Enclosed is a copy of the Civil War Letters written by Horace Currier to his brother Edwin Currier. These letters tell about his experiences with Company I, 7th Regiment, Iron Brigade. Horace Currier was taken prisoner the first day at Gettysburg and was confined at Libby Prison, Richmond, Virginia. He died as an exchange prisoner August 15, 1863, at Annapolis, Maryland.

Edwin Currier was the grandfather of Mrs. Margaret Currier Pomainville.

[Leland C. Pomainville signature]
Washington, D.C.
Sept., 29, 1861

It is now about half past seven in the evening. The enemy look like bright purple stars. The enemy are about 15 miles from us. The main body is about 200,000 strong. We have 400,000 within ten miles of Washington so we dont feel afraid of them. We are under Gen. McCellan. There is one Vt. Regiment and one N. H. Regiment on each side of our Regiment. We are about a half mile east of the capital. It is nothing but one sea of tents as far as you can see each way. Last night our troops drove the enemy from Munsons Hill that is opposite Washington on the other side of the Potomac. I have not smelled the enemy's powder and dont know when we shall move forward. We were six days coming from Wis. here. The people on our route greeted us with best the land afforded. I will write you a long letter giving you a description of the country in a few days.

Camp Arlington
Dec. 16, 1861

They (the letters) find me well except for a bad cold. I was excused from drill on account of my cold. The reason I did not answer your letter of Nov. 26 was I received it the evening previous to our going out on picket sentry and I was afraid mother would worry until she heard that I had arrived back safe to camp. They took 24 files, 48 men out of each company in our Regiment. It did not happen to fall to my lot to go but I volunteered my services and went for there were some that did not want to run the risk of getting a hole punched through them. Corporal Structus was in the line of a mine bullet. It was the first time we had run any risk of being shot. It was about 12 miles from our camp where we went picketing. That is out as far as we have any men. It was within hearing of the enemy. I tell you it is rather lonesome to march out from ones company about 6 or 8 rods in the dead of night towards the enemy. It is rather risky business. There has been some soldiers shot most evey night but we came in safe and sound. We had an alarm in the night. All hands went out about 12 last night. We think that there will be some fighting here this winter. The Regiments are going into winter quarters here. That don't look much like fighting. The chaplain carries our mail over to Washington.
Tell Mother I get plenty of tobacco but no rot gut. We shall be home in the spring probably. The Governor of Wis. was here Thanksgiving day and made a speech to the boys. I

I will give you an outline of a soldiers life.

First Reville at 6 A.M. that means roll call and get up and wash and comb the lice out of our heads. 7 A.M. Breakfast; 8 A.M. General Mounting 4 out of a company for Regimental Guard. It comes my turn once in about 2 weeks. 8.30 A.M. Police call, that means sweep out your tents and street. 9 A.M. Drill until 12 noon. Then at 2 P.M. Brigade Drill for Regiments. 4 Regiments drill together and the 6th, 7th, 2nd Wis. and the 19th Ind. Companies. Our Brigade Drill lasts until 4 P.M. half past 4. Dress Parade. Then we have to come out with our shoes blackened, white gloves on and everything neat and clean. 5 P.M. supper & Roll Call 6 P.M. Taps lights out all must be in bed by 9 P.M.

When we were on picket there 2 female slaves came within our lines and we took them home. We also took 2 horses and a mule from the Sesesh.

Camp Arlington
Dec. 19, 1861

There is not much prospect of any fighting this winter here. We are within 25 miles of the enemy. They are strongly fortified at Manassas. They have about 200,000 men there. We have about 150,000 now and sent 50,000 on through Southern. We dont know but what our Regiment may be the next one called to go South, we are in hopes that it will be soon. (We are perfectly tired of doing nothing but drill, drill and no fighting. If we could only hear the long roll beat, I tell you every man would jump out of his boots to go.) We have plenty of good vittles and clothes. I have 3 suits of clothes, 2 good blankets, and so we dont suffer for clothes or food and a plenty of money. I would like to hear from home a little oftener. We have not had any snow here yet. It is very pleasant, looks like spring. I think this is the most beautiful country I have ever seen, although war has made it desolate. Orchards are cut down, nice bricks leveled with the ground. Theres has been a great waste of property here. Property that is owned by those in the rebel army. Thousands
of negroes masters have run away and left the negroes ot take care of the property. They don't take very good care of it. Some of our boys go to the homes of some rebel and get a nice piano or a nice mirror to ornament their tent with. They are some that ate from tables that cost not less than $50. It lookes curious to see such furniture standing outdoors.
We had marching orders last Monday morning about 1 A.M. and we had to have all our things packed and on our backs in 1 hour, and 1/2 from the time of receiving orders I tell you it made us hustle in our boots. We were in line the 3 A.M. and marching. It was very dark and cloudy and commenced raining about sunrise and it rained all day. We marched about 18 miles into enemy country and I have not seen one Seccesh yet. They have evacuated Fairfax, Centerville, Bull Run and Manassas. We have possession of all the above places. Today and there have not been over 6 killed and wounded in the whole arrangement. We have about 250,000 troops here. General McCellan at the head. We are going to Richmond I think if we don't get defeated. We have plenty of cannon, some of the largest kind. Our army reaches about 15 miles when we are on the march so you can imagine what an immense army there is on the move.

We all carry our tents on our backs. Four men carry one tent. They button together, They are very nice, a new invention. We have plenty to eat. The Govt. tea, coffee, sugar, bread and meat (both fresh and salt) and a jill of whiskey every day since we started. And the hen roost and pippens have to suffer. I brought in 7 good sized hogs last night. They went out and got one bee hive. I tell you we live fat and we have lots of stuff here that the southerners left. We think the war will be closed up by the first of June. Write to me as soon as you receive this. Direct the same as you have done. That is to Washington. We have a mail carrier that brings it to us from there free of charge.

Camp opposite Fredricksburg
May 18, 1862

We encamp here on the banks of the Rapranock. Oh it is beautiful country. Our artillery has just gone down this morning to shell out the Rebels. The Rebels are in force down the river about three miles from here. We have been called out in the line of battle once since we have been here. I don't think that we shall have any battle here. I think that the Rebels will retreat as soon as Richmond is taken by McCellan. We are merely keeping the Rebels from advancing on to Washington.
We are only about 50 miles from Richmond. I think we shall be home by the 4th of July. I am going to send home a paper. It is a Philadelphia Paper. I shall have it directed to Plainfield, you will get your first copy about the first of July. I have signed for it for one year. We expect to get our pay this week. I inclose two photographs, one of the captain and other my second Lt. They gave them to me. We are encamp on Ferry Farm where Washington was born. His mother is buried here. I have seen her grave. The Rebels have fired at the tombstone three or four times and disfigured it very badly.

General Hospital (Fairfax Co.)
Falls Church, Va. Aug. 17, 1862

I was taken sick about two weeks ago. I left our Regiment one week ago today for the hospital. I shall have been here one week tomorrow morning. I have had a slight run of fever but am getting better at present. I think if nothing new takes place I shall be able to go to my Regiment in two or three weeks. I have first rate care here. We have everything that is good to eat or drink, a plenty of waiter to attend every want. I tell you the sick are cared for here. The ladies that live here in town visit the sick every day and bring in nice things such as jelly and wine, nice gruel and everything that is good for a sick person to eat.

Camp near Sharpsburg Md.
Oct. 10, 1862

We are here in camp about 2 miles from the Battlefield of Antietam. The enemy have retreated to the interior of Va. There is some of our forces in pursuit of them yet. Our Brigade is completely Gassed. Oh, Edwin I will not try to tell you the amount of suffering that I have witnessed within the last three weeks. It has made me sick of war. You will think when I tell you that I could take you the next day on the battle ground of Antietam and that you could walk one mile in one straight line and not step on the ground but on dead men and horses that I have stretched the truth. But it is so. The wounded were not all taken off the third day. For I know for I was there through the whole thing in the front rank. Thank God and through his goodness was preserved as safe as though I had been at home.
Some parts of the field the men were piled three and four deep. The Rebels left their dead and wounded in the field for us to take care of. The Battle of South Mountain was two days before the battle of Antietam. At South Mountain was the first fight I ever was in. I don't know when we shall make another move.)
Camp in the Field, Va.
May 29, 1863

(I wish I could be at home to have some of those eggs and brown bread and milk. Eggs are 50 cents a dozen and one third rotten at that.) Tobacco is $1.50 per pound. Apple pies about the size of a saucer are 25¢. We do not have much fancy fixings in the army. My health is very good at present. I don't know what the next will be. About one third of our army is going home. Their time is out. The Rebels are in force on the other side of the river. We stand picket on the river once in about two weeks. We stand and talk with them on the best of terms. They never fire on any of the western brigades or "Iron Brigade". The Rebels call us the "Black Hats". But when the Mass. troops are on picket the rebels are peppering them all of the time, night and day. Or the New Jersey troops. Our Brigade is composed of the 2nd, 6th, 7th, 19th Ind and 24th Mich. The Rebs have respect for us. They say that they would rather fight one whole division of New Eng. troops than our Brigade. They say so in earnest. There never has any of our Regiments who ran yet in this Brigade.

Day before yesterday the Rebels commenced to fire on the Jersey boys when they on Picket. Our Brigade was called out and only one Regiment marched down to the River. The firing ceased immediately and all was quiet in less than 30 minutes. The reason they are so mad at the Jerseys boys is this, about two weeks ago when they were on picket one of the Rebels tole them that he would swim across if they would let him go back and they agreed to do so, and Mr. Reb swam over and Mr. Jersey captured him and marched him up to General Reynolds Headquarters as a prisoner of war. General Reynolds sent them back with Mr. Reb to the river telling them that that was not honest to lie or deceive in that way. So they did not make much out of their bargain only that the Seesh fire on them every time when the go on picket. Oh, I pray that the wicked war may close soon.

Camp in the Field near White Oaks Church, Va.
May 27, 1863

I think the war will close this summer. The Rebels cannot stand more than one more such butchery as they had the last time we crossed the river. Oh, we left them in piles and there were some blue coats as well as gray left on the field. Edwin,
you can imagine how they lay when I tell you it was like a field of wheat when it is bound up. Our line of battle was about 6 miles in length. The battle field was in the woods. There was but one clear field of about 160 acres betwixt our lines. The Rebels charged through that seven times on to our works and were driven back each time. We had about 100 pieces of Artillery that swept across Stewart's personal Brigade that was on the right of that field. It was deafening to us when they would open on them. Our men would wait until the Rebels would mass 15 to 20 thousand in that field and then the batteries would open on them.

Aug. 15 1863
This day Horace Currier, 1st army Corp, Union Army died at Annapolis, Maryland of chronic diarrhea. May his soul rest in Peace in that bright world above where parting and sorrow is not know, where I hope to meet him, never more to part.

Edwin Currier

The United States Hospital
2nd Division, Ward 5
Annapolis, Maryland
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1863. This day finds me in the U. S. service. In camp near Bell Plain, Va. We moved into our winter quarters last night. It is a very pleasant day.

Fri., Jan. 2, 1863. This morning I went down to Battery B, returned about noon. The orders to go out on picket. We started about half past 12, went out 3 miles from camp. Co. I & D were on reserve.

Sat., Jan. 3, 1863. Today at 3 p.m. we went out on picket. I was on a Post with Sargent Fred Woodward.

Sun. Jan. 4, 1863. This day and returned to camp.

Mon. Jan. 5, 1863. We had a review today General Wadsworth reviewed the Brigade.

Tues., Jan. 6, 1863. This morning I received a letter from Edwin and answered the same. I enclosed 20 dollars in the same. I sent a letter to Nat.

Wed., Jan. 7, 1863. This day we had a battalion drill. Rather cold.

Thurs., Jan. 8, 1863. At camp today nothing of importance transpired.

Friday, Jan. 9, 1863. We had an inspection today. Were inspected by our regular army officers. I went down to the landing at Bell Plains lower landing.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1863. This day it rained, did not do much.

Mon. Jan. 12, 1863. This day I went to work on Lt. Serles house. Received a letter from Edwin stating that he had received 30 dollars.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1863. This morning I went on guard. Swan from 76th N.Y. was over to see me. I let Lt. Serles have 10 dollars. P. Ramey paid me four dollars.


Fri. Jan 16, 1863. Today I sent a letter to ed. Ten dollars in the same. We had orders to have 3 days cooked rations on hand.

Sat. Jan. 17, 1863. This day I rather sick. Did not go to the dr.

Sun. Jan. 18, 1863. This day not well. We received orders to have three _____ rations on hand at ______ shall probably ______ tomorrow. Received a letter from Edwin and Lucy.

Mon. Jan. 19, 1863. This day I went down to the Suttlers (?) and got some potato and flour.

Tues. Jan. 20, 1863. This morning we had orders to march at 12 noon. We march to Turner's Switch on N. Fredricksburg road.

Wed. Jan. 21, 1863. This morning started at 7 a.m. went about (?) miles very muddy and wet and went in to camp. It rained all last night and today.
Thurs. Jan 22, 1863. This day remained in camp. Very muddy. It is rumored that we shall go back to our old camp at Bell Plain.

Fri. Jan. 23, 1863. This morning had orders to pack up and go back to our old camp. Arrived at our camp about 7 (?) p.m. Found our quarters occupied by the 17 Conn (?) troops. Pitched our tent outside of the grounds and remained over night.

Sat. Jan. 24, 1863. This morning I went into camp about 11 a.m. once move back to our little log cabin.

Sun. Jan. 25, 1863. This day nothing of importance transpired. Rather dreary.

Mon. Jan. 26, 1863. This day I went (?) Sturges (?) down to the Suttlers (?) and bot ½ bushel of potatoes, 6 ____ ____ ½ (?) lbs. candles.

Tues. Jan. 27, 1863. This day at home. Recd. a letter from Edwin stating that he had received from me fifty dollars.


Thurs. Jan 29, 1863. Today in camp. Last night it snowed about ten inches. Today it was very pleasant.

Fri. Jan. 30, 1863. Very pleasant today in camp. doing not much (?)

Sat. Jan. 31, 1862. This day in camp. Nothing of importance transpired today.

Sun. Feb. 1, 1863. This morning we had orders to go on picket at 8 a.m. went out. We were parked on the old line. About noon our lines were moved. Pat Ramey (?) ran a bayonet through his legs and he and Sgt. ______ returned to camp. I was on Post with C. Ford & I Brown (?).

Mon. Feb. 2, 1863. Today on picket we had another man attached to our platoon.

Tues. Feb. 3, 1863. Today about 12 (?) were relieved by the 75 N. Y. Returned to camp. I received a letter from Jacob.

Wed. Feb. 4, 1863. At home today.

Thurs. Feb. 5, 1863. This day it snowed and rained all night every hour.

Fri. Feb. 6, 1863. This day I sent a letter to Jacob, directed it to Berlin ______ (?) Mich.

Sat. Feb. 7, 1863. This is a very pleasant day. Jacob Dunlap was put under arrest for not ______ ______ the reason of his being detained was on account of being absent from roll call.

Sun. Feb. 8, 1863. Tomorrow we have (?) inspection.

Mon. Feb. 9, 1863. Drill and dress parade.

Tues. Feb. 10, 1863. This day we had camp inspection. I went and got one bushel of potatoes and let Sgt. S (?) have one half of them.

Wed. Feb. 11, 1863. This day in camp.

Thurs. Feb. 12, 1863. This day in camp.

Fri. Feb. 13, 1863. This day we had an inspection. co.
Sat. Feb. 14, 1863. This day in camp. C. Ford (?) changed his shirt (?) great rejoicing in camp.

Sun. Feb. 15, 1863. This day rather dreary. It stormed all day. No inspection. This day G. Bush recd. his furlough. I let him have $5.00 dollars and two notes against H____ one of $7.50 and one of $6.50 to collect for me.

Mon. Feb. 16, 1863. This day in camp. We wash our clothes.

Tues. Feb. 17, 1863. This morning went on picket at half past 7 am. We (or me) on the reserve. It snowed all day. I rec'd a letter from Edwin stating that he had received 70 dollars from me.

Wed. Feb. 18, 1863. This day on the reserve. It rained most all day.

Thurs. Feb. 19, 1863. This day were relieved ______ muster(?) came home (?).

Fri. Feb. 20, 1863. This morning I went on guard had a very pleasant time. This morning I sent Edwin a letter with ten dollars.

Sat. Feb. 21, 1863. This morning we _______ Guard House.______

Seven men drummed out of the U.S. service today. They belonged to 1 Ind (? Vol. 24 Mich. & 2 W. (Wisconsin) Vol. the __________ very sad affair for a soldier. I should much rather face the enemy than to witness another such scene. I lent to _____2.50 in cash.

Sun. Feb. 22, 1863. This day very stormy. Rained all day. I let _____ have Lewis Devine not for $6.00 dollars. 5.00 from him pay day. Redd. (75) 15th from _______ 50 cents ______ Brown will pay his root .
Mon. Feb. 23, 1863. This day pleasant.

Tues. Feb. 24, 1863. This day was hard one. inspection very pleasant. We expect to go on picket. I drew one pair of shoes.

Wed. Feb. 25, 1863. This day in camp. Nothing of importance occurred.

Thurs. Feb. 26, 1863. This day in camp. It stormed all day. Rece. orders this morning to go on Picket. 7 privates & 5 noncom. It was reported in camp this morning that Vicksburg was ours.

Fri. Feb. 27, 1863. This morning started for Picket. Came out and were put in with Co. H. I went on duty immediately and was relieved at 4 p.m.


Sun. March 1, 1863. We were relieved today at 10 a.m. by the 7th Ind. It rained all last night very bad walking (?)..

Mon. March 2, 1863. At home today. Not much going on.

Tues. March 3, 1863. This day not much going on.

Wed. March 4, 1863. This day we washed our clothes.

Thurs. March 5, 1863. This day I lent Pinkham one dollar.

Fri. March 6, 1863. This day I wrote two letters one to and Mathews (?). We had a Regimental inspection. recd. a very from Capt. Richards. But I think that ti was rather.

Sat. March 7, 1863. This day in camp all night (or night).

Mon. March 9, 1863. In camp this day. All night. (or night.)

Tues. March 10, 1863. This morning ______ Seferis (?) went to Washington. He is in debt to me $19.00 dollars.

Wed. Mar. 11, 1863. This day I went down to the landing came back about noon.

Thurs. Mar. 12, 1863. At home today. Recd. a letter from Edwin stating that he had recd. now $80.00 dollars from me.

Fri. Mar. 13, 1863. This day C. N. P____ started off on furlough. I lent him ten dollars. I let him have ______ notes against H. Mathews ______ of 7.50 and 6.25 ______ ______ on C. C. Seferis (?) for $13.00 dollars. This day ten went out on picket out of our company.

Sat. March 14, 1863. At home. John ______, ______ and Pinkham were sent in under arrest.

Sun. March 15, 1863. ______ ______ ______. I wrote a letter to Uncle Sam.

Mon. March 16, 1863. At home not much doing. I went to the Brigade Guard house to see (?) (or serve ).

Tues. March 17, 1863. At home today.

Wed. March 18, 1863. At home today.

Thurs. March 19, 1863. This morning I went on Brigade Guard. In the morning the boys of Co. I. held a bogus election for Sgt. (?) Cpl. Bush was elected for the ________.
Fri. March 20, 1863. This morning we were relieved by the 24 Mich. Irwin (?) _____ came to see me. It rained all day.

Sat. March 21, 1863. This morning it was very pleasant.

Sun. March 22, 1863. Recd. orders to get ready to move. Bot one _____ of _____ _____ and lot C. Ford have one half of it.


Tues. March 24, 1863. This day we had a Reg. inspection.

Wed. March 25, 1863. This day in the camp.

Thurs. March 26, 1863. This day nothing of importance.

Fri. March 27, 1863. This day Sgt. _____ _____ and myself went to the Sunday (?) expecting ________ But he did not arrive.

Sat. March 28, 1863. This day _____ arrived. I did not receive (?) any money of him.

Sun. March 29, 1863. Today I wrote a letter to _____ Gov. Morton of Ind. visited our Brigade and made a few remarks to each Regt.

Mon. March 30, 1863. At home.

Tues. March 31, 1863. This day nothing of importance.

Wed. April 1, 1863. This day at home.

Thurs. April 2, 1863. This day we had a review by General Hooker.

Fri. April 3, 1863. At home today.

Sat. April 4, 1863. At home today.
Sun. April 5, 1863. It stormed today. Didn’t have any inspection.

Mon. April 6, 1863. At home today.

Tues. April 7, 1863. We had an inspection today.

Wed. April 8, 1863. This day at home.

Thurs. April 9, 1863. This day were reviewed by the President and Gen. Hooker. Our reg. went on picket after the review.

Fri. April 10, 1863. We had a general inspection today.

Sat. April 11, 1863. This day we were doing not much. Heavy firing up towards Falmouth.

Sun. April 12, 1863. At home went over to 76 N.Y. Vol. Plesant.

Monday, April 13, 1863. At home today. Rather dreary today.

Tues. April 14, 1863. This day we recd. orders to march tomorrow morning with 8 days ration with the exception of meat. of that 5 days in our Haver sacks.

Wed. April 15, 1863. This day at home.


Fri. April 17, 1863. We had a battallion drill today.

Sat. Apr. 18, 1863. This day we drill(Ed) (Sic.).

Sun. April 19, 1863. At home today.

Mon. April 20, 1863. We had orders to march out in heavy marching order. Went up to Headquarters and back to camp.
Tues. April 21, 1863. This day the sick were all sent off to the hospital. Coal & Manson not off.


Thurs. April 23, 1863. At camp today. The paymaster came.

Fri. April 24, 1863. At home today. Our Regt. was paid. I recd. 52.

Sat. April 25, 1863. In camp today. I sent a letter to Edwin with 10 dollars in the same.

Sun. April 26, 1863. This day we had a Regt. inspection very pleasant.

Mon. April 27, 1863. Our Regt. went on Picket today. We had orders to hold ourselves in readiness to march at an early hour.

Tues. April 28, 1863. Today we march at half past 12 down within about one mile and half of the Potomac. I _______ _______ about ten o'clock to night we had orders to pack up and go down and cross the river that is our Brigade the 24th Mich. Our Brigade crossed in boats and charged up the _______ _______ about 2,00

(Wed. Entry)

Wed. April 29, 1863. We did not cease until about ten o'clock. Then our Brigade crossed over. This is most glorious. Our brigade is called the Iron Brigade. This afternoon went on picket at 5 ______ we were relieved at 11. We lost in this _______ about 6 or 7 ______ and mounts (?)

Thurs. April 30, 1863. We laid in our intrenchments. We commenced to intrench this afternoon. We have orders to hold our position. Gen. Hooker is up on the right this morning. The enemy continues shelling us.
Fri. May 1, 1863. We were in our intrenchments. The enemy sheld (sic) us most severely just before sunset.

Sat. May 2, 1863. This morning we evacuated our works about 10 a.m. and went up to reinforce Hooker. We came within one mile of the U.S. _Forn_ on the Rappahannock and encamped.

Sun. May 3, 1863. This morning we had orders to pack up & march on to the battle field at 3 am arrived in position. At 7 am we were not (?) engaged with the enemy. That is this division. This has been an awful battle, we spent the morning in intrenching our lines. The enemy made attempt to take position on our left three times through the day & was repulsed.

Mon. May 4, 1863. We were in our intrenchments all day. Nothing of importance only skirmishing all along the lines.

Tues. May 5, 1863. This day was rather dreary. Nothing of importance we had a ration of whisky issued to the troops.

Wed. May 6, 1863. This morning about three we left our works & recrossed the river — and came within about 3 miles of Falmouth & went into camp.

Thurs. May 7, 1863. This morning we started at 8 & marched about _____ miles beyond white oaks church & went in camp.

Fri. May 8, 1863. Were in camp today. Rather coald (sic) & dreary. I sent a letter to Edwin today with 10 dollars in the same.

Sat. May 9, 1863. In camp today in the evening Lieut. P_____man(?) and I went over to the 136 Pa. This evening John Hamlin returned.
Sun. May 10, 1863. We had a Sunday Morning inspection. I wrote a letter to Edwin with 20 dollars in the same.

Mon. May 11, 1863. Today around camp. I and ______ went over to where J. J. P. (?) was on safe (?) guard. The batteries came up & went into camp in our rear.

Tues. May 12, 1863. This day at camp nothing of importance transpired.

Wed. May 13, 1863. This day we changed our position in the Regt. We are the 7th Co. at present. Lieut, ______ & Sgt. Brown of the N.Y. 76 came over to see us. I recd. a letter from Edwin dated May the 4.

Thurs. May 14, 1863. This day we were fixing up our camp.

Fri. May 15, 1863. This morning we went on Picket. We were on Picket where we crossed the River that is the lower crossing. The Rebs in plain view.

Sat. May 16, 1863. We have been on the reserve today. I went down to the river, our pickets and the Rebs talk together across the River & send little boats with ______ and exchange coffee for tobacco. The Rebs are first rate friends with the Iron Brigade at present.

Sun. May 17, 1863. This morning we were relieved by Cutler's (?) Brigade. Arrived in camp at noon.

Mon. May 18, 1863. This day we had a Regt. inspection. This evening I recd. a letter from Hermann _________.

Tues. May 19, 1863. In camp today. I wrote a letter to Hermann_______.

Wed. May 20, 1863. This morning I went on Brigade Guard.
Thurs. May 21, 1863. This morning I was relieved. This morning the four regiments 24 Mich., 6, 2, 19 Ind.

Fri. May 22, 1863. This day in camp.

Sat. May 23, 1863. At home not much of ________.

Sun. May 24, 1863. This day we had a company inspection.

Mon. May 25, 1863. Rather cold. I recd. a letter from Edwin. He has recd. one hundred dollars from me.

Tues. May 26, 1863. This morning I went in Guard Regt.

Wed. May 27, 1863. This morning was relieved. This evening I recd. a letter from home with .75 cents worth of postage stamps & also stating that he had recd. 120 dollars. This day I sent a letter to my brother with 10 dollars in the same.

Thurs. May 28, 1863. This we recd. our pay. I recd. 26 dollars.

Fri. May 29, 1863. This day I wrote a letter to Edwin & sent $20. This morning we had orders to be in line for a review at 6 in the morning.

Sat. May 30, 1863. This day we had a review. Were reviewed by Gen. Reynolds.

Sun. May 31, 1863. This day in camp. Officers around in camp from Ly Wis.

Mon. June 1, 1863. Very windy today.

Tues. June 2, 1863. This morning we went on picket. we were on the extreme left. Our camp was in the rear of the works. ________ ________.

Wed. June 3, 1863. Our Regt. is today very ________ (?).
Thurs. June 4, 1863. We were relieved this day about 10 a.m. B. F. Powell paid me 4.00 dollars on J. H. ________.

Fri. June 5, 1863. This day we had orders about 7 p.m. to get up at 3 a.m. & be in readiness to march at 4 a.m.

Sat. June 6, 1863. This morning we were up & packed & went out on _______ Parade Ground & stacked armes. Remained ________ ________ all day.

Sun. June 7, 1863. This day we had an inspection at 2 p.m. We had orders to pack up three days rations & take our knapsacks with nothing but a blanket & march. We went to within about one mile of _______ court and camped at about 1 a.m.

Mon. June 8, 1863. This morning we marched to _______ Fort and encamped with orders to be up at three o'clock in the morning.

Thurs. July 30, 1863. This day I went to the Dr. I am very sick.

Fri. July 31, 1863. This morning I went to the Dr. I was very sick last night but am a little better this morning.

Sat. Aug. 1, 1863. This morning went to the Dr. This afternoon went out and was paroled again. About 700 sick & wounded prisoners. Was sent over to the city without our supper and shoved into one of those old tobacco warehouses.

Sun. Aug. 2, 1863. This AM morning about day light they started (?) us and took away our blankets & cups which was the last. I was very weak & sick. They gave us a small slice of bread with went aboard of the cars about 5 a.m. & started for city ______ arrived at City Point. About 11 a.m. found the Steam Boat New York, the very boat I and ______ came went on. We left ______ about 1 p.m. Arrived at Fortress Monroe about dark.