THE 1864 DIARY
of
LT-COL JEFFERSON K. SCOTT
59th INDIANA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

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A FOREWORD

The 1864 diary of Lieutenant-Colonel Jefferson K. Scott, of the 59th Indiana Volunteer Infantry was kept in a small (6 x 2 3/4 x 1/2 inch) black, leather-covered, pocketbook type volume so popular then, as now, with men of the Armed Services.

The booklet contained 216 blank pages in addition to 23 printed pages of so-called "Handy Information" such as an almanac and calendar for the year 1864, postal rates, a table of distances, etc. The Colonel has meticulously numbered each of the blank pages. Each page contains defined spaces for the entries of two days: thus 193 pages are devoted to his daily record of events: the 33 remaining pages—only partially used—are devoted to "Memoranda" and "Monthly Cash Accounts," etc. In transcribing the diary, the Colonel's page numbers have been indicated for convenience of reference.

The Colonel wrote in an almost classic Spencerian style. (Upon first opening the book, the transcriber's first impression was: "That beautiful handwriting!") Except in the cases of a very few entries, he used a good, rich, black ink which has withstood remarkably well the ravages of time. In the comparatively few cases where there was any doubt as to names, places, etc., because of illegibility, that fact has been indicated by a question mark enclosed in parentheses. (?)

Every effort has been made to transcribe the record exactly as it was originally written.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT LIEUTENANT-COLONEL SCOTT

According to the records of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana, Colonel Scott was a resident of Martinsville, Indiana. He volunteered for military service on April 20, 1861—just five days after President Lincoln issued his call for 75,000 men for ninety days to suppress the so-called "Rebellion" of the Southern States. As Captain commanding Company "K", 7th Indiana Volunteer Infantry (composed of men from Morgan County), he took part in the Western Virginia campaign, participating in the battles of Philippi, Laurel Hill and Carrick's Ford. The Regiment's term of service (90 days) about to expire, it returned to Indianapolis where it was received with public acclaim and was mustered out of the service on July 26, 1861.

In the meantime, while the 7th was in Western Virginia, Congress had authorized additional volunteer regiments for a term of three years. Our Captain of Company "K" had gotten his feet wet and wished to "re-up" in one of the new regiments, but it was too late; the response to the call for additional volunteers had been so great that there were no vacancies in the new Indiana regiments.
It was not until October (1861) that the organization of additional regiments from Indiana was authorized. Colonel Jesse I. Alexander, of Gosport, was recruiting and organizing the newly authorized 59th Indiana Infantry and "Captain" Scott secured the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel in that regiment. The Regiment was mustered into service at Indianapolis on February 11, 1862. Three days later, they were enroute to Missouri for duty with General Pope's Army of the Mississippi.

By the time that Colonel Scott's diary opens (January 1, 1864) the 59th Indiana had participated in the siege of Madrid, Corinth, Vicksburg and Missionary Ridge plus many of the intervening skirmishes and scouts. Although greatly depleted through casualties, the 59th was a blooded, experienced, veteran organization.

Arriving at Huntsville, Alabama, on December 23, 1863, fresh from its service in eastern Tennessee, the 59th was assigned to the 3rd Division which had for its mission the protection of the left flank of the Army at Chattanooga and the guarding of the army's lines of communications and supply from the forays of Confederate Cavalry, Guerrillas and a partisan citizenry.

The Regiment was on this duty when Col. Scott's diary opens. Early in his diary, we see the working of the fallacious recruitment system then in vogue. There never was an efficient, automatic replacement system developed for the Union Army. Each regiment was responsible for its own recruitment and as its ranks were thinned through battle losses and casualties, the regiment was forced to detach Officers and men and send them back to their home States on recruiting duty.

To encourage the re-enlistment of Veterans, special inducements were tendered organizations re-enlisting as a body. In addition to an individual bounty or bonus, the organization would be transported to the place of its original muster on a 30 day furlough. Arriving, there was generally a gala homecoming for the "conquering heroes"—a "Grand Review," patriotic speeches by high civil officials (Governor Morton of Indiana gloated in this pleasant task) and a big public reception and dinner before the Veterans dispersed to their homes for rest—and recruitment of their depleted ranks.

At Huntsville, in January, 1864, the 59th was nearing the end of its term of enlistment and Colonel Scott leads us through the multiplicity of chores, trials, tribulations and red-tape connected with the "Muster-out" of the old 59th and the "Muster-in" of the Veteran 59th. (Incidentally "paper work" was not one of Col. Scott's strong forte.)

Colonel Scott spent his leave in Martinsville, Indiana. His efforts to secure recruits were fraught with cynicism; his remarks verge on the sarcastic: "I find the people rather too good Union to want to go to war. They prefer to remain at home." ... "If I had authority, I could organize a full company of Officers, but nary a one for the ranks." He was concerned with the apparent apathy of the folks back home. Patriotism seemed dead. The Washington birthday and the Union
Convention parades in Indianapolis would have been miserable failures but for the participation of troops stationed in and about the city... "But few citizens took part," writes the Colonel.

Returning to Huntsville, Alabama, at the end of its Veteran's furlough, the 59th resumed its duty with the 3rd Division until the 22nd of June when it was assigned to General Sherman's Army then fighting its way from Chattanooga to Atlanta, Georgia. With but one brief respite of a month's duration, when it was dispatched in pursuit of the elusive Confederate "Fighting Joe" Wheeler, the 59th remained on duty at Kingston, Georgia, until November 12. On that date, it joined General Sherman's main forces at Atlanta. On the 15th, the grand "March to the Sea" commenced.

Colonel Scott commanded the 59th throughout this entire campaign. The last day of the year—and the date of the last entry in his diary—finds Col. Scott in Savannah, Georgia. The march "From Atlanta to the Sea" was history.

The reader hoping to find exciting accounts of great battles and heroic deeds will be disappointed in Colonel Scott's diary for the year of 1864. But to the student of military history, it is extremely interesting in that it narrates the trials, tribulations and routine of troops detailed to protect the vital lines of communication of a field army. Unsung heroes all. Their's was a responsibility that could brook no failure.

At Kingston, on the Etowha River, we watch with Col. Scott, the build up the march to the sea; railroad trains, heavily loaded with troops and equipment, crawl across the high, flimsy trestle across the Etowha; seemingly endless processions of mule drawn wagons (the field trains of the troops—for precious railroad cars can't be spared to haul them to the jump-off point at Atlanta). They pass day and night. Empty trains shuttling back to Chattanooga for more supplies—sometimes, hospital cars filled with wounded from the front are attached. Then there are the droves of cattle—huge herds of from two to eight thousand—beef for the army. Then, there is the uncertain excitement when the Confederate Hood began his diversionary move against Tennessee in the vain hope that he could relieve the pressure on Atlanta.

The scene and the duties of the 59th change once the march to the sea commences. Now the 59th is an integral part of an invading army bringing the impact of war to a once far removed and relatively undisturbed enemy area. "Forage" is plentiful. Never have troops lived so high—chickens, turkeys, hams, fresh pork, sweet potatoes and watermelons are theirs for the taking and the taking is encouraged. Short marches and pleasant days in beautiful pine forests while roving detachments range the countryside destroying railroads, mills and other property whose existence could possibly prolong the enemy effort. The Colonel sees his first cypress, palmetto, Spanish moss, swamps and rice fields. The lack of paint on southern dwellings and barns impresses the Hoosier Colonel.

And what kind of man was Colonel Scott? The Transcriber has never seen his biography (if one exists) but through reading his diary, he is convinced that he was a capable, patient and patriotic man. He entertained
great devotion for his family. "Wrote Home"—"Received letter from Mrs. S."—"Wrote Mother" are stereotype entries in the record he has left. When a lull at Huntsville permitted, he rented a house in the city and sent for Mrs. Scott and his daughter Jennie to join him. For a short, idyllic period, there were "teas" and picnics with the Brigade Band furnishing music for the dancing.

He was kindly and tolerant, not given to emotion and took things in his stride. The official records of the Adjutant General Office of Indiana indicate that he was promoted from Lieut.-Colonel to Colonel on August 13, 1864, upon the resignation of Col. Alexander. Scott makes no mention of this fact in his diary—it probably didn't make much difference in his status as he had commanded the Regiment most of the time as Col. Alexander was on detached service a great deal. When sudden and unexpected orders to move "without delay" brought his play house at Huntsville down about his ears, he sheds no tears, expresses no regret, but nonchalantly records two days later: "Mrs. S. and Jennie left for home the 10th."

He was gregarious, enjoyed company and had a wide range of friends whom he always seemed glad to meet. He enjoyed an easy comradeship with his officers. That he enjoyed a "friendly game" now and then is amply attested to by half-veiled remarks: "My friends donated $9.00 last night"—"My friends came around"—"Dr. Rogers made a small payment." Only once do we read: "Decided to turn over a new leaf. Cash $3.07"

He loved good food, but could live on half rations or "Hard-tac & Sow Belly" when necessity dictated. Witness the ball he had on his Veterans leave in Morgan County! His relatives and kin-folk tried to outdo one another in the repasts which they spread before their Soldier Man—and did he enjoy it! In Georgia where "Forage" was plentiful, he writes that it took a "yard" of sweet potatoes to appease his appetite.

However, like many of us, he was inclined to procrastinate regarding church attendance. "A beautiful Sunday," he writes, "but didn't go to Church—have no Chaplain and I can't afford to go to the city." This is in spite of the fact that for several days prior to this sudden depression, his diary is laced with "Went to the city" and several days afterwards, we read: "Went to Mr Frye's Studio in the city—he is painting my portrait."

A week later we again read: "Paid $40.00 for portrait." (Your alibi leaks, my good Colonel.)

What became of Colonel Scott? The Adjutant General's records indicate that he was mustered out on April 9, 1865, "Term expired." According to the records, that was the day Gen. Lee surrendered at Appomattox. From Savannah, the 59th Indiana continued on with Sherman through northern Georgia and the Carolinas. Colonel Scott apparently made the march as far as Goldsboro, N.C., for on one of the "Memoranda" pages of his diary (Page 186 to be exact) we find the following record written in lead pencil and barely discernible:


April 10th. Capt. Mallman, Lt. Maxwell & myself mustered out. Left Goldsboro in company with Col. Mc Cowan et al at 6 a.m. Arrived at
Newton at 12 P.M. Got 3rs at private house--rained in P.M.

April 11th. Got transportation on Str Elaide (?) for N.Y. Will leave at 4 P.M. Met--(?)--, Col Martin, 66th Ind, Col Spencer, 1st Ala, Capt Kimball 55th N.C.--warm morning--Got off about 5 P.M. Turned in about 9 P.M.

April 12th. Got up about sun-up. Cape Hatteras in sight. Ran through the inlet--got in very rough sea. Many officers sick. Kelman, Maxwell & I had a pleasant trip. $7.50

April 13th. Reached Fort Monroe at 4 a.m. Got breakfast and went ashore. All left the Elaide. Heard that Lee surrendered to Grant on the 10th. Embarked on the Jas A Brown (?) and left at 5 P.M. 75c

April 14th. At day break, were in the Potomac. Passed Mt Vernon about 7 a.m. Arrived at Washington about 8 a.m. Put up at the Arligh (?) House, $4.00

Although, the 59th Indiana didn't reach Indianapolis for muster out until July 18th, insofar as Colonel Scott was concerned, the war was over on April 9, 1865.

P.S. Just for the record: "Upon the Regiments return to Indianapolis, it was addressed by Governor Morton and others" Col. Scott missed that.

THE TRANSCRIPT OF HIS DIARY FOLLOWS.
JANUARY 1 1864

Clear and cold. Did not have much of a "new Year." There is quite a difference between New Years "at home" and in a camp. It was too cold to move about much. In the afternoon, I went up to Brigade Hd qrs. and got an order for a Cow. Wrote two or three letters and retired early and slept soundly. Appt Capt Van Fossen recruiting officer V.V.

SATURDAY 2

Still cold, the citizens say it has not been so cold for 17 years. I suppose it is on account of the "Peds" being in this part of the world. Wrote for my wife and child to come to this place, they are to leave home on the 11th. Sent a team to Brownsboro for Sutherland. Visited the Post Hospital. Dr Rogers has it in charge. General Sherman's Staff arrived yesterday. Wrote Mankey.

JANUARY SUNDAY 3 1864

Raw damp day in the forenoon with rain and sleet in the evening, didn't go to church in the afternoon. I visited the Hospital. Lt Brown detailed as A.A.QM for Div. Capt Lee detailed on Court Martial. Dutch George came in this morning. Wrote to Capt Welman, Dr Reagan etc. No mail to day.

MCNDAY 4

Cold as "flugens" received orders to recruit for "Veterans" Went to work in the afternoon but did not do much good as we could not understand all the orders. Telegraphed Mrs. Brown & Scott to come to Huntsville to leave Gosport on the 11th inst. Wrote Capt Welman. Sutler got up with a few goods.

JANUARY TUESDAY 5 1864

Capt. Van Fossen is doing good with recruiting "Veterans" Think we will have no difficulty in getting over 300 men as we are to go home as a Regiment. Telegraphed Mrs. B & Mrs S not come as we will leave Huntsville before many days. Sold the boots Welman sent me to Capt "an Fossen. He didn't pay for them. (Transcriber's note: Here Col. Scott has made a penciled P.S. "But did sometime afterword."[

WEDNESDAY 6

Very cold and disagreeable. I think it cant be much colder in Indiana, have got over 300 men to re-enlist as "Veterans" Hope to be able to start home in a few days. Genl Logan arrived this afternoon, understand that Genl Smith will be here in a few days. Methodist Church was accidentally burned this afternoon.
JANUARY  

THURSDAY 7  

1864

Still very cold, moderated a little in the afternoon & just after dark commenced to snow. Was introduced to Maj Genl Logan invited to take the oath. Thought I was loyal and declined, dont know what I shall do if forced to take it. "2" Brown moved his office "up town." Wrote home.

FRIDAY 8

Not so cold to day, still we know it is winter, the more so as we are short of wood. No celebration in this part of the world to day, the 51st anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans passing without notice. Genl Smith is expected tomorrow. Received a letter from home (Dec. 29) all well. "Aving very patiently for muster roll.

JANUARY  

SATURDAY 9  

1864

But little change in the weather, it is still genuine winter & no mistake. Got our quarterly allowance of blanks. Two Rgts of the 2nd Brigade arrived yesterday. Some talk of our having to go into camp, dont like very well as we are doing so fine in houses, 'spect we will have to go, so there is no use complaining.

SUNDAY 10

Another cold raw day. Sent to Brownsboro for our tents, they came up in the afternoon. Forgot it was Sunday and worked all day covering my valise. Received a letter from home (31) also one from Capt O'olman, remained in quarters all day. Had oyster soup for dinner and stewed chicken for Supper, does pretty well for soldiers.

JANUARY  

MONDAY 11  

1864

Received orders to go into camp, dont like the idea much but of course we will have to go. Our camp is to be about one mile from the city. Went out and looked at the ground. It will do very well. Sent the men out to police the grounds, get brick, etc.

TUESDAY 12

Have been at work all day trying to get our rolls made out. Regiment moved out to camp. Had permission to remain a day or two longer in our present quarters. The weather has moderated considerably. Had a chimney built for my tent, am going to live fine if I can.
Moderated some to day. Capt Osburn 13 U.S. Infantry, arrived last night and to day instructed our Recruiting Officers in their duty. Received a letter from Capt 'elman of Jan' 7th, also Chaplain Sands tender of resignation. Descriptive lists were made out to day. Got about half enough of Enlistment blanks.

THURSDAY 14

Moved into camp this A.M. Am very well fixed. Received a telegram from Capt 'elman that he could not get passes for my family. Telegraphed them to remain until further orders. Dined in Co withCols Berick, Mc Cowan, Wood ec at Col Alexanders, had a splendid dinner and we enjoyed it highly. Capt Turner offered me room in his house for family.

FRIDAY 15

Not so cold as it has been for several days. Slept very well in a tent last night, am of the opinion that a tent is better than a house, especially if you have no house to stay in. Did not go into the city to day. Am trying to get my camp cleaned up--think I will succeed in a day or two.

SATURDAY 16

Beautiful morning, clear and frosty. Lt Riley on Picket. Commenced work on our enlistment papers, expect we shall get along very slow as we have but very little information, have also commenced work on our Muster Out Rolls--besides we have some three or four back monthly returns to make out on account of the negligence of the Adjt.

SUNDAY 17

Rather damp kind of a morning. Worked all day posting rolls and making out some last monthly returns, quite a storm of wind and rain during the night. Thought our old tent would go up or rather down, but it stood firm. I didn't have much sleep for if the tent went I thought I would remain.

MONDAY 18

Had all hands at work on our "Muster Out and In Rolls" Capt G.W.Brown "G" Co. got in this morning, he is looking well. Received a letter from Capt 'elman (10th) Had a fine turkey for dinner and finished him at supper. Cold raw day, wind blowing very hard, it feels very much like an Indiana winter.

TUESDAY 19

Still at work on our rolls, it is rather slow business however have all hands at work. Capt Mc Bride of Pioneer Corps took supper with us, he brought me a letter from Chap. Sands. Weather rather "ruff" not withstanding the rather extreme cold weather, we are getting along finely. Our tents are warm and pleasant.
WEDNESDAY 20

Finished work on our rolls this afternoon. Sent them in to be examined but the Musterling Officer didn't have time to examine them. Hope they will prove correct as it has been a hard job. Rec. a letter from home (Jan'y 5, 1864) We are now havin' beautiful weather, quite a change in the last few days.

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THURSDAY 21 1864

 havent been in the city for a week, have sent our rolls in for examination. Capt Brown on "Patrol" duty Lt Hudson on "Picket" & Capt Osburn on "Fatigue" Some of our rolls have passed examination and there is some prospect of getting off soon. "H'rote home" but didn't say when we expected to leave.

FRIDAY 22

Went to the city this morning, returned by noon. Didn't get through with our rolls to day, but have great hopes of doing so tomorrow. Genl's Logan and Smith passed through our camp but didn't call. I suppose they were satisfied with our appearance or I would have heard from them.

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SATURDAY 23 1864

We now have beautiful weather which makes camp life much more pleasant. All quiet in this part of Dixie, no news of importance from the North. Was married 14 years ago today and this is the first anniversary that I have been from home. Hope it will be the last. Health of Rgt good.

SUNDAY 24

Went to the city this morning. At last our rolls have passed inspection and if the Paymaster will make his appearance, the "Veterans" will be way for home. Have no hopes of getting started home under a week. Fine weather is continuing and we are enjoying ourselves as well as soldiers can do in winter.

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MONDAY 25 1864

Had our Veterans mustered to day, they numbered one hundred and ninety of the old force and one hundred and sixty three of the new making in all 353. Capt Osburn, Musterling Officer dined with us. We had oyster pudding, chicken &c. The Captain complimented our dinner very highly.

TUESDAY 26

Went to the city this A.M. dined in company with several officers with Alex Sutherland, had a splendid dinner commencing with oyster soup and ending with straw berries. It is reported that Roddy had crossed the river in force about Athens. 2nd Brigade went to look after him. Gen'l Smith & Col A----- at dress parade.
January 27, 1864

Two trains of cars arrived from the East about noon. Pioneers Corps came into camp. Capt. McC Bride dined with us. Lt Col Mc Fall & Lady of 2nd (?) called on us. Paymaster arrived but did not get through with our rolls, think he will in a day or two.

Thursday 23

Went into the city this morning. Called on the Paymaster, he is getting along very slow, moved into my own tent this afternoon, expect to be paid tomorrow. Had about 150 men on duty to day Weather very pleasant. "Wrote home" but could not tell when we would start for "Home".

January 29, 1864

Have at last got all our rolls passed and tomorrow the "Veterans" are to be paid and we hope in a few days to be off for the North. Warm and cloudy this morning but no rain. The fine weather cant continue always. No letters from home. Our command is having very good health.

Saturday 30

Commenced raining about 8 A.M. but not hard. Paymaster came into camp about 10 A.M. and by 1 P.M. he had disbursed about $45,000. a pretty good haul, the boys are in fine spirits, had no drills but a fine dress parade. Had one hundred and ninety men mustered and paid as Veteran volunteers.

January 31, 1864

Beautiful day had oyster soup for dinner, it was "bully." Made out the monthly return for pay. Went into the city in the afternoon. Learned we are to leave on Tuesday Lt Barthalamew detailed to take care of no-vets of the 48th and 59th Indiana. He dont like the detail.

February 1, 1864

Had a very hard storm of wind and rain last night, but my tent stood firm. The 48th Ind was mustered and paid to day. Rec'd orders this P.M. to report to recruiting officer of Ind. through the Gov't with all of our "Veterans," hope to get off tomorrow, beautiful day after the storm. Everybody busy scouring and packing up for the trip.

February 2, 1864

Left camp in company with the 45th for Indianapolis at 12 M. The 6th and 12th Wisconsin Batteries fired a salute on arriving in the city, the 13th Infantry with their band escorted us through the city. We embarked on the cars and got under way at sun down, both regiments on the train. Quite a crowd were at the depot to see us off.
WEDNESDAY 3

About 2 a.m. this morning, the locomotive, tender and two platform cars ran off the track at Scocesboro, no damage done, but delayed us until about 2 P.M. when another engine arrived and we made Stevenson about 4 P.M. Took dinner with Capt. Gavin & Lt. Walker of the 99th Ind. As our train runs through to Nashville, do not have to change cars.

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THURSDAY 4

Took the Express train at Stevenson and made Nashville at 7:30 this morning. The Regiments got in about 3 P.M. The 48th left at 7 P.M. and we took up quarters at Barracks No. 2. Wanted to stop at Christiana and see the 33d but the train did not halt consequently we had to go on to Nashville.

FRIDAY 5

Left Nashville at 7 a.m. and arrived in Louisville at sun-down, the 48th having arrived but a few minutes before us—was quartered in a building on Main St. the troops were fed at the Soldiers Home. Took quarters at the Louisville Hotel. Rode from Nashville to Louisville on the top of the cars.

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SATURDAY 6

Left Louisville at 11 a.m. arrived in Jeffersonville at 12 M. hot coffee ec was furnished the men. Dined with Lt. Holles. Left Jeffersonville at 2½ p.m. had a very heavy train and got along but slowly. Snowed this afternoon. Boys enjoying themselves finely.

SUNDAY 7

Arrived in the city at 3 a.m. Got hot coffee ec at soldiers home & was quartered opposite the state house on Washington St. Found my wife and daughter at the Bates House where I took up my quarters. Met several friends. Had dress parade opposite the State House. Fine turn out.

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MONDAY 8

The 48, 59 & 117 were to have had a public reception to day but it is postponed until tomorrow, had dress parade. It is very cold. Officers all at work making out muster out, muster in rolls, furloughs ec Want to leave tomorrow if possible.

TUESDAY 9

At 7 a.m. the guns opened and at 11 the procession was formed viz 59, 48 & 117 march up and down Washington St then to Soldiers Home, got a fine dinner and then went to State House. Had patriotic speeches from Genl Carrington, Col. Alexander, Wood & Brady & Mayor Curen. Wound up with dress parade.
Got our furlough transportation ec but have had to work all day to get through. Officers were paid two months pay. Several of the boys left for home today but the most of them remaining until tomorrow. Our boys were very highly complimented for good discipline ec.

THURSDAY 11

Left Indianapolis at 9:20 a.m. and arrived at Gosport at 1 PM. About 200 of the boys arrived at dark, had a splendid supper in Hays Hall. Col Alexander did not stop in town, but went immediately home. Took up quarters in the "Scott House" Fine eating.

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Left Gosport at 1 PM and arrived home at sundown, being just 10 days out from Huntsville. Found my relatives all well and expecting me. As usual took up Quarters at the "Scott House," have Harry & Billy Beam with me.

SATURDAY 13

Took dinner at Uncle Jim's, met many of my old friends, some were not looking for me. As I have a thirty day recruiting order, I expect to enjoy myself for the time, and try and forget all about camp life and the incidents thereto, as well as the amusements.

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Remained at home the most of the day, it is beautiful weather but cold. Don't sleep very well in a close room and on a feather bed but will try very hard to stand it. Had no Sunday morning inspection or "Dress Parade" or "Guard Mounting."

MONDAY 15

Loafing around home to day, find it very hard work, didn't have to furnish any picket guard to day nor no details made for fatigue duty. Lieut Ordey escorted by Anderson & Bartley arrived to day from Indianapolis, they encountered no snow on the road.

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Grandmother had a big dinner to day, all the relatives were present, being about 35 in all--turned very cold last night, and we had to have plenty of big fires. Stayed with the old folks for supper. Quite a difference from Camp "Bill of Fare."
Continues very cold. Received my recruiting orders last night and got out some Hugh (sic) posters telling the Union loving people of the village that I could furnish accommodations for a few of the most loyal for 3 years unless sooner discharged.

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February

Thursday 18 1864

Done nothing to day, took tea at Mother's. I find it rather hard work to loaf especially as we get no late news and have nothing to keep up excitement. I find the people rather too good Union to go to War, they prefer to remain at home.

Friday 19

Still continues very cold. Spent about one hour on the ice, but skating is hard work, worse I think than marching, besides it is very poor pay. I think if I had authority, I could organize a full company of Officers, but nary a one for the ranks, think they are most too loyal.

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February

Saturday 20 1864

Lots of people in town but nary a recruit. Took dinner at Mrs Morrison's. Tom says he never saw a hard tac, have promised to send him one on my return to the army. Think he will find some difference between it and his light biscuits and pound cake.

Sunday 21

Went to Indianapolis to day in Jim Cobb's hack with Miss Mollen, Miss Knox, Mrs Smith & It Orner. Stopped at the Spencer House. Big crowd and but little room. Succeeded in getting a very fine large room on the first floor "under the roof", however it is much better than the market house.

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February

Monday 22 1864

Washington's Birthday was celebrated by a grand display of the troops quartered in and around the city. bonfires and political speeches after dark. If it had not been for "Uncle Sam's" assistance, the turn out would have been a very poor affair. But few citizens took part.

Tuesday 23

The Union Convention came off to day, for particulars see the papers. Went to St Mary's and brought Lou back with me. Grand torchlight procession at night which was composed almost entirely of the troops, in fact I saw no other in the procession. Had oysters and ice cream.
Left Indianapolis at 9 a.m. Got a good dinner at Paddocks (?) Arrived at home about sundown. Found all the folks well and on the lookout for us. The ride made me have a very fine appetite for my supper which was a very good one.

THURSDAY 25

Attended the wedding of Jim G Craig & Ann E Barnard at ½ past 8 this morning. They left at 9½ a.m. for St Mary's and intermediate points, had quite a nice little party. Hope their journey through life may be as pleasant as the morning was, enjoyed myself hugely.

FRIDAY 26

Did nothing to day but loaf around. Went to the concert and slept about ½ of the time. I think the concert was a splendid affair. It was given by Miss Squires and her pupils - find the time begins to hang rather heavily, but as days are short, I manage to get through.

SATURDAY 27

Took dinner at Mrs Morrison's, she has not forgot how to get up a splendid dinner. A good many people in town, done my best to get a few Union men to take stock in "This cruel War" but am unsuccessful. Hope when the "Draft" comes along some will "go".

SUNDAY 28

Took dinner at Aunt Cal's, had the pleasure doing the carving. Had a splendid dinner and a very pleasant party, think I done justice to all the courses and to the utmost of my capacity, succeeded in getting home without any difficulty and slept soundly.

MONDAY 29

Snowed last night but not very cold, spent most of the day in wandering around the village and still finding a few old and tried friends who have stuck to me through thick and thin, such friends are well worth preserving and I intend to do so.

TUESDAY 1

Took "tea" at Mary's. Had ham and egg fruit as we dont have the latter in the army. I laid in a pretty good supply, enough at any rate to last me until tomorrow morning. Mrs S's birthday, but am too poor to make her a handsome present.
WEDNESDAY 2

Took "tea" at Sarah's. The bridal party returned this P.M. They seemed to have enjoyed themselves and well pleased with married life as far as they have went. Ann done the honour of the table, had among other things plenty of good ham and egg fruit.

THURSDAY 3 1864

Grandfather is very sick, took dinner there to day, had my favorite soup, laid in a full supply was only sorry that I couldn't find room for more. Spent most of the afternoon with the old folks, beginning to think Martinsville a rather dull and uninteresting place.

FRIDAY 4

Pleasant evening, done nothing all day, that is if loafing is called nothing, however, I manage to pass off the time by hanging around the street corners, stores etc. Think I could remain at home a few days longer if "Uncle Sam" should be kind enough to extend my order.

SATURDAY 5 1864

Cold cloudy day, not many people in town. Had a little dance at the "Scott House", passed the evening very pleasantly especially as some of my old friends were on hand, had a little amusement in the shape of "Whiskey Poker", had my usual luck and pocketed a few "fips".

SUNDAY 6

Remained indoor the most of the day, the morning was clear but the afternoon cloudy and gloomy. Wrote to Mr. Sepp (?) of the Spencer House keep me a good room. Did not attend church as I have but very little faith in any of the Martinsville divines. Hope they are better men than I think they are.

MONDAY 7 1864

Very pleasant day, have commenced "packing up", took "Tea" at John K's and by the way, Mrs M understands how to get up something good. Uncle Jim and Aunt Mary and Mrs. Hamilton made up the party. I am faring very well on ham and egg fruit, good coffee and cream.

TUESDAY 8

Took dinner at Blooms and tea at Aunt Craig's, had a very nice dinner and supper. Met Dr Mitchell this morning, he is looking well, am sorry that I can not make him a visit as he gave me a very pressing invitation to do so and I don't like to refuse such invitations. Am about done packing my "traps".
MARCH WEDNESDAY 9 1864

Will leave tomorrow for Indianapolis. Took dinner at Mary's and put in the remainder of the day bidding my relatives "good bye", have made all my arrangements to be off. Done good business in recruiting, having got "mary" man.

THURSDAY 10

Went to Indianapolis to rejoin my Regiment, took Mary and Jennie with me, took rooms at the Spencer House, fare good but rooms small. But very few of arrivals of our Rgt. Lt Orner, Mary, Jennie & self went to the Theatre, the play was rather poor, but of course we were very much delighted.

MARCH FRIDAY 11 1864

Our "B'hoys" began to arrive today. Most of the officers came in this P.M. Col Wood, Lt Dean &c of the 48th came in today. Met Dr Ham of the 48th understand he has tendered his resignation on account of ill health. Col Alexander has not arrived yet. Our men stopping at Soldiers Home.

SATURDAY 12

Had to quarter our men at the "Soldiers Home" have got about 100 recruits, it will take some time to get them mustered. Met Capt Beardsaffer, went to the Theatre "He" got into a scrape this morning, but was very fortunate in getting out without any difficulty. Hope it will be a good lesson for him and others.

MARCH SUNDAY 13 1864

Went to church in the forenoon, rained and snowed all day did not go out during the afternoon. Have moved quarters to the Palmer House which are much better than the Spencer. Capt Welman took dinner with me. Miss Mallow took tea with us.

MONDAY 14

Got orders to go to New Albany and go into camp. Will leave tomorrow. Had a nice little party in the Parlor & then went to an oyster saloon. Capt Welman paid the bill. Have been very busy getting up supplies and making arrangements for our move. QM Brown & Chaplain Sands went to New Albany this PM.

MARCH TUESDAY 15 1864

Sent Mary and Jennie with Dr Rogers & others on the 9 am train for New Albany. The 31 & 59th left about 2 pm. Snowed hard all this a.m. Arrived at Jeffersonville without accident about 2 a.m. The weather was very cold and disagreeable and our men suffered considerably.
MARCH

WEDNESDAY 16

Marched down from Jeffersonville & arrived in New Albany about 4 a.m. Took up quarters in hospital No. 1. It is a fine place for our men and by night the QM had the men supplied with everything. Found my wife and child snugly stowed away at the De Pau House and anxiously expecting my arrival.

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MARCH

THURSDAY 17 1864

The boys have nothing to do but cook & eat. Lt Hardin came in last night with 45 men. Maj. Mc Naught, Capt Osburn & Bloom went home this morning. We are expecting to remain several days. Col Alexander remained at Indianapolis and has not arrived yet.

FRIDAY 18

Some of the boys got into a scrape last night. Pvt's Heard of A Co is dangerously and 2 Branham's of Co A are slightly wounded, all quiet. Capt Brown left for Indianapolis at noon, having seen a notice in the Army Navy Journal that he has been dismissed. Am having a very fine time in the city.

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MARCH

SATURDAY 19 1864

Went over to Louisville to day with Col Alexander & wife Capt Welman, Mrs Rogers, Bill Lyons and my own family. Took "Tea" at Hubbers, had a very pleasant evening. Had a very pleasant visit to Louisville and succeeded in doing considerable shopping as my Portmanau (sic) can testify.

SUNDAY 20

Dined at Maj. Sabins, Lt Hollis and wife and Dr Elrud and wife. Had a good dinner and enjoyed myself very much. Spent the afternoon in walking around the city with the Maj. Returned to the hotel about sundown and had a rather poor supper as we had been out rather late.

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MARCH

MONDAY 21 1864

Left for Indianapolis at 12AM. Left Jeffersonville at 5½ pm train 3 hours behind time, took a boiled egg at Symore, arrived at Indianapolis at 12 P.M. pretty well used up. Took up my quarters at the Palmer House. Will report to Col Baker for orders tomorrow.

TUESDAY 22

Capt Welman came up on the train this evening and brought some recruits with him. Saw Col Wood. The 48th left at 3 pm. Called on Col Baker and was put on recruiting service until April 1st, expect to get a great many recruits provided they are not too good "Union".
MARCH 1864

Wednesday 23

Capt Welman & myself done considerable moving around to day. The 11th arrived about 10 am paraded through the streets. The 59th left New Albany for Huntsville, Ala at 2 pm after having escorted the 23rd and 53rd through the city.

Thursday 24

Succeeded in getting $1,112,40 commutation for rations for our boys. Paid Capt Welman 86.40. We find it almost impossible to get any business done with the Musterers Officers, they are so crowded. We are working very hard to get off tomorrow morning if possible. Recruiting rather hard work.

MARCH 1864

Friday 25

Left Indianapolis at 9:30 am, arrived at Jeffersonville at 2:30 and New Albany at 4 pm. Found Mary & Jennie all well looking for me, had a very pleasant trip from Indianapolis to Jeffersonville not so pleasant from there to New Albany.

Saturday 26

Left New Albany 8:40 am for Gosport. Met Bloom at Bedford Arrived at Gosport at 6 pm. Stopped at the "Scott House" Met several friends at Gosport, find it a very pleasant place to stop at. Will go to Martinsville tomorrow if Bloom gets here in time.

MARCH 1864

Sunday 27

Left Gosport at 3 pm and arrived in Martinsville at 6 pm, found all well but no one expecting us. This is my Birthday but done nothing extra. Bloom got to Gosport early this morning, came up on a freight train. Mr. Scott and wife came home with us.

Monday 28

Mr & Mrs C.J. Scott returned to Gosport. Rained all day. Major McClure came down from Indianapolis. Father has not returned from Cincinnati, we are looking for him this pm by mail hack. Have seen about all of my friends, some are rather surprised to see me at home again so soon.

MARCH 1864

Tuesday 29

Rain and wind all day. Father returned from Cincinnati, Mary Mallon called this morning, dined at Mother's, had a very pleasant time and an extra good dinner. Had hard work to get away. Been around to see all my relations. Found them all enjoying very good health.
WEDNESDAY 30

Papa and Mother spent the day with us. Gave Mother a calico dress which didn't cost much but appeared to please her very well. The weather is gloomy & unpleasant. Bloom and his family are now boarding at the "Scott House", shall try and get a few more recruits provided they are not too good Union to enlist.

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MARCH       THURSDAY 31          1864

Spent the day at Aunt Mary's. Boys of the 33rd began to arrive, they are looking very fine and I have no doubt they will enjoy themselves very much at least they ought to for they are deserving. Soldiers generally have a good time when they get home on 30 days.

APRIL       FRIDAY 1              1864

Remained at home to day. Didn't fool anyone. Bloom preparing to go with me to the Rgt. Have met several of the boys of old Co. K 7 Indiana. They are looking very fine. I am very glad to see them, hope we may live to meet again when this cruel war is over.

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APRIL       SATURDAY 2            1864

Opened and marked goods this morning. Got Bloom to help me. Played ball in the afternoon and found myself rather fagged (sic) about supper time. Still succeeded in eating a very hearty supper and slept soundly for an old man.

SUNDAY 3

Jim and Ann spend the day with us. In the afternoon called on most of my relatives, have commenced packing my traps and preparing to take my departure for the "sunny South". Have had a very pleasant time and am now anxious to join my old Regiment.

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APRIL       MONDAY 4              1864

Election today. No opposition to the Republican ticket. Rained in the afternoon, paid my part $279.25 of the judgement in favor of the Bridges. Will leave tomorrow. The Republicans were somewhat alarmed in the forenoon supposing the Democrats were going to play them a trick.

TUESDAY 5

Left for Indianapolis at 7 a.m. in company with A.S. Griggs and Bloom. Crossed White Lick on the suspension bridge. Arrived in the city at 4 ½ pm nearly frozen. Called on Shel & Sis. Capt Welman arrived at 8 p.m. Met Maj Byskit (?) & Lt Melles of the 43th. Took quarters at the Palmer House. Maj Byskit returned to Elkhart.
Was relieved from recruiting duty and ordered to join my Regiment at Huntsville. Got transportation to Nashville. Met Lt Brandon & several of our Sargeants, got commutation for Co's D & G 4275.40. Call on several "Officials". "as at Shell's until bed time, found "Sis" sick in bed, not very dangerous.

THURSDAY 7

Wrote home. Left Indianapolis at 4 pm with 230 recruits for various regiments. Capt Crawford, 85th Ind with me. Arrived at Madison 12 pm put the men in barracks and took lodgings at the Madison Hotel. Capt Welman went by Jeffersonville and is to meet me in Louisville. Lt Brandon gone by New Albany after his baggage.

SUNDAY 10

Got a good breakfast at Mr. Thompson's, the Post Master at Mitchellville, the road was cleared about 10 a.m. -- saw the first peach bloom of the season 30 miles from Nashville. Arrived at Nashville 1 1/2 p.m. Got quarters at Barracks No. 2 Met Maj Frank Cramer of 1st Ala Cav and several of his officers.

MONDAY 11

Turned over all the command to Capt Crawford except the 45 & 59 which I kopt. Left for Huntsville via Decature at 5:15 a.m. Had a good breakfast at Franklin, good dinner at Athens 2 p.m. Arrived at Huntsville at 5:40 p.m. Sent the men to camp and took quarters for the night with Lieut O—-(?) QM of Genl Mc P's staff.
WEDNESDAY 13

My throat still sore. Had a grand review to day by Gen'l Mc Pherson, Dugan & Smith—did not attend. About 8 p.m. were ordered to "Fall in" under arms, turned out to be a false alarm. "Q" Brown started on a 3 days forage expedition—there is but very little excitement about this part of Dixie.

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APRIL

THURSDAY 14 1864

Detail on us this morning is rather heavy. 35 for picket 50 for forage & 150 for fatigue (sic)—work on fort. QM Brown returned today making the trip in 2 days & getting very little forage, he reports it is getting rather scarce, so our supplies will now all have to come from the North.

FRIDAY 15

Went to Guard mounting, Capt Simpson inspected the guard. Went to Brigade Hd Qrs with Bloom and Rad. Still suffering very much from neuralgia (sic), was in bed most of the afternoon. Three years ago today the first call was made for 75,000 men for 3 months unless sooner discharged to put down the "Cruel War."

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APRIL

SATURDAY 16 1864

Had 80 men on picket and 120 men on fatigue. Got an order for new guns. Springfield Rifles—am still suffering with neuralgia—got lumber and put a floor in my tent. Heavy wind and some little rain this p.m.—wrote to "Mother" and a full detail of my trip to Huntsville.

SUNDAY 17

Beautiful morning. Lt Orner took dinner with me, went to the city with him—rained in the afternoon and I had to remain all night, met Bloom at (?) quarters. No mail today as there was a "smash up" on the road. Sutherland started home this morning. Have been in the service three years today and don't know how much longer I am to remain.

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APRIL

MONDAY 18 1864

Clear in the morning but clouded up and was windy during the afternoon. Capt Welman and Maj. Byrket arrived this morning. Drew and issued 420 Springfield Rifle Muskets, Cal '58—received a letter from home (April 12th) all well. "Wrote home". Been busy all day and am rather tired.

TUESDAY 19

Nothing of importance going on, received a letter from home of 15th, all well—sent 60 men on forage detail under Capt Hyden & Lt Hudson with 2 days rations—wrote home—Made out invoices and receipts for Ordnance—found it no small job, have got splendid guns for the boys and they promise to make good use of them when they have an opportunity.
Pleasant day—forage detail returned—no forage—heard artillery firing in the west which turned out to be practice firing at Decatur. Packed up our old Enfield rifles ready for turning them over—Wrote Shell—found we had 340 Enfields and 292 bayonets, most of them unserviceable.

THURSDAY 21

"Turned over" our old Enfield rifles and made requisition for more Springfields as our recruits are still coming in. Bloom was out to see me—our men are still at work on fortifications (sic) Col A visited the camp and remained a few minutes, don't think we shall be attacked very soon. If we are, we shall be found well prepared.

Furnished Company Commanders with invoices of Springfield Rifles etc. Spent an hour or two with Had at the sutler last night—Tho Orner took dinner with us—not living very high at present—got a letter dated 17th all well. Have begun to fix up our camp as warm weather is coming on.

SATURDAY 23

Didn't do much in forenoon. Went to the city with Tho & Capt Welman in the afternoon and stayed two or three hours. Capt Blair was in the city but I didn't get to see him—wrote home—had quite a storm of wind and rain during the night but was fortunate enough to receive no damage.

Didnt go to Church as we have no Chaplain and I can't afford to go to town. In the afternoon Thos & Capt Blair came out to see me. We talked over our Western Virginia Campaign and fought over the battles of Phillipi, Laurel Hill and Cannacks Ford and our marches. "Wrote to Jennie".

Pleasant day. Capt Welman & myself took a stroll on Russell's Hill, found a rather rough lime stone heap, but had a very fine view of the city and country, spent the afternoon very pleasantly. Had a fine dress parade. Paid QM Lee for Regiment $1,257.40 for commutation received at Indianapolis from Capt Foster.

Thos Orner, Bloom & Sutherland were out to see me the morning. A letter from home of the 20th—all well. Wrote home. Went down after supper to Brig HdQrs but did not learn any news as Commander & Staff were all gone to the city—spent an hour or so with Had at the Sutlers.
WEDNESDAY 27

Went to the city with Lt Brown & Dr Rogers. Met Maj Crowel—visited the fort—took dinner with Capt Mc Bride—just at dark rec'd orders to be ready to move at a moment's warning. Gen'l Mathias & Col Clark visited our camp. Rained hard during the night which washed off our ground very finely.

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APRIL

THURSDAY 28
1864

Didn't move last night. Beautiful morning, went to the city, ordered some photographs, had our accouterments inspected—ordered to get new ones—don't know when we will leave. Cook Co E died this evening—wrote home—got a letter dated 24th—all well. Weather very pleasant.

FRIDAY 29

Went to the city this morning. Am having my portrait painted—The entire Regt on duty to day—took dinner with Had Johnson—killed a snake in my tent last night—guess he must have been a Reb. Lt Record of the 70th call to see me this a.m. Wrote to Father & 42 Ind directed the letter to Chattanooga.

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APRIL

SATURDAY 30
1864

Hard storm of wind and rain last night. 3rd Brigade went to Decature this morning. 18th Visc went to Whets burg this p.m. to relieve the 56th Ill—Mustered for pay. Went into the city and got wet coming back. Understand that we are to remain at this post—we are all very well satisfied to do so—so we are satisfied with the "front"

MAY

SUNDAY 1

Beautiful day. Capt Simpson & Bloom took dinner with me—the 16th Corps commenced passing this afternoon—remained in camp all day—received two letters from home (24 & 26th) all well—Anniversary of the Battle of Port Gibson & our crossing the Mississippi river—Health of our Rgt getting much better.

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MAY

MONDAY 2
1864

An other beautiful day, went into the city in the morning. Received an order to report to Col Alexander at 3 p.m. Done so in company of Col Wood & others examined ground for a new camp. Col A ordered to the command of the Post. Met Jim Week in the city.

TUESDAY 3

Worked hard all day moving camp. It will take several days to complete the job—took dinner with Capt Simpson. Received a photo from Capt Blair. The 4th Minn arrived last night and today. Wrote home and sent photo of Capt Blair, Lt Riley and self—anniversary of "40 Hills" and a very hard days march.
Beautiful day—last sitting for my portrait—wrote for my family to come to Huntsville, sent pass of Gen'l Mc Pherson. All the Regiment out on different details—boys hard at work on camp, will have a nice one when completed. Health of Rgt improving. QM furnished me a desk today—better than nothing.

THURSDAY 5

Wrote home. Went up town with Capt 'elman in the afternoon. Dept Headquarters left for Chattanooga. Major Mc Naught with 50 men Capt Vanfopen & Lt Hughes went over the Mountain after "Reba" who had captured a couple of our men. Wrote to Aunt Mary. Got a new cook this evening, hope he will prove a good one for we need one.

SATURDAY 7

Capt Welman on duty as Brig. Officer of the Day. Went around the picket line with him in the forenoon. Didn't go into the city today. Wrote home. One of our trains of cars was fired on last night near Flint River, the engineer & fireman wounded, an officer of the 5th Ohio was fired on today and wounded by guerrillas within 2 miles of the city.

SUNDAY 8

An other beautiful day. I did not leave the camp. In the afternoon, Bloom came down to see me and remained until after tea. From the papers received tonight, we learn that Gen'l Grant is driving Gen'l Lee back on Richmond. Major Mc Naught Brig Officer of the Day.

MONDAY 9

We are receiving glorious (news) from Gen'l Grant, nothing from Gen'l Sherman, of course he knows what he is doing. Wrote to Mr S. at Gosport, did not go into the city today. We are beginning to have warm weather. Some 10 or 15 trains went South this morning. Suppose they are after "Grub" for us fellows. Huntsville is beginning to be a very thriving place from appearance.

TUESDAY 10

Furnished 85 men for picket & the rest of the command for work on the fort. All the negroes in the city were pressed into the service, the Loyal citizens complain because their servants are made to work. Went to the Fort with Capt 'elman they are working very slow. Received a letter from home 5th. Wrote W. Coles, St Louis.
WEDNESDAY 11

Had a very hard storm of wind and rain last night—my bower blew down—no other damage—our camp perfectly flooded—every well man on duty Capt Vanfopen, Brig Officer of the Day, Capt Welman on Mil Com, Lt Brown on Survey. Very cold. Had to keep up a fire all day—rather cold weather for May. Post orders No. 4 issued—all camp followers are to work on the Fort.

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THURSDAY 12

MAY

1864

There was considerable fun at the "Fort" today as Post Order No. 4 required all "Army Followers" to report for duty at 9 a.m. There were several long black coats and paper collars at work. Maj. Mc Naught Brigade officer of the day. A hospital train of 4 cars went North this morning—Beautiful weather again. Brig. Band arrived.

FRIDAY 13

Went with Dr Rogers to hunt a house for our families—think we found one. Received two letters from home of the 8th. Spent the most of the afternoon in the city. Sutlers etc released from work on the Fort. The excitement about Forrest coming about died out. Brig. Gen'l Crocker in the city.

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MAY

1864

SATURDAY 14

Failed to get the house we expected. Wrote to Glessner and was up in the city in the afternoon. News from Gen'l Grant still encouraging. Received a letter from Lou 8th. Issued an order for Lt Brown to go to Nashville on business. Received a nice present from Miss Em Woodard—a little silk flag & a loaf of nice salt rising bread.

SUNDAY 15

Beautiful day. Went to Guard Mounting this morning. Our new Brig Band was in attendance. Was introduced to Gen'l Crocker, had met him often before. Bloom took dinner with me in the afternoon. Capt Welman, Simpson and myself took a walk through the city. Johnson "H" Co. died this P.M. Wrote a long letter to Lou. Capt Heyden & Lt Hughes with 60 men on scout last night caught nothing. Maj. Mc Naught Brig. Officer of the day.

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MAY

1864

MONDAY 16

"Q" Brown started for Nashville this morning on business of the Quartermasters Dpt. Went up town to witness "Guard Mounting" The Silver Band furnished the music. Got the promise of some rooms from Miss Brown—Met Col Simpson of the 5th Iowa, his command at Decatur. Remained in camp all the afternoon. We are now having beautiful weather.
TUESDAY 17

About 7 a.m. heard firing in the direction of Madison Station & soon learned that the Rebs had drove in our pickets & burned the station. Received orders to report to Gen'l Smith with my command—done so & was ordered to Madison Station. Reported to Col Corgas. Started in pursuit of Rebs in company 13 Ills & 5th Ohio Cavalry. Came up with them at Fletcher's Ferry. Sharp skirmish—Serg Alexander killed. Sergt Palty wounded.

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MAY

WEDNESDAY 18 1864

Arrived at Madison Station about 1 pm having made a hard march of 26 miles through the mud and snow. The 48th Ind & 6th Artillery followed after us, missed the road and went on about to Fletcher's Ferry, returning overtook us at Madison Station, arrived at Huntsville about 2½ pm. Mrs B. & Mrs S arrived about 8 pm.

THURSDAY 19

Met Gen'l Grisham at Post Head Qrs this morning, he belongs to the 17th Corps—Met Col Rugg in the city—Maj Mo Naught with 5 Companies viz A, D, E, G & I order to go to Madison Station with 10 days rations. They left at 10 pm by train. Camp looks rather desolate. Sixty men on Picket. Don't know what was done with prisoners brought up from Madison Station.

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MAY

FRIDAY 20 1864

Dined at Brigade Head Qrs—had a splendid dinner, oyster pie strawberries ee In the afternoon, Mrs B. & Mrs S visited the camp—weather getting to be rather warm. Capt Foley call in the evening. It is rather lonesome about Camp—the advance of the 17th Corps have arrived, they are stopping at Russell Hill.

SATURDAY 21

Spent the most of the day in the city—Clinger of "B" Co dies with consumption. Capt Vanfopen Brigade Officer of the day—Sergt Alexander's body was sent home yesterday—some of the boys of the 27th Ind who were wounded passed through to Nashville this morning, did not see any of them, they report very hard fighting at the front.

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MAY

SUNDAY 22 1864

The 63rd Ills arrived this morning. Dr Rogers went down to Madison Station with medicines for the detachment at that place. Had a Buggy ride with Capt Simpson, drove all through the city Mrs. Alexander & Mrs Rogers arrived. Capts Osburn, Hollis & Lt Brannon came up from Madison Station—Gen'l Blair & Staff arrived today—weather warm.
MAY 23

MONDAY 23

Have orders to make out Pay rolls, but find blanks rather scarce—received a letter from home dated April 11th & 17th Corps are arriving—various rumors about our leaving. Maj Gen'l Blair arrived to day, established his headquarters in Court House Square. Capt Welman, Jennie & I called on Mrs. Alexander & Mrs Rogers, found them very well pleased with their accomodations.

MAY 24

TUESDAY 24

Maj Mc Naught with the left wing arrived this morning from Madison Station—rained this morning—Dr Ross of the 53rd Ind called on us, he is looking very well—The 17th Corps are turning over their tents and extra baggage and loading their train with rations. Dr Rogers and Lady dined with us—20 men detailed to report to Capt Walser.

MAY 25

WEDNESDAY 25

Gen'l Blair with 17th Corps left this morning for Rome, Ga. via Decature—Maj Mc Naught Brigade Officer of the day—Capt Buck with 50 men detailed to cut wood on the R.R. five miles East—Adjt Branch started for Nashville for Muster and Pay rolls—Capt Buck with 50 men went down the road. Health of the Regt very good at present.

MAY 26

THURSDAY 26

Had to furnish 6 Officers 35 non commissioned officers and 110 men for grand guard duty—Rec'd a letter from Father dated 20th—The 48th Ind ordered to go with a herd of 2,200 cattle to Chattanooga. Capt Vanfossen Brigade Officer of the day. 41st IIs arrived to go on duty here.

MAY 27

FRIDAY 27

Visited "Soco" mountain to day, Gen'l Smith & Staff—Brigade Band and quite a large party of ladies and officers made up the party. Mr Kellogg of the Huntsville Hotel furnished the edibles. We had plenty of music and dancing—and passed the day very pleasantly—until about sundown. 49th paid off. Q1 Brown charge of quarters.

MAY 28

SATURDAY 28

Went up to Guard Mounting this morning—Miss Sutherland stopping at our house. Adjt Branch returned from Nashville. Capt Rochester married in the city this morning. Brigade Band were in camp giving us a delightful serenade—called on Col Rugg—Good news from Gen'l Grant—nothing from Gen'l Sherman—Gen'l Mathias has resigned.

MAY 29

SUNDAY 29

Beautiful day. Didn't go to Church. Spent the most of the day in camp. Capt Simpson & Capt Dillon call to see us. We are having rather pleasant times for soldiers. Hope it may continue for some time, but as military movements are very uncertain, there is no telling when we may have to move.
MONDAY 30

Paymaster visited our camp and left about $60,000 which was the largest payment ever made our regiment. The wood detail under Capt. Buck returned this afternoon. Sent a detail of 20 men to Stevenson, also about 20 men for wood. Capt. Van Brigade officer of day.

TUESDAY 31

The 13th Ind. Cavalry arrived to day, they are dismounted and doing duty as Infantry—they do considerable grumbling—took dinner with Dr. Rogers—had a fine dinner & very pleasant company. Gen'1 Smith, Col. Alexander & Lady, Dr. Rogers & Lady, Mollie, Jennie ec. A detail of 50 men sent to chop wood. Ladies visited camp this PM.

WEDNESDAY 1

Went with Jennie to Mr. Frye's studio in the afternoon, Maj. McNaught Brigade officer of the day—wrote to Lou—Met Col. Johnson & Maj. Storet of the 12th Cavalry. Our picket detail reduced to 75 men—was at Guard Mounting—weather warm—but not unpleasant. Expecting orders to move.

THURSDAY 2

Capt. Welman, Jennie & I went out to Mrs. Wilsons for strawberries. She had none and our trip was a failure. Mollie & Jennie were in camp this afternoon. Spent the most of the day in the city. Mary went to see Mr. Farge and sat for her portrait—rained during the day. Wrote Mr. U.S. Farr enclosing one dollar.

FRIDAY 3

Our Rgt went on Provost Guard, The 2nd Brig. Col. Rawn commanding arrived to day and went in camp about 1/2 miles north of us. The 3rd Brigade still at Decatur expecting every day to be relieved—various reports from the front but nothing very reliable.

SATURDAY 4

A party had been made up for Whitesburg today, but on account of the weather, it was post pone (sic). Took tea at CM Browns—had a very fine supper and enjoyed ourselves very much—rained the most of the day which flooded our camp but done no damage.

SUNDAY 5

Miss Patty Brown, Mollie, Jennie an' myself took dinner with Capt. Welman. We had a splendid dinner—we took tea with Lt. Hudson winding up with strawberries. Weather warm but not unpleasant. Met Mr & Mrs Hamel, Mr & Mrs Elliott at Lt. Hudson's.
MONDAY 6

Maj Mc Naught Brigade officer of the day. Col Alexander & Lady visited our camp late in the afternoon. Maj McNaught, Lt's Hudson & Branch took tea with us. Rec'd a letter from Lou, May 29th. Spent the most of the day in the city. Weather very warm—still Yankees can stand it.

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June

TUESDAY 7

Went on a picnic excursion to Mc Calla's Spring about 7 miles south west from the city. Had a nice party, good dinner and lots of fun. Lt Aken was boss of the dinner, he had roast mutton and pork, fried fish and squirrel. We got home about 6 pm. Rained very hard in the city.

WEDNESDAY 8

Rained most of the day. Maj Frank Crameryth Ala Cav'l called to see me—his commission is at Decatur. We are expecting every day to receive orders to go to the front. 400 of the 12th Ind. Cavalry arrived to-day. News from Gen'l Grant is still encouraging also from Gen'l Sherman and every other place.

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June

THURSDAY 9

Beautiful morning but rather warm—went with Mary & Jennie to Mr Fryes, went with Mrs Rogers, Mary & Jennie to Hdqrs & the big spring. Met Col Drake formerly of Indiana at Post Hdqrs. Discovered I had lost 35$. The 3rd & 6th Ohio passed thr'o going home to be mustered out.

FRIDAY 10

Maj Mc Naught Brigade Officer of the day, went around the Picket line with him—rode my new horse—Maj Cramer, 1st Ala & Lt Orner dined with us. Lt Warren A.A.I.G inspected the Rgt in the afternoon. The Brigade Band came down and made music for us. Weather rather warm. Rec'd a letter from Father—all well at home.

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JUNE

SATURDAY 11

Was at Guard Mounting. Went to Mr Fryes. Don't think Jennie's picture is a good one --- unreadable ---- will send them home in a few days. Three Co's 134 Ind. Col Gavin, went through the Decatur Col G. was not with them, he having gone by the Nashville & Decatur road.

SUNDAY 12

Had the usual "Sunday morning Inspection"—wrote to Lou. Was in the camp the most of the day. Lt Orner took "T" with me. About 400 Rebs went North under charge of a guard of the 59th Ind. They were from about Dalton, Ga. Quite a number of the citizens of Huntsville visited the train and found friends. Q owes me $ 92.
MONDAY 13

Lt Orner came to the city a few days since, still here. Wrote a letter to Lou telling her to be ready to come down when I write for her. Spent most of the day in camp trying the "rights of property". Got a judge in my favor for a few dollars.

TUESDAY 14

Col Alexander relieved as commander of the Post of Huntsville. Rec'd orders to be ready to move with camp and garrison equipment. Mrs. Rogers took tea with us. Weather pleasant. Sutherland & Strong started for the North. All busy at work getting ready to move.

WEDNESDAY 15

Col Johnson 13th In Cav'ya assumed command of the Post this morning. No orders yet to move. Lt Orner took dinner with us. The 63rd Ills arrived from Trienna this afternoon. Capt Buck with wood detail came in this morning. Had my pictures boxed ready for shipment.

THURSDAY 16

No news from home. Lt Orner left night for Chattanooga. Had dress Parade. Read the decisions of Gen'l Court Martial. Our guard reduced to 25 men. Maj Nc Naught Brigade officer of day. Maj Street, 13th Cav visited our camp. No news from the front, but plenty of unreliable rumors.

FRIDAY 17

Rec'd an order to be ready to "turn in" camp and garrison equipment. 3rd Brigade arrived yesterday—had dress parade. Col Wood dined with us. Wrote to Mother. Sent out and got some plums (sic) but no cherries. The city is full of officers and men as our Div are nearly all here.

SATURDAY 18

No new orders as to moving—succeeded in getting some chickens & eggs. They came high but we must have them. Weather rather warm. Furnished no guard to day, something must be wrong. Boys all busy cleaning up, sending off surplus overcoats, blankets etc as we now know we are to move in a few days.

SUNDAY 19

Had the usual Sunday morning inspection. Very cool, rained during the forenoon. Remained in the house all the afternoon. The 48th Ind returned having been gone 24 days. About 500 prisoners passed thr'o towards the North. Gen'l Smith & Col A. called in the evening also Capt Dillon & Simpson.

MONDAY 20

Rec'd orders to hold my command in readiness to move "early Weds morning". Express train arrived at 6 pm. No telegraph news—rained during the evening and night. At work in earnest now packing up our traps, disposing of all surplus, getting horses & mules shod, wagons loaded etc.
TUESDAY 21

Still raining this morning—have commenced packing up. Capt Burnham with his company detailed to guard advance train. Rained during the afternoon and night which has made the roads very muddy. Mrs Brown left for home. Sent box containing portraits home per Adams Express Co.

WEDNESDAY 22

Moved at 6 a.m. in the following order, 1, 2 & 3rd Brigades. The 1st as follows—63rd Ills Pioneer Corps, 6th Wisc Battery, 48th Ind. 11th Minn, 18th Wisc., Brigade train, 59th Ind. Made Flint river about 1 pm and bivouacked on the left bank. Had a very nice dinner that Mrs Scott prepared for me. Capt Welman & Simpson lunched with me. Cash $44.00

THURSDAY 23

Moved at 5 a.m. 2nd, 3rd & 1st brig. Ours as follows—48th Ind., 6th Wisc. Battery, 4th Minn. 18th Wisc, 59th Ind train and 63rd Ills. The day was very warm and we made about 15 miles & bivouacked on the left bank of Paint Rock. Today was very warm and troops suffered considerable from heat & want of water.

FRIDAY 24

Moved at 4½ this a.m. 3rd, 1st & 2nd Brig. Ours as follows 4th Minn, 18th Wisc, 59th Ind, 63rd Ills, & 48th Ind. Passed Larkinsville about noon and bivouacked near Scotsboro. Some 3 or 4 men died from sunstroke. A man from the 63rd Ills was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun. Dr Rogers joined us today. Rhoades— (?) offk deserted this a.m.

SATURDAY 25

Moved at 4 a.m. 1 & 3 Brig, the 2nd Brig got no further than Larkinsville. The 1st as follows, 18th Wisc, Pioneer Corps, 6th Wisc Batt, 59th Ind, 63rd Ills, 48th Ind Brig train and 4th Minn. Made about 16 miles and bivouacked on the left bank of Crow River. The weather continues very warm. Mrs Scott & daughter left for home.

SUNDAY 26

The 2nd Brig got in about 8 a.m. having come from Mud Creek. Lt Branch arrived bringing me pair of boots and a letter from Mrs Scott. The hot weather continues. Remained in camp all day. About all of our stragglers came in today. It was too hot to move about much. Remained in quarters all day—wrote home.

MONDAY 27

Alexck Sutherland arrived this morning having left Huntsville last night. He left Bloom at Stevenson with his goods. The 3rd Brig left about 1 p.m. and the 2nd Brig about 8 p.m. for Stevenson there to take the cars for Kingston, Ga. Alex & his party went on this evening.
TUESDAY 28

The Ordnance train left this morning, so our time will come soon. Sold my boots to Lt Lyons. Capt Mc Bride dined with us. Weather continues very hot. Wrote a long letter home. Expect to leave in the morning for Kingston by rail via Chattanooga. My friends made a deposit of $9.00 for my benefit.

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WEDNESDAY 29 1864

Left camp at Crow River at 12½ p.m. for Stevenson and embarked on the cars at 3½ P.M. Met Lt Varke Serget G----(?) and Pvt Warner all of the 132 Ind. Left Stevenson about 5 P.M. and arrived at Chattanooga about 9 P.M. and remained all night.

THURSDAY 30

Met Col Jim Burgess of the 128th Ind also Pvt's Bern & Senglon of the 70th Ind. Didnt leave Chattanooga until about 8 A.M.--had a very heavy train and moved very slow--went through some very ruff country--seen plenty of Rebel works. Passed thro several battle fields so Arrived at Kingston about 8 P.M.

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FRIDAY 1 1864

Bivouacked around the town during the day. Kingston is a miserable, dirty hole with but few inhabitants. Div & Brig Hd Qrs arrived during the day--late in the afternoon we had a very hard rain--everybody got wet--pulled off my clothes and took a bath.

SATURDAY 2

Went into camp—or rather into brush about 1/4 of a mile east of the city on a hill side, it is very ruff. Don't like our ground but cant help it. The 2nd Brig gone back to Dalton & Resaca. The 3rd is doing guard duty along the Etowa river--75 men on Picket. Wrote home.

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SUNDAY 3 1864

Worked hard all day. Made out 20 invoices and 20 receipts for ordnance. Capt Van Fossen & Lieut Hudson's resignations came to hand. Wrote home. Aleck Sutherland just arrived--no news from the North. Sherman got into Marietta yesterday. No news from the East.

MONDAY 4

Rather a dry Fourth--not even a national salute--powder must be scarce or patriotism about dies out. Sutler went back to Chattanooga--no news of importance. Worked hard all day making out my quarterly returns of Ordnance. Maj on a tight, having taken too much of the 4th.

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TUESDAY 5 1864

Forwarded my 2nd quarter Ordnance returns. Maj Mc Naught Brig Officer of the day—the men left back with baggage came up—Lt Riley came up. Lt Hudson
left for home. Rec'd 4 letters, Aunt Mary, Lou, Mollie & Jennie. Also Jennie's present of candy ec which was very acceptable. Wrote home.

**WEDNESDAY 6**

Capt George W. Osburn sent in his resignation, forwarded and asked that it be accepted. Took tea with Capt "elman & Lt Riley. Capt "elman & I undertook to find a new camp—failed—No trains from the North. A train reported captured south of Dalton—nothing certain, only that rations are getting short.

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**THURSDAY 7 1864**

Weather hot and dry. Went with the line officers to hunt a new camping ground—advance our lines about 100 yards. Trains from the North arrived about 9 P.M. Got no news. Spent a couple of hours with Capt Simpson at Brigade Headquarters. Wrote home.

**FRIDAY 8**

Moved my Hd qrs to the top of the hill and now have a very pleasant position. Col Alexander started home this evening. Col Mc Cowan, 63rd Ills commands the Brigade. Succeeded in getting some new potatoes. Wrote to Jennie and Aunt Mary. Rec'd a letter from home (July 1st) all well.

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**SATURDAY 9 1864**

Made up my Ordnance returns for the 1st Quarter of 1864. Had an inspection of the command in the afternoon. Forward Chaplain Sand's notice of military commission. Wrote home. Went with Capt Welman to the creek and took a fine bath. No news from the front.

**SUNDAY 10**

Maj Mc Naught Brigade officer of the day. Capts Welman, Hyden, Lieut Lyons & Riley with 100 men on Pickets. QM with wagon train arrived this forenoon. Had a very fine rain this evening. Received a letter from home date June 28th. Our boys are getting plenty of berries and potatoes. Lieut Lyon detailed to command Provost Guard to report to Capt Clark.

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**MONDAY 11 1864**

Cloudy and pleasant this morning. Slept until near 7 o'clock. Had a good breakfast of potatoes, biscuits, berries ec Boys busy at work improving their quarters. QM arrived this morning with our train from Chattanooga. About sundown received orders to be ready to move at 5 A.M. tomorrow morning. Wrote home.

**TUESDAY 12**

Moved at 5 A.M. as follows, 5th Ohio Cavalry, 63rd Ills, 2 Batt 6 & 12, Pioneer Corps, 48th Ind, 4th Minn, 18th Wisc 80th Ohio, 26 Mo, Hqrs Div,
Brig Ordnance, supply train ec and 59th Ind. The rear didn't leave until 8 a.m. The day was very hot. We marched slow—passed thro Cass ville and bivouacked 1 mile S.E. of Cartersville. It took 8 hours to make 12 miles.

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WEDNESDAY 13

The 4th Minn, 18th Wisc, 80th Ohio & 12th Wisc Battery under the command of Col Tourtlotte sent to Atlanta. They left at 6 a.m. The rest of the Brigade disposed of as follows, 43th Ind & 63rd South of Fort Etowa 59th west of the fort, 6th Wisc Battery at the Fort 26th Mo Guard for train. Div Hd Qr about 1 mile west. Rec'd letter July 5th.

THURSDAY 14

Maj McNaught Brigade officer of day—boys got a fine lot of black berries—have got a tolerable camp, but very dirty, nice quarters for myself—wrote home—Spent the most of the day playing old sledge with Quartermaster Brown, beat him very badly. Oscar Harrison called to see me—Saw Dr Welburn of 97th Ind. Dr Rogers was at our Qrs in the afternoon.

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FRIDAY 15

With Capt Welman I visited Brig Head Qrs & the works on top of the hill. Lt Clark with 6th Wisc Bat in charge. From the hill we have a very fine view of the country. Capt McBride called on me and spent an hour or two—fried fish for dinner, dumplings, pie & Strawberries for supper. Rec'd letter of 10th.

SATURDAY 16

By hard work we have succeeded in getting our camp in pretty good order. Wrote a long letter home. Got papers of the 12th & 13th and 14th. All speak of the Rebel raid in Maryland & of a pretty large scare—several trains passed from the front but brought no news—are living very well at present, having plenty of berries, apples and potatoes.

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SUNDAY 17

Capt Welman Brigade officer of the day. Received a letter from "Home" July 12th—all well, weather very hot—had our usual Sunday morning inspection. Have got our camp about cleaned up. We are having cool and very pleasant weather—Rec'd a letter from Lou 13th. Read Jennie's letter to Capt Welman.

MONDAY 18

Quite cool and pleasant this morning. Got the proceedings of the Indiana Dem. Convention in the Commercial—Hon Joe Mc Donald for Gov'r—wrote home this morning—got papers this morning of 16th. The Reb raid in Maryland about played out. Gold and produce on the decline. Weather keeps cool and pleasant. Health of Rgt good. Got my head shaved.
TUESDAY 19
1864

Our detail for patrol duty for three days came in the morning—furnished 2
Officers and about 75 men for Picket. Maj Mc Naught Brigade officer of the
day. App'd the Major the Squire of the Regiment. The train of the 16th
A.C. passed through to the front this morning. A herd of 2,000 cattle came
in this morning.

WEDNESDAY 20

"Veather dry and warm. Went with Capt Welman to call on Capt Mc Bride, found
him in a very pleasant place. Met Col Mc Fall 26th Mo at Capt B's. Lt
Riley got a medical certificate to go to Officer's Hospital Lookout Mountain.
Dr Brown came up this evening from Huntsville.

THURSDAY 21
1864

Rained very hard in the afternoon which makes it very pleasant—wrote home.
Rec'd letter of the 15th—all well—Joe Sutherland started for Chattanooga.
It was reported that the 5th Iowa were driven in last night at Kingston—
guess it was only a rumor.

FRIDAY 22

Damp and cloudy this morning, rather cool for the season, had to furnish
about 100 men for Picket. Capt Welman Brigade officer of the day. At noon
received notice that Atlanta had been evacuated and that Gen'l Sherman
occupied the place. Wrote a long letter to Lou—rained again to day.

SATURDAY 23
1864

Very cool this morning, had to draw on my overcoat—was over to Guard
mounting. Very dirty around Brig Head Qu'r's. Gen'l Mc Pherson was killed at
12 M yesterday—his body and that of Gen'l Giles A Smith went by—wrote a
long letter home. It is reported that Forrest has Huntsville.

SUNDAY 24

Still continues very cool. There must have been frost last night in Indiana.
Capt Osburn's resignation received last night. Had a slight alarm about
3 P.M. long roll was beat and Regt in line—in an hour it reported all quiet.
Had dress parade about 4 P.M. Had no drill this morning. Have no late news
from Sherman or Grant.

MONDAY 25
1864

Continues cold. Maj Mc Naught Brigade officer of day. Capt Osburn left for
home—furnished 50 men and 2 officers for railroad Guard, 2 officers and 65
men for picket—1 officer & 50 men for fatigue at Brigade Hd Qu'r's. 20 men
with forage detail. Had roasting ears, beans, new potatoes &c for dinner.
Col Alexander returned.
TUESDAY 26

Called on Col A at Brig Head Crs but learned nothing from home and but very little Indiana news—wrote to Grandfather—Our boys for forage saw a few Rebs but did not exchange shots—Joe Sutherland returned from Chattanooga with latest papers—Capy Hyden sent forward his resignation. Had chicken for dinner "Hollis" mustered.

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WEDNESDAY 27

Cold rainy morning. Overcoat feels pleasant. Gen'l Logan commands Army & Dpt of Tenn. Gen'l U.S. Smith 15th A.C.—wrote home—Rec'd 3 letters, Jennie & Mrs S—all well. Rained the most of the day. Dr Rogers came over in the afternoon & we had a quarrel over politics but parted good friends. No news from the front—two or three Regts passed to the rear to be mustered out.

THURSDAY 28

Cool windy morning. Capt Welman Brigade Officer of the day. Furnished 100 men for grand guard, 20 men for escort for forage train Br's Hqrs. Letter from home 23th. 3 years ago today had a grand reception of Co "K" 7th Ind at Martinsville, having returned from 3 months service. Some talk of consolidating the 48th and 59th Ind. Don't know how it will terminate—but hope it will be favorable.

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FRIDAY 29

Weather getting very warm. Capt Lovell inspected our Ordnance this afternoon. A detail of 1 officer, Lt Bartholomew & 25 men to cut wood for railroad. It is reported that Gen'l Hooker has resigned & gone home. Gen'l Howard assigned to the Dept Tennessee. Wrote a long letter to Mrs S. Had a fine dress parade as the Regt was all present.

SATURDAY 30

Very warm this morning with signs of rain. The train of the 23rd Army Corps passed through to the front, also a Reet of Cavalry. Dr Rogers was over to see us and we had an old fashioned political quarrel—had a thunder storm late in the afternoon—no mail today or papers. Consequently we have no news either North or South.

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Sunday 31

Maj Mc Naught Brigade officer of the day. 3 officers and 100 men on grand guard. A herd of 2,000 cattle passed this morning—Had a heavy thunder storm, but very little rain. Rec'd a letter from home (26th) Wrote to Jennie—had no dress parade as it was raining. Am detail on a Gen'l Court Martial to convene tomorrow. Beat "Q" a few points ($5.00)—no papers.

AUGUST

MONDAY 1

Wrote home. Am on a Court Martial, composed of Captts Allen, Stanford & Davis 63rd Ills—Captts Rice, Gibbon & Bingam 48th Ind met and immediately adjourned—
Col Alexander was over to camp this morning. Maj had a battalion drill. It was very well, as the Regt have not been drilled before for some time. We are having regular April showers.

TUSSDAY 2 1864

Gen'l Court Martial in session, tried and determined two cases from 59th Ind, weather warm with showers, had our first "peach cobbler" of the season, it was splendid—no papers to be had. Can't understand the reason, but have no doubt there is a good one. Lt Lyons was mustered this P.M. Ordered to make out pay rolls (Lttr of 29th)

WEDNESDAY 3

Tried and determined three cases. Gen'l Kilpatrick with his command passed. 63rd I'lls move into town—Maj McNaught Brigade officer of the day—furnished grand guard & rail road patrol—hard rain in the afternoon—succeeded in getting papers of the 2nd, but found no news of importance—wrote home—got letters from Sutherland, Sands & Hudson. Will answer them soon.

THURSDAY 4 1864

Had a very hard rain this morning. Q Brown sent out with forage train, got plenty of corn. Tried but one case—that was for desertion—Can't get news either from the front or rear, expect everything is going on O.K. A Brigade of Cavalry passed to the front—Had another political quarrel with Dr Rogers finally turned him over to the Maj.

FRIDAY 5

Cool and pleasant—Capt Welman Brigade officer of the day—Tried and determined one case—signed up the Pay rolls. 48th paid off—letter from home 31 July—all well—drove of cattle passed to the front—Col Brown leaves Regiment went up on the train, going to Nashville for horses, having lost them in the recent raids. Welman was up to see me—wrote to Mrs S.

SATURDAY 6 1864

Very cool & pleasant. Wrote to Maj Starck & Mr Fry, Huntsville. Court done no business on account of Judge Advocate being sick. Lieut De Forest appointed Judge Advocate. Rained most of the afternoon. Wrote home Maj Starck & Mr Frye. Paymaster Major Storms paid us off late this morning, not withstanding the rain, the boys fell in promptly for the "Greenbacks" Cols D & K not paid.

SUNDAY 7

Sutherland came in this morning. I got a letter from "Bloom" and photo of J.M.Mitchell & wife—Bright beautiful morning—Maj Brigade officer—was in luck in the letter line—got 4 one each from Mrs S, Lou, Bloom & Thos. Capt Hyden's acceptance of resignation came to day—weather cool and pleasant—Adjt tendered his resignation—remained in camp all day. Have 100 men on "Grand Guard"—got some late papers. News not very good.
Cool & pleasant with showers nearly every day. Dr Brown went to Marietta after sanitary supplies he got (back) about sun down--Dr Rogers went to Huntsville--wrote to "Tho". Tried & disposed of 3 cases. Lt De Forest 18th Wisc Judge Advocate--went over to Brigade Hd Qrs after supper and spent one hour or two. Lt Lyons sent out to relieve Lieut Barthalewew on wood detail.

TUESDAY 9

Cool, cloudy & pleasant. Capt Welman Brigade officer of the day, had to furnish Grand Guard & rail road patrol. 48th had inspection--disposed of 3 cases--Capt Hyden relieved from duty--rained during the day--wrote home--ordered to relieve our wood detail every week. Had Battalion drill. boys learning very fast. Capt Burscham, & Lt Faucett sent in their resignations, have not forwarded them yet.

WEDNESDAY 10

Rained very hard this morning and showers during the day. two or three C's of 48th went out on a scout, have no report of their proceedings. Had general inspection this afternoon, the boys made a fine appearance. Had 2 cases to day. Spent an hour or two at Brig Hd Qrs after supper. Forwarded Lieut Faucett's application for resignation.

THURSDAY 11

Rained in the afternoon. Sent Capt Buck with his Co (to) the Block House at Pettis Creek--furnished Grand Guard & forage detail--Maj on duty--forwarded Capt Burman's resignation--wrote Mollie, Lou & Buck Ferrell--rec'd a letter from Mrs S of the 7th--tried no case to day--some of the 4th Tenn Cavalry passed through to Decature--several of Stoneman's cavalry have come in.

FRIDAY 12

Mc Cook's Division of Cavalry & mounted infantry came in this morning, they go in camp here to reorganize--Lt Maxwell with 40 men went as scout for a wagon train to Chattanooga. Lt Brandon reported for duty--Capt Hyden started home--sent Mrs S by express $300--rained in the afternoon--tried 2 cases. Got letter from Capt Van Fossen.

SATURDAY 13

Weather rather warmer, rained in the morning--tried no cases to day. Capt Welman officer of the day--was over to Brig. Hd Qrs an hour or two--got no news--Capt Parsons, 2nd Cav took dinner with us, he was with Mc Cook in the recent raids--wrote home--Sutherland went to Chattanooga to day. Sent $300 by him to be expressed to Mrs SR.B. are up last night (?)

SUNDAY 14

Warm morning with indications of rain. Sent 35 men as escort for forage train--about 2 P.M. received an order to to hold the command ready to move at
a moments notice with 3 days rations—moved about sundown and went 5 or 6 miles up the river and was ordered back—all the Cavalry out—it is reported the Rebs captured 1,000 head of cattle near Calhoun.

MONDAY 15

Was in line of battle and under arms at 3 a.m. but no person disturbed us. Wheeler is making a raid on the railroad at Dalton, trains are all stopped—three or four regiments have gone up the road, the 48th among the rest, we are left alone at present—tried and determined one case—Co A, Lt Bartholomew sent to the Block House. Maj Officer of the day. Had a light shower of rain.

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TUESDAY 16

1864

Cloudy and warm—Capt Welman officer of the day—no news from the rear nor our front. Rebs have vacated Dalton and are retreating on Resaca where they will meet our troops in force. There are many reports about the situation and force of the enemy in our rear, it created very little alarm here. Adj't's papers returned disapproved. Rain.

WEDNESDAY 17

Bright clear morning. Maj officer of the day, no news from the front or rear—rather warm to day. Still no trains from the North. It is reported that Wheeler was defeated at Dalton with a loss of over 200. Our loss reported at 9 killed and 55 wounded. All quiet on the "Etowah" Our Guard duty very heavy, men on every day. Court martial still in session.

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THURSDAY 18

1864

Warm and cloudy with signs of rain. The 48th returned about sundown, all well and hearty, did not meet the enemy. No trains from the North and no news from the front. A force of about 2000 Rebs reported to be within 6 miles of us is not believed, we are ready for a visit at any time. J. Self of Co F dies tonight.

FRIDAY 19

Beautiful clear morning—all quiet. Still furnishing all the guards—trains commenced running again—our wagon train was captured at Dalton, one wagon burned & mules taken—Lt Maxwell at Dalton waiting orders. Large numbers of troops passing both North & South—Ree'd a letter from home 8th & 10th—wrote home. Maj Brigade officer—Adjt lost his horse at Dalton—haven't seen a newspaper for a week—rained.

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SATURDAY 20

1864

A party of Infantry of 300 from 59th & 200 from 48th under Maj Mc Naught & Cavalry Division all under Gen'l Mc Cook left on a scout at 4 a.m. Returned about noon, found nothing—no court to day—wrote home. Dr Rogers returned from Huntsville Got the papers of 15th & 16th. No news of importance. Col A, Lt Col W & Lieut Jack, made us a visit after dark—amused them.
SUNDAY 21

Rained last night & still raining this morning. Capt Welman Off of day-letter from home 17th--wrote home—all details except Co's A, C, D came in this morning, some of them having been out for 6 days. Capt C.S. White, A.A.G. 3rd Div 15 A.C. died this P.M. He has been sick 10 days or two weeks with flux—rained nearly all day—in the afternoon very hard—have received papers as late as due—they contain but very little news.

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MONDAY 22

Court martial still in session, tried no cases to day as the Def'lds were not ready. Capt White's funeral postponed until tomorrow. Spent the day in writing letters &c After supper received an order to be ready to embark on the train now on its way from Marietta with my command and to report to Gen'l Steadman at Chattanooga.

TUESDAY 23

Left Etowah at 12 a.m. Found the 18th Wisc, Lt Col Jackson on board. Arrived at Linton at about 6½ a.m.—remained about an hour—had a cup of coffee made. Arrived at Dalton about 9 a.m. Got Lt Maxwell and command on board. Arrived Tunnel Hill at 12 M., remained some time, arrived at Knoxville Junction at 3 P.M. met Gen'l Steadman and went up the Knoxville road to Charleston.

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WEDNESDAY 24

Left Charleston about sun up—was put into a Brigade consisting of 18th Wisc, 39th Iowa, 57th Ills & 59th Ind making about 1,100 total—had command of the same, passed through Athens about 3 P.M. went 4 miles east and bivouacked. Made about 17 miles—the day was very warm. Passed through rather a fine country. Wheeler 4 days in advance.

THURSDAY 25

Moved at 6 a.m. moved about 6 miles and halted until 2 P.M. Our expedition appears to be after Wheeler who passed along the road 4 or 5 days ago, cutting telegraph, burning R.R. &c This morning had a splendid view of the mountains, the top appearing above the clouds immediately in front of us running to a point at the South—sent out scouts—found no Rebs—returned to 2 miles of Athens & bivouacked.

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FRIDAY 26

Left this morning at 5 a.m. Our brigade in front—marched to our camp of the 24th and halted for some time, marched to about 1 mile of Athens and bivouacked. Sent out a scout to Madisonville—indications of rain—went to work & prepared accordingly, but fortunately for us, it went by, drew ½ rations for 2 days.

SATURDAY 27

Clear and hot this morning. Our scouts returned about 8 a.m. having been 4 miles east of Madisonville, found no "Rebs". Moved at 9 a.m. went through
Athens with colors flying and music playing—went about 1 mile west of Riceville and went into camp, having marched about 7 miles—the cars are running to this place, have plenty of corn & watermelon.

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SUNDAY 28

No inspection this morning. Had a good nights sleep and breakfast about sun up. Two trains arrived and took off the 1st & 2nd Brig. We did not get off until about 4 P.M. 39, 57, 13 & 59th when within 3 miles of Cleveland one of the advance trains ran off the track, nobody hurt, but had to disembark & bivouack for the night.

MONDAY 29

Moved into Cleveland early this morning—found the rest of the command, drew one day's rations—got a very good breakfast at Mrs. Daily. Cleveland had about 1,000 inhabitants, is the county seat of County. Is garrisoned by the 2nd Ohio Heavy Artillery. Got off about 1 P.M. and arrived at Chattanooga about 6 P.M. Went to Capt. Week's Qrs & stayed with Bloom. Got a good supper.

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TUESDAY 30

Was ordered to leave for Etowah at 9 a.m. but before that hour arrived, was ordered to go North, 57th Ills at Bridgeport 39th Iowa at Stevenson, 18th Wis at Cowan & 59th to go to Tullahoma. Arrived at "T" about 10 P.M. and reported to Maj. Gen'l Milroy, bivouacked near rail road. Met Maj Jno O Craven A.A.G on Staff. Glad to see him.

WEDNESDAY 31

Maj. with Co's E, F & G went out with forage train. K & G went to Duck River, B & H went down the Rail road. C still in camp. The 137th Ind and a part of the 138th Ind both 100 day regiments are at this post, they are ordered home as their time is about up and will leave in a few days. Wheeler cut the road last night. Co's all came in—all O.K.

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SEPTEMBER
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THURSDAY 1

Co "C" sent up the rail road with 2 days rations, Co's K & I sent down the road with 2 days rations—all on the cars, drew 3,000 rounds of ammunition. Turned over a new leaf Cash $3.07. receive orders to move but when the cars came there was no room, so we had to remain. Gen'l Milroy left.

FRIDAY 2

Cool & Cloudy. Company H sent with forage train, wrote home. Communication cut off from Nashville. Gen'l Steadman went up last night with a large force. Gen'l Milroy also went up with all the Cavalry, the 137th Ind and the 59th remained at Tullahoma to guard the place.
Furnished 40 men and one officer for grand guard, rained and hailed very hard in the afternoon, had to send the command in every direction for shelter, two companies getting under cover at Gen'l Milroy's Hqrs, the rest getting in old sheds etc, didn't get wet myself as I was on a porch.

**SUNDAY 4**

Capt Welman, field officer of the day. Called on Col Robinson, took a ride with Maj Cravens and Maj Pickerell, went out and examined the works erected by Gen'l Bragg, don't think the works amount to much, visited the "Big Spring" and returned in time for supper. Many rumors about Wheeler.

**MONDAY 5**

Sent Capt Hollis & Lt Maxwell with 75 men to escort forage train, of course they went as far as Murfreesboro and returned at dusk. Gen'l Steadman with his command went South. It is rumored that the 20 Corps occupy Atlanta.

**TUESDAY 6**

No forage train went out today, as it was not considered very safe. Colonel Jordan of 9 Pena Cav at a fight at ______ with Debrill's command, defeating him, killing & wounding many of his command. It is reported that Fort Morgan has surrendered, also that Sherman has taken 20,000 prisoners at Atlanta. All good.

**WEDNESDAY 7**

Commenced boarding with Mrs Shepperd at $1 per day. Capt Burnam sent out with forage detail. Capt Lee on guard, Tom Wright of Co "G" who was wounded a few days ago died last night. Havent much to do but furnish details for guard & forage.

**THURSDAY 8**

No news from Gen'l Milroy, no forage train sent out today as it is reported that some of Wheeler's men are still around—received an order to detail 2 officers and 80 men to go North on train, by the time they were ready the order was countermanded. All quiet.

**FRIDAY 9**

Gen'l Milroy & command arrived this morning. Capt Welman Field officer of the day. Started to go the rounds with him, commenced to rain, and succeeded in getting wet. Capt Hollis & Lt Lyons with 40 men went up on construction train, part of detail came back at night, others went to M'boro.
SATURDAY 10

In the forenoon went with Maj Cravens about 4 miles North to visit one of the block houses, returned at noon, late in the afternoon, went with Gen'l Milroy and several officers to visit the cascades, took a good bath. Lt Lyons detailed to go to Etowa for baggage trains are now running.

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SUNDAY 11 1864

Beautiful morning. Seen the Nashville Press of the 10th, the first paper we have seen for several days, no news of importance. Lt Col Jackson, 18th Wisc came up in the afternoon and remained an hour or two, says he has plenty of hard work, cant complain much as to our work.

MONDAY 12

Maj, Capt Welman & Lee and myself took a long walk on the railroad. Found the "Cave Spring" but no water, visited Mr Russel and family, they told us of many incidents happening during the stay of Gen'l Bragg. Cars have started running and there is a prospect of getting our mail & papers.

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TUESDAY 13 1864

An other beautiful day. The 137th began to talk of leaving. Gen'l Milroy is trying to have us attached to his command, hope he may succeed. We are having fine health and are all getting fat and lazy. Cant hear anything from the Brig. Guess we are lost.

WEDNESDAY 14

Beautiful day. about 2 PM received orders to relieve Col Robinson in command of the "Post"—reported and had every (thing) turned over to me. Appointed Capt Welman Provost Marshal and Lt Hardin Post Adjutant. The 137th Ind left for Indianapolis. Lt Lyons returned with baggage—got 4 letters from home. Its Brown & Sutherland came up.

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THURSDAY 15 1864

Hot weather, a busy day getting the "Post" machinery going, think we are doing very well for green hands, this being a new kind of soldiering for us. Aleck Sutherland goes to Louisville tonight, sent by him for a pair of boots. The 13 (?) Ind left about 11 PM for Indianapolis. Wrote Nollie & Jennie.

FRIDAY 16

The 12th Ind Cav'ly (dismounted) arrived last night, met Gen'l Moore an old resident of this country, 79 years of age, he commanded a company under Gen'l Jackson, Davey Crockett was a private in his company, he enlisted him about 8 miles from this place. Sent to Etowa for our mail. Wrote home.
Rec'd 2 letters this morning, one from "Home" the other from Lt Thos Orner, he says their HdQrs are now at Atlanta—Sent Frank back for more mail—and considerable business to do to day. Capt Welman & myself called on the Miss "Cliff's" from McMinnville, they being driven from home.

SUNDAY 18

Beautiful day. Col Anderson 12th Ind Cav is ordered to relieve me in command of the "Post", turned over the "machine" and issued my validictory order. Our command to report to Gen'l Steadman at Chattanooga without delay, have commenced to pack my traps—have had a short but brilliant command.

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SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 19

1864

Left Tullahoma about 10 A.M. had a very pleasant trip and arrived at Chattanooga about 8 P.M., reported to Gen'l Steadman and was ordered to Cowel with the engines--The citizens of Tullahoma didn't like to see us leave, but we had to travel—18th Wisc not relieved so we had to come along (?)

TUESDAY 20

Am ordered to escort a wagon train belonging to the 4th Corps through to Altoona. Left Chattanooga about noon and went out to Rossville about 5 miles and bivouacked, found a fine spring, the train arrived about dark. Met Capt Sands formerly of the 11th Ohio Battery at the Crutchfield house. Called on Maj Crowell, Provost Marshal of the Div.

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SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 21

1864

Raining hard this morning. Q Brown went back to Chattanooga and took the train for Etowa. Left Rossville about 8 a.m. arrived at Ringold about 3 P.M. having made about 17 miles which we considered very well as the teams were all new. Col Hays, 18th refused to let me occupy an old church. Rain.

THURSDAY 22

Started at 7 a.m. Found Chicamauga creek considerably swollen but not enough to prevent our crossing, when within three miles of Dalton, it was reported that there was fighting going on at that place, found it to be false. About 3 P.M. encamped at "Hermit Springs" rained very hard during the night but fortunately we were inside.

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SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 23

1864

Moved at 7 a.m. found the roads in very good order not withstanding the hard rain of last night. Arrived at Resaca about 3 P.M. crossed the river and encamped about 1 mile from town. Called on Col Rawson, met Jack Skin on his way home. rained all day, made 17 miles.
SATURDAY 24

Left Resaca about 7 a.m., cloudy but no rain, roads rather slippery but made better than yesterday, made Calhoun about 10 a.m. Found the place occupied by the 56th Ills, got some pies & Hoosier "baite" arrived at Adairsville about 3 P.M. and "bivouacked", met Maj Robb Lts Harryman, Mitchell & Burns all on their way home.

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SUNDAY 25 1864


MONDAY 26

Left Adairsville at 7 A.M. Capt Lee's detachment in front found a high ridge road to Cassville having left Kingston to the west. Arrived at Cassville at 11½ a.m. rested for half an hour, got the first persimmons of the season—moved on slowly and made Etowa at 3 P.M. dissolved our connection with the "Train" and went into our old camp.

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TUESDAY 27 1864

At home again. Received 2 letters from home last night, 11th & 16th also one from Buck Terrell, overhauled all the orders issued during our absence—wrote home—went up to the village in the afternoon—Gen'l Smith gone to Chattanooga —had dress parade—Lt Lyons ordered to take command of "I" Co.

WEDNESDAY 28

Assumed my position on the General Court Martial—tried one case—took dinner in town as it was raining too hard to come home. Rec'd a letter from Lt Orner in Atlanta—no letters or papers from North of Chattanooga. Dr Rogers was over to see us and made a very small deposit.

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THURSDAY 29 1864

Court Martial stills in session, tried and determined 2 cases, took dinner with Aleck Sutherland, large number of the 4th Corps going up the road. Gen'l Smith still at Chattanooga. Sent in our pay rolls, rained some during the afternoon, had some visitors tonight.

FRIDAY 30

Rained very hard during the night. Tried and determined 2 cases—troops continue to pass North. Sent recommendations for promotion also requisition for drafted men, wrote to Jennie & Lt Orner. Division forage train went out today. 48th had to furnish 150 men, didn't get back until after dark.
Attended Court Martial but on account of sickness of some witnesses had to adjourn until Monday. Tried to find out something about mustering Veterans, but failed to get any information. Was invited to take dinner with Sutler, as he had pot pie, very foolishly declined and went back to camp.

SUNDAY 2

Worked hard all day on my quarterly return of Ordnance, have to rule all my blanks. Dr Roger's resignation accepted and he and Capt Burnam left for Cartersville to take train for home—wrote home and sent by Dr Rogers. Rained hard all day and after night came near being drowned out, but managed to live through.

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OCTOBER MONDAY 3 1864

Still raining. Brevet Brig Gen Rawn in command of Division. Dr Rogers and Capt Burnam got off at 10:00 a.m. Court Martial not in session. Returned to camp and finished by quarter return of Ordnance for 3rd Qr 1864, also made return for 4th Qr 1863. Adjt Branch detailed as Act. Ord officer of 3rd Div. No trains from the North, road out South.

TUESDAY 4

Rain this morning. Attended court and tried one case. got back to camp at noon. Capt Mc Bride took dinner with me. All communications cut off. Firing heard in the direction of Altoona, 200 men on guard 50 for forage, but few in camp, ordered to hold our command "well in hand" will try to do so. Sent 25 men to work on fortifications at Fort. Just at dark, started for Altoona, got to the bridge and was ordered back.

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OCTOBER WEDNESDAY 5 1864

Heavy firing heard in the direction of Altoona about 7 a.m. About 10 a.m. was ordered to have my command ready to move with 60 rounds of ammunition. Gen'l Rawn said he would go with us in direction of Altoona—dint go—fighting near all day at Altoona. Rebels badly routed—loss heavy on both sides. Gen'l Corse & Lt Col Tourtelott wounded.

THURSDAY 6

Rained very hard this morning. Court martial not in session. Visited Altoona in co. with Col Mc Cowan, Col Imminger & ---- Arrived at A about 2 P.M. found our troops burying the dead. Our loss about 500 K,W,M. Rebs near 1000. Gen'l Corse wounded in cheek, Col Tourtelott in thigh, Lt Amedon in leg. Lt Col Redfield, 39th Iowa killed, the battle was a very hard one. Our victory complete.
Rained during the night, a very large quantity of drift wood lodged against the bridge and broke the middle trestle, the Pioneer Corps went to work at the drift—went up town after dinner but tried no cases as the def'ts were on duty. Gen'l Corse's command passed up to Cartersville. Trains can run over bridge.

SATURDAY 8

Tried and determined five cases this forenoon which leaves but one case to dispose of. Wrote Jennie yesterday and home to day. Pioneer Corps still at work on the drift. 8,000 head of cattle passed to the front this morning—had every man on duty to day—Weather clear and cool with a raw North wind. Have had no news from the North for several days.

SUNDAY 9

Was to have had inspection to day at 2 P.M. but Inspector failed to come. Gen'l Smith arrived last night—saw him at the Brigade this morning—very cold and high wind, but clear. Mr Hooker reported for the Indianapolis Journal, took dinner with us—big scare at Cartersville, but not much in our camp. "Wrote Father & Home."

MONDAY 10

Court in session. Commenced the trial of Capt Owens, 5 A.V.C.—Gen'l Sherman arrived this morning. Saw Brig Gen'l Mc Arthur and Maj Gen'l Coox. The 23rd passed through going in the direction of Rome—sent a mail North—clear & warm day—furnished grand guard and wood det. The 14th Corps encamped near us—troops were passing all night.

TUESDAY 11

The 15th Corps passed this morning, rode up to town with Col Hunter 82d Ind. seen Gen'l Howard. Wiley Dittemore took dinner with us. Court still in session—the train of the 14, 15 & 17th Corps have been passing all day, at 3½ P.M. received orders to be ready to move at a moments notice, have about 125 men in camp—received a mail got 2 letters from home & 2 from Jennie.

WEDNESDAY 12

Capt Robinson, A.A.G. General inspected the command at 8 a.m.—Court Martial still in session, about 2 P.M. heard cannonading in the direction of Rome. Lt Orner arrived about 4 P.M. on his way home, took dinner with us and proceeded to Cartersville—wrote home & to Jennie. Capt Welman Brigade Officer of the day. Gen'l Smith call to see us.

THURSDAY 13

Beautiful weather—Court still in session, took dinner with Capt Collins at Dr —— returned to camp and found "The" he left at 3 P.M. Maj with 125 men at work on the "Fort" Railroad reported cut at Resaca, got a small mail. Men are all busy at work preparing winter quarters, "The" didn't get off.
FRIDAY 14

 Had 125 men on Fort under charge of Maj Mc Naught. Theo, Orner and Carver are with us—Capt Simpson, Capt Clark, Lt Orner and myself took dinner with Capt Mc Bride, had pumpkin pie and other good things, weather warm and pleasant—Court still in session, hope to close in a day or two. No news from Sherman—have no news of the election in Indiana.

SUNDAY 15

Court martial in session, finished the case of Capt Owens and adjourned until 9 A.M. Monday. Capt Lee Brigade officer of the day, furnished 133 officers and men for guard (16th) furnished 50 men for forage. It is reported that Gen Sherman has his Hd Qrs at Rome and that Gen'l Hood has his at Dalton, if so, we are a long distance in the rear. Had a chimney built.

FIRE WEATHER—clear and warm, didn't go up town to day as "Court" was not in session. No work done on the Fort to day, some 5 or 6 trains passed to the front about noon, they were not loaded, no news from any direction although plenty of rumors. "Wrote Home" but don't know when the letter will start. One of the Cavalry Brigades discharged their guns in the P.M. created some excitement.

TUESDAY 16

"The" and Carver got off this morning by taking the first train going North. Court met at the usual hour, but adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow as there was no cases for trial, remained in town but a short time—was introduced to Gen'l McCook—his command left this morning, part of Kilpatrick's command came in.

WEDNESDAY 19

Court martial met at the usual hour, having no business, we adjourned sine die having been in session 80 days—have a very sore throat, bad cold and wound up with a genuine Hoosier Shake—remained in bed all day. About 11 P.M. got a telegram that Morton was elected gov't by 25,000 majority. Col Wood with the band came over and serenaded officers and several officers got on a regular drunk.

THURSDAY 20

Feel much better this morning. Think I will be OK in a few days. I think the Dr takes pleasure prescribing very large quantities of medicines—Capt Hollis with 50 men at work on Fort—2 officers & 133 men on guard. Lt Bartholamee with Co "A" relieved from Block house. Maj Qr Mr & Capt Hollis about straight again—the election news was rather too much for them. "Wrote Home."
Have received orders to have all our sick & convalescents ready to send to Chattanooga as we are expecting to move in a week or ten days—officers had a meeting and committee appointed to draft resolutions expressing our feelings in regard to the recent election—Capt Simpson call to see me—got a mail—3 letters Oct 9 & 11, Sept 26.

SATURDAY 22

Every man "for Duty" was on detail to day, having to furnish grand guard, wood shed, forage & fateague at Fort Mc Cowan. Have received no papers from the North later than the 11th, consequently have but very little election news. We now have our camp in very fine order. Capt Welman being the last to build quarters. Wrote a long LETTER HOME. Maj on the sick list.

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SUNDAY 23

Furnished no details to day except wood shed—we are having very pleasant weather. Forwarded Lt Bartholomew's tender of resignation, also papers to Mrs Jane Gray in relation to the death of David W Gray--Forwarded to Adjt Gen'l petition of Elizabeth Gray etal for the discharge of John A Gray. Cant say that I am right well to day.

MONDAY 24

Every man on detail this morning for grand guard and forage—a large forage train went out this morning—the guard 250 men under command of Maj Mc N, the wagons 100 under QM Brown. They expect to be gone two days—Capt Simpson called in the afternoon and took supper with us—have no news of importance—"Wrote Home"—mail went out this afternoon.

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TUESDAY 25

Weather still pleasant—forage train returned about 4 P.M. We got some chickens, ducks, pumpkins etc—had fried chicken for supper—Capt Welman Brigade officer for the day. Adjt Branch returned to the Regt Uncle Joe Sutherland brought me a Chattanooga Gazette for the 22d—Lt Bartholomew's papers returned.

WEDNESDAY 26

Sent our sick to Cartersville but they were returned. Lt Bartholomew again forwarded his resignation—received an order to have unserviceable Ordnance inspected—have a very nice "(?)" comforter. Rec'd a communication from the Gov enquiring about Eli Hall "I" Co—wrote to Mother. Weather very rainy and disagreeable.

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THURSDAY 27

Rained hard last night—my "shebang" kinder leaks. Wrote to Mollie & Jennie. Rec'd a letter 19th. The Rebs cut the road last night at Cassville, throwing a train off the track—Gen'l Kilpatrick's command moving to Marietta—had a few arms inspected—entire command in camp to day—no further orders about our moving.
FRIDAY 28

Beautiful morning—furnished guard and wood shed guard. Maj. Mc Naught Brigade officer of the day—furnished 80 men to work on Fort Mc Cowan—our pickets were fired on night before last—Capt Simpson came down and spent an hour or two—Lt De Forest call in a few minutes this morning—heaven't been in town for several days on account of my "boil"—it is getting better.

SUNATURDAY 29 1864

Wrote to Adjt Gen'l Thomas in regard to our different musters. "Wrote to Mother." The cars have commenced running again—two hospital and several freight trains passed South. Went over to Brigade Hd Quarters and also the 48th Ind, the first time I have been out of camp for several days. Furnished 65 men with Lt Lyons for forage.

SUNDAY 30

Capt Welman Brigade officer of the day. Capt Lee & Lt Hughes with 100 men on grand guard. In the afternoon went around the picket line with Capt Welman. Received the proceedings of the General Court Martial in the case of Fuller, Hammon, Petty et al. Jake Nloat give us a nice piece of fresh pork for which Jake has our thanks—trains are now running regular between Atlanta and Chattanooga.

MONDAY 31 1864

Furnished 125 men for "Forage" commanded by Lt Faucett & Hardin. "Mustered for pay." Went out to the Block house with Capt Welman & took dinner with Capt Buck—Lt Brandon returned for "duty." Joe Sutherland's horse was killed by one of the pickets last night. Got two nice sharts cash $10 per pound. Jim Eads gave me a fine pumpkin pie—weather warm and pleasant.

TUESDAY 1

Maj Mc Naught Brigade officer of the day. Capt Hollis and Lt Bartholomew with 100 men on grand guard. It is reported that the army of the Tennessee have gone back to Atlanta via Dallas and that the 2nd Brigade have been relieved—if so, our time will come soon. At 7 P.M. our forage detail of yesterday had not returned—Rec'd letter from home 23rd & Jim Walker. "Wrote home" Cold raw day with rain.

WEDNESDAY 2 1864

Had a hard storm of wind and rain last night, the storm kept up all day—large command of artillery went North on the trains to day—the 4th Corps wagon train passed this a.m. for Chattanooga. Our forage train got in about 9 p.m. today—they were delayed on account of a bridge being burnt—Rec'd 4 letters Mollie 3 & 26 Oct, Father & Aunt Mary.

THURSDAY 3

Still stormy. Capt Welman Brigr officer of the day, furnished guard and wood shed guard, wrote to Father & Glesner. Rhodes of Co "K" returned to duty which makes everything very disagreeable. Had a long talk with Lieut Maxwell.
about his trip to California—believe I have a slight attack of fever, all enlisted men whose time expires to day ordered to be discharged.

FRIDAY 4

Cold, windy & rain, regular fall weather for the north—have to extend my chimney—wrote to M, Jennie & Dr Stucky—ordered to turn over all our teams but two, have everything packed ready for a move. Lieut Maxwell’s papers returned "not approved". No more officers to be discharged unless "utterly worthless". Sick men’s furloughs extended to Nov. 12th.

SATURDAY 5

Beautiful clear day, with warm sunshine, went up town in the afternoon. Met Lt-Col Henderson of the 10th Iowa and several officers of the 26th Mo, both Regts are encamped near Cartersville. Rec’d orders to send all tents, boxes, chests, trunks etc to the rear immediately—will do so tomorrow. Capt Buck relieved from duty to accept an appointment in V.R.C. Lieut Brandon assigned to command Co "D". Wrote to Lou, letter J.V. Mitchell.

SUNDAY 6

Cold, cloudy, boisterous morning—quite a change from yesterday. Wrote J.V. Mitchell concerning Pearcefield—Maj. Woodson came at noon & paid Cos A, B, C, E & H and went out to Block house to pay Co D—he pays principally in 7.30 bonds expects to finish in the morning. Wiley Dittemore of the 97th Ind is with us to day. Sutherland, Howe, Maj W. and his clerk dined with us. no new orders as to our moving.

MONDAY 7

Clear and windy. Maj Woodson finished paying the Regt—Field & Staff paid to Oct 31st. Sent to care of H. Wampler by Capt Buck $ 700 for Mrs Scott in 7.30 bonds. For the number of bonds see page 185. Rec’d notice from Ordnance Dept that my 4th Qr of 1863 was all Ok. Several trains went North this evening loaded with artillery, camp equipage etc Capt Welman Brigade officer of the day.

TUESDAY 8

The day of the Presidential Election in the United States—rain & cold, raw wind—part of the 14th Corps came in this afternoon—trains still going North loaded with artillery etc Gen’l Sherman’s Hd Qrs are still reported to be at Kingston. Cassville was burned last Sunday—ordered to turn over all my surplus ammunition except 40 rounds to the man—

WEDNESDAY 9

Still damp and warm—just after dark had a very hard storm of wind and rain—sent all our tents etc to the rear—turned over our surplus Ordnance and are now ready for the field—all trains passing are loaded to their utmost—it is the general impression that our destination is Savannah. Lieut Bartholomew’s papers returned—wrote home in relation to future business.
Received a letter from Mrs S & Jennie—answered them—ordered to be ready to move on the morning of the 12th—Sutherland received a large stock of goods—he has a perfect jam of customers—Several of the officers went up town this evening and returned in rather lively condition, speeches by Maj Mc Naught, Capt Lee, Lieuts Hughes & Brown. Weather pleasant.

FRIDAY 11

Heavy white frost this morning—warm clear day. Went up town with Dr Brown & Capt Welman—got me a cap—Sutler shop a jam. Preparations making for a move tomorrow—furnished grand guard—Capt Lee & Lt Hughes on duty—wrote home—about 8 PM rec'd a notice to move at 7 A.M. in the morning. Grand Guard, wood shed & Pettis' Creek block house guards relieved. The 125th Ills relieved our guards.

SATURDAY 12

Was relieved by the 22nd Ind. Column moved at 7 a.m. in the following order 48th Ind, 93rd Ills, 63rd Ills, 59th Ind & 4th Minn. Hereafter only the number of the Regts will be given. Arrived at Altoona about 12 M, passed Ackworth about 3 PM went about 2 miles further and bivouacked. Went to Cartersville this morning & bid the Sutler good bye. Made about 13 miles.

SUNDAY 13

Moved at 6 a.m. 2nd Brig in front. We moved as follows, 93, 63, 59, 4 & 48—passed "Big Shanty" about 10 a.m.—from this to Atlanta, the railroad is completely destroyed—Gen'l Sherman passed us (?) day creek—passed Kennesaw about 10 a.m. (?) passed Marietta about 12 a.m. When we left, the town was on fire, the Court house was in flames—bivouacked about 4 miles north of the Chattahoochie. Made about 17 miles.

MONDAY 14

Moved promptly at 6 a.m. 1st Brigade in front. 63, 59, 4, 48 & 93—crossed the Chattahoochie about 9 a.m. at 10 a.m. stopped for about an hour and eat dinner, reached Atlanta about 3 P.M. moved through town and bivouacked about 1¼ miles west. Met Ed Livingston of the 87th and Bob Mc Naught of the 70th. Was very much surprised in getting a letter from home—issued clothing etc.

TUESDAY 15

Didn't get to see much of Atlanta, the rail to Big Shanty entirely destroyed. Bloom has gone to Nashville, moved at 9½ a.m. on the Jonesboro road. Left East Point to the right, on account of our large train moved very slow—at dark we passed Rough & Ready and from that until 11½ P.M. went briskly. Made about 18 miles, furnished 40 men for picket duty & issued 2 days rations—incidentally 6 yrs Feb Atlanta was destroyed by fire.
moved promptly at 6 a.m. 59 in rear, marched briskly until 9 a.m. when we
rested for half an hour, done a good days march--16 miles, bivouacked 1 mile
west of Mc Donough, the county seat of ------- county. The village was nearly
deserted, the buildings are old and look as though paint had never been known
—an old fashioned Court House—got plenty of chickens, pigg and sweet potatoes.

THURSDAY 17

Moved at 5½ a.m. 59 on left flank, 93rd on right flank, passed thr'o Jackson
about 3 P.M. made about 22 miles and bivouacked 3 miles S.E. of town. Jackson
is the county seat of ------- county has a neat little Court House and a few
other buildings. The country to day looked very poor, got plenty of forage,
got Rebel papers of 11 & 15. Sherman's movements are a mystery to them.

FRIDAY 18

Moved at 5 a.m. took the wrong road and went about 2 miles out of our way,
crossed the Omulgee river at "Hunter's Mills" about 10 a.m. moved about 1 mile
and halted until the pontoon was put down and trains crossed, then moved about
3 miles and bivouacked. Rained during the night—Met Maj Cramer this morning.

SATURDAY 19

Moved at 5 a.m. 2d Brig in front, 59 & 93 rear guard. Got lost again and went
some 4 or 5 miles out of our road, the command camped about one mile South of
Hillsboro—a small town of perhaps a dozen houses—didn't get in until after
dark. Quarter-master had tents up and supplies ready. Dick Baugh of Co "I"
got his leg broke by wagon running over him—seen a conscript today.

SUNDAY 20

Moved at 6½ a.m. had the extreme right of the Div'n and was advance guard—
rained last night and the roads were very bad. Gen'l H—(? ) and Osternhaus
passed us this a.m.—arrived at Clinton the county seat of Jones County about
1 P.M. soon after a skirmish took place on the west of town & the 4 & 59 were
sent to that point. All quiet on our arrival, bivouacked for the night.

MONDAY 21

Still raining. 48 & 59 rear guard for 1, 2 & 3 Div trains, dark came on be-
fore we got started, just as we got started, a skirmish commenced on the west
side of town. Heaps (?) to return—done so & bivouaked on the south side of
town—rained all day and at dark, commenced freezing. Officers had no grub or
blankets as our wagon had gone on with the train—passed rather a rough night.

TUESDAY 22

Train got started about 8 a.m. and we followed—very cold this morning—mud
very much dried up—about 4 miles out, met QM Brown with breakfast—it was very
acceptable. At dark, we were up to the point where the Div encamped last night.
Kept on about 4 miles & bivouacked in a pine forest. Grub out.
WEDNESDAY 23

Started about 8 a.m. Got to Gordon about 11 a.m. and found our Division, it having arrived the day before—froze considerably last night, our forces have torn up and destroyed the railroad to within 3 miles of Macon and have destroyed the Eatonton branch—got a good dinner, had my tent put up and took a good nap as we remained in camp all day. Gordon is a village of some two or three houses.

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THURSDAY 24

About 10 a.m. moved our camp about ½ mile, remained the rest of the day in camp. Lt Hollis went out with forage detail—got potatoes, hoes, corn ec During the day the 4th Div. passed us and went out about 4 miles. Our forces busy at work destroying railroad. General Sherman's Hd Qrs at Milledgeville.

FRIDAY 25

Moved at 8½ a.m. 59, 10 Iowa & 80 Ohio guard for the right flank of the entire train. 48, 93, 63 & 4 rear guard—had a splendid road and moved rapidly—made Irwinton about 4 P.M. (17 miles) Irwinton is the county seat of __________ county, has two or three churches, Court House (burnt) it is rather a poor place, the buildings all look old—was invited to make my Hd Qrs at Mrs. Vincent's but declined. ———— (?)

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SATURDAY 26

Moved at 6½ a.m. 93 & 59 in front, 4, 48, 63 on right flank. 93 Made about 10 miles when we came up with the 4th Div and had to go into camp. Sent out a foraging party under Lt Bartholomew who soon returned with a wagon load of sweet potatoes ec drew and issued 2 days rations. Weather fine and troops in splendid condition.

SUNDAY 27

Moved at 5½ a.m. 59 & 93 on right flank, 63 in advance, 4 & 48 rear guard—got across the Oconee by 8½ a.m. took the wrong road and went about 2 miles and had to return—got the right road and made Irwin's I roads by 3 P.M. encamped in a very nice pine grove—saw cypress, Spanish moss & palmetto on the south bank of the river—killed about 500 horses and mules, found plenty of forage, passed a splendid plantation.

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MONDAY 28

Moved at 7 a.m. 4, 48, 63 on right flank 59 & 93 in rear—passed the 2nd Div—moved slow but through an open country. At one time the 2, 3 & 4th Div were moving side by side, the 3rd Div in the center. It was a magnificent sight, didnt get to camp until after dark—made about 16 miles, forage plenty—we are now on the edge of Jefferson County.

TUESDAY 29

Moved at 7 a.m. had the advance. Run into the 17 Corps and had to take to the woods, travelled about 18 miles and about night was about 8 miles from our camp of last night. Camped near Sutherland's Mill. Capt Weimar & Hollis on
picket, saw our first rice to day—had sugar cane several days ago, met Dr Rose of the 58 Ind. got plenty of forage etc.

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NOVEMBER

Moved at 7 a.m. 4 & 63rd rear guard, 2 rgt's of the 2nd Brig and 93, 48 & 59 on the left flank—had to bridge the swamp at Sutherland Mill which detained us until 10 a.m. while we were halted, part of the 2nd Div passed us, done a good days march 17 miles and encamped near Summerville, paid $1 for a map of Georgia. Mess bill $10.

DECEMBER
THURSDAY 1

Ordered to move at 8 a.m. but didnt get in motion until 9—moved slowly as we have several swamps to cross, encamped at sundown about 1 mile east of Canoshee in a very fine woods—Sent out foraging party who got plenty of all kinds of forage, had a water melon—the country more open and we passed some very good farms, but few families at home.

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DECEMBER

Moved at 6 a.m. 93, 63 & 59 on the right flank, 4 & 48 rear guard—had about the usual number of swamps to flank, came up with the 2nd Div and had to move slow. Made about 16 miles and encamped on the edge of Emanuel County—our fine weather continues—there is no change in the appearance of the country, fine pine forests begin to be an eye-sore—forage plenty.

SATURDAY 3

Remained in camp to day. Sent out and got plenty of forage. At 2 P.M. had inspection of arms and ammunition. The Chaplain of the 63rd preached at the right of the rgt this P.M.—dint hear him—drew and issued 3000 rounds of cartridges—sent out and got plenty of forage, it takes about one yard of sweet potatoes per day for me—had a meeting after dark.

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DECEMBER

Moved at 6 1/2 a.m. 63, 59, 4, 48 & 93 all on the right flank overtook the 2nd Div about 2 miles out, about 3 miles further halted to make room—made some coffee and had a good dinner, made about 17 miles and encamped 1 mile north of Statesboro. The advance of the 2nd Div had a skirmish this P.M. in which we had one killed & the Rebels 2—wounded unknown. Weather beautiful.

MONDAY 5

Moved at 6 1/2 a.m. 26, 10, 80, 56, 59, 4, 48 & 93 on the right flank. 63 rear guard—passed the 2nd Div in camp, made about 17 miles, plenty of forage. Statesboro is the County seat of Bulloch County, has a 4 square 2 story frame Court House, log jail, and one or two other buildings. Doesn't look as thought it had ever been a very flourishing place—the inhabitants are all on a visit I suppose as none were at home.
Remained in camp to day—sent out the usual forage detail—they returned loaded. The 2nd Brigade work all day on rifle pits, the swamps save us as they completely surround our camp. Cap Lee & Lt Maxwell on picket—weather warm and pleasant, expect we will have a change soon—my friends were around.

WEDNESDAY 7

Moved at 8 a.m. 4, 48, 93, 63 & 59 and two Regts of 2nd Brigade on right flank. 2 Regts rear guard. Rained hard until noon, roads in a miserable condition—had several swamps to cross which caused us to move very slow. Struck the main Savannah road about 3 P.M. moved briskly about 13 miles, camped about dark in a pine grove about 2 miles from the Ogeechee—got plenty of chickens, turkeys etc.

THURSDAY 8

Moved our camp about 1½ miles, the weather continues delightful, everything seems to be working to our advantage, had washing done and a general cleaning up. Had calls from several officers of the Brigade and put in the day very pleasantly—the boys brought in plenty of the usual kind of forage.

FRIDAY 9

Moved at 6 a.m. 48, 93, 63 on left flank 59 & 4 rear guard—crossed the Ogeechee about 9 a.m. on pontoons, passed Eden about 10 a.m. soon after filed to the right & kept between the railroad & river—made about 14 miles and bivouacked North of the Ogeechee Canal near some Rebel works. We are now within about 16 miles of Savannah & so far have not fired a gun—plenty of forage.

SATURDAY 10

Moved at 6 a.m. 93, 63, 59, 4 & 48—took the south bank of the canal—soon ordered from the centre to the front—very foggy. Sent Co B & H forward as our advance guard. When within 4½ miles of Savannah met one Brigade 17 Corps. Ordered to file to the right, enemy opened on us from the woods—fired & soon silenced them, a battery of 3 guns opened on us—done no harm. Stever of Co "G" wounded in foot.

SUNDAY 11

Worked all night on rifle pits, got through about 6 a.m. Our artillery opened at about 6½, fired a few rounds and withdrew, cause to us unknown, about 8 a.m. commenced to fall back, moved about 1 mile to our rear & remained until about 2 P.M. when we were ordered to the front again—remained until dark & were relieved by 11 Iowa of 17 H.C. joined the brigade and moved about 5 miles S.W & bivouacked. Cold rainy all of last night.
It was very cold last night and as our blankets were wet, we done but very little sleeping—moved at 8 a.m. 4, 43, 93, 63 & 59, took the Kings bridge road for a few miles and then filed to the left, struck the Gulf Railroad at Station No 1 and went into camp—about 3 P.M. ordered out, but soon returned as the alarm was false.

TUESDAY 13

Remained in camp all day. At dark it was reported that the 2nd Div had captured Ft Mc Allister on the Ogeechee, if so, we will soon have communication with the fleet and which crowns our campaign as a complete success—forage scarce but we have rice in abundance, our stock being very fond of the straw. Ice froze last night ½ of an inch. "G" Co went to mill.

WEDNESDAY 14

Remained in camp all day, overhauled my baggage, done considerable policing and put the camp in respectable order. Capt Welman and myself went to the picket lines on the little Ogeechee, communication is now opened with the fleet and the "Cracker Line" will soon be opened. Lt Hardin with 60 men & Lt Brandon with 40 men go on picket at dark.

THURSDAY 15

Still in camp. The weather continues good, considerable artillery firing on our left supposed to be from 4th Div. Churchill & Dr Brown went down to the Signal Station on the Ogeechee and report some three or four vessels in sight, which is very good news as our rations are about out. Pvt Pearson "D" Co was killed on picket at noon to day.

FRIDAY 16

Went over to Div Hd Qrs. Capt Simpson give me a N.Y. paper of the 8th. It seems that there has been a considerable of a fight at Franklin, Tenn. In company with Capt Welman, Lt Brown & Brandon we visited the Signal Station on the Ogeechee, had a view of Fort Mc Allister and what little shipping was in the river. Got some green apples—saw a rice plantation.

SATURDAY 17

Received our first mail to day—only got 26 letters, 10 of them being from home and bearing dates from Oct 31st to Nov. 28—all well at home. Wrote a long letter to Mrs S, wrote Mother. Now that we have received a mail, the next thing of importance is rations—had a few sweet potatoes for dinner, they were delicious, my throat is some better—weather very warm. heavy firing on our extreme left.

SUNDAY 18

Very heavy dew last night. Capt Welman with 228 officers and men left at 5 a.m. on a foraging expedition, they expect to be gone two days. Wrote Jennie & Aunt Mary. It is reported that our forces captured a gun boat and two transports yesterday in the Savannah River. "Cracker Line" now opened—received our first "issue" about 9 a.m. of tea & coffee.
MONDAY 19

All quiet in front of the 3rd Division, considerable firing on our left. The 12 Wisc battery opened on the rebel fort on the little Ogresbee, the 12th had three or four men wounded—none killed, they shot down the Rebel flag and silenced their guns, but don’t know what damage was done. Haven’t men enough in camp to furnish picket.

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DECEMBER TUESDAY 20 1864

Capt Hollis who is stationed with his Co at Hayward Mill invited Dr Brown and myself to dinner with him. Accepted the invitation—had a fine turkey etc saw several vessels going up & down the river. Capt Perkins of Corps Staff inspected our camp—Capt Hollis was relieved and returned to "camp" about dark--43 tearing up railroad to build fort out of iron.

WEDNESDAY 21

Capt Welman with his company in early this morning. He got plenty of corn, potatoes etc we have plenty to eat again. The Rebels evacuated Savannah last night, our forces took possession early. The 3rd Div got in after dark and encamped inside of the old works. Wood and water both very scarce—weather cold and windy.

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DECEMBER THURSDAY 22 1864

Clear but windy, visited the city in company with Col Tortellott & Capt Welman, returned at noon—found it to be a very pretty city—no damage done by our forces—the Rebs spiked all guns before leaving, there is a large amount of cotton in the city—"wrote home" late in the afternoon moved camp—got good ground etc.

FRIDAY 23

Was very cold last night—ice froze over ½ an inch in thickness. Lt Col Henderson started home, having been mustered out—wrote to Jennie—all busy fixing up camp—beautiful day—had "Dress Parade" the first one for more than a month. Satisfied that we are to be reviewed tomorrow by Maj Gen'l Sherman.

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DECEMBER SATURDAY 24 1864

Clear frosty morning—at 9 a.m. the command was formed and moved to the ground for re-view which was South Broad Street in the city, got through and back to camp about 1½ P.M. Was complimented by Gen'l S as being the best Regt in the Corps. Rec’d 2 letters Dec. 1 & 4—wrote home. Met Lt Harryman of the 70th—expect a dry Christmas.

SUNDAY 25

Rained a little in the morning—soon cleared off and a beautiful day. Took dinner with Capt Welman—had a fine dinner. Lt-Col Martin of the 66th Ind called in the afternoon. Had rather a dull Christmas—not like our Northern merry makings. "Maj" officer of the day—Wrote to "The" and enclosed 5 letters. Remained in camp all day—rained about dark.
Bained last night and this morning—furnished 40 men for picket. Capt. Simpson and myself undertook to visit Fort Jackson, failed in getting there as we started rather too late—Rec'd a complimentary order for our appearance on review—rations are again getting short, expect plenty in a day or two—wrote "Home" & to the Sgt Henry Rifle Co. N.Y.

TUESDAY 27

Beautiful day. Capt Welman and myself went up town & witnessed the review of the 11th Corps, they made a fine appearance. Met Col Hunter & Maj Matheny of the 82nd Ind and some of the boys of the 33rd Ind—visited the shipping, found but few vessels in port. The ration question is getting interesting—saw many citizens on the street. Wrote to Mother.

WEDNESDAY 28

Received a hat full of orders ranging from Military Division to Brigade—rainy disagreeable day—sent a wagon to the oyster bed but failed to get anything. Jno W. Taylor of the 33rd Ind was over to see me—The citizens of the city held a meeting and passed a series of resolutions favorable to a return to the old Union—had a fine dress parade.

THURSDAY 29

Cold and very windy—the sand flying rather thick to be agreeable. the 63rd Ills moved to Fort Wimberly, had a Brigade guard established this morning. 4th Minn furnishing the detail—busy at work on my quarterly Ordnance returns—wrote "Home" and sent some papers—Gen'l Grant is expected in a few days. 17th Corps reviewed.

FRIDAY 30

Clear and cold—furnished picket & Brigade Guard, also 100 men fatigue—After dinner Capt W and I went to the city and witnessed the review of the 20th Corps, they made a very fine appearance, Met Capt Meek, he was going down to the fleet to ship stores—Col Isominger sent me a lot of oysters—had some for supper. Got a letter from home of the 12th.

SATURDAY 31

Cold rain, windy and disagreeable. Wrote to Mrs S, Jennie and the Adj't Gen'l of Indiana, worked all day and finished up my quarterly return of Ordnance—mustered the Regiment for pay. This is the last day of the week, last day of the month, last day of the year and I now finish the last page of my diary for 1864 and "turn in" wishing all a "Happy New Year."