Sunday, May 1st, 1864

The Rebs came up from City Point last night; 40 officers and about 400 men, all sick or convalescent. A large store of provisions is to be at our stores this week. All prisoners received at City Point up to the 20th April stand exchanged. Dr. Mary E. Walker confined in Castle Thunder was not sent Northly last boat. Some of the men in the Brick opposite Libby escaped last night. Rebel conscripts to meet tomorrow when they intend to repeal the "Bill suspending the Thieves' Enforce." Rebs expect to force to attack this week, and great consternation seems to be among them. They took to large guns; for 10 lychees, down the River, pork for the &c. Boat in Broad Blad River; building of crew at the Navy Yard. Worth two letters to Mother and Mr. Finch. The day was fine, and the usual parade in front of our lines. Heat good. Supped consist of corn bread
Monday, May 2nd 1863

Burr'side is reported to be reinforcing Grants at Meade's having landed at Alexandria. The 'Aurora' says a flag of truce is to come at every week, seeming too slow for us. The men at Georgia dying at the rate of twelve per day; soon there will be none left to exchange. Why does our government delay so long? Read Gilmer's speech upon the suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus. How the howl at the prospect of the President having so much power! And a heavy gale of wind which nearly lifted off the roof of the West Room. Rained very hard, thundering and lightning. The Army officers are hardly coming to liberty. The officers in the cell were but in their old quarters in the kitchen floor. But very good health and not very strong on corn bread diet. All these things make me pray for exchange.
Tuesday May 8th 1864

Read Jeff Davis message. Was a short and small affair. Says he didn't know anything about it. Exchanging our authorities stopping at an time without any apparent cause, says the men are dying fast in opposition to the humane treatment received. Major Gill, Capt. Fry and St. Marqning and confined in the cell for retaliation. The Major for the imprisonment of a Reb. Major caused resulting within our lines. His said grant has asked for the privilege of assigning McMillan and Fremont to Command in the Army of the Potomac. No movement particularly. Some troops are at West Point. The Rebels are trying to supply Senator Cab, for all thence, thinking him a traitor.

The day was very fine. Couldn't the farmers be a distance plenty corn. Oh the days of the past.
Wednesday May 4th 1862

Fine day. dry and pleasant. The armies on all sides seem to be on the eve of moving, as Grant is said to be crossing the Rapid Anne, and manoeuvring for position, soon a heavy battle will evidently be fought there. Rebels seem buoyant and hopeful of success, and gold has got down to 20 for $1. Hon. J. T. Leach of South Carolina said in Congress that he was for peace, if not by their immediate independence, then by anything but rebellion. Dissatisfaction is growing very apparent, as a good portion of the people think the necessity justifying the law is gone by. Then why not give us the benefit of freedom?
Thursday May 6th 1664

St. Dunstan's Day Capt. Barkly right and two of Straits Command were put in the Cells said to be retaliation for the confinement of four officers at Jamaica Island. Got a mail, one letter from Dick to James, says Sister Kate is married. She going to teach at Adamsburg. Paul Yaldabadi had an overwhelming reception at London. The Danes had a very heavy fight and defeat. Hunt is making slow but surely. A Fleet has made its appearance in James River near Fort Darling thought to be gunfire from Charleston. All things look bright to us and shield the fort fall into our hands, and the Gunboats come up the River. Richmond is gone under. A Flag of Truce with 500 off and 352 men came to City Point last night. The day is very fine and excitement is growing to a fever. Have the Headache.
Friday May 6th 1864
A boat-load of officers 125 men left for Libby Prison, but was met by Judge Coud who sent them back, as active operations had commenced and the boat could not be received. Excellentigger intence news coming from the of a battle raging, two of the Corps engaged. Reported the capture of 4 guns and some prisoners, also the Death of Earl Jones Capt. and wounding of Earl Stafford. Great operations are going on to repulse our Army coming up the Potomac, sending all the Home Guards and Jackson Battery to the front. Indications of having to leave Libby, as rations have been brought in this afternoon and the guard lies at a short distance. Great excitement among us, and confusion as to when we shall go. Anything may happen as good as this. May Grant capture Richmond.
Saturday May 7th 1844.
We arrived by 12 midnight and went to the ready to leave for Petersburg in an hour. I was supposed we were going there and it really turned out. Look to day eight to call our names when we started and got aboard of the Danville, Richmond, & A. which disclosed the policy of Dickerson. We were buried in with the Box cars, and having only one door open, with two guards in the door, and men on one side taking extra precautions to prevent us escaping. Not all losing my axe for whatever came to go out of the cars. But they failed after all as thick and from stopped off, but don't know what or what they got safe.
We spent a terrible night, and got to Danville about 3 A.M. much wounded. Slept but little but looks healthy for tomorrow.
Sunday May 8th 1864.

Morning found us at Danville Va. 140 miles south west of Richmond, mouth the line (almost) between Va & N C and south of Lynchburg. A fair train of considerable size but much too small. We landed, happy to get the free hand and being short enough we marched to our quarters, but 500 of us in four buildings to occupy two floors of the ground of 37 by 76, making about 240 by 240. Each man, was given a piece of bread and some bacon but still all would come up back to armed in point of comfort, cannot get any news, but it seems on us getting the better of them and a great large armistice to clear the town is impending. His exceeding warm and pleasant nothing but fine clothes. Shaw will call by the old system of our ranks. Much will be stand on this.
Monday, May 9th, 1769.
Affairs continue the same, with the news that our forces had captured Petersburg with immense store of Arms & Dry-wood, progressing with hard fought battles, but getting only an occasional paper. We are ignorant of the true state of the case. Exchange is still going on slowly, making Alexandria Landing on the 1st above City Point the principal delivery. The papers at Richmond complain severely of the Officers destroying their extra stores, about leaving. About 50 of us are now cut into a small yard 20 for 4H to cook or cook extra rice or a little coffee. Water has to be carried from the river 80 Rods distant by us and the privates. The privates are to police our building, prevent them and accepted by us to get to see them. Dear from our boys. They are getting along well. Heard a good deal talking of taking from here. Our condition remains the same, but hope for next year. Eating abundant.
Tuesday, May 10th, 1864

The news of the taking of Petersburg was premature but the Railroad exchange at Chester Station and the decisive battle about to be fought. Grant is fighting steadily making some General. Wade_ worth. Long, Long. While the Rebels suffer fully as badly. Two of our guns, a 2000 pounders were said to be captured with 150 officers, leading the day good service cutting the Central Road. Rumor of going to York and the salons have brought in, last centennial had done plenty of bacon and corn bread. cook coffee occasioning the Exchange seems to be in vogue and occasional big excitement burst out. Health good &c.
Wednesday May 15th 1864

Day pleasant and as active as ever.

News of the Battle progressing in Virginia but the Rebels claim to repulse our forces at every point. Still the statement was that Lee is only fighting the 5th Corps and we expect the others to turn on some where. cavalry doing good service cutting all the railroad the one south of Petersburg also west of Lynchburg. Expect to leave this tomorrow and the rations have been issued and great speculation is going on as to our destination most say Macon Ga. This looks good for us as Grant is likely successful. Feel well and have hopes of getting to the land of better days soon. Exchange is as usual subject to great excitement as the papers say it is all right now. Still we don't put any confidence in many such reports. The matter in warm, the grass and trees are green, the corn up, and all things look well. And with a sad thought I look back on all these things as I am so
Thursday May 12th 1861

Went waked at daylight. Rained pretty. Took rail and marched to the town through the mud and being delayed then four hours and in the rain we got towed on some flat or wood cars on the Redmond Rail Road crossed the Virginia line and coming to Redmond St. had to walk five or six miles over the unfinished part. This was a sorry road and by dint of much sweating and sweating at least third and even got to the next station. We got supper and about midnight loaded and went to Graves, Was as bruised to see 90lb. look as well as having being rites of corn planted but little wheat, the ground looks brown and worn out the bound roads of slavery. But Yankee farmers are make something of it. A good portion is wilderness and swamps. Very few people along the road as they never being bluer than Virginia Misses.
Friday, May 13th, 1817.

Goldsbury's is a pretty, small place but nearly deserted as usual. Crossed the Yadkin River, passed through Salisbury but couldn't see but little of the place. Saw the building in which our men are confined & M. Hade good speed getting to Charlotte No. about 4 P.M. Landed and got on board for Camden. Some ladies came out to look on "Yankees" and we spotted them with "Stonewall Jackson." "Halt, round the men boys," seeming not strong enough and no doubt away. "Mind the thought of the past." One of our officers very hearty and then the action was mean towards boxing no air in any, forty cars placed between the guards on each car and made a dozen or two of us a little way around 6 o'clock our gaunt must be a friend of the Yankees. They are worse than Yankees, but will fall their vigilance a few more getting but what a prospect for any one roaming cold through the ravines of North Carolina. Many houses I deputed the prospect and cooking for these poor people under "Newport South's" Rainy Shady.
Saturday, May 19th 1777

Got aboard the Train at midnight and continued my journey. The rain had drenched us, and our clothes were soaked. We arrived at Amelia Courthouse, where we found a place to wait for the next train.

The rain continued, and we were forced to wait. Eventually, we continued our journey. We passed through a horrid country and were overwhelmed by the devastation. We noticed that the fields were planted with crops of corn and cotton. We cleared the fields and made way for Augusta, Ga. We have no news as to what the armies are doing. The country appears to be in chaos, with people running about like madmen, in and out of the houses.

All these things join the blood and demand vengeance. Oh that the day may come which shall make all things right.
Sunday May 15th 1864

And a good portion of the time last night was spent going out with the bands of others, having 57 or 60 in each band. But, above all, all difficulties were very clear and having all the officers present instead of half as the two trains consolidated at 10 a.m. Number, passed through a yelling town which cause ladies to throw a good number of beggars to the fore and to make them never to do any quiet work is observed. For the equelt at 4 P.M. where a large crowd of ladies, soldiers and negroes waited to give us the people of this set are the most courteous of any I have seen in the Confederacy and I should not wonder should there be a Union sentiment.

The Grand Army changed the line of guards taking possession of the army all going, seconded, refused the line of 45. Accordingly stand all right. I was in the crowd slept middle part. Do not know where my own limbs were. This is said the Sabbath of May 15th.
Monday May 16. 1864

The morning formed as in Augusta. The guards were raided, and our situation was better than any time during the war. We started and moved out 10 miles when we halted, until 4 P.M. We had coffee, doughnuts, dry oatmeal, blankets, and skirmish. Since the cars were desperate hungry, doubt we had concerning our route as some were so hungry enough to take an arm going to Savannah to be exchanged. But we got to the junction and headed for Macon; when all expectations of that kind disappeared. The day was warm, but I cut a guard out of the cars, which gave me a view and air. What an account of crops the Rebels are planting? Field after field. Negroes, women and men do the plowing, using only one horse to each plow, some as many as 6 plows going at one time. The country is long and swamplike but the as low as 6 ft. Fell well, and try to be as comfortable as possible.
Tuesday, May 17th, 1864.

Running all night, we got to Macon at 8 A.M. Stopping at the outer depot, not getting into the city. We put into Campbell, surrounded by a stockade, with sentinels mounted, also a picket fence inside of this. Few of the buildings, but made tent out of our blankets. Have plenty of water and good accommodation, so that I may go in many regards to the Tolquin library. The prisoners' officers came in, also some confined in the jail, making quite 200. On the road, it is paid that fifty-one officers escaped, but a good portion were delivered, who knew the road. We are divided into two divisions, commanded by DeWitt Wesselle and S. A. M., also divided into squad, for commanded by Lt. Coll. C. B. Cornbread and bacon, being better than library but not so much as at Fauville. Battle in all the town, and can't draw around the canal, up about 5 or 6 acres. At night it seemed like a large encampment. Day warm.
Wednesday, May 18th 1669

Pretty weather, but very warm, especially for us who have not felt the sun for so long. Had to do our own policing, and cooking. Lifting boards for barn racks. Hospital in the middle of the ground. Have a good many sick, or those who be land upon the other trains of sending out for anything except rigging, but the money being left behind at Richmond very few have any to send out. St. Smith, who escaped from the train came in having given himself all up, unable to get through the swamps. Dead E.E. M. was killed or mortally wounded near Richmond, he said the rights are cost, and has a good sleep, but the guards brought such a woman calling the Corporal, and at night the hour and half hours, that it worries one. Have nothing to read and his brain and hands. Hope success may soon follow on our arms, that we may hear this place. Have excellent health.
Thursday May 19th 1864.

The day clear & wind. Our girls continue the same, being very good in quality if not in quantity of meat. We and the other camps are served on the 14th of May with a lining crested brad, that day. Getting bread and expect to have sheds. Capt. Van

The train was at Andersonville, Ga. and saw our men, some 100 or 12 thousand killed in a can of bacon having no shelter and very little clothing.

And an army has died since the 4th March.

This is a crime to be accounted over for some day. And wish him upon whom it falls! Capt. Mas

son was also recaptured. News from the Argus of Virginia. Kicks butt most furious. Sherman is driving Johnson to Atlanta having occupied Rome o...
Friday, May 20th, 1861

Warm and clear as usual. Slightly a cloud to break the sun of the sultry air, even. The men wear as few clothes as possible, losing nearly much time of the goods came in real fine and the prices are worse than at Richmond, paying 32c per gallon, molasses, 50c per ton, 16c per quart tin bucket, 15c per gallon bucket. But it is supposed that the Rebs charge up to 150c for their trouble. Capt. Talbot is in command of the camp. Greenbacks are not so good here as at Richmond, being only 4 or 5 for one. A bullet shot at an officer and it being proven that the bat ter was not disapproving order the guard was put in arrest and punished. The trains run nightly and the sick are being moved to the city. Genl. Wessells is making himself very disagreeable by assuming much authority in urging on Chaplin “not to make reference to the war.” Exchange rumors are not dear to the old citizens tomorrow.
Saturday May 21st 1864.
The sky as clear as ever, and
the sun equally warm. We are
getting pretty well satisfied
with our Camp, but everyone
considerably about on amuse-
ment keeping us here so long.
Squad 1 & 2 built their
sheds, 10x12 by 12ft. Write
two letters to Jennie and to
Mother, paying $1.00 for two
sheets of small paper, and
$1 for three miserable envelopes.
News from the front conflicting
but Johnson is sending us the
word of it. Got the
papers today. They are our men
at Andrews with an Elyan at
the rate of 20 to 30 daily.
Mr. Brown has ordered out all
the Militia. Very few free
men come in, and we inter-
pret this "good for us."
Washed having hard work.
Am learning to sympathize
with the washer woman.
Oh how I long to be at home
to learn this hateful place
and be myself again. The
past is leaving a blunder
in my life never to be filled
Sunday May 22nd 1864

Felt unwell today, having a bilious spell, but soon got well. The days passed very sluggishly, trying nothing to read, not even the Bible.

Had preaching by a chaplain. Felt happy for the opportunity of attending while most did.

Regarding the call, how rich legs soldiers get better reports.

God or man, Fresh fish say.

Sherman is seven miles from Atlanta. Only 100 miles from this place, going Johnston with impetuosity. That Grant has placed 28,000 of Lee's men here to combat.

An officer relates a dream in which "Old Abe, Stanton and Butler, 10 yrs. after the war met in a salon at Washington. Belling well they recount the war past, and suddenly Abe has an indistinct recollection of some enemies sent to Mexico during the last year of the war. Stanton don't know any thing about it, Butler remembers and says, it is so, for the Rebs would not destroy him and we would not exchange, says, it is all past now as they all dying years ago."
Monday, May 28th. Day

Very warm today, and it was
busy in helping to put alon
shed, get some protection
from the sun, but not so
good from the rain. Had
not boards enough to cover
all the squad, but I was
among the fortunate getting
one for cover. We have
different prints from the La-
dies of Macon, but I thin
think of Gill Butter or
Mark, the dwon of the be
and she adder is the same.

Kemp says Johnson is leaving
Atlanta, and we consequently
expect to be ordered from
this. Nations are growing
shies, but it may be better
for no not to eat too heav-
ily. Have very good meals
and thankful for life.
Tuesday May 24th 1860

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Our Army and wood, St.

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Columbia early about today

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col. Capt. Moore who has

been appointed to me Compa

ev now being mustanged April 18.

Capturing them, the men

of four new captains had been

assigned to the rest. The Adj

made Capt. I made Adj

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the enemy. Maj. Phillips wi

in the 5th Maj. McCormick

and Capt. L. L. W. W. W. W. W.

were killed. The

brigade is filled up but of

the mounted men. Col. Byan

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Wednesday May 25th 1864
And a fine rain last night—the shed keeping out the rain very well. Today is pleasant not so warm as heretofore. Nothing very definite from the front but the people fear the issue. Johnson is slowly falling back and we all hope for success. I cannot hear anything from Grant. The 'Daily Confederate' guess loudly about expelling our forces at all points but strange. Our lines are advancing at all points. Brunt being at Harpers ferry. The more I hear concerning the death of our Reg. Officers the more disgusted I get and am persuaded that the entire thing was caused by win pulling. If my rights cannot be quarreled in my absence, I take it they don't want my services. Keep up good health, for which I am thankful.
Thursday May 26th 1864.
The day passed as usual, having a pleasant rain to settle the dust. The sick left for the new Hospital, but came back for some unknown reason. The Editor of the "Richmond Inquirer", Pollard, is said to be captured by our forces, and is now in Fort Lag Farragut. Oh that he may seal the reward of his treachery. Near the mouth of the 2nd [?] finished. Our situation is very good considering the treatment of our Enlisted men. A rumor says they suppressed the guard at Andersonville last night and decapitated. Can hardly believe it. The Rebels got the date and place of capture of the Officers. Exchange Quiet.
Friday May 27th 1864

Warm today. Sun shining bright. The rumor of the escape of one man at Andersonville was incorrect. The sick have been sent again to the outer hospital, being paroled and not guarded. Nearly all that escaped have been captured and some sitting as far as Savannah. The officers stand the change of climate tolerably well, but a good many sick. Of one well and thankful that avoid as many misfortunes I am still alive. The rebels that came in were fine from not covering to the Rebel as Weisels and Scaman.
Saturday, May 28th 1864

Very pretty day, with cool breeze but still very warm. Had all the men in continuous line for roll call. They found a tunnel that was digging which through carelessness was left uncovered and Captain Webb made quite an ado about it threatening to tear down the shed of any crew member responsible.

He brought a squad of twenty men into each at roll call, ordering them to finish many men who should leave oak hill counted. All right.
Sunday May 29th 1864

Had preaching twice by the Chaplains, two being among us. Was very happy to attend. They speak so patriotically and spoke of friends and friends so tenderly as to win the feelings, and bring to the mind the days of some E. Capt. Sals threat he found a hole or tunnel in the yard and made a horrid splutter bringing in los Guards and threatening to shot him struck a major with a musket, and finally took him out of court for refusing to dig or fill up the hole, being only a cellar. Capt. Sals will find a courier eventually.
Monday May 30th 1864

Weather breezy and warm but the night cool. Twenty-eight fresh fish came in from Grant. Twelve or fifteen escaped on the road. They present all fishing but heavy fighting and has not a doubt as to the victory. The Army stretching toward the White House.

Had a roll call by name commencing at 4 P.M. Marching till dark, when I doubted as to the legs getting anything more than wet feet. Then to bed.

Sitting att'rey 23rd call.
Tuesday May 31st 1869

The day warm as usual and nothing strange excepting the mounting of two Cannon 80 to 10 pounds upon the Stockade bearing upon the Camp. Capt. Jabb says he had to mount them to satisfy the Citizens. Exchange news on the rise, as the rumor is that Gen. Brown sent 5000 negroes, says word that Georgia could not feed as many prisoners. But otherwise we are notified by Rebels that no exchange could take place until they recognize negro soldiers. First fish coming in, speak very encouragingly of our Army. May the most loyal Griffin be realized.