report comes today that our folks have made a hole in Fort Stuter.
April, TUESDAY 14, 1863.

Turned over to the Regimental Quartermaster 2 boxes of rice to be forwarded by supply train. I suppose or am informed.


A report comes that Hooker has whipped the Rebs at Fredericksburg.

A most beautiful day.

report to-morrow take Charleston.
April, WEDNESDAY 15, 1863.

How it rains and rattles Cold uncertainty of moving yet

Sting Warner cash paid 10 ds

Turned over to the G. Master
1 barrel rice weigh 244 lbs

Draw 2d & 4th sections

Just this done for the biggest of the season yet
April, THURSDAY 16, 1863.

Wet, slippy, muddy, cloudy and cold.  Co. D. present. Their petition for a division of sugar and corn, because of any entertaining friends.  Dr. Goodrich parley the paper but she added...
Comfortable day, Cloudy

9th Vermont Battery of 6 guns encamp to the right of us to day. short says Hooker's right wing is in sight. Also we are turned over to Hooker's Corps.
April, 1863.

Very comfortable day.

Tonight the order transferring Gen. Casey & placing Abercrombie over this division is read.

Draw 3 days rations.
Very rainy all day.
No news of consequences.
April, 1863.

TUESDAY 21.

Clancy & Sold
Mail 4 papers for any
Wife a letter to Andrews
& a letter to Mrs. Johnson

Genl. Hayes reviews the Brigade
This afternoon

Gardner underrought for
Laughing on dress parade
Of letters from anybody
April, WEDNESDAY 22, 1863.

Cats mild & Beautiful
Gardner still under arrest

All quit cards
April, 23, 1863.

Geo. Ostrander Co.
by loan of 4 postage stamps.

Rainy day very so
April, FRIDAY 24, 1863.

Being day very much 20
Signed the pay roll today

Paid Bartholomew cash $100
April,       SATURDAY 25,     1863

Received from the Paymaster an
Allotment No 65 & $1.70
10 dollar Treasury Note No 26946,
which I send to my wife.

Received 4 months pay
from U.S. Government.

Paid Bartholomew
Cash to balance $50.
No 28yrs note sent by Johnson for Bartholomew

Johnson starts for home to day whether he goes or not will go to Washington to day and by him a letter for self to wife

Bartholomew to his wife

Chart to his wife

JF Robinson to his Father

A package for Armstrong to be sent by express to North Pondell Jr.
Rainy day
April, TUESDAY 28, 1863.

I owe G. Petrander
post stamps 11 cts

I owe Bartholomew
lost stamps
Cloudy & warm
Marked a log letter to wife
some excited to night
for Geo. Cat going to Judah

and P.K. Armstrong
Cash
April, Thursday 30, 1863.

P.K. Armstrong
To Sandries
Dr.
1864
Himself the Lord;
I am the Lord thy God
Drink one & keep my command.
May,  
SUNDAY 3,  
1863.

beautiful warm day
went out to inspection to day the
first since we came here but once
Writing to my wife much rather
talk to her. I am in haste to see the
end of the war

Orders to start up 3 days solid
Mail a letter to wife to-day.

An incident of the war not in the papers yet.

At the skirmish at Warren yesterday, Capt. of the 5th N.Y.C. took a shipman of passing him to come of his men to take his arms from him. The prisoner shot at the Capt. wounding him in the face. Capt. immediately turns upon him with sabre & nearly cuts his head off at the first blow then attacks more sets & kills two more instantly & wounds another.
May. TUESDAY 5, 1863.

Beautiful morning but heavy rain at night.
Very exciting news from Hooker. 400 prisoners taken along a hard night by the Cavalry. Lt. Col. McVicker of the 6th N.Y. C. is killed just at night comes the report by Telegraph of the taking of Fredericksburg with 40,000 prisoners. Hope it true. Perhaps we begin to see the end.

Report tonight Hooker capture 400 prisoners. S. had possession of Fredericksburg.
Very rainy day.

Want to hear from home. Have no word from there since a long time ago. Only two letters a month seems pretty hard especially while soldiering. I wish I was not as cold. I do not feel as either. I do not want to be tired. Report today that Sheridan is repulsed & driven across the Rappahannock. Sigel's Corps cut off to Fredericks.
Armstrong Dr.

Report today first that of same as yesterday. But just after dinner the President telegraphs that it is all false & that Hooker holds his position.

Ordered again to put on 3 days rations which was partially done.

Mail a letter to Andrews & express to y.
Armstrong paid me one dollar on ace
Beautiful day
Night has come but no word from home. Why do not they write am I forgotten
Write to my wife as usual on Sunday. We went to meet lunch. We also went to inspection.
May. MONDAY 11, 1863.

Borrow of Bartholomew J. King Armstrong pays me 2 dol.

Red Wife's letter enclosing Willie her Mother's & Franky
May, 1863. TUESDAY 12.

I want to send home $6 cash.

I will do it if I can get it.
Today intemidy fore
General review & inspection
by General Hayes
Rainy afternoon with
heavy thunder
No war news today.

The death of Stonewall Jackson is confirmed. He died May 10 of amputation & pneumonia.

The regiment are throwing up intrenchments in front of the camp.
Tonight

Tonight receive a letter from Brother Andrews. He is well and sends a good letter.

Feel disappointed in not getting one from my wife. Bust & Hope all are well at home. Father protect them.

This is the 9th day the boys have worked upon the entrenchments.

Commenced at 5 this morning 8 hours. 8 hours 4 hours Commencing 4 in the P.M.
Bright beautiful warm day. Inspection as usual this A M.

Have written a letter to wife to day. Hope it will be happily received.
Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing.
Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing.
Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing.

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Sent by mail to my wife a letter enclosing one dollar Treasury Note.
A telegraph from the President today says Vicksburg is taken.
June, Thursday 4, 1863.

The past day, have attempted

to work since last May 24

65

Leave camp for home at 12:10

Expenses from Alexandria to

Washington depot 30

to Baltimore 150.65

to Canandaigua 6.85

To P.
June, FRIDAY 5, 1863.

Arrive at Elmira at 12.10.

Canandaigua 630

 Hire a stage with others for Palmyra 135.
June, SATURDAY 6, 1863.

Arrange at home at 9:30 A.M.
Not well today, do not go out.
June, WEDNESDAY 10, 1863.

Received allotment from A. W. Brown.
Visit at Dr. Sprague's this evening. Charles Moody came to see me.
June, Tuesday 16, 1863.

Start for camp at 230 A.M.
Take the cars at Chostoville
arrive in camp about 9 o'clock, find Hooker's Army has been or are here.

Andrus was here last Monday with the mail.
Raining day.

Regt gone out to Bull Run with 2 days rations, lost more all day.
Heavy firing in two directions supposed to be fighting at Thoroughfare gap.
Mail a letter for Bartholomew of one for Johnson & one for my Wife. Send a two dollar note no. 28148 & add Columbia Bank no. 52414.

All quiet in camp report of fight yesterday Union force victor capturing largely.

Heavy firing to the North West some think nearer South Bay.

Harpers Ferry.
June 23, 1863

Rumors of moving come very thick and fast.

Orders to night to cook 2 days' rations up all night.
June, Wednesday 24, 1863.

Beautiful day.
The Sixth Army Corps encampment side of us. At night
Union on dress parade.
To move to Graham place Gap as soon as practicable.
(130,63 days return bread)
We are to be in the 2nd Corps.
June, THURSDAY 25, 1863.

Move out of Camp.
March to Gunn Springs today.
March 15th across Edwards Ferry
June, SATURDAY 27, 1863.

rest to day
March to Sugarloaf mountain
March from Frederick City and to
Uniontown to day distance 32 miles
Murdered this Morn.
P.M. March 3 or 4 miles
arrived Gettysburg to
stay within a short distance of
Gettysburg to-night
Battle today

Make a charge on a battery or more properly to recover a battery of our own. In this charge Lieut. Provence is instantly killed & Army & Battalions wounded & Ed Provence mortally wounded.
An awful battle to day. Our Co. lose 10 men killed, 16 wounded & missing.

This day I shall never forget it seems to me.
July, SATURDAY 4, 1863.

Some skirmishing to day.
A very heavy rain.

Vicksburg surrendered to day. Thank God to take away.
March 5th, 1863.

Out on picket last night a very rainy Time got wet through with every thing I had even my portfolio 

This morning no signs of the Rebel Army to be seen they have gone during the night.
Lie in Hospital to-day, felt most miserable.
In Hospital today at
Falmouth. Remained to
Camp at Williamsport.
July, Wednesday 15, 1863

March from Williamsport near Harpers Ferry. Had to call on the ambulance to get me through. My stomach will not stand the travail & carry a gun &
Returned Camp. This morning near Sandy Hook.
July, FRIDAY 17, 1863.

Received the appointment of Regimental Clerk. Johnson & I travel round to find some stables.
July, SATURDAY 18, 1863

Marched through Harpers Ferry, crossing the Potomac & then over the mountain.

Sam Fritz died today in Hospital.
March but little to day

Write to my wife

Very quiet for a Sunday in the army & on the march

Move about 6 to 8 miles

[Signature]
July, MONDAY 20, 186

March about 19 miles to day camp about a mile from Bloomfield. It seems now we are bound for Warrens.
July, Tuesday 21, 1863.

Have been in camp all day close by Bloomsfield in the London valley, no marching. Brought a bottle of ink for it is too cheap. No mail for several days send out quite a mail this morning.
Move this afternoon from our camping ground at Bloomfield to Ashby's Gap, get there at 10 at night.
July, THURSDAY 23, 1863.

Move from Ashby's Gap to Manassas Gap to day.
Move as Train guard to Manassas from there over hill & through brush
to a camp on a side hill somewhere.
Current report that there is to an
action near Front Royal.
This morning is cloudy and very foggy. We lay on a side hill last night so thick that we could scarcely stay in bed. Went to bed very sweaty and lay so warm that I am very faint this morning. Feel very much need of nothing for breakfast hardly.

Return through the Gap to Markham this day.
March from Markham Station to White Plains today.
July, 1863.

Sunday 26, 1863.

March from White Plains to Warrenton Junction to day are overmarched for 9 men are reported to have died from the heat & over exertion.
remain in camp to day
get a large mail
Heard to day that Sam Fufty died the 18\textsuperscript{th} of July.

Remain in camp to day no particular news.
July, WEDNESDAY 29, 1863.

Have written to George Ostrander and finished a letter to Hollis Johnson.

Remain in camp to-day. Buy a paper but no exciting news.

See a list of names of drafted men for the first time.
July, 1863.

THURSDAY 30, 1863.

Still encamped

Made out a requisition for
clothing today

Garribaldi Butler comes to
Camp Gardner & Brown

Making out final statements

I have written to Father today.

At 5 o'clock strike tents to march

Tell 10 toward the Koppannamah

Who knows what for is it strategy.
July, FRIDAY 31, 1863.

At 7 take up line of march again, move about 422 5 miles & camp in the woods said to be about 5 miles from Kelly's Ford.

Drew clothing to day.
I got one pair of pants & one pair of shoes & one shirt.

No mail since leaving the June.
Start at 6:30 in return March to the five miles that we came yesterday.

Inspection ordered at five o'clock this afternoon.
August, SUNDAY 2, 1863.

Remain encamped to day all quiet I am thankful. Those hungry are plenty. Nothing creditors and deal of satisfaction expressed by the men at the results of the draft. Receive mail this day nothing fast.

An intensely hot day.
August, 1863.

Monday 3rd.

Received one day more in Camp.

Wish for news of the war. No news of breaking up for our days in particular action in the army where or when we can learn.

Received mail again. No mail this week for the 28th in it.
August, TUESDAY 4, 1863.

The particular news today not any excitement.

The men in large numbers are complaining seriously.

Intensely hot.
I was very unwell today with an intense headache. Could neither sit up nor lie down in comfort. Take more quinine don't see any good effect; it may be good.

Wish I could hear from home.
Get sick with a headache
+ very weak. My eyes seem as though they would go out of
my head.
The weather too hot to take shelter tents are but little comfort.

A letter came for Hollis Johnson.
Some better today is much
that I sit up most of the day.
but my head is extremely
weak and my body weak my
appetite to where at all
t's my aspiration most difficult
August, SATURDAY 8, 1863.

Have written to my wife to-day & enclosed an
Assignment No. 470

A considerable letter to-day

To write a few words have
not much strength so no breath

easy. Morphine.

Had a rain last night that
has been of great benefit.
August, 1863.

SUNDAY 9, 1863.

No news today.

Capt. Faing came back today.

Read a letter from my wife today.
August, 1863.

Do not feel much better. The weather still continues very hot.

I wish something could be done for my stomach.
August, Tuesday 11, 1863.

Hollis Johnson sends to his wife a letter containing Allotment No. 471 mailed today.

Have written to my wife again.
August, WEDNESDAY 12, 1868.

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Friday, August 14, 1863

Mr. Peter Brown, Hodgson, came back to the Co. to-day.

Nice weather, just breeze enough to be pleasant.

This year ago to-day left my home, wife & children to go as a Soldier.

One whom I kissed that morning in his sleep is gone where I shall never see him more in this world.

God grant that I may meet him in a better world.

I would be content had I the assurance that I might after leaving this world have a place even in the most remote corner of the Kingdom of Heaven where I could see my wife & all my children mingling with the best spirits around the throne of God singing his everlasting praises.
J. Scamman comes over to see me write a letter for him to his wife and forty five dollars in it.


My wife would that I do more for you but my faculties do not admit of any thing extra from me. I believe that I have done my duty to the Government & would be happy to be released from the service now on some fair & honorable terms.
August, MONDAY 17, 1863.

Not feeling well to say Do give me more quinine with something in it but it does not help as I need help.
Moved camp back to our ground a week ago near the battery; have been very much...
August, THURSDAY 20, 1863.

For complete day, lying on my back most of the time, feeling very weak & debilitated.

Had some talk with the Colonel & Surgeon about my own prospects, nothing definite.

One year ago to day was drawn into the Government Service for 3 years.
Mail a letter to my wife to day and having ten dollars received of the Sanitary Commission.

The weather continues quite warm and reports of mining are in circulation in camp.

How can the Rebels keep up longer we do not see but we believe the hand of God is in this matter & we pray that we may have patience & fortitude to wait his appointed time. We want to see God make free is the hold of the oppressor bequeath.

One year ago to this P.M. leave Auburn for the field.
August, SATURDAY 22, 1863.

Not a dry drop thunder in the distance.
The news from Charleston the present scene of operations report progress. "God be pleased to give success."

There is a report in the papers that the citizens of Richmond keep a gun around Jell Davis to prevent his running away. A canard I am thinking.

Stories of French intrigue in Mexico are abundant but are they not of the kind called sensational? Not to be noticed.

We are still hoping for the news of peace & the triumph of Freedom in our Country.
August, 23, 1863

A very comfortable day made so by the brisk breeze that is blowing. All quiet about camp to day.

Remember that one year ago today we were marching through Baltimore & I looked around feeling some mixture of the spirit that attacked the first troops that passed along that way, I did not like the looks of the inhabitants. I feel I believe Baltimore to be more truly loyal than N. Y.
August, MONDAY 24, 1863.

Has been very warm day.

News comes of the holding of Ft.

Vance & the advance of troops
to Chattanooga. The Army of the
Potomac seems to be resting &
preparing for a final move.

Sergeant Mallory return to Co.

To say has been in Hospital since
left Centreville.

I have taken a very severe cold in
my lungs again.
August, TUESDAY 25, 1863

Another storm day with plenty of rain which we got heavy just at night. We have just got some Rope to be done. Keep up out of the mud. Read a letter from Harman.

Newspaper confirms the reports from Charleston.

Rumors of moving towards Alex are afloat; see no foundation.
Very cold night passed last night
Cold & cloudy this morning with high wind.

Have a hard cough & severe cold with some headache.

Winter lot is destroyed & Chris must come down in the morn
ing day. Hexcrans is Fortifying Chattanooga. Houston is command
of the Reds. I doubt the last.

Army of the Potomac all quiet.
Very warm day & Food
No more war news than Confer.
Another summer day has passed monotonously as usual in these sultry times. The most interesting item of the day is R. Toombs of Georgia published address to his Southern friends on the finances of the Confederacy. It seems by his statement that they are on the verge of ruin from an over issue of paper currency. "Commodities will rise or fall in proportion to the increase or diminution of money." It seems by this article that the Rebs have issued an immense amount of currency without a shadow in precedent basis but assuming I create basis in the future by take of the credulity of the people has been largely drawn when to such an extent as to overstretch the bubble and now it is ready to burst.
August, SATURDAY 29, 1863.

Nothing at all to day. No letter for me from anybody this week.
August, Sunday 30, 1863.

Today is quiet & Sabbath like. Would try to be thankful if I could be in Williamson & go to church with my wife today. I would the day was ripe at hand that this "Civil war is over." Want it to be a day of rejoicing & happiness.
August, MONDAY 31, 1863.

Write 4 mail letters for Johnson this morning to his wife & A. Maples.

The Brigade got out at 7 this morning on a reconnoitering expedition expected to begin 2 or 3 days. The news to day of importance. The weather is quite cool.

The men were mustered for pay before they started. Now let the money come no matter how soon.
September, FRIDAY 11, 1863.

In health, the month of September have been quite
feel some better to day
have a letter from my wife 4
one from Mr. Carter to answer.
Left the Regiment this morn for the Hospital at Washington.

Had a very uncomfortable ride.

Dust very thick in the morn.

Rain in the afternoon settled it.

Arrived at the Lincoln Hospital about 9 o'clock in the evening.

Feeling weak enough yet.

Washed up & clean shirts & drawers & feel some better.
Find myself in Lincoln Hospital Ward 13 this day feeling miserable enough. O God be with me.

Went to the chapel this P.M. & hear a sermon.

I feel very tired & weary.

My diarrhea does not seem any better but have had no medicine yet. The change of food may help me some. How I want to hear from home.
Today feel a little better I think don't really know.

Have been to the library & borrowed a book & read it through.

I learn again that systematic benevolence is true charity.

Lord help me to practice true charity in accordance with Thy will & I pray that Thou wilt help me to see & do what is just & right in my peculiar situation.
Beautiful cool morning do not feel so well this day
Have written a short letter to Gardner.
Is it not a part of life to teach our children ourselves? Why not by obtaining the latest works urge our children to read them at the same time to question them of their reading?
May the God of love and mercy watch over my country, my Father, and especially my Wife, and two little ones. Give me a speedy return home and above all give me strength and grace to live an example for them of Christian love and forbearance that they cannot but imitate. Oh! Father in Heaven I pray thee.
Myron H. Forest died last night. It seems strange very comfortable day cool
Have finished reading the "Ministry of Life" a first-rate book. May its precepts long
dwell in my heart for good for why Should we in our education not cultivate our-selves with a love of God & his
works in connection with the sciences. Let them all be blended
Today is rainy but not cheerless. God is there & He brings the rain for our good.

Today commence reading "Pleasant Pathways." The first chapter teaches me that this world alone confers no lasting true abiding happiness.

Read of Harvey Heath eight dollars for G. Ostrander. To be forwarded to Miss Ruth Ostrander, per order found on page 22.
September, SATURDAY 19, 1863.

A very cold day. I want some news in the paper.

My diarrhoea is much better.

But I am too cold I can't write.
September, SUNDAY 20, 1863.

Each man should think himself an act of God, His mind a thought, his life a breath of God. And each should try by great thought and good deeds to show the most of heaven he hath in him.

Nothing of interest transpiring today. Very cold but towards night get a fire which makes much comfort.
Still cold though not so intense
the sun comes out clear.
Oh sun of righteousness, warm
up my heart, as the sun of the
universe warms my body.

Mailed this morning a letter
to my wife & one to Mrs. Johnson
also one to Miss R. E. Petersen
containing eight dollars in
greenbacks & one two & five.

Have written a letter to Mr. Carter

Nothing of interest as yet today.
Herein is where I resolved I would first pay my debts then try to be a Christian. Now by the help of God I'll trust my all in Him & have faith knowing He will help me to pay to the uttermost farthing. So let me pray every day for an answer to help my faith & duty to my fellow man.

Commence reading Young Mans Com
Mail a letter to my old
friend William Carter
Don't I want to hear from my wife
Have not read much to day
been cold the day quite warm
no particular news to day.

To insure success through life
The young man must possess
Integrity, Integrity he may win public
respect
Intelligence that he may command
Industry that he may command
The flowers of trade
Economy & frugality to preserve his
Energy by which to surmount obstacles
Fact to enable him to adapt himself
to the openings of Providence & to make
him the man for the hour of opportunity.
And till the days go hurrying by, with no marked change: thousands of wild rumors fill the air, exciting the mind to intensity, only to leave it convulsed to a great degree by the reaction.

"Who flew all these?" will be the question that some correspondents will hardly know how to answer.

Rumors of a great action between Bragg & Northerners upon Sat. & Sunday last came with every breath. God help the cause of right & liberty is all we ask.
September, FRIDAY 25, 1863.

It is claimed that all is well in the Southwest, so may it be. And now come the welcome reports of the detention of the same in England.

But best of all came yesterday a letter from my wife with good news from home long a coming. But none the less welcome for that I answered it immediately and mailed this morning.

Tonight I am acting night watch in Ward 13 in favor to Pendergast. The wind blows cold and mournful sounding of the coming of Winter icy mantle and reminding us of the end of life and the shrouding of these mortals in death's cold mantle.
September, SATURDAY 26, 1863.

Feel as well as can expect to.

No letter from anybody.

Am disappointed in not getting a pass this morning.

The news in the papers.

My reading to day urges intelligence & energy as necessities to success in life's battle. But both must be founded on the Christian religion. There to call for help from on high to keep me any where near right.
September, SUNDAY 27, 1863.

I am miserable this morning. I had a pass to go into town yesterday afternoon but it only took me to the Central guard house.

 Slept all the afternoon do not feel at all comfortable. My diarrhea is more violent today.
From this morning but a warm day.
Feel very dull with a headache.

Received my descriptive list from
the Captain of Co & came by mail.

Have been writing to my wife this
afternoon. Not much to write.
Cannot read much to day I feel
so dull & out of sorts.

Do wish the Surgeon would send
me home. So I might get well &
do something worth while.
September, TUESDAY 29, 1863.

Continued. For the weather
did not get a pan to day
hope to get one to morrow.
Have been reading the
Widow Bedott papers but
am not particularly pleased
Carried as far as the store I think

No very particular thought
Hoped fear is fickle help is
So much needed. Will it come?
Weather continued: Cool & warm
Read a letter from Gardner today.

I am sorely disappointed today did not get a pass as expected.

I am very hungry & nervous. do not know what to do with myself. It is dull & seems as though my time was wasting.

Hope not entirely. Come take me out of this. If it can be with thy will & I can do some good yet let me go to my own.
October,        THURSDAY 1,  1863.

Another month is commenced. Shall it terminate in good:
Hopes improved or fully answered.

Man made better. This week
This to me has been a day of dis-
No nothing as could be desired.
And all to solace, Man is
bound to disappointment.

Why don't I hear from home.
What is the matter, I fear ill.
October, 1863.

FRIDAY 2.

Went to the city to-day.

Visit Smithsonian Institute &

the Patent Office & ran about

To P.O., Treasury, Gen. Paymaster.

Reg'tal Pay Master & Co.

Very heavy rain flood the streets

of my writing paper & stamps.

I would & must bring Wife &

Willie to visit Washington.

Receive a good long letter from

my Wife to-night. May God bless her.
Pleasant again today.
Do not feel well as usual today in consequence of taking cold last night.
Write to Gardner & Johnson to mail Mond Morning Envelope to Gardner 45¢ in Stamps
Have not read much today feel so ill.
October 4, 1863

Warm & beautiful quiet & lovely is this day. It is the Sabbath. Do not read much to day. Write to my wife. Try to write a good letter.

My cold is no better & diarrhea much worse about as bad as ever.

No thoughts of improvement do I seem to have. So the day lost. I have occasion all the time to pray. God help me to some purpose to improve my time & keep me from evil. For who knows better than I that Satan finds employ for idle hands to do.
October, MONDAY 5, 1863.

A cool clear day. Not so well.
Mrs. Lincoln visits the Hospital & distributes grapes & mine them for the seeds to plant.
Mail a letter to Wife & To Gardy & a paper to William.

I propose to purchase a copy of "Ministering Children" published by Carlton & Porter & take home when I go.

"Tis more blessed to give than to receive." How shall I experience this.

Psalm 19th 8, 9, 10.
Long as I have lived until this morn did I imagine a man could be charitable in deeds without money. Oh God grant me wisdom that I may know what to do to best serve thee and do good to my fellow men.

Havrehead by J. A. Crocker 

& R. Brewster 

47 Washington St. Boston
October, WEDNESDAY 7, 1863.

Beautiful day.
Am not so well to day.
Diarrhea is much worse & lungs & throat are too sore to leave me in any comfort.
The day has passed without anything transpiring worthy of note. No visit or nothing.
New Doctor takes charge today, his name said to be Allen & he is just from the front & belongs to the 2nd Corps. A very pleasant looking man.

Write a letter to my boy, William, if my ideas are right. I pray God to bless them to his good & not let him follow the example of this Father.
October, FRIDAY 9, 1863

Somewhat rainy & dull.
Cold & dreary.
Nothing to write down for men.
Paymaster came & paid $20.38 &
suddenly left. What knew why.

Ask the Chaplain for employment
today; get no encouragement.
Would like to earn something extra.
How can I?
October, SATURDAY 10, 1863

Nice comfortable day
read some talk much & spend the afternoon drawing diagram
spend one converse on religion
New to me idea. God is able to make a body for the soul of man
that is to cast in never ending hell & will never be consumed

Universalism looks more shallow than ever. Can I do anything

To root it out & stop its evil effects
Morn. Bright beautiful but cool & bracing. Oh God let the light & warmth of thy love shine in our heart & revive us as the Sun of the universe warms & invigorates our physical nature. We are dependent upon Thee & wilt thou not have mercy & hear our petitions & grant our requests.

Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust & respecteth not the proud. Surely he shall not be moved forever.
October, MONDAY 12, 1863.

The sky is bright & the day is fair.

Write to my wife to day & enlose a ten dollar greenback.

The Paymaster is around to day & settle up for one year past. I receive seventeen dollars 15 cts. a good many receive nothing.
Cold today.
Write to my father.
Do not feel as well as normal.

Went to prayer meeting last night a good many out & much interest is expressed; in fact I was surprised to see so many there. There ought to be a household for there are men enough in the hospital.
This is a good idea & I must remember. God & children are not distinguished from sinners by any visible signs of Heavenly favor.

Mail a letter to my wife & one to my Father. This morning sent 10 dollars to my wife.

Dear...
Cloudy but warmer than usual. Ohio & Penn are on the side of right, liberty, justice & Union.

Note: Stirring a meeting last eve.

As the evenings before but it was good. All that is wanting to help along to good results is the presence of the most prayer & patience.
October, 
SUNDAY 18, 
1863.

All the earth rejoices in sunshine
but me.

Have written to my wife to day
go to the chapel services in the
afternoon & to prayers meeting in
the evening a good congregation
at both.

Am improving in health some
for which I am thankful I believe

All men are fools saith the wise man
but some are more fools than others
are they not.

The more I see of Catholicism the more
detestable it appears so silly & yet
so tyrannical & overbearing. It ought
not to be tolerated in our public institutions.

Text to day Matthew 6: Chap 6: verse
Pray in secret Subject
October, 

MONDAY 19, 1863.

Raining like fate this morning, rather dreary & cold.

Have mailed a letter to wife in answer to hers of date 12th. May God bless her.

Has been dreary till night. Had a good meeting last night. A good many out. Will the Lord bless us with His presence & cheer our drooping faith & prove that it was good for us to be here.
October, TUESDAY 20, 1863.

Beautiful day & warm.
Went into the city today with Mr. & Mrs. Fitchian. Visited the President's House and the daguerrean galleries of the Centre Market.

Got very tired.

Notified that Mr. Ogden & self are detailed as night watchmen after this date in this Ward.

A good meeting last night. House of seats well filled & active people present to testify by word & prayer to the cause of Christ.

Psalm 79. Would that I could remember some of the verses & prayers in it.
Another bright beautiful, warm day for which ought to be thankful. Have felt rather dull from being on duty last night as watch.

Had a good meeting last evening. Seems to me they grow better & better. Will the result be a good & blessing to our souls.

God be merciful to me a sinner.
Further day has gone with its beauty & I am yet left. Have I done any good this day. I do not know.

Prayer meeting has to be adjourned on account of changes in rooms moving &c.

No particular war news.

Beaden in consultation with the President.

Mail letters to wife & William enclosing 2 dollars.
October, FRIDAY 23, 1863.

The day has come & gone & all the men in the Ward are in their beds & I alone sit by my lamp to watch for good or ill. Silence is supreme only as one or two disturb by their snoring.

To-night all are excited with rumored preparations for going to New York State. Shall I forget this night. The meeting is still crowded out.
Commenced raining about 12 last night and has continued without intermission.

A new lot of patients came in last night from the 1st Corps. Mosty very dull day. I do not feel well. Food makes me feel sick.
Clear, cool, day. Have received a letter from Father. News not good as I wish. His health is not settled or firm. Father in heaven spare him yet a little, bless me if thou canst.

I have been quite unwell this afternoon, my diarrhea is much worse to night I fear.

By carelessness have not been to meeting today. Shame to me.
October, MONDAY 26, 1863.

Capital October weather.
The Ohio & Wisconsin men go away today. it is said N.G. go tomorrow.
I am very hungry; very indeed, had for breakfast.

If convenient one bowl of Cold coffee no sugar with a slice of Irish stew cold as could be.

Dinner

1 piece of cold-boiled beef
2 small . . . . potatoes
3 small amount of cabbage Cold
1 piece of bread, COLD water
October, Tuesday 27, 1863.

Coldest day we have had.
Have felt most miserable to day.
No war news of interest.
The State Agent has been here.
Tells we are to go by Thursday.

Went to prayer meeting last night & it was good to be there.
So I am going home but one thing troubles me. Shall I have enough

courage to commence family prayer.
Be pleased oh Father to help me.
or I fear I fail & thereby perish
October, WEDNESDAY 28, 1863.

Another miserable day for one in diarrhea very severe. Hardly went to bed. Have slept a good deal.

Making preparations to move. Probably to-morrow.

No letters yet why does not my wife write to me. Such cruelty is a crime must be wrong. Does she care for me. The thought...
Another beautiful day is gone and no letter for me.

Have been getting ready to go to York State.

taken one pair of breeches 95 & 10 men from this Ward are to go from the whole Hospital 270.

I do not feel at all well 40 or 50 Contrabands were in the meeting this evening talking first rate (Fithian says)

It is too bad I could not go lately. Will the good Father help me to do that which is right 
pleasing in his sight.

Lord be merciful to me a sinner.
October, FRIDAY 30, 1863.

Leave Hospital to day for N.Y. but remain at the depot till night.

Very tiresome waiting, Suffer much with pain.
On the car all day, arrive at N Y about 5 o'clock.
November, SUNDAY 1, 1863

For N.Y. today till 2 P.M. then go by rail to Albany.

This day my mind has been much occupied with the question of right in coming travelling on this day even to get home. I do not know what to do. Where to go or where to stay I know not. I wish I was out of the army my wife's fears notwithstanding.
November, MONDAY 2, 1863.

Arrive home today at 1 P.M. find wife & children well & myself tired & hungry.

Home, home!
November, TUESDAY 3, 1863.

Have been to election today. I find many friendly greetings. The Democrats say that the most of the Army is from their party, but now they complain bitterly that they are allowed to come home to vote. "Oh, consistency!"
November, WEDNESDAY 4, 1863.

Help William dig & pick up potatoes to day. Think I have done so much to be good. Do not know what is best for me to do.

Two days have gone & I fail of my resolution. There is no help nor hope for me I fear. must I be entirely cast out.

If whoever is ashamed of me of him will I be ashamed.
November, THURSDAY 5, 1863.

Visit at Col. Moody's To day had a good time.
Learn that Hollis has settled the Insurance by the receipt in full of all demands of five hundred dollars.
November, FRIDAY 6, 1863.

Wife goes to mill with 2 bush of wheat & 1 bush of Bran while William & I go to Mr. Brown's to work, but it soon rains so hard that we are all in the house. Are we sufficiently thankful that we have a home I fear not when I think of Wife & self. W. T. B. blessed.
Rainy day. Finish bushing our corn.
New York, like the other Northern states, has waked up & gone for the Union.

With a sad heart the day on.
November, THURSDAY 26, 1863.

Go to church with family.
Eat roast turkey at home.

Thanksgiving Day.
In the Soldiers' depot (R.G's) came here last night am to go to the Hospital to morrow at 12 o'clock right to have gone to Rochester can't help it now. Please oh Lord help me watch over one. I did not mean to do wrong.
My wife my poor wife how lonely you are.

Love services in the reading room
Preaching by Rev. Dr. Stone
arrive at David's Island at 10 a.m.
directed to Pavilion one to abide

Went to Brown's St. Church last ev.
first to young people's Prayer Meeting
then to the usual Services
December, TUESDAY 8, 1863.

Mail letters today one to Wife

Isaac J. Gardner
Johna Fitzian

Very cold but clear

Hon. Schuyler Colfax elected Speaker of the House of Representatives by a good majority Repub.
December, WEDNESDAY 9, 1863.

Do not feel first best to day beautiful weather but very cold wind.

Last evening thanksgiving meeting in the chapel in accordance with the recommendation of the President. No war news to day.

Surgeon notices me to day for the first time. gives no orders however.
December, THURSDAY 10, 1863.

Slept very cold last night. Most splendid morning the sun is so clear & bright.

Read the President's Message & Proclamation today & wrote to my Father.

P. H. Armstrong.

according to Sec. of War.

The draft of last summer furnish 50,000 men & ten millions of dollars.
still very cold but some cloudy
snow towards night
write to Brother Edwin
very dull day
Paymaster around but does
me no good

... reported all not fit for duty
will be sent home for the holidays
I want to go home for a stay
Snow on the ground this morn
Not very cold to day
Buy 10 postage stamps

Jeff Davis Burgess in to days papers.

The Monitor Weehawken Bank in a gale off Charleston Harbors report in to days paper
36 lives lost Carleton defendant

Don't a question in my mind
Whether to go in the Invalid Corps or
What will I have to do indoor or outdoor service is the idea of any
hands were bound I would not care
Month & high wind even cloudy & still
went to chapel at 10:30 quite a number out.
write to my wife in the afternoon.

The men are very quiet considering they are
Soldiers & in the Hospital without much
To do or attract attention.
December, MONDAY 14, 1863.

Burning foggy & rainy.
Finish & mail a letter to my wife today also a paper to Willie.
December, TUESDAY 15, 1863.

Geo. W. Cramer & I want to go home more than most can imagine what is the use of our staying here have I not done my part for my Country I suppose not as I should be dismissed. So much am inclined to Complain No it best for one to go into the De Corp 2 or 3 letters would settle the question with my mind I think without doubt.
December, WEDNESDAY 16, 1863.

Time still flies swiftly but silently by. I am still in Hospital, seems to me wasting time. What can I do. If this war would only come to an end & I could be discharged I would be quit, next send me to the Regiment or give me some employment where I could be comforted but to sit here day after day subject to the whims of an Irish or Dutchman that can't see beyond the end of his nose is almost unendurable.

I do wish I could get some letters from somebody or somewhere.

It is said North Carolina is about to send Commissioners to the Federal Government to treat for peace. It would be a blessing if all the States would follow the example; would it not.
December, Thursday 17, 1863.

attended a lecture last evening by Rev. Dr. McShane.

Subject: Life in China illustrated by a Chinese map of the world.

idols, chopsticks, incense ladies, tea, books, papers, etc.

A soldier gets 5 cts a day. Boards, lodges, & clothes himself.

The whole object of life in China is sons & money. Daughters are a misfortune. Marriage takes place at the age of 16 or 18 yrs.

A fashionable dinner party occupies from 3 to 5 hours. There is placed upon the table from 25 to 40 different kinds of food. The women are allowed at the table.

Thank God that I was not born in China though there is more danger for one at the lost than for them.
Rainy day yesterday & last night
very hard with high winds
snowing this morning quite fast by spells
not a letter have I had since I left home
a fortnight ago. It is very wrong to
use me thus if it not; how shall I know
that all are well at home.

Received a letter from my Wife
today. a good one
December, SATURDAY 19, 1863.

Cold & clear this morning
A boat load of men went away yester

I went to chapel last evening a good discourse. Subject Be diligent to make election sure but I can't see as understand foreordination how can it be so.

Have been out carting pails this afternoon so cold that I suffer severely. It is curious that men are put in places they are not fit for. Men who have no thought ahead.
December, SUNDAY 20, 1863.

Very cold this morning but clear. Get ready for inspection at 9 o'clock.

Have been to church at 10:30 & 7:30 P.M. To Bible class at 5 P.M.

The evening discourse was by Mr. Hovey. It was well done just what is wanted at this time especially by Gov. Conkling. There may be some honest ones but where are they that the question wouldn't it be well to bring the thing to the notice of them that furnish rations to this hospital & co.
December, MONDAY 21, 1863.

How cold the wind is now. Help scrub the floor this forenoon. Will mail a letter to wife today. Will call out with George W. Estranda this afternoon.

No war news. The day of consequence very dull here at the best that goes.
Cold wind yet
ordered to be ready for duty
but do nothing till after
dinner. then fill some beds
with straw and bring them in
Draw an overcoat today

Get from the Library
Wash Prings Sketch book
Cold, windy weather
attended a lecture by Mrs. Marvin Chaplain U.S.A.
Subject: Elements of Power
Cold wind with signs of snow,
but no snow.
Write to Gardner & also to
Emery brothers, Albany.
No war news to day but lots of
foreign news. There seems a strong
prospect of a war between the Danes
& Germans over the Schleswig Holstein
matter.
Christmas day is here. Clear, bright, cold, & beautiful. A merry Christmas to my wife & boy & girl. God bless them.

5:30 have been to church today. Been without dinner & had no much for supper. Soldiersing.

Well what a world this is! Beautiful warm quite unnatural for Christmas.

The chapel all...
Glorious day beautiful & charming
bright & warm.
The day has been spent in first
assisting in cleaning the rooms.
Then rambling about the island with
George W. Estrander; the evening
George & I spent in chattering together.

No war news today in fact the
papers are decidedly dull.
December, Sunday 27, 1863.

Morning cloudy, rainy & rather dreary, a strong contrast to yesterday & the day before.

Went to chapel at 10 45 A.M. Subject & text: What is life. Well delivered & interesting.

Again to chapel at 5 30 P.M. Subject: our record for the past year.

The day has been very mild, have been writing some to my home & reading Irving's Sketches.
December, MONDAY 28, 1863.

The last Monday of 1863 may be remembered as a very rainy day with a pretty brisk wind. The early morning quite cold & freezing.

I have finished writing and mailed a letter to my wife today if in reading it she gets my ideas in the spirit it is written all will be happy.

A good deal of time spent in getting up a draught of my plan for ditching &c &c.
December, TUESDAY 29, 1863.

Quite a mild & agreeable day spent in rambling & reading. Henry Corine leaves today on his way to the Regiment. No letters from anybody.

Papers say the draft will proceed the 1st of next month & England agrees to stand by the Danes. Napoleon & Congress fail.

The rebels are in much doubt.
December, WEDNESDAY 30, 1863.

A nice beautiful day. Warm.

Have been scrubbing this A.M.

Went to hear Dr. Blin talk about the Syrians last eve a good thing.

He come out strong for the Union & the flag of our Country.

Condemn & charged England with being perfidious.

Opposed to anything on this Continent but republican Gov't.

The Syrian domestic customs are precisely the reverse of ours: they call the point of a needle as a pin the head because it goes first.

Carry a cane by the small end.

Do not think it best to educate some ignorant women is easier to manage than an educated one.

Received a letter from Wife date Oct 30.
December, THURSDAY 31, 1863.

The last day of 1863. Cloudy, but not very cold quite comfortable. Went to chapel yesterday morning heard & Quaker preach. sermon talk. Come unto me all ye that labour & are heavy laden. Their talk would that I could remember it all.
I receive the total of all amounts contracted before the year 1860 with Int. To be no more than $13,000.00. Sum of all demands due this day $2500.00

Indebtedness $1700.00
Purchase books to take home
Oct 5.
Larkspur liced for lice.

Cloves Nutmeg Cayenne pepper
for continual pains
Boca Azurica Cinnamon

Seeling glass

Thomas Matchabale Col.
B. H. Wright, Exec. of
John Harmon J. Brown

Capt. Hinman '75

No 98 Louisiana Avenue
Preserved Bread
Magistrate I joined to the service.