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Eugene R Slys  
Book

Eugene R Sly

Eugene R. Sly.  
Lockport  
Illinois

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I wish Thee health  
I wish Thee wealth  
I wish Thee joy & ease  
I also wish Thee still a wife  
Through life Thy journey  
please .

Eugene R. Sly

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1864 .  
A happy new year I should  
like to call it but it is impos-  
sible while in the prison wals  
of Danville The weather is very  
cold and reminds me very much  
of a newyears morn in Ill . I wish  
I was there now. but its no use There  
is no hope for us at present & the  
prospect is good for us to stay here  
until spring We have only to wate.

SATURDAY 2  
Some warmer this morn & think  
by tomorrow it will be quite com-  
fortable again or I hope so at  
least. for it is very disagreeable  
while so cold They brought in some  
Stoves today which will add some  
to our comfort if they will furnish  
us wood to burn in them It is the 1st  
thing they have done that looked as  
though they regarded us as men

SUNDAY 3

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Raining this morn and things  
wear quite a gloomy aspect  
until about ten oc when we  
are hapily surprised by be  
ing told that a no of boxes are  
at the comisaries for us  
Among them was one for my  
Self in which I recd this diary  
all the things were in good  
condition and nothing taken  
out of any account G.W.  
Hill also recd one

SUNDAY 10

Did not Sleep any last night  
from the affects of the Stuff I  
eat that I got in the box.  
Every one in the house that  
got a box Shared the same  
fate fine victuals does not  
agree with us after liveing  
on corn dodger so long. A Funk  
from prison No 3 paid us a visit  
today

MONDAY 11

Bright and pleasant this morn  
It was reported yesterday that  
a load of prisoners would leave  
Danville today but this morn the  
roll call man (as we call him)  
tells us that a bridge was wash-  
ed away across the Dan R. But  
this is the same as all other re-  
ports we hear told for the purpose  
of keeping the boys quiet. The lies are with  
out no that we are told, Better days ahead,

[Note]

[3] This entry appears to have first been written in pencil then traced in ink.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1864 .

Quite cloudy this morning and looks like rain The weather of late has been very changeable as it rains one day and shines the next. I have a head ache today & a slight touch of the rheumatism [4] but trust I will not be obliged to have either much longer in Danville . Talbot says No 5 is sure to leave to morrow for City Point Can it be possible that they are going at last.

WEDNESDAY 13

The long looked for day has arrived at last. No 5 Started for Richmond this morning at Sunrise - Oh! That the good work may go on and another week see Danville relieved of her charge I and Hill gave the boys of the 100th a prison supper tonight but not of prison fare i.e. Cornbread

THURSDAY 14

Another lot of Yankees were made to rejoice this morning by be started for Richmond & preparations are being made to Send No 1 tomorrow. All things Seem to be working in our favor, and the boys are in good Spirits with a prospect of being inside our own lines this month Fortifications are being thrown up around Danville as fast as possible

[Note]

[4] Def. WRUD rheumatism: A general disease characterized by painful, often multiple, local inflammations, usually affecting the joints and muscles, but also extending sometimes to the deeper organs, as the heart.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1864 .

No 1 left this <sup>^ morn</sup> not even dreaming of where they are destined. The papers of yesterday says we understand the prisoners of Danville are being sent to Americus Ga from whence they will be exchanged. What a change.

The spirits of the boys went down 100 ° in about 5 minutes this P.M. I did not let it affect me much but must say I was some disappointed Old Abe - is some below par in No 4, Prison

SATURDAY 16

Got up up this morn quite early & talked over our future prospects but could come to no conclusion So took my slate and pencil and solved a few problems in arithmetic Which with the assistance of G.H.Love made very good pass time for a few hours The days are now so long it seems like an age from morning til night

SUNDAY 17

Sunday morning and as bright and pleasant one as I ever saw If there is any thing in the world that will make one homesick it is such a morning as this The major still tells us that The Dv prisoners went to city Point and the rest says they went to Ga the paper speaks of their going to Ga & to City point also I have come to the conclusion that the truth dos not abide in the whole confederacy.

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MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1864 .

The dog is dead again. I give up all <sup>hope</sup> this morning of leaving the confederacy very soon and set low and wrote another letter home and sent for another box. If I have got to stay here I might as well have something to live on besides cornbread if I can get it by sending fo it. The box I have already received though small adds a great deal towards liveing.

## TUESDAY 19

The wheather is quite cold and disagreeable for this time of year. in the south the spring is very late. Is not much earlier than we have in Illinois Wrote to HM. Stairns today for a box from the citizens of Lockport . Yesterdays paper speaks of the sick and wounded at Richmond being exchanged I am glad there is some lucky ones.

## WEDNESDAY 20

Seven months spent in the confederacy and no hopes of getting yet for some time. Grant is reported to be marching onto Richmond which if true will cut off all communications with us and our lines for the present The rebs are fortifying about Danville as speedily as possible. Their whole force of whites and negroes are at work night & day

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THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1864 .

One hundred sick started from Danville this morn to City P to be exchanged, There is a good deal of playing off done by the boys to get to the hospital hoping by it to get through the lines with the sick There is about 1500 prisoners now here including the sick I hope we may be lucky enough [sic, enough] to stay here while we stay in the confederacy.

## FRIDAY 22

Nothing of any importance took place today The weather is warm and pleasant but the time wears away very slowly. Was taken with the rheumatism this afternoon and suffered a great deal until nearly morning My flesh is completely caloused to my bones. by laying so long on this hard floor. How much longer have we got to endure this.

### SATURDAY 23

Another lot of prisoners left Danville this morn & it is said for our lines but that we are not certain of and will not know until some future time.

Twenty five went to the hospital from No 4 but were not sick the boys are all trying to play sick hoping by it to get through. I hope they will not be disappointed

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SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1864 .

Sunday again and still in Danville . Oh! When will we be released from this imprisonment A few days ago we thought our chances were good for a speedy exchange, but our hopes are again blighted and nothing to encourage us whatever. We have received no mail of late and it looks as though we were forgotten by our government

### MONDAY 25

A very heavy rain last night but is pleasant again this morn A general rush for the hospital but the Dr did not take any out in the morning. The prisoners of No 3 were removed to No 1 yesterday to have their building cleaned We received a treat of a few hard tack, and a little lasses , yesterday.

### TUESDAY 26

Moved to No 3 today. so as to have the building cleaned. We are So thick on the floor we cannot hardly lay down. The Maj promised to take us back again tomorrow We are all home sick already, & want to get back to No 4. A small mail came in today. Papers State that flag of truce boat was up but brought no prisoners.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1864 .

A part of N 4 were moved back to their building this afternoon but I was so unfortunate as to be left in No 3 We leave plenty of room here but the water is so poor I had a thousand times rather be in my old building. There is no more said about exchange and I have made up my mind to stay in the con- all summer. Weather warm

THURSDAY 28

Warm and pleasant out of doors but dismal and gloomy in the house Fruit trees are all in bloom and the grass looks nice and green. Oh That I was where I could enjoy them The sighs of these things make me more restless then all else. Policemen and sargeants were appointed today & everything put in running order again

FRIDAY 29

Had another siege of the rheumatism today and a part of the night I shall almost curse the confederacy this summer if I have the pains a great deal of the time. The Dr says it is neuralogy but do not agree with him. a great many are suffering from the same complaint.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1864 .

All's well as the rebs say, I slept off my rheumatic pains last night and feel quite well again this morn. Had a good nights sleep a queere dreems of home. Took my accostomed lesson in arithmetic this morn (Now in Bank Discount) and other things in order. which passed the day off very well.

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Good news again and relief  
brought to a few more Yanks.  
Yesterdays paper states that  
the flag of truce boat was up agan  
and brought 300 privats & and of officers  
The same No of each were taken back  
Wrote a letter home today. I hope  
they may receive it. The first of  
May comes in war and pleasant

MONDAY 2

Weather took a bad cold to  
day a hard wind and rain  
came up this afternoon, and blew  
everything crazy. The weather  
has as many changes as in old  
Ill . The nights are all very cool  
without an exception Apple trees  
are all leaves out and are  
in full bloom. evry thing  
look like spring

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TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1864 .

Wind still blowing and was  
extremely cold all night Saw  
the Richmond paper of yesterday  
in which was an account of the  
battle of Shreveport La The Chica  
go Mercantile Battery were in the en-  
gagement and lost all their guns,  
Bad news again for Lockport  
Flag of truce boat still running  
All paroled prisoners up to 20th Apr  
are declared exchanged.

WEDNESDAY 4

Another day passed and  
gone and still no change,  
I spent the day as usual  
in idleness with the excep  
tion of what time I spent  
with my arrithmetic. and read  
ing Another lot of boxes  
are here for the prisoners.  
Orderly Warren received one.

#### THURSDAY 5

Took a lesson in Mathematics  
the first thing this morn. but I  
have no inclinations for study  
I cannot buisy myself a great  
while at a time with it  
The weather is very warm and  
pleasant Heard Jeff Davis proc  
limation [5] read this morn. He  
still entertains hopes of seeing this  
S.C. recognized. (big fool)

[Note]

[5] Davis addressed the Confederation Congress on May 2, 1864.

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FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1864 .

Change of prisoners again to-  
day from No 1 to No 4 The officer  
from Richmond are comeing  
here. and No 1 is being riged  
for them. Grant is report within  
a few miles of Richmond and a heavy  
battle is daily expected. The rebs  
seem to have great fears for the safety  
of their capital. It is life and  
death with them now

#### SATURDAY 7

Third floor of No 3 moved to No 4  
this P M. to give more room for the  
Officers. There is now over 700 here  
and hardly room to lay down. The  
boys did not feel disposed to live  
in this way and made a break  
at night in which Thirteene esca  
ped Disarmed the guard & took his gun  
with them The boys of the 100th are all here

#### SUNDAY 8

The Officers arrived here this morn  
some nine hundred in No Did  
not see Col Bartleson but heard that  
he was among them They say they  
have been roughly used of late have  
not had any meal for seven weeks  
110 transports reported above City Point

by yesterdays paper. Weather very hot and we are almost suffocating Hope to be moved from here soon

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MONDAY, MAY 9, 1864 .

All a change as the saying is. Our floor was moved to No 6 to day with the remainder of No 3. The boys of the 100th that are here were so anxious to have us stay with them. We changed off and did not go There is 15 of the Old 100th now in No 4. 2 in No 6.& 1 at the hospital. Since the break Saturday night we are not allowed any priveliges.

TUESDAY 10

Some cooler this morn and a little more comfortable Our quarters are so close that we can hardly live when it gets much warmer unless some are removed from the building The officers are crowded still more than we are and are takeing it very hard. One heard from Leiut. Hoke today. Col B was exchanged last winter.

WEDNESDAY 11

I feel very dull today and have spent a goodly pourtion of the day in sleep we had a slight <sup>shower</sup> in the after <sup>noon</sup> which was very acceptable The guards seems to have a particular spite for us of late & shoot at neary every man that comes near the window. One man was shot at No 6 yesterday & an Officer shot at in No 3.

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THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1864 .

The officers all left Danville again this morning but their destination is not known. Some think they have gone to Ga. It seems they were sent from Richmond

on account of our forces being near  
ther but did not consider them any  
safer here The papers report a battle  
near Richmond and Grant com-  
peled to fall back [6] . Losses not known

#### FRIDAY 13

Another break was made this morn  
but prove to be a bad affair. Four  
got out of prison, but were all re-  
captured one was badly wound  
ed by the guard and another sprained  
his ankle in jumping off the building  
One thousand prisoners arrived  
here today from Richmond . Think  
they were captured in late battle.

#### SATURDAY 14

No 6 were moved back to No 2,  
this morn to make room for more  
prisoners that have lately been  
captured on the Rapidam I went  
out and helped clean the building  
for them which is the first work I  
have done in the Confederacy. There  
is now some 900 in No 4 and we  
have hardly room to stir The prospe  
ct is good for us to see still harder times  
in the confederacy than we have yet

[Note]

[6] Most likely the Battle of Yellow Tavern, fought on May 11, 1864, as part of the  
Overland Campaign north of Richmond, Va.

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SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1864 .

No change to speak of today. The  
old guards are called from Danville  
to the front and we are guarded by  
the home guards which is made up  
of old men and little boys. Our nearest  
neighbor thas taken up arms against us  
Heard tonight that we are to start  
for Georgia tomorrow but I do not  
feel as bad as I should to leave it  
a month ago They cannot make it much  
worse for us.

#### MONDAY 16

Started for Georgia this morn  
as reported. Took N.C. RR from  
Danville and came through Greensboro  
& Salisbury and struck the road that  
we went to Richmond at Charlotte .  
Rode 15 miles on the cars and then  
marched 5 on account of Road not  
being finished Took the cars again  
at night. and ran all night.

#### TUESDAY 17

Arrived at Salisbury this morn stiff  
and sore after a hard nights ride. We  
were crowded into the cars so thick we  
could not lay down or sleep They are  
so feard of our geting away from there  
that we are not allowed to leave the  
cars. The guards are so strong there is but  
little chance to escape The guards say  
Banks has lost his whole force in La  
and think their independence will be  
established in a few days.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1864 .

Left Charlotte at 4 oc this afternoon  
and run until 8 next morn and  
stoped at a station two Miles from  
Columbia to cook breakfast. We Saw  
nothing to cook but flour and meat  
and no way to cook it but on our tin  
plates so we fixed it up after the  
style of shortcake (very short) and set  
it before the fire. Some of it was half doe  
but very good for all that, started again at 1.

#### THURSDAY 19

Arrived at Augusta at sunrise  
this morning after another long and  
tedious nights ride Drew rations here  
of meat and crackers. as good as we  
ever drew in the Confederacy. The  
citizens and guards all met us very  
kindly Several ladies came around  
and talked with the boys The weather  
is very warm Left A for Macon at 2 oc

FRIDAY 20

Arrived at Macon Ga at sunrise  
this morn and laid here most of the  
day. M. is a very nice place with as large  
[illegible] manufactories as any place in the C. S.  
We layed here until 4 P.M. and were  
guarded by a lot of little boys from 12  
to 16 years old. it is a disgrace to any  
government to employ such soldiers as we are  
guarded by. We had a very good officer  
at this place fared well Arrived at  
Andersonville at 8 oclock tonight

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SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1864 .

Laid in the sand and sun today hot  
enough to almost melt us until middle  
P.M. and then marched to the stockad  
and such another place I never beheld  
I thought I had fared hard in the C but  
I fear my suffering has not yet commenced  
The place is crowded and filthy and  
unfit for hogs to stay in There is betwe  
ne 13 & 15 thousand here and a harder look  
ing lot of men I never saw. The mortality  
is from 20 to 30 per day. disease Chronic  
diareah [sic, diarrhea]

SUNDAY 22

Sunday morn finds me well and harty  
I have made up my mind to make the best  
of it I can & think with plenty of caution  
I shall be able to weather it through. saw  
Pvt Herron from L and got a goodeal  
of news from home. Yanks still coming  
in 1000 came in yesterday & 500 today.  
We are now crowded and will have  
to commence the second tier if they put in  
many more

MONDAY 23

We put up a temporary tent last  
night with the intention to fix it better  
today but we could not get a thing  
to fix it with Four of us is now liveing  
under one blanket & will probably have  
to do so as long as we stay here. The  
rebs will not furnish a thing for  
shelter. 1000 more prisoners from DV  
came in this evening. bring good news

from Grant , Sherman is within 2  
miles of Atlanta .

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TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1864 .

One Thousand more prisoners  
came in today captured from  
the eastern army. They say they  
will put us in three deep unless  
we will enlarge the stockade.  
Weather for the last few days  
has been very comfortable I am  
geting climated so that I stand the  
weather very well. I am as well as  
at any time since I was captured.

WEDNESDAY 25

Had a little sprinkling of rain  
last night, and had a chance to  
try the good qualities of our house  
which we found but a poor thing for  
wet weather. Betweene 3 & 400 prisoners  
more were shoved in with us today  
Oh! How much longer have we got  
to endure this suffering We are used  
with no more respect than a lot of hogs.

TUESDAY 26

Weather quite comfortable today  
done some washing in the morn  
ing and laid under my blanket  
the rest of the day. No prisoners came  
in today, and I hope no l more will  
be sent here until some are sent  
away The Old Dutchman says he  
is going to parole us as soon as  
Sherman takes Atlanta . He is now  
reported within a few miles of There

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FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1864 .

Quite a battle took place this morn  
on South the south side ø in which clubs  
were used very freely 4 or 5 were  
knocked down but guess not seriously  
injured Five tunnels were found in  
the pen today by the Officers where the  
prisoners were trying to get out.  
The Old Dutchman has sworn vengea

nce on us & says we have got to move  
25 yds from the Stockade tomorrow Atlanta  
and Charleston reported to be ours.

#### SATURDAY 28

Nothing of importance occurred during  
the <sup>day</sup> inside of the Pigpen A lot of  
prisoners came in this afternoon  
that were captured by Wheeler in  
the rear of Sherman army.

They report things in good condition  
in that quarter. Johnston still  
falling back. We have not been  
driven back from the stockade yet  
as expected.

#### SUNDAY 29

Some Eight or Nine Hundred more  
prisoners came in today, some from  
Sherman & some from Grant .  
Everything progressing finally. Rich  
mond I think will be ours without  
a doubt. Myself & messmates had a  
big supper this eve of reb peas. Cost  
\$1.35. peas sell at 50 cts per pint flour  
do eggs 35 cts a peice salt 12 1 / 2 cts per spoonful  
meat \$1.50 per lb. soap \$4.00 per lb.

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MONDAY, MAY 30, 1864 .

Saw a lot of men from old  
Will today who belong to 39th  
Illinois. Was captured at Drurys bluff  
on 16th of May . Some of them are  
from Joliet and we got consider  
able news. Col Bartleson arrived at  
Joliet on 18th March and was recd  
with much honor. All kinds of  
rumors afloat today concerning  
parole and exchange. Bah with  
their exchange I have heard to much of it  
already [7]

#### TUESDAY 31

[Entry written by George Pickel [8]]

June 2nd

In order to fill up  
the blank of tuesday  
Sly wished me to

write. We can fill up blanks  
in diary but it is im-  
possible to fill up blanks  
in our lives . Therefore  
let us have no blanks  
Geo Pickel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

First of June and still I am a pris  
oner in the hands of the accursed rebs  
Oh Dear how much longer have we  
got to Stay in this miserable Confeder  
acy. I am geting almost discouraged  
and sometimes think I never will get out  
We are liveing like hogs and our rations  
are not fit for good hog feed About  
25 more of the 39th Ill came in today Had  
a big shower in A.M. and got nicely wet

[Notes]

[7] Text is written vertically.

[8] George Pickel was captured at Chicamauga (100th IL Co. E)

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THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1864 .

Some cool this morning and cloudy  
Have lost all my appetite for corn  
bread and feel quite weak this morn  
Most of the boys are in great expectation  
of geting out this month. Several men  
went out last night through a tunnel  
4 or 5 shots were fired but donot know  
as any was hurt. The rebs find it  
a very hard matter to put the Yanks  
where they will not tunnel out

FRIDAY 3

Commenced raining this morn  
and rained all day. had a big  
wind in the evening which came  
near destroying our Shelter and  
leaving us entirely at the mercy of  
the Storm. Several of the 39th are here  
with us and are without a thing for  
Shelter. The rebs have striped them  
of everything but enough to cover their nakedness

Saturday 4

Rained the most of the time today  
but has cleared up this evening  
hope it may remain so until we get dried  
out again at least Prisoners still  
coming in. Grant so near Richmond  
that he can throw shells in if he  
pleases. The rebs have given up all  
hope of holding the place. Col  
Percy commanding post says prisoners  
will start for our lines next Monday.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1864 .

Feel very down hearted this morn  
I try to keep up good cheer but it  
is impossible Sometimes. There may  
be a silver lining to this dark  
cloud but if there is I cant see it.  
It has hovered over us for a long  
time and still is dark in the fu-  
ture. Men coming in daily bring  
good news from Grant & Sherman  
I am getting so weak can hardly get <sup>around</sup> .

MONDAY 6

Nothing of import transpired today  
I believe Weather quite cool  
but rainy. It is very disagreeable  
living during rainy weath  
The paroleing that was to be done  
today was not heard from. It tur-  
ned out as all other stories do when  
they are in our favor.

TUESDAY 7

Quite pleasant most of the day  
but we had a very hard shower  
in the evening The wet weather of  
the past few days has raised to mor-  
tality to something over 40 per day  
The men are so weak that a weeks  
Sickness will reduce them to a  
skeleton We are drawing uncooked  
f rations this week and have to do  
our own cooking. Dumplins . Trumps

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1864 .

Cloudy and cool this morn and we went to work at our tent and made considerable improvement in the looks if not the comfort of the thing Heard from home again today by way Tom Goodman [9] I am sorry to see him in such a place as this and yet I was very glad to see him. He informs me that Winfield has enlisted for 100 days

THURSDAY 9

Had a long talk with Tom this morning about things at home. One of the 100th came in yesterday and brought us considerable news from the regiment. Very sorry to hear of the death of Capt. B- Hi was with the regt a short time ago. Regt reduced to 120 men Very heavy shower fell this P.M.

FRIDAY 10

Another paroleing report in camp today to take affect 15th A nice breese most of the day and is quite comfortable. No news from Richmond or Atlanta today Men comeing in report that Shermans has his headquarters 22 miles from Atlanta and is moveing slow but sure and is confident of takeing the place.

[Note]

[9] Thomas Goodman was recruited in Lockport January 12, 1864; mustered out on December 6, 1865 (39th IL Co. G)

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SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1864 .

SUNDAY 12

Rebel papers State that Grant has captured 20,000 prisoners. Some more prisoners from Sherman army came in today. They say that

all officers above Capts have been  
paroled and sent through the lines  
and that there is a good prospect  
of something being done for us  
soon. I have no hopes until after the  
present campaign

MONDAY 13

Cold and rainy this morn  
and after raining all day was still  
colder in the evening. The men that  
have no shelter are wet and cold  
and there is no paralel to their suffer  
ing. They are dieing off by hundreds  
and will die by thousands if some  
thing is not done for them soon  
over one hundred have died in the  
last 22 hours. Rations 1/3 pint rice each

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TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1864 .

Still cold and cloudy. Had a  
light rain most of the day. Some  
18 or 20 men es caped last night through  
a tunnel. Rebel papers state that  
Old Abe & Hamblin are nomi  
nated again for President & vice presid  
I am glad to hear it but judge the rebs  
do not relish it much. Now let him  
do something for his country by re  
lieving 20,000 prisoners from the rebs

WEDNESDAY 15

Received two letters from  
home today one was written  
the 29th April by father [10] the  
other 11 May by Rosetta. Was very  
sorry to hear of the death of Eddie  
also that father's health is so  
poor. He started for N.Y. the 24  
of May . 1000 more prisoners came  
in this afternoon from Richmond .

THURSDAY 16

Left Danville one month ago  
today & think the change from  
there here has been a benefit to  
me although we are in a bad  
hole Sold some pies yesterday  
of my own make for \$1.00 each. The  
Scurvy has begun to come out in

my mouth & and am going to try to get  
Some vegetables for it Considera  
ble stuff in camp today but very high

[Note]  
[10] Seneca Sly

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FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1864 .  
Rained all day today and the way  
men are suffering here is awful  
It has rained every day this month  
and Thousands of them have not a  
thing for shelter. and no place to lay  
down but in mud and water. A drunk  
brute could not stand such treatment  
long We took too men into our tent  
for shelter and would like to take more if  
it would hold them Talked with C.P.  
Anderson today of Lockport .

SATURDAY 18  
Rain and sunshine today at inter  
vals of 15 minutes each. Everything  
was geting moldy and we managed  
to dry them alittle by hard work  
If this weather continues the rest of  
the month I think small grain  
will be poorly harvested as it is  
now harvest time in the Confederacy.  
[illegible]

SUNDAY 19  
Time wore away very slowly  
today. weather pleasant be  
fore noon but had a very  
hard shower in the evening  
I spent the most of the day in  
reading a book entitled no name  
Any quantity of stories in camp  
today concerning the time when  
we are to get out of the Confederacy  
If good stories should get us out we would  
have been exchanged long ago

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MONDAY, JUNE 20, 1864 .

Nine months in the confederacy  
and still no sight for getting out  
at present I am in good health  
yet with the exception of being very  
weak. I have to be very careful of my  
self or would be unable to get ar-  
ound. Nine hundred prisoners came  
in today. Captured in Miss. I wrote  
a letter home today in answer to those  
recd 15th News from Grant good

TUESDAY 21

A man was shot this evening  
by one of the guards for getting  
inside of the dead line [11]. Three  
men have been shot in the last  
three days by the infernal rebs  
They are perfect heathens, and  
show us no more respect than  
they would a dumb brute. Fathers  
hog pen is a paradise to this place

WEDNESDAY 22

Spent the day in makeing pies. of  
a few of the peaches I got from home  
Nine pies sold for \$8.50. have got  
to do something to get vegetable  
food or I shall die with the Scurvy  
A tunnel was discovered today that  
had been been dug over one hundred  
feet. Big thing but amounted to  
nothing. to the men only a chance of  
filling it up again Old D. very wrathy [12]

[Notes]

[11] Def. WRUD Dead line (Mil.), a line drawn within or around a military prison, to cross which involves for a prisoner the penalty of being instantly shot.

[12] Def. WRUD wrathy: Very angry.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1864 .

FRIDAY 24

Rumors in camp today that  
we are going to get the money  
we gave up at Richmond . I have have

no idea we will get it but  
if we do I shall look for some  
thing to be done in our behalf  
soon. It is a fact that the papers  
speak of an exchange of prisoners  
in July. For what purpose they men-  
tion it is to me unknown.

#### SATURDAY 25

Run the pie trade again today  
but it did not pay as well as  
we expected the proffits only  
one hundred per ct Rice sells  
at 50 cents per lb flour 1.25 do  
Molasses 12.00 per gal The weather  
is very warm and sultry. but  
I think I shall be able to stand  
the weather, if no other serious  
thing attacks me

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SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1864 .

Handed in my name last evening  
for the money I gave up at Richmond  
Rebs said we would get it this morn  
but the morning has made its appear-  
ance as usual but no money to my  
certain knowledge Prisoners came  
in today also a few yesterday. Boys of  
the 100th geting very badly cripeled up  
with the scurvy. The medicine has play-  
ed out in the Confederacy according to  
all accounts

MONDAY 27

TUESDAY 28

Very hot and Sultry in the fore-  
noon but we had a nice refreshing  
Shower in the evening. 200 or 300 pris-  
oners came in today among them was  
two more of the 39th Ill . G. Dake is  
very bad off with the scurvy and I  
fear he will never be any better of it  
in the Confederacy. Prisoners still  
have a great deal of confidence  
in Grant and think he will take Rich

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1864 .

One of the raiders was killed last night by an indian that was brought in yesterday. They will not be trifled with. The Capt took some raiders out this eve. and will probably punish them severely Billy went out after a load of wood this P.M. and brought in as much as I could lift. he is a little hoss [13] and more too. Paroleing is Still reported to commence on the 7

THURSDAY 30

Nothing of importance took place today I believe. A jury was taken <sup>^ out</sup> today to decide what ~~was~~ is to be done with the raiders The old Cap leaves it to our own <sup>^ men</sup> what shall be done with them One man was found buried that was supposed to be some of their work. Several murders have been committed right among us

FRIDAY, JULY 1

The p risoners of the Detachments from 49 up were moved into the new stockade today The boys went for the timbers of the old one at night and cut it all down before morning I and hill made a raise of a couple of good sticks. The quartermaster was very wrothy and threatened to cut off our rations if we did not cary them back but he failed to cary his point. with the old prisoners

[Note]

[13] Def. LOTCW hoss: A western and southern nickname for a strong, courageous man.

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SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1864 .

The reports for the 7th holds on the best of any thing we have had yet I have no faith in it but still I shall hope for the best and trust to the rebs we have been fooled so much I can believe nothing I hear. There is now some 25,000 men here and in

such a state of suffering as cannot  
be paralleled . As for myself I have  
a good appetite and manage to hold my own

### SUNDAY 3

Roll call again today for the first in  
in two weeks. The men have been so thick  
there was no room to fall in before they  
were moved to the new stockade Two  
hundred men reported missing and we  
have seen no rations on account of it  
Split up one of the logs this morning  
vso as to make sure of it A catholic  
priest spent the day in camp

### MONDAY 4

Indipendence day has come but  
Such an other one I hope never to  
witness. The men make less noise  
than before in several days & it seems  
more like a day of mourning than  
like a Fourth of July As for myself  
I kept mum all day and would not  
think what day it was unless some  
one would mention it to me. God only  
knows where next Fourth will find me.  
I hope not in the Confederacy.

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TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1864 .

Feel quite unwell this morning  
have got what soldiers commonly  
call quick Step as diareah. fresh beef  
does not agree with me. Some prisoners  
came in from Shermans army today  
They report that Col Bartleson was  
killed in a charge at Merrietta  
on the 28th June . Johnston holds his  
position at that time but the men are  
confident that he cannot hold out long  
er than Sherman sees fit to let him

### WEDNESDAY 6

Between 3 & 4 hundred prisoners  
came in today from the Eastern army  
Most of them were captured on the vacin  
ity of Danville Our men took the place  
but were compeled to fall back with  
heavy loss of prisoners and artillery

The R.R. between Danville & Richmond is nearly all torn up and communication with Richmond entirely cut off from all other places

#### THURSDAY 7

The day on which such great events were to take place has arrived but to no purpose. No paroleing is done and it is a settled fact in my mind that if we leave this place inside of two months it will be e to some other place in this accursed Confederacy for safer keeping Why will The Government allow 25,000 of her men to suffer in such a Style as this. for some good reason I hope since it must be.

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FRIDAY, JULY 8, 1864

Some three or four hundred more Yanks came in this afternoon. Some were captured of stony creek near Danville and quite a no of 52d Pen on James Island . A large no of our officers are at Charleston on Parole of honor [14]. There is but little force there on either side. so there will prob ably not be any fighting there at present Johnson is reported to have fallen back to Atlanta .

#### SATURDAY 9

All quiet in camp today as regards reports. Nothing of importance trans pired to my knowledge The men were taken out to see Dr this morn and were left there all day. Seventeen of them died before night and none were taken to the hospital Tim Mc Glaufin of Co F came in today from Charleston was recaptured

#### SUNDAY 10

About 500 prisoners came in from Grants army today and as hard a looking lot of men as I ever saw just out of the field. They were captured at Petersburg and by considerable

blame of on their Gen for being captured  
Gen Whiskey has command of our  
Generals in to many instances for  
our own good. The weather was tremen-  
dious hot in fore noon. Shower in P.M.

[Note]

[14] Def. WRUD parole (parole of honor): Word of promise; word of honor; plighted faith; especially (Mil.), promise, upon one's faith and honor, to fulfill stated conditions, as not to bear arms against one's captors, to return to custody, or the like.

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MONDAY, JULY 11, 1864 .

I have just witnessed the execu-  
tion of Six of our own men who have  
been convicted of murder [15]. The trial  
was sent through to Sherman by  
flag of truce and after being exam-  
ined orders was sent here for them to  
be hung by our own men. I believe  
there was not a reb in camp during  
the execution. It was a hard sight  
to behold but they were deserving of  
worse than death

TUESDAY 12

All quiet today in camp. But  
very little said about the execution  
of yesterday. The men who took charge  
of the thing were let out today on  
parole of honor. The weather for  
the last few days has been very hot  
and sultry and the men that are  
without shelter are in a suffering  
condition. I fear the sunny south will not  
agree with the new prisoners unused to hardship

WEDNESDAY 13

Tremendious warm all day and  
I was very glad to see Solomon  
take his departure beyond the  
western horizon in the evening [16]  
The rebs are fixing up a very nice  
hospital and act as though they  
were going to do more for the sick  
and wounded than heretofore There  
is no medicine here for the sick

but they expect some in a few days

[Notes]

[15] The men are often referred to as the Andersonville Raiders.

[16] Figurative: the sunset.

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THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1864 .

Capt Wirz called all the sargeants out and took them up to head quarters to give them instruction and advice He has been informed of an attempt that we are about to make to make our escape. (He is badly fooled for once) Two guns were fired and a terrible skedadeling [17] took place among the rebs in the afternoon They were probably practicing to be ready for emergencies

FRIDAY 15

About 50 of Shermans men came in this afternoon and bring a good report of things from Atlanta Sherman has crossed the Chickahominy and Still advancing. One of the 20th Ill came in today and confirms the report that Col Bartleson was killed. L.M. Wilson went home with the body. Romes of 19th Ill is geting up petition to send to the president to affect an exchange

SATURDAY 16

No prisoners brought in to day with the exception of a few Marines. They say Grant has got Lee surrounded with no very great chance of his make in his escape. Ewells & Hills Corps are reported to have Ha gerstown Md . The same paper (Macon press) reports Johnson falling back from Atlanta

[Note]

[17] Def. WRUD skedaddle: To betake one's self to flight, as if in a panic; to flee; to run away.

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SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1864 .

Attended meeting this forenoon  
on south side and heard a very  
good sermon Text 6th Chap 8th verse  
Jerah One of the Yanks was  
very s roughly handled this P.M.  
for reporting a tunnel. The officer  
of the day came in and took him  
out or the boys would have very  
likely killed. A committee were  
appointed tonight to draught resolutions  
to be sent to the President & Governer of  
United States

MONDAY 18

Commenced buisness again this  
morn on a small scale by selling cakes  
and coffee. It is rather small potatoes  
but I must do something or do worse  
Had quite a nice shower in the af  
ternoon. and was abig benefit to our  
camp. Drew a very small ration of  
molasses today instead of meat. Hill  
Says the meat has about played.

TUESDAY 19

[This entry is written by George Pickel ]

This business on a  
small scale that Sly  
speaks of I believe  
was the means of  
saveing our lives  
G P

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Wednesday, July 20, 1864 .

The rebs commence fortifying  
this morning s with about 200 niggers  
and had the no increased to 400 in  
vthe afternoon. Something is in the  
wind and no mistake Macon paper  
states that Stonemand is advan  
cing this way with 3 heavy columns  
Rosecrans is at Montgomery and  
will probably make a junction  
with him at this place.

THURSDAY 21

FRIDAY 22

Prisoners from Grants army  
were brought in today with a  
few from Sherman Atlanta  
or Richmond [illegible] were neither taken  
when last heard from. The Dan-  
ville R.R. was again in repair  
and the prisoners were brought  
over it. I am afraid Lee will be  
too much for Grant yet if he is  
not careful. They are doing well and so  
mistakes [18]

[Note]

[18] Text is written vertically.

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SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1864 .

Cool and pleasant all day  
No report in camp to speak of  
Stoneman has not made his app-  
earance yet and I am almost  
afraid he will not do so. The rebs  
have no very strong force to oppose  
him at this place but are fortify-  
ing as fast as possible with 400  
negroes If he succeeds in getting  
here he will find no trouble to recap-  
ture the prisoners

SUNDAY 24

Feat of patriotism to be  
shut up in confederate prisons  
for ten or twelve months  
to suffer more than  
tongue can tell or pen  
describe, Men may suffer  
all the diseases of the  
camp all the fatigue  
of the march brave

MONDAY 25

all the dangers of the  
field with out a  
murmur. but to suffer  
imprisonment cheerfully  
requires fortitude firm-

ness and patience not  
required in any other  
situation in which  
a man can be placed . . . .

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TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1864 .

Some prisoners from Danville  
came in this afternoon they report  
things all quiet in vicinity  
Pat McHhugh still there and  
in all his glory. The weather for  
a few days back has been very cool  
and refreshing had a very nice  
Shower this afternoon. We hear  
this evening that Atlanta is capt  
but have nothing reliable.

WEDNESDAY 27

Five or Six hundred prisoners  
came in today from Hunters army  
in Maryland about two hundred  
of them are the hundred day  
men [19]. They say that Ewells whole  
army is captured and demoral  
ized. So their third raid ends  
with a defeat and so may all  
others when they attempt to invade  
the North [20]

THURSDAY 28

Eight hundred western men came  
in this P.M. They are the first lot  
of any size that has been capt  
since they left Chattanooga  
18.000 of them were captured  
last Friday on the left of the  
army. They are all stout healthy  
looking soldiers are well cloth  
ed and most have their blankets  
and napsacks which they would  
been relieved of in the East at Rich

[Notes]

[19] Hundred Days Men: Ohio Governor John Brough proposed to enlist the state militia into federal service for a period of 100 days to provide short-term troops that would serve as guards, laborers, and rear echelon soldiers to free more veteran units for combat duty.

[20] Text is written vertically.

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FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1864 .

About five hundred wounded and convalescent came in this morn from Hunter & Grant and seven or eight hundred from Sherman . One of the 100th and all of the 20th that were left came in with them. I was very glad to hear from the Regt. and also to know that Hi is still kicking. Corp Hirsh I am surprised to hear is promo to Lieut

SATURDAY 30

Read the Chattanooga Rebel to day of 28th Nothing in it of any account. Yankee raiders are reported all over the State and cutting up dog in general Had a good talk with Mike and learned all I could about the boys. Lieut Col has Slid out and gone home. But he does as well there as with the Regt and will probably show his bravery better

SUNDAY 31

All quiet in front today. No prisoners came in and no reports in circulation of any account. The Sabbath day passes of like all other days, there is apparently no Sabbath day with us. Oh How I long for the day when I can enjoy a day of rest as in days passed by. The weather today is very cool and pleasant

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MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 1864 .

Got up quite early this morning and after roll call took J. S. Cotton over to the Dr's but did not succeed in geting him to the hospital. Cotton is quite sick but I think if he keeps a Stiff uper lip he will come out all right in the end. I manage to keep the scurvy down and am feeling as well as at any other time since I came here 100 Admitted at hosp

TUESDAY 2

Had a tremendous shower this afternoon and gave the camp another good drenching. The camp is getting so filthy that it smells dreadful some malignant disease must certainly spring from so much filth if it is not removed. A small squad of prisoners came in today. Stoneman shelled Macon last Sunday Cotton Admitted

WEDNESDAY 3

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1864 .

FRIDAY 5

The sick of 8 Detachments were taken out this P.M. and to be sent off somewhere either to our lines or to another hospital. The rebels are still falling trees and building up forts around us as fast as they can do it with three or four hundred negroes. They are bound to protect us <sup>at</sup> all regard

SATURDAY 6

Was sent for this morning by Thom Son of 26th O.h. who is very bad off with the Scurvy. I done all I could to alleviate his pains which is but very little in such a place as this. It is hard to see stout harty men cripeled up as they are here. No sick was taken out today as was expected. Another man was shot by the guard this mornin instantly killed

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1864

The weather was very hot this fore noon but a nice breeze sprang up in the evening and made it much pleasanter. I have felt the affects of the heat more for the last few

days than at any other time since I came to Georgia . About eighty of Shermans men came in to day, but I have not heard what their reports are. We do not hear anything more from the raiders

MONDAY 8

TUESDAY 9

Commenced business this morn with Phelix. The way we have to work and contrive to keep a little money on hand to buy vegetables with might well be compared with a drowning man catching at flies [illegible] to save his life. We had the heaviest rain this P.M. I ever saw in Georgia it washed the stockade down in three different places, the rebels got around double quick [21]

[Notes]

[21] Def. LOTCW double-quick: A soldier's fast advance at from 165 to 180 steps a minute.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1864 .

And Still the reports continue to come in. The Gettysburg & Chickamauga prisoners are to be exchanged immediately - Oh! Fools it makes me mad to hear any of their nonsense Andrew Seybert of 39th Ill & Saml Johnson of 100th Ill died this afternoon It is awful to see the way men are dieing off here The mortality is not less than 75 per day.

THURSDAY 11

Had another very heavy shower this fore noon. I am not feeling quite as well to day as usual on account of a camp disease that is prevalent in our camp About 9 hundred more prisoners have been brought here today but are not brought into camp as to time of

my writeing. Rations are beans bread  
and beef.

#### FRIDAY 12

I hardly know what to  
write to fill this space for today. A coup  
le of hills old friends from  
Plainfield came around today and  
we had a very good visit and  
talk about our native land  
or dear old home in other words  
where I would give all I possess as  
ever expect to if I could be placed  
there. Our neighbors the 20th boys are all  
right.

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#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1864 .

The rebs are still at work to  
make us secure and are going to  
make us doubly so by building an-  
other stockade around the one we  
are already in. And yet they cannot  
help loseing one hundred men a day  
after all their precaution The hand  
of God they cannot controll and  
death will come in among us even  
if they do their utmost

#### SUNDAY 14

Nothing of account transpired to  
day being Sunday. Although no more  
respect is shown for Sunday  
by a great many than any other  
day of the week. Men that are lay  
ing around without shelter are  
dieing off by scores The most wick  
ed sights that man ever beheld  
are witnessed here daily

#### MONDAY 15

Atlanta reported again to be  
in the hands of the Yankees.  
Hard battle fought there yester  
day & losses are very heavy on both  
sides I hardly credit this report  
but should be glad to know that  
I was to. Shermans movements seem  
very strange if he can take Atlanta

at any time he chooses as his men report it. Grant is inactive as far as I can learn

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1864 .

Weather very hot and sultry as usual. I feel some better then I have for the last few days but am so weak I can hardly get around camp No news in camp to speak of except one report and that that the old Dutch Capt is dead. Which is glorious news to some of the boys and probably a benefit to us all if so.

WEDNESDAY 17

Feel considerable better this morn than for the last week. I think I shall get along very well again for the present if nothing serious happens. John Cotton of the 100th is dead. It is hard hard to have to die in such a place as this. I pity his wife and children but hope he is where he does not need our sympathies.

THURSDAY 18

I wrote another letter home today to let them know if it ever reaches them that I am still alive Each of the last three or four letters I have written I thought would be the last one but here I am yet and may have time to write as many more No news from either army for several days. No prisoners except small squads have been brought in

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1864 .

I am feeling very well again and think I shall get along very well again for a time as I have my usual good appetite again and can eat my half pint of peas with the the rest of the boys. The rebs are great for going to extremes. it is all

peas or all rice or meal The bar-  
racks are going up slow one Detch  
has gone in to them and two more will soon

#### SATURDAY 20

Eleven months today since I  
was captured and still there  
is no prospect of our being ex-  
changed I am still in good hea-  
lth but do not think I could  
stand it as much longer with  
the rebs on such fare as we are  
now geting. The weather today is  
quite cool and pleasant with some  
rain

#### SUNDAY 21

We have had an Addition to our  
family of four and they are  
almost proveing to be a nuisance  
to us I am willing to do all  
I can for the boys but I hate  
to be rode to death Joe Herrin  
is geting badly cripeled up  
with the scurvy but there is no  
salvation for him if he has to  
stay here his fate is hard to bear

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MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1864 .

Old Abe for President again  
I hear go in old Abe and I  
will support you if you will ever  
get me out of this accursed scr-  
ape. Let us strike the rebs where  
it will hurt them the worst.  
If we elect Abe Lincoln again  
the confederacy is surely doomed  
Johnson and Lincoln is our best  
hold

#### TUESDAY 23

No news in particular as far  
as I can learn from report  
Hood still holds his position at  
Atlanta and there is a good pros-  
pect that he will do so for  
some time to come. Grant is in  
the background or driven out of

hearing for we can hear no  
more from him. Grant has found  
a hard nut to crack

#### WEDNESDAY 24

Another excitement in camp  
an account of all Lieuten-  
nants who are commissioned  
but not mustered in as such  
being taken out it is said  
they are to be sent off for ex-  
change. The Dr says all will be  
well with us in another month  
but I have no faith in his  
doctrine. Star game of chess played

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1864 .

26th Detachment commen-  
ced drawing cooked rations  
today for which we are not  
very well pleased. J. Boots  
of the 100th came to light  
today he was captured abo  
ut a week ago above Atlanta  
while guarding cattle. doesnt  
know much about the regt.  
The weather today very hot

#### FRIDAY 26

All quiet today with no news flying  
of importance that I know of.  
I had several very interesting games  
of chess in the afternoon with Al  
Glass in which I [illegible] several games  
the start of him I begin to under  
stand it a little better and find  
it a very interesting game A hole  
was cut through the stockade last night  
and three men  
escaped

#### SATURADAY 27

About thirty prisoners came in  
this afternoon among them was  
Magnus Tait from Joliet an old  
acquaintance of Pickels . Will Co  
is geting quite a force concentra-  
ted at this place There is now no

less than one hundred men here  
from Will Co Illinois The old  
Capt who was reported dead has  
come to light again and will take com tomorro

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1864 .

Good news from the front today  
brought in by a small squad of  
prisoners who were captured a  
few days ago Hood still holds  
Atlanta but Sherman is on this  
side of it with a heavy force. It seems  
to be the policy of Sherman to  
surround Atlanta and capture &  
the army as well as the plase  
Took another man into our tent  
today

MONDAY 29

Got up this morning very much  
under the weather. I eat some half  
cooked beans last night as we drew  
them and they proved to be to  
much for my digestive organs  
I think I shall be more cautious  
in the future about what I eat.  
A very encouraging report in camp  
today in regard to exchange

7 TUESDAY 30

The weather today has been  
quite cool and refreshing we  
have had no rain now for sev-  
eral days and the camp is great  
ly in need of it. It is a wonder  
that some disease does not break  
out among us a filthier place I  
never saw I and Tait went up  
to the barracks in the even. to see  
the boys about some lumber

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1864 .

Cool and pleasant. Got up quite  
early this morning quite early  
and took a circle around

camp for exercise The cords [22] of  
my legs are not near as sore as  
usual I am in hope I shall  
be able to get out of the Con-  
federacy before I am completely  
cripeled up but my chance is  
only one in a hundred to do so.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Sept 1st is here again. One  
year ago today we left Sequa  
chie valley to advance on  
Chattanooga but I little  
dreaded that a year hence  
would see me where I am now  
Tait our new boarder is very  
unwell today. The diet of the south  
does not seem to agree with him

FRIDAY 2

News from the direction of  
Atlanta is very favorable for  
us. Sherman reported advan-  
cing this way with 40,000 cav &  
Inf. The papers still continue  
to agitate the question of exchange  
They also threaten to administer  
the non-combatants oath to all  
who will take it our government  
does not except their propositions  
for exchange.

[Note]

[22] Def. WRUD cord: (Anat.) Any structure having the appearance of a cord, esp. a  
tendon or a nerve.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1864

I feel very much used up this  
evening. was taken with a severe  
attack of colic [23] about noon and  
was not much better until night  
Al Funk who I helped carry to  
the hospita Six weeks ago cripeled  
with the Scurvy came in this morn  
fat and hardy The most of the  
scurvy cases who go to the hospt  
get well which is very encourageing  
for me as I am expecting to be cripeled  
soon

#### SUNDAY 4

Sunday morning dawns on us  
this fourth day of September  
cool and comfortable. It looks  
like rain most of the day but cleared off in the afternoon. Went up to the barracks to see the boys in the P.M. I see the boys and got a couple of boards of Bill Newbury to fix our tent. Mag unwell

#### MONDAY 5

Atlanta taken again. A very reliable report was brought into camp today that atlanta is Surely taken and Hoods army badly demoralized It has been reported taken several times before but always proved to the contrary This time I have reason to believe the thing that has caused so much trouble is in the hands of the Yanks.

[Note]

[23] Def. WRUD colic: A severe paroxysmal pain in the abdomen, due to spasm, obstruction, or distention of some one of the hollow viscera.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1864 .

Big excitement in camp this even  
The sargeants of detachments up to 19 came in and ordered them to be ready to leave here at a moments notice for what purpose we are to be moved is unknown but the idea of geting through the lines brought forth many Shouts from men who had not hardly spoken aloud for weeks I have been fooled so much I dare not believe this movement is for exchange

#### WEDNESDAY 7

Ten detachments were taken out this morning and 300 from the hosp but owing to want of transportation all but about one thousand were sent back until afternoon another

train was then started but not half as <sup>many</sup> as was expected. Quite a no of the men that went from the hospt died fefore they left the depo

#### THURSDAY 8

Several hundred more prisoners left this morning and evening Tait's detachment started at 3oc this morn he is one of the lucky ones to get an early start for our lines if it so hapens that they are going there and I begin to believe they are moveing us for no other purpose than exchange all reports agree of it.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1864 .

Another lot started this morning for Macon . The old capt is quite wrathly because there is not more transportation furnished. he says he is now four days behind time. The pris are going out in the same order they came in. Our detach are expecting orders to be ready for tomorrow Sunday moves seem to be the most common with us in the confederacy.

#### SATURDAY 10

And still they keep going out of this den of misery. Some ten Thousand have been started on their way rejoicing and cheering. I hope they will not see anything to make them feel different until they are safe under the old Flag The sick and lame are being put into the barracks.

#### SUNDAY 11

Helped to get Joe Herrin to the barracks this morning He is completely cripeled up with the scurvy and very bad off. Dets from 25 to 33 received orders this afternoon to be ready to

move. We packed up and moved on the south side of camp but received no further orders This even. Will probably go in the morning

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1864 .

Left camp this morning a few minutes after sunrise. Started for Macon at 8.00 where we arrived at 3.00 P.M. and shortly after started for Savanna as we supposed but after running a few hours found we were on the Augusta road. We can find out nothing about exchange but begin to have some fears about it

TUESDAY 13

Arrived at Augusta this morn just at sunrise and it strikes me very forcibly that we are sold Laid in it until after noon and then changed cars & Started for Charleston by way of Branchville .This is the third time we have crossed over this road in the Confederacy . eat the last of our rations tonight

WEDNESDAY 14

Wake up and find myself in the great city of Charleston This morn but arrived at the painful conclusion that we are badly sold. The officers and guards will not give us any information as to what they are going to do with us. Took another RR at 8.00 and left C. for Florence SC, where we arrived after sundown. drew no ration today and are some hungry

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1864 .

In Florence this morning and hungry as a wolf. It is 38 hours since I eat my last mouthful. Got

a few peas for breakfast but drew  
no rations. we took them by surprise  
here and there is no rations in the coun-  
try for us. Staid in F - until middle  
P.M. and then ran south 1/2 mile and  
went into camp. The guards are so slack  
that the men are leaveing by dozens. If I  
was sound I would not stay here long

#### FRIDAY 16

In camp this morn and very lame.  
went to bed last night without any  
supper. This morn drew a peace of bred  
half as big as my fist for breakfast.  
The Maj in command says we will have  
plenty in a few days. I hope we will  
but promises are poor things  
to satisfy hunger. The people of S.C.  
seem to be very humane but have  
not had a chance to prove it yet.

#### SATURDAY 17

A little better show for liveing  
this morning than usual. They is-  
sued a pint of rice apiece this  
morn and promised to give the same  
of peas this P.M. but they were  
a failure. I find it the same here  
as all other places that the  
rebels will lie when the truth  
would answer better. about a  
hundred made there escape today  
while after wood

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1864 .

No very great change has taken  
place yet. a train load of 500  
or 600 convalescents came here  
today from Andersonville A large  
no went out of camp to hospt this  
morn and before night were all over  
the country. The citizens are bring-  
ing in sweet potatoes by the load  
and trading for watches. They  
sell for \$25,00 Confed or \$6.00 Green  
back [24] per bu

MONDAY 19

Still the rations are very short  
The rebs are much better a promise  
ing than at issuing rations. All  
the Sick that were out side were  
sent in today. The men are takeing to much  
advantage of a good thing. The scurvy  
still keeps gaining ground on me. I am  
just barely able to get around if I  
manage to keep on my feet this month  
I shall do well

TUESDAY 20

One year today since I came  
into this (So called) Confederacy  
and as wonder would have  
it am Still alive. I would have  
thought it an impossibility <sup>to live</sup> one  
year <sup>under</sup> such treatment as I have  
received in the Confederacy. I can  
See no better prospect of geting  
exchanged this fall than there  
was a year ago. Not over 1/3 of the Chic  
amauga prisoners are now alive

[Note]

[24] Def. LOTCW greenback: this name was invented by Union soldiers for paper money, officially known as Demand Notes. U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Salmon Chase printed the green bills in 1862 as the first federal paper money.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1864 .

Breakfasted this morning  
on S.C. beans and bugs with  
neither salt nor e seasoning.  
The rebs are just giveing us  
enough to live on by being very  
Saveing but do not intend that  
we will improve any at their ex-  
spense. Sweet potatoes are comeing  
in by the load but it is only an  
agravation to me for I can not get one

THURSDAY 22

Rained most of the day and  
is very unpleasant as our tents  
are very poor protection in wet  
weather. I traded some flour for

sweet potatoes this afternoon and  
five of us had a big feast for  
supper out of three of them  
Jack & Tracy have been trying to get  
vaway for the last few night but failed.

#### FRIDAY 23

Some twenty five or thirty escaped  
prisoners were brought in this morn  
The most that escaped have been  
brought back. The whole country is  
up in arms waching for yankees-  
Had a very hard shower this morn  
that came near washing us out of  
camp. S. potatoes sell for \$5.00 per bu  
Green Back. Confed not taken. A  
screw must be loose somewhere in  
the confederacy.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1864 .

Scrap [25]

In Gods name in the name of  
common humanity <sup>how long</sup> will this  
Hell born rebellion last How  
long shall the Nation suffer  
on account of a few misguided  
ambitious men Suffering  
can be spoken of <sup>by all</sup> but none to  
be compared to what the  
prisoners have suffered  
and are still suffering in  
the God forsaken Confederacy

#### SUNDAY 25

The boys still keep comeing in  
that made their escape the first  
days we were here. Niggers Hounds  
and Citizens are on every lane  
and cross road waching for  
Yankees. The boys were all used  
well when retaken and speak well  
of them. Had a very cold night last  
night and is still cooler tonight

#### MONDAY 26

Great news from the north by  
rebel papers. Gold gone down

one third. The Yankees had a great ball in Atlanta . Geo. B. McClellan nominated for president on the Democrat ticket The rebel paper copy his letter of acceptance to the convention, with a great many comments on it No news from Richmond of late

[Note]

[25] Def. WRUD scrap: Specifically, a fragment of something written or printed; a brief excerpt; an unconnected extract.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1864 .

All quiet around the lines today  
Men that came here cripeled up  
with the scurvy are being sent  
in from the hospital about well  
I am myself one hundred per  
cent beter off than when I came  
here although I have been on  
very short rations. The Charleston  
papers speak of an exchange agreed  
upon by Sherman & Hood of men Capt  
in the summers campaign

WEDNESDAY 28

Had another very hot day to  
day with a slight shower in  
the evening. The rebs still keep  
comeing down on the rations so  
that this will soon be as bad a  
place as Richmond . Our rations  
today was 2 / 5 of a pint of meal  
1 / 2 teaspoonful of salt & 3 spoonful  
of peas. J Conners came in this morning

THURSDAY 29

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1864 .

I heard a speach of Jeff Davis this  
evening and should judge by it that  
he is at a loss to know which way  
to turn under such pressing circum  
stances [26] He flatters the people (or would

like to) that sherman will soon be  
driven beyond Chattanooga . He is  
very anxious for an exchange  
but does not know how to affect it with the  
Yankee government. The scurvy has nearly  
left me and I am better off than usual

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

The first of another month commenced  
with a heavy shower but I hope the  
month will not continue so as we are  
very poorly situated for wet weather  
The rebs are allowing the men to take  
the oath of alliegance and have got  
some three or four hundred names  
Today. I am sorry to see the boys so foolish  
but think they will find some tricky Yanks

#### SUNDAY 2

Another sunday move like all  
the rest of moves in Confederacy  
Went into the stockade today to  
stay I fear this comeing winter.  
Fifteene hundred came in this  
morn from Charleston . If the prospect  
for an exchange was good I hardly  
think they would be sent here Drew  
no rations today until dark. The rebs  
are starveing us in order to  
get us to take the oath of aliegance

[Note]

[26] Davis made a speech in Macon on September 23, 1864.

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#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1864 .

In the new Stockade this morn  
I got up before sunrise and went  
to carying poles and logs to fix our  
tent with and make ourselves comfort-  
able as <sup>possible</sup> this will undoubtedly be our  
winter quarters. We have made up  
our minds that a good box of eatibles  
from home would be very acceptable  
and wrote to O Hardee at Joliet for  
one today. The rebs inform us that commu-  
nication is open between the two Governments

#### TUESDAY 4

Nothing of account occurred today  
There is a good many sweet potatoes  
sent into camp by the officers who  
are over anxious to get all the Green  
Back they can It makes me hung-  
ryer than ever to see such things and  
not be able to get them. Tobacco is  
plenty and cheap for the reason  
that there is but few able to buy.

#### WEDNESDAY 5

Wrote home again today and sent  
for a box of clothing and eatables  
We can not stand it this winter  
on such rations as we are getting  
and unless we get some assistance  
from home but very few of us will  
see another spring It is just mur-  
dering men by inches to treat them  
as we are treated. Why will the Govern-  
ment abandon us to such a fate

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#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1864 .

Had a general tear up in camp  
today. The camp is laid off in streets  
and each 100 & Detachment are  
placed together We drew no  
rations until after dark Our  
mess of five only eat 2 quarts of  
corn meal Today and my knees felt  
very shaky at night Had quite  
a heavy shower just after dark

#### FRIDAY 7

Nineteene hundred prisoners from  
Charleston came in this morning  
They bring no news about exchange  
Our men have erected another bat-  
tery on Moris Island and are throw-  
ing shells into Charleston by  
scores The most of the men are  
now shipped from there. Two hundred  
men have taken the oath in the last  
three or four days. They are starved to it

## SATURDAY 8

The rebs are offering great inducements to all who will take the oath of allegiance. they are promised the privelege of going into the army or working corps as they choose. I can hardly blame a man that is without shelter. but it will be the last ditch with me when I do it. It is hard to jump out of the frying pan into the fire. Sanitary goods are being issued to the men at the hospit

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1864 .

Cold and windy all day.

The wind went down with the sun and it has every appearance of being a very cold night.

The rebs struck a new vein today and doubled on our rations and made a very fair promise of giveing us the same as today hereafter.

They are very untruthful generally but I hope they have told the truth this time

## MONDAY 10

Colder than Blxen this morning I slept with only one blanket over me last night and like to froze my hame woods off. The wind arose with the sun again this morning and blew a stiff gale from North east all day. Men that were without shelter last night almost perished with cold. Fourteene hundred more prisoners came from Charleston yesterday morn include the sick and wounded from hosp

## TUESDAY 11

Some warmer this morn and quite warm through the day. It will probably be a little more comfortable tonight than the two previous. Commenced mnd i ng our ~~then~~ tent up yesterday morn but could not get an ax to continue work today. Axes are leting for 1 / 2 dol per hour Columbia reported taken by prisoners

J. McC- wrote to San. Com for box  
Detachments reorganized into thousands

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1864 .

THURSDAY 13

Hired an ax this afternoon for  
one ration of molasses and a pint  
and a half of flour and cut up  
our wood and got out timber for  
our tent. There is nothing more said  
about exchange and we have made  
up our minds that some thing must  
be done for winter quarters. There  
is a very hard lite before us for this  
winter

FRIDAY 14

Had a game of starve it out  
today and feel somewhat cross  
over it. They issued rations at night  
and I made a supper on 2/3 pint of  
meal without any salt after going  
twenty four hours without eating  
Something over 125 men went out  
today and took the oath of al-  
legiance. It is reported that Gen  
Beauregard has taken comd of west army

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Saturday, October 15, 1864 .

Got up this morning at sun  
rise and after roll call went  
to work on our tent and fixed  
it up quite comfortable. We have  
no great amount of waste room as  
the tent is only 6 by 9 feet on the  
ground with neither cellar nor  
garret. The weather moderated con-  
siderable today and is now quite  
comfortable

SUNDAY 16

One month today since I arrived  
at the place called Florence and  
I can safely say that I am one

hundred per cent better off in  
every way than than when I came  
here although we have seen  
Some very tight times. (as W S  
Fink says). No news of account in  
camp Flying rumors about Sherman  
and Hood

8 Monday 17

The rebs compeled us to make  
this a day of fasting thoug not  
of prayer for we feel more like  
curseing them this evening than  
praying for them or even ourselves  
Prayer meetings are held in camp  
regularly each evening Cold and  
chilly this evening and our thread  
bare clothes afford a very poor  
covering. I expect to do some suffering  
when colder weather commences

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1864 .

They commenced issueing San  
blankets to the men today that are  
entirely without Every one has to  
take an oath that he has no blan  
ket or shelter. One man received  
one hundred lashes from Chief  
of Police for swearing to a lie  
Woe to the man that does not abide  
strictly by the laws laid down  
by the Police clique (of rowdies)

WEDNESDAY 19

Weather warm and comfortable  
in the midle of the day but cold  
and chilly in the morning. Com-  
menced laying up a wall around  
our tent and a foundation for a  
chimney One brick we mould with  
our hands out of S. C. Sile  
Billy got out after bows in P.M.  
and made us a nice bed.

THURSDAY 20

Quite cloudy this morning  
but came off clear and warm  
Towards noon We had what we  
called a splendid breakfast

of beans and dumplings, then  
went to work on our tent The rebs  
have increased our rations so that  
we can make two very good meals a  
day. We get 6 spoonsfull molasses 1 do salt  
1 / 2 pint beans 1 do flour 1 do meal per day.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1864 .

As I sit in my lonely Prison Tent  
I think of my Boyhood Home  
My heart with anguish near is rent  
My happiest days are ~~spent~~<sup>gone</sup>  
Three years have passed yes nearly<sup>four</sup>  
Since my old Mother Dear  
Blessed me & told me When afar  
My youthfull heart Shed cheer

SATURDAY 22

The first thousand had to pull  
stakes today and move on the  
other side of the creek as the  
hospital is to be put on the ground  
they occupied. Rather rough on  
them as they had to leave all their  
houses. The news from Richmond  
is very bad for the rebs if true.  
Their loss given over 12,000

SUNDAY 23

Cold and windy all day so we  
were unable to do much on  
our shanty. The hospital subjects  
were all moved into the stockade  
today and the hospital establis  
hed on the ground the first Thous  
and occupied W. Newberg came  
in looking as well as I ever saw  
him though not quite free from  
the scurvy

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1864 .

Something in the wind again  
The rebs begin to tell us excha  
nge stories so we will begin  
to look for another move but  
to where is yet to be found out

The sanitary goods that have been sent here are being distributed equally to the most needy ones in camp with a few exceptions. A man gets only what he is entirely desitute of.

#### TUESDAY 25

We put the corner brick on our house and chimney today and have I believe got our winter quarters about completed. A yesterdays paper was read in camp this morning that spoke of an exchange of 10,000 prisoners at Savanah Ga . The officers in charge think we will be shipped for an exchange the firs next month.

#### WEDNESAY 26

Nothing very strange transpires today Large amount of sutlers [27] Stores came in but I was unable to purchase as my stock of confed was very limited. Jack & Pickel made a small speculation on Potatoes & candy and had small quantity left for ourselves Something over thirty dead were carried out this morning

[Note]

[27] Def. LOTCW sutler: a civilian merchant alloweed to sell his wares at permanent military camps.

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#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1864 .

Wet and chilly all day but we can not complain as it is the first wet day we have had in <sup>this</sup> camp. Our wall and chimney stood the rain but there was hundreds of others that fell. There was a few letters came in to camp today but no boxes sent to individuals. Large amount of San stores still comeing

FRIDAY 28

No very important news in camp but cheering news from the armies. the paper states that Beauregard has been checkmated at every move by Sherman and will probably be badly cut up before he gets south of Atlanta again. The papers and people are both getting very bold of late in regard to talk.

SATURDAY 29

Had nothing to do today and was at a loss to know how to busy myself. The col was in camp this afternoon and gave the boys very encouraging news about exchange. He says we will all be out of here in a few weeks. I tried very hard to get some sweet potatoes of the sutler this morning but did not succeed. Bought 1 / 2 bu in camp for \$1.35

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1864 .

Quite cloudy in the morning and looked like rain but cleared off before noon and was a pleasant day. The rebels are going around with the clothing the second time but there is no chance for me yet there is only 10 blankets to a thousand and about double that amount of shirts and drawers. Had a grand meal of sweet potatoes for supper for the first time.

MONDAY 31

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The first day of the month that is to seal the destiny of Old Abe is upon us, and God grant that is a month in which thousands of Yankees may be made to rejoice by being released from bondage. Something must certainly be

done for us after election. Abe  
cannot be so inhuman as to let us  
spend the winter here

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1864 .

Commenced raining early this  
morning and the Col was kind  
enough to postpone roll call.  
Confed money has gone down to  
ten for one of Green Back, and  
are glad to get at that. Sweet  
potatoes are down to \$2.00 per  
bushel, and prospect of their  
being lower still. large amount  
of sutler stores comeing in money  
going out

THURSDAY 3

Felt quite unwell this morning  
so did not get up to roll call  
My apetite has failed me and  
I am unable to eat my rations  
for first time since leaveing  
Sumpter . Is cold and rainy all day  
and seventy men were sent  
to their long home since last  
night by not haveing clothes & shelter

FRIDAY 4

Cleared off this morning and  
had sunshine most all day  
but was cold and windy  
The men that are without shelter  
are nearly frozen to death. There  
is but very little shelter for the  
sick and they are dyeing like  
sheep. The rebs are giveing us  
big rations of molasses and  
we are feasting on molasses candy

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5, 1864 .

The mortality for the 29th 30th  
31st days of <sup>July</sup> at Camp Sumpter  
was (128) one hundred and

twenty eight men per day.  
making total of 324 The average  
during the month was about  
one hundred a day. Over ten  
thousand<sup>died</sup> there up to the 20th  
day of September. about seven  
months from time the camp was  
formed

#### SUNDAY 6

#### MONDAY 7

A very large amount of talk  
about the election that is to  
come off tomorrow. I feel some  
what disappointed by not be-  
ing able to cast a vote for Old  
Abe . but shall hope that he will  
get me out of the Confederacy  
in time to see him inaugerated  
if not sooner. It is hard to lay in  
Prison so long but I cannot lay it all  
to Abe Lincoln yet.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1864 .

Today the great political camp  
in of the nation is to be decided  
I am almost out of civilization  
but I think from what I can  
learn from the rebs that Old Abe  
is on the safe side. We held an  
election here in camp in which  
McClellan was beaten two to one  
I only hope that the whole North  
may do as well for Lincoln as we  
have done here

#### WEDNESDAY 9

Looked very much like rain  
this morning but blew off towar  
ds noon with raining The Sutlers  
clerk the most insignificant  
man in camp was hung up by the  
thumbs for disobedience of  
orders Papers of the 8th says flag  
of truce met and exchanged safe  
and will meet again tomorrow to  
exchange prisoners

THURSDAY 10

Quite warm this morning  
and looks some like rain.  
Cleared up towards noon. The  
rations are growing small  
again by degrees so we hardly  
get enough for one good meal a  
day Baker who escaped yester  
day while at work out was caug  
ht last night and brought in  
this afternoon.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1864 .

SATURDAY 12

Good news from the north for  
all Lincoln men The accounts  
we get of the election is that  
Lincoln carried every state in  
the Union. The rebs look very sor  
rowful and disappointed They  
had great hope for the election  
of McClellan and the closing  
of the war by the same.

SUNDAY 13

The weather looks warm and  
pleasant this morning but there  
is a cold chilly wind which  
makes it very disagreeable with  
our scanty allowance of clothing  
One of the prisoners was hung  
up by the thumbs this afternoon  
for two hours for trying to  
escape, It is the most cruel  
thing I have seen since I was capt

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1864 .

Reports very favorable this  
morning for an exchange  
Papers state that the commissio  
[sic, commissioners] have met to make arrangeme  
nts for the exch of 10,000 pris  
oners [illegible] Another lot of clothing has  
arrived at Florence for us which

I hope will be issued as soon  
as possible for we are greatly  
in need of them.

#### THURSDAY 15

John Roberts and Al Funk  
of the 100th were taken out  
on parole of honor today to  
chop wood for the camp  
Most of the working men drew  
clothing today in such things  
as they were mostly destitute of  
Most of the clothes are of a  
very good quality. All San stores

#### WEDNESDAY 16

Quite warm and pleasant  
today. Reports of an exchange  
still in circulation A general  
exchange is now the whole  
rage I partly made a trade with  
the sutler today for a bushel of  
potatoes for a breastpin  
got the promise of them as soon  
a he gets more on hand. We had  
a good supper of beef and doealls

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1864 .

Something in the wind  
surely. About a hundred of  
the prisoners that took the  
oath of allegiance were sent  
back into camp this morning  
A more sheepish looking lot of  
men I never saw. They were very  
appropriately named Galvan-  
ized Yanks [28]. A dozen or fifteen  
express boxes were received in camp  
this P.M.

#### FRIDAY 18

Look some like rain  
Things all quiet in  
camp. Some talk of an  
exchange do not put  
any dependence in  
the report

SATURDAY 19

More signs of rain  
We have the same routine  
of duty to do. Get up to  
roll call cook our  
scanty breakfast Eat  
Go for the gray backs [29]  
draw rations get supper  
and the day is spent

[Notes]

[28] Galvanized Yankees denoted former Confederate prisoners of war (PoW's) who enlisted in the Union Army in return for a pardon.

[29] Def. LOTCW greyback (grayback): A confederate soldier, because of the color of his uniform. A humorous name for lice.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1864 .

It is sabbath morning  
how differently the day  
is spent here to what  
it is at home. I think  
I can appreciate them  
if ever i get to the  
land of Liberty and  
of God  
Cloudy all day

MONDAY 21

Rains could dreary  
day. Report this morning  
that there is no rations  
to be issued to the camp  
until there is some  
tunnels found that  
the rebs suppose  
to be digging  
No rations

TUESDAY 22

The tunnel has not  
been found yet no  
rations today We have  
a few sweet potatoes so  
we shall not starve  
Very cold it would be  
called so in Illinois

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1864 .

Last night was a very  
cold night No one  
can tell of the suffer  
-ing of the prisoners  
without food for two days  
without tents or blankets  
or fire The tunnel  
found So we get rations  
rice and meal five of  
us eat twelve qts of mush

THURSDAY 24

Warmer to day. Report  
of Sherman on his raid  
Man escaped by going  
over the stockade  
Roll Call at twelve  
oclock no additional  
news of exchange

FRIDAY 25

General movement today. The rebs  
are unable to find out how many  
men they have here by roll call,  
and this morn sent us all over  
the creek to be counted as we  
come back like a lot of sheep  
The count lacked 500 of being as  
large as reported by roll call  
They have caught the flankers  
at last and will issue rations according  
Had rice for supper without salt.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1864 .

Cool this morn but warm and  
pleasant day. We took our reg-  
ular shave this morn, and spent  
the rest of the day as usual.  
The paroleing Officer commenced  
at the hospt this morn and paroled  
50 sick and convalescent of each  
ward they are to be sent to Savanah  
Monday for exchange Our rations  
today are 1 1/4 pints of meal. Reports  
that we will get no more meat or molasses

SUNDAY 27

Sunday morning and bright  
and pleasant. Great excitement  
in camp this morning  
caused by the first Thousand  
getting orders to move They were  
examined and all the well ones  
sent back Fifteene hundred came  
in today from Savanah . all  
the sick have been exchanged from  
there and these from here will be  
the same

MONDAY 28

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1864 .

Reader: this is a beautiful Morn.  
Warm & bright as nothing else  
inspires my Brain I will tell  
You of a Prisoners Pleasure  
What is it Where does it exist  
does he find pleasure in his little  
domestic duties - No. is it in  
Pouring over some Sentimental  
Novel = or a copy of Byrons [30] Works  
of Nature [31], or is it Fanny Ferns [32] more

WEDNESDAY 30

child like musings:

neither - it is  
in Dreams = it is pleasant -  
although amid the Dying Groans  
of the destitute & Starving - to  
dream of Home - Sweet Sweet  
Home. See the smile flit across  
the face of the Sleeper as in  
his dreams he roams again  
the old haunts of his Childhood  
or as he grows older = on a moon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

light Eve Wandering through that  
Grove With a fair young  
Damsel at his side - talking  
of the event of his departure  
for a life of military Honors  
She weeps = in parting His  
feelings are Wrought to such

a pitch of excitement he  
Wakes = but only to find  
himself housed in by high  
Walls & poor prospects of the real .

[Notes]

[30] George Gordon, 6th Baron Byron (Lord Byron) was an English Romantic poet and satirist in the late 18th/early 19th century and is still popularly read. The Lady Caroline Lamb referred to him as "mad, bad, and dangerous to be around." - MJS

[31] Byron never wrote a work titled such. The diarist probably is referring to Byron's poetical works in general. - MJS

[32] "Fanny Fern" was the pseudonym of Sara Payson Willis Parton: American novelist and newspaper writer, one of the first woman columnists, known for her satiric commentary on contemporary society. - MJS

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1864 .

Warm and pleasant with some signs of rain. Spent the day in patching my own and Billys old clothes. Our clothes are patch upon patches, with but little of the original left.

SATURDAY 3

Exchange stoped again. It is the third time it has been com menced from where I was and stoped again by the moveme nts of our own army.

Traded off our old kettle today for a larger and better one Large no of letters arr ived for prisoners The 2d Thous came back today.

9 SUNDAY 4

Went across the creek this morning for roll call - a few men came in yesterday and the rebs can not add them to what was here They report Sherman Surrounded and given six hours to surrender in by Gen Bureaguard . Shiping for an ex- change to Charleston is to comm ence tomorrow. weather fine

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1864 .

Paroleing commenced again  
this morning and they came  
back day before yesterday  
were taken out again I think  
there is no doubt but what an  
exchange is agreed upon but  
whether I get through or not is  
uncertain I think the call is  
only for sick men and convalescents

TUESDAY 6

All quiet today but reports  
favorable Hostilities ceased  
at Charleston to allow an excha  
nge of all prisoners Showed  
my parole to the Col today  
that I got at Chicamauga  
and got the promise of a job  
I hate to do their work but hunger  
will induce a man to do most any thing

WEDNESDAY 7

They commenced again this morn  
and paroled from the second to  
the eighth Thous about an average  
of 20 men from each hundred  
I wrote a note and sent home  
by T. Deline as I do not expect  
to go myself on the sick call. Some  
new s prisoners from Shermans  
army came in today. Drew ration  
of sweet potatoes and rice

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1864 .

Got up this morn before sunset  
and eat breakfast. The eighth Thous  
fell in at 7 oc and went up to  
be examined. I tryed hard to  
look sick but the Dr could not  
see the point. Billy was among  
the lucky and went out rejo  
ceing. Jack has the ague [33] this PM  
but I hope it will not prove serious  
Reports are good for exchange to go on

FRIDAY 9

The paroled men went off  
this morning. Commenced  
assorting the first second  
and third thousand  
took a thousand men Looks  
like rain

SATURDAY 10

Very cold and looks like snow  
Got mine and Hills name  
down to go out on parole to  
carry wood. The men that  
was sent out to be exchanged  
is not gone yet. It is  
some warmer begins to  
look like rain

[Note]

[33] Def. LOTCW ague: a common name for malaria.... The name was also generally  
used for fevers with intermittent chills.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1864 .

Rained hard last night  
with heavy thunder  
Hill and I go out to work  
at 7 O'clock. Had general  
roll call in camp Clears  
off very cold Reported  
that four men froze  
to death out side some  
of the paroled men as  
they are not gone yet

MONDAY 12

Very cold last night  
Hill dose not go out to  
day as they say there is  
to many out The  
paroled men went off  
to day I hope that that  
they at least will  
soon be out of this  
accursed Confederacy

### TUESDAY 13

Went out to work again and  
came in very tired. What I get  
extra 1 today will be earned  
by the sweat of my brow and  
no mistake. It is hard for a man  
to be obliged to make a pack mule  
of himself for a little rations.  
Oh! what a confederacy this is.  
Jack went to the hospital today  
and R. Seymour came in with us.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1864 .

Did not go out to work this  
morning but sent Hill in my  
place and no one knew the dif-  
ference not even the Sargt of the  
squad. Another Thousand men were  
taken out today for exchange. I had  
a good story fixed up but the Dr did  
not give me the least Show. The one  
that can tell the biggest lies stand  
the best chance. Jack was paroled

### THURSDAY 15

Got up and cooked my breakfast  
this morning before day light.  
Went up to the gate at sunrise but  
we did not go out. Bob sold his  
kettle and we had a rich supper  
of turnip and meal. Oh! Delicious  
The men that were paroled yester-  
day started for Charleston to-  
day Some new men came in from  
Kilpat comd

### FRIDAY 16

The working men went out  
again this morn but I think  
it will hardly pay to work on such  
rations and wear out my clothes  
which is very poor already The wea-  
ther is as warm and pleasant  
as could be asked for Nothing  
more said about exchange and  
I am afraid we stand a poor show  
of being released this winter

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1864 [34].

Doubtless = Dear Reader Your  
will be surprised to find in  
perusing this Little Germ of  
Intelligence, originating from the  
noble mind of Your Friend Eugene  
The intrusion of a strange hand,  
but by a request. Strange thought  
indeed enter my mind - as - for the  
first time in Eight Months - I sit  
to add a slight Remnant of a

SUNDAY 18

Prisoners musings:

Tis Sabbath = &  
as the Sun sheds his illuminous  
Rays in Our lonely Prison. I sit & think  
if that same Orb shines on Our Dear  
Friends we left at Home! if they  
are Dead - or if they are thinking  
of Us &c. Then again if we are to  
spend a life in this dreary Den of  
intense suffering - if that Dear Country  
we were so nobly fighting to save has forgotten  
us quite - Were you to look on us to day you  
would pittty-

MONDAY 19

Got up this morning with  
a slight headache caused by a very  
bad cold. Hill and Bob are  
both complaining also but  
I have no apprehensions that any  
thing serious will be the result  
We were promised full confeder-  
ate rations today but they turned  
out as usual to be smaller than  
the days before. Oh! Vagabonds

[Note]

[34] This entry is written by an unknown author, perchance the poet on [digitized] page  
108: R.P. Seymour.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1864 .

Was entertained today by  
hearing the life of Jane Eyre  
read by Bob & Pickel . It does  
very well for pass time and  
if we had plenty of reading  
matter we could pass off time  
a great deal more advantageously  
The weather grew some colder  
in the P.M. and looks like rain  
I eat a small supper and went  
to bed hungry

WEDNESDAY 21

Some colder this morning  
Rained several times in the  
fore noon but cleared up and  
was very blustering in the  
afternoon. We are anxiously  
looking for the exchange to to  
commence again tomorrow  
as it has been so reported  
for several days.

THURSDAY 22 [35]

Well - here it is, almost  
Christmas, & still confined  
in this = the Land forsaken  
by both God & Human  
Beings. It is useless to attempt  
a description of the Scene.  
If you could see the faces of  
the Poor unhappy men light  
up at the entrance of the  
daily allowance - Viz. one pt of Meal

[Note]

[35] This entry is written by an unknown author, perchance the poet on [digitized] page 108: R.P. Seymour.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1864 .

Galvanized Yankees as they  
are called are comeing in daily  
They have broken their allegiance  
to the U.S. and are now thrown  
back in here disgrased and dis  
honored and can claim protection

from no Government North or South  
The have sold there honor for  
a little extra corn meal and are  
now without either The weather cold

SATURDAY 24  
To Eugene

Accept the Friendship ever true  
Dear Friend I bear for thee,  
When far away-shut from my View  
Thoust ever think of me.  
May the long unhappy dreary days  
With me youve passed in Prison  
Be brighter than the hours you ve <sup>spent</sup>  
In Youth- & more be given.

R.P. Seymour

SUNDAY 25  
Christmas morn but not a  
merry one. I spent a sad and  
gloomy day with my mind constant  
by traveling back to the land of  
loved ones. What would I not give  
to be again placed among those  
loved ones at home. Fifteene  
months have I spent in this mis-  
serable way of liveing and still  
there is nothing to buoy up my spirits

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1864 .  
I arrise this morning feeling  
very much dissatisfyed with my  
situation & Surroundings. my  
Christmas was very badly spent  
yesterday and my night in sad mu-  
sings. Oh! How anxiously I look for-  
ward to the day when my time may  
be differently spent. A few new  
prisoners came in this morning  
Sherman they report advancing on  
Charleston

TUESDAY 27

WEDNESDAY 28

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1864 .

FRIDAY 30

SATURDAY 31

The last day of 1864 is spent  
and I still find myself encircled  
by prison walls with no prospect  
of a speedy release Willming  
ton N.C. is reported captured by  
our men [36] The weather during hollidays  
have been very cold and I have had  
rather a tough time of it as I have been  
about half sick and no apetite.  
I am so tired of corn meal that it sickens  
me to look at it.

[Note]

[36] These reports probably refer to the First Battle of Fort Fisher, which guarded  
Wilmington, fought from 7-Dec-1864 to 27-Dec-1864. It was not captured until the  
Second Battle of Fort Fisher in January. Wilmington was captured in February.

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MEMORANDA.

Robert P. Seymour  
Wayne. Steuben Co  
N.Y.

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MEMORANDA.

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MEMORANDA

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CASH ACCOUNT. JANUARY.

Date. Received. Paid.

Wrote Home  
" " April 18th  
" " May 1st  
" " June 8th  
" " "" 20th  
" " Aug 18th  
" " Oct 5th

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CASH ACCOUNT. JANUARY. Date.  
Received. Paid.

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CASH ACCOUNT. FEBRUARY.  
Date. Received. Paid.  
Wrote H M. Starin April 18 th

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CASH ACCOUNT. FEBRUARY Date.  
Received. Paid.

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MEMORANDA  
Date Dollars. Cts.  
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MEMORANDA  
Date. Dollars. Cts.  
Remember Dec 1863

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MEMORANDA  
Date. Dollars. Cts.  
Ella Barnes  
July 27th 1870 .

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MEMORANDA  
Date. Dollars. Cts.

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Eugene. R. Sly  
Safe and free  
from rebel torments  
F.C.D [37]

[Notes]  
[37] Text is written diagonally

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Eugene R. Sly  
Danville Va  
Prison N o 4  
April 9th 1864

E. R. Sly  
Andersonville  
Camp Sumpter Ga.  
May 21st 1864

Eugene R Sly  
now safe at home  
Lockport  
Ills  
H.L. Hornby

Frankie Williams  
Marshall Michigan [38]

[Note]  
[38] Text is written vertically.

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O W Hill  
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