George M. Shear left Corinth, Miss. on the 9th of 1862 for Memphis City. He departed from Memphis City ill on Nov. 3rd, 1862 for Corinth. He arrived at Corinth on the 7th of Nov.

Remained until the 24th of Nov. 1862 when he started for Jefferson Barracks. He arrived Nov. 29th, 1862, departed Dec. 16th, 1862 for regiment.
George M. Shane was absent from his Regt. from the 30th of Oct., 1862, to 7th of January, 1863.

Vicksburg, Miss.
July 29th, 1863
17th Regt. Iowa volunteers

George M. Shane
Pocket Diary
For
1863.
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1863.

Paid for a uniform
goat 3 dollars 3.00
for a pair of boots 5.00

FRIDAY 2

Capt. Bing 20th B.G.M. Shears
from surplus rations 135

Settled

Sold for cash
sold on credit 4.5 80

SATURDAY 3

Henry Haystack 16
Barbara Shears 2 10
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1863

Left Columbus by
for the 17th. Rept Toward
volunteers as far as
Bulloch County by Rail Road
spotted it across the
bridge. The road
was 10 miles.

Got aboard of the cars
north of Trenton and
went as far as Jackson
peninsular.

MONDAY 5

TUESDAY 6

ook the car at
Jackson Ten - Clem-
where we
walked to
Trenton Ten when we
took the cars again for
our Regiment.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1863.

George W. Shear
c Co. 18th Regt
Tievn not arrived at
his Rest encamped men
Bras' station Gann
on the Rail Road

THURSDAY 8

Camp 27 miles
East of Memphis Town
on the Memphis Rd.
Charleston Rail Road

FRIDAY 9

George W. Shear
July 29th 1863
Richesburg
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1863.

Franklin & Robert Stoops belongs to the 66th Regt. Ohio Vol. Co. A at or near Nashville (term)

SUNDAY 11

1863 Captain Raw. Jr.
To surplus stations

MONDAY 12

Ely Myers Jr.
To cash

Eliza Boister
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1863.

Left the Hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Johnny Regt. went as far as St. Louis, Mo.

SATURDAY 17

SUNDAY 18

The 17th Regt. Convalescent was paid off for the months of July & August.

PRIVATE RECRUITING PUL.
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1868.

3:00
7:20
8:40
6:20
2:30
7:20

TUESDAY 20
3:20

WEDNESDAY 21
3:20
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1863.

Sent $713.00 dollars Home by express

Paid out 50 cts for Strawberries

FRIDAY 23

On Camp Guard
The weather indicated Rain - later - Raining

SATURDAY 24

Raining - bad getting around in Camp
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 1863.

Went foraging—brought me corn & fodder &c

MONDAY 26

Went out on freight—Rainin"t

TUESDAY 27

Wrote a letter home—Weather cold & chilly
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1863.

On camp.
Weather: pleasant.

THURSDAY 29

Weather cool and pleasant.

FRIDAY 30
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1863.

Bought and paid $6 for a pair of boots on picket-guard. Rained in the evening. Received a letter from Geo. W. Mary Ann Ehrman.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

pleasant morning

MONDAY 2

On camp guard. Sold a pair of boots for $5.75 dollars and fifty cents.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1863.

S 16
3 5
4 9

J H. Winfield & Co.
208 Broadway

Snowed in the evening

WEDNESDAY 4

THURSDAY 15

Snow a couple of inches deep still showing &
Morning Cold in the evening Co & E on
Pickett guard.
The 7th division of the 17th Army corps was composed of the following regiments:

First Brigade
- 4th Minnesota
- 48th Ind.
- 59th Ind.
- 18th Wis.
- 63rd Ills.

Second Brigade
- 17th Iowa
- 15th Mo.
- 86th O.
- 56th Ills.

Third Brigade
- 5th and 10th Iowa
- 26th Mo.
- 98th Ills.

Marched from camp near Brandy station to within Thues of Memphis and encamped.
Read a letter from home dated January 30th.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1863.

Campaigned near Memphis. Weather warm &
indicated Rain.

Bought a pair of boots for $1.50.

TUESDAY 10

Signed the pay rolls for two months pay.

WEDNESDAY 11

Was in Memphis.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1863.

Raining 8 1 6
3 5 7
4 9 2

FRIDAY 13

Weather fair
Brother John W. Shearer visited our camp
Received a letter from Army Shearer Field not taken

SATURDAY 14

Raining - sent my likeness home
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1863.

Weather fair. Write a letter to George and Mary Ann Flesner of Marion county Ind.

MONDAY 16

Received two months pay - $6 dollars.

TUESDAY 17

Sent home by express from Memphis. Lem twenty. (illegible) a letter Home.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1863.

Weather cloudy and damp. In camp near Memphis. Town some cannonading going on below. Joined by the Gun Boat.

THURSDAY 19

Fair weather.

FRIDAY 20

Pleasant weather. Received a letter from G. D. Sharron dated Jan 27th.
Saturday, February 21, 1863.

Rained all day got a letter from John Shearin dated Oct 11 answered it the same day that I received it.

Sunday 22

Not raining whether cool

Monday 23

On camp guard weather fair
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1863.

Pleasant day. Wrote a letter to Thomas C. Shearmur of Muskogee Ind. Drew 1 pair of pants and 1 overalls from Government.

WEDNESDAY 25

Rainy and disagreeable weather.

THURSDAY 26

Weather foggy and rainy. Went to Memphis on a pass.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1868.

Pleasant weather.

Received a letter from Garfield and found R.O. Milton.

SATURDAY 28th.

Wrote for short.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1.

Marched from our camp near Memphis and embarked from above the road on board the 'G e a d i n a t a '.
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1868.

Still at Memphis Company & on duty.

TUESDAY 3

Departed from Memphis on board the Galena for Vicksburg at 3 o'clock AM.

WEDNESDAY 4

Weather fair. We are now sailing close the Mississippi River—between Helena, Ark., and Vicksburg.
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1863.

Shiptons Transports are now lying at the landing putting off Army stores wrote a letter to John W. Sheaves at Memphis Tenn.

FRIDAY 6

Weather pleasant wrote a letter home got marching orders Reloading the Boats heavy shower of Rain at night

SATURDAY 7

Slaudry Foggy weather if our tents are pitch ready for embarking Lake on Board the Claritson steaming up the river
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1863.

Sailing up the Miss River. Attended preaching on the boat.

MONDAY 9.

Departed at Helena, Arkansas, from down the River, fell back down the River about 4 miles & stayed over night.

TUESDAY 10.

Raining. Lying above the plantation 4 miles below Helena. Got two letters—one from W.P. Simmons & one from W.N. & F. Horton.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1863.

Pleasant morning.
In camp 3 miles south of Helena, Ark.

THURSDAY 12

Weather fair.

FRIDAY 13

Pleasant day.
Wrote a letter to Brother John at Memphis / Larm.
SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1863.
Fair weather—first Brigade of this division leaves this camp to-day.
I drew and order of two dollars of our Sutler.

SUNDAY 15

MONDAY 16
Fair weather
Wrote a letter to John Alexander of Wapello Co., Iowa.
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1863:

Received a letter from Elizabeth & Martha Ann Shearer. Write a letter to Little Shearer.

WEDNESDAY 18

Warm weather.
Still in camp below Helena Ark. Wife River is still rising.

THURSDAY 19

Company drill in the fort and after noon very warm.
Wrote a letter to Martha Ann Shearer.
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1863.

Battalion drill in the morning. A fleet of six boats passed down the river; had one boat of the Marine Brigade.

SATURDAY 21

Have marching orders. Our companies are on the move; baggage and livestock are being sent aboard the boats. Boats are constantly passing down the river.

SUNDAY 22

Troops are embarking. It is now three o'clock and we are not yet left the camp.
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1863.

On board the steamer
Pike, lying at shore,
Raining I saw you sound to
day.

TUESDAY 24

Left the shores of camp Sandbar and
made off for the entrance of Cagoopa
Passed the Chief's
Traveled only 6 or 7 miles
No food for the night in

WEDNESDAY 25

Left Moon Lake and
entered the narrow crooked
stream called the pass
Our progress is slow
and perilous
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1863.

Off again on our journey having stopped for the night near a farm house—weather favorable.

FRIDAY 27

Our progress is slow. The stream is very crooked and is navigated with extreme difficulty. Our boat also much damaged. Thus, we have confidence in her success.

SATURDAY 28

Off at an early hour. Entered the bold water. This stream is some shallower and wider than the Big one.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1863.

off early in the morning. Lith was soon determined by over taking a part of the fleet off again. But what? the Pike struck a snag and came very near sitting on our boat. Having been repaired during the night, we are again afloat making good time.

THURSDAY, 2

FRIDAY, 3
off early with good speed. Arrived at our camp near green wood at 12 M.

Received a letter from John Alexander.
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1863.

In camp near Green Wood.

After the division had received orders to go up the river

Embarked on board the Rose Maryland during the night.

SUNDAY 5th.

The fleet on a retrograde movement—bowed up the river Calahachie.

Weather warm and pleasant. Tied up at night.

MONDAY 6th.

Off early in the morning. No shots fired by the Rebels from both sides of the river. No damage done.
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1863.

We resume our journey; are nearing the mouth of Cold Water. The river is very crooked, our progress is slow.

WEDNESDAY 8

But early on our way up the coldest water entered the mouth of the pass in the afteroon. Our progress is very slow. Left coldest water on the pass off early with the hope of reaching Heeling tomorrow morning, doubt.
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1863.

Dismembered and went into camp.

Received a letter from W. Shear of Memphis. Wrote a letter to John F. One woman in camp got up to view below Helena.

Mained in the evening.

My health is good.

SATURDAY 11


SUNDAY 12

Are weather pleasant.

Went up to Helena and visited the 36th Iowa Infantry—seen Dr. Hearne.

Shear—He was in good health.

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MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1863.

Still in camp near Helena. Ash & I are preparing to go down the river. Wrote a letter to W. R. Sessions.

Raining.

TUESDAY 14

Weather rainy.

On board the steamer, Rose, Hambledon.

Went from camp up to Helena &rk.

WEDNESDAY 15

Got off of the boat and went into regular camp.

Will probably remain here for several days.

Received a letter from Thomas V. Shearer.
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1863.

Received marching orders—embarked on board the Rose—Hambleton and started down the river.

FRIDAY 17

Lost sight about 11 o'clock our boat was run into by the Savalle and came very near sinking—no lives lost.

SATURDAY 18

Started a letter to Amy Shearer. We have arrived within ten miles of Vicksburg Read a letter from home.
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1863.

was joined after receiving from... Swett.
also expressed $50 home.

MONDAY 20T

left our camp on the river and marched to Rich mond, Louisiana.

TUESDAY 21

in camp near Richmond.

Rained.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1863.

Raining and muddy weather. Our health is good.

Write a letter to John W. Shearer at Memphis, Tenn.

THURSDAY 23

On Brigade guard.

FRIDAY 24

Write a letter to Brother J. Shearer at the 36th Iowa at Helena, Ark., for fatigues duty.
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1863.

Received marching orders—leave camp near Richmond. Set out 10 o'clock A.M. Marched 6 miles and camped for night.

SUNDAY 26

Woke up our march at 7 o'clock and marched to South Plantation & stopped for dinner. Slept over night.

MONDAY 27

Camped 3 miles from Carthage on the Bayou 3 miles from the River 15 or 20 miles below Vicksburg.
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1863.

Reached from our camp at Smith’s plantation for Carthage. Roads very bad. Stopped for the night on Convitt’s plantation.

WEDNESDAY 29

Rose up on March at an early hour. Thrashed the River 37 miles below. No wind.

THURSDAY 30

Reached 18 miles down the river and stopped for the night.
SUNDAY 8

Black NEW

consideration the old 18th century

crossed knife the rebels had

SUNDAY 9

New 18th century

consideration the old 18th century

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1868.

SATURDAY 2

Central Fort 18th century

Battles 18th century
MONDAY, MAY 4, 1868.

Laid in camp some miles above Grand Gulf and about 4 1/2 miles below Vicksburg. Wrote a letter to Lucie & Emily.

TUESDAY 5

Lying in camp 2 1/2 miles from Vicksburg. Marched four miles down Warrin. Wrote a letter to Stephen V. Shearer of 3rd Ind. Regt.

WEDNESDAY 6

Wrote a letter to J. W. Shearer.

17th still in camp near Pickwick River.
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1863.

Camp near Big Black River, 8 miles above Grant Gulf. Weather favorable.

FRIDAY 8

Co. E. of the 17th on pocket guard. The Battalion exercised in skirmish drill.

SATURDAY 9

Marched from our camp near Black River Bridge to a camp near Kanawha above Newbern, warm
SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1863

Lying in camp about 5 miles from Point Elliott, Miss. Left this camp and marched 2 miles beyond Rittenhouse for the night.

MONDAY 11

Moved on at 7 1/2 o'clock towards Raymond's Island or very short march in the face of short supplies of rations especially bread.

TUESDAY 12

Left our camp 10 miles from Raymond's Island, a hard battle was fought in which 17th was not engaged.

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SUNDAY 17

Started on to join our regt. meeting on Black River, crossed on Big Black River, our troops crossing.

MONDAY 18

Arrived our regt. at the Battle ground near Black River. Remained here one night.
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1863.
Left our camp at the battle ground and moved towards Vicksburg - crossed Black river and camped for the night. Heavy cannonading in the direction of Vicksburg.

WEDNESDAY 20
Left our camp on Big Black and marched towards Vicksburg; 16 miles from the city. Came 3 miles of Vicksburg fighting all day.

THURSDAY 21
17th in line of battle before the rebel works. Got a letter from John & Julian's house. Was at night of the rebel works.
FRIEDAY, MAY 22, 1868.

Firing is renewed. The
marching preparation
are being made to
Charge the Forts.
Ours as yet is light
Captured one fort
the charge unsuccessful.

SATURDAY 23

Year The Battle Field
fighting going on
wounded is heavy

SUNDAY 24

Commencing and
skirmishing going on.
Received a letter from b r Sherr
wrote one letter home
and one to F W Sheaker.
Monday, May 25, 1863
Wrote a letter to J. I shed firing light today.
Rebels send in a flag of truce. Some dead were buried.

Tuesday 26
Firing moderate. Wrote a letter to Mary Ann Hunter. The 17th Iowa goes out on picket.

Wednesday 27
17th skirmishing with the Rebels. One killed. Weather very warm.
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1863.

In camp near Dickson.

Received a letter from my shears.

Wrote a letter to Lizzie and Emma Sheard.

FRIDAY 29

Commanding today from our side - it terrific. It rains.

SATURDAY 30

Co. E is skirmished. Casualties none.
SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1863.

In camp in the rear of Vickery's Col. - Hill's resigns and goes home. We draw clothing - I drew 1 Blouse 1 Night and 1 pair socks.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Nothing new occurred respecting the fight. Very quiet. Warm but pleasant.

TUESDAY, 2

Commanding going on as usual. Nothing new. Train leaves today. First time resigned wrote a letter.
Wednesday, June 3, 1863.

Received a letter from Amy and Missy Cleaver, Governor Kirkwood of Iowa visited us and gave us a short address.

Thursday 4

The siege of Vicksburg continues nothing of much importance is occurring.

Friday 5

Weather very warm. On guard at the decision hospital.
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1868.

Mary Shearer.

Nothing new occurs.

SUNDAY 7

Pleasant Sabbath.
Heard preaching morning.
Saw Coonmanding in the evening.

MONDAY 8

Received a letter from Thomas V. Shearer.
Wrote to Thomas and one to Mrs. Shearer.
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1863.

Write a letter to Mr. P. Edmunds

Received a letter from J.M. Shean.

WEDNESDAY 10

Matters unchanged at Warmston.

Rained freely to day.

THURSDAY 11

Cambridge.

More wish that and

Are play on Thursday

With large

Write a letter to

S.G. Streets
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1868.

Matters progressing slowly but steadily. Wrote a letter to John Alexander.

SATURDAY 13

Commanding brisk tosay. I go out and get some black berries and plums.

SUNDAY 14

A letter from Sissie.

Rebels threw some large shell at our batteries without doing much damage, and artillery play upon them with alternating great effect.
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1863

Wrote a letter to J.W. Sheene.

Missig the day

roll went out on picket

TUESDAY 16

Nothing occurs of much interest

WEDNESDAY 17

Rebels threw shell at our Batteries all day with little effort.

Our large guns were engaged all day.
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1863.

Shelling my boat sides and hin progr - I went to the brent an detach to load teams.

FRIDAY 19

was paid off for the months of March and April - settled clothing accounts. Receipt made 37.25.

SATURDAY 20

The battle opened. This morning with artillery all about our lines. Received a letter from J. A. Shears.
SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1863.
Expressed my home
Wrote a letter
to Lizze Shearn and none to Y L Shearn
To John J Green

MONDAY 22
All quiet about
Vicksburg
Received a letter
from Shafter

TUESDAY 23
Still in Camp
near The rebel works
B Shearn a private
in Co E was made 4th Sergeant.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1863.
Some fighting last night. Cannonading active. This morning shifted camp.

THURSDAY 25
Ordered in line of battle—march to the support of Sam Logan's attempt to take a rebel fort—severe fighting. 11th losses 30 killed wounded.

FRIDAY 26
To close to the doors to go to quarter until 10 o'clock and then marched to our quarter to write a letter to farther.
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1863

Shelling going on briskly. 17th goes out of pocket. Weather intensely warm.

SUNDAY 28

Nothing new occurs. 17th returns from picket. No mail to-day.

MONDAY 29

Wrote a letter to H. P. Shearer and one to M. A. Shearer. Received one from Mary Ann Allen of Idaho.
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1863.

Mutineers for pay things rather quiet to day at Richmond
Received a letter from John W. Sheard of Memphis
Tennessee.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

On camp ground.
Egmont Taylors blew up a fort. The Doings are not much. Good weather. Very warm.

THURSDAY 2

Commanding and Shelling brisk by the gun boat.
FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1863.

The rebels came out a flag of truce. Wrote a letter to Mary Ann. Received a letter from W. P. Simonds dated June 25.

SATURDAY 4

Vicksburg surrendered to Gen. Grant at 10 o'clock today. The 17th Iowa marches into town and again returned to camp. Weather intensely warm.

SUNDAY 5

Still in camp. Out side. The rebel works wrote a letter to W. P. Simonds and one home—changed camps.
MONDAY, JULY 6, 1863

Camp near the rebel works. The 17th engage in garrison. The Captains arm and handle them to the rear.

TUESDAY 7

The 18th go out on picket guard near the swamps.

WEDNESDAY 8

On camp guards. The prisoners are being paroled.
Thursday, July 9, 1863.

Wrote a letter to W. Shears at Helena, G.A. Employed a cook for our horses 5 dollars per month.

Friday 10

The weather is very warm. The prisoners are leaving this morning.

Saturday 11

17th. in f. pocket guard. My health is bad, to blame.
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 1863.

In camp one mile back from the river on the Railroad — about a mile from town. Wrote a letter to J.W. Shearer.

MONDAY 13

Prisoners all paroled and nearly all left Vicksburg — many of them for their homes — Signed the pay rolls.

TUESDAY 14

Drew clothing. Had general inspection and finelly I was detailed on guard.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1863.
6:30 quite at Bricksburg.
17th one rest.
Cars run out to
black river daily
with provisions and
ammunition.

THURSDAY 16
Write a letter home.
Book a walk through
the city of Bricksburg.
It is a dead city.
Weather pleasant.

FRIDAY 17
17th Iowa nearly all on
duty.
SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1863.

17th Corps was paid off to day for the month of May & June. Sent twenty five dollars home by Lieut. Col. O'Donnell of Ashland I have not a letter of W. H. Sears. On picket guard at Frank to day.

SUNDAY 19

MONDAY 20

17th moved their camp to a position further to the right.
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1863.

Wrote a letter to Eugie and Emma. Received a letter from Mary M. Shearer.

WEDNESDAY 22

Weather very warm and dry. Received a letter from Milton Shearer. Wrote a letter to Charles Blackston at Memphis Inn.

THURSDAY 23

I am on fatigue to-day. Received a letter from J. J. Shearer, 17th Artillery to dress parade for the first time since it came to Dickson.
FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1863.

On camp guard
Wrote a letter to P. S. Shearer.

SATURDAY 25.

Received a letter from Charles Blackinton.

SUNDAY 26.

Wrote a letter to Charles Blackinton.

Received a letter from P. S. Shearer—dated July 21—had a good—

sale to day.
MONDAY, JULY 27, 1863.

Wrote a letter to John M. Shearer. Read a letter from Amy Shearer dated July 17th. I and one from O. W. Shearer dated July 22nd.

TUESDAY 28

I attended one noon call this morning. Wrote a letter to Mr. Shearer. Raining this evening.

WEDNESDAY 29

My health is bad. To day 17th go out on Battalion drill.
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1863
In camp near Bridgeburg. Weather pleasant.

FRIDAY 31
“and Brigade on general Inspection.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
Wrote a letter to Milton Shearer.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 1863.

On picket guard. Battalion drill in the evening.

MONDAY 3

Weath. warm. all quiet in camp.

TUESDAY 4

Received a letter from W. P. Simonds, and one from Mary A. Higgs. Wrote a letter to W. P. Simonds.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1863.

Write a letter to M. M. of Amy Sheare.

THURSDAY 6

Received a letter from J. W. Sheare, dated July 27th.

FRIDAY 7

Received a letter from George W. Steel - Graves, July 22nd.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1863.

MISS WINTER, Warrenton, Mo.

Pleasant.

SUNDAY 9T

Wrote a letter to
G.W. Steele of Warsaw.
Received a letter
from Charles 03leck
Stow - dated July 3.

MONDAY 10

Wrote a letter to Mary
Ann Wilson of Indiana.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1863.

Weather, warm with an indication of rain.

WEDNESDAY 12

Received a letter from J. L. Shearer, work at Mount city. He dined August 5th.

THURSDAY 13

Wrote a letter to J. L. Shearer. A burglary occurred in the 17th to day.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 1863.
Received a letter from J. W. Shearer and one from Charles Blackstone. Wrote a letter to J. W. Shearer and also one to Charles Blackstone.

SATURDAY 15
Toys made today.

SUNDAY 16
On picket guard. Weather fair.
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1863.

Pleasant

TUESDAY 18

Rainy

WEDNESDAY 19

Wrote a letter home. The steamer City of Madison loaded with ammunition blew up and killed many persons.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1863.

Raining this morning and wrote a letter to Frederick at Indianapolis.

FRIDAY 21

On camp general picket is changed from the breast works to the principal road leading to town.

SATURDAY 22

Noting of interest occurring.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1863.

Received a letter from Mrs. Shearer, and reply from John Alexander. Was to church at Richburg.

MONDAY 24

Wrote a letter to Mr. Shearer.

TUESDAY 25

Weather cool and windy.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1863.

Our quiet on the Mississippi.
George stole his right.

THURSDAY 27

Our Boys start home on furlough.
One from each Company. Wrote a letter to John Alexander.

FRIDAY 28

I go into the city.
It rains furiously.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1863.

Company B in Pickett Guard on the Baldwin's ferry mouth.

SUNDAY 30

Weather cool and pleasant to —

MAIL ITS day

MONDAY 31

Mustered for pay. Received & read a letter from B. H. Shears, dated August 6th.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1863.
Was to wear 2 day
on deck

WEDNESDAY 2
Went to town
and purchased
a barrel of apples

THURSDAY 3
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1863.

Write a letter to E.A. Shearer

SATURDAY 5

Weather extremely by snows.

SUNDAY 6

Received a letter from O.W. Shearer, and one from J. I. Shearer.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1863.

write a to J J Sheare a her once to J W Sheare.

TUESDAY 8

H ave marching orders wea ther
very warm

WEDNESDAY 9

Bet in camp at Vicksburg Camp
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1863.

Andre marching orders

FRIDAY 11

Write a letter to
M. P. Rainsford

SATURDAY 12

Left our camp at
Rickertown, Miss. and
went Labor Day.
The Clara Belle
started up the
river P.M.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1863.

Our progress is slow. Lake Providence is far off. This morning, quite pretty, good for walking.

MONDAY 14

Past the mouth of Arkansas River early this morning. Arrived at Nashville at 7 o'clock P.M. remained on ship till morning.

TUESDAY 15

Marched for Helena. The boat did not arrive into camp at Helena at all.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1863.

Write a letter to John W. Shearer. Forwarded a letter from George Whitt to John W. Shearer.

THURSDAY 17

Received a letter from Amy and Mary Shearer and one from Mary Ann Benton dated Dept 9th. We are still at Helena Ark.

FRIDAY 18

In camp one mile below Helena Ark. Weather cold for this country about time of year — 0°. George M. Shearer is very home.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1863.

17th drilled to stay. Weather cold. Wrote a letter to Major A. Tenham.

SUNDAY 20T

Sillim camp near Helena. George on guard.

MONDAY 21

Wrote a letter to father.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1863

Went to town on pass 18th drill four hours each day. Weather warm.

WEDNESDAY 23

Received a letter from W. W. Shears dated Sept 20th. Write a letter to John W. Shears.

THURSDAY 24
All of the 1st Brigade have left for Memphis, but we (12) are also awaiting transportation.

TUESDAY 29

17th Iowa cavalry Helena for Memphis on board the steamer Liberty No. 2. It is supposed we are on our way to reinforce Genl. Rosecrans.

WEDNESDAY 30

Arrived at Memphis Oct. 4. It's raining—marched in camp. I wrote to the clerk of City Hall for a letter from Mrs. S. S. Sheeran.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1863.

Beaver was at Memphis. Seen Brother John M. Shearer.

FRIDAY 2

Received two letters one from Eliza J. Shearer and one from J. W. Shearer of Memphis.

SATURDAY 3

Our baggage left behind us at Nicks. Took several donations to Clara Pope. Left letters to Emma. A. Shearer.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1863

Brother John W. Sheares visited our camp to-day.

MONDAY 5

Received marching orders – Our baggage taken to the depot. First and Third Brigades of this Division have left Memphis for Corinth, Miss.

TUESDAY 6

Still in camp near Memphis – Rainy today. Went ahead today, the 5th at night. Left Memphis 11 o'clock.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1863.

Arrived at Corinth at 1 P.M. Proceeded out on the H & C P. Road about 6 miles and went into camp.

THURSDAY 8

First of second brigade go into camp under 6 miles east of Corinth and the Third Brigade moved for. Then out on the P. Road.

FRIDAY 9

Wrote a letter to John W. Shear. In camp eight miles east of Corinth. Miss.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1863.
Wrote a letter to A of troops in camp at Glen Panel lead of Co. F 11th Ohio.

SUNDAY 11
Wrote the payrolls
Ponce out on a foraging expedition
Weather fine
A raid made on the railroad near Galliersville

MONDAY 12
In camp at Glenn Dale
St. Francis to day.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1863.

Iowa Election. Combs
officer - Iowa soldiers
allowed to vote. 17th
Regiment gave 174 votes
for Col. Stone and 49
for Gen. Butler.

WEDNESDAY 14

Heather cool and
Rainy

THURSDAY 15

Received a letter
from home Answered
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1868.
Paid off for the remainder of July and August.
Received $26 each in greenbacks.

SATURDAY 17
Marched from camp Eldorado to Burnsville.
12 miles from Corinth.

SUNDAY 18
In camp near Burnsville. Otis
Ordered marching orders wrote letter.

Monday, October 19, 1868.

March from Burnsville to Luka and camped for the night.

Tuesday 20

In camp near Luka, remained at Luka till the following day.

Wednesday 21

Marched from Luka to Bear Creek, 9 miles east of Luka. Entered Alabama today. Weather rainy.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1863.

In camp on the right side of Bean Creek. The 7th division of 12 army corps are all here following in the rear of the 15 army corps.

FRIDAY 23

Leave our camp near Bean Creek and march east. Rainy and disagreeable weather. Commanding with a letter from Maj. Hurm - Camped.

SATURDAY 24

In camp 12 miles east of Six Mile. Very cold and disagreeable. This camp near Dixon's Station. Ala.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1863.

Write a letter to Mary A. Hunter fighting in front of our army.

MONDAY 26

Fighting in front to day weather fine no part of our Brigade was on the scout

Received a letter from John Shears and wrote one to him.

TUESDAY 27

Still in camp near Sickenesville Alabama 12 miles east of Tuscaloosa

Grand and fatigue heavy.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1863.

In camp near Dixon's Station. The cars reached Dixon's Station today.

Got marching orders in the evening.

THURSDAY 29

March from Dixon Station at 7 o'clock AM.
March to Chicsawau on the Tennessee River.

And camp for the night.

FRIDAY 30

In camp at Chicsawau on the Tennessee River awaiting transportation across the river.
Raising to clay. Crossed the Tennessee River on Steamboat No. 10. A letter from John.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1863.

SUN. on the east side of the Summ river.
Left here in the evening and marched till late at night and camped till morning.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

Marched at 6 o'clock went to Florence Ala. a distance of 20 miles.
One division in our advance. A few Rebels found in Florence which were capt.

MONDAY 2

Camp at Florence Alabama. Left Florence at 4 o'clock P.M. and marched seven miles and camped.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1863.
Camps on Shoal river 7 miles east of Selma
 Ala. Marched at half past 6 o'clock. Marched
18 miles and camped near Rodgersville.

WEDNESDAY 4
Camps near Rodgersville
 Ala. Marched at 9 o'clock
Went ten miles and
Camped. Army could
not cross Elk river near
Rodgersville and had go
much further round.

THURSDAY 5
Left camp 8 1/2 o'clock
and marched 10 miles
and camped. Rain all day.
1st Brigade march
to front of position.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1863.

Camp at Prospect on Railroad Stake. Loose our march at 7 A.M. Progressed on account of broken country. Entered Richland Creek and established camp for the night.

SATURDAY 7

Left camp on Richland Creek at 5 1/2 O'clock. Marched 15 miles. Camped.

SUNDAY 8


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Camp 2 miles from Fayetteville, Tenn. The 2nd Division rest to-day in camp. The 2nd Division arrived here to-day and camps to our left.

Tuesday 10

Left Camp at 8 o'clock and marched through Hayettville—went 14 miles and camped.

Wednesday 11

Camp 22 miles from Winchester. Left this camp at 6 o'clock. Arrived at Winchester at 12 o'clock. Left went into camp. Knapsack.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1863.
Camp at Winchester. Remained here during this day with orders to march in the morning. Wrote a letter home of one to go to Shenandoah.

FRIDAY 13
Camp at Winchester. Left this camp at 5 B.M. and marched to Cowan Station.

SATURDAY 14
Leave camp after Cowan and march across the mountains. Marched 7 miles and camped upon the mountains.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1863.

Camp on the Cimi Mountains. Left camp early and ascended the Mountains—Went to day 12 or 14 miles and camped at 8 miles from Bridgeport.

MONDAY 16

Camp 8 miles from Bridgeport. Left the camp at 6 o'clock and reached Bridgeport at noon and went to camp. Received a letter and photograph of Mr. Thomas.

TUESDAY 17

Remained in camp to day. Wrote a letter home.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1863.

Camped near Bridgeport. Broke to march at 7 o'clock. Cross the Tennessee river and marched in the direction of Chattanooga Camp in the Valley.

THURSDAY 19

Camped 5 miles east of Bridgeport. Left camp early and marched till late afternoon. Then rested a few hours and again started, crossing the river a short distance below Chattanooga just at day light.

FRIDAY 20

Breakfast at 6 o'clock. Opposite Chattanooga while on our way to point on the river some miles above that town. Remained here during the night.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1863.

Tying on Camp 2 or 3 miles northeast of Chattanooga. Late in the evening ordered to march at any moment. Remained here all night.

SUNDAY 22

Spent the Sabbath in Camp, Georgia, Chattanooga. Ordered to proceed with 100 rounds ammunition with order to march at 12 o'clock at night.

MONDAY 23

The order to march at 12 o'clock last night, being countermanded, we are still in the above named camp. Wrote to Mr. Jones and one of my wife's brothers at 12 o'clock.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1863.
Left camp at 12 o'clock last night and crossed the river about 4 miles above Chattanooga over log roll of battle - crossed on small boats, a battle expected to come heavy fighting to night.

WEDNESDAY 25
Rested during the night in the woods near the rebel lines. Hard fighting 5 day but engaged. Gen. Hartranft & Capt. Thomas killed and myself slightly wounded. I remain in Hospital to night.

THURSDAY 26
Rebels retreated last night. We pursued them to day harasing their rear - Capturing several prisoners.
Camped 8 or 10 miles from Chattanooga.
Friday, November 27, 1863.
Resume our march in pursuit of the retreating rebels—camped near Sprayville, Georgia a number of prisoners captured today.

Saturday 28
Our division (3) leave camp near Sprayville Brood and march back towards Chatanooga. We on short rations.

Sunday 29
Arrived at our old camp near Chatanooga. This morning the weather cold. Wrote home.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1863.

Camp north of the Tennessee river opposite Chattanooga. The weather very rainy and cold. We are yet-lying out without our tents.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

In camp near Chattanooga. Our division (3) was out on review today—Generals Grant, Hooker, and Logan were present.

WEDNESDAY 2

Still in camp near Chattanooga. Some orders to march in the morning.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1863.

Leave camp near Chattanooga for Bridgetown today—go about 15 miles and camp for the night. On guard.

FRIDAY 4

Camp near Shell Mountain. Received a letter from M. A. Kenner. Leave this camp at 7 o'clock. Arrived at Bridgetown today and went into town.

SATURDAY 5

In camp near Bridgetown. Write a letter to M. A. Kenner.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1863.

Camp near Bridgport
Alabama. Received 25
month pay today
Paid for Sept. 1863

MONDAY 7

Expressed 25 dollars
home today for myself
and $17.25 for George
Martin deceased

TUESDAY 8

Camp near Bridgport
Nor. Ala. It rained to
day. Received a
letter from Robert Stoops
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1863.

In camp at Bridgeport, Ala. Went for Almanac.

THURSDAY 10

Heard preaching t' day. All quiet at Bridgeport, Ala.

FRIDAY 11

Weather pleasant—in eating train.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1863.

Weather rainy and disagreeable. Had
presented a letter from home.

SUNDAY 13

It continued to rain. Spent the day in
Camp.

MONDAY 14

Camp near Bridgeport. Received
a letter from home. One from Martha S.
Shearer.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1863.
Wrote a letter to Milton Shearer. Had general inspection today.

WEDNESDAY 16.
Weather fairly warm and bright. Went on a letter to Gen. Steele.

THURSDAY 17.
In camp at Bridgeport. Ha! Received an amount of clothing for the regiment.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1863.

Camps near Bridgeport. After getting to camp.

SATURDAY, 19

Cloudy. Fine. All quiet at Port Allegheny. The railroad has been cut between Jefferon and Nashville Town.

SUNDAY, 20

Spend Tuesday in camp. Weather cold.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1863.

Still in camp
mean breakfast
orders to receive
morrow

TUESDAY 22

Left camp near
Bridgeport-Ala and
Marched for Seavon
 Ala Arrived late
in the evening and went
into camp

WEDNESDAY 23

Camp near Stevenson
Ala - are setting here
today - will probably
remain several days
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1863.

In camp near Stevenson. Had the register court at fair. Left camp and marched to Stevensons and after some delay marched about 4 miles west of town and camped for the night.

FRIDAY 25

Camp 4 miles west of Stevensons, Ala. Being on a march, we are very hungry, prepared to enjoy Christmas dinner. Took Christmas in the way of marching 12 miles camping 3 miles west of Bellfont.

SATURDAY 26

Camp 3 miles west of Bellfont. Ala. Raining today very much the last 5 or 6 miles and camp near Scottsville.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1863.
Camp near Scottsville.

MONDAY 28
Camp near Sartourville. Left camp at 8 o'clock and marched 4 miles. Rested a few moments and marched back near to where we started.

TUESDAY 29
Camp 2 miles west of Sartourville. Marched early and went into camp five miles west of Sartourville.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1863.
Camp 4 miles west of Galaxtown on the H & E Railroad, and Farewell all campers together, putting up winter quarters.

THURSDAY, 31

The cars pass our camp once a day. Generally got mail once a day. Listened for 10 hours — nothing.

TUESDAY, 31

The year 1863 closes with Rebellion and War through it. Is staggering under heavy blows by opposing armies.
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MEMORANDA: 1862

List of clothing received from

U.S. Governemnt:

1 Cap
1 Uniform coat
1 Pair Pants
2 Shirts
2 Pair Drawers
2 Pair Socks
2 Blankets
1 Hat
1 Pair Gloves
2 Socks
1 Shoes

Total: $63

Paid: $63

Paid: $33, $95

Journal Entry:

1 Cap $63
1 Uniform coat $71
1 Pair Pants $303
2 Shirts $176
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Iowa Vol. Co. E
on the 10th of March
1862 - His Home is
in Lapeer county
Town - Address
Agency city with its
County Iowa 3 6.5
189 95
152 10

Dr. Shearer's address
H. Y. Street Hospital
2 41 85
1 75 0 5
4th Street Hospital