Edward T. Beals Book

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Cherry Run Depot

Morgan County

Virginia
Diary of E. T. Beall, son of William Beal
Born February 21st, 1847, on Stewart's Run, Monongalia Co., Va. at the age of 3 years, moved to Sharpsville, Noble Co., Ohio, where I lived until I was 6 years old, when my father died, and I and my brother were moved to the place of my birth, by my grandfather, my grandmother. My mother having died when I was 4 years old. The winters of '60, '61, '62, I went to school, to J. W. Ramsey.
Sept. 3rd, '62, I left home and went to Jonathan Huddleston's, Preston Co., Va. I reached there on the 11th and worked until the 9th of October, when I went to Wardman's Furnace, about 9 miles, in Preston Co., Va. where I worked till the 8th of Nov. I went about 8 miles & stayed all night at an old scotchman's 9th, walked to William Hill's, Barlow's Co., Va. where I stayed all night. Distance 21 miles.
10th Left Hill's & went about a mile, when the yanks took me. They were at the son of William Hills. They took me to Belington Barlow's Co., Va. where they released me.
I then went back to William Hills, where I stayed all night. Distance 10 miles.
11th Went to Johnston's Mills, 5 miles, from there I was directed to William Holtsburg's where I stayed until the 14th. When I was directed to Peter Johnston's mill below, from there I went to J. Phillips' and stayed until the 17th. Sundays I started for Dixie, stayed at Taylor's.
18th Went to the Hunting Ground, Pendleton Co. Va.
19th Went to Grab Bottom, Highland Co. Va. Stayed at night.
20th Went to the waters of Thorn. (Wagons)
21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, & 28th. Spent in roaming through Pendleton & Highland counties, Va.

February 24th & 25th, 1863, the regiment was mustered into the regular service. 4 companies previously belonging to the 25th Va. Regt. being attached to it.
April 3rd, Private John Adams, of Co. H 18th Va. Cavalry, was whipped 40 lashes in presence of the Brigade.

April 15th. We marched to the Cow pasture River, then about 3 miles & marched back to camp.

16th, 17th, 18th, 19th. Day in camp.

20th. Marched from Camp Washington to McDowell, Distance 12 miles.

21st. Marched to Hightown, Richmond Co. Va. 15 miles.

22nd. Marched to Camp Bartow, Pocahontas Co. 16 miles.

23rd. Marched to Buttonsville, Randolph Co. 18 miles.

24th. Marched to & captured Beverly 12 miles.

25th. Marched to Roaring Run, Randolph Co. 16 miles.

26th. Marched to Woodley's Mills, Upshur Co. 16 miles.

27th. Marched back to Roaring Run. 16 miles.

28th. Marched to within 1 miles of Buckhannon 15 miles.

29th. Marched to Buckhannon.

30th. Laying camp at Buckhannon.

May 1st.

2nd. Marched to within 1 miles of Weston Lewis Co. 10 miles.

3rd. Arrived at Weston.

4th. Lay in camp. Went out on picket that night.

5th. Lay in camp.

6th. Marched 6 miles toward French Creek.

7th. Marched two miles that evening.
9th. Marched to Bull Town Braxton Co. 10.
10th. Marched to within 5 miles of Sutton. 15.
11th. Marched through Sutton & crossed Elk Mt. 12.
12th. Marched to the waters of Big Birch 11.
13th. Marched to Summerville Nicholas Co. 20.
14th. Marched 10 miles toward Little River.
15th. Crossed Little River went 3 miles & camped.
16th. Marched to Coal Knob. 11 miles.
17th. Marched to the Settlement in Siersville Co. 16.
18th. I was appointed 1st corporal. Marched to Sinking Creek. 9 miles.
19th. Lay in camp at Sinking Creek. 14.
20th. Marched to Siersville River, through Lewistown.
21st. Marched to the White Sulphur Springs. 7 miles.
22nd. Crossed the Allegheny Mt. camped in Allegheny Co. 19.
23rd. Marched to the Hot Springs Bath Co. 15 miles.
24th. Marched to the Bath Arm. 14 miles.
25th. Marched to Cloverdale 12.
26th. Marched to Buffalo Gap Augusta Co. 17 mi.
To ends the North Western trip of 425 in the space of 37 Days.
27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st. 4th July 14. Lay in camp at Buffalo Gap.
When this cruel war is over

Dearest love, do you remember;
When we last did meet,
How you told me that you loved me,
Kneeling at my feet.
Oh, how proud you stood before me,
In your suit of gray;
And vowed to me and country,
Never to betray.

Chorus:

Weeping, sad, and lonely,
Hopes and fears, how vain!
When this cruel war is over,
Praying that we meet again.

When the summer breeze is sighing
Mournfully along;
Oh, when Autumn leaves are falling,
Sadly breathes the song.
Oft in dreams I see thee lying
On the battle plain;
Lonely, wounded, even dying,
Calling but in vain.

Chorus:
If amid the din of battle
Not by your side did fall,
Far away from those who love you,
None to hear your call.
Who would whisper words of comfort,
Who would soothe your pain?
Oh! the many cruel fancies
Ever in my brain.

Chorus
But our country calls the darling,
Angels cheer your way.
While our nations’ sons are fighting,
We can only pray.
Nobly strike for God and liberty.
Let all nations see
How we love our southern banner,
Crown of the free.

Chorus 3

July 4th

August 26th, 1863.

Camp near Langston, August 20, Virginia.
The Little Girl.

Once I knew a little girl
I loved her as my life,
I would have freely give my heart & hand
To have made her my wife.

She looked on me with scorn,
With scorn and disdain,
And the answer that she made me
Was, you can't come again.

She took me by the hand
And she led me to the door
And I bared my arms around her
Saying once more.

I was gone six months or more,
Which caused her to complain,
And she wrote to me a letter
Saying you can come again.
I wrote to her another
With scorn and disdain,
Saying I’ve not forgot the time you said
I couldn’t come again.

She wrote to me another
And much love it did contain,
Saying oh do forget the time I said
God couldn’t come again.

I wrote to her another,
Just for to let her know
That young men often ventured
Where they ought not to go.

Come all ye young lovers
And a warning take by me
And never place your affections
On a green growing tree.

For the tops they will wither,
And the roots they will decay.
And the beauty of a fair maid.
Will soon fade away.

August 26th, 1863.
Camp near Staunton, Augusta Co. Va.

Lieutenant General Jackson.

Hearken, all ye invaders, who dwell in yankeeland.
All sing about an officer who now is in command
Of all the gallant forces encamped at Richmond
Preparing for a sure defense against the yankees.
Oh! hurrah, hurrah, for Jackson.

The Lieutenant General Jackson, of bright unmarred land.
Oh invaders don’t you tremble, to hear the conqueror’s name.
For what he undertakes he is bound to carry through.
And he now is under oath for to whip the yankees.
Oh! hurrah, hurrah, for Jackson.

The head of yours old government last April made.
They longed to be in Richmond with all their invading.

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But they'll find it hard enough for to come to
For Jackson lies before them with two hundred thousand men
Oh! hurrah, hurrah, for Jackson

For you know at Manassas we won the victory, halloo And there it cost you many a one for which you lack for So your better strike for yankeesdown as fast as you can For if Jackson catches you your doom will be to die
Oh! hurrah, hurrah, for Jackson

Jackson he has notified his southern fellows to be That they have seen the last defeat they ever shall have They shall forwards go and conquer, nor let their bayonets till each union banner is trailing in the dust
Oh! hurrah, hurrah, for Jackson

Old General Lee has picked his marching But Stonewall Jackson is the man to put the yankees down He will for our freedom battle, Sink, swim, survives or dies And our gallant fellows are the boys to make the
Oh! hurrah, hurrah, for Jackson
If you engage with Jackson, you'll find you're like McDowell. You'll never induce him to retreat, though loud your cannons howl. But he'll return the compliment, for he has bulldogs too. Likewise men enough to his them on. I praise too much for you.

Oh! hurrah! hurrah! for Jackson.

Now Uncle Jeff has awakened up, his tongue at his mouth, His valiant sons are rallying round to whip the snakes. With Jackson were combined, so by him well stand Till the Southern flag is floating all over Dixie land. Oh, hurrah, hurrah, for Jackson.

Now if you'll take advice, you'll cut your invasion To the ruin. If you refuse to take advice, it will prove your sorrow last For Jackson has hemp rope enough at his command To hang you every invader who dwell in yon.

Oh, hurrah! hurrah, for Jackson.

Sunday, Oct. 17th, 1863.

June 22d, A.D. 1863. Marched to Churchville. 6 miles.

3d. 4th. 5th. 6th. 7th. 8th. 9th. Lay in camp at.

10th. 9th. Marched 9 miles toward Rockingham Co. 9th.


14th. Marched to within 8 miles of Morrisfield. Hardy Co. 25th.

15th. Marched 5 miles below Morrisfield. " " " Co. 8th.

16th. Marched to within 4 miles of Romney, Hampshire Co. 18th.

17th. Marched to within 4 miles of the Green Spring Station.

18th. Marched to the station, then 3 miles up the canal.

19th. Marched 4 miles down the Potomac River.

20th. Marched across the Potomac to West River.

21st. Moved to Bloomery Gap in the evening. 4 m.

22nd. Lay in camp.

23rd. Marched to within 2 miles of Bath, Morgan Co. Va. 18th.

24th. Marched to within 1 mile of Boone'slick. 9 m.

25th. Marched to Sleepy Creek. 5 miles from where last halted.

26th. Marched to within 1 mile of Cherry Run Depot. 6 m.

27th. Lay in camp. Close the Depot. 15 m.

27th. Marched into the Cove Valley, Franklin Co. Pa. 8 m.
June 28th, A.D. 1863. Marched to within 8 miles of Berezburg, Franklin Co. Pa. 16 miles.
29th. Moved down to Berezburg in the evening 8 m.
30th. Went on a scout with D White after horses. Returned at 12 o'clock that night with 27 horses. 30 m.

July 1st, A.D. 1863. Marched to within two miles of Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pa. 13 miles.
2nd. Marched to Greenwood village post of South Mt. after dark moved to the top of the mountain 15 m.
3rd. Moved to within 6 miles of Gettysburg. 8 miles.
4th. Marched at 40 o'clock in the evening. Marched all night.
5th. Stopped within 5 miles of Williamsport, Md. 50.
6th. Came down to Williamsport. Had a pretty hard fight. 2 of our company were killed on the field. 5 others were badly wounded. Lieut. C. A. Burner, Mortally. Marched 5 miles.
7th. Regt. lay on the Battle-field on picket that night.
8th. Lay in camp. Company on picket that night. Left Echop the river. Took charge of 3, 592 Yankees including 139 commissioned officers.
10th. Marched 8 miles past Martinsburg Berkeley. 19 miles.
July 11th, 1863. Marched to within 1 mile of Winchester, Frederick Co. Va. Distance, 21 miles.
12th. Marched 1 mile above Winchester. 2 miles.
13th. Marched to within 2 miles of Strasburg. 87 miles.
14th. Marched to within 4 miles of Mt. Jackson 16 miles.
15th. Marched 12 miles towards Harrisonburg 12 miles.
16th. Marched 2 miles above Harrisonburg 11 miles.
17th. Marched to within 10 miles of Staunton 18 miles.
18th. Capt. Johnson, 31st of the company I being one of the number, started for Richmond, with the yankee officers. reached there 5 o'clock in the evening 120 miles.
19th. Came back to Staunton. On the cars 120 miles.
20th. 21st. 22nd. 23rd. Lay in camp near Staunton.
24th. Marched 10 miles down the Valley Pike 10 miles.
25th. Marched to within 2 miles of Harrisonburg 13 miles.
26th. Marched 14 miles down the Valley Turnpike.
28th. Marched 14 miles & camped.
29th. 30th. 31st, + August 1st & 2nd we lay in camp near Strasburg
Shenandoah County Va.

7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, Lay in camp at Camp Early.

9th. Marched to within two miles of Mt. Jackson.
10th. Marched to the Lacy Springs, Rockingham Co. Va. There we drew our horses, distance 18 miles.

11th. Marched two miles & camped.
12th. Marched to Bridgewater, 15 miles.
13th. Lay in camp.
14th. Marched 3 miles & camped near Turners Ironworks.
15th. Lay in camp.
16th. Marched to North River, 24 miles.
17th. Marched towards Brooks Gap, 9 miles.
18th. Marched to Bowman's Mill 3 miles from Harrisonburg, 8 miles.

19th. Lay in camp.
20th. Moved two miles.
21st. Lay in camp.
22nd. Marched to within two miles of Hamilton 26 miles.
23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, Lay in camp.
August 28th A.D. 1863. Marched to the half pasture
River. crossed till 12 o'clock. 23
29th. Marched to the foot of Lantzy Mt. 33 miles
30th. Lay in camp
31st. Marched 2 miles below the Forks Water. 14
Sept. 1st A.D. 1863. Left the Regiment &
went back up to Crab Bottom, with
some broken down horses, in charge of
Captain A. N. Bastable. 8 miles
From the 1st. to the 6th. came in camp
14th. Marched to Miner's Mill. Madison Co., Va. 16
15th. Lay in camp
16th. Marched to Rolemans on the South Fork 14
17th. We had marched 8 miles when we met
a Scouting Party, consisting of 100 men.
I turned back with them. We marched
5 miles & camped) Distance 13 miles
18th. Marched to within 3 miles of the Forks Water.
Highland Co., Va. 19
19th. Marched to New Hampton 6 miles
20th. Marched to the North Fork 8 miles
21st. Marched to the Upper Sinks. 14 miles
September 22nd, A.D. 1863 Marched to Cheat River, Randolph Co., Va. 25 miles.

23rd. Marched to within 1 mile of Triplett's Mill.

24th. Lay in a mile of the yankies. At midnight we attacked & captured the squad except one who got away, supposed to be wounded, we wounded two others, and brought the rest away. 86 in number, with their horses, arms & equipments.

25th. Marched to the Coffee Sinks and Pocahontas County, Va. 31 miles.

26th. Marched to Crab Bottom, Highland Co.

27th. Marched to McPawl, 18 miles.

28th. Marched to Croft, Augusta Co., Va. 16 miles.

29th. Marched two miles below Mt. Solar.

30th. Got to the Regt. 1 mile below Dayton, Buckingham Co., Va. 8 miles.

Written by H. J. Beall
Monterey Va

March 14, 1921

Dear Elva I will write you a few lines to let you know that I got your letter was glad to hear from you I got that package you sent me Xmas. I would have wrote to you before now but I have been sick had the doctor once I am some better now I had this bad cold it stirred up my old disease my kidneys was out of joint and every thing was wrong it wont be very long until Easter you ought to come back and we would go on the knob you can keep this book I dont need it we have had a nice winter not much snow it looks like summer was here The lonesome doves is here and all kinds of birds answer soon

Alice Sum