Henry Beck enlisted in 1861, age 21 - this heavy fight from 64-65 is the last yr. of Civil War. The part from 61 to War 64 was lost during 1st Confederate Re-Union held in B'ham. 1894 - He had cleaned this heavy to smoke of his Confederates during the Re-Union. There was a fire in the building the deadly from 61-64 was destroyed by fire.
Mr. Witz referred to is your
father, Isaac Witz, of
Blanton Va., & James Witz
of Cordell High School of Sec.
State in F. D. Roosevelt
Gabinet, from 1933 to 1940.
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MELOIRS OF HENRY BECK - 1864-1865

Battle's Brigade
Rode's Division
2nd Corps

ARMY NORTHERN VIRGINIA
MEMOIRS OF HENRY BECK - 1864-1865

Tuesday, March 1st, 1864

Left home this morning, reached Selma in a rain. Left there at 1 P.M. on little Cherokee. Capt. W. and I slept under berth No. 6. Similar dreams of both.

Wednesday, 2nd.

Reached Montgomery about 12 o'clock, stopped at the Exchange, room no. 42, wrote to Brother and Al, took supper with Newman at Joe Pizallie's, went to theatre to Lady of Lyons, was introduced to Mrs. Hirsh, after theatre returned to the Exchange, found Captain W. in bed.

Thursday, 3rd.

After breakfast got apples, wrote to Miss A.D. & sent them by K.B. Waller. Hurried to the depot and came near being left. Left Montgomery at 11 A.M., reached West Point at 1/2 past 6 P.M.

Friday, 4th.

Reached Augusta at 5 P.M., left at 7 P.M., reached Branchville at 1/2 past 12 A.M., Kingsville about 4 A.M.

Saturday, 5th.

Reached Columbus at 8 A.M., missed connection, put up at the Nickerson Hotel in room no. 42, wrote to Brother and Al. Left for Charlotte at 6 P.M. Gen. Ripley aboard the train.

Sunday, 6th.

Reached Charlotte at 5 A.M. Stopped at Charlotte hotel. Capt. W. & I went to the Episcopal church. Left Charlotte at 6 P.M. Saw a Yankee who was killed for attempting to get away.

Monday, 7th.

Reached Raleigh at 9 A.M., left at 11 A.M., reached Weldon at 7 P.M., Petersburg at 3 A.M., left Mrs. Gayle and family there.

Tuesday, 8th.

Reached Richmond at 7 A.M., stopped at Mrs. Barnes'. Capt. W., Charley and myself took baths at the Ballard house, went to Antone's & got oysters, returned to Mrs. Barnes', repacked box, left $300.00 in gold with Mrs. Barnes, and wrote to brother and Capt. Curry, sent letters to office by Capt. W. Met Col. Hobson & Fred Peck at the Spotswood. Col. Hobson & I went to Pizzani's, took ice cream, then went to look up Col. Fowler. On my return found Sims at Mrs. Barnes. Him & I went to the barbers at the Ballard, met with N. Jackson & Alex Sledge. N. Jackson went with us to Mrs. Barnes' where we found Col. Fowler. We returned about 10 o'clock.
Wednesday, 9th.

Got up at ½ past 4 A.M., took the Central train at 6 for Gordonsville, reached there at ½ past 12 P.M., left for Orange C.H. at 1 P.M., reached there at about 3 P.M. Left James Boardman at the depot and marched to camp. Reached camp about 6 P.M., met all the boys, had long talks, etc. Slept with Charley Williams that night.

Thursday, 10th.

Passed off the day in talking and singing. Went up to Major Adam's quarters late in the evening, played whist with Boardman Tucker & Lavender, took supper there and stayed all night, slept with Lavender.

Friday, 11th.

John Tucker and I started to the Jeff Davis's Legion this morning, passed by bordersville, our and the enemy's line of fortifications on Mine Run, from there to Spottsville C.H., thence by Kassamoge church to the legion, reached there just at dark, met with Syd Border, Emmett Jackson & Curry James. I was mustered into Co. E, J & S. by Lieut. Dougaville, & approved by Maj. Lewis. Stayed with Border & Jackson that night.

Saturday, 12th.

After taking a cup of coffee, we started back to camp, reached there about dusk. Read the beacon of the 4th inst. Then Ward having gone home, Jones & I slept together.

Sunday, 13th.

Sometime after breakfast walked up to Maj. Adams, wrote to Miss J.C. Took dinner with Tucker Boardman & Lavender & Capt. C then returned to camp.

Monday, 14th.

After breakfast wrote to Alfred Ward, read the company report, nothing unusual transpiring all day, unpacked box of Capt. Jordan from Mrs. Walton & found cakes, etc. in it, made proper use of it. After supper sang and had considerable tussle in the mess.

Tuesday, 15th.

After breakfast drilled in manuels, wrote to Brady. Col. Hobson reached here this evening, brought cake for Briggs. Tucker's application for exchange was returned for my consent, sent up again the same day, sang at Britton's house & retired for tonight.

Wednesday, 16th.

Nothing of any importance transpired today.

Thursday, 17th.

Went on brigade inspection this morning, wrote to S.H., Brother, Capt. Curry & J. E. Wilson.
Friday, 13th.

Received Beacon, read all the news. Tucker's exchange with me came back approved, so take effect 1st April. Went to the association breaking up of it and reorganizing.

Saturday, 19th.


Sunday, 20th.

Shelby Chadwick and myself went to Boardman's & Lavender took dinner with them, spent the evening there. On returning met Dr. Witherspoon on his way to Richmond. Received letters of the 11th from brother. Horace Burton took supper & spent the evening with us.

Monday, 21st.

Wrote to Mr. John Walton & answered brother's letter.

Tuesday, 22nd.

Very cold this morning, commenced snowing about 12 A.M. Kept on all the evening.

Wednesday, 23rd.

This morning the ground covered with a foot of snow. Our left wing attacked the right and had a pitched battle. Our brigade led by Capt. Smith A.V.C. attacked Gen'l Daniel's Brigade. Ramsay's then reinforced them and after two hours hard fighting, we drove them to their quarters, capturing many prisoners, horses & l standard colours. At dinner information was received that Gen. Johnston's division was going to give ours battle in the afternoon. Our division formed and went to meet them. Col. Pickings leading our Brigade. We met them drawn up in line of battle, our sharp shooters were thrown out, and the battle soon became general. After several attacks we captured two stands of colors, worried them considerably, and fell back to our quarters towards evening.

Thursday, 24th.

Snowballing all the morning. After dinner went up to Maj. Adams, wrote to Miss A.D., left letter with Paul to mail & returned back to camp.

Friday, 25th.

Nothing unusual transpiring today, hard rain all the evening. Briggs received April Fool by mail.

Saturday, 26th.

Regiment went on picket this morning. Gov. Vance of N.C. spoke at Gen'l. Ramsay's headquarters this evening on the war. Gen'l's Lee, Stuart, Brall, A.P.Hill, Rodes, Johnston, Brig.Gen'l Steward, Ramsey, Daniel & Dole were present. Wrote to brother by Boardman.
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Sunday, 27th.

Capt. Wm. Britton & myself were asked to dine with Tucker & Lavender. Started up about 12, ate snow & sugar & cakes, after dinner games. Pickens came by from home & we returned to camp with him. Boardman left for home this morning.

Monday, 28th.

Governor Vance reviewed all N.C. troops in the corps, after review spoke for two hours or more at Gen'l Ramsour's. Most of the generals present. No mail today.

Tuesday, 29th.

Nothing of importance transpired today, heavy rain all day.

Wednesday, 30th.

Wrote to brother today. Col. Hobson took tea with us.

Thursday, 31st.

Went to look at the prison at Division Provost headquarters, two men condemned to be shot. Received letter from brother of the 16th inst.

April 1st.

Became a member of Co. D today. Wrote to brother. Rain in the afternoon. No rations but cornbread today.

Saturday, 2nd.

Sleeting and raining all day. The regiment returned from picket today marching 10 miles in 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Sunday, 3rd.

Weather clear this morning, cold and windy. Heard of Ed. Nutting's anticipated marriage in the afternoon. John Christian and I went to Tucker's, got some meat and molasses up thare, and returned home to supper. Answered to roll call for the first time at———.

Monday, 4th.

Snowing & raining all day. Rec'd Beacon of 25th. Still raining hard at night.

Tuesday, 5th.

Rainy and windy all day. Was on guard today for first time, slept in my quarters at night and returned to post for reveille.

Wednesday, 6th.

Wrote a long letter to Al. Went to the association held by the 3rd Ala., conducted by Chaplain Rutledge.
Thursday, 7th.

Dr. Hill & Cowin returned this evening, received brother's letter of the 24th ult. Dr. Hill informed us of Nutting's marriage.

Friday, 8th.

Fast day today, wrote to brother & Fanny. Received first letter from Miss A. Attended the association tonight.

Saturday, 9th.

Heavy rains all day, wrote to Joe Elliott. John Christian and I went into a pledge not to swear, drink liquor, or chew tobacco from this day on, under a forfeiture of Twenty two dollars, to be applied in case of either breaking the pledge, to buy supplies for the mess.

Sunday, 10th.

Fair in the morning, but soon turned into a heavy rain. Was taken sick today. Dr. Hill gave me order to go to hospital for treatment. At the request of Col. Hobson, we sang hymns. Wrote to brother today.

Monday, 11th.

Was on the sick list today. Went to see the 3rd Ala. Regt. hold dress parade, orders read to send extra baggage & sick to the rear, delivered Miss A. message to Horace Burton.

Tuesday, 12th.

Major Joe Webb spent today with us, company inspection of accoutrements & clothing to be carried on march.

Wednesday, 13th.

Brigade inspection by Gen. Battle, packed extra baggage to be sent to the rear company. Received box from G. today with a cake for mess No. 1000 & box with shoes. Capt. W. and I walked up to Maj. Ackim's, met C.C. Helden, received letters from brother of 31st ult & S.H. of 4th inst.

Thursday, 14th.

Packed extra baggage for A, went to all the regiments in the brigade to witness dress parade. A man of the 3rd Ala. was marched down the line with a barrelled shirt on for absence without leave. Rec'd letter from Mrs. H. T. Miss J.C. & Alfred. Went to prayer meeting tonight.

Friday, 15th.

Answered Mrs. Tucker's Miss J.C. & brother's letters. Received answer from Joe Elliott. Went to association tonight.

Saturday, 16th.

Rain this morning, wrote to Alfred, gloomy weather all day.
Sunday, 17th.

Dr. Lacy preached in front of Col. Forsythe's quarters today for the brigade. Wrote to Miss I. Paul came to tell us good-bye. He leaves for Richmond tomorrow.

Monday, 18th.

Held a mass meeting of the brigade, at which resolutions of thanks were drafted to thank the people of Ala. for the contribution made up for this brigade.

Tuesday, 19th.

Nothing of importance took place today. Rec'd letter from Brother of the 9th.

Wednesday, 20th.

Brigade went on picket this morning. Wrote to Brother & Alfred, telling him of my dream. Briggs & I are all left here from the mess, made deadfalls to catch sparrows. H. Childress & Butler returned today, received letter from brother of the 6th by Butler.

Thursday, 21st.

Went on duty with Maj. Webster today, and returned to camp in the evening.

Friday, 22nd.

Returned to Maj. Webster's in the morning; no business on hand all day, staid all night the first time wrote to brother.

Saturday, 23rd.

Went to Division headquarters with Maj. Webster, returned by the 5th & spent all the evening in sleeping. Then Ward returned today. Him & Briggs came to see me.

Sunday, 24th.

Today is my twenty-fifth birthday. Nothing of importance transpired today.

Monday, 25th.

Nothing at all transpired today.

Wednesday, 27th.

Maj. Webster & I went to Orange C.H. I was to go to Richmond, but failing to get the proper papers had to return. On the way stopped at Gen. Lee's headquarters. On reaching camp found the brigade returned from picket. Boardman returned today.

Thursday, 28th.

Rec'd letter from brother by Boardman, answered today. The execution of three men from the 4th N.C. Regt. took place today, for desertion. I returned to my command until further orders.
Friday, 29th.

Wrote to Fanny. Brigade drill by Genl. Battle.

Saturday, 30th.

Major Adams returned this evening. Britton Briggs, Theb Chadwick, McCall John Christian & myself sang hymns at our cabin after supper.

May - Sunday, 1st.

Attended preaching by Chaplain Rutledge. After services John Christian & I went to Maj. Websters. got the cake I sent for to Richmond which John & I ate on the road. After dinner John C. James D. Webb & myself walked up the plank road. On our return about dusk, conversation stopped, for sometime, when the stillness was broken by someone’s proposing to state our different thoughts, which we did. We were all building air castles. Attended preaching again tonight.

Monday, 2nd.

Reveille beat at day break, news having been received of the whole yankee army being in motion, received orders to cook breakfast, and be ready to march at a moment’s warning. All quiet during the day. Late in the evening, we had a severe gale.

Tuesday, 3rd.

Nothing of importance transpiring during the day. At night we received orders to be ready to march at daybreak.

Wednesday, 4th.

Reveille beat before day, everybody getting ready to leave. We took up the line of march about sun up, marched to Raccoon ford, thence about five miles in a north-easterly direction. The wagon train ordered back to take the road to church. Thence we went some three miles up the pike, when we received orders to move back again. Gen’l Johnston advanced & found no enemy. Our train then went across Hine Run to Locust Grove where we camped for the night, issued rations, and went to bed about two in the morning.

Thursday, 5th.

Rec’d letter from brother. Got up at day break, the enemy reported in our front. Sharpshooters were thrown out, and our train ordered to the rear. We went about 8 miles, when we halted in an old field in a mile & one half of where we started from. Continuing firing going on in the direction of Locust Grove, with heavy cannonading for some two or three hours. Battle’s brigade was engaged. None of our Greensb. boys hurt.

Friday, 6th.

Firing commenced before sun up this morning, the battle soon became general, particularly on the right and left flanks. Our brigade was not engaged up to twelve o’clock, when the firing ceased. Telegraphed to Col. Harvey Hausman wounded in the evening.
Saturday, 7th.

Gave out rations & started to the front with the train. Staid about 1½ miles in rear of line of battle until late in the evening when we carried the train forward. I went up the breastworks to Co. D, staid with the boys a while & returned to the train, which was ordered to move forward, brought it up immediately in rear of Gen. Daniel's brigade. Carried order to Gen. Battle to get a cooking detail, was under fire, while a hot skirmish took place. Rec'd the cooking detail & carried them to the wagon train, where the rations were issued then to be cooked, staid with them all night when on.

Sunday, 8th.

At daybreak I carried the rations to the troops & sent the train to the rear. Our boys left the entrenchments of yesterday & moved about a mile to the right. Our whole army moved by the right flank in the direction of old Spottsylvania C.H. Our division reached there late in the evening, went into battle immediately. The engagement lasted about half an hour. In this Col. Hobson, Ed. Hutchinson & Charley Briggs were wounded. Dank Butler missing. Our train in the meantime moving in the direction of Beaver Dam, camped all night in a clover field. Saw the Yankee Brig. Genl. Wadsworth at Gen. Wilcox's hospital about to expire from a wound received in the head.

Monday, 9th.

Rec'd order from Gen. Ewell to issue rations, started off as soon as I got something to eat, traveled fifteen miles, when we halted near Spottsylvania C.H. Issued to the troops, after dark & after eating some, went to sleep. Saw Col. H. & Hutchinson at the hospital. Our boys were not engaged today. Rec'd letter from Ezra Wilson enclosed in one of Charley Briggs'.

Tuesday, 10th.

Our train moved off soon this morning in the rear of our division, occasional firing heard. About 10 o'clock heavy cannonading commenced and it grew to be a terrible fire all day, lasted until about 9 o'clock at night.

Wednesday, 11th.

About 9 A.M. our train was ordered to the C.H. where it remained all day. Went over to the hospital, found Capt. Williams there bruised on shoulder & leg. Col. Hall's arm was amputated this morning. Telephoned to Col. Harvey the casualties in Co. D. Drew rations this evening. Carried them to the front, got a detail from Gen. Battle to go out to the road after them. Waited for the detail at Gen. Ewell's H-d Quarters, when Joe Grigg brought me an order from Gen. Rodes countermanding the order to issue, & ordered the rations back. Saw all our boys, they telling me of the noble charge they made the evening before, driving the Yankees out of Dole's and Ransour's breastworks. Started back with my train, on reaching the C.H. found out that our division train had been ordered across Rappahannock river. Had the wagons unloaded, loaded them with cooking utensils. Left the C.H. in a drenching rain, about midnight and at 3 A.M. found our division train parked near the roadside. Jim Holmes and I kept together, he losing his shoes in the mire. Reported to Maj. Webster & Adams & went to sleep.
Thursday, 12th.

Woke up at daybreak & found the whole line in front to be engaged. Up to 11 A.M. the time of this entry, it was the heaviest firing on both sides, that had taken place during this contest. The battle was raging all day. The slaughter is said to be the severest of this war. Lieut. Jones was struck with a ball on the thigh, Stephenson shot in the head. Firing up to 12 o'clock at night. Tremendous rain all day.

Friday, 13th.

Everything seems to be quiet this morning with exception of a few shells being thrown by the enemy. Neither of the two armies are moving today. Went by our hospital to see our wounded, dressed Col. Hobson's wound & returned to the train in company of Pempie Jones, Maj. Lewis & Lieut. Cand. Childress staid with us all night.

Saturday, 14th.

Everything quiet in front this morning, went by our hospital, saw Col. Hobson & Hall as they were about to leave, told them good-bye, and started to the field where Lieut. J.J. Hutchinson was buried. Helped take him out of the grave put him in a box and reburied him. Issued rations this evening, carried them to the front. Saw all of our boys who were on the second line today. Had a considerable fight on our right this evening, whipped the enemy pretty severely & took a good many prisoners and three stands of colours.

Sunday, 15th.

All quiet this morning, an occasional shell thrown by the enemy. Gen. Lee had an order read out on the line stating he had received official information of Steele's surrender to Price, also a congratulatory order to the troops under his command for the various successes gained over the enemy in our front as well as at Richmond. The enemy reported to have left in front of our left & moved to our right. Heavy rain yet.

Monday, 16th.

Thick fog hanging over us this morning, everything quiet in front so far, the sun came out today the first time in nearly a week, had sharp cannonading in our front, which was caused by the 2nd and 6th Yankee corps advancing & attempting to charge our lines. Our artillery getting the proper range, threw shells among them pretty brisk, and caused them to run. Their officers couldn't rally them anymore. Gen. Lee had a congratulatory order read out, stating the success of Gen. Beauregard around Richmond. Capt. Preston returned today. No mail again today.

Thursday, 19th.

Everything perfectly quiet this morning. Pempie, Clover Woodruff & myself went out to graze our horses, about two miles from camp. We stopped in a grove, where we found splendid grass. Met with four young ladies who lived at the house close by, asked us, if we couldn't shingle their hair for them. We returned to camp about 1 P.M. when we learned that our corps had advanced on the enemy. About 4 P.M. we heard heavy musketry & some cannonading, indicating that the strife had commenced. The object of this move was, to capture a wagon train, which was reported to be moving towards Fredericksburg. Portion of our corps succeeded in
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in capturing forty wagons, but couldn't bring them off. Mr. Hefner was wounded in finger in this engagement. No mail again.

Friday, 20th.

Everything perfectly quiet this morning, not a gun fired in our front all day. Carried rations to the front this evening, saw all of our boys, heard of Geddie's being missing. No mail again today.

Saturday, 21st.

Rec'd orders to move, our train got into motion about 10 A.M. moved on the road parallel with the telegraph road. Passed through Mount Pleasant. About 10 P.M. we camped near Market. Field's Division had an engagement with the enemy this evening.

Sunday, 22nd.

Soon this morning we took up the line of march again, waded the North Anna about 1 P.M. Yankee raiders having burnt the bridge and the mill on the river caused us to have to wade it. We struck the C.R.R. about a mile below Beaver Dam. Kept on parallel with the R.R. until we got within two miles of Hanover Junction, where we camped for the night.

Monday, 23rd.

After eating breakfast I rode up the road about a mile, where I found our brigade encamped near the R.R., went to the company, staid with them about two hours, when they got marching orders. They were ordered nearly on the banks of the Little river. I wrote to brother today. Mail came in today, the first in 20 days, No letter for me. Issued rations this evening, carried them to the troops, found the boys hard at work, digging breastworks. Returned to our train about 11 P.M. Went to bed. Between 12 & 1 A.M. order came for our train to move immediately. Got up rolled up blankets & started off, crossed the little river & found our Div. Supply train on the banks of the river. Found Maj. Adams there. Major Webster & I laid down under a weeping willow, slept at Boardman's feet until daybreak. Heavy musketry firing before day in direction of Beaver dam. Took breakfast with Maj. Adams. About 12 A.M. Maj. Webster, Capt. Preston Cowin & myself went to the South Anna to bathe, found a splendid place to graze our horses. Occasional cannonading in direction of Caroline Co. Met the celebrated Dozwell running from the Yankees with his fine colts. Ed. Shaleford & Bud Shadrick came to see us, former just came home.

Tuesday, 24th.

Staid about the train nearly all day. Issued rations to the troops, saw all our boys, Large mail but none for me.

Wednesday, 25th.

Went to Maj. Adams' after breakfast & returned to our train. After dinner went back drew rations, commenced giving half pound of meat today, carried rations to the front, cooking immediately in rear of the troops. They were at the junction holding breastworks. After getting through learned our train had moved. Maj. Webster, Glover & myself followed, waded the South Anna, got lost it being so
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dark, we couldn't find the road. Finally went across a field to the nearest lights & after a lengthy inquiry found our train. Being past midnight we retired. Got a letter from brother tonight.

Thursday, 26th.

After breakfast finished a letter I had commenced yesterday to brother, expect to send it by Cummings, who will start home tomorrow. Before I got entirely through, an order came to move again, went about a mile. Capt. Preston & I went to a clover field to graze our horses. Went to the front with rations this evening, more rain, got back to our quarters about midnight.

Friday, 27th.

From the peals of cannon heard soon this morning, it seems that an engagement is at hand, shall go to the front during the day, to learn what is going on. About 9 A.M. received orders to move again. The whole army is in motion. We took up the line of march, went by Ashland, a beautiful little place. Gen. Lee sitting in his ambulance looking over his maps. About 5 P.M. stopped in a clover field, as we supposed for the night, when to our astonishment we took up the line of march again. Drew rations about midnight, traveled all night, and rested our troops just at daybreak. They were ready to move then, and consequently had to issue in haste. When we got through Maj. Webster, Capt. McCombs, Glover & I hunted up our division train, which we found on

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(on) the road to Richmond parked near the yellow tavern. On reaching there took a nap & then got up to eat some. About 11 A.M. took up the line of march again, moved within three miles of Richmond, and took the Mechanicsville road. Passed over some of the prettiest country I ever saw. About 10 P.M. halted & parked for the night in 1½ miles of Mechanicsville.

Sunday, 29th.

Everything comparatively quiet this morning, walked round the fortifications, several large guns mounted, and still improving the works. Drew rations this morning. Capt. Preston & I went to the front with them, was very much in hopes that we would be able to get through cooking by dark, as I hadn't slept any scarcely in 10 nights. When within a mile of our lines, our train was turned back by Gen. Rodes from the fact, that the enemy was reported advancing, moved ½ mile to the rear, waited until dark and then carried our train up, got the cooking detail from Gen. Battle, guided them to the train. Saw all our boys, Capt. Williams having returned from R. Gave Jones a little bottle of brandy, which the boys enjoyed very much in my presence. Capt. Preston & I started back, reached our camp about 2 A.M.

Monday, 30th.

Heavy cannonading heard on our right for about two hours this morning, wrote to brother today. Glover having rested yesterday carried rations to the front himself. I am resting today, expect to go to the city in the morning if nothing happens. Our division attacked the Yankees about 1 P.M. some 3 miles the other side of Mechanicsville, charged two lines of battle, and repulsed them handsonely, none of Co. D. were hurt. The fight lasted until some time after night.
Tuesday, 31st.

Went to the city this morning, attended to some business, stayed there about 3 hours and returned with Wm. Carvor. Had an elegant gallop there, which I enjoyed very much. Heavy cannonading on our left all the forenoon. Drew rations, carried them to the front after dark, saw our boys, who were about to move to the left. Carried details out, and returned to camp, reached there about midnight.

Wednesday, June 1st.

Very heavy firing on the line this morning, both artillery & musketry. More entries for today slipped my memory.

Thursday, 2nd.

Occasional firing this morning. Started to the front with rations, when passed Mechanicsville heard heavy musketry & cannonading in front of our division, halted my train near the hospital, shells were flying in close proximity about us. The firing lasted until after 9 P.M. About 11 P.M. Maj. Adams returned from the front with orders to carry our train up to the entrenchments, that our boys left in the afternoon. All the detail of the division was there except nine. Waited until after 1 o'clock, & started to the brigade on my horse, not knowing the exact position they occupied, and it being so very dark, made it impossible for me to find my way through the thick woods. I went back left my horse with the train & took it afoot, walked about three miles, went over two lines of works that our boys drove the yanks out of during the afternoon, and finally found them hard at work throwing up earth works. Gen. Battle forgot to send out detail and I waited to get it & conducted them to the train. Day had broke when I got there. Jim Webb in trying to find the regiment, came across our train, found me & steered with the cooking party until they returned to the front.

Friday, 3rd.

I returned to our camp, just as they commenced eating breakfast, took a wash and something to eat and started off to Richmond in company with Maj. Webster & Capt. Preston, attended to some business, telegraphed home about Henry Childress being wounded, ate some ice cream and strawberries, the first I had seen this season, enjoyed them very much. I started back to camp, overtook Rev. Mr. Hutchinson at the Howard grove where he stopped to see Ed. I went in, saw Ed Hutchinson, Jim Pickens & Wm. Long. Mr. Hutchinson, Dr. Harmond & Wm. Ellason started to the front, I rode along side of them. The conversation came up about Lieut. James Hutchinson. The old gentleman was under the impression that he was still buried without a case. When I told him that I saw his son James put into a box myself & helped bury him, tears of grief & joy were mingled at the idea that he will be able to get his son's remains sometime or other. The old gentleman took me by the hand, thanked me kindly and with a current of tears streaming down his face, he assured me again and again of his gratitude for an act, which I didn't consider more than what one soldier owes another, particularly as noble and daring soldier as James J. Hutchinson was. In spite of myself, I couldn't keep from showing that I shared in his bereavement. I rode with him, until I got opposite my camp where I turned off and he proceeded with his journey. Gen. Longstreet's & Hill's corps engaged the enemy all day on our extreme right, the yanks charging our lines as many as ten times, but were handsomely repulsed every time. The battle lasted until two hours after dark. Mr. Dunlap of Gainesville? & Alf Glover staid with us tonight. Col. Fowler passed by on his way to the front.
Saturday, 4th.

The contest seems to be renewed this morning from the firing nearly all along the line, turned out to be not much however. Mr. Hutchinson came by our camp & I rode to the front with him. Left him at Gen. Rodes' hdqrs., & I went to issue rations, returned at 12 M. Neglected to make entries for want of time during the day & rest at night. Remember of calling on Col. Hobson at Genl. Anderson's

Tuesday, 7th.

Returned from the front about day break this morning after following the troops to a late hour last night, where they had been evidently to give the enemy battle, but Mr. Yank refused, passed through the lines the enemy occupied witnessed the wholesale destruction of everything in the neighborhood, even to bible cushions at Bethesda church, one house close by perfectly riddled with shells. After eating some, Capt. Preston & I had to go to the city after bread. We both understood our ability to stand up under the influence of our gallopping, and consequently left the city pretty lively. Returned to camp about 1 P.M., laid down to take a nap when I was woke by Maj. Webster, who told me I had to take charge of the issuing rations to division hospital. Got ready & started down, found hospital immediately in rear of our boys, who were in the woods on the Mechanicsville turnpike resting. Being tired & weary, I laid down under the wagon & went to sleep.

Wednesday, 8th.

We are still resting today, spent most of the day with the boys & returned to my wagon in the evening to issue rations. Received orders to be ready to move by dawn tomorrow.

Thursday, 9th.

Kept in readiness to move all the morning, but up to 12 o'clock no sign of moving yet, was at last very agreeably surprised with a letter from Miss J... About 5 P.M. received orders to move immediately. Everything was ready in a few moments, started off, and halted at Dr. Gaines' house near Gaines Mill after dark. The troops are lying in front in sight. Our division had orders to go to Petersburg this morning, the order was countermanded however before we started.

Friday, 10th.

Went over to see the boys this morning they still being in the same place resting in a hot open field. Reck'd the beacon of the 3rd inst. during the day, containing my letter to brother of the 13th of May from Spottsylvania. C.H. Thought I had warned brother often enough not to show my letters to anyone, intend to write him a letter and give him a severe blow up, about acting against my will, in regard to my correspondence. The boys tried to tease me by calling me a regular correspondent of the beacon. Tried to answer Miss J...letter, but failed twice, don't expect to attempt it again today. Everything quiet today except an occasional shell thrown by our artillery at the yankees, who are trying to fortify. The distance between the two lines is about 200 yards, too close even to throw our sharpshooters. Had the honor of showing President Davis Gen. Lee's hdqrs. about dusk.

Saturday, 11th.

Everything still quiet this morning, this makes the fifth day our division is enjoying the rest, which we so much need. Received letter from Alfred today. Expect to answer tomorrow, if nothing happens. Moved our camp from the orchard back of Dr. Gaines' house to the top of the hill across the mill?, a camp that the yankees occupied in 1862.
Sunday, 12th.

Went up to our headquarters this morning after my clothes, after I returned, wrote to Miss J...., was interrupted by Mr. Hutchinson, who came by and told me of his adventures with the yankees in Spotsylvania City, had some dinner prepared for him after which he left. I resumed my writing again & finished, just as Jones & Britt returned from the hospital. They stopped but a short while & went to camp. I laid down sometime after dark & was about asleep, when we received orders to get ready to move immediately, got up our train moved out met the troops on a road leading to Mechanicsville.

Monday, 13th.

Marched all night, reached Mechanicsville after day break, went to the right of Richmond crossed the Central & Fredericksburg R.R. and it was then only, that we had an idea of where we were going to. Thought we were going up the valley. We halted about 3 P.M., rested after marching 25 miles since we started, staid 3 miles this side of ground squirrel church, orders to move at sunrise.

Tuesday, 14th.

Return to my quarters today there being no hospital on a March. Marched with the troops having no horse to ride today. While resting finished letter to Miss J. in the wagon, mailed it at Mount Pelia P.O. Hanover Co. some two miles this side the Southanna. Struck the Louisa City line marched until 5 P.M. & halted for tonight, much to my relief, being almost broken down.

Wednesday, 15th.

Last night was the first since this move, that I got anything like rest, laid down about midnight, and slept in the wagon with Shelby. Got up a little after day, got a cup of coffee from Young Men's? which I relished very much. Phil Hay going to our wagon train, had a horse to load, I rode him, cut across the road from the Louisa to the old mountain road, passed by Brooks Hill, where we got something to eat, milk & ice, etc. the first thing of that kind I ate in a long time. On overtaking the wagons, Kuebler & I rode ahead, called at Mr. Wright's house about ½ mile off the road, and got an elegant dinner. Got in sight of the Blue Ridge during the day. Got in rear of the train & caught up after it stopped at Poindexter's store. After eating some, retired well worn out.

Thursday, 16th.

Took up the march again, left the mountain road & got into the Charlottesville road, where we met up with the troops, stopped to see the boys and then returned with the coming wagons to our train, which was camped beyond Charlottesville, passed through after night, wrote a hurried letter to brother.

Friday, 17th.

Started off with the wagons this morning, traveled until about 1 P.M., passed through North Garden, a lovely spot through these mountains. Our division took an early start this morning, marched through Charlottesville & took the same road that our train was going, marched in rear of the train and went down the R.R. to North Garden depot. Maj. Webster sent for me to meet him at the depot. I cut across to the R.R. passed by Dr. Long's & waited for him at the depot. When he came, asked me to ride his horse through, he taking the train with the troops to Lynchburg. Capt. Preston & I rode off & joined our train which we found parked near Caversville.
Saturday, 18th.

Capt. P. & I started off this morning. After long attempting we finally got ahead of our train, crossed rockfish river, from there through a little place called Lovingston. Capt. Priest overtook us & we all concluded to hunt some dinner, started out and finally got to Mrs. Baker's off from the road, where we rested and got dinner. On getting into the road again had to pass all the train again, crossed the Tye river & stopped all night with the corps ordinance train. Got some milch and some _____ at the house on the hill.

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Sunday, 19th.

Got up at day this morning fed my horse & started on my way to Lynchburg again. Passed through New Glasgow before sun up. Passed through Amherst C.H. & stopped some 8 miles from Lynchburg where we got some milch & bread, reached Lynchburg about 11 A.M. met Maj. Webster and others at the Piedmont House. Our quarters being established in the depot back of the Orange house, went round there & found all of our supplies there. Boardman & I walked about town for some purpose—went back to the depot & after eating some laid down.

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Monday, 20th.

Got up at 2 o'clock this morning to start off to the brigade which was supposed to be about Liberty 27 miles from here. Maj. Webster ordered me to stay with the supplies, until Maj. Adams' train came up. In the meantime carried Jack Wyman's boy, who was very sick, to Mrs. Rogers' on Church Street. Left Lynchburg about 10 A.M., took the Salem turnpike, rode a little Yankee mile that day. Adams lent me, my teams giving out I had my mare hitched to the wagon in place of one broken down, had to stop about 4 P.M. to graze, had some dinner cooked & got ready to start off again. Passed through New London, met with old man Burton & passed right through, parked about 10 P.M. on bank of Big Water (?) river.

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Tuesday, 21st.

Started this morning about day break, drove until about 12 M., stopped to rest and eat, passed through Liberty in Bedford Co., a right handsome little town. At 4 P.M. took up march again, traveled until 11 P.M. when I halted to train for the night at Buford's gap.

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Wednesday, 22nd.

At daybreak started my train to overtake the troops, got into Roanoke County today. About 1 P.M. caught up with our corps train, where the Labn (?) turnpike and the Fincastle roads fork. The Yankees having succeeded in getting out at the gap they made for, the pursuit was discontinued today & the troops got a days rest. I had a good night's rest camped on Tinker river.

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Thursday, 23rd.

Started off with our wagon train this morning, rode about 4 miles, when we got into the Buchanan turnpike, where the troops were passing. I left the train & overtook my brigade, marched with Company D all day. We counted the number of ladies, who came out to see us pass & they were 159. Went into camp about 5 P.M.
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Friday, 24th.

Took up the line of march at 3 o'clock this morning, rode in a wagon portion of the forenoon, crossed the James river at Buchanan in Buckingham County, marched along with the train the balance of the day until about 6 P.M. when we camped in 6 miles of Lovington. Was in hopes we'd cross Cedar Creek at the natural bridge, but our division took the left hand road when in two miles of it, & Gordon's & Ramseur's divisions kept straight ahead, so my desire to see the wonder of the world was killed by this move of ours. Saw Gen. Breckinridge for the first time today. The heat was oppressive all day. Killed the first beaves this evening, carried some liver to Co. D, returned about midnight very much fatigued.

Saturday, 25th.

Took up line of march this morning at ½ past 3 o'clock when in 3 miles of Lexington, rested over an hour to let Gordon's and Ramseur's divisions get into the road ahead of us. Was requested by all of Co. D. to write a letter to all the families of G. saying how & where they were started & marched with Co. D this morning. In passing through Lexington our corps performed a solemn ceremony which seemed to be deeply felt by every man. On entering the town we passed through the graveyard by the grave of the lamented Stonewall Jackson who only 14 months ago was the commander of our present corps. We marched in two ranks with arms reversed, the bands playing solemn marches. His grave was covered with flowers & at the head of it hung the stars & bars on a pole erected by the ladies of Lexington. In passing by every eye was turned on the grave, and tears were seen flowing in a great many instances. It was certainly a sad sight. In passing through the town, we were greeted by hundreds of beautiful ladies, who waited on us in the way of serving us refreshments of different kinds. Of the military institute nothing but the ruins are left, the yankees having burned it down also Gov. Letcher's fine mansion, marched 7 miles beyond L. & camped.

Sunday, 26th.

Took up line of march at 3 A.M., passed through Brownsburg this morning, the weather extremely hot, towards evening some appearance of rain, but turned clear again. We were in expectation of resting tomorrow, as such was the order, but were sadly disappointed by the order received this evening to be ready to move at 4 A.M. Received letter from brother today of the 20 (?) inst, camped at Middlebrook a little town 10 miles from Staunton.

Monday 27th.

Took up line of march this morning at ½ past 4 o'clock, marched 8 miles & camped about 2 miles this side of Staunton. On arriving there, wrote a letter to brother, we rested all day. Our transportation has been reduced considerably today, everybody is busy getting up their clothes. From present aspects, it appears as though we were going to Pa. (f).

Tuesday, 28th.

Packed up our clothes that we intend to take along, received orders to move at 4 P.M. & Camp on little river 7 miles the other side of Staunton. At 4 P.M. took up line of march & reached camp near little river about 7 P.M. I had a yankee suit on today, in passing through Staunton everybody took me to be a yankee. Wrote to Alfred today.
Wednesday, 29th.

Took up line of march at 1/2 past 4 A.M., passed through Mount Sidney about 10 miles from Staunton, crossed river, camped in the evening after marching about 19 miles, at a little place called Kieselstown. Rec'd letter from Miss A. tonight.

Thursday, 30th.

Having staid with Maj. Adams last night, I didn't start with the troops this morning, but followed his train. About 1 P.M. we got into the Winchester turnpike again, and marched until we reached New-market, where we camped for the night, troops marched 20 miles today by 4 P.M. Wrote a long letter to Miss A. to Mr. Reigl. From this day on Lee belongs to Miss A & I.

Friday, July 1st.

Took up line of march this morning at 1/2 to 4 o'clock, crossed the Shenandoah & passed through Mount Jackson. Passed through Woodstock this evening, met with old man Heller from R. who promised to give me a portrait of my father's, sat with him about 2 hours and started off to overtake my command, which I found encamped near the town, after marching 22 miles today.

Saturday, 2nd.

Took up line of march this morning at 1/2 past 3 o'clock, passed through Strasburg, Middletown & Newton, the latter place we camped at about 5 P.M. after marching about 22 miles. The ladies in all these towns are complaining of the depredations of the Yankees.

Sunday, 3rd.

Took up line of march at 1/2 past 3 A.M., passed through Winchester about 10 A.M., amid greeting and cheering from the ladies. After passing the town some 3 miles we took the right hand road towards Smithfield, where we camped for the night, after marching 22 miles. skirmishing at Locustown today with the Yankees.

Monday, 4th.

Passed through Smithfield this morning, thence through Charlestown, where we met with a warm reception by the ladies particularly. About 4 miles from Charlestown skirmishing with pickets commenced. Our Division in course of the day drove the enemy off from Bolivar heights. The Yankees kept up a continual shelling from the mountains, where they had some hundred pound parrots planted. About dark our brigade was ordered to go to Bolivar town to see what stores there were left. They reached the town at dusk & commenced plundering, found any quantity of quartermaster & army (?) stores, which the Yankees in their hasty retreat from there could not destroy. The Yankees had made great preparations for a 4th July celebration. Our boys destroyed their fun however by giving them a little skirmish. They had all the citizens in the neighborhood invited to participate of their delicacies. Our boys found any quantity of eatables & delicacies such as brandy, whiskey, candy, ice cream, cakes, etc. They all came out next morning with filled haversacks besides a quantity of shoes and clothing. The Yankees left Harper's Ferry tonight a mile from Bolivar town. Our train was some 3 miles in the rear.
Tuesday, 5th.

Our brigade returned from Bolivar town this morning, camped about 5 miles from Maryland heights. Carried our train to the front with rations, but the troops refused to take any, being well supplied with Yankee rations. Our division rested in a piece of woods all day. At dusk our division sent about 100 wagons to bring off the stores from Harper's Ferry, returned about 1 A.M. well loaded.

Wednesday, 6th.

Took up line of march this morning at 4 o'clock for Shepardstown. Between 10 & 11 A.M. our division crossed the Potomac and in half an hour after we were on Maryland soil, marched thence to Sharpsburg, where we camped for the day, reaching the place about 1 P.M. Sharpsburg seems to be a perfect union nest, the citizens are greatly troubled & more scared. About dark moved across the creek, enjoyed a glass of ale today, which was captured at Harpers Ferry town.

Thursday, 7th.

Had orders to move at 1/4 to 4 o'clock this morning, didn't leave until about 6 A.M. however, took the Harpers Ferry road over the mountain. Heavy cannonading heard in that direction. Left the Harper's Ferry road & went by Broomsburg, where the Yankees appeared to be, staid there this afternoon, issued the rations captured at Harper's Ferry, camped there all night.

Friday, 8th.

Took up line of march this morning at 1/4 to 4 o'clock, A.M. after laying in a drenching rain for two hours last night reached Fredrick City about 10 A.M. A good many people showed their sympathies for us privately however, at the suburbs of the city our whole force formed a line of battle, in front of the enemy. Heavy skirmishing between our cavalry and the Yankees. Our sharp shooters engaged the enemy all the evening on Monocacy river, drove several lines of battle back with the loss of a great many killed & wounded. Our brigade was first on the Baltimore pike, but afterwards moved on the Georgetown turnpike.

Sunday, 10th.

After getting through with the cooking squad, which was after sun up, moved across the river, where our train was encamped, everything was ready to move, saw the effects of yesterday's fight, in Yankee killed and wounded, which were lying thick all around us. Took up line of march & marched in 19 miles of Washington City tonight.

Monday, 11th.

Took up line of march at 4 A.M., marched very rapid all day, had an awful hard time today, driving cattle in the dust. Passed through Rockville, found a good many sympathizers of ours. Citizens along the road assured us of capturing the city. Our troops passed by the residence of Frank P. Blair, found any quantity of things, which he was bound to leave in his hasty departure from home. Our boys made use of everything portable. The Yankees commenced shelling us pretty severe which lasted all the evening. We camped in 6 miles of the city, our boys skirmishing all the evening.
Tuesday, 12th.

Everybody was expecting to hear of an early attack this morning, but were disappointed, occasional shelling during the day but not much damage done. About dusk we took up the line of march for Rockville, our object in this expedition no doubt was accomplished, by withdrawing Grant from Richmond, marched all night.

Wednesday, 13th.

Continued to march until 3 P.M., when we parked near Darnville long enough to feed. Took up line of march again at sundown.

Thursday, 14th.

Marched all night, passed through Poolesville, halted near the river long enough to feed. About 8 A.M. took up line of march again, crossed the river at Edward's Ferry(?). Halted some four miles from the river, where we camped all day. The enemy threw a few shells over at us about dusk from the Maryland heights.

Friday, 15th.

This morning we are still encamped and expect to stay all day. Our camp is on Swan's farm near Big Spring, between Leesburg and the Potomac. The enemy's cavalry reported crossing the river this evening, our cavalry had a slight skirmish with them, but were repulsed. Commenced letter to brother, expect to finish some other time. Everything quiet this evening.

Saturday, 16th.

Took up line of march at 1/2 past 6 A.M., passed through Leesburg, marched with the troops until 12 o'clock, when Thom Moore & I rode off from the road to get dinner. We succeeded in getting a nice dinner at Mr. Birdsong's. About the time we started to catch up with the troops again discovered considerable shelling about the pike. We changed our course and cut through the country to Luckersville (?) gap. Some Yankee cavalry made a dash on our train, coming out of the Harper's Ferry road, turned some 30 of our wagons out, most of which were recaptured however. They burnt a few & carried off 5 or 6. We captured 2 pcs. artillery from them & ran them out of danger(?). After everything was quiet, continued to march on & camped on top of the mountain near the Shenandoah tonight.

Sunday 17th.

Took up line of march at 6 A.M., crossed the Shenandoah, continued on the Winchester pike about 2 miles, when we turned to the right & took the Charleston road, marched about 8 miles today & went into camp near Mr. Allen's, expect to stay two or three days.

Monday, 18th.

Our division still enjoying the much needed rest this morning, finished letter to brother this morning, giving him a few items of our trip into Maryland, etc. At 1 P.M. received orders to be ready to move at a moment's warning. Between 2 & 3 P.M. we moved off our train towards Berryville & the troops towards the river. Soon after we left the troops, heavy cannonading & musketry was heard on the river, warning us, that an engagement was at hand, which really proved to be true. Our division engaged the enemy, who was crossing the river at the time, the engagement lasted until after dark, drove the enemy across the river, but sustained a heavy loss. Co. D lost in
wounded John Christian and Britton, missing Company(?), Jones & Rinkey. I staid with the train, which parked near Berryville all night.

Tuesday, 19th.

Rec'd letter from brother of the 4th inst. this morning. John C. & Britton came by our train on their way to Winchester. Went to the front this morning with Maj. Webster, received no orders about rations, returned to our train near Berryville, soon after returning got orders to carry rations to the front, started there & on reaching there, was ordered back to report at a church on the Charlestoun & Newtoun road, traveled all night, got through issuing about daybreak.

Wednesday, 20th.

Moved off at sundown, traveled all day & got to Newtoun in the evening passed through White Post. Our division on reaching Newtoun was ordered to Winche ster to assist Ramsour's division, which was slightly defeated there this evening. Rec'd letter from Brother by Jess Cummings of the 24th June.

Thursday, 21st.

Expected to stay here all day, but was disappointed by being ordered to Middle town about 9 A.M., (?) went beyond Strassbourg, awaiting orders. In the evening was ordered to carry rations up, found the brigade near the mill 4 miles from Middle town, returned to our train, which I reached about midnight, wrote to Miss J. & Bro.

Friday, 22nd.

Started to Woodstock this morning, called on Mr. Heller for the purpose of getting my father's portrait, he informed me that he left it at Lomsville at Mr. Miller's house, where he used to live. I rode out, about 4 miles from Woodstock found the house & got the portrait to my greatest delight, started back to our train which I found where I left it in the morning.

Saturday, 23rd.

Our army is lying still today, the Yankees reported having fallen back, went back on the pike to have clothes washed, when I returned found our train had moved to where the troops were near Pipers Hills, expect to make a forward move in the morning, wrote to Brother & Joe Elliott.

Sunday, 24th.

Our division took up line of march about sun up in the direction of Winchester. I went back with Keller to get my clothes, overtook the train about 1 P.M. parked in a field, awaiting the result of a skirmish going on at the time near Kernstown, which resulted in the complete route of the Yankees, running them through Winchester. After everything was quiet moved on again about 5 miles this side of Winchester. Met with Allock McCall on the road, just from the hospital.

Monday, 25th.

Had a very heavy rain this morning, making things look much better, rested during the rain, issued rations, moved off at 3 P.M., marched to Bunkersville, reached there about 11 P.M.
Tuesday, 26th.

Took up line of march at daybreak this morning, reached Martinsburg about 11 A.M., went into camp about 3 miles from town.

Wednesday, 27th.

Went to town this morning with Maj. Webster, spent nearly all day & returned to camp in the evening.

Thursday, 28th.

Remained quiet in camp all day, received orders to move at daybreak. Gen. Battle returned tonight.

Friday, 29th.

Moved off soon after daybreak this morning, marched to the Potomac opposite Williamsport, where we camped for the day & night.

Saturday, 30th.

Fell back from in front of Williamsport this morning. Maj. Webster, Thom Moore, some 4 or 5 others & myself left the brigade & went across on the mountain side to hunt cattle, passed through Hodgesville. While lying on the roadside a young lady accompanied by a servant rode up & asked Tom & myself to ride with her to the next house. We of course went, but not being able to find the house returned & had a good time on the side of the mountain, where we left them. Tom & I rode off then to overtake our party, but did not succeed, so we hunted our brigade, which we found encamped near Martinsburg, the same ground we camped on before.

Sunday, 31st.

Left camp at daybreak this morning, marched until about 12 o'clock, & took up camp at Bunkersville. The heat is oppressive today.

Monday, August 1st.

We are still lying still today, hope we may spend the balance of the summer here. Nothing of any importance whatever transpired today, all anxiety is felt about the western army.

Tuesday, 2nd.

Everything still as yesterday, heard from Gid Westcott, through Lieut. Doss, wrote a letter to him, which I expect to leave at Winchester to be mailed after our army falls back, have felt rather unwell for the last two days.

Wednesday, 3rd.

Everything still quiet, received orders to be ready to move at daybreak tomorrow morning. Heard the glorious defeat of the enemy at Petersburg on the 30th ult. at the attempt of springing the mines. News from Ga. still anxiously looked for. Nothing of any note transpired today except of hearing an excellent sermon by Dr. Lacy at our Hd. Qrs.
Thursday, 4th.

Took up line of march at daybreak this morning, passed through Martinsburg & camped near falling waters.

Friday, 5th.

Continued our march at 4 A.M., crossed the Potomac at Williamsport, Md. passed through & went about 5 miles on the Boonsboro(?) road, which we reached about 12 H., where we camped for the balance of the day & night.

Saturday, 6th.

We were considerably disappointed this morning by receiving orders for a retrograde movement. We all expected to go to Pa., but instead we marched to Williamsport recrossed the Potomac and camped near falling waters, Gen. Battle making his Hd.-qrs. at falling waters church, wherein we slept at night on account of it threatening to rain. The heat today was immense.

Sunday, 7th.

Took up line of march at 1/2 past 5 A.M. marched to our old camp at Bunker Hill where we camped for the day & night.

Monday, 8th.

We are lying quiet in camp today, some rumors about us expecting to move on account of the enemy being reported crossing at Shepherdstown, but nothing unusual took place & we retired at night.

Tuesday, 9th.

Remained quiet in camp all day, although we were expecting to get orders to move every moment.

Wednesday, 10th.

Marching orders were received last night to move at daybreak this morning, moved off & marched 8 miles, camped near the same place we once camped before. About dark our train was ordered to 1 mile beyond Winchester.

Thursday, 11th.

The army moved back, evacuated Winchester today, the army moving on the pike & the wagon train on the back road, halted at some church close to a spring. About sundown received orders to carry rations to the troops, started off on the back road crossed the middle road & got into the pike at Newtown, our division was camped two miles from Newtown towards Haldeman. On reaching Genl. Rode's Hd.-qrs. learned that our brigade was on picket on the Cedarville road two miles beyond or rather to the left of Haldeman, reached the troops about daybreak, but was not allowed to issue, traveled all night, about 16 miles from where we started in the evening.

Friday, 12th.

Started off with my wagons, got a detail & was ordered to have rations cooked at Haldeman. About the time I was making preparations for it, Maj. Whiting
ordered me to take the wagons back towards Strassbourg. Waited there until our brigade passed, followed it to the backroad where we went into camp close to Piper's hills, the same place we camped once before. Issued rations and got orders to move out again, on account of the enemy appearing in front, managed to get nearly through cooking before we moved. Camped on the pike 5 miles from Strassbourg tonight, where we arrived about 11 P.M.

Saturday, 13th.

I was somewhat disappointed today, everybody firmly believed that we'd have a battle today, but it turned out different. Everything perfectly quiet, except some occasional cannonading on our right, believed to be portion of Longstreet's corps, which is reported coming up here.

Sunday, August 14th.

Capt. Preston, Mackay, Dodge, Caldwell, Harkins & myself started off on a beef expedition this morning, went up the pike from Strassbourg, until we passed Edin-ourg, when we took the right hand which brought us out into the back road at Cabin (?) Hill. After we got into the backroad made enquiries about night lodging. After several miles ride, Harkins, Dodge & myself found accommodation at a very nice house, Mr. Lonas's where we found two elegant young ladies. Enjoyed a night's rest in a splendid bed.

Monday, 15th.

After breakfast we started off to get with the rest of our company, found them about three miles up the road, turned round & went back the way we went this morning, went by Mr. Lonas's house where we got 5 heads of cattle. Miss Kate performed on the accordion for us, traveled backwards & forwards until dark. Staid at Mr. Helsler's tonight.

Tuesday, 16th.

Went up the backroad this morning about 5 miles took the right hand road, which leads to Arkley (?) Springs, passed by the springs & staid at a mill two miles from there.

Wednesday, 17th.

Crossed the mountain today at Brock's Gap & got into the western part of Rock-ingham County. I was left with what cattle we had near the gap, the balance of the party going on towards Staunton.

Thursday, 18th.

Occupied my time in reading & sleeping pretty much all day, it being rainy & cloudy.

Friday, 19th.

Rode down the Shenandoah this morning to have my horse shod, returned and read all day, it being too rainy to go anywhere.
Saturday, 20th.

Capt. Preston & party returned today with a drove of cattle. We went on to Cabin Hill & Stayed at Coffman's tonight.

Sunday, 21st.

Hurried on this morning to get to the army, which we heard had reoccupied Winchester. Went to opposite Strasbourg where our line of battle had been established, staid at Piper's tonight, with whom I left my horse, on account of being unable to travel.

Monday, 22nd.

Went in two miles of Winchester, slept in a field, saw the effects of the last Yankee raid, in the shape of burnt barns, wheat and hay stacks and all sorts of depredations. We found it very difficult to get anything to eat tonight, the Yankees having carried off every cow, etc. they could get hold of, managed to get some bread & milk by paying one gold dollar for it.

Tuesday, 23rd.

Passed through Winchester this morning, thence to Berryville 10 miles distance, reached Charlestown about sundown, found the brigade in a mile of town, felt very much relieved at getting back to camp, found letters from Miss A... & Joe K. Elliott.

Wednesday, 24th.

Wrote to Brother & J.K.E. sent by Waddell, who started home on furlough today. Went down to the Brigade to see Co. D, found Britton returned, went back to our quarters & found Wilson there.

Thursday, 25th.

Marching orders were received last night & we took up the line at daybreak from Charlestown across toward Shepardstown, five miles from latter place we had a considerable skirmish with Yankee Cavalry. Lieut. Arrington was severely wounded, carried him to Mr. Hinkle's house on the railroad. I staid with him all night. I.D.W. came to relieve me, met with Miss Hattie Warner who enquired about Ed. Bapoll(?), Aleck McCall & H. Childress, the first staid with her at Shepardtown while wounded. Misses Betty & Jessie Hinkle are beautiful young ladies & devote all their time to Lieut. Arrington.

Friday, 26th.

Sat up with Lieut. A. all night, after getting breakfast, started to the brigade which was two miles beyond Shepardstown, met Dr. Mitchell on the way, he concluded to move Lieut A. today to Winchester. The ladies were extremely sorry to hear of it, returned to camp with Dr. H. Soon after arriving there rec'd orders to move back towards Leetown. On the way back stopped to assist Lieut A. in the ambulance, saw him off. The parting of Lieut. A. with the ladies was very affecting, the latter being very sorry at his leaving them, Misses Betty and Jessie crying. Encamped near Leetown tonight.
Saturday, 27th.

Left Leetown this morning, marched to Burkerville & camped close to our old encampment.

Sunday, 28th.

Today we were enjoying a much needed rest day, until towards evening, when orders were received to be ready to move in a moments warning, the enemy's cavalry was advancing in strong force on the Smithfield road, we didn't move however. Rec'd a very interesting letter from Miss J.

Monday, 29th.

Moved out close to the pike this morning, preparatory to a battle or retreat. Our division was in line of battle near Darksville. The enemy's cavalry advanced on the Smithfield road. Ramseur's division fought them & drove them back, they burnt several dwellings at Smithfield. Wrote to Miss A... After everything was quiet moved back to our old camp. Today is set for the Chicago Convention to meet, much good to our distracted country is hoped to be the result of it.

Tuesday, 30th.

Rec'd order before daybreak to hold ourselves in readiness to move at sunrise. Everything was under marching orders, until 10 A.M. when we were ordered back to camp, the enemy evidently having made no demonstration as was expected. Wrote to Miss J...

Wednesday, 31st.

Our division moved out this morning, while our train was ordered to stay in camp & be in readiness to move at any time. The troops went two miles beyond Martinsburg, drove the enemy's cavalry before them. Nobody hurt in our Brigade. At night the troops returned to camp, brought the news that McClellan was nominated President by the Chicago Convention. Wrote to Brother & Fanny today.

Thursday, September 1st.

Everything quiet in camp today. Wm. Lanier returned to the Co. today, brought me letter from Joe Elliot. The brigade was paid off today, I received my first pay up to the 1st of July.

Friday, 2nd.

This morning we took leave of Bunker's Hill once more, & marched in the direction of Winchester. When in 6 miles of the place, Vaughn's brigade of cavalry had a perfect stampede, running immediately through our division. The Yanks had attacked them & after fighting them for some time, took a running start, in which they couldn't be checked. Our Brigade was in rear today & the 5th Regt. rear guard of all the army. The 5th regt. attempted to stop our cavalry by cheering them but it was of no avail, & they turned in to abuse them by calling them cowards, etc. The Yanks captured all the cavalry train & some cattle, the latter were recaptured however by our Brigade sharpshooters & turned over to our Brigade. Our division on being informed of the enemy's advance was formed in line of battle & marched against the advancing column, drove them back to Bunker Hill.
Saturday, 3rd.

Our division having fallen back some three miles last night, we marched back in the direction of Bunkers-Hill. When we got in sight our division formed in line of battle. It was not long before our cavalry came in falling back in front of the enemy. The Yankees came on, threw a few shells towards us. Our sharp shooters were sent out & the Yanks withdrew. Noah Huggins was wounded in the foot, while on the skirmish line. Dr. Whitfield had his arm broken by a shell. About dusk we fell back & camped near an old Quaker church, our Hd-qrs. were in the church. Heavy firing heard in the direction of Berryville.

Sunday, 4th.

Moved from the Martinsburg pike to the Berryville pike went in 2 ½ miles of the place where we camped for the night. Our brigade made a circuit around portion of the Yankee army, got in sight of the wagon train but didn't attack it. The firing in the direction of B. was a severe engagement between Anderson & the Yanks, in which the latter were repulsed.

Monday, 5th.

Left the Berryville pike & went back towards Bunker-Hill. While on our way there the heaviest rain that I ever saw fall, fell this evening, during which our Div. was engaging the enemy, who was attempting to get in our rear. Heard through Northern papers of the fall of Atlanta, camped in same church of night before.

Tuesday, 6th.

Soon this morning had to start off to draw rations & find the Brigade, which we couldn't last night on account of the rain, which continued during the night & all day, we camped on the Hartsg(?.) pike opposite the large orchard.

Wednesday, 7th.

Everything quiet this morning, still in camp in the same place. There was some picket firing in our front, we got ready to move, but the Yanks were driven back & we remained in our old position. Rec'd papers containing the fall of Atlanta today.

Thursday, 8th.

Everything still quiet this day. Altho the sun came out bright this morning, it turned into clouds again & rained all the evening. No news of importance.

Friday, 9th.

Everything still quiet in our front today, some skirmishing on the right. The Yanks burnt three mills near Brucetown this morning, the smoke could be seen distinctly from our camp.

Saturday, 10th.

Altho the sun came out bright this morning, it was but few minutes before it turned into clouds & we had a severe rain. Having rec'd orders last night to move this morning, we marched off in the rain towards Bunker Hill. About 4 miles this side, our cavalry met the enemy skirmishing commenced, our forces driving them before them, our infantry supporting them, altho not having to fire a gun. Drove
them beyond Darksville. Our troops returned to the camp we first occupied when at this place. Had a tremendous rain during the night.

Sunday, 11th.

Continued rain this morning, orders to move again, moved back to where we came from the day before, went into camp again. Saw a G. Beacon this evening, the first in two months. Large rain rec'd this evening still no news from brother.

Monday, 12th.

Remained quiet in camp today. Weather very unpleasant, cold wind mixed with rain(?).

Tuesday, 13th.

Heavy cannonading was heard soon this morning on our right and in Gordon Anderson's front. We soon thereafter received orders to get under arms and be ready to move at a moment's warning. We didn't move however until about 1 P.M. when our division marched back on the pike and formed line of battle at the Stephenson(?) house. The enemy was repulsed by other troops & we went back to our old camp. Took dinner with Maj. Adams today, had a splendid dinner. Had_____________(?)

Wednesday, 14th.

Everything quiet today, the fair weather of yesterday has changed into rain again, which makes everything look disagreeable.

Thursday, 15th.

Everything still quiet today, weather still unsettled, cold & windy this morning, had a considerable shower this evening, during which I drove up to Genl. Early's Hd-qrs. with papers for Maj. Hooks(?).

Friday, 16th.

Sky rockets were seen to be sent up by the enemy at a late hour last night. About midnight Pick Moore brought orders around for everything to be ready to move at daybreak, in consequence of it. Dawn came and everything seemed to be quiet, were quiet in camp all day. At night we all sat around Genl. Battle's fire, with Potter(?) telling anecdotes. Wrote to John Christian today. Rec'd letter from Brother today.

Saturday, 17th.

Having received orders yesterday to move at 2 P.M. today, with two days cooked rations in haversacks, I issued an additional days rations this morning. At the stated time the army moved off in the direction of Bunker H. The expedition is a secret one, nobody but the general officers are aware of the destination. Different conjectures were made by men as to where the expedition would lead to. I having felt unwell for the last four days concluded to stay behind with the train, which was ordered to remain in camp. About 9 P.M., about the time I was about to retire received orders for our train to report at Div. Hd.-qrs. Moved off & camped in rear of Stephenson house.
Sunday, 13th.

Laid quiet all day, while the troops were gone, wrote to Brother & Fanny today. Our Div. returned tonight, having gone to Bunker Hill only, while Gordon's Div. went to Martinsburg, orders were received for the train to go the troops, after midnight. Keller & I staid until next morning however.

Monday, 19th.

Went to Maj. Adam's to draw rations, carried them on to the Brigade, met Gordon's Div. going to where there was considerable skirmishing going on at the time, to the right of Winchester. On reaching the Brigade found them getting ready to move, snatched a piece of bread & meat, which I devoured hastily & moved off with the troops. The troops formed line of battle at the Stephenson house. Genl. Rodes dispatched me to Maj. Tanner with orders to move his train to the right of Winchester. According to orders the train moved off. I staid with it, we halted in those fields close to W. In the meantime the skirmishing of this morning turned into a severe battle. It was not long after the battle began to rage, that the disagreeable news of Genl. Rode's death reached us. Everybody seemed to be thunderstruck on hearing of this awful catastrophe & everybody seemed to think for a time that all was lost. I started to W. to learn some of the circumstances. On riding through Main Street, heard some one call me in an ambulance, stopped to see who it was, and to my sorrow found Britton & Kitt (?) Clarke in there, the former shot through the right arm, which was broken. I rode off to find our brigade hospital, when I returned found out that they had already started to the corps hospital, over-took the ambulance & went on with it. Assisted B. & C. out of the ambulance & saw them placed under a tent fly. Staid with them for some time, the surgeons not having had time to examine his wounds, I concluded to go to the Brig. hospital to learn something of Co. D. On my way there, stopped at the house, where Genl. Rodes' remains were lying in state, went in and took a last farewell glance at our beloved general, whose loss can never be repaired. A great many ladies were around his body with tears in their eyes, which caused a tear to drop from my own, in spite of all exertions to the contrary. While this was going on I heard a rush on the street at the same time, some ladies came in exclaiming 'The Yankees were right in town'. Maj. Adams & I rushed out into the street. I got on my horse, witnessed the grandest stampede I ever saw in my life. The cause of this was, our cavalry on our extreme left gave way in front of half of their number of Yankees & came charging through the town. The Yankees reached the edge of town, but were held in check by some two or three hundred from C.S. & others connected with the wagon trains. In the meantime there was a gap left open for the Yankee infantry to get in rear of ours. A panic seized the troops at once & they gave way on our left, which was followed by the entire army, and from which it was impossible to rally them for several miles. Everything had gone on finely up to before this stampede drove the enemy some distance our Div. drove three lines of battle, but with the others had to give up their previous success. We left all of our severely wounded & dead in the hands of the enemy. The number of the enemy's killed is said to exceed anything ever witnessed, altho our loss is severe also, mainly in wounded however. Britton was left at W. Everything moved back & after traveling all night, suffering from hunger & cold, I found myself at Strassbourg next morning.

Tuesday, 20th.

At Strassb. I learned that our train was on Fisher's hill, repaired there & found it. Took some breakfast & went to the troops, which have taken a position a little to the right of where we were before in the line of breastworks, issued rations to then & which took me nearly all day & when night came on it found me weary & sleepy. Wm. Long, Haffner, Willingham & Hausman returned today.
Wednesday, 21st.

Skirmishing commenced on our line soon this morning, our train was ordered off & moved to the same place where we were, when here last time. Sent a dispatch to Col. Harvey by Keeler today, giving casualties in Co. D. The troops laid quiet all day. I went over to the Pipes after my horse, met our train going to the troops in the evening, turned round & staid on the line of battle all night.

Thursday, 22nd.

Was ordered back to the general train by daybreak, with orders to be ready to move at any time. We were quiet pretty well all day except some skirmishing on the line. Wrote to Mr. Britton. At 5 P.M. when I was about to start to the Brigade with rations met the whole army running back, a similar stampede to that of Winchester. The Yankees flanked us by the mountain & got in our rear, which caused our cavalry to give away & confusion among the troops, when everybody put out the best way they could. We made a hasty retreat to Mt. Jackson, after traveling all night. Our loss here in men was not severe, we lost some 10 or 20 pcs. of artillery however.

Friday, 23rd.

The troops formed a line of battle just beyond Mt. Jackson this morning, the Yankees not pushing very hard, we kept up the line all day & night. Rec'd orders to be ready to move at daybreak.

Saturday, 24th.

The troops fall back before day this morning on this side of Mt. Jackson where they formed a line again. About 10 A.M. we commenced falling back. About 5 miles this side of New Market we took the Kesseltown road, where we camped at about 7 P.M.

Sunday 25th.

At 1 A.M. orders came to move. I started ahead with my cattle after passing through K. took the Port Republic road, crossed the Shenandoah at P.R. & started for Brown's gap, where we camped at the foot of the mountain. Wrote a few lines to Brother today. Briggs & Hutchinson returned today.

Monday, 26th.

The Yankees followed us close to the mountain. Skirmishing was going on pretty much all day, in which the enemy's right wing was driven across the river. Kershaw Division came up today, while coming up the river the Yankees attacked their wagon train but were easily repulsed without losing anything. The troops came back to the old camp again.

Tuesday, 27th.

The troops started out again this morning, it was not long before skirmishing commenced, the Yankees were driven back across the river. Col. Hobson returned today looking well. Near sundown we moved out of the gap & stopped near Weyers Cave.
Wednesday, 28th.

Had orders to be ready to move at sunrise, didn’t move until near 10 A.M. Previous to moving I visited Weyers cave, which is a sight worthy of notice. The who conducted us thither explained everything. When I came out the army was in motion, making its way toward Waynesborough, we traveled & dragged about all night, when about 4 A.M. we joined the troops about three miles from W.

Thursday, 29th.

Laid quiet in camp this morning, couldn’t move, on account of the troops having to cook rations. About 3 P.M. we changed camp to near Waynesborough.

Friday, 30th.

Everything quiet in camp today, can’t learn anything of the enemy’s movements. Had orders to be ready to move at sunrise in the morning, did not move however. Spent a good portion of the day with Co. D.

Saturday, October 1st.

Orders came to move this morning at sunrise, did not move however until about 8½ A.M. We marched from W. to Mount Sidney during a severe rain, passed through New Hope. We camped near Mt. S.

Sunday, 2nd.

Although under marching orders, we laid quiet in camp all day, the sun shines bright today, We hear conflicting rumors about an engagement around Petersburg.

Monday, 3rd.

Everything still quiet & in same camp, weather cloudy this morning, turned into a severe rain during the evening. Wrote to Brother & J.K.B. today.

Tuesday, 4th.

Nothing of any interest transpired on our lines today, we had a good many rumors afloat as regards the battle fought around Petersburg & Richmond, nothing reliable could be heard. Received letter from brother, sister & Fanny, answered immediately, and sent brother an overcoat by Cowin’s boy Wm.

Wednesday, 5th.

Everything still quiet with us. Lieut. Shorter returned today with Richmond papers giving an account of the late battles around Petersburg & R. Col. Hobson dined with us today.

Thursday, 6th.

About 10 A.M. received orders to move at once, went through W. Sidney, thence to W. Crawford & camped just this side Harrisonburg tonight. Today was an awful one to me, had a severe attack of cholic, which caused me to suffer a good deal during the day. The Yanks left W. this morning only, burning & devastating barns & mills on their route.
Friday, 7th.

I don't feel entirely relieved from the effects of yesterday's attack. About 2 A.M. we took up line of march. I followed the troops to Harrisonburg, where I hunted up Mrs. Heller from K. (?) & also Lovenback & Bro. I found them & on making myself known, I was heartily welcome, found the children grown up and by the bye among the number three beautiful young ladies. I spent some 3 or 4 hours with them, during which Mrs. H. brought to my memory things which were long forgotten. I had to take leave of them however, in spite of all entreaties to the contrary. Mrs. H. put me up a little bottle of elegant brandy, which relieved me very much. I overtook Wilso, who rode with me slowly, until we overtook the army, which we found encamped near New-Market.

Saturday, 8th.

Today we are resting, nothing of importance transpired today. I am still under the weather. Co. D. being close to our quarters, I spent a good portion of the day with them.

Sunday, 9th.

Today has much of a wintry appearance, the weather very cold and towards evening we had sleet. Cannonading was heard soon this morning down the pike, which turned out to be cavalry fighting. About 4 P.M. while everything was apparently quiet, the bugles sounded to fall in at once. The troops fell in and marched down the pike. Our cavalry had shown another of their stampedes, the Yanks running them from Woodstock to New Market, a distance of 20 miles. Lomak's (?) cavalry lost 11 pcs. artillery, several wagons and ambulances. The Inftry. returned after night, the Yanks not daring to come any further.

Monday, 10th.

 Pleasant weather, still cold but clear. Our cavalry turned round and from all accounts is driving the Yanks in return today. Haven't heard anything from Stove (?) I sold my two horses today. Wrote a letter to Brother which I expect to send by Tom Moore, who will start home in the morning.

Tuesday, 11th.

Still quiet in camp, nothing new whatever, received orders this evening to move at sunrise in the morning in consequence of which I had to look out for a horse having sold my two. Went up to Maj. Adams' and bought Lucy.

Wednesday, 12th.

Moved off (?) at sunrise & marched to near Woodstock, where we camped about 2 P.M. I rode with the troops.

Thursday, 13th.

Took up the line of march again at (?) moved off with the troops (?) called on Mr. Heller & spent about two hours at his house. Continued my ride until I found the train parked on Fishers-Hill. The troops had gone on beyond Strassburg, where skirmishing was going on at the time. Portions of
Thursday, 13th. - Cont'd.

Kershaw's Div. went on & met the Yanks near Cedar creek where a fight took place, in which the Yanks were driven some distance. About dark the troops were ordered back & we camped on the line of entrenchments on Fishers-Hill near where we were before.

Friday, 14th.

The troops on our left our Div. included moved some distance to the front, where a new line had been established. The enemy didn't show any disposition to give us battle & our troops went into camp at the same old place after dark.

Saturday, 15th.

About 10 A.M. the same move as yesterday took place. About sundown troops returned to the same camp.

Sunday, 16th.

Apparently everything quiet today, no prospect for a move, in consequence of which I took out my writing materials to let my friends hear from me. I wrote letter to Mrs. Hutchinson, Brady, Alfred & Ezra. During the evening received orders to move at day break. Had a splendid vegetable dinner today.

Monday, 17th.

Precisely at day break the troops moved off in the same direction of that on former occasions. The wagons were ordered to remain until further orders. About 8 A.M. Felix Wilson & myself rode out to the front, found the troops in line of battle, but apparently no move of any sort going on. Staid out sometime & returned to camp. Roper's cavalry & Grims' brigade made a dash at the enemy's pickets last night, surrounded and captured forty (?) & two horses. About 3 P.M. the troops all returned to camp, with orders to cook two days rations, making having on hand three days. I judge that well move in the morning by the foregoing order. After night went up to Co. D where we sang until a late hour in the night.

Tuesday, 18th.

We were still quiet in camp all day, expecting to get orders to move all day, nothing of importance took place however, until 5 P.M. when we received orders to get ready to move at ½ past 5 P.M. with orders for the men to leave their canteens behind & not speak above a whisper on the march, of course we know, that some secret expedition was on move and everybody eager to know what it would result in. We were not kept in suspense long. Precisely at 30 minutes past five P.M. Genl. Gordon in command of his, Genl. Pegram's & our divisions marched off. The wagon train was ordered to join the general train & to be ready to move at daybreak. I went back with the train. The troops marched down the pike and then went over to the mountain on the right of the pike. We marched over a narrow path on the brink of the mountain on the side of the river. The path was so narrow that the troops had to march in single file. We reached the Yankee pickets just before daybreak.

Wednesday, 19th.

About an hour before dawn our troops crossed the river, wading it, which made it extremely cold, the night itself was an extremely cold one. The Yankee pickets
were changed about the same time our division in junction with other troops charged their camps on their flank & rear. While this was going on, Genl. Early in command of Kershaw's and Wharton's divisions charged them in front just on the other side of Cedar creek. The surprise was complete & had the desired effect. The Yankees were driven and routed out of their camps & good many killed & wounded in their bunks, not having had time to get up. They ran in great confusion, leaving everything in the way of baggage & camp equipage behind them. Artillery variously estimated from 22 to 40 guns were captured & turned on the enemy, ambulances, wagons forges medical wagons & things too numerous to mention here were captured & the Yankees driven, losing a great many killed & wounded & prisoners. About sun up Wilson Catchett & myself rode down to the front passed over the camps & looked at the artillery etc. captured, passed on further to the front, met Sheb. (?) and Briggs, the latter slightly wounded in arm, sat with them for sometime, then rode on still further front, where I met with Col Forsyth & others, staid sometime & then returned to B & Sh. (?). They went to the front & I to the hospital, where I expected to find Genl. Battle who was slightly wounded on the knee, but he had left & gone to the rear, saw Henry Allen & Charlie Hafner both wounded, staid with them some time. Rumors came in about our army falling back. I looked across Cedar creek and in a few moments saw army coming back in considerable confusion. I got on my horse to go to the rear, not to add any to the stampede, if such a thing should occur, and it was well I did so, the entire army came running off, caused by Perry's brigade giving away & allowing the Yankees to flank us. Genl. Early in spite of all he could do with the assistance of other officers could not rally the men. They came on, passed through Strassburg & made for Fishers-Hill. Genl. Early was there again to rally them, but it was of no avail, the men were routed & nothing in the world could stop them. Between Strassburg & the stone bridge the Yankee cavalry clashed up & out a good deal of our train off. They captured a good many wagons, ambulances & artillery besides some of the artillery we captured from them in the morning. A great many of our men dispersed to the mountains. Our army kept on the retreat all night, Yankee cavalry following us up. I went on with our train. In passing through Woodstock stopped at Heller's to warm where I also got supper. I reached Lt. Jackson about daybreak. Such are the fortunes of war, after having gained one of the most signal victories ever recorded in the morning, defeat & disaster was our lot in the evening.

Thursday, 20th.

We reached New Market about 12 M. where the troops caught up with us, went in the same camp we occupied before. Co. D. came in four in number, most of them wounded or missing. Henry Allen, Chas. Hafner, James Webb, W.T. Idon, McDannid(?), Briggs & Parrier all founded. Wn. Long, Jack Wynne, Waddell, Hagins, Hobiarmid(?) & Andrew Jackson all missing, some of the latter will come up yet, I hope.

Friday, 21st.

Rec'd orders to be ready to move at daybreak, which was done however, to be ready in case the enemy should endeavor to continue his pursuit, but such was not the case & we were quiet. Wn. Long came in this morning, returned from the mountain. Wrote to Mrs. Allen in regard to Henry.
Saturday, 22nd.

Everything quiet in camp today, heard that our cavalry drove the Yanks back to Fisher's Hill today.

Sunday, 23rd.

Nothing stirring at all today.

Monday, 24th.

Everything still quiet, wrote a long letter to brother today.

Friday, 28th.

Nothing of the least importance transpired in several days. Wrote to brother, J.K.E. & Dr. Witherspoon today.

Saturday, 29th.

Everything still shows an unusual quiet on our as well as the enemy's side, can't find anything worth recording. I expected to go to Harrisonburg today, but had to decline on account of not getting passport.

Sunday, 30th.

Everything still quiet, received a letter from brother at last.

Monday, 31st.

Went to Harrisonburg today, to see my friends, called on the Misses Holler, was introduced to Miss Wise. Had the pleasure of seeing Miss H. home, whence I called at Judge Woodson's house to see Henry Allen. Called on Miss Wise during the evening. Staid at Mrs. Holler's tonight, had some splendid music by the young ladies of the house, also Misses...

Tuesday, November 1st.

Had a very pleasant time last night & also this morning but about 10 A.M. had to take leave from my kind friends to return to duty. Left Harrisonburg about 11 A.M. & returned to my command. I was much chagrined at not staying longer at H. after I learned that I hadn't been missed. I found our Div. in mourning for Genls. Rodes & Ramseur. In the evening dress parade was held by each brigade & the resolutions of a committee of officers read out, also a letter from Genl. Early about the same affair. Dirges by the bands were plaid with muffled drums in honor of the two commanders of our division. The affair was a very solemn one.

Wednesday, 2nd.

We had a cold rain this morning, wrote to Mr. Snyder.

Thursday, 3rd.

The weather still disagreeable, wrote to brother today. Received letter from Mrs. Britton this evening.
Friday, 4th.

Everything quiet, weather clear but cold.

Saturday, 5th.

Changed camp today to about 2½ miles this side of New-market, where it is expected we'll stay for some time. Maj. Adams sent for me to go on some business for him, started to Staunton, but turned back & waited until in the morning.

Sunday, 6th.

Left camp at sunrise this morning for Staunton, stopped a few minutes at Harrisonburg, but didn't see the young ladies, they having gone to church. Capt. Preston was with me but turned off at Lt. Crawford. Reached Staunton at dark, stopped at the American Hotel; Maj. Bryan & I occupying one room.

Monday, 7th.

Met Boardman & Cowin in town after breakfast, staid in town all day waiting on Maj. Tate, who didn't get to the office until late in the evening. After seeing him we rode out to camp, where our train was parked. Boardman & I slept under a hay wagon. Got acquainted with Mr. Witz, Horitz & Heller was also in town today.

Tuesday, 8th.

Left Staunton this morning in search of wheat, went up the Middlebrook road, & turned off in the direction of Middle river, met with but little success in the way of getting any grain, staid with Mr. McCutchan near Summerdean, all night.

Wednesday, 9th.

Returned to Staunton today, staid in camp tonight, Boardman, Wilkins & myself sleeping in a wagon.

Thursday, 10th.

After waiting at Staunton until 11 A.M. I went with two wagons to Waynesboro after flour, camped in 3 miles of W. about dusk.

Friday, 11th.

Proceeded on to W. saw my wagons loaded, & started them to camp. Went to Stewart's mill, where I expected to find Boardman, but found Lumsden (?) in his place, staid at the mill.

Saturday, 12th.

Left Stewart's mill this morning for Staunton, which place I reached about 1 P.M. After attending to my business called on Mr. Witz, with whom I staid all night.

Sunday, 13th.

Staid at Staunton until after dinner when I concluded to go to New Hope to visit the Laughers (?). Reached there in the evening, was extremely pleased with the meeting with old acquaintances & schoolmates, staid all night.
Monday, 14th.

Expected to return to St. again this morning, but my friends insisted on my staying another day. During the day I rode out to Coiner's mill to see Capt. Preston, after which I returned to New-Hope, staid again all night.

Tuesday, 15th.

About 10 A.M. we started back to Staunton, staid there all night.

Wednesday, 16th.

Went to Stewart's mill, where I staid all night in company with Capt. Preston and Lumsden.

Thursday, 17th.

Lumsden & I went to Middlebrook, where we staid all night, with a wagon.

Friday, 18th.

After breakfast we proceeded to Mr. Wm. Dunlap's where we expected to find Capt. P.A. Boardman, but they had gone, leaving instructions for us. We had a very nice time with Miss Hollie Dunlap, who sang for us. Lumsden went to Baylor's mill & I to Staunton, which I reached in the evening, pretty well drenched by a hard rain. Staid at the Hotel tonight.

Saturday, 19th.

Returned to Mr. Dunlap's today, where I staid all night. Had a splendid time in the evening in the parlor with Miss Hollie D. & Mrs. Gibson.

Sunday, 20th.

Kept the Sabbath today, didn't do anything whatever. Capt. P. & B. returned this evening. Lumsden & I staid with Mr. McCutchan tonight.

Monday, 21st.

Business called me once more to Staunton, whither I proceeded this morning in a most drenching rain, which kept up all day. As soon as my business was complete I returned to Mr. D's. where Boardman, Lumsden & I staid all night.

Tuesday, 22nd.

Snow on the ground this morning, which is freezing fast.

Wednesday, 23rd.

Left Mr. Dunlap's this morning & moved to Baylor's mill, weather extremely cold. Mr. Dunlap asked us to come back & stay all night with him, which invitation we accepted. Boardman & I went up & Lumsden came in from Lexington. Passed the evening off very pleasantly, in conversation, music & playing cards. Miss Hollie & I were partners.
Thursday, 24th.

After breakfast we took leave & returned to the mill. I went over to Bowman's mill to load some wagons, returned to Baylor's mill. Boardman & I called on (?) the Kisses Row this evening. Slept in the mill tonight.

Friday, 25th.

Went up to McGutchens with Boardman. On our return met Capt. Preston, we all went to Bowman's mill to stay all night.

Saturday, 26th.

Capt. Preston & I started off in search of wheat, travelled all day until night in a severe rain, Staid at Capt. LeBride's near Brownsburg.

Sunday, 27th.

Went to Lexington today, where we staid all night at the Lexington House.

Monday, 28th.

After attending to some business we left Lexington in the direction of Buffalo creek, we went up the creek and staid at Fatten's mill tonight.

Tuesday, 29th.

After riding about some in the morning, Capt. P. concluded best to send for some wagons for which purpose I started to near Middlebrook, where Boardman was hauling wheat. After visiting until a late hour in the night stopped near Newport for the night.

Wednesday, 30th.

After conferring with Boardman, went to Bowman's mill where I staid all night.

Thursday, December 1st.

Went to Staunton this morning, after transacting some business went to New Hope, where I staid all night.

Friday, 2nd.

After taking dinner with my friend, Lommer (?), I started for Harrisonburg, which place I reached near sunset, staid with Mrs. Heiler, where I enjoyed the evening most agreeably.

Saturday, 3rd.

Upon my friends insisting I staid until after dinner, after which I started to camp, reached there after dark.
Sunday, 4th. & Monday, 5th.

Staid in camp these two days.

Tuesday, 6th.

I prepared to go up the valley again. After receiving instructions started off in company with Maj. Weber(?), Kesler. We rode together to Harrisonburg, they turned off towards Dayton & I staid at H. all night. Should I stay here another day, I intend to make my thoughts known to Miss L.

Wednesday, 7th.

My intention was to leave Harrisonburg this morning, but the object I had in view was one of so much importance to me that I was easily persuaded to remain until after dinner. Had the pleasure of Miss L's company all the morning, during which time I considered the subject well. The more I concentrated my thoughts, the more I thought the attempt worth trying, to which end I made up my mind. After dinner had the pleasure of Miss L's company to Mrs. Wise's & Mr. Loewenbach's. On our return I again expected to leave but not having accomplished my object I concluded to stay. In the course of the evening I made my proposition, and during the most interesting conversation, we were interrupted by the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. H. much to my sorrow. After the family had retired I took up the all absorbing topic again in writing this time, on account of Miss F's presence. After several questions on both sides, I received an answer in the affirmative. With what joy my heart received it, is beyond my power to describe. I felt that I was entering upon a new life, from which I could foresee nothing but happiness. After this interesting interview was ended, I retired, but only to wake & dream. It must have been near two o'clock before I went to sleep, only to dream again of the one whom I have learned to love so devotedly, also of the tobacco bag received in the morning.

Thursday, 7th.

On coming out of my room this morning, the first object I beheld was my own dear L. . . The thought of parting with her this morning was an awful one, nevertheless I determined to stand it manfully. As the time drew near my heart became heavier. After some pleasant discourse in the parlor, I rose to take leave of the family and then of my dear L . . . I shall ever remember the last look I took at her at the window up stairs, after getting on my horse. I started off at last & though it was very cold, in the morning, I never felt it, until I reached Mt. Crawford, so occupied was my mind with that dear object at the window. At 12 o'clock I stopped at Jonas Keller's house to warm after which I continued my ride. Passed through New-Hope, stopped a few minutes at Lomar's, and then started to Coker's mill, in search of Mahoner, whom I found at Persyn Kondly's, where I staid all night.

Friday, 9th.

After breakfast I rode with Mahoner to Mr. Herran's, where I disposed of my business, after which I started to Staunton where I staid all night with Isaac Witz.
Saturday, 10th

The ground is covered with snow this morning, on acct. of which I delayed my journey. Took it on myself to write to L...in hopes of hearing from her soon. Received letters from Mrs. Allen, Brady & Fanny enclosed in a bundle from home. John Smith & Capt. Ehart (?) arrived this evening. All three of us staid with Witz.

Sunday, 11th.

Left Staunton about 10 A.M., suffered a good deal from cold. Met Lumsden at Steel's mill where I staid all night.

Monday, 12th.

After breakfast Lumsden rode down to Baylor's mill with me. We stopped at Mr. Dunlap's on the way saw Miss Hollio. In the evening we returned to Steel's mill. After supper all three of us rode to Middlebrook to a party at Dr. McChesney's, had a tolerable good time only. Staid at Mr. Steel's at Middlebrook tonight.

Tuesday, 13th.

After a late breakfast we left H. for up the country, stopped at the mill awhile to warm after which L & I rode to Lexington where we staid all night at the Lexington House.

Wednesday, 14th.

Left Lexington this morning for Buchanan, when near the place, met Capt. Preston & Boardman returning with all the wagons empty. On learning the cause I concluded to go to Potter's mill, where we all staid all night.

Thursday, 15th.

After attending to my business, Boardman & myself went to Lexington, where we remained all the evening & night.

Friday, 16th.

After breakfast all three of us started towards Staunton. About 4 miles from L. met Johny with orders to leave, our Div. having gone to Richmond, on account of which Boardman & I rode to Staunton tonight. Het Haf. Webster there.

Saturday, 17th.

I had made up my mind, on hearing of our Div. leaving the valley, to visit Harrisonburg once more, finished my business this morning & left St. about 12 H. reached H. about dusk, found my dear Lucy as interesting as ever. In the course of the evening I got her to accept the engagement ring I had made for her.

Sunday, 18th.

During the forenoon, I experienced the pleasure of loving one, who I have reason to believe reciprocates my love. Lucy & I had the parlour to ourselves all the morning. The time rolled away so rapidly to me, that I was astonished to hear of dinner being announced. After dinner I had a severe task to perform, telling my
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dear one, good bye. It was with much pain that I did so. The family all left the parlour to give us an opportunity of parting, which I made proper use of. After taking leave of them all, I mounted my horse to leave for Staunton, which place I reached long after night. On my way ther, my thoughts were occupied with my darling only, so much so that I didn't notice the darkness of the night at all. More than once did I take a glance at the miniature I received from here, which only put me the more in mind of the real one. I staid with Witz tonight.

Monday, 19th.

Staid at Staunton all day anxiously expecting my wagons, which didn't arrive however until late in the evening. I was greatly troubled at the idea of not having staid at H. until this evening. Late in the evening I directed a letter to Lucy dear. Staid with Witz again.

Tuesday, 20th.

Capt. Preston, Johnny & myself started off for Richmond this morning. On crossing the mountain I took a farewell look at the valley, particularly in the direction of H. Besides thinking of the one I love most, my mind wasn't concentrated upon any other subject. We staid in two miles of the mountain tonight at Mr. Ludlow's house.

Wednesday, 21st.

The first thing I noticed this morning on getting up was a considerable snow on the ground. We never left until about 11 A.M. & rode to Charlottesville, where we staid at the Central Hotel all night.

Thursday, 22nd.

Saw Slems in town this morning, after procuring forage for the teams, continued our journey for about 8 miles, where we camped in an old house.

Friday, 23rd.

Continued our journey this morning to Wilmington, (?) City, staid at the hotel all night.

Saturday, 24th & Sunday, 24th.

Continued our journey, not letting Christmas interfere with us.

Monday, 26th.

Arrived at Richmond about 1 P.M., attended to some private business, visited the theatre & staid with Joe Elliott tonight.

Tuesday, 27th.

Went out to have an ambro type taken for my dear L. but did not succeed on account of the cloudy weather. About 11 A.M. left the city for the army, which I found encamped on Swift creek four miles north of Petersburg.
Wednesday, 23th.

Went round to Co. D to see the boys, heard nothing from home as yet, nor had a letter reached me from the valley.

Thursday, 29th.

Laid up quiet in camp today, no letter for me yet.

Friday, 30th.

Today I was fortunate enough to get two letters from my dear Lucy, answered them this evening.

Saturday, 31st.

Nothing of note to record today.

Sunday, January 1st.

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With the beginning of the year, I find nothing worth of note to record. Everything perfectly quiet all day. At night I visited Jack Drakeford, staid there until midnight, he giving me a description of his courtship which was really pleasant.

Monday, 2nd.

Haj. Webster, Gillan James & myself called on Haj. Adams this evening, has a splendid time until midnight, after which we retired.

Tuesday, 3rd.

Nothing transpired today at all worth of note.

Wednesday, 4th.

Haj. Webster sent up his application for furlough today, advised me to do likewise, which I intend to do tomorrow.

Thursday, 5th.

Had an application for furlough made out today but haven't sent it up yet.

Friday, 6th.

Nothing of importance took place today.

Saturday, 7th.

Everything quiet this morning. About 10 P.M. after having retired, we received orders to move at 8 A.M. next day. Had to get up issue two days rations. The thought of having to leave comfortable quarters after having gone to the trouble of putting them up, was terrible, a military necessity however.
Sunday, 8th.

The brigade move out this morning relieved Terry's brigade of Genl. Pickett's Div. in the trenches on the line. I went down with them, to learn their position, returned to our quarters in the evening.

Monday, 9th.

Went on the line late this evening to get a report, received a letter from Henry Allen, said on the line all night.

Tuesday, 10th.

Returned to our quarters this morning during a most drenching rain. It had rained severe all night & this morning the whole country is a solid sheet of water. Maj. Webster went to the lines during the day & on his return, brought me a letter from the idol of my heart, which I read with a good deal of interest, particularly after having dreamt about her last night a good portion of the night was taken up by me in thinking about the letter I received.

Wednesday, 11th.

I attended to finishing our office today, which was completed this evening. After supper I commenced a letter to my dear Lucy, but did not finish on account of being disturbed by company.

Thursday, 12th.

Took up the letter I left unfinished last night, also answered Miss F's note, sent letter off this evening. Started up my application for furlough today, in hopes of getting to visit home for a short time.

Monday, 16th.

Not the least thing of any importance or interest has transpired for several days, wrote to Mr. Witz today.

Tuesday, 17th.

Except the hopes of getting my furlough appr. nothing seems cheerful to me today.

Wednesday, 18th.

Maj. Webster left here today for Richmond on his way home.

Thursday, 19th.

I made calculations of getting an answer to my letter of the 12th inst. Although I was not disappointed in getting a letter from H. it was by far the one expected, a short endorsement by L... on the back of Humric's (?) letter, showed that my letter hadn't been received at the time of writing.
Friday, 20th.

I looked for two important documents today. A letter from H. & the return of my furlough. While I was disappointed in the latter, I was rejoiced in the former. I shall await the return of my furlough before answering it, being particularly anxious to deliver an answer myself, previous to leaving for home.

Saturday, 21st.

Today was the most disagreeable day we have had in sometime, a heavy cold rain poured down from morning until late at night. I was rather uneasy all day not knowing whether my furlough will come apd. or not. About the time I thought papers had come down from Div. Hd.-Qrs. I went over to Col. Forsyth's and to my joy found my furlough there all right.

Sunday, 22nd.

Made preparations to leave in the morning, which occupied all my time today.

Monday, 23rd.

Left camp this morning for Richmond, spent today in the city, attended to my business previous to leaving for H.

Tuesday, 24th.

Left R. this morning for Staunton. About ten miles from R. the coach I was in ran off the track, didn't hurt anybody however, reached Staunton this evening.

Wednesday, 25th.

Left Staunton this morning for H. Took them all by surprise. Had a most elegant time with my darling Lucy.

Thursday, 26th.

Spent the morning very pleasantly. Had a conversation with Mrs. H. in regard to what had taken place between L. & myself, received a satisfactory reply. After eating a splendid dinner prepared to leave again. Took an affectionate farewell of them all, particularly my darling Lucy & left for Staunton. Although my stay was a very short one, it certainly was a very agreeable one. Reached Staunton about 7 P.M.

Friday, 27th.

Left Staunton this morning for Richmond, which place I reached about ½ past 7 P.M. Called on Col. Fowler, wrote a hurried letter to my darling Lucy, after which I retired for the night.

Saturday, 28th.

Had a good deal of business to attend to this morning, which kept me pretty busy running about. About 11 A.M. took the train for Danville.
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Sunday, 29th.

Arrived at Danville after daybreak this morning, six hours behind time. Had to lay over all day. Wrote a few lines to my darling again, also to Mr. Witz.

Monday, 30th

Left Danville at 2 past 1 o'clock this morning, rode in a box car to Greensboro, N.C. which place I reached about 2 past 7 A.M. Wrote a few hurried lines to my darling again. Met Haj. Miller & Cutchett at G. Left G. about 10 A.M. for Charlotte. Reached Columbus, where I had to lay over all night again.

Saturday, 4th.

Left Columbus this morning, reached Montgy. at 3 P.M., took passage on the Southern Republic to Selma, reached there on the morning of

Sunday, 5th.

No train going towards home today, hired a mule & started off, staid at Mrs. King's near Hanburg all night.

Monday, 6th.

Continued my journey home, reached there about 3 P.M. to the astonishment of all.

Tuesday, 7th.

 Went up town to see my friends, found all glad to see me. Haj. Webster came to town, staid all night with me, called on Misses A. & I. this evening.

Wednesday, 8th.

Called on Miss Jordan a few minutes this morning, walked about town all day, spent the evening with Miss Jordan.

Thursday, 9th.

Alock McCall came to town today. Miss Liza Sirms is to marry tonight, was invited, but coming to a bad cold I have declined going out.