August 5th enlisted in the army of the United States.


May 1863 Gen. J. J. Davis

army had a run from the Potomac to be going onward through Maryland to Phila. To go to Loudon and make the next at Petersburg. Left them at Williamsburg. Thence to Richmond, thence to Stafford Court House, thence to Cold Harbor, thence to Old Chancellorsville, thence to old quarters at Stafford C.H. and went to Hospital 12th army corps, and here I am on a long wintering.
Fairfax Station Nov 1863

Jan 10. Light fall of snow last night. Morning still, moon raining hard. Ellsworth and Rogers have received boxes from home the day before. Has been one week six weeks, and the contents are nearly all swill. Ellsworth left last Monday and is in good condition. Have room enough to set up a small grocery, and Colvin opens right as far. I am and Parker all the cook. Have had some coolers here here got the worst week in the regiment I believe.

Jan 11 Sunday. Got up this morning with bad headache. Weather clear, ground froze. Inspection at nine o’clock. Write to Ben and Sarah. I wonder what
The reason is we cannot have regimental services in camp on such a fine day as it is to-day. I wish we could, we have only had services twice since I been with the reg't five months - I think we should provide letter and no letter observe the solst. We have lived well to day. There gave us all some roast pork, clams and apples that come in his box. Pickerel steen some apples for supper as that we have fine sun and calmly all day.

I bought a bunch of butter and cheese, Mose was in and spent most of the evening with us. What a queer chick she is. He says when he gets home he is going to conduct his household affairs on military principles. We all call in the morning and absentees will have two attention. We have all been writing to day.镯en & Bill have written home yesterday. I sent three letters one to William Smith one to Mr. Thistle and one to wife.
Jan. 12 A beautiful morning clear and warm. You and myself are on guard to day. Due is on first relief. I am on second 2d Lieut. Nelson officer of the guard. This is the first time I have been on guard in this camp. a detail is at work building guard house. Seven tents round the camp in clustering manner guard. Drumbeat is in guard house. Two of the guard are at attention. A large detail is at work clearing up the grounds on the right of the regiment. We hear that we are to remain here two months. Orders came to night for division will tomorrow. Weather continues pleasant.

Jan 13 Tuesday Passed rather an unpleasing night. Last night much fire at the guard house, middle of the night came up close with signs of ruin. Came off guard at 9 a.m. Discharged pieces, turned in but could not
Jan 14th To day is my birth day, nothing important to write.

Jan 16th Heavy rain last night went to the Dr. This morning received a box of goods from my father & mother and sister. A grand boy.

P.M. orders have been received to march with eight days rations, two last two last, we can learn nothing certain as to when or where we are going. Some say to one place some to another if we are to march.
January 17th

Expected to hear at
roll call this morning. got
ready to march at ten o'clock
but didn't hear it. neither we
are to move or not. no one
knows. it was a very cold night
last night and it is very
cold this morning but pleasant.
Mom is sick with bad swollen
face and teeth ache, just butt-
back to his feet and hence last
night seems some letter this
morning. It seems that we shall
not much to day. our orders
were to be ready. the order
At noon we met some 3 P.M., the
orders now are to march tomorrow at
daylight—have been writing
A many & easy to hear.

Sunday 18th. We were called up
this morning about four o’clock and
got all ready to march. Knapsacks
and haversacks all packed—hit
and great joy the order came, not
too much to do—gives us hopes
that we shall not march at all.

Had our regular inspection at
nine o’clock. P赴e and I on
monitor detail.

Jan 19. Monday. Fully expected to
march early this morning, but
reverie last as usual, after all
will call an order was given, to
form in line at eight o’clock.
a thousand conjectures were formed as to the purpose of the line being abandone at eight we feel in without equipment after orders were read from the officer and assigning them at 10 0'clock we made 1st line and assigned to Company K an order was given that camp drill would be resumed today this order given me of course thought we were to remain here and were congratulated on our share in our good fortune when the order came back to pack knapsacks and be ready to march soon everything was thrown and knotted there was no mistake this time we were certainly going moving our camp
are marching and were soon ready and noon at 3 P.M.
we are halted about two miles from camp acting as
watch guard we have been halted most all day towards night
and in the evening after
all the rest have turned in
we are still here to watch a
man of much to catch us
with an brigade

20 came to bivouac about 4
oclock P.M. camped in
Greenwood—meneker this
infestation horses

21 Wednesday heavy rain
all last night fires men
and Joseph my bad night
Slept early this morning
have been working most
all day in the rain and
mud the mosquitoes cannot
get along at the mud and
cold got along a mile
and worked for the
night. Poor Jem the
most uncomfortable
pain in legs and arms
the hard bread to
night eat the least
of the box to night
it is a heavy western
cold and rain me
suffer much
all left the Butter and
Rogues
Thursday, started early this morn.

It is now noon and we have come about 2 miles this morning. The roads are in a horrid condition and most of them very slippery ooze and clay mud. It is almost impossible for the horses to get along, and it is very hard for the men, loaded down as they are, our clothing is more or less wet which makes much heavier to carry. We are now halted in the woods.

The men are setting around the army fires warming themselves and cooking coffee. The storm continues. It rained all last night, it could not sledd. I was so cold and my legs ached so. Brozer and I had an tent pitched but our fire melted out.
Instead my feet were out of the tent. But everyone dirt the self, so I put it all in and used wet clothes with wet socks and shoes, and never had all over, we have been traveling along all day through mud and water. The mud in places is enough to the consistency of soft butter. In the places it is like soft mortar, thick again like thick cream, more and more for a poor walking soldier to plod through. With Fritz founds on his back, I am all mud more and. I am wet through and the mud and water is so thick on my arms and shoes that I can barely lift them from the ground. Turned into the woods for the night, almost
from o'clock got some wood together and after a great while got fire going everything is so wet it will not burn. Just on dry stockings and shoes made some coffee after which felt better. We are almost a mile from Acquen creek went to bed with bad headache.

23 [Friday] Passed on uncomfortable night. Very cold went up and built a fire towards morning gots warm and turned in again but could not get no sleep for the cold, and swim in my bones all hands and of chills. This morning I took no coffee. I had one cracker and half for my breakfast. Made some tea the maggums were gone
To draw some rations, dull weather continues. We are ordered to report to Stafford C'ty and wait for orders. No noon ten o'clock. Letters for the brigade here arrive one from Mary for me and one from Sarah. No 5 we are buying around on the hill waiting for orders. We are hungry we need something to eat. It is a shame for men to have to do such marching on such rations. Most of us are packed up ready to start. I have been busy drying my blankets and things. But I do wish I had something to eat. 11 a.m. orders have come to fall in. At p.m. we are now turned in for the night in a piece of wood almost half a mile from town Stafford Court House. I caught a glimpse of the town as we
Roasted along outside, I suppose it is like all other Virginia towns that we have seen small and deftly located. We have not marched far today, but it has been a wearisome march for me. My knapsack does fall down so heavy, I thought sometimes I should fall, but I kept up until we got in to camp. The men have had nothing to eat since morning and some had nothing then. Yes Harris gave me a hard tack which he Legal this afternoon. It was a sweet mush. Major Mudge says we shall have some thing to eat to night if it is possible to be got— on the march I saw some of the boys eating sumac berries they were so hungry— after toger and 2 got our tent pitched and fire built. I made some tea and toger made some coffee I had no coffee— we had sugar. This is ever so
drank our coffee suffering it
to be all we should have for our
suffer. Rose has his tent close
to ours, he is congratulating himself
on not having any suffer to get
he thinks to-do says it is fristate
the bags all over the camp are full
aving hard bread hard bread; give
us some hard bread, ten o'clock
Uncle Joe has just gone bye with
a bunch of hard bread. Here comes
Dr. King roll with a barrel for
our nurses. Nurses, throw the boys
around around like hungry dogs
Sargent white calls them off as
he calls the roll each man stepping
off and getting his ten hard bread
ten given and all numten.
then went round again with four
then again with two so that we
were in all sixty seven crackers to
the men a very little coffee and
sugar was rationed and at the same
time many of the boys had gone to bed
but now they are all and around the
fires eating. Cpt. Brown says no
blame must be attached to anyone for
the shortness of ration, the weather and
roads have been so bad it was impossible
to get supplies—don’t believe it—
did the weather prevent our getting
supplies at Fairfay, within a hundred
miles of tons of provisions? Our reg-
imental reunion has all been turned
over and three, and these instead of
being loaded with supplies for the
men are filled with officers tents
and damage, better throw it by the
side of the road, and take in
nations. It has cleared off
to day men ordinary much of thill
Saturday 24 June

Heard and gathered some fine Lengths before I went to bed last night. To-day on, the ground is very wet and cold. I got some sleep the first part of the night, but the latter half kept waking me with the cold, and moisture in my eyes. Was glad when reveille beat to get up. A small piece of pork to each man was given and this morning once fire was made bread. I hope we shall lay by here to-day.

9 A.M. Camp guard is being posted, so it appears we are to remain here to-day at my rate. Yes here comes Sergeant White giving orders to strike tents, so as to locate company street. So I suppose orders have come for us to remain here for the present. We have laid out our street, according to military firm. The camp is laid out as though we were to remain here for a season. When
we may be ordered to move tomorrow, for anything that our officers know. God rest blessed and then went out into the woods and cut some more pine boughs to feed on. got some axe and cut some wood and built a good fire in front of the tent. Police call eat and all had to fall in, and clean up the camp brush all picked up grounds swept in true military style. The men must work, either they have anything to eat or not. 'Tis a burning shame that men should be treated as the men of the 2nd regt have been treated since we left. Shoveling, hard marching, hard work, men and short rations. But the dignity of Howard must be kept up. This afternoon I have been to work cleaning up my equipment to be ready for inspection tomorrow. we should have to bore our regular squad inspection I suppose even if we were under the guns of Richmond.

In the evening went up in the knapsack
Kintzall, Foster and others in front of
surgeons' white tent—and had a sing
and the air was so heavy and the smoke
so thick we could not sing well—

TUESDAY 25th Jan. Slept more comfortably last
night than any night since leaving
Fredericksburg, towards morning commenced to
rain—9 A.M. fell ill for inspection
this am. 2nd in crocament equipment
from Major for Brigade Guard, and now
at 10 A.M. I am sitting under a
sun. on my knapsack nothing this
there are six of us with Carl and on
this ground. It is a short distance
from wood. The Rye master has
arrived and his said that we
are to be paid of to day—
Perhaps so perhaps no.
Three P.M., the companies are signing
the pay rolls for paymen. I have been into
court and signed for two months and three
weeks. My government owes me for five
months. Some new moment is it, I
have overheard them talking about news.
They are forming at nine o'clock
tomorrow. Orderlies keep coming in
with orders. Evening I have been
in and got my pay thirty-five dollars
ninety-five cents. Made the muster
march
26th Monday
Heavy pickets guard
Have been sent out this morning, a company
from each regiment. The line was formed
in the open field in front of head quarters
at 6th street. Company H is
gone from our regiment at half past nine
we were relieved, and came into court.
Company K street is deserted all.
excepting mine an guna yesterday
have gone an fitter taking one deaf
oteions with them, the culcork gave
me a large piece of fresh beef this
morning which I brought into camp and
cooked part of it for my breakfast gave
a piece to none and a piece to none
mehtler, had a nice breakfast
I have writter a long letter to ming to
cray and a letter one to jusey
the men have got money some of them
have been into town and bought whiskey and
are getting pretty well drunk. I hear
that Casy Jones is going to Boston and
will have money for the boys. I have
written and enclosed to ming twenty one
dollers also sent in the same letter
fifty dollars for Moses mehtler and
fifteen for Jane moore and have
taken it to Casy Jones this evening
had a terrible drunken now in
coping C in the evening they got to fighting and one of them Bill Evans the guard undertook to take, but he was set among by his friends. He got into a clinch with a soldier and both fell into the coals fire setting a kettle of hot water onto Evans. mercy from the drunkard Bill did fellows. He got sold and burned pretty bad. I am not sorry for him at all our fifer and drummer, and clar and marions were drunk and they were so drunk they could not make any disturbance. Ellen got into a fight with C C sent no letter to many by Capt. Youngs. There are dollars for many $25 dollars for some and fifteen dollars for grand mode and forty dollars for Moses Mellen
28 Wednesday. So day has been very unpleasant cold with a drizzling rain and snow. It is impossible to be comfortable anywhere, on such a day as this our shelters are next to nothing one end being entirely open we have a fire in front but while one side of the person is warming the other is freezing. We are wet through the snow falls on us and melts into our clothing and there is no possibility of drying ourselves until after the storm. We are most miserably fed our food is of the poorest quality and we do not get sufficient of that we have a most miserable cook with all and if we draw anything good such as beans or rice he usually spoils them in the cooking so they are never fit for horses
to eat. We drew good coffee. The whole kernel and the stovil it making so weak that it has hardly strength to run out of the kettle, but more one looks and frms it seems to me that cast these should set that his men are better cared for than what they are cut which is a private soldier, but a drag tricked and in uniform, he must obey the will of the muster and submit to any indignities that should strait see fit to do on him. I dread to go to my bed of love ground to night. I have not had a good night's rest since me left Fairfax. What need can be got such a storm night as this but we must make the best of it.

29 Thursday, The storm began to increase after tattoo last evening. Snow began to fall.
Dear and Furt [illegible] and I snulled on the bed we could laying one snulled blanket on the ground then spreading another snulled blanket over our coats and one snulled over all. Gods some asleep the face end of the night had soon sunked with the cold the fire had sunk and the snow was driving in on to us the north of our bodies would melt it on the upper blanket and the water would run down on to the under one and there we lay in the cold wet snow water feet almost frozen, lines aching, no comfort to be taken. Meanwhile the cold got a little not towards morning got up and made completely chilled through and what a dreary scene it was the ground covered with six inches of snow fires all
all tent covered and broken down with the snow and wind. The lines were loaded with snow, many of them were broken down or uprooted with the burden of snow on their branches. Built a small fire of dry limbs, and a dinner of Pickard's egg coffee. Then took off and went over into the ravine and chopped off some logs of a fallen oak tree, and brought them in and built a cooking fire. Coveting and lugging the wood got me warmed up. The sun came and clear and pleasant and I have no desire to fuss with another miserable twenty-five farm.  
30 Friday, to day have been detailed to build cabin for our show. It is evident the army cannot move for the present. These last rains and snow one brought the
Roads to such a condition that it is impossible to move on any. We shall probably remain where we are for the present. Now I wish the rains had come before we left Sunday then we could not have moved but it is all for the best what God wills is right.

31st Saturday

To-day I am on picket and almost a mile and a half from camp. It's a pleasant day but cold. Our station is in a thick pine wood, where we have large fires. The relics are posted along on different points on the road and in the woods with orders to stop all soldiers and civilians without a pass. None is with me his tent is next to mine but a room with
Pickard this morning.

Dez 1st Sunday

9 A.M. warm and pleasant, have just come off guard. It has been the pleasantest time I have ever had on picket. The night was most cold and two hours slept during the night. Our relief will come here and we shall go into camp. Hope I shall find letters here for me from home. Have seen neither rebel or civilians. Got into camp this morning about ten, then had to go to work and clean up everything for monthly inspection all morning. Marched out and were inspected in front of head quarters. Received letter from Mary this morning. No 7 must move tomorrow. Had a good dish of baked beans when I got in this morning. Looks like rain. Some of the boys are getting logs to write letter
quarters, I do not feel much like doing much in that way we have pre-
ferred quarters so often and then
had to leave them, for others to occupy
that it seems a waste of time and
strength— a Vermont regiment is
occupying the quarters that we
built—at Fort Eustis—better
quarters than those have not been
built—since the war began. it
was a model of a camp, M. G. Lord,
is sick with dysentery

July 28th It is sometime since I have
made any notes in this book, we have been
encamped at this place almost five weeks
a long stay for us, nothing of note has
occurred during that time, the weather has
for the most part of the time been unsettled—
done severe snow storms, and rain
storms, which has made our situation
my reflections and uncomfortable feelings we have not done much as to preparing quarters, most of us living in the shelter tents merely putting a couple of logs round the sides to make them little higher.

I composed of an next but one & became head quarters for personal and guard duty. We have resumed company drill, drilling when the weather is suitable two hours each day. Night before last a body of rebel cavalry made a raid into our lines surrounding a body of our cavalry and took forty five of them prisoners. I suppose our cavalry like many of the regts round is had no guard out, and it was an easy matter for the rebels to come down on them, our next his a strong guard on eleven on a relief.
We are expecting a case boy from some friends in Boston. It has been on the road two weeks. I hope it will come to stay. Capt. Barn had left his command in this county and gone home to have an appointed in the colored regt. getting up an insurrection. I think he is better suited to command a body of negroes than he is white men.

I have been policing to day.

Weather warm, cloudy.

Mules returned to the country from the hospital last night. Had soup with dumplings for dinner to day.
March 15. In good 8. day. Found out that the rebels have made a raid on Danfaz Station and taken prisoners for ammunition and stuff and also a hundred horses. Have sent in for a pass for Ellsworth and myself to go to acquire supplies to look after the big box which one of our friends at home sent us. P.P. reports that the rebels are attempting to raid on some joint near us, a large ticket has been sent and under command of Lt. Col. Caseyell to strengthen theicket that is out.
March 12, came off guard this morning at 9 o'clock. My Lt. Hop called me and told me our boats had been ordered and that we had letters to go to days as the day was less and our grass was for twelve hours. Ellis went to just gone on guard but the boat had him relieved and another ten men started for Brooks Station. They took cars and was arranged to Acadian Creek landing could find nothing of the missing cop. Agent said it might be at Hopes landing. Turned a boat from Loronza's Marshall and took steamer and went to Hopes landing.
could not find it anywhere. Stayed on board steamer all night and returned on her to Aegina Creek and my health was cold and string at 10 P.M. started on cars for camp and arrived at Brooks Station left the cars and proceeded into camp about three miles south back to camp at 3 P.M. will leave with one short furlough should have seen letter written to me from home.

The boy, Mere, and I left...
Sunday March 15th

Indicium this morning
as usual printed a
long letter to ma got
some sloe of Pickard
and made some cake
for supper leapt
half piece of butter
of butter General

To know one 27 Indiana
regiments Long on Bacon
Head will place use an
inscrable Thch Sergent
White and please return
to day from home on
furlough Mrs Rounding and
trailing this PM will
heavv Thunder and lightning
sounds and thunders this
evening.
March 30 On Picket, about one mile and a half from camp. All the Company are off and the day has been pleasant. I have the headache all day and have not felt fit for duty. But have been on my bed required for I did not like to get exposed.

March 31 Came in from Picket this morning relieved by Company F. Commenced to storm about midnight last night first rain and then a thick snow storm. This morning there is three inches of snow on the ground. The vines are covered down with it and they look very fantastic.

I got into camp fairly chilled through but got quite good.
Some whiskey during the night and after me got in he called to his tent and gave us all another good stiff niffer. Pickard had a good hat and a shirt and all ready for us. I built a fire in the tent, changed my wet socks and after a while got tolerable warm in the afternoon. I turned in and slept until after dinner. Sergeant White told Roger not to make me two old men appointed clerk for the company. I shall get rid of drill and guard duty.

April 1st, being a third and some already down. All flies surely.
April 4th. The company has gone and on picket, now remaining in camp, but the guard that came off this morning, and a few excepts, I have been busy taking of the clothing accounts of each member of the company. The pine has blown fresh all day, Indians might increasing to a perfect gale. My chimney has blown down during the afternoon, I had to mix up some mud and return it, for it is cold sitting without fire. In the evening commenced a furious snow storm, the pine blowing a hurricane, about 9 o'clock I went out and to look after the mail, found Sergeant White's tent blown down, collected wood and me and I returned it as well as we could. The mail arrived almost 8½ no letter for me. Had a terrible night our boys have sold it all on picket.
in, they will suffer exceedingly. Surgeon McDonald received his furlough to-day.

April 5th. It is clear enough this morning. The ground is covered with six inches of snow, and still snowing. I lay in bed until 10 o'clock. Turned out and had some coffee then went out and got some wood to go to have a good fire when Bill gets in from picket. The picket got in about eleven o'clock looking as though they had had a hard night of it. Pickford had some and went for them & the sut. gave them whiskey. Mrs. D. & Sisters went clean down during the night they were busy repairing it. The blessed chimney is down also.
About daylight this morning Sergeant White came tearing down the street turning all out to fall in under arms in a few moments the whole regiment were in line with arms and equipment on, cause of alarm I believe was some sort signals seen, thrown up by the rebels, the guns remained stacked in the companies till a few minutes fot before morning could not get my gun of yesterday have taken out to the command to have the lunch pails taken and one as to get the charge and three rations of soft bread to a man without any day protection so any of arms and equipment
April 9th. Brigade till this
forenoon, weather pleasant. The
snow has all disappeared. A warm
drying wind is blowing to day
and the mud is just drying up.
I received a letter from my
sister this morning, Mr. L., this P.M.
I have been writing for the evening
making art clothing rolls.
This week we are to be paid
off next week, and see it.
Becas December P.M.,
evening Headache bad. Our
cold last night, it was
a cold night.

April 10th. Today have been on review.
Our brigade formed in line at
10 A.M. Marched and arrived three
miles, and met the brigade
belonging to the Twelfth Corp.
visited on the field until about 3 P.M. when we were removed by President Lincoln accompanied by Gen. Hooker. It was a grand sight. Mrs. Lincoln was presented in carriages, a lady on her own said to be the President's daughter, was also present, as also his two sons Lincoln and down the lines, and the afterwards marched in review. The day was beautiful and everything passed off well and back to Camp of about 1 P.M. Then the company went on a march to relieve the company that has been away since yesterday morning.
April 26th. Marched to day at sunrise. The 12th. nears and 11 Corps. We have eight days rations of bread, pork, coffee, and sugar. This with the other things we are obliged to carry for an comfort makes a heavy load. We marched all day, the curfew of the 3 Connecticut. Only 11 men. cannon moved. Came back over in front and took a rail leading in. His said of the going to Culpepper. The roads are in intolerable condition for making the day is very warm, and our jacks are being melted number of times for pioneer cuts to bridge streams, about noon melted for an hour and made some coffee.
fell in and marched until 3 P.M. when we turned into a wood by Hopwood Church. Many of the men came from away blankets and coats during the day. They are all along the road and Corps is in the advance and an regiment leads the column. Some had bad head ache. I shall not be able to carry my pack. Took a citizen as prisoner supposed to be a spy. Passed many farms on the road, fruit trees are in blossom. It has been a tedious day to me. My feet is in such condition I cannot carry any load.
28 June 1863

The Surgeon Dr. Scott remained with me and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wright. It did not seem to be kindness I was showing of everything going on around me, but it seemed as if my heart would jump out of me, treated with great difficulty. Dr. Scott was about to take some blood from me, but I requested him not to, and he did not. He left me after an hour in charge of two of our men with to help an ambulance. When they came out and brought men, feeling better after a while, I went out and came in to camp which was not a short distance on.
Nov 24. Fell in this morning before daylight. I feel totter
small & weak on the road to Nizer Linn. Fox came to and took my
gun & gave me his sword to carry. He told me if did not feel able to
march to fall and any time he treated
me with great kindness at daylight.
We crossed a creek leading into the
Rappahannock. On a high wooden bridge
Crossed the Rappahannock am
Fantoon bridge. Stopped for an
Hour in large field. Took up
the line of march down the river
Towards the Rapidan, Medium
and maneuver an rifles, but
Fox took my gun told me
I had better throw away my
Knapsack & be Heath. Said
I could move rations from the
Hostile Ruggers, continue
Cameron

in all a slow march of ending deployed or skirmishers, at
rear leading the column
therein away my breastwork
in order to keep my mind
will man when as we appro
acted the rapidan arm rest
deglen as skirmishers
now in the reserve with
the firing commenced on the
left - result - two hundred
and my enemy man killed in
an side one rebel, came
to the rapidan find water
moist - dead, regiments and
batteries forced but - led me to wait till the bridge
was completed waited
line up with the regiment
army bridge acquired other me
then finding Bridge Building
their rebel mine.
30th. This morning went to 10 o'clock feel well to march but will try to keep up. Lay very cold all night and of about 2 a.m. heard troops coming in. Cooked a little meat and made a pot of coffee to take with me, our route was direct for Fredericksburg and a plank road. The 5th Corps is ahead then the 12th the 11th in the rear, our regt and ems in rear of our ammunition train for guns. marched very fast turned in about 4 P.M. There was been some skirmishing on the front one of the Indian killed 5th corps came out of a hole of vols entrenched in rifle pits drove them and and took many prisoners one are captured in woods. These others are
being cut down for all this
on our part, dear this miss
lively as taken, order read,
from Harker seizing we now
the enemy in position where
the sound of the curve out of
his entrenchments and fight
of him, we shall certainly
here but work tomorrow.
So gave me some whiskey and
saw I must cry my eye, I had
kept my beautiful bull.

May 1st
Left in this man about
10 troth the wood, announcing com-
merce, our 134 were ordered to
to the front, men are throwing away
knapsacks and coats, feeling keen
calm. We cross the road and
like off into the woods through.
Thick brush, muddy and mucky heavy skirmished and
through the woods our own and rebel shell flying over
us. Came my men the rebel
shelling, and lay down, were
ordered away came and on
to the road saw many around
at home men head quater's
private house, barn to holler
come back to where we left
this morning about 4pm
day in line of battle lying
down on the ground firing
commences on our front weels
trying to shake us, part of
our brigade sent out, lay here
the night heavy firing from
our batteries we can hear me
weels shooting, ball struck a
fellow close to me on cot
and glanced across his arm

being continued until after

dark, Capt. Col. Kincaid killed

an old man down the river

they have been trying to break

our lines, not successful here

no one sitting but killed

to lay an & most all were

no fires

May 2 had little sleep last

night. Ear Kincaid picked

up a blanket for me

let me lay with him. Or I

could have done to stay

and miss the night, after

fire in each center. Made

little coffee but cannot eat

much, have been to the &
to get corn & salt.
I unable to keep up. We were ordered to build breastwork of logs in front of line. The logs are busy about it. We are filling up logs in front so we shall be able to remain with the main corps and not try to keep with the front. I am stickier than I have ever been in my life seems to me. Fires ordered at 10 AM a breastwork has been built along our line of heavy timber. Trees fallen in front. If the rebels come on now here we are well defended. Batteries are planted in and near there has been but little firing at this time. Some fresh meat has been given and and the boys are stacked arms behind the breastwork and me.
Making a stronger dash undertaken to fell a large oak in front, and it has fallen inside two men three rifles. Nurses ask 251 to fall exactly over 2 men a moment before. One took six pieces of cannon from the rebels last night. I am a battery on the left of the field where rebel wagon train reports came in. That the rebels falling back that I more than nine thousand muskets and cannon corps falling wounds in front for all the time. It has come W. from the wagon train which is 10 miles back day the good is line with our road. 12:12 firing commenced again near a cheer and cannot tell.
It is our troops on the rebels 
look stronger. It has been 
very warm all day 
about 3 PM ordered into line. To 
leave everything in entrenchments —
went out with Brigade to the woods 
the left, as skirmishers. Heavy musketry all 
along the line, it was very difficult to 
get through the woods, a thick underbrush —
the men in some distance, Nells began 
to drop around us. Thick and fast we 
were the reserve. The front line began 
to fall back driven on to us by the rebels 
we were ordered to fall back, got and 
an to a piece of open ground, met 
a division falling back in confusion 
from the right. The rebels were in large 
line trying to break our lines, our 
Brigade fell back in good order 
but we were cut off from our en-

trenchments. The rebels had a heavy
Lately posted near us and they were
firing onto our lines while our
artillery were firing on them with
terrible effect. We men ordered to
dig down, the shot and shell and bullets
were flying over us, might come on
while we lay here. But the fight
was kept up between the artillery until
nine o'clock. We lay in this mud all
night, the firing being kept up at
intervals. One regiment of ours
was driven in confusion on us from
the left. They were rushing in disorder
past us on regiment rose and stiff
then, in the morning.

May 8th Sunday

The fight was renewed early
the rebels were in our entrenchment
and were advancing on our line. They
came down on us. We met them with
a sound fire, when they fell back.
The firing was terrible near all along the center, as the rebels fell back as I followed up a short distance. Until we saw them lying down, we charged on them and the men taking the breastworks we stood until we fired all ammunition away when we were obliged to fall back our loss was pretty heavy seven in our company was struck. Ruthen shot dead, two were missing, our division then fell and of the officers and arms of the field near Hookers designated the staff and shell falling all around us, it was clear that our center was being driven, we halted a number of times but were driven by shells dropping around us. I was so sick the first
told me to throw away my gun and seek the Brigade hospital. I kept with the rest some time and then fell out and went to the rear. I have no need to go into the fight at all. I had a pass from Dr. McHeather to leave the regiment, and the list I signed was sworn in and I kept with the legs through the fight until we were relieved to fall back for three hours the fighting was terrible and it appalled all that we should have to fall back across the Pinckerman. I was so weak, thus I thought it least to move in that direction. I lay down for some time and got some rest, so much kept coming that we struck out.
Here to fall such a curse
The "Refrain". I did not
like to leave the regiment, but I
there was to be a retreat which it
seemed evident I had better keep
along towards 8 S. ford. I threw
away my gun and equipment as
the first ordered, and kept
along some place to the
first. But I could hardly crawl
along I was so weak. I got to
the first back in the afternoon
shift at the first time there
and saw the wounded. I did
not know where to go to find
our brigade hospital.

Towards might之处 the
village with part of the 12
calls. From the coal's, shuffle
train here, and also our
regimental magazine.
Best Brady. Verilled. Biny
suits. Learned that the
Brigade Hospital men
who lay in the woods that
night did not get much
sleep during the night. The
rebels planted a battery on
the opposite side of the
river in the morning, as soon
as it was light. They opened
fire on our trains starting
us out of our beds. The
shells burst all around us. We
scattered in all directions.

There was about 7:00 A.M. I
ever saw such a scene as
that. Each one seeking
a place out of range of
the shells. I seized
my blanket and started
as well as I could.
with the rest and ant of
since of the shell and cloth.
the firing ceased in a
short time & living silence
and taken by a nesene
since me and on the other
side to the run, I went
back to where I lay and
got my canteen and a little
and broke it and cell me
and then found the hospital
and referred to Dr. Estate
He came to me as soon as
the same me, and asked me
how I was. I told him that
the first told me to tell him
he told me to remain there
where I was. He was near
an army of the moment;
I lay down under some
boughs, January 6th 1863.
Oct 22nd 1861. Monday morning in the arm. Clay, Pecker, Mele. In the railroad, all by themselves in an arm. I was able to get a letter in an arm and go to the cards inside the same. I am writing to myself of myself and care of care. We started along the way in July. All the middle of afternoon again the sight in rear of Fredericchburg. Slept in bed. Night of May 4th May 5th. The rebel this morning are on the right hand of Fredericchburg. Have been looking at them. Through my glass one line of entrenchment is full of them. There is some cannonading up on the right. Hooker is at work. Am almost a hero.
Johans last in last night
They seemed in MB of shirts,
dirty roughen shadows. Just
as we are about to leave on the
Crs for again creek from
Falmouth. Commandery has
commenced from a front from
them us arrived at again
landing B day and report at
the Nisahnt

Mar 10 obtained a pass to go to
regiment to see first Jack and
sooon Hathe to see if I cannot
get into somther Hospital
then this took the cars and
ride to Brooks station then
footed it to regiment 2 1/2 miles
Tryp wants me to get my
discharge. She has wanted I
cannot stand the hardness.
of the field, stuffed with dzer
that might saw the doctor
he thinks I shall be better
save, did not give me any
encouragement about getting
my discharge, but is willing
to aid me via my may be
own lint. Fox told me he
would send my desidernate
list down with a request
that I might be sent
to Washington 3rd of
next at noon and
returns to Fortitude
May 11th—will at the
next get letters from home
with picture of Josey.
Saturday May 16, have been at this Hospital nearly two weeks and not much better than when I came. Cranston left here a day for his regiment, all that were able to walk were sent & their negroes to make room for the wounded. That are being brought in from the battle large numbers are being brought in every day. What a nasty place this camp is the streets have not been washed for a month & have been there and they are filling old funnels, pieces of bread and duck lacy shirts and drawers dirty bandages are being wound everywhere. Knaps and munroes have been sent to the rest.
took a walk and this morning went to a fort on the bank built by the rebels. There are numbers of them about. some are accused by our troops, several have racks containing relics or small fish. bought some in they are very curious.
May 23. 2

Yesterday, the news that
be changed my quarters from where I was
comfortably situated, and put me into a
silly tent with two wounded men, of the
13th my regt. They are both very fine
men, they are not very badly wounded
but they make more fuss with their
wounds than some do with the loss
of a leg or arm, grunting, groaning
and swearing, my situation is very
unpleasant. The tent is close, and
not, I went into the wood and staid
most of the afternoon, so I could
not stay in quarters. I wish I
could get away from here into
some other hospital, my discipline
list has been sent down, I did
not go to sleep until late last night.

This morning I got up early
this and went down to the brook
and had a wash, sat down
on a log on the hill side and read my testament. Looked at Jossey's picture, came in just as the storm bent for breakfast. Had some suck coffee and some bread for my breakfast. There is to be another examination this morning. I hear. The day has been very hot. This forenoon I went over on to the hill near the creek, and near some old entrenchment thrown up by the rebels. One was a bomb proof fence. This P.M. Sam F. Jones he says a sick furlough Commissary got word, Dr. Whiteman gave me the letter from Joe to the Co. Surgeon, and said I had letter see him and then him. I left, I died so and asked to be transferred to Washington and he would do nothing for me, a soldier is no account anyway, but of all place...
in the world deliver me from the Hospital of the 12th Army Corps


Thursday 24


The day is very warm, and the thick muggy atmosphere obscures the sun. After breakfast, I took writing materials, went over into the woods to find some cool shade. I chose where I could write. I came to an old rebel fort. I went up to it to go inside of it. A notice at the entrance forbid anyone but officers to enter it. Having written inside, I moved away a battery was encountered near by. I went around to the rear of the fort, and looking down the road across a mossy green valley over an knoll. A hill where was an orchard of apple trees. The grass looked so green, and the shade under the trees looked so dark and cool. It seemed just the place, I moved down the hill through the brush and fallen trees. At the foot of the hill was a large running brook. Its banks shaded by brush. I took off my clothes and went in for a bath. Had a grand wash all over, then.
away my dancers, curve to the hill on the opposite side of the valley. Here I found a very large orchard of apple and other fruit trees, it must have been a beautiful place before the war, but now everything is laid waste, all the buildings have been destroyed, mansion, slave houses, and all building and all these fallen by the ruthless hand of war, the gnarled elms and the Master's prairie are tastefully laid out, around the house were large shade trees but these have all been cut down. There was a large formal yard, with its grassed walk and flower beds and grass plots. Roses were in bloom on either side of the walk. In the garden were long borders of rose bushes, in full bloom flowering shrubs of many kinds. Peach trees and other fruit, I gathered a large bouquet of roses of four varieties, scattered among the ruins. The most interesting object I could find amongst the dirt and rubbages was a missing half worn Garter boot, a neat little thing that would grace the foot of a fairy.
I wondered where the first earth man be that wrote it... and wondered if she knew that her home was laid waste. If she knew the old house, for all buildings are old in Virginia, in which she was born, in which her ancestors had lived from the time of the Puehantes... was burned to the ground. The beautiful garden became a grazing ground, for miles and miles, and zephyr hands blowing its fairest flowers. I wandered amongst the ruins, in the garden, and about the remains for an hour or more, then went and sat down under a large old tree, and wrote a letter to my boy. I remained and wrote until I should think more of my next step and then came in and found my bed covered with blankets. I think I shall go back to my rest. I cannot stay here. I am disgusted with the treatment I receive. What is a soldier but a dog.

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To day it is cold and unpleasant. I am so sick of my situation here. My quarters are so unpleasant and nasty that I am quite sick and disgusted. I went to doctor long this morning and asked permission to return to my regiment. He asked me if I thought I was sick enough to do duty. I told him I thought I should
I felt off here than I sure. So said the nurse to Dr. Goodman during the day, about it. I went to my tent and took my blanket and went over on the hill and lay down most of the front. So I could not stay in the tent. In the afternoon I lay down and tried to get some sleep, but there was such an diligent stroke I could not, get up and went and again. And the doctor and told them from I saw, the others he gave me permission to put up an A tent near of the others at the end of the street. From flapping it made me. I went to the tent and read it. Now I am quartered close again. I have fitted up my bed, and I think I can sleep comfortably to night. The refers to day state, that Gen. Grant has taken Vicksburg. The rumors will be confirmed tomorrow. No letters yet from Mary. I can understand it.

26 Had a beautiful sleep last night undisturbed by anything at any
tide. I shall always be thankful.
A fling for granting me permission.

And in this tent, I got up early this morning before anyone was about and swept out my tent and the ground in front of it. Some green bushes that are growing in front, I have let remain to look so pretty. I have praised the day very pleasantly. Peace has been my to see me two or three times. I have built me a little table, at the head of my bed. To put my things on.

A delegate of the Christian Commission has been through the camp distributing tracts, papers, etc. He gave me three papers, a tract, and a little book which I shall send to joining. When shall I see that dear child again? I hope God will have our lives to see each other again.

Commencing has been heard of by the right this afternoon, and I have seen the Wilson N2, once.
A Zollmann, what is all this thunder
Perhaps the river is going to cross
The river and try to drive us out
Of this. Well I don’t think I shall

28th

Today it has been very pleasant. A gentle breeze has been blowing all day. I have been made happy by receiving letters from Mary & Gray, Caleb Lord, and Stayton came down from the regiment to see me. Caleb brought letters for me. They remained in camp about three hours. I was very glad to see them indeed, and so pleased to receive letters from home. One letter contained portrait of Mary, dear soul, the little Liaworn and I wish I was at home with her. I must write to her tomorrow. Our regiment has moved its camp over into the woods. The Boys all well.
30th. was quite sick last night, had a very
bad headache, great flow of blood to the
head, late in the night felt quite alarmed
and went to the doctor's house. Dr. Kennedy of
the gaige house must have got some seed
cattle from the west, feel very bad this
morning. Have lain in tent all day,
not feeling able to move around much.
Last letter from home containing pressed
clothes, most of the clay, a few bags
of rice in the camp, un...
June 14th Orders this morning to pack up and leave Amiri & Alexandria. The sick are all being taken to the landing to embark. We remember and started about ten o'clock on the Steamer Hero. Had a pleasant passage of the Jute with calm in Alexandria about 8 P.M. myself and about 30 others were taken to St. John's Church Hastfifl under the direction of Dr. Brian. From comfortable we are here confined to any where out of the Court at 8.

17th Rebs marching into Maryland & Pennsylvania
A large number of wounded Confederates were brought into the city last night about twenty wounded and sick were brought to this hospital. They were engaged in a skirmish with the rebels last before yesterday and many died yesterday in the city. They are many beautiful accidents in the city. The streets are crowded with trees. The streets are for the most part crowded. Some many pretty women and many negroes ran over and burnt evening and during the night.
Last evening the ordinance of baptism was administered to a man apparently near his end. The ceremony was solemn and impressive. The floor man lay on his sick couch, he could just articulate the responses, but he seemed greatly moved. The duty was administered according to the Episcopal creed. This morning we had inspection by the surgeon director of this class in St. Spencer. Before we came around everything was laid in order while counterpoises were fast upon the leas, and everything about the leas and hospital was in order. When the surgeon went his rounds each man was at his lea. Those who were able to stand standing at the front. The day has been fine for the most part with clouds. Many people
one in the street. There are many negroes & day they are dressed up in their best, and walk the streets like nabobs.

22 Last evening the sacrament was administered to the man who was baptized day before yesterday. He seems near his end. To day I have been out to walk from 9 until 10 o'clock. Went up the east end of the city, saw them at work building a fort to command the river, near land they can't.

June 26 Left Alexandria in an ambulance for Washington & New Orleans arrived in Washington about 11 AM.
9 pastures
9 trees
8 rows
Three trees in each row
Now is the Pasture season.