DAYBOOK FOR JOHN G. ROLLER
Comencing (sic.) the 1st of May A. D. 1864

Lookout Valley Tennessee
May 31 days

Sun. 1st Was detailed for guard. Stood at the blacksmith shop about 3 miles from camp. got orders to keep ourselves in readiness to march at 10 o'clock A.M. Sacremental meeting in camp. Weather warm

Mon. 2nd Was relieved at 4 o'clock in the morning. got to camp at the call of striking tents. started at six o'clock to the front. Marched to Gordon's mill where the Chickamauga battle was fought the fall previous distance about 17 miles. got a letter from John Lazenby. Weather warm and rainy.

Tues 3rd. Wrote a letter to Jake and sent a letter to my sister to him wrote a letter for R. Haed. Fixed up our camp got orders to march again the next day. drew 30 round more catridgeges (sic.).

Wedn. 4th Took up the line of march in the morning marched within two miles of Ringold, Georgia, and camped for the night had orders to load our guns. Weather clear and warm.

Thurs. 5th Laid over. Nothing new in camp. Weather warm and clear. wrote a letter to Lazenbys and one from Flmiterman of Co. "F"

Fri. 6th Took up the line of march again early. Marched in the direction of Dalton some prospect of a fight marched to Nickajack Trace and camped.

Sat. 7th Retook up the line of march bright and early. Marched in the direction of Tunnel Hill and Dalton. Passed over Taylors Ridge and through Nickajack Gap driving the Rebel pickets back and capturing 3 horses marched about 15 miles and camped 11 miles north of Dalton and 7 from Tunnel Hill had a hard march, a great many of the boys give out. Weather exceedingly warm.

Sun. 8th Laid over. attended devine worship twice in the A.M. Capt Gilvern of the 129th Ill preached a good sermon had a Bible class in the P.M. A beautiful May day. Nature is blooming all around us the birds are pouring forth their merry songs into a balmy spring air enjoyed ourselves well. Canonading at Tunnel Hill. Gen Geary 2nd Div. engaged the Rebs. The rest of our recruiting officers come back.

Mon. 9th Laid over traded matches with S. McMillan. Morry Mcmillan came back to us, sharp canonading still going on at Tunnel Hill. Weather warm washed my shirt.
Tues, 10th  Still in camp laid in line of battle nearly all last night. Weather warm

Wedn. 11th  The orders came at midnight to get ready for a march forth with a heavy thunderstorm in the forepart of the night. Started about daylight, marched in a southwesterly direction marched about 12 miles and camped at Snakes Creek Gap. was detailed for camp guard at night. cool and rainy all day had to work the road. Gen. Hooker passed us great cheering not much news from the front.

Thurs 12th  Took up the line of march again at 11 o'clock A.M., marched about 4 miles and went into camp. slight skirmishing in front. Weather clear and pleasant

Fri. 13th  Started at 4 o'clock A.M. marched about 2 1/2 miles and made a halt until 12 o'clock. started again formed in line of battle at 2 o'clock advanced on the Rebs slowly until dark. made a halt got supper. after that we marched 5 or 6 miles further and laid in line of battle all night relieved the 69th Ohio. Weather warm and pleasant

Sat. 14th  Was waked up by the rebel buglers and skirmishes. Co. "K" on the skirmish line also Co. "E" lost two men killed and 5 wounded. The first time that our Brigade lost any men by rebel bullets. The 11th corps heavily engaged on our left. Weather warm Short of rations.

Sun 15th  Our Div. moved around to the extreme left our Brigade in advance. made a desperate charge on a rebel battery at 12 1/2 o'clock P.M. taking 4 pieces of artillery. Battle of Sleepy Gap on Resaca, our loss heavy. Our Co. lost 1 killed and Robert Helm, 3 mortally wounded, L. Cusick died the next morning Jeff Richert and John Brown. Henry Stevens slightly wounded, laid in line of battle all night. Weather warm and slightly cloudy. Saw Alex Snyder of the 40th somebody took my gun.

Mon. 16th  The rebs evacuated their position last night buried our dead. Co. "C" detailed to gather up the ordinance and Rebel dead on the battle field, got through with about noon. Started at dark pursuing the rebs. Marched to Osunna River and camped out midnight a hard march Weather clear and warm

Tues. 17th  Crossed the river in the morning in a flatboat. A rainy morning, heavy cannonading. laid over till one o'clock P.M. washed my shirt started at 1 o'clock. marched to Calhoun fighting to our right. Weather warm in the P.M.

Wedn. 18th  Started again early in the morning. still chasing the rebs. they opposed us in the P.M. sharp skirmishing our front. Camped about 5 miles from Kingston. laid in line of battle. Weather warm a hard march

Thurs 19th  Advanced on the enemy our Brigade by itself, the rest of the corps came up about noon. The enemy refused to fight us. heavy cannonading at Kingston. Weather got a letter from S. C. Moore.

Fri. 20th  Laid over got our mail got a letter from L. Moore give my portfolio to N. Jackson to haul it for me. Weather fine warm.
The rebs reported retreating towards Atlanta News favorable.

Sat. 21st    Moved our camp into the woods. Washed my shirt no news of any importance Weather warm. had a good prayer meeting in the evening.

Sun. 22nd    Wrote a letter for R. Haed and 2 for myself One to S. Moore and 1 to Lazenby's drew 4 days of rations. Had orders read to us, to prepare for a 20 days campaign. Weather clear

Mon 23rd    Struck out early in the morning. crossed the R. R. and also Etoroah River. Saw my brother Jake. camped about 1/2 mile from the river. Cannonading in our front.

Tues. 24th    Struck out again early in the morning. Marched about 15 miles and camped at Burnt Hickory. put up breastworks. Right smart rain after night. Had a hard march

Wedn. 25th    Started again early. Marched until 2 o'clock P.M. When heavy fighting commenced in our front. The rebs made a stand the 2nd Div. fought them untill dark. Our Div. in the rear was marched to the extreme right. Charged across a corn field a heavy rain after night. our loss heavy.

Thurs. 26th    Our Brigade was relieved heavy reinforcements coming up. our Brigade marched a piece to the rear. we relieved some troops on the front line. Was on guard heavy skirmishing all day.

Fri. 27th    Heavy skirmishing along our whole line. John Briggs and Robert Moore got wounded on the skirmish line. advanced our line a short distance and built new breastworks. Miller of Co. H killed drew rations in the evening. Weather warm

Sat. 28th    Was relieved from the front line about 9 o'clock A.M. heavy cannonading and skirmishing going on all day. our loss light. Weather warm.

Sun. 29th    Nothing new except the skirmishing. the place where our Brigade lays is called Acorn Ridge the Rebs made two heavy and desperate assaults on our line in the forefront of the night, but were repulsed with fearful slaughter every time our loss comparatively light. Weather warm.

Mon 30th    Moved several hundred yds. last night when the rebs made their attack on our line. had orders to keep ourselves ready for immediate action if necessary. did not sleep much. brisk skirmishing going on all day. was up and washed a shirt. Weather exceedingly warm wrote a letter for John Stevens.

Tues. 31st    The cannonading and skirmishing continues very lively this morning nothing new in camp drew rations in the evening. Weather warm and pleasant
Jun 30 days

Wedn. 1st Slight skirmishing continues. Our corps was relieved in the P.M. by the 15th corps. We moved about 7 miles to the left and had a hard march cime nearly playing out, camped about dusk. were not allowed to build large fires. Weather warm.

Thurs 2nd Packed up again at 1 o'clock P.M. amidst a heavy thunder-storm. marched about 5 miles to our left. Pretty heavy fighting in our front. the rebels shelled us at short range. our Brigade doctor, Major Potter was killed by a rebel shell during the night, no fires allowed to be kindled.

Weather rainy and chilly

Fri. 3rd Still heavy cannonading in our front. moved 4 or 5 miles to the left in the P.M. rainy in the forenoon slept well last night although I slept with my wet cloths on.

Sat. 4th Moved about one mile to the left and went behind breastworks. Slight skirmishing in our front. Weather rainy, nothing new in camp. drew rations at midnight had orders read to us from Gen Butterfield prohibiting the meat frying.

Sun. 5th The Rebs falling back, no skirmishing going on. Oh! what a relief it is to our ears when not annoyed with the disgusting and constant noise of picket firing had preaching by the Chaplain of the 70th Ind. Weather rainy in the A.M. and clear in the P.M.

Mon. 6th Started pretty early in pursit of the retreating rebels stopped about 2 hours, got dinner, marched several miles further and built breastworks, drew rations, had prayer meeting in the evening. Weather awful warm in the P.M. with considerable of rain.

Tues. 7th Co. C H F A was detailed for picket. Eli Compton of our Co. C was taken prisoner by the rebels A. Turner was with him, he got away by running. Weather rainy. H. Foos was on picket with me on the same post.

Wedn. 8th Was relieved from picket in the morning. Capt. Wilson promoted to Major. The weather still rainy.

Thurs. 9th Still behind our breastworks. short of rations still raining and no prospect yet of quit raining. sharp cannonading along our entire line.

Fri. 10th Had orders to hold ourselves in readiness to march at any moment the 4th and 14th corps moved in front of us encouraging news in Camp another rainy day our camp looks more like a hogpen than anything else.

Sat. 11th The rain and short rations continue also the cannonading and skirmishing in our front.

Sun. 12th Another wet day. The rain fell in torrents part of the day. Plenty of grape news in Camp.
Mon, 13th  The rain and rations the same. will it ever quit raining? the Lord only knows it. Our Camp is a perfect mudhole.

Tues, 14th  No prospect of clearing off. Went with John Stevens to the Wagon Train to get some of my paper in N. Jackson's Wagon. Had inspection of arms in the evening.

Wedn. 15th  Got orders at noon to move. our Brigade in front moved to the left several miles. Had a halt behind some breastworks, advanced again driving the rebel skirmishes into the woods and up a hill. engaged the enemy about 4 o'clock P.M. advanced within 30 rods of the rebel Works. The enemy's fire was heavy. a sargent of Co. "K" got wounded on the skirmish line, shot through the leg. Fletcher and Theodor Elis got slightly wounded, was relieved by some other Regt. moved around to the left and built breastworks. did not get to lay down untill 2 o'clock the next morning. Weather warm and clear.

Thurs. 16th  Finished our works in the A.M. Heavy canonading all day no loss in the - Co. Regt. Weather hot.

Fri. 17th  The enemy fell back under cover of the night to Kenasaw mountain where he is strongly fortified. followed them up in the P.M. by marching about 2 miles to the right camped in an open field by Regiments in Co. "Blomum", a constant roar of musketry and artillery going on the whole afternoon. Weather rainy.

Sat. 15th  The canonading was kept up the whole night and day our artillerists succeeded in silencing nearly all the rebel batteries, a heavy rain all night - day our damp overflowed with water a disagreeable time for Uncle Sam's children.

Sun.19th  The enemy retreated again last night. we pursued them again for about 3 miles where they made another stand built breastworks nearly half of the night. the rain poured down in torrents in the P.M. a tough time, I thought so at least. precious little sleep for us.

Mon. 20th  Finished our works, wrote a letter for John Stevens, heavy fighting to our left. advanced a piece outside of our works, and returned again. a heavy rain in the P.M. Had to go on the skirmish line after night.

Tues. 21st  Our Brigade advanced several hundred rods and built new works last night advanced the skirmishline too got about 1 hour's sleep. Weather rainy all day. was relieved from the skirmishline in the evening. drawed rations in camp short of rations.

Wedn. 22  My brother Charley and his partner Michell come to us in the A.M. advanced our lines made a charge with 5 lines of battle driving the enemy before us the rebs made a desperate charge on our right, but were repulsed with fearful loss Mr. Hunt killed of Co. "H" John Stevens slightly wounded. Weather warm and cool after night. Put up breastworks. Not much rest for U.S. boys.

Thurs. 23  Was relieved from the front line in the morning. Moved back in the woods and got breakfast. my brother loaned his money out $70. I bought a gold pen for him. got dinner after dinner moved several miles to the right and formed in line of battle in the rear of the

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July 31 days

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Sat. 2nd Had to stay up all night. Was on the reserve during the day. our men fired from their works. heavy cannonading on our side. was relieved at 9 o'clock P.M. the Brigade had orders to move at 6 o'clock in the morning. Weather warm and rainy.

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Tues 5th Drew rations in the morning marched about 8 miles in the direction of Atlanta camped within 2 miles of the Chattahoochee River heavy cannonading in our front. Weather warm

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Thurs. 7th Laid in camp fixed our tents up. formed in Co. Colum Deserters coming in every day. the flanks of our army rest on the river. Weather good and warm.

Fri. 8th Policed our camp. Reported that the mail train was burnt. Weather warm.

Sat. 9th Still in camp. drew a pair of shoes canonading all along our line Weather warm.

Sun. 10th The rebs fell back to the south side of the Chattahoochee. they burnt the R.R. Bridge about daylight our men advanced their skirmish-line to the river bank moved about 1/4 of a mile and returned to camp again marching order. Cannonaded. Weather warm and showery had divine service in camp.

Mon. 11th Still in camp. our boys trading with the rebel skirmishing. Tobacco, knives, matches, guns, blankets and such like. Weather clear and pleasant.

Tues. 12th Not much news in camp. Weather warm and showery.

Wedn. 13th Nothing of importance going on in camp. Weather warm and clear.

Thurs. 14th The army reported all across the river except the 14th and 20th corps. Weather rainy. had prayer meeting in the evening.

Fri. 15th Slight skirmishing and cannonading on our right. Weather clear. got a letter from Jake.

Sat. 16th Had inspection of arms in camp. I and Charley wrote letters to Jake Charley sold his watch to George Cooper of Co. "H"

Sat. 17th Received marching orders to march at 3 o'clock P.M. marched to the left. crossed the Chattahoochee River about dark, and camped about 3 miles south of the river. came nearly playing out. Weather warm

Mon. 18th Got a letter from Lazenbys folks. bought a watch of Joel Ball for $20. moved 2 or 3 miles to the right and built breastworks. after night not much rest for us. Weather rainy.

Tues. 19th Laid over. Sharp cannonading in front. a part of the 4 corps took some Rebel works in the P.M. had a good prayer meeting in the evening saw the first wild cucumbers. Weather very warm.

Wedn. 20th Moved to the left in the A.M. Made a short halt in a cornfield and eat a bite. moved to the right in the P.M. heavy skirmishing going on all the time. the rebels attacked us at 4 o'clock P.M. We met them and a fierce battle raged until sundown. the loss in our Regt 58, in our Co. 11. Our orderly Morry McMillan, John Botts our color-bearer, William Elster got killed. J. Wells, George Oldham, John Stevens. R. Haed, Wat and Henry King, Peter Shonover, Henry Deck, John Andrews, Theodor Ellis, got wounded. built breastworks after the battle was over. rebel loss terrible. Weather exceedingly hot. The rebels had 3 lines
and we had but one we held our ground the rebels fell back in great confusion, no relief for us.

Thurs. 21st Was on picket no rest last night drew rations in the morning Charley was with me. Buried our dead. One of our Regt. got some whisky Buried over 400 Rebs in front of our Brigade. Weather warm Col. Doan went to the Hospital.

Fri. 22nd Advanced our line about 2 1/2 miles and built breastworks. the 15th the 16th and 17th corps heavily engaged on our left. The rebs drove them back about 1 mile but they rallied and drove the rebs in turn taking their breastworks. the loss was heavy on both sides Gen McPherson killed we are within 2 1/2 miles of Atlanta the enemy has fallen back Weather cloudy the rebs shelled us after night.

Sat. 23rd The rebel batteries busy all day shelling us, but doing us but little harm. the rebs charged our skirmishline driving our skirmishers from their posts and wounded Sergt. of Co. "B" Weather warm had no tents up the rebs made another point in our skirmishline.

Sun 24th The rebs are still wasting ammunition shelling us. Wrote 2 letters one to R. Haed's wife and his brother and for myself to John Lazenbys. was detailed for picket drew rations Charley took sick Weather warm

Mon. 25th The rebs attacked our skirmishline last night, but held our posts firing about 15 rounds. was on the line after night and on the reserve in the daytime was relieved about dark. Weather warm

Tues. 26th Charley still sick, getting worse. the Regt moved to the right after night. I stayed with Charley till morning. Weather cloudy in the daytime and rainy after night.

Wedn. 27th Went with Charley who was conveyed to our Div. Hospital in the A.M. got back to the Regt about noon. Drew rations the 16th and 17 corps moved to our right. Weather warm and rainy.

Thurs. 28th Gen Hooker left us in the A.M. He having resigned Gen. Williams took command of our corps. got orders to get ready to march. a heavy fight on our right the rebs repulsed with fearful loss Lieut. Wilkerson come back. did not march. Weather warm rainy.

Fri. 29th Our Div moved to the extreme right. wrote a letter for V. Long of co. "B" bunked with B. Hunter considerable of rain after night.

Sat. 30th Was detailed for fatigue duty in the A.M. moved about 3/4 of a mile to the right and built breastworks. was detailed to go out in front with 10 more of our Regt. Weather warm

Sun. 31st The 2nd Div. of the 14th corps went out to reconnoiter encountered the rebel skirmishers and returned in the evening. we had orders to keep ourselves in readiness for a march but did not march. A heavy rain.
August 31 days

Mon. 1st   Had inspection of arms by Capt. West who is acting as Col of our Regt. Weather clear and warm.

Tues. 2nd   Got a letter from our parents. the 23rd Corps moved in front of us relieving us, we moved back to the left, relieving the 3rd Brigade of the 1st Div of the 14th Corps. Weather warm.

Wedn. 3rd   Moved behind the front line of works, relieved part of the 14th corps. Weather rainy and warm

Thurs. 4th  Was on picket, it was a dangerous is over place (sic.) The rebs shooting at us all the time, no sleep for us and precious little to eat, was relieved from picket about 10 o'clock P.M. advanced the right of our lines built more breastworks.

Fri. 5th    Moved into our new works last night at 12 o'clock. Moved to the left a couple hundred yards in the P.M. strengthened our works heavy skirmishing along our entire line all day. put up our tents. Weather warm.

Sat. 6th    Got a letter from R. Haed and one from Peter Shonover's wife. heavy skirmishing all day. Weather warm and rainy.

Sun. 7th    Wrote a letter to R. Haed. went to the Div, hospital to see Charley. found him better. had the toothache pretty bad.

Mon 8th    Reported to the Doctor in the morning wrote a letter to Mrs. Shonover (this might be Shanover) my face swelled up. Weather showery.

Tues. 9th   Went to the Hospt in the morning. Ambrose William went with me to help me to carry my things. was put in Ward No. 5. My face pretty badly swelled. Charley much better. Weather rainy.

Wedn. 10th  The Doctor rubbed my face with some kind of medicine which relieved me some. Weather rainy. heavy musketry along our front line.

Thurs. 11th Nothing new in the Hospt. only wounded men are brought in occasionally. Weather warm and rainy.

Fri. 12th   Our front line advanced again. our men are shelling the city at different places. the canonading continues, my face is getting sore. Weather still warm and rainy.

Sat. 13th   My face the same. Co. B. has one man slightly wounded. Weather warm

Sun. 14th   Nothing of importance going on. Weather warm and clear.

Mon 15th   The bombardment of Atlanta continues, G. Barlow of Co. "D" severely wounded in the forehead while on picket Sgt. Carroll of Co. "B" slightly wounded.

Tues. 16th  Things pretty quiet. My face is getting some better. Weather warm.
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Wedn. 31st  No change in Charley. Weather warm

September 30 days

Thurs. 1st  The rebs evacuated Atlanta. Weather warm

Fri. 2nd  Our corps took posession of Atlanta. Weather pleasant

Sat. 3rd  Went to the Regt with Abel Wright got sugar for Charley. Weather rainy.

Sun. 4th  Had preaching by Stillwell in the A.M. the Hospst commenced moving to Atlanta. Weather good, warm.

Mon. 5th  Staid with Charley untill he left to go to Atlanta in a ambulance. Went back to the regt which was about 1/2 mile north of the Hospst, weather warm and a heavy rain in the afternoon.

Tues. 6th  Did not do much. Weather rainy.

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Sat. 10th     Got a shirt washed. Weather good.
Sun. 11th    Was on picket. Weather good.
Mon. 12th    Came off of picket. My health nearly restored. Weather good. wrote a letter for V. Long of Co. "B"
Tues. 13th   Did not do much. Weather pleasant.
Wedn. 14th   Was on Brigadeguard. got two letters one from Lazenby and one from M. Brown. Got a handkerchief 45 cts a pr of suspenders 60 cts and 30 cts of thread from Lazenby's. Weather good.
Thurs. 15th  Wrote a letter to John Lazenby and one to M. Brown. Weather good.
Fri. 16th    Our Brigade with the exception of the 105th Ill. marched to Atlanta had a hard march very nasty. Weather good went to see Charley in the Hospt.
Sat. 17th    Helped clean off our camp ground. Charley came back from the hospt.
Sun 18th    Went with Charley to see the big siege guns in the rebel fort. Weather rainy.
Mon. 19th   Fixed up winter quarters. Capt. Peterson started home on a leave of absence. Weather warm.
Tues. 20th  Nothing new. Weather rainy.
Wedn. 21st  Commenced building our tent. drew rations. Weather rainy.
Thurs. 22nd Received the cheering news of Sheridan's victory in Ver (Vir) Weather rainy. Gen Ward started home. took command of Div. and Col. of the .
Fri. 23rd    Drew soft bread.
Sat. 24th    Some leaves for our bed. Weather good dressparade in camp.
Mon. 20th   Grand review. Gen. Slocum of our corps, reported to the Dr. Had the diary was not on review. Weather good.
Tues. 27th  Still good news from Sheridan. Weather good.
Wedn. 28th  The Regt drew some sanitary estables wrote a letter to Weather rainy.
Thurs. 29th  Had orders to drill everyday. had battalion drill in the P.M. Weather fine.
Fri. 30th    Had squad and co drill in the A.M. and Battalion drill in the P.M. had a few courtmarshals read to us. Corp Juvenmile of co "G" was reduced to the ranks. a hard rain last night. good in the daytime
October 31 days

Sat. 1st Went to town with Bingamon to town (sic.) got some bread for Charley, got orders (our brigade) to march back to the Chattahoochee River. Got there about dark. a heavy rain in the P.M.

Sun. 2nd Put up our tents. a rainy night last night. Was detailed for picket. A part of the R.R. bridge was washed away by high water.

Mon. 3rd Was on picket. a heavy rain last night. Had heavy cannoading last evening in the direction of Marietta, was relieved in the morning. troops moving back to Marietta, the rebs have destroyed our cracker line. Weather warm and rainy. Got a pr of shoes of .

Tues 4th Went to see Jake in the morning his brigade being camped about 1 mile from our camp. our brigade to the south side of the Chattahoochee. The quartermaster came back with our baggage. drew shelter tents. Weather rainy.

Wedn. 5th Everybody busy fixing up tents. our or "one". Wagon train passing all day. Weather cloudy.

Thurs. 6th Bought a can of peaches with George Milham. Weather rainy.

Fri. 7th Strengthened our fortifications. the Regts drew clothing. drew 2 pr of drawers and one for Charley.

Sat. 8th News good from Grant. received some reinforcements from Atlanta.

Sun. 9th The R.R. bridge finished. took a ramble with D. Crawford weather good.

Mon. 10th Went with Ambrose Williams and Jim Wells and got some pumpkins (sic.) about 2 miles up the way. worked on our fortifications in the P.M. Weather good. orderly of co. A. got killed by guerillas 1 1/4 miles from camp.

Tues. 11th Was on picket. a rumor that Richmond is captured, great cheering in camp.

Wedn. 12th Weather cool. had a good prayermeeting in our new chapel tent.

Thurs. 13th Nothing new had prayermeeting in the evening. Weather good.

Fri. 14th Got a big mail for our Regt. attended prayermeeting. nothing new from the army. Weather good.

Sat. 15th Came off of picket in the morning. the Regt went out on a and returned late in the P.M. had a small bra. in the A.M. Weather good.

Mon. 17th Had preaching in the evening by Capt. Culvern of the 129th Ill. Weather pleasant.

Tues. 18th Was on picket. a number of miles was captured by the rebels
general inspection in camp. Weather good

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Thurs. 20th A train fired on between here and Atlanta. the mail goes north again. Weather cool and pleasant.

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Thurs. 27th The weather cool and showery. No news in camp.

Fri. 28th Lt. Laugh, come back from home. Weather cool and windy.

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Sun 30th Another foraging expedition went out. Col. Doan and John Anderson got back. was on quarter guard. had preaching in the A.M. and prayer meeting after night. Weather cloudy.

Mon. 31st The regt. mustered for pay. gave Chaplain Stillwell $100, to take to Ohio. Wrote a short letter to Lazenbys.

November 30 days

Tues. 1st Nothing new. Weather cool and rainy

Wedn. 2nd Stillwell started home. Weather cold and rainy.

Thurs. 3rd Was on picket. got orders to turn all extra baggage over Weather rainy.

Fri. 4th Nothing new in camp. Weather cool and rainy.

Sat. 5th Drawed two pr of socks and one blouse for Joshua Lazenby and send it to him. paid 15cts postage on it blouse $2.25 got orders to march at 7 o'clock the next morning. Weather windy.

Sun. 6th Our marching orders countermanded for the present. Weather cool. Henry Stevens come up.

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79th. I voted for the first time.

Wedn. 9th The rebs attacked Atlanta, but were repulsed by our corps. 
was on picket. the picket line reinforced in the P.M. Weather rainy in 
the morn.

Thurs. 10th ‘Come off picket in the morning. Lt. Robinson sick. 
Weather Clear and windy.

Fri. 11th Drew rations for our march. bought a watch of Corp 
Hesinger of co E for $26. Weather clear and cool.

Sat. 12th Our men tore the RR up. made preparations for our 50 days 
campaign, or great raid through Ga. Weather cool and pleasant.

Sun. 13th The 15th and 17th army corps passed through to Atlanta. 
the 79th tore the R.R. up. Weather cool. the R.R. bridge was tore down 
in the evening

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Sat. 19th Took up the line of march about 12, o'clock A.M. 
marched through Madison at 3 o'clock P.M. marched about 6 miles further 
and camped for the night. Weather cloudy. had a hard march. got a 
lot of forage.

Sun. 20th Struck out again at 6 o'clock A.M. Marched about 15 miles 
our brigade in the advance. Camped about 4 o'clock P.M. Got a lot of 
sheep for our supper and any amount of sargum. Weather cloudy.

Mon 21st Rained nearly all night and all day. Started about 4 
o'clock A.M. Had a hard and very disagreeable march. Camped about 
sundown. Quit raining.

Tues. 22nd Had orders to move at 8 o'clock A.M. are here 
yet and it is 10 o'clock now. the boys are all well except Newton. 
Started at 11 1/2 o'clock A.M. Crossed little river about 1 mile from 
camp. Arrived at Milledgeville at 3 o'clock P.M. marched through the 
town and camped about the east end of the town. Weather.

Wedn. 23rd A cool morning. had no marching orders. Laid over. The 
1st and 2nd div went out and tore the R.R. up. our men destroyed a good 
deal of ammunition and other rebel property. built a great many houses. 
got plenty of forage. Weather clear and cool.

Thurs. 24th Resumed our march again at 7 o'clock A.M. Had to wait 
untill the 14th corps passed. found out that Jake was along as cattle 
guard marched over a wild country road awful bad took us till 4 1/2 
o'clock the next day to get to Camp. Weather cool. Crossed gun creek 
after night.

Fri. 25th A frosty morning. Struck out again at 11 1/2 o'clock 
A.M. marched to Buffalo Creek where about 50 rebs fired on our advance 
guard and burnt the bridge. Weather cool.

Sat. 26th Started at 9 o'clock A.M. Marched about 6 miles to 
Andersonville, Wharlington co. Was detailed for picket. Camped east 
of town. Burnt the.

Weather warm.
Sun. 27th Struck out again at 9 o'clock A.M., marched to Davisonboro distance about 12 miles. The first Div was fired on again marched to a fine and fertile country got plenty of honey. Weather warm.

Mon. 28th Started again at 11 o'clock A.M. marched to Ogeeche River by Louisville. camped on the west side of the river, marched about 12 miles. Saw Mr. Albright in the forenoon. Weather warm.

Tues. 29th Slept well last night. had chicken for breakfast. The 11th corps passed us the rebs burnt the bridge day before yesterday. Weather warm. struck out again at 12 o'clock noon. marched to the east side of Louisville, Jefferson Co. and camped in the woods. Weather warm.

Wedn. 30th Laid over. Got our clothes washed. Skirmishing going on in our front in the A.M. the 14th corps is camped around town got a sheep for dinner and a hog for supper. Weather fine.

December 31 days

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Fri. 2nd Was called in off picket at 4 o'clock A.M. Started again at 9 o'clock. marched over a beautiful country distance about 15 miles and camped at 9 1/2 o'clock P.M. did not feel very well. the 11th corps to our left and their wagon train with us.

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Mon. 5th Started at 9 o'clock A.M. marched about 10 miles and camped our Div. in advance. Weather warm.

Tues. 6th Started at seven o'clock A.M. marched about 12 miles, was detailed to forage. got plenty of potatoes meat and honey. Weather warm.

** Thurs. 8th Laid over the 1st and 2nd Div. went in front XX our Div. Started about sundown, we burnt the greatest part of the town. When we left marched only 3 miles on account of the bad road was detailed for "picket" Weather fine.

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did not get rest last night. Weather rainy.

Sat. 10th  Started again at 6 1/2 o'clock, marched within 5 miles of Savannah where the rebs are fortified considerable canoonading in our front. Weather rainy saw the first rice plantations was nearly out of rations.

Sun. 11th  Did not march any only moved about 600 rods to the front. heavy rain last night cleared of in the A.M. our men captured a rebel boat.

Mon. 12th  Moved twice only a short distance our men captured another rebel boat Weather clear and cool. our men confiscated a rice mill and a large amount of rice in the straw they are cleaning rice for our army. our foragers come in with some pork chickens and rice.

Tues. 13th  A frosty morning was detailed to forage with Henry Stephens went across two channels of the Savannah R. went up the Island about 3 miles 10 miles from our camp and stayed all night got plenty of chickens Weather falled all day untill 9 o'clock P.M.

Wedn. 14th  Started back to Camp at 8 o'clock A.M. with 28 chickens 1 duck some rice and beans. had a pretty fine boat ride got back to camp at 1 1/2 o'clock P.M.

Weather cloudy and warm

Thurs. 15th  Slept well last night, a fine morning. nothing of importance going on in camp. Weather warm.

Fri. 16th  All quiet in camp yet. got orders to put up breastworks. commenced them in the P.M. Weather warm.

Sat. 17th  Got our mail I got 4 letters one from M. Brown 2 from R. Haed and one from Lazenby's folks notifying me that my own got through alright. Worked on breastworks Weather warm.

Sun. 18th  Was on picket, had an easy time, inspection in camp. Weather as warm as in spring.

Mon. 19th  Cleaned my gun nothing exciting going on in camp. got orders to march at 6 o'clock the next morning to go to Kings Landing. Weather warm and pleasant.

Tues. 20th  Our Regt with co. "C" of the 70th Id. (Co K. was left) took up the line of march at 6 o'clock A.M. (drawed rations) marched 15 miles to the right to the Ogeechee River to Kings Landing got there about 5 o'clock P.M. had to pass several dangerous places, where the Rebs shelled us pretty lively several shell struck within a couple of yards of us a man was killed in some other Regt by a shell. a pretty hard march. Weather cloudy turning cooler.

Wedn. 21st  The boys are all O.K. yet. Savannah taken by our corps and the 7th. 70 pieces of artillery taken last night. Weather rainy in the A.M. and windy in the P.M.
Thurs. 22nd  Read in Sherwoods work in the A.M. wrote two letters in 
the P.M. one for V. Long of Co. B. and one for myself to J.R. Haed 
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Weather cool.

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Moore and one to M. Brown. Weather quite cool.

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Review. Weather cool and clear.

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Weather clear and cold.

Mon. 2nd  Went to the 14th Corps to see Jake my brother. found him 
well and hearty. I give him a letter which I wrote last Sat. to our 
parents he gave me some paper and envelopes. 
Weather somewhat milder.

Tues. 3rd  Took a walk with H. Foos over town saw the Pulasky 
Monyument and the Park. nothing new. 
Weather pleasant.

Wedn. 4th  Nothing new in town. Weather fair moved out of our quarters 
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       windy drewed clothing I drewed one shirt and a hoversack

Fri. 6th  Was on guard again had a good post. at the wharf rainy
       in the morning and cloudy all day. Turner come back.

Sat. 7th  Come off guard. Rev. R. Stillwell come back, we were all
       glad to see him. a cool and windy morning cool all day drewed 1 pr of
       pans 1 pr of drawers and one pr of shoes

Sun. 8th  Was on guard, went to the Prespetirian (sic.) church.
       a splendid church
       Weather cool and windy

Mon. 9th  Come of guard. got boards to built us a tent. considerable
       rain through the day attended singing meeting at night = present

Tues. 10th  Built our shanty cleaned some rice in the P.M. a heavy
       rain attended prayer meeting in town

Wedn. 11th  Was on stable guard in town our oyster fishers come back
       in the evening they had a great many oysters.

Thurs. 12th  Got our oysters ready to cook them had a good oyster
       dinner. went to town in the P.M. to see Kilpatricks Cavalry review.
       which commenced at 2 o'clock and ended at 3 o'clock P.M. went to town
       again with N. Foos in the evening to go to prayer meeting could not find
       any. Weather fair

Fri. 13th  Nothing new going on in camp. went to meeting in town
       at Wesley Chapel. Weather cold got a letter from Miss C.R.

Sat. 14th  Was on wharf guard. wrote two letters one to M.E. Green
       and one to C.R. Weather cool

Sun. 15th  Come off guard, in the morning attended meeting twice in
       the A.M. and twice in the P.M. had communion in Wesley Chapel in the
       A.M. Geriminann Preaching in the P.M. Luit Robinson and Wells started home
       the Chaplain of the 105th Ill went with them. Weather clear and still
       cool got a letter from Charley

Mon. 16th  Was on wharf guard. wrote a letter to Charley. Jake
       come to see me. he will be mustered out of the service tomorrow if
       nothing happens took a walk with him Weather cool

Tues. 17th  Our Regt was relieved last night at 10 1/2 P.M. by some
       of the second Div. had orders to report to our Brigade, orders are
       countermanded till 3 o'clock P.M. Jake come to see me in the evening.
       I took a walk with him.
       Weather cool clear

Wedn. 18th  Left Savannah at 7 o'clock A.M. to report to our Brigade
       which was camped at Hardeville S.C. marched through the Lowlands of
       S.C. saw some old fortifications said to have been built during the
       revolutionary war of 1776. got to our Brigade about dusk. marched
       about 25 miles. I was awful tired.
       Weather very warm
Thurs. 19th  A frosty morning. had inspection of arms at 9 o'clock. A.M. clouded up and commenced to sprinkle a little wrote a letter for James Wells in the A.M. Weather rainy in the P.M. we are camped on the same ground where some of the revolutionary troops were camped some 88 years ago we are 3 miles from the river.

Fri. 20th  Was on picket extra duty for missing inspection last Sunday when I went to a German meeting at Wesley's Chapel Savannah. Still raining. cool and chilly.

Sat. 21st  Read some in "Harper's Magazine" got a letter from R. Haed had inspection of arms and accouterments, had my cartridge box condemned.

Still rainy in the P.M.

Mon. 23rd  A cloudy morning a good deal of rain last night. rainy and chilly all day nothing new in camp collected $1.50cts off B. Taylor Co. "G" for R. Haed had a

Tues. 24th  Coppied S. Mcmillans Diary. moved our quarters about 50 yds got our mail. got 2 letters one from John Lazenby with 50 worth of stamps enclosed. also got my old hat and one handkerchief costing 37 1/2 cts got one letter from S. G. Moore had a debating school at Co. "G" Headquarters quite interesting Weather cool and clear Question Resolved that Excellency of Character is owing more to natural abilities than to Education.

Wedn. 25th  Continued to copy S. Mcmillans Diary. had brigade drill in the P.M. the coldest drill I was ever in. had a good singing meeting in the evening Capt. Patterson was our leader.

Weather cold and windy.

Thurs. 26th  Coppied S M diary drew rations. Weather still cold.

Fri. 27th  Wrote three letters one to S. G. Moore one to John Lazenby and one to R. Haed. Got orders to get ready for a sixty days campaign to start tomorrow morning. went with Calvin Newton and ground our hatchet and my pocketknife Weather cool.

Sat. 28th  Did not march. wrote a letter for V. Long of Co. "B" in the A.M. had marching orders read to us in the P.M. by Col Doan to start in the marching at 7 o'clock. had an interesting debate at Co. "F" quarters. "Question" Resolved that the soldiers pay should be increased in greenbacks to its equivalent in gold "the affirmative beat" Col Doan present Weather still cool and windy.

Sun 29th  Started a seven o'clock P.M. marched in the direction of Robertville up the S. River. marched about 20 miles and camped at 4 o'clock P.M. our Regt in front. Weather clear and cool had to go on picket.

Mon. 30th  Come off from picket. the Brigade started at 8 o'clock A.M. marched within 1 mile of Robertville and camped. put up our tents. had a cold time on picket last night felt quite unwell, and awful tired and sore from the yesterdays march. Weather the same.

Tues. 31st  Cleaned some rice. drew three days of rations Weather clear and cool. got the news that the Rebel Congress was broke up.

February
Feb 1st Read a "grammar" "german" book through called "Myelli" got shaved. Our foragers come in with right smart of forage got orders to move the morrow morning at 7 o'clock bought a watch of James Foot of Co. "K" for 30 dollars traded a note for it. Weather clear and pleasant.

Feb 2nd Packed up and started at 7 o'clock A.M. Marched through Robertsville marched within 7 miles of Loutonville where the rebs made a slight stand skirmishing commenced at 4 o'clock P.M. Our Div formed in line of battle and advanced in line of battle for about 1/2 of a mile our Brigade had one killed 1 mortally wounded and 7 slightly wounded. The rebs lit out as fast as their legs could carry them we went in camp for the night had a hard days march marched about 10 miles.

Feb 3rd Had a rainy night last night and still raining in the morning. started at 10 o'clock A.M. Our Brigade in the rear of the Div. was detailed for forager with B. Carnahan and Ellis and Cor. Brown. rained nearly all day marched about 10 miles got right smart of forage.

Feb 4th Considerable rain last night marched about 10 miles and camped not far from a lake, got any amount of forage. Weather clear and warm.

Feb 5th Took up the line of march at 7 o'clock A.M. Marched about 10 miles caught up with the 15th Corps. Weather clear and warm.

Feb 6th Was detailed to forage the whole squad of foragers got lost and did not get back to the Regt. it went with the 15th Corps. Co. "G" boys (foragers) camped out by themselves commenced raining about 3 o'clock P.M.

Feb 7th Found the Regt in the morning rained nearly all night last night and still pouring down in the morning, marched over an awful bad road, got close to the R.R. and camped.

Feb 8th Struck tents at 8 o'clock A.M. went out on the Charleston and Augusta R.R. and tore it up. got through with it at noon. Marched 6 or 7 miles further out on the R.R. in the P.M. and camped close to the T.T. Weather clear and cool.

Feb 9th Was detailed to forage the Brigade started at 7 1/2 o'clock A.M. got back to the Regt at noon. had plenty of chickens the Brigade was in camp at Balckville. Weather cool, got our mail got 2 letters from S. Moore and one from R. Haed.

Feb 10th Took up the line of march at 7 o'clock, marched along the Charleston and Augusta R.R. made a halt at noon and tore a great part of it up advanced as far as Williston and camped for the night. Weather clear and pleasant.

Feb 11th Started again at 8 1/2 o'clock, marched to the Etats River and camped for the night got a letter from Peter Shawyer. Weather clear and pleasant.
Sun. 12th  Took up the line of march at 7 o'clock A.M. had to wade through a swamp the water was about kneedeep "rather a cool operation" was rear guard marched about 10 miles. read a book half through called "Ross on Slavery"  

Weather clear and warm

Mon. 13th  A cold windy night last night, did not rest well started at 8 o'clock A.M. our Div and Brigade in the advance skirmished some with the rebels. camped at one o'clock P.M. some of the 70th Ind. mounted foragers got captured and a few killed.  

Weather clear and cool

Tues. 14th  Started again at 2 o'clock P.M. marched only about 4 miles and camped for the night. Weather rainy and cold (sleet) disagreeable evening.

Wedn. 15th  Started at 8 1/2 o'clock was on headquarter guard last night. rained nearly all the time stood 3 hours marched about 12 miles and camped our Brigade in the rear of the corps. Weather cloudy

Thurs. 16th  Started at 7 o'clock marched about 8 miles and camped 2 miles West of Columbia S.C. our men are shelling the town. Weather pleasant

Fri. 17th  Started at 10 1/2 o'clock A.M. marched about 3 miles and camped at 10 o'clock A.M. got our dinner went back about 4 miles and camped for the night the 114 Corps crossed the Broad River  

Weather pretty warm

Mon. 20th  Had to wait till dark untill we could cross the River. marched about 8 miles got to camp at 2 1/2 o'clock A.M. had a hard and dark march, our Brigade in the rear of the corps. Weather agreeable

Tues. 21st  Took up the line of march again at 7 o'clock P.M. my right foot nearly give out on account of it being strained. marched about 12 miles passed through Wayenesboro. was detailed to guard a captured wagon loaded with meat and flour. Weather cool my foot got worse

Wedn. 22nd  Took up the line of march at 7 o'clock A.M. marched about 17 miles marched east all day. got to camp at 4 o'clock P.M. camped near Wateree River our Brigade had orders to move across the River tonight. My foot got worse come nearly playing out. the 105 Till had one man killed and one wounded  

Weather cloudy and pleasant

Thurs. 23rd  Crossed the River last night at 12 1/4 A.M. and camped about 1/2 mile from the river. started again at 7 o'clock A.M. without breakfast marched 4 miles and camped in the woods for the day. Weather cloudy and rainy in the P.M.

Fri. 24th  Rained nearly all night last night and still raining in the morning. marched about 4 miles in the P.M. and camped for the night a rainy day saw 18 Reb prisoners

Sat. 25th  Had orders to start at 6 1/2 o'clock A.M. did not march laid over. went to see James Wolf give him my portfolio and Bible to
haul for me. rained nearly all the time during the day. finished reading a book called Notes on the gospel. got shaved

Sun. 26th Started at 6 1/2 o'clock in the A.M. marched about 6 miles and camped our Brigade in front of the corps. washed my shirt and washed off all over in the P.M. got plenty of forage. Camped at hanging Rock P.O. Weather clear and pleasant

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Thurs. 2nd Started again at 7 o'clock A.M. marched about 6 miles and camped Weather still rainy and chilly

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Mon. 13th Started again at 1 o'clock P.M. marched through Fayetteville and crossed the Cape Fear River marched 1 1/2 miles farther and camped. the rebels was only 2 miles further cut on the Plank road. Weather clear & pleasant.

Tues. 14th Laid over our foragers got a mill and ground some corn wrote a letter fro V. Long of Co. B got my hair cut. Weather cloudy and rainy in the evening.

Wedn. 15th Started again at 7 o'clock marched about 12 miles and camped. Kilpatrick's Cavalry passed us saw Gen. Kilpatrick for the first time gained a great deal.

Thurs. 16th Struck out again at 6 1/2 o'clock A.M. found the rebs fortified about 2 1/2 south of Aversboro N.C. the 2nd Brigade engaged them early in the A.M. our Brigade marched to the left. out flanked the rebs we took 3 pieces of artillery and a great ? of prisoners. advanced about 1 mile farther found the Rebs Breastworks to strong to charge them threw up fortifications and camped for the night. our Regt lost 5 killed and 24 wounded our Co. Benjamin Hunter severely and Sergt. Davis slightly. gained hard in the P.M.

Fri. 17th Advanced into the rebs breastworks early in the morning started by the plank flank towards marched to and halted for dinner. camped for the night at Aversboro. I took Hunter's colors. Weather cool and clear.

Sat. 18th Marched at 6 1/2 in the A.M. went back a piece and took off to the right on the Goldsboro road. marched only 6 or 8 miles took us all day & night got to camp at 5 o'clock in the morning of the 19th and went over awful bad roads mostly swamps. Weather pleasant.

Sun 19th Started again at 9 1/2 o'clock A.M. marched towards Goldsboro the 14th corps being in front of us. heavy cannonading heard in our front. the rebs attacked the 14th corps in the P.M. and drove them back a piece the 20th corps came up for support the rebs charged our line 4 or 5 times, but were repulsed every time. our Brigade moved to the left flank and built breastworks the battle ceased at dark. Weather warm and pleasant saw some peachtrees out in blossom.

Mon. 20th All quiet this morning the report is that the rebs fell back under cover of the night. moved a piece to the left and put up new works to the left drew 2 days rations in the evening. Weather warm.

Tues. 21st Drew 3 days more rations moved back to our old work staid about one hour. moved back again to our new works and staid all night heavy rain.

Wedn. 22nd Took up the line of march late in the A.M. marched towards Goldsboro Weather fine.

Thurs. 23rd Marched again towards Goldsboro passed the 24 and 25 corps color'd crossed the Neuse river Weather fine warm.
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Tues. 11th 

Took up the line of march at daylight marched to Smithfield N.C. and camped for the night had a hard days march
Weather good

Wedn. 12th 

Started again at 6 1/2 o'clock A.M. marched through Smithfield crossed the Neuse river the rebs had the bridge burnt. received the cheering news of the surrender of Lee's forces to Gen. Grant. marched about 12 miles, and camped about 4 o'clock P.M. Weather warm. had a good prayer meeting after night.

Thurs. 13th 

Started at 5 1/2 A.M. marched to Raleigh and camped a rainy day had a good meeting after night loaned John Beck $1

Fri. 14th 

All is well this morning Washed my shirt and wrote a letter to Jake went to town with John Andrew and D. Crawford had preaching by Chap Allen a beautiful Day

Sat. 15th 

Had orders to march at 6 o'clock A.M. the order was countermanded had preaching by Stillwell A hard rain in the A.M.

Sun. 16th 

Had speaking meeting preaching by Chap Allen in the A.M. and baptismal meeting in the P.M. had a good meeting again after night Weather fine and warm

Mon. 17th 

Went to town reported that our worthy President was assassinated great excitement on account of it. Weather warm had meeting after night

Tues. 18th 

Still great excitement in Camp over the assassination of Mr. Lincoln. had a good meeting after night had Regt inspection in the P.M.

Wedn. 19th 

Went to town in the P.M. to see Bill Hunt and John Beck saw H Walker. the news come that Jeff Davis had surrendered the whole confederacy had a Brigade meeting had orders read to us from Sherman Col. Harrison come back he made a good speech Weather fine visit the Blind Asylum got a letter from S. Moore

Thurs. 20th 

Went to church in town with S. Gobel and George Milham saw the colored Troops on review got orders to go into regular camp cleaned our camping ground off in the P.M. the left wing of our Regt went out foraging Weather good had meeting after night

Fri. 21st 

Fixed our tent up had a good meeting after night

Sat. 22nd 

Our corps had review in the A.M. wrote a letter to S. Moore in the P.M. had a good meeting after night

Sun. 23rd 

Had a speaking meeting and preaching in the A.M. Took a walk with C. Newton in the P.M. S. Parsons was baptized in the P.M. Got 2 letters one from Jake and one from R. Haed Weather good

Mon. 24th 

Drew rations and had a meeting in the A.M. to elect a delegate to represent the 79th Regt at the State convention of Ohio to nominate a Candidate for Governor. Charles Merit was elected for the purpose, and Orderly Smith of Co. A Alternative went to town with
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Mon. 8th   Took up the line of march at 5 o'clock A.M. Marched about 16 miles camped near a creek within 7 miles of Richmond, drew rations. Weather warm.

Tues. 9th   Rained some last night. moved our camped about 2 miles closer to Richmond got orders to have review tomorrow rained right smart in the P.M.

Wedn. 10th Did not move a dull time in camp. Weather cloudy. Took a walk with C. Newton in the evening. Wrote a letter to my parents drew 5 days rations.

Thurs. 11th Started at 11 o'clock A.M. Marched through Manchester and Richmond in Review. Gen. Hallack reviewed us, crossed the James R. on a Pontoon bridge the 21st Corp was drawn up in line to receive us. Richmond had a dismal appearance as the finest part is burnt down. camped about 3 miles north of Richmond.

Weather warm had a hard march.

Fri. 12th Had a dreadful thunderstorm and a hard rain last night. Started at 9 o'clock A.M. crossed the Chickahomony River marched about 8 miles and camped. Weather beautiful and pleasant.

Pages missing

Sat. 20th Washed my shirt in the A.M. went to the Wagontrain in the P.M. to get my Portfolio drew five days rations our convalescent boys come up in the evening among them was our lovely W. Mckibben. Weather rainy got our mail got a letter from John Lazenbys.

Sun. 21st Rained a great deal last night and is still raining "all quiet on the Potomac" Took a walk with D. Crawford and C. Newton went to the 11th Corp to see Allbrights. boys found them well got back to camp about sundown a great deal of rain through the day. I got a good soaking on my way back to camp. stood Headquarters guard for A. Turner as drenching rain again after night heavy thundering and lightening nearly all night.

Mon. 22nd Drew clothing I drew 1 pr of pant 2 pr of socks 1 shirt and one rubber blanket got our mail got 5 letters one from Stephens one from R Haed one from C. Rolier and 2 from my brother. Weather rainy and warm got lots of C.C. things.

Tues. 23rd All well yet this morning a cool and pleasant air. this is the day for the grand review of the army of the Potomac, we are getting ready to be reviewed tomorrow. had inspection at 5 o'clock P.M. Weather warm pleasant.

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Wedn. 31st Nothing new in camp

Weather

June 30 days

Thurs. 1st Thanksgiving day got a great lot of sanitary goods, wrote a letter to John Lazenby's folks Weather cloudy

Fri. 2nd Went with C. Newton and washed my shirt took sick with the sick headache, went to the Dr. and got some medicine drewed more sanitary Weather hot.

Sat. 3rd Rested pretty well last night, but got a little worse during the day, got some more medicine in the evening drewed more sanitary Weather warm

Sun. 4th Felt pretty sick in the A.M. attented divine service in the A.M. had sacramental meeting Chap Wright preached a short but good sermon text 1st Corinth 16 chap. 22 Weather warm

Mon. 5th The 102nd started home attented divine Service in our Brigade Rev Watts preached a good sermon after that I went over to the 2nd Brigade where Rev. King delivered a very beautiful sermon, had a severe pain in my legs was half sick Weather gloomy

Tues. 6th The 105th Ill. started home, drew a lots of sanitary rations and cloths, I got a pr of shoes. I got worse again went to the Dr. and got some medicine, the 90th Ind and 129 was all mustered out attented preaching in the 2nd Brig

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June 30 days

Thurs. 1st Thanksgiving day got a great lot of sanitary goods. wrote a letter to John Lazenby's folks Weather cloudy

Fri. 2nd Went with C. Newton and washed my shirt took sick with the sick headache, went to the Dr. and got some medicine drawed more sanitary Weather hot.

Sat. 3rd Rested pretty well last night, but got a little worse during the day. got some more medicine in the evening drawed more sanitary Weather warm

Sun. 4th Felt pretty sick in the A.M. attented divine service in the A.M. had sacramental meeting Chap Wright preached a short but good sermon. text 1st Corinth 16 chap. 22 Weather warm

Mon. 5th The 102nd started home attented divine Service in our Brigade Rev Watts preached a good sermon after that I went over to the 2nd Brigade where Rev. King delivered a very beautiful sermon. had a severe pain in my legs was half sick Weather gloomy

Tues. 6th The 105th Ill. started home, drew a lots of sanitary rations and cloths, I got a pr of shoes. I got worse again went to the Dr. and got some medicine. the 90th Ind and 129 was all mustered out attented preaching in the 2nd Brig

Wedn. 7th Felt a good deal better in the morning nothing exciting in camp weather fair
Thurs. 8th Went with C. Newton to wash my cloths in the A.M. was mustered out of the U.S. service in the P.M. Gen Harrison made a short speech to us

Weather pleasant

Fri. 9th Had Reveille at 4 o'clock in the morning left Camp at 5 1/2 o'clock A.M. had to wait for transportation until 1 o'clock P.M. proceeded towards home on the O.B.R.R. rode all night Weather warm come through Harperferry

Sat. 10th Got to Cumberland M.D. at noon and to Piedmont at 3 o'clock had to wait till nearly sundown crossed the Cumberland Mountains. After night a rainy night could not sleep very well on account of a severe pain in my feet.

Sun. 11th Arrived at Clarksburg in the morning passed a great many oilwells, went through 21 Tunnels arrived at Parkersburg at 9 o'clock P.M. and camped for the night.

Weather cloudy

Mon. 12th All well yet this morning moved our camp a piece started at 11 o'clock and crossed the Ohio River at noon after having marched through Parkersburg Va. had pretty good time

Weather warm

Tues. 13th Rode all night passed Shillicothe a little before daylight passed Martinsville about breakfast time. got to camp Dennison about 7 o'clock A.M. wrote a letter to Jake and went to see R. Haed.

Weather warm

Wedn. 14th Randolph Haed come to see me, we went up to Miamiville together Weather warm the 108th and 29 come in Camp

Thurs. 15th Nothing new in Camp Wm King come to see us my legs ached right smart, the boys wants to get home so bad

Fri. 16th Peter Shawner and H Moors come to see us. went with H. Moore to the Depot. had considerable of a rain at noon

Sat. 17th A fine morning got paid off, I got 120.40 and got our final Discharge. waited for the 6 o'clock train got on the train at 4 1/2 o'clock P.M. got about 6 1/2 o'clock the boys in fine spirits found John Lazenby all well

Sun. 18th Went with Lazenbys boys to the M. Sabbath School and from there went to Quaker meeting, went out to N. Hunts had a pleasant visit Weather warm

Mon. 19th Went to Martinsville with C. Lazenby in the A.M. got a horse of Lazenbys went to see Haggat H. Stevens and John Stewens found them all well. Weather warm

Tues. 20th Went with Lazenbys down to R. Lazenbys place went to see Wm Miller and his fathers folks stayed all night with William

Wedn. 21st Went back to Millers folks from there to S. G. Moores stayed there from there to John Lazenbys and from there back to the old place

Thurs. 22nd All is well yet this morning a beautiful morning went to
Joseph Greens to see Mare E. who was very sick, went over to old Hunters and from there to Wm Mans there I saw Ben Hunter. found him doing fine come back to Greens, stopped at the Schoolhouse, Jake came went back to Greens with him from there back to Lazenby went to town with Evens little Wagon to get Jakes trunk got back at dark
Weather warm a heavy rain in the evening

Fri. 23rd     Went to town visiting stopped at L. Hiatts, Tords Denningburgs, went to C. Betts took dinner there. after dinner went up to the Schoolhouse it being the last day of their school. the Exercizes were very good and interesting. got back at 7 o'clock P.M. Weather warm

Sat. 24th     Went to Old folks Hiatts with Jake ploughed corn for Uncle Aron in the P.M. broke the plough.
Weather warm

Sun. 25th     Went to Sabbath School and meeting at the M. meeting house.
Psalm, 84 verse 11, rainy in the P.M.
Commenced working for John Lazenby June 26th 1865 worked
June 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, July 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
17, 16, 19 1/2, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, August 1, 2, 3, 4,
5 1/2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

"He did not work Sundays."

Price List of Soldiers Clothing

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4023 Guivas St.
Denver, Colo.
May 12, 1960

Mr. James J. Robertson, Jr.
Iowa University
Iowa, City, Iowa.

Dear Sir: I note in a Denver newspaper, I forget which one, that you are searching for source material on the Civil War.

I have some articles which may interest you. I am including a description of these little books. They were given to my husband by his mother, the widow of the Civil War veteran who wrote the diary described and who collected the other books.

I have promised the diary to one of my daughters but I have wished it might be copied and preserved. I have thought of having it microfilmed. My husband's father was a deeply religious man and also very methodical.

If you should be interested in these documents I shall hope to be able to let you use them. If the other members of the family have saved the diaries given them.

Very truly,

Mrs. Elizabeth Roller.
4023 Guivas St.
Denver Colo.
A diary, one of a series kept by John G. Roller during the Civil War. There were a number of these small books which were given by Mrs. John G. Roller, my husband's mother to their children. This belonged to my husband, Fred W. Roller.

It begins with Accounts, on April 21st; recording small amounts lent to companions.

On page 3 it reads Daybook for John G. Roller commencing the 1st of May 1864.

It ends with a notation on June 25th, 1865.

On April 17 is recorded the assassination of President Lincoln.

The entries in the book are all legible--although sometimes rather blurred.
Perrine's New Topographical
War Map of the Southern
States
with a Chronology of the
Great Rebellion.


on the inside of book cover
is written
"John G. Roller bought this
book on a boat between
Cincinnati (sp?) and
Louisville in the Fall of 1865."

This book contains a
"Concise History of the War"

was published in 1864-
or entered according to
Act of Congress, in the year 1864."

This I do not understand
as it contains history of the
year 1865."
There is a small hard cover which holds a Township Map of Iowa published by E. Mendenhall in Cincinnati in 1854. This is torn on the creases but all parts are there.

There is also a small book of Devotional Melodies by Charles M. J. Veens, A.B. Published at Raleigh, N.C. by Th. Jefferson Semay in 1841.

On the fly-leaf is written "John G. Roller got this book at Raleigh, N.C. in the year 1866 April."


And a letter written to my grandmother from a...
former pupil at Elsie, Mich in May 24th 3 - This is not about the war but just a "schoolboyish" epistle with a few interesting notes on the feeling about the war.
1 June 1960

Mrs. Elizabeth Roller
4023 Quivas St.
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mrs. Roller:

Dr. Robertson has passed on your letter and the documents of John G. Roller. As he has indicated, we are very anxious to collect Civil War manuscripts, and thank you for calling yours to our attention.

Microfilming is a non-too-satisfactory means of obtaining a copy of a manuscript because of the variations of intensity of dark and light in the script. Therefore, we prefer the originals. We will have an air-conditioned vault within the next year which will insure preservation of such materials. Would you consider placing these splendid manuscripts in this library?

Sincerely yours,

Marcus A. McCorison, Head
Special Collections Department

MMMc:ac
4 August 1960

Mrs. Elizabeth Roller
4023 Quivas Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mrs. Roller:

I have recently taken over the duties of Marcus McCorison and find a letter which he had written to you in regard to the diary of John G. Roller.

As he told you, we would be most appreciative if you would permit us to retain this valuable diary for our collection. If you should allow this, would it be possible for you also to give us the addresses of other members of your family who might have similar diaries in their possession? We believe that these diaries would be of considerable value for research purposes and hope that you will seriously consider our request.

Thank you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Curtis W. Stucki, Head
Special Collections Department

GWS:ac
Denver, Colorado,
October 2, 1960

Mr. Curtis W. Stucki,
Special Collections Dept.
State University of Iowa,

Dear Sir: I wish to thank you for
the return of the diary of John Roller
and also for the typed copy of the
contents. I am very happy to have
this copy and appreciate so much
your having had it made for me.
It has been a great pleasure to
have found you interested in
this and I am glad to have helped
your work in a small way.

I am fully aware that this sort
of relic should be in a museum
and I hope to persuade my daughter
that she would be wise eventually
to surrender it. And since Iowa was
the family home, I shall hope it may
some day be stored there.

Very truly,

Elizabeth Roller,
4023 Guivas St.
DENVER, COLO.