Diary
of
Seen and incidents
of the
Rebellion
by
L. Crater,
50th Regt. F.V.V.
Harrisburg, Pa.,
Tuesday, March 8th, 1864

When on our return home from Blaine's Cross Roads, Enquirer County, Penn., my coat was stolen, while in Cincinnati, Ohio, and with it my diary, hence I lost the data of many items of interest, while on the march from Blaine's Cross Roads to Nicholasville, Jessamine County, Kentucky, and also while quartered in the 5th street Market House, Cincinnati, hence I give, from memory, an epitomized sketch covering the time to when my new diary began.

A sufficient number of the men having reenlisted to reorganize, as an Veteran Volunteer regiments, preparations was at
once began for the homeward march. Nicholasville, Kentucky, being the nearest front at which railroad transportation could be secured, hence, on the 1st day of January we broke camp at Blain's Cross Roads, and the line of march began. The route lay through Morristown, Tennessee, Cumberland Gap, Barbourville, Mount Vernon, Crab Orchard, Lancaster, and Camp Nelson to Nicholasville, Kentucky. The march was attended with great suffering on the part of some of the men, who, owing to the siege of Knoxville, and supplies having been cut off, had worn out their clothing and shoes. Before leaving Blain's Cross Roads rain hid our
secured and moccasons made. The ground was covered with snow, and the heat from the body and moisture of the snow soon caused their moccasons to soften and stretch so as to be useless, hence they were discarded the first day and their feet were wrapped with such clothing as could be spared. In addition, to cross some of the rivers, viz. Clinch, Powell, Cumberland and Kentucky, it was necessary to wade the water, in some instances nearly waist deep. The crossing of Clinch, Cumberland and Wild Cat mountains was very difficult and only accomplished with many tracks of blood from the-shotless. It was
found impossible to supply
the men with shoes until
we arrived at Mount Vernon,
Kentucky, where a sufficient
number was secured, by
the officers making them-
selves personally responsible
for payment of the bill.
To add to their distress
the boys had not been
paid for nearly six months
and had no money to pur-
chase anything if the oppor-
tunity had offered. The
weather too was intensely
cold, so that many of the
men did not remain with
the regiment but finished
right on securing the best
places possible to sleep
at night. The main body
however slept under their
shelter tents at night.
The night of our
arrival at Lancaster, Ky.
the thermometer registeres
almost zero, and as there was no place but the open square of the town in which to encamp, hence the boys took possession of a hotel, spreading their blankets on the floor, very much against the will of the proprietor, and remained all night.

When arriving at the foot of Wild Cat mountain the regiment was considerably in advance of the wagon train, an old man (a citizen) met us and said, "gentlemen, the Colonel said I should tell you to go up over the mountain and he would meet you at the other side." At the same time he remarked that to go around the mountain it was seven miles
and directly across only about half the distance. The story looked fair, hence John Eckel and I, who were in charge of the train, decided to go across the mountain; however, we had not proceeded more than one half the distance when one of our wagons upset. Then to get it righted everything had to be carried up the mountain side and by the time this was done and the wagon loaded again it was dark. We now had the mules fed and secured for the night. Then in order that we might get some rest we took a large tarpaulin which was used to protect our provisions stores from the weather and
spread it on the ground.
These placed one blanket upon it, after which
the long end was drawn up over us. In this way
we slept soundly. Next morning everything was
covered with about three
inches of snow.

During the night
one of our mariners, in
some way, broke his
leg, and to end the
fellow miserie
Eckel shot him.

To get down the
mountain was more difficult
than the ascent. The
road was very steep and
hung off toward the
edge of the mountain.
Chains were placed
under the wagon wheels
so as to prevent slipping.
The first team to go
down was driven by
Elias Dixler, of Company A, and for some reason the chains slipped from under the wheels, the manes being unable to hold the wagon was compelled to keep out of the way, hence, the driver cracked his whip and the team started down the mountain road at a full gallop. Fortunately he succeeded in getting down without accident, but it was a fearful sight and all expected to him and his wagon go over the precipice. Again when crossing Cumberland Gap: the road runs around a point where the incline is toward a precipice of several hundred feet. Where the wagons were worked with drag chains.
also, and one slipped so near the edge that we were all terribly scared.

While assisting to right the sheet wagon, reloading and packing the Rudder Master and Commissary stores, on Wildcat mountain, I strained my back, but did not mind it until next day, when I found I could hardly walk.

John E. Eckel kindly arranged a place for me on a wagon and then a Lancaster, Kentucky, he arranged to have me sent to Camp Nelson by stage. At Camp Nelson Captain Dimock, of Comp. any "D" met me and we then arranged for a supply of clothing to be issued to the
men when the regiment arrived. Here our distress ended. An abundant supply of clothing was given every one.

While waiting for the regiment to come up I went into a restaurant to get dinner, and while there I noticed a number of men who had just arrived from different hospitals. One man who was sitting near me began crying most bitterly and when asked what was the trouble, he replied: "My bill is five dollars and I am not half done eating."

At Nicholasville we took cars and proceeded to Covington, Kentucky, where we arrived in due time; then marched through...
The town, crossed the Ohio river on the ferry boat, and quartered in the Fifth Street Market House. Here we remained ten days waiting for our pay. Then took the cars for Harrisburg, Pa., via Columbus, Ohio, and Pittsbugh, Pa. At Pittsburgh the Pennsylvania R.R. furnished the officers one of their best cars, which was a great surprise. The men also had ordinary passenger coaches. This was the first experience of this kind since our enlistment. Cattle and house cars were previously furnished.

After arriving at Harrisburg, the boys were sent to their respective homes on a thirty day furlough. When the third Company
B. E. and W., arrived in Reading. They were met at the upper station by a committee of citizens with the Ringgold Band and escorted to Larson's garden, 3 and Chestnut Sts., where those who drank beer were treated, after which the parade was dismissed on Penn Square. Some of the Chester County boys having directly home without stopping in Reading.

My time was spent in visiting friends, and attending numerous parties, gotten up by the young people of the neighborhood, in honor of John Hendricks and myself. Our treatment was everything that could have wished for. For reasons it seemed to have the "Lyons share" of the honors everywhere. Possibly it was on account of my rank.
During these thirty days I visited the Navy yard at Philadelphia and many other places of interest in that city, also Norristown, Lebanon and on the 22nd of February attended a reception, parade and banquet in Reading in honor of Washington's birthday. The parade was under the command of Captain Veteran of the 115th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. The line was formed on East Penn square with the Invalid Corps, Capt. Gates, stationed in this city as escort, Ringgold Band 46th Regt. Penn. Volunteers, 3 Companies, 50th " " " 3 " 88th " " 3 "

The 50th was under the command of Captains Geo. A. Yeager, H. T. Lantzy and H. E. Cleveland.
Our regimental flag was carried in line and drew the applause of the people along the route of parade, and next morning's papers noticed it in the following words: "Conspicuous in line was the battle torn flag of the Fifty-fifth Regiment."

After the parade addresses were made by Gen. Siegel, Col. Christ, Col. Siefried, Chaplain Meredith, Pastor of the St. Peter's M. E. Church and Captain Beardsley of Gen. Siegel's staff. After the speech making ended we were marched to Keystone Hall and those who wanted beer were treated. The Veterans were now assigned to different hotels and
an elegant dinner at the public expense. The 50th boys were fed at Dickel's Hotel, South East Corner of 5th and Washington Street. A number of us spent the evening at the home of Henry and Josephine Kendall, on south 5th Street, both being members of Company 76.

Sunday, March 1st 1864

Came to Reading, Pa, last night, on my way to Harrisburg, remained here all day, and this evening entered into an agreement with Miss Rosa C. Lowe, that when this "Cruel War" is over we will form a "Partnership" for "Life".
Lebanon, Pa.

Monday March 7th 1864

Arrived here this morning from Reading, and attended an exhibition this evening, in the Court House, on company with Miss Agnes Reifengeder. The entertainment was held for the benefit of the sick and wounded soldiers.

Harrisburg, Pa.

Tuesday, March 8th 1864

Arrived here and reported for duty at 10.30 o'clock this morning.

Monday, March 14th

Received a letter from Rosa C. Love stating that her mother had just died. Wrote a letter to the Commissioners of Chester County in reference to my being properly credited to the county.
Harrisburg, Pa.

Wednesday, March 16th 1864.

Lieutenant J.R. Warner of Company G, was appointed acting regimental Quartermaster.

Thursday 17th.

Commissions were received to-day for:

John J. Eikel as 2nd Lieutenant of Company C, and

Thomas P. Foster, as 2nd Lieutenant of Company D.

Baltimore, Md.

Sunday, March 20th 1864.

Broke camp at 7 a.m. and left Harrisburg, Pa., at 12.30 o'clock, and arrived at Baltimore about six. Took supper at the Golden Retriever and then were given quarters in the Barracks for the night. Our route from Harrisburg over the Northern Central RR via York and Hanover Junction.
Annandale, Md.
Monday, March 31, 1864

Left the barracks, at Baltimore, about 9.30 o'clock this morning, and marched to the road of where we were placed on board a steam boat, and at eleven o'clock put out for Annapolis, where we arrived about two o'clock in the afternoon. Are now encamped on the same ground occupied in 1861, just before going on the Hilton Head or Port Royal expedition.

Rumor has it that Bunnell's second expedition will be organized here. I understand there will be at least 50,000 troops here in a few days.

Tuesday 22.

The weather is very cold. Snow began falling toward night and is now (9 o'clock) falling fast.
Annapolis, Md.
Wednesday, March 23, 1864

The snow continued falling nearly all night and this morning is about six inches deep on the level.

The mail this morning had letters for me from my father, Misses Long, McRob, Grander and Strickler.

Saturday, March 26.

Notwithstanding the rain today Quarter Master John E. Eckel received and issued tents.

Sunday 27

The position of the Commissary Sergeant's tent was changed today. It is now immediately in rear of Head Quarters.

Monday 28

Daniel Trantman of Company A was detailed for duty in the Quarter Master's department.
Annaholis, Md.,

Tuesday March 29* 1864.

Wrote a letter to Sullivan S. Childs, Attorney, Harrisburg, Pa., in reference to Local Bounty.

Wednesday 30.

Rained all last night.

Thursday 31.

Joseph Fanz*, my assistant, being sick Corporal Warren of Company A, was detailed for that duty.

Friday April 1.

Sent Attorney Sullivan S. Childs, of Harrisburg, Pa, a power of Attorney to have my property credited to Chester County and to collect any bounty that may be due. Also directed him to remit the amount to father.

Monday 5th.

Our mail was taken from the Post office this morning at ten o'clock, but has not been delivered at Camp until 9 o'clock this morning.
Annapolis, Md.
Thursday, April 7th, 1864
Quite a number of new recruits were received today.

Tuesday, April 12
Our Quartermaster, John D. Eckel, received a four day leave of absence based on his application to go home to Minersville, Pa. to be initiated as a Free Mason.

Wednesday, 13
Quartermaster Eckel started for home this morning.
Owing to the inconvenience of the officers getting fresh meat I have arranged to purchase some for them daily.

Saturday, 16
More recruits have been received hence additional rations were issued.
Annapolis, Md.
Saturday, April 16, 1864

Helped Adjutant Kendall to make out an 

Register of the Regimental Officers.

Lieutenant Johnson A.

Cornwall, of Company D,

reported for duty this 

evening, having just returned from home.

Considerable excitement 

is manifested here over the 

refotm the morning papers 

of the massacre, by the 

Rebel soldiers, at Fort Pillow. 

"It is said: "Both black and 

whites were bayoneted, 

shot and stabbed and 

dead bodies were horribly 

mutilated: children 7 & 8 

years of age and several 

women were killed. 

Immediately upon surrender the 

rebels commenced an 

indiscriminate butcher of 

whites and blacks. The 

dead and wounded 

regretted..."
were piled in a heap and burned. Another account says: “After the battle the rebels, in great numbers, took the negroes who had not died from their previous wounds.”

Monday April 19, 1864
Quarter-master Eddel returned from home this morning.

Thursday 21
An order was read at Dress parade this evening placing the 50th regiment in the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 9th Army Corps, Colonel Christ in command of the 2nd Brigade. During the evening the 2nd Brigade Band serenaded Col. Christ.
Annaholis, Md.
Friday, April 22, 1864

Orders were read this evening, at Dress Parade, to be ready to move tomorrow morning at seven o'clock. The move is to carry five days rations. No indication as to our destination is given.

Saturday 23d

The line of march was formed, this morning about nine o'clock and continued until near nine in the evening, having marched about twelve miles.

Sunday 24th

The regiment was in line again this morning about six o'clock and the march was kept up until about seven o'clock in the evening, covering about twenty miles. The Regimental teams did not come up until ten o'clock, and then only one.
Near Alexandria, Va.
Monday April 25th 1864

Rained this morning about three o'clock and again at six, notwithstanding the rain, the line of march was taken up at six o'clock. Passed through the city of Washington, D.C. about noon, and encamped at near Alexandria. Distance marched was about 20 miles.

Tuesday 26th

Draw and issued rations: 25 3 days of pork and 44 days each of Coffee, Sugar and Hard Bread.

Orders were received to be ready to move tomorrow morning.

Accompanied a number of the officers to the Theatre, in Alexandria. Did not enjoy part of the performance. "Storming of Fort McAllister was the drama presented."
Wednesday
April 27th 1864
Marched this A.M. at 9.30; the 2nd and 4th Divisions to go by the Long Bridge and the 3rd Division via Alexandria. Marched about 16 miles when we halted for the night.

Thursday 28th
Passed through Centerville about 11 o'clock this morning.

Friday 29th
Started out this morning at 8.30 o'clock and halted for the night at Warrington Junction.
Received our first mail since leaving Annapolis Md. Mail consisted of two letters viz.
from Rose K. Lowe and
James M. Dennybacker and
also a beautiful red covered Bible from Miss
Mary Griesemer.
Camp near Wartentow Junction.

Saturday, April 30th, 1864

Received orders to be ready to move at a moment's notice, but did not move until ten o'clock, and then only changed position.

Mail contained six photographs, and two letters for me from sister Annie, and Miss Mary Chipman.

Sunday, May 1st

The regiment was mustered today.

Companies A and B were sent out on extra duty, the nature of which I have not learned.

Monday 2

A very heavy rain and hailstorm today.

General Order No. 23—Commanding men to be shot for refusing to do duty.
Camp near Warrenton Junction, Va.

Tuesday May 3, 1864

Received orders to be ready to move tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. men to carry six days rations.

Wednesday

The forward march began at 8 o'clock and after going about eleven or twelve miles the troops were about fired and marched back about two miles when we halted for the night.

The following circular was read viz:

"Headquarters Army of the Potomac, May 4th 1864

Soldiers:

Again you are called upon to advance upon the enemies of your country. The time and occasion are deemed opportune by your commanding general"
to address you a few words
of confidence and caution.

You have been reorganized,
reinforced, and
fully equipped in every
respect. You form a
part of the several
armies of your country.
The whole under an able
and distinguished general, who enjoys the
confidence of the govern-
ment, the people and
the army. Your movement
being in cooperation with
others it is of the utmost
importance that no effort
should be spared to
make it successful.

Soldiers, the eyes of
the whole country are
looking with anxious
hope to the blow you
are about to strike me.
The most sacred cause that ever called men to arms. Remember your homes, your wives and children; and bear in mind, the sooner your enemies are overcome, the sooner you will be returned to enjoy the benefits and blessings of peace. Bear with patience the hardships and sacrifices you will be called upon to endure. Have confidence in your officers and in each other.

Keep your ranks on the march and on the battle field, and let each man earnestly implore God's blessing and endeavor by his thoughts and actions to render himself worthy of the favor He speaks. With clear conscience and strong arms, actuated by a high
sense of duty, fighting
to preserve the govern-
ment and the institutions
handed down to us by
our forefathers, if true
to ourselves, victory
under God's blessing
must and will attend
our efforts.

Floyd Geo. H. Meade
Major Genl Commanding
B. Williams
Assistant General

Thursday May 5th 1864

The troops were in
line this morning at
5:30 oclock and at 5:30
halted at Germania Ford,
where we took dinner.
Crosed the pontoon
bridge at twelve oclock,
and proceeded up
the road about 5 miles
when, at 2:30 PM, the
brigade was deployed
in line of battle.

The cooks of each company were placed under my charge, as Company Sergeant, and it is now my duty to see that the rations are cooked and delivered to men, on the march and battle field.

The booming of cannon and the rattle of musketry indicates a sharp battle not far off.

Friday, May 6th, 1864

The battle opened this morning about five o'clock, but we were not engaged until sometime later in the day.

As we marched into the dense wood quite a number of men came rushing out with blanched faces. Under these circumstances it was
rather trying, but the boys charged through the thicket, driving the enemy and later were repulsed after charges made by the enemy.

Our loss during the day has been heavy.

It is estimated that over fifty men of the 50th have been wounded. The killed so far as known are:

Henry Foust - Private Co. A

Aug. Getler - Corporal " B

Sam. Pijew - Private " D

Wm. Hill - 1st Sgt " E

Dann Martz - Private " "

Mich. Reddy " "

Leroy J. Werner " "

Cha. M. Kenzie " "

Leggill Drue " Sgt " D

Cha. Snyder - Corporal " "

Companies I and K are reported missing and supposed to have been cap.

third.
Battlefield, Wilderness, Va.
Saturday, May 7th, 1864

Throw off entrenchments and held our position.

The duty of feeding the regiment while under fire is not a very pleasant task. During last night while making my way to the front, with the cooks and provisors, I missed the location of the regiment and was almost captured by the rebels; fifteen or twenty steps more would have placed me in their hands. There was a gap between our regiment and the troops on our right through which I walked and had already passed the ridgeline when I heard some one say ‘Walt! where are you going—don’t you see that red line?’
Chancellorsville, Va.

Sunday, May 8th, 1864

Arrived here about six o'clock this morning, when we received orders to 560 men.

Orders have been received to be ready to move at an hour's notice.

Monday, May 9th.

Left Chancellorsville at six o'clock this morning, and arrived at Ny River about noon when we became engaged with the Rebels and after several unsuccessful efforts our regiment charged on a knoll, behind which the enemy was posted, and drove them out. During the engagement which lasted for an hour or more, we lost five killed, viz.: Simon Diegel, Private Co. A.
John Robinson Private Co. B
David Evert " " l
Anthony Christ " " 4
Jacob Steffe " " 4

and some fifty odd wounded.

Among the wounded is James Sitzer of Co. A.

One of the most pathetic incidents occurred at the Hospital, to which I went after the battle, to look after and do what I could to make the wounded of our regiment comfortable. By fitting up shelter tents etc. to protect them from the sun which was intensely hot. Here I found Theodore Warner of Co. B very badly wounded, and at his request looked up his hand, Surgeon of the 20th Michigan. After the Doctor had examined
the wound he remarked “Theodore you cannot live”. Then with trembling lips and tears running down his cheeks Theodore replied “Uncle, tell mother I died at my post.” Very soon after he closed his eyes only to open them at the reveille of eternity.

Tuesday May 10th 1864

Moved under heavy fire of musketry and took up position by entrenching. The following Circular was read to the Regiment:

“Headquarters Army of the Potomac, May 10th 1864

Intelligence has been received officially that Major Gen. Butler at Petersburg, has whipped the enemy badly and is advancing on Richmond. That General Sherman has whipped the
enemy at Jerusalem Hill, Georgia, and Dalton, Johnson, retreating, leaving his dead and wounded in our hands.

(signed) Genl Geo. G. Mead.

Judging from the sound of cannon and musketry, there must have been some hard fighting done on our extreme right, which was kept up until near dark this evening.

Near Spotsylvania C.H.

Wednesday, May 11th, 1864.

Firing began about 5:30 this morning and was kept up at intervals all day, during which Michael Reidy of Company H, was wounded.

The movements of the troops was very peculiar—first the sick and wounded were sent to Fredericksburg and then the troops fell back to the Hospital, where they remained for
about one hour, then occupied their former position.

Thursday May 12, 1864

During the engagement today the Regiment made a charge on the rebels, through a thicket rising at a steep hill and were completely surrounded, some of the men fighting with club muskets, and a terrible hand to hand fight took place for our colors. One of the color bearers being shot, Howard Zell, Sergeant of Company E, secured the flag, but would not have been killed, but for Capt. Bunnell, of Company F, who dispatched Zell’s assistant, thus securing the colors. On the right of the Regiment Captain Schmeltz of Company J rallied
part of the regiment with some of the 26th Michigan, and held their position. This evening we find that 105 men and officers have been taken prisoners, 19 killed, and about 44 wounded.

As far as known the killed are:

Aug. Erdman, Private Co. A.
Jacob Benedict " " 16
Franklin Shaver " " "
Tho. Lloyd " " "
Lyman B. Canfield " " 25
Luke L. Lyons 1st Sgt. " "
R.R. Hoffman 3rd Corp. " E
H. F. Hinters " " "
Edward Fox Private " 3
Wendall Kirch 1st Sgt. " F
Tho. Gilbert 3rd Corp. " 4
John Cowden Private " "
Lewis B. Tridley " " "
Jaf Strong " " "
Henry Sheiding " " "
Simon Vanderpool " " "
Franklin Stoneback, Capt. Co. K
John Stockley, Pvt. " I
Edwin W. Steele, Pvt. " K

Among the wounded are: Lt. E. Cleveland, Capt.
Company K., very badly
Corporals "K". Mann, Fry
and "Daniel Fritz", 5th Co. K.

Among the captured are: Adjutant H. Kendall,
Capt. Tol comb, Capt. 5th Co.
Lt. "R". Herbst, " C.
2d Lt. "G. W. Myers", " K
Sergt. "J. K. Kendall", " K
" H. Anthony, " "
" J. E. Hendricks, " "
Private "Walter Broomfield", " "
" Moses Wattis, " "

Sergent "J. W. Reason" is said to have captured
the Colonel of the 7th Carolina Regiment, by knocking him
down with the butt end of his musket, and then
compelling him to march to the rear. Rain fell
in torrents towards evening.
Battlefield near Shollsylvania, Va.
Friday, May 13* 1864

The enemy charged on our front to day but were repulsed. Jonathan Hearther, Company A, was badly wounded. Randall Daniel Grantman and W. Captcutt, two assistants in the Quartermaster's department, of the regiment were returned to their companies.

Saturday, 14th

The Army of the Potomac moved to our left this morning. A heavy fight took place on our left about 8 o'clock in front of the 5th Corps. The enemy were driven about two miles. The fighting in our front was not very spirited. Avoced and issued rations to 331 men today ending on the 70th.
The following circular was read to the troops, viz.: "Headquarters Army of the Potomac, May 10, 1864.

Soldiers:

The moment has arrived when your commanding general feels authorized to address you in terms of congratulation. For eight days and nights almost without intermission, in rain and sunshine you have been gallantly fighting a desperate foe in positions naturally strong and rendered doubly so by entrenchments.

You have compelled him to abandon his fortifications on the Rappahannock and attempt to stop your onward progress, and now he has abandoned his last entrenched position, so
Tenderly held, suffering a loss in all of eighteen guns, twenty-two colors and 8,000 prisoners including two general officers.

Your heroic deeds and noble endurance and privations will ever be memorable. Let us return thanks to God for the mercy thus shown us, and ask earnestly for its continuation.

Soldiers, your work is not over. The enemy must be pursued and if possible overcome. The courage and fortitude you have displayed renders your commanding general confident your future efforts will result in success.

While we mourn the loss of many gallant comrades, let us remember that the enemy must have suffered equal if not greater losses.
We shall soon receive reinforcements which he cannot. Let us determine to continue vigorously the work as well begun and under God's blessing in short time the object of our labors will be accomplished.

Signed Geo F. Meade

Commanding General

Official - I. Williams, A. T. G.

Approved U.S. Grant

Lieut. Gen. Commanding

Sunday, May 15th 1864

Everything is very quiet this morning, except now and then the report of cannon.

John Nacey, of Company I was killed by a sharpshooter.

Monday 16th

Everything was very quiet all day until 3:25 P.M. when the stillness was broken by very heavy firing on our right.
Tuesday, May 17* 1864
The movement to the left still continues. Earthworks are thrown up at night and then left to be occupied by other troops.

Wednesday 18th
Heavy firing began this afternoon about four o'clock. Capt. Henry Hill of Company "D" was wounded.

Thursday 19th
Our corps (the 9th) moved about two miles, and then threw up rifle pits in the shape of a horse shoe.
Issued three days cooked rations. The cooks serve hot coffee every night and morning.

Friday 20th
Several men of the 8th Michigan were brought in from the skirmish line wounded.
Saturday May 21, 1864

The march on to Richmond was continued today, however the Johnnies only allowed us to make about two miles. They made a charge on the 6th Corps but were refused three times. It is dig and fight constantly. Our Colonel say drunk.

Sunday 22

The march was left off all last night, and until 5:15 o'clock this morning, when we took breakfast. At 8 o'clock a gill of whiskey was issued to each man, and the line of battle formed. The Brigade Commissary had cattle killed but before the meat was ready for issue the regiment was ordered out on picket duty.
Monday, May 23, 1864

The line of march was resumed at 5:30 this morning. Crossed the Poe river at two o'clock. The noise of battle comes from our right and left, and now at 6:45 o'clock it begins to look serious in our front. The skirmishers are firing and the Artillery have dashed past. Being near the North Arm river it is reported that the rebel's are heavily intrenched on the opposite side.

Tuesday 24

Our supply train came up to about two miles from the Brigade and then sent word that natives would be seen from that point, however General Wilcox changed
the program and directed the train to move up to the Brigade. These days rations were received, including pickled cabbage and whiskey.

At one o'clock the regiment was ordered to cross the Rotheram river, however it was not accomplished owing to the water being deep and the Johnnies were on the other side shooting at us.

Just before dark a heavy shower of rain fell.

Wednesday 25th

Heavy musketry firing began at 6.30 this morning, and by 8.30 the battle was over, during which our loss was
John Reed, Co. C, killed
John Lamont, Co. B, wounded
Sergt. Mackey, Co. F
Franklin Meyers, of
Company A, was thrown
from a mule and
badly hurt.

Thursday May 26th 1864

The regiment was
relieved from picket duty
this morning, at 10 o'clock.

For some unexplained
reason three days rations
were issued to last five
days, ending on the 31st.

Orders have been
received to be ready to
move at eleven o'clock
Tonight. Did not move.

Friday 27th

The regiment was on
the march, with the Corps,
at the appointed time this morn.

Passed Carmal Church
at 12 o'clock, noon.

The movement seems to
be a retreat, as we are at 6:15 P.M., marching back over the Boiling Green Road. Fifteen or twenty men, including five paroled prisoners, came up to the regiment. The movement which appeared early in the day to be a retreat has developed to be another flank move to the left. It is now 12 o'clock midnight and a halt has just been ordered.

Saturday May 28th 1864

Breakfasted at six o'clock and marched at seven, in a south west direction. Took dinner at near the residence of the Rebel General Hill. Passed through a little town called Mangolick; about a mile from town passed a church.
Crossed the Salmony river at 11 o'clock, night, and halted after passing through a little village called Enfield, at 11:30 night.

Sunday May 29, 1864

Marched at four o'clock this morning but did not go more than two or three miles when we were stopped in line of battle, and threw up rifle pits. Left the pits and moved back about 500 yards where we still are tonight.

Monday 30th

Marched last night a little while before dark, passed Hanover church and some stone works, where we halted about half an hour then advanced
about five miles, when
the rebels opened fire
on the troops in
front. At three o'clock
this afternoon the
bricks fired line
of battle and repelled
several charges made
by the Johnny's. No one
hurt in our regiment.

Tuesday 31.

Slight skirmishing
this morning, began
about 9 o'clock, and
by noon the fighting
was general all along
the line.

Eschel sent me
clean underwear.

Wednesday June 1

Doug Relefs this
morning, during which
Lieut. W. H. Harbe, Company C
was wounded by a sharp-
shooter. At 1:30 P.M. the rebel's
made a charge. Corporal G. W.
Cale, Co. C. was wounded.
Near Cold Harbor, Va.
Thursday, June 2, 186;.
The battle began this morning early, but very little fighting was done in our immediate front until toward evening. Quite a number prisoners were taken during the day. The number killed and wounded during the day was very large, however. The 50th lost only one killed, viz., Samuel Peffer, of Co. E. So far no report of any wounded have been received.

Friday, June 3.
The engagement today was exceedingly heavy and our loss in killed and wounded was:

- Emanuel Eckel, Company C.
- Albert Bertollet, " "
- Fred A. Holbrook, " "
- Cody Sherlock, " "

and the wounded are:
D.K. Schwenk, Capt. Co. A.  
Dan Shivers, private  
B. Lafayette Queck, Sergt.  
Wm. Koch, Pvt.  
Benj. B. Hug  
Ed. Haines  
G. H. Birney  
Col. Radizell Contact  
Saturday June 4th

About three o'clock this morning we shifted to the left about two miles and occupied the rifle pits vacated by the 2nd Corps on our arrival. Report has it that 10,000 troops have arrived today.

While on the march to relieve the 2nd Corps I had occasion to leave the ranks and in order to catch up I undertook to cross a knoll which lay between me and the troops. When near the top a staff
Officers of the 146th Regiment New York Volunteers, dashed up on horseback and ordered me under arrest with the remark that the troops were being kept out of sight of the enemy and I was in danger of drawing their fire. Of course I felt ignorance—hence was left off with a reprimand.

Wednesday June 5, 1864

The 1st and 2nd Divisions of our Corps (9th) moved about 2 1/2 miles, by the Cold Harbor road. This morning at took position in the front line. This evening the enemy charged on us but were refused. During the charge Sergeant John Mackey of Company I was wounded.
Cold Harbor, Va.
Monday, June 6th, 1864

This morning quite a number of fresh troops came and were placed in position, also eight siege guns, each drawn by sixteen horses.

During the day the mates were made out for clothing.

Everything very quiet all day until 12 o'clock this evening when a heavy artillery duel took place lasting about half an hour.

Tuesday 7th

The rebels opened fire this morning about three o'clock, and again about four in the afternoon, driving our pickets in.

During this skirmish Joel Homanstein, of Co. H, was wounded and Thomas Dolan of Co. "K" killed.
Cold Harbor, Va.
Wednesday June 8th 64

The work of building fortifications is progressing rapidly. The whole brigade being at work on the fort in our immediate front.

Wm. Herbst of Company E was killed and Josiah Lehman of Company C wounded by sharpshooters.

Thursday 9th

The wagon trains were ordered to go to the White House landing.

Jacob R. Eidel of Co. B was wounded.

Friday June 10th

It is rumored that the rebels are on their way to Pennsylvania and that it is probable the 9th Corps may be sent in that direction, at any rate some movement seems to be imminent.

I have for sometime been troubled with sores, hence am feeling very badly today.
Near Cold Harbor, Va.
Saturday, June 11, 1864
Quartermaster Eckel came up to the regiment, with clothing, filling the order of the 6th. I drew two pairs socks (stockings) and give one pair to Sergeant J. A. Lavan to replace pair loaned from him.

We began erecting another large fort this time near General Bums's Headquarters.

Sunday June 12
Eckel remained with me last night. This morning he went with his teams to the White House landing. At 8 o'clock this evening we left the front and march on the White House road.
Monday, June 13th, 1864

The march was kept all last night, halted for breakfast and then at 8 o'clock fell in and marched about a mile when another halt was made until three o'clock in the afternoon, when we started off briskly and kept it up until 10 o'clock that evening, when we halted and rations were issued.

Tuesday 14th

At 5.30 this morning we were again in line of march. Crossed the Chickahominy river, at Providence Ford, about 5 o'clock. Halted at Mount Sterling for breakfast, and after resting about until 5.45 A. M. fell in and marched along briskly until 6.30 A. M. when we halted about a mile from the James River.
Wednesday, June 15, 1864
Issued rations to 339 men. Weather very warm.
The Drummer of Company "C" was tied up today for
wilfully breaking his drum. Orders have been
received to be ready to
move again at 8.30 tonight.

Thursday, 16th

Left camp last night
at 11.30 o'clock and one
hour later crossed the
James river, on the pontoon
bridge, and then kept up
the march all night
making, I suppose, about
15 miles. The men were
completely worn out and
when we halted at seven
o'clock not over one half
were in line, however,
by the time we had break-
fast and were ready
to start out again most
of them had come up.
A circular was
read, announcing a splendid victory by General Butler. After resting until 9.15 A.M. the bugle sounded and the march was continued until about four o'clock when we deployed in line of battle and maneuvered around until near dark.

Friday, June 17th, 1864
Near Petersburg, Va.
Late this afternoon our regiment became engaged. The fight being in an open field without any shelter, except that afforded by several rainiers and a railroad cut the rebels were driven across the cut but we failed to in crossing. Our loss during the engagement was killed.
Chat Beadle Company A.
Peter Fox
Jacob Gartler
Cha. L. Which Company E
Joseph Palmer " " wounded
Col. D.C. Christ
Jacob Boyer Company A
Phillips Boyer " "
Jeremiah Pocht " B
Edward Reiger " " C
Char. A. Hoag " " D
Levi Tarlat " " E
George Kusman " " F
O.E. Reed " " G

Saturday

The fight was renewed this morning and kept up all day. Change after change being made, first by one side, and then the other, finally we crossed the railroad cut and held our ground. The position however cost us four men killed,

Capt. H. Shank, C. E.
Private M. Brawler " "
" " Keith Emerson " " H
" " Dall Hulbert " " K
and fifteen wounded viz.-
A. H. Harland, 1st Private Company A.
W. J. Koch, " " " C
Wm. Hoffman, Corporal " " " D
Wm. H. Wilcox, Sgt. " " " E
J. D. Jackson, Private " " " F
Jno. Kanaway, " " " G
Frederick Keeth, " " " H
Thomas Davis, " " " I
W. Souders, Corporal " " " J
Edgar Roberts, Sgt. " " " K
Abiel Lewis, Private " " " L
Geo. Trump, " " " M
Aaron Oxider, Sgt., " " " N
John Wilcox, " " " O
Capt. G. W. Brumm, Co. F, very slightly.

Sunday June 19th 1864

Dr. A. Jones, was appointed (A.C.) Assistant Commissary of the
3rd Division 9th Army Corps
Our division (3rd division, 9th) was relieved this morning
and moved back from the
front about half mile.
The negro brigade moved
to the front. Jno. Tobian, of
Company E, was killed today.
Front of Petersburg, Va.
Tuesday June 22, 1865

Our regiment moved to the front again today. The position now occupied is an ugly one: when a head appears above the breastworks a rebel ball is likely to be put into it, hence the boys amuse themselves by raising their hats on their ramrods just high enough for the Johnnies to see and put a ball through.

Wednesday 22

Owing to the disagreeable and dangerous position we are in, our ration, water, and everything else must be secured during the night as the rebels object to our attending to any kind of business during the day time. Sergeant J.W. Lavan, of Co. B, was wounded.
Front of Petersburg, Va.
Thursday June 23, 1864.

During the day there was heavy cannonading and considerable musketry practice, using the locals for our mark whenever possible. The result was one man wounded in our regiment, viz. Sergeant H. J. O'Connell of Company B and private John T. Brays of Company E killed.

Quartermaster Eckel brought my clothing and had me help issue them. I drew one pair shoes, two pairs trousers, which I gave to Colonel Cranson.

Received three days rations: Coffee, sugar, hard bread, beans, dried apples, salt, soap, bacon, pork and candles.
Front of Petersburg, Va

Friday June 24, 1864

Heavy skirmishing this morning, and an artillery duel which was almost as hot as the weather. During the cannonading Joseph Wright of Company E was wounded.

Our Division was relieved this morning and again placed on the front line farther to the left.

Saturday 25th

Corporal W. Beary of Company I was killed by a sharpshooter evidently from a tree. Sergeant Brown of Company E was slightly wounded. A ration of whiskey was issued to the boys.
Front of Petersburg, Va.

Sunday June 26th 1864

Weather was exceedingly warm. Toward evening there was considerable thunder and lightning, but no rain.

Levi Ledger of Company E was killed by a rebel sharpshooter.

More whiskey issued.

Monday 27th

Some of the cooks, when on duty it was their duty to carry the ration of whisky to the front, drank freely of it and before getting to the regiment were pretty drunk. The cook of Company F was accused of keeping nearly half the Company's ration, hence he became heavily drunk.

Private of Company A was wounded by a sharpshooter.
Front of Petersburg, Va.,
Tuesday June 28, 1864

Several framed prisoners of our regiment reported for duty.

John Struth, private of Company K, was killed.

The sharpshooters (outside Rebel line) are very annoying.

Lent my horse to Lieutenant John Snyder to go to see some friends in the Second Corps.

Wednesday 29

Quartermaster Eckel brought in the company books and papers.

The Sanitary Commission issued shoe, knapsack and canteen, which were greatly relished by the men.

Whisky was again ordered, but owing to an error in our requisition, being greater than our morning report
it was not approved. (No sick men are to be counted in the requisition.) This made our Colonel angry, and because the Brigade Commissary had issued the whisky before the papers were properly signed, he refused to sign a new requisition. The other two regiments of the Brigade (46th New York and 24th New York) had their papers fixed up without any trouble. The whole difficulty in our regiment is that too much whisky is used by both officers and men.

John C. DeHart of Company K and W. H. Slover of Company E were wounded, both by rebel sharpshooters.
Front of Petersburg, Va.
Thursday, June 30th, 1864

Colonel Chaney signed the whiskey requisition this morning, after which I took it to Brigade Head Quarters, to be approved, but Colonel Humphreys, the Brigade Commander was at Corps Head Quarters attending a Court martial, hence I left the paper at his office.

The regiment was mustered.

August Miller of Company I was killed, picked off by some rebs.

Friday, July 1st

Theodore Faber, Colonel's Clerk, came up to the regiment, having been absent sick.

I have been having a long siege of ague fevers, hence am quite unwell.
Front of Petersburg, Va.
Saturday July 2d 1864
For sometime my health has been poor, and with the hope of relieving me of the boils the Doctor has given me a dose of calamine.
Daniel Schmehl of Company K, was wounded.

Sunday, 3d
Frank H. Forbes, the Quartermaster's clerk, was promoted today to Quartermaster Sergeant to date from July 1st.

Colonel Overton kindly ordered Daniel Transman, of Company A, to assist me in the Commissary until my health is better.

The cooks of the regiment were again put under my charge and all directed to report to the Commissary Sergeant for instructions.
relation to provisions etc. The Commissary Sergeant being charged with the duty of furnishing instructors to the men at proper times. I ordered the cook corps to locate at the Railroad. Sergeant A. P. Garrett of Company C, was wounded.

Monday July 4th

Another ration of Sanitary provisions was issued today consisting of Pickled and fresh Onions, Pickled Cucumbers and Lemons.

It is impossible to guess the number of men killed and wounded, lately, along our whole line by rebel sharpshooters. Of all the horrors of war, this kind of warfare seems to be the worst. Every day a number of men are reported to have been picked off. David Berger, of Company C, was wounded.
Front of Petersburg, Va.
Tuesday, July 5th, 1864

Drew and issued two days' rations of sanitary provisions: fresh cabbage and string beans.

Frederick Kohler, of Co. F, was found dead this afternoon about 5 o'clock, in the bushes near where the Cook Corps, of our regiment, are quartered. There were no marks on his body to show that he was killed, and it is supposed he died of apoplexy. A gill of whisky was issued to each man reported for duty.

Wednesday 6th

For some reason a continuous firing, at intervals of five to ten minutes was kept up all last night and to day, from one of the forts near us.
Front of Petersburg, Va

Thursday, July 7th, 1864

One day's ration of
fresh bread was issued today
and two of hard bread.

Quartermaster Eckel
issued clothing this evening.

Friday, 8th

Draw and issued sanitary
provisions: Potatoes, Onions and
Cabbage.

An order was received
directing all men serving
on detail in the Quartermaster's department to
immediately report to their
Companies.

Another heavy
Artillery duel, which made
our position in line very
uncomfortable.

Edward Heebner, Company
K, was wounded
Front of Petersburg, Va.
Saturday July 9th 1864

The heavy siege guns of both sides made considerable noise, and on our side no damage was done, except considerable inconvenience in keeping under cover.

This evening we received two days rations of Hord-Bread, Coffee, Sugar, Beans, Pork and Whisky.

Sunday 10th

Officers’ baggage was brought up.

An order from General Milcox directing daily issue of whisky to all men on duty.

Received fresh beef and whisky tonight.
Front of Petersburg, Va
Monday July 11, 1864

Very heavy commencing and considerable musketry, during which a man of the 7th Regiment, Delaware Volunteers, was wounded, while crossing a little knoll, near the spring where we secured our drinking water.

Commenced raining about 7 o'clock this evening and continued until 10. I have been sick all day and this evening was visited to the skin, hence fear it will be all the worse for me.

Tuesday 12th

Colonel Preston kindly detailed Mr. Taylor, Sergeant of Company K, to attend to my duties until I recover my health. Quartermaster Erick also sent Dave Montman to nurse me.
Front of Petersburg.  

Wednesday July 13th 1864

Dr. Tickers came to see me this morning and suggested the advisability of sending me to the hospital. I told him I preferred to remain with the regiment.

Thursday 14th

A very heavy fire was kept up with mortar guns part of the day. Assistant Surgeon Grant (formerly Captain Grant of Co. C of the 50th) was here today on a visit to the officers and the members of his old Company.

Friday 15th

It is reported this morning that quite a number of rebels came into our line last night. During a heavy cannonade on our right about 6 o'clock this evening a caisson or magazine was blown up.
Front of Petersburg, Va.

Saturday July 16 1864

Lieutenant John D. Eckel, regimental quartermaster, came up and secured estimates of clothing for the men for August.

I am much better today than for the past eight or ten days. Heavy skirmishings with both artillery and musketry, on one night.

Sunday 17th

An order was promulged to-day, to the effect that all officers promoted after the first muster of the regiment must serve three years from date. Weather very fine.

Monday 18th

Last night an attack was expected, hence the 2nd corps threw up rifle pits immediately in our rear, and every man was notified to be ready. The 25th N.Y. Cavalry, dismounted, were again placed in the front line immediately on
Front of Petersburg, Va.

Tuesday July 19th 1864

I sent D. Frantman back to Chel today, being sufficiently improved now to look after the duties of my office.

Wednesday 20th

Col. Oateson returned Wm. Taylor to his Company this morning.

I am greatly indebted to Taylor and Frantman and the Cook Corps and all the officers of the Regiment for their kind attention during the time I sick. Part of the time the doctor had very little hope of my recovery.

Thursday 21st

Looed at Capt. John A. Sayles, my belt and revolver to be returned Sunday July 24th.

Heavy Commanding again this afternoon.
Front of Petersburg, Va.

Friday July 22, 1864

Very heavy cannonading on our right, when orders were passed along the line to clear the firing line for action, however, the alarm did not amount to much.

Saturday 23rd

Lieut. Todd was this morning about 8 o'clock, wounded, near Head Quarters.

Sunday 24th

A Sergeant of the 70th Michigan took the mail to the train and on the way lost part of it. There were two letters for John D. Eckel, from the U.S. Department, Washington, D.C.; one for D. Frantman and one for M. Cracker, which I put in the package.

About 7 o'clock Alfred Barnes of Co. E was killed. Rec'd my revolver to help from Snyder.
Front of Petersburg, Va.

Monday, July 25, 1864.

Some of the Boys and Lient. Daniel H. Snyder, who
is under arrest, bought two
canteens of whiskey and
were very drunk.

Received word from
J. J. Childs, Harrisburg, Pa.,
through Capt. H. Emory,
that he had collected my
bounty ($100.00) and desired
to know what disposition
to make of it. I directed
him to send it to my
father at Setzers Store,
Chester Co., Pa.

Another was received
at Regimental Head quarters,
that a ration of Whisky
was ready to be issued,
but the Sergeant Major
forgot to notify me,
because I did not know
anything of it until after
dark. The Brigade Commanding
was very much displeased at my delay.
Front of Petersburg, Va.

Tuesday, July 26th, 1864

About eleven o'clock last night we moved out of the rifle pits and encamped in a field about half a mile from the front. Naps troops relieved us.

During the day camp was arranged in regular order and tents set up. Adjutant Thos. Foster and I occupying one tent, among which he had a detail of men plant trees to protect us from the hot sun.

For sometime I noticed an eruption on my arm and right leg. Today I showed it to the doctor and was told I have erysipelas, and received medicine for it.
Front of Petersburg, Va.
Wednesday July 27th 1864

Received orders this morning to be ready to move at 9 o'clock, but did not march until One P.M., when we marched to the left flank and halted about 4 o'clock, in a regular wilderness of small pines. I received two new pieces. Tent was immediately put up. I have one by myself.

Thursday 28th

The object of our coming here has not yet developed but as the regimental Drum Corp was sent to the hospital it is likely we shall not have long to wait. And quite possibly have a high fever.
Front of Petersburg, Va.,
Friday, July 29, 1864

Received orders to be
ready to move at 7 1/2 o'clock,
P.M. Packed everything but
did not move until nine,
when we marched back as
far as General Warren's Head
Quarters.

Saturday 30th

Marched again at 3.30
o'clock this morning and soon
after arrived at the front, imme-
diately in rear of our old
position. About half past
four o'clock a heavy column
of smoke and dirt went
up many feet in the air
from the rebel fort just
in our front. Immediately
after the fort was blown up.
Leidley's division of our
Corps (the 9th) charged across
the opening in the fort and
took possession of the
rebel lines. They were
quickly followed by the
other three divisions. Though some mismanagement the troops were not properly handled, and instead of driving the rebels off the line, right and left at once, there was quite a delay, which gave the enemy time to reform their lines, when they turned their cannon bring from every point, thus making it impossible for the troops to do anything further than to seek shelter from the rain of shot and shell.

During the engagement one loss in the 50th was:
Fred S. Fole, Co. F. killed and
The following wounded:
Robey Feschette, Co. F.
Billie A. Wieg
David J. Strock, 2d Sgt.
Rohan Erdman
Phillip F. Kaufman
John Fuller
George Lester, Corp., Co. A.  
Fred A. Legge, Capt.  B  
Isaac Stemrock  
Henry A. Beyor, Corp.  D  
Orlando Fry  
Jacob Ender, Corp.  E  
Lucian Miller  
Rufus Messinger  F  
H.D. Davi  F  
John P. Kinsey, Corp.  G  
Dr. H. Jones, Regimental Quartermaster, acting aide camp to Genl. Wilder, and Henry B. Miller, private, Company C, were captured.

The casualties in other regiments were, in some cases, very much greater than ours.

It is reported that the 23rd, 26th, and 27th Michigan regiments have been captured.

The number of dead and dying and wounded lying between the lines, to whose no relief can be given is quite large.
Front of Petersburg, Va.
July 31, 1864

This morning half a ration of Whiskey (2 1/2 gallon men) was issued and in the afternoon another half ration.

Many of the poor fellows who were at this morning have died during the day from exposure to the intense heat. Those who were killed had swollen to enormous proportions.

A flag of truce was raised three times during the day, about the center of our regiment, asking the enemy to grant us permission to bury our dead and remove the wounded. Up to this time, just before dark they have not granted it.

Ben. Know and Corporal Schriner, both of Company A, had a fight.
Front of Petersburg, Va.
Monday Aug 1, 1864

The flag of truce was accepted this morning and the wounded and dead removed. Many of the dead however were buried where they lay.

It is reported that the rebels are again in Pennsylvania and that Chambersburg has been burnt by them.

Tuesday 2

This was a quiet day, a shower of rain this evening relieved us some of the excessive heat.

Wednesday 3

Lieut. Eckel’s horse ran away today hence he had to walk to City Point. Later in the day I secured the horse and sent it by Franklin Wemy of Co. A to City Point.

Bot. a pair of shoes.
Front of Petersburg, Va.
Friday, August 5th 1864

Officers' baggage was brought up today by order of the Brigade Commander. proper notice will be given when it is to be sent to the rear.
Signed receipt roll for clothing.

Saturday 6th

Lieut. Eckel came to see me this morning and brought the report that all Pennsylvania troops, whose time is about to expire, will be mustered out and sent home. Under this rule quite a number of the 50th men will be sent home in September.

Sunday 7th

The regiment was relieved last night by negro troops. We moved back about half a mile into another field. Had my clothing washed.
Front of Petersburg, Va
Monday August 8, 1864

The Colonel's clerk, Theo. T. Faber, the regimental bugler and a number of the officers having indulged in whisky, were drunk. Lieut. Col. Croston and Adjutant Foster being away; Captain Huntzinger held dress parade, with Lieutenant Echter, of Co. K, acting Adjutant.

Wednesday, 9th

A very heavy explosion occurred at City Point, which was heard very plainly about 11 o'clock. It is said to have been an ordnance boat, but particulars have not been received.
Front of Petersburg, Va.

Wednesday, Aug. 10th, 1864

Owing to a shower of rain last night the air is delightful this morning.

Received a ration of Codfish.

Thursday 11th

One of Company B's men went to the Brigade Commissary with an order for whisky, but Ed. O'Neal, the Commissary's Clerk, pronounced the order a forgery and after handing the man rather roughly sent him back to the regiment.

Lieutenant Daniel Snyder, of Company B, who has been under arrest for sometime, had charges preferred against him by order of Col. Humphreys. Some of the regiment of the Corps are being tried.
Front of Petersburg, Va.

Friday, August 12, 1864

At three o'clock this afternoon the regiment signed the pay rolls for 5 months and $50.00 bounty.

Saturday, 13th

About half of the regiment went paid last night and the balance this morning. I received $175.00 being 5 months at $25.00 each, and bounty $50.00.

Of this I sent home to father by Express $150.00 and directed father to give sister Anna $20.00.

Received letter from father saying that he had received a check from J.B. Child, Washington, D.C., for my account, for $275.00.
Front of Petersburg, Va.
Sunday, Aug. 14, 1864
Wrote letter to sister Anna in relation to the $20.00 sent her through father.
Orders have been received to be ready to move at 7 o'clock this evening.
29 men returned from the hospital, for whom I secured rations to put them on same footing with the other men. Rig left bread to 15¢.

My valise was sent to the wagon train.

Monday, 15th

Regiment moved to the front again last night, a little to the left of our previous position.

Very heavy rain storm this evening.

Issued whisky to the 14 men working in the trenches.
Front of Petersburg, Va.

Tuesday August 16th 1864

Arew and issued one day's ration of whisky this morning at one o'clock, had to wade through water about three feet deep (result of last evening rain) in going back and forth to the Brigade Commandary.

Made out an extra return for whisky for the 14 men who are working in the trenches.

It is reported that our Corps is to be relieved.

Wednesday 17th

The 9th Corps head quarters were removed considerable distance to the left and the 18th Corps Head Quarters now occupy the place.

Received an order to appear before the Judge Advocate of the 3rd Division of A. C. at two o'clock and give evidence in the Court Martial suit.
After reporting at 3rd Division Head Quarters, I was called at 2:30 o'clock, P.M. and being questioned by the Judge Advocate in front of a number of officers, who comprised the court and Lieut. Snyder, the Judge Advocate read my evidence and then ordered me to sign it. The evidence was as follows:

Know Lieutenant Snyder as an officer of the 50th P.V. that he did buy and give espirituous liquor for Benjamin Knarr, private of Company C, 50th P.V. to the amount of one canteen full. All this while under arrest, on or about the 20th day of July 1864. Know him to give liquor and drink with private soldiers never was cognizant of
any written orders given to him for Ligourn.

An order was shown to me and I was asked whether I identified it as his signature. Being familiar with his signature, I recognized it as his.

Henry Wentzel, of Company B, was killed by a sharpshooter.

Rained this evening at six o'clock.

Thursday, August 1864

About 1 o'clock this morning the enemy opened fire on us with muskets and other cannon and kept it up for about an hour.

There was some very heavy fighting on our extreme left flank. It is reported this evening that the 5th Co. has captured the Weldon Railroad.
Near the Yellow Tavern, Va.
Friday August 19th 1864

We were relieved from the front at Petersburg this morning about three o'clock by negro troops of the 18th Corps. After marching about six or eight miles to the left we halted near the Yellow Tavern, or Meldon Railroad. Here we stacked arms and received a ration of salt mackerel. It had been raining quite rapidly all day and the boys suggested putting their mackerel to soak in the pools of water, just about this time we heard the old familiar yell which told us that the rebels were in our immediate front. The drum beat and the cry of "fall in" ran along the line, hence our mackerel were left. We had been laying in a wood
and just beyond was an open field and then another wood from which we could see the rebel lines advancing. We were ordered to charge and the enemy fell back under cover of the wood. We advanced to the edge of the wood and then halted and reformed our line. Information was now passed along the line that the rebels occupied the Rifle pits, in the wood, which our men of the 57th had built. Then another charge was ordered, when we arrived at the pits a hand to hand contest took place - bayonets, swords and butts of the muskets were used freely, finally we succeeded in capturing the pits and quite a number of the enemy, nearly all belonging to the 47th Vir.
VIRGINIA REGIMENT. Charles E. Brown, Sergeant of Company "C" captured the flag of the 47th Virginia.

Our loss, as far as known is:

Killed -
Wm. Clark, Sergeant Co. A.
Augustus Miller Ensign " "
M. R. Brunet " "
William Wagner " "
Samuel Miller " "
Wendel Strehler " "
Frederick Kooth " "
Amos P. Garroll Corporal and Wounded -
John H. Maurice Private Co. A.
Benj. H. Firestone " "
Jacob Indy Corporal " "
Daniel Marty Private " C
Israel Canutt " "
Daniel Kaufman " "
John B. Kline " E
J. W. Bines Corporal " G

Captured -
Phillip H. Wiest Private Co. A.
Near the Yellow Tavern, Weldon RR, Va.
Saturday Aug 20th 1864

A more disagreeable night than last night could hardly be imagined: it rained, stormed and the thunder and lightning were terrible. The enemy being only a short distance away, orders were given the vedettes to fire on anything that might appear in their front. Sometime during the night Captain W. Manns of Company "F" saw a man, during a flash of lightning, and immediately fired. The next flash revealed the fact that he had hit his man. After investigation it was discovered that Daniel Winger, of Company "F", who in some way, had gotten beyond the line of vedettes and was badly wounded by W. Manns. It was at first supposed Winger was dead and the fact that he was not was only discovered when he sat up and asked for some coffee.
Due to the recent rains the roads are in a fearful condition, hence the supply train stood fast in the mud about a mile in our rear.

Sunday Augt. 21, 1864

Extra rations were issued to the men to make up for those lost and damaged by the last four days rain. The Rebels seem determined to retake the Weldon R.R., hence made another attack on the 5th Corps. The last engagement lasted about an hour. The loss on both sides is said to be quite heavy; we captured quite a number of prisoners—supposed to be nearly 1000, including several general officers. It is also reported that parts of the 60 Ohio and 27 Mich. regiments were taken prisoners by the rebels.
Near the Yellow Tavern, Va.
Monday Augt 22" 1864
Col. 13 C. Christ, who was
absent wounded, returned to the
Brigade this afternoon.
The 46th New York relieved
us about 12 o'clock today,
or picket were advanced
this morning.

Tuesday 23rd

Several of the boys were
shot under arrest for discharging
their guns.
Orders have been issued
to build big fires tonight
after dark.

Wednesday 24th
The weather is very hot
today. Brigade inspection
this morning.

Thursday 25th
At 3 o'clock P.M. we
moved off to the left flank
to support the 2nd Corps but
did not arrive in time.
The battle being over 2nd Corps
lost heavily and were driven back.

Rained.
White House, Va.

Friday, Aug. 26th 1864

We fell back last night, from the position held by the 2nd Corps, to this place. The march was an exceedingly tiresome one; we would go a short distance and then stop, in this way the whole night was consumed.

Col. Christ and his son Harry came back to the regiment this morning. After arriving here the boys were immediately set to work building a large fort, facing left and front, Col. Christ seems to have charge of its construction.

I am unwell, owing to being worn out by the all night march and being almost continually wet from the almost daily rain.
Front of Petersburg, Va.
Saturday Aug. 27th 1864
Moved at 4 o'clock this morning, to the right and relieved the Negro Brigade of the 9th Corps (4th Division).
Some of the officers and men were drunk again. I wish there was no liquor made, I believe the army would be much better without it.

Sunday 28th
Received letter from sister Anna, acknowledging the receipt by father of the money I sent home also that I have given her $5.00 to this time. May 15th 1/20th

Monday 29th
I assisted Lieut. Gechter to make out the muster and payrolls for Company "H."
Bought at 3rd Division $1.50 for it.
Front of Petersburg, Va. (Near Mule House)

Tuesday, August 30th, 1864

Beloved Saint. Gachter
again on Company K's
paymaster rolls.

Michael H. Leman
and Nathaniel Taylor had
a fight; Nathan using
Michael with fisty bully.

Michael was drunk.

Wednesday 31st

The regiment was
Mustered, Col. Corman acting
as mustering officer.

I finished Company
K's rolls at three o'clock.

It is reported that the
Rebels are masking their
troops in our immediate
front. - Weather pleasant.

Thursday, Sept. 1

A regimental sutler
was appointed today by the
officers of the regiment.

David Snyder of Co. E. was
wounded by sharpshooter.
Front of Petersburg, Va. (Near Whitehouse)
Friday, Sept 2nd, 1864

An order was received early this morning to be ready to move at a moment's notice; the sick and cooks only to remain in camp. Everything was packed, when, at 10:30 o'clock, the order was countermanded and tents again put up.

Joseph Faust, my assistant, who has been absent sick returned to the regiment.

Saturday 3rd

Ordered from Geo. C. Jenkins, Washington, D.C., addressed Envelopes and a quire of papers for James Faust, sent $2 25 by mail.
The whole face line was advanced about 500 yards where a new set of earth works was thrown up.
Front of Petersburg, Va. (Left Center)

Sunday Sept. 4th 1864

Teams came in with officers baggage. General Wilcox in Command of the Corps, and General Hartsuff in command of our (3rd) Division. It is reported that the 2nd and 3rd Divisions are to be consolidated, and the 2nd Division to be 3rd Brigade of the 3rd Division of the 4th Army Corps.

Monday 5th

Paid twenty cents for a fine tooth comb.

Part of the regiment were sent out on fatigue duty, but took their arms along.

Wednesday 7th

Received orders to move last night at 9 o'clock, but did not until after daylight this
morning, when we moved off to the left flank and threw up a line of breastworks, after which we moved back in the direction we came, about half a mile and encamped.

Lieut. Daniel Snyder, of Company B, received notice, through the Regimental Commander, of being dishonorably discharged. Sentence of the Court Martial being approved by the Commanding General.

**Thursday 8th**

The sentence of Lieut. Snyder was promulgated today. I was given full pay to date of order. I found and designer comfortable quarters. Our new regimental sutler joined the regiment and opened his store. I loaned him the Company scales.
Front of Petersburg, Va.,
(Left flank)

Friday, Sept 7th 1864

The Brigade Commissary
proposed to issue 6 coffees
per 100 men instead of 80
and in lieu of the two
pounds give us the
money value in vegetables,
after consultation with
Colonel Everett I accepted
the proposition.

Saturday 10th

Orders to move at 10
o'clock this morning were
received, and after we had
marched about 800 yards
again encamped.

Eckel brought up
clothing which were issued
to the men, I draw a
pair of pantaloons and two
pairs of stockings.

The work of building
fortifications in our front
is progressing rapidly.
Front of Petersburg, Va. (Left Flank)

Sunday, Dec. 11th, 1864.

In lieu of the 5th
Coffee due me I received
88 80th Potatoes, which the
boys enjoyed.

Monday 12th

Received a letter
from Miss Lowe, in which
she enclosed a two
page clipping giving
an account of Harry
Kendall, Captain Telford
and others who are under
fire of our Gun Boats at
Charleston, S.C.

Tuesday 13th

Helped the Adjutant
make out monthly reports.
Helped the Butler

this morning.

The Brigade Com-
missionary moved his quarters
up to the Brigade
Front of Petersburg, Va (left)

Wednesday Sept 14th 1864
Eckel moved his quarters
up to the Regiments
Halfford the Adjutant
make out reports.
Received and issued
Sanitary stations.

Thursday 15th
Received the addressed
envelopes and papers ordered
from Banks, Washington, D.C.
on the 3d.

Was ordered to appear
before the Court Martial,
held at Brigades Head Quarters
and give evidence against
Samuel Townsend, of Company "F" for absence without
leave, at Petersburg,
May 12th.
Halsford the Adjutant
again to make out his
reports.
Front of Petersburg, Va. (Left flank)
Friday Sept 16th 1864
It is reported that the
Rebel Cavalry succeeded
in making a raid on our
Cattle corral and captured
about 1500 head of cattle.
"Walfred the Adjutant
again with his report.
Saturday 17th"

Everything very quiet.
Chad Barnes, private Co. A killed by shell fragments.
Sunday 18th

The boys are having a
good rest today—monotonic
or drill.

Chad Barnes and
Capt. Joyce drunk again.
Monday 19th

Orders have been received
to be ready to move at a
moment's notice.

The following men who did
not re-enlist, now on extra service
have been ordered back to their company:
John Clay, James Setters and
Sam Souders, all of Company G.

Helped the Adjutant again.
Front of Petersburg, Va. (Left flank)
Tuesday Sept. 26th 1864
The regiment worked on
the fortifications again today;
and building a large fort.
Benj. Fredericks, of Co. H,
returned to the Company.

Wednesday 21
An official circular
was read to the troops
announcing the capture
by Sheridan of nearly
the whole of Early's forces
in the Shenandoah Valley.

An order was issued
this evening; that all infantry
soldiers must wear the
shoes furnished by the
Quarter Master Department,
and that Regimental
Commander will be held
responsible for the fulfillment
of said order.

Thursday 22
Circular announcing
The success of Kilpatrick's
raid in Georgias, was read.
Front of Petersburg, Va (left flank)

Friday, Sept 23 1864

Rained this afternoon.

Wrote a letter to father asking him to have me assessed and enclosed few cents to pay County Tax.

An official circular was sent giving an account of the success of our army at different points.

Saturday 24th

Rained this afternoon

Made out Ordnance returns for the Adjutant. Provided the Lieutenant of Company D to make out some of Company D's returns.

Sunday 25th

The Pay Master is here.

A Council of war was held at Army Head Quarters this P.M. The 27th and part of the 4th Corps left for the right this afternoon.
Front of Petersburg, Va. (Left flank)

Monday Sept. 26th 1864

All sorts of rumors are floating around camp, but as no official announcement has been made.

Tuesday 27th

Received our pay this afternoon. I received only $44.00. The Adjutant having neglected entering the 3rd installment of the Bounty promised, on the Pay Roll.

David Reifshneider gave me $50.00 to send home to his sister Agnes, at Lebanon, Pa.

Wednesday 28th

Orders to be ready to move at a moment's notice have been issued.

Gave John B. Eckelmoney to Agnes as follows:

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Front of Petersburg, Va. (left flank)

Thursday, Sept. 29, 1864

This morning at 7 o'clock

Col. A. C. Christ
Capt. A. J. Huntington, Col
Lieut. Rahn
Lieut. E. F. Wiest
Dr. W. P. Book

and 46 men were mustered out and started for home. Their baggage was sent to City Point.

At 11 o'clock this morning, those of us who were not mustered out marched about a half mile and then halted. About 4 o'clock p.m. we again took up the line of march and when near the Yellow House, Heldon Railroad, halted for the night.
Near the Peebles House, Va.,
Friday, September 30th 1864.

Reverie was beaten this morning at 6 o'clock.

Lieutenant Colonel Overton was mustered out at one o'clock A.M. Though some kind of the mustering officer Overton was not permitted to be mustered out with the others yesterday, so he determined to be mustered out immediately after midnight. He waited until 12 o'clock and then went to Division Head Quarters and after being mustered out returned and remained with me until daylight when he started for home via City Point.

At one o'clock, this afternoon, we moved off to the left flank, under Command of Captain G.W. Brum, Co. F. Lieut. Thomas Foster, of Co. D, Acting Adjutant and Lieut. Gechter, of Company H, being the
only commissioned officers with us. When we arrived at the Peabody house we attacked the enemy and drove them into their intrenchments. About this time, through some oversight as gas was left on our right between us and the 5th Corps. The enemy seeing it rushed out of their works on our right and at the same time their cavalry charged our left flank. The boys seeing we were likely to be captured a panic set in and a grand rush was made for shelter. After falling back a short distance a stand was made and darkness ended the fight. The fight was not very long but most desperate. Our regiment loss as follows:

Killed

Jacob Shade, Private Co. A

Nathan Lininger " " E
Wounded
Wm. Neidner, Sergeant Co. B.
W. D. Bolles, Corporal " D
Humphry Brown, Private " F

Captured
Orlando Fox, Private Co. B
Henry B. Miller " " C
Thomas Rush " " C
Adam Schwal " " C
Patrick Williams " " C
M. Higgins, Sergt " " D
Mathias Niedhammer, Private " X

Saturday Oct. 1.

This morning our Brigade
threw up earth works.
Quartermaster Eckel
came up this morning and
brought me the Express receipt
for the money I sent home.
Gave him a letter to
mail, from one of Company 
G's men.
Heavy reinforcements
have arrived.
Rained very hard during
the day.
Near the Peebles’s House, Va.

Sunday, October 2, 1864

At 8 o’clock this morning there was heavy firing on our right. About 11 o’clock A.M. the Brigade crossed the earthworks and advanced through the woods nearly a mile when we found the enemy, there we halted an hour in line of battle until dark when we fell back about a quarter of a mile then threw up earthworks to protect our rear and flank. Then drew and issued two days rations of Coffee, sugar, hard bread and pork.

Monday 3

Received 2 letters from Father and brother David. Wrote an answer to each. Both Father’s and David’s letters were dated September 29.
Near Feble's House, Va.

Tuesday, October 4th, 1864.

Ordered men to move at once but just as every thing was ready the order was countermanded, and tents were again put up.

A ration of Whisky was issued.

Wednesday, 5th

The only item of interest occurring to day was an order directing the men to discharge their guns in front of the line.

Thursday 6th

Received letter from mother, the first one written by herself.

Wrote a reply.

Sent $20.00 home, in a letter, to father.

Loaned Hospital Steward H. H. Shaffer $20.00

Charles E. Farner 8.50

to be paid back on payday.
Near Peeble's House, Va.

Friday Oct. 7th 1864

Loaned

Henry J. Francis — $5.00

Patrick Sullivan — $5.00

to be paid back on payday.

Made arrangements for the
Chester County boys of our
regiment and Swell's Battery
to vote on election day.

Saturday 8th

Part of the regiment
were sent out this morning
at 7 o'clock, in light marching
orders, said to be a raid
on the Southside Railroad.
I did not go with the
detail—weather very cold
and disagreeable.

The officers' baggage
was brought up this morning.

Received the Lebanon
Courier from brother Henry.
Near Peeble's House, Va.
Sunday Oct 9th 1864

Received certificate stating that my taxes had been paid and that my name appears on the assessors list of Chester County, Pa.

Quartermaster Eckel issued Clothing. I drew two pairs of stockings.

The following promotions were announced on Dress Parade:
Sargent John A. Snyder, of Company A to be 1st Sargent of Co. H.
Corporal Henry Francis to be 2nd Sargent, Vice Snyder promoted.
Corporal Henry Carl to be 3rd Sargent of Company H.

Ordered addressed envelopes for Francis and Carl from Geo. O. Janks, Washington, D.C., One pack for each.
Near Peeble's House, Va.
Monday, Oct. 10th, 1864
Lieutenant Alspaugh of Co.
A. returned to the regiment today.

The Regimental Desk
is reported lost.

Tuesday 11th

This being Election day
I cast my first vote. Voted for State and County officers and
Congressmen, of the United States.

Was appointed Judge of the Election for Chester
County, Berks County and
Susquehanna County.

Wrote father for a statement of the amount
of money I sent home since
enlistment to date.

Wednesday 12th

Abel J. Pennypacker came
to see me today.

147 drafted men, sub-
stitutes and volunteers arrived
this afternoon for our regiment
to whom rations were issued
making them on even footing.
Near Feeble's House,

Thursday, Oct. 13th 1864.

Orders were received to be ready to move at a moment's notice: the line was formed arms stacked and everybody ready to fall in at the command, until after dark when the order was countermanded.

Helped the sutler sell goods.

My valisee was brought up from the wagon train, with the 24th New York Cavalry baggage.

Friday 14th

Two Lieutenants of the 17th Michigan Regiment were, by Order of General Kilcox, assigned to our regiment to assist in drilling the new men. This made Lieut. Feichter of Co. K, angry and he has refused to do duty.
Near Feeble's House, Va.
Saturday, Oct. 15th, 1864

David Dampman lost $75.00 of Mr. M Frath's money.
(Our regimental sutler)

A surgeon of the 8th Michigan regiment was assigned as today (Good for Wilcox and Michigan)

Hospital Steward
A. H. Schaffer went home today on furlough to appear before the Board of Medical Examiners preparatory to being commissioned as an Assistant Surgeon of the Regiment.

Sunday 16

Wrote a resignation for Harrison B. Eckler as First Lieutenant of Company H, 50th Regiment N.Y.

Abel F. Pennypacker called to see me but took supper with me.
Near Feeble's House, Va.
Monday, Oct. 17, 1864

The 24th New York Cavalry
regiment, of our Brigade, were
ordered to go to City Point
 tomarrow morning for
their horses.

Regimental Inspection.
General Hartranft has
gone home on leave of
absence.

Orders were read, on
dress parade, allowing men
to go home, on furlough
provided proper excuses
were given.

Lieutenant Fechter, of
Co. K, received a telegram
announcing the death of his
wife.

Put in requisition for
Two pairs drawers
Two pairs stockings and
Two shirts, for myself.
Near Feeble's House, Va
Tuesday, Oct. 18th 1864

Received two packs
of addressed envelopes from
G. C. Jenks, Washington, D.C.,
one each for Francis and
Earl.

Received arms for the
new men.

Bought a new hat for
which I paid $5.00

Wednesday 19th

Was on Company drill
this morning and Regimental
drill in the afternoon. Our troops
parade in the evening.

Michael Ryan, one of the
new recruits from Company K,
got drunk and this evening
was convulsions from which
the doctor thinks she will die.

Thursday 20th

Mrs. Shade arrived this after-
noon, her object being to secure
the body of her husband, Jacob
Shade, who was killed Sept. 30th.
A circular was read this evening announcing a great victory by General Sheridan, in the Shenandoah valley. Among the trophies being 42 pieces of artillery. There is hearty cheering all along the lines over this announcement.

Was on Company and Regimental drill this morning. Did not go out this afternoon owing to other duties.

Friday, Oct. 21st

John E. Eskel, R.D.M., received a letter from Dr. Alfred Jones, who was taken prisoner by the rebels, at the explosion of Bunsfield's mine, July 30th.

Was out on Company and Brigade drill and dress parade this evening.

Helped Gechter make out his clothing account. The Lord of Goshen Shade was discharged and shipped home.

Prayed over military this evening.
Near Febele's House, Va.

Saturday, October 22, 1864

Was out on drill in command of Company H. - An Brigade drill acting orderly Sergeant of Company H. - Rained a little today. Weather cold and disagreeable.

Sunday 23rd

Was to see Abel Pamphler and James.

A Chaplain of the Christian Commission held divine services in the regiment this morning and evening.

Regimental Inspection - Dallas Metzger of Company "C" was mustered out and started for home.

Monday 24th

Received a letter from father with statement of money I sent home from time to time amounting to $340.55

Was out on drill.
Near Peeble’s House, Va.

Tuesday 25th Oct. 1864

Drilled Company H.

Orders to be ready to move at a moment’s notice have been received. Men to have four days rations in their knapsacks.

Wednesday 26th

Drew Coffee, Sugar and Hard Brand sufficient to make up four days, ending Oct. 30th.

Thursday 27th

Waded this morning at three o’clock after going about two miles we halted until daylight, when we moved forward again by the flank, when near Hatcher’s run we engaged the enemy during which the following men of our regiment were wounded:

- A. B. Kneeland Co. C.
- Samuel Schenck Co. H.
- W. C. Rockwell Co. H.
- Ed. Wilton Co. H.
Near Peeble's House, Va.

Friday Oct. 28th 1861

About six o'clock this morning there was some very heavy firing. About 10 o'clock I went to the cook squad and took them to the rear. About this time orders were given to throw brush in front of the earthworks, preparatory to evacuating the works, which took place about noon, when the whole army fell back and we returned to our old camps.

There is great dissatisfaction felt among the men and officers of the different regiments over this matter, and the general feeling is that there is too much politics at the bottom. General Mead is very severely criticized, for his failure.
Near Peeble's House, Va.
Saturday, Oct. 29th 1864.

Was in Brigade Drill this afternoon.

Capt. Brumm made an example of some of the men who ran away during the engagement yesterday, by marching them around camp with placards pinned on the back of each reading as follows:
1st man "Volunteer skirmisher in the rear"
2nd "I skulked to the rear"
3rd "So did I" and the 4th "and I too". They were preceded by the Arm corps and an escort of four guards.

Sunday 30th

Inspection and Divine Services: Sermon by Chaplain of the Christian Commission. Text Hebrews 20th chap. "It is an awful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."
Near Peeble's House, Va.

Monday, Oct. 31, 1864

At the regular hour for drill the Companies formed and some of them had already gone out when they were recalled and ordered to prepare for Inspection and Muster. At 10 o'clock, Capt. Brown mustered the regiment for pay to cover months of September and October. Q.M. Master Eckel issued shoes, some of which had worn soles and heels.

The regimental sutler having moved back to the wagon trains when we moved to Hatcher's Run, came back to the regiment today.

Tuesday Nov 1

Commanded Company K during Company and Battalion drill.
Near Peeble's House, Va.
Wednesday, Nov. 2, 1864
Quarter Master Eckel brought his things (stores etc.) up to the regiment and after having everything unloaded was ordered back to the Yellow House again. Dust and I had a splendid house built.
Wrote letter to brother Henry.
Rained nearly all day.

Thursday, Nov. 3
Received a letter from sister Anna, and wrote letter to Miss Lu Ball
" May La Clair, Wisconsin
Near Peeble's House, Va.

Friday Nov 4th 1864

Commanded Company K during Company drill this morning and this afternoon during Brigade drill.

Took the second lesson in German.

Saturday 5th

Commanded Co. H this morning during drill issued one day's ration of each Pork and Salted Mackerel. The Pork ration was composed wholly of Shoulders.

Sunday 6th

Was on Inspection this morning, acting Sergeant Major. The regiment having accepted an invitation to attend divine service at Division, marched over in a body at 10 a.m. and listened to a good sermon by the Chaplain of the 27th Michigan Infantry, after which I wrote letters to Miss C. Love and Miss Rebecca Thomas.
Near Peeble's House, Va
Monday, Nov. 7th 1864

Draw and issued rations
for 382 men, viz.
Company A: 38    Lt. 177
    B: 44      9-31
    C: 42      H: 43
    D: 15      I: 40
    E: 36      K: 42

Non Com. Staff 2
Extra 4

177   Total 382

A package was received in the mail addressed to
Return Papers, Co. 76, 58th N. Y. There being no such party in the regiment, the package was opened at
Head Quarters and I fear the articles were confiscated. There was in the package:
1 Small Medallion
2 Watch chains
Gold Pin
Silver Pen Holder
Brest Pin
1 Marseyani Life and several other small articles.
Near Peeble's House, Va.

Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 1864

This being the day for election of Presidental Electors, I was appointed judge to conduct the election at the polls of Berks, Chester, Northampton, Lehigh and Lancaster counties. The polls were open at 10 o'clock and closed about two P.M.

There were 50 votes polled at one place. 36 for Abraham Lincoln and 14 for Gen. McClelland. The regiment gave a majority of 68 for the Lincoln Electors.

In making out the report of the election made duplicate reports for each county. To the best of my knowledge the election was a fairly conducted one. No electioneering being allowed.
Near Peeble's House, Va.

Wednesday, Nov. 9 1864

The boys rallied on the Anler last evening tearing down his tent.

Drilled Company X6 this morning and in the afternoon acted as night guide, of Company X6, on Brigade drill.

It leaked out this evening that the boys were planning a raid on the Brigade Sutter tonight; hence patrols have been sent out with orders to arrest all men on the company streets after 7:00.

Thursday, 10th

Lieutenant Harrison S. Gechter, of Company "H" 50th P.V.V. received an honorable discharge.

Our Company drill this morning and afternoon. Studied skirmish drill this evening.
Near Peeble's House, Va.

Friday, Nov. 11 1864

Orders were received directing the men to build winter quarters.

Saturday 12th

Lieut. H. S. Gechter started for home this morning.

The men are busy building winter quarters.

Sunday 13th

Wrote letters to Uncle Henry Longacre and Miss Langley.

The men worked all day on their winter quarters.

Monday 15th

Chopped logs with which to build my house. Went to the wagon train and borrowed from Lt. Eckel a saw and hatchet.
Near Peeble's House, Va.,

Tuesday, April 15th, 1864.

The sutler wanted to charge me more for postage stamps than their face value.

Sent home by mail the photographs of Generals Bumstead, Wilcox, Sheridan, and Sherman.

Wrote a letter to Uncle John Longacre and sent him a photograph of myself.

Wednesday 16th.

Wrote letter to Cousin Susan Crater, Ohio.

Thursday 17th.

Moved into my new house. It is not quite finished.

Friday 18th.

Finished my house. Just about the time the house was completed orders came to be ready to move. I have
Everything packed ready for the assembly call.

Rain fell this evening.

I am very unwell. Passed considerable blood from my bowels, hence exceeding tired and vomited.

Saturday 19th

Rain fell. Cold and disagreeable all day.

Sunday 20th

Rain fell all day. I had nothing to do today and spent the time reading my Bible.

Monday 21st

Made out a requisition for 5 days provisions, ending on the 30th of November.

Tuesday 22nd

My house caught fire today, from a defective chimney.

Weather cold and disagreeable, but did not rain.
Near Peeble's House, Va.

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1864
Received three letters today viz.: from Misses. Lone and Reifangder and sister Anna.
Miss Reifangder sent me brother Henry's Photograph, with the request that I return it. She is in Mr. Bailey's Photographic Gallery at Lebanon, and Henry had the pictures taken. The one sent was an extra to be used in the show case.
Weather cold and clear.

Thursday 24th
This being Thanksgiving day the Sanitary Commission issued three fine apples to every man.
Near Peeble's House, Va.
Friday, Nov. 25th, 1864.

The Brigade Commissary issued Sanitary rations for Thanksgiving, consisting of chickens, turkey &c. It was intended by the Sanitary Commission that they should be issued on Thanksgiving day but they did not arrive in time. The boys enjoyed the feast just as well today.

Saturday 26th

Made out a requisition for 5 days rations for 342 men, ending December 5th.

Sunday 27th

G. W. Drummer, 2nd Commission.
Thos. Foster, as Captain of Co. A.
Jas. H. Levan, 1st Lieut. A.
H. J. Alphonso, 2nd Lieut. A.
W. Benhurt. 3rd Lieut. B.
John A. Snyder, 2nd Lieut. B.
Henry Groft, 2nd A.
Henry Christ, 3rd G.
Edward Wilcox as 2d Lieut. Co. I
Wm. Taylor " " " " K
Brigade Inspected by
General Wilcox.

Had an interview
with Captain Brummet, as
for the reason that no
Commission had been
received for me, who was
the ranking Sergeant of
the regiment. His reply
was that he had recom-
mended me for a Com-
mision as 1st Lieutenant
in Company F, and that
he had no doubt it would
be along soon.

Monday 28th
On Brigade drill at
right guide of Company
K.

Tuesday 29th
Left our Camp on Ingran
Fam at 11 o'clock this morning
and arrived at Fort McGilvray
after dark—a march of about
less miles.
Fort McCalvery, Va.

Wednesday, Nov. 30th, 1864

Received quarters about one o'clock.

Company A is back of the for in rains.

B, outside in battery no. 17

Balance inside. The commissary department is stationed with Company A.

Joseph Long of Co. C, was mortally wounded this morning from which he died later in the day.

We are now just north of the town of Petersburg and have a good view of it.

The Appomattox river is East of us about 500 yards between us and the river is the 20th Michigan Regt.

My feet are exceedingly sore from our march yesterday and otherwise I am quite well.
Fort McGilvery, Va.
Thursday, Dec. 1, 1864.
Received a letter from sister Kate.
Made out provision return for 347 men viz:
Non Commissioned Staff 8
Company A 31
  B 39
  C 40
  D 15
  E 38
  F 40
  G 27
  H 36
  I 37
  K 38
Extra duty men 3
  342

Friday 2d
Received letters from Lavinia, with her photograph, from brother Henry, with his photograph and from H. S. Gristler, late Lieutenant of Company K.
There was consider-
able camouflago, principally from rebel mortars which make our position in the fort anything but desirable.

Quater Master Eckel brought me an A tent, which I had just left with Company A back of the fort.

Saturday 2

Patrick Sullivan of Company H returned to the regiment last night. The rebels opened fire today on our fort from three different directions. The fire was kept up for quite a time and was heavy, however no one was hurt.

Sunday 3

John Farace returned to the regiment. Issued salt fish, one day ration. Baked some corn bread and had cornbread for supper.
Fort McGeary, Va.
Monday, Dec. 5th 1864

Received a Commission as First Lieutenant of Company F, 50th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Volunteers.

Was mustered out as Commissary Sergeant and then mustered as an officer of the volunteer forces of the United States.

Sent home the photographs of Capt. H. E. Cleveland and Col. Thos. S. Broghotty, also a card for brother David.

Tuesday 6th.
Dined with Quartermaster Ekel.

Joseph Bart was promoted as Commissary Sergeant.

Wrote out an application for Lieutenant Alspaugh of Company H, for muster out - his term of service having expired.

One of Co. B's men was caught stealing from the sutler of the 20th Michigan.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1864

Killed Captains G. W. Rammin of Company F and commander of the Regiment, to make out Ordinance reports, for the quarter ending December 31, 1864.

Orders have been received at regimental head quarters to keep one third of the men under arms all night, ready to fall in at a moment's notice, as an attack is expected.

Thursday 8th

Orders were issued to have eight days rations on hand.

The 60th Regiment Ohio, York moved to Division Head Quarters. The 46th New York have orders to be ready to move at a moment's notice. The enemy have been moving troops.
to the left of our army (their right) all day, and in consequence all our spare troops are held in readiness to move at a moment's notice. It is reported that the 2nd 6th and 19th Corps have been sent to the extreme left and together with the cavalry will attack the retreating right flank.

Made out Ordnance reports for Captain G.W. Brumley.

Saturday, 10th

Received a letter from father with $5.00 and 16 Post Stamps in it.

Sunday, 11th

Everything pretty quiet today.
Fort McGilvery, Va.
Monday, Dec. 12th 1864

Immediately in rear of our fort is a tombstone with the following inscription:

“Here layeth the body of Sir William Skipwith, Baronet, who deceased February 25th 1764 aged 56 years

He descended from Sir Henry Skipwith of Prestwood, in Lancaster shire. Created Baronet by King James, the third, was honored with King Charles the 1st. Commissioned for raising men against the uprising Powny and proved loyal to his king so that he was deprived of his estate by the Usurer which occasioned his and his sons death except Sir Gray Skipwith, grandson to the above named William who was
obliged to come to Virginia for refuge where the family hath since continued.

The peculiar wording and spelling make this stone quite a relic, and the boys have begun breaking it up. The size is about 6 feet x 3 ft of a fine grained brown sandstone.

Tuesday 13th

Bought a pair of pants instead of shoulder straps. Cost $0.50.

Very heavy cannonading from two forts in our front.

Was detailed for picket this evening and instructed to report to Captain Day for orders.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1864

On Picket duty last night and today. Owing to a report that the rebels were concentrating troops on our left it was thought a faint might be made in our front hence the utmost vigilance on our part was directed, however nothing worthy of note occurred during the night. This morning a rebel sharpshooter fired several pretty close shots, where we opened fire sending two rollies at a post hole in their works, from which the shots came. That settled the business and we were not further molested during the day.

Was relieved by Lt. Taylor of Co. K. Attended Drill School this evening was rather late.
Fort McCullough, Va.

Thursday, 15th, 1864 (Dec)

Capt. Parkhaft of Company C. returned to the regiment.

Wrote out Ordnance return for Capt. Drumw of Company F.

Bought two pairs Stockings of Eckel and a Coat of Lieutenant Alpach of Co. A, who was mustered out and went home today.

Paid him $8.00 for the Coat.

Did up my Commission preparatory to sending it home.

Friday 16th

Received notice that Major Eaton had paid Jacob Ebler and Nathan Case, man, cash $32.00, wages to October 31st.

On duty as Officer of the Guard today.

Lieut. Cha. Brown, C.C.

Received a medal of honor for meritorious action at Welden R.R. Sept 19th.
The whole Company was marched to Corps Head Quarters where the presentation was made. Lieutenant Herman and Knight, of the 17th Michigan, who have been with us for several months, now returned to their regiment, and were complimented by Capt. Brunner. They carry with them the kind regards of all the officers of the regiment.

Saturday 17th

Was relieved from guard duty this morning, after which I made out my guard report and some statements for Capt. Brunner.

Recei'd Doctor's certificate of the death of:

W. Kirch
J. Steffe
A. Christ

There's shelled us for about 1½ hours today and made us keep in the будураds.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Sunday, Dec. 18th 1864

Was on regimental inspection this morning, in command of the Company.

Spoke to Captain Drum this afternoon about the necessity of making some promotions in Company F. and asked him to have Jacob Paulus made Sergt., Henry Hess, 2nd Sergeant. The Captain agreed to this provided I would consent having Corporal Davis make 2nd Sergeant.

Also spoke to him in relation to Paulus's bounty.

Monday 19th

Made out a list of promotions in Company F.

Rolandus Cortell, private Company C was wounded.
Fort McAllery, Va.

Tuesday, Dec. 26th, 1864

Drew and issued clothing to the men of Company F and entered them on the clothing journal.

Finished the Ordnance report for 3rd Quarter 1864.

Took an inventory of all Ordnance stores belonging to the Company.

Rained nearly all day.

Wednesday 21.
Rained. Made out some Ordnance reports.
Posted the Company clothing books.

Was detailed for picket this evening.

Thursday 22.

Fixed up the Earthworks, in front of our regiment, and had the traverses cut, so as to make a passage from one end of our line to the other without being exposed to the rebel sharpshooters. Very cold.
Fort McGilvery, Va.
Friday, Dec. 28, 1864

A box addressed to Uriah Smeltzer, who is absent sick, was received, with a lot of cakes, a pair of boots, &c. In order to make the most out of the matter it was decided to sell the provisions and send him the money and other things I agreed to pay $6.00, which Sergeant Pultus accepted and tomorrow the boots and other clothing together with the $6.00 will be forwarded to him.

Saturday 25th
Officer of the Guard

today.

Sunday 25th

Received letter from Godfrey, Philadelphia, with $50.

Ordered addressed Envelope from G.E. Jenks, Washington, D.C.

Weather fine—good news for all quarters.
Fort McGillvery, Va.

Monday, Dec. 26th 1864

A circular was read this morning announcing the capture of Savannah, Georgia, with 156 cannon, an immense quantity of ammunition and several hundred thousand bales of cotton.

An order has just been received directing that the men sleep with their accoutrements on tonight, and that at a signal it is expected a number of rebels profuse coming into our lines to surrender. It may be a ruse but we are not to be caught napping.

John J. Eckel bought me a sword, but no belt. I wrote to father to ascertain cost of a sword belt.

Weather cold and disagreeable, with rain.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Tuesday, Dec. 27th 1864

Very heavy firing

Wrote Jones & Co., Phila. Pa. for price of a good Union

Captain Burkhard was put under arrest

for drunkeness.

Wednesday 28th

Very heavy firing during the day.

Owing to the recent rains very little can be done on account of the ground being almost a sea of mud.

Bought a sword and belt of John D. Eckel for which I paid him $20.

Thursday 29th

Was on picket last night and today.

Two rebels came in our line last night and surrendered.

Rec'd a letter from Mr. Bland. Disagreeable last night.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Friday, Dec. 30th 1864

Received letters from:
Rosa K. Love, Sister Anna,
brother Henry and brother David
Made out the Company
Muster Rolls

Saturday 31.

The Company (F) was
mustered this morning,
for quarter ending this
day.

Rain and snow.

Sunday, Jan. 1, 1865

New Year's Day

Wrote and mailed
letters to Sister Lavinia,
brother Henry and Rosa O'Rowe,

On duty as Officer of the Guard. Inspection,
then made out a state-
ment for Captain Brumby
about his Ordnance
account. Very cold.
Fort McIverly, Va.
Monday, January 2, 1865
Received notice that Sergeant Fisher is at Camp Parole, Annapolis, Md., and had drawn clothing, etc. Completed muster rolls and gave them to Captain G.W. Bunn.

The Chesterfield Road battery fired a shell into one fort, which passed through the artillery and tent, no one hurt.

Gave Labana Shaffer a pass to take a pair of boots, 2 pairs socks, and a pair of gloves to Uriah Smeltzer, who is sick at City Point.

Tuesday 3
Read a letter from Jones to Philo offering to furnish a uniform, including dress coat, vest, pantaloons, etc., at 50¢ per shoulder strap.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Wednesday Jan 4, 1865
Made out monthly reports of clothing, camp and
Garrison equipment, for Company I.

Inspected the Company.
Snow fell about one inch.

Thursday 5th
During the day made
out some Monthly reports.
Was detailed for
Ricket tonight and
tomorrow.

Weather pleasant
all day.

Friday 6th
On Ricket duty last
night and today, in
charge of the line directly
in front of our regiment and
the 2 Michigan. Everything
quiet along our front.

Saturday 7th
Wrote several letters,
and then took a good
rest.
Fort McPherson, Va.

Sunday, Jan'ry 8th, 1865

Knapsack Inspection
at 11½ o'clock this morning.

Alfred W. Giff, of Company E, went home on
furlough this morning.

Monday 9th

On duty as Officer
of the Guard.

Lieut. Landy, of Reading,
Pa. now member of one
of the new Pennsylvania
Regiments was on a
visit to some of his
friends in the 50th, and
while in our fort was
wounded by a rebel
sharp-shooter; the ball
I understand passed
through the calf of his
leg.

Tuesday 10th

Rained very hard
all last night and
greater part of today.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Wednesday, Jan'y 11, 1865

Received a sword belt from father by mail.

During the day the rebels threw a number of shells into our fort, one of which struck a stack of muskets of Company "F" and entirely destroyed one belonging to Corporal John Cooney.

Captain G. W. Brown went home on leave of absence.

Thursday 12

On Picket again last night and today.

During today a fine black pig came into our lines, from the Rebel lines. It had evidently become well acquainted with the sound of the cannon and musketry as it was quite tame.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Friday, Jan'y 13th, 1865.

Draw clothing for Company F, also stationery.

Received a letter from Albert Fisher, of Co. F.

Weather very pleasant.

Saturday, 14th.

Wrote a letter to Albert Fisher and made out final statement of Wandel Kirch's acct.

Sunday, 15th.


Capt. Ja. H. Levin, " F. 1."

Jak. C. Kingsley " F. 2."

At 9 o'clock this morning a flag of truce was raised by the rebels in our immediate front, its design has not been made public.

Received from sister Anna a sample of flannel.
from which she offers
to make me four
shirts—they will cost
$13.00

Wrote letter to sister
Anna, enclosing sample
from which I ordered
four shirts, and at
same time enclosed
note to father asking
him to give sister
Anna $13.00 for flannel
and to send me $25.00
charging both to my
account.

Monday 16th
On duty as Officer
of the Guard.
Wrote sister Anna
to send me several
neck ties and the
large red silk pocket
handkerchief I left at
home when I enlisted.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Tuesday, Jan'y 17th 1865

A salute was fired this morning, in honor of the capture of Fort Fisher, Georgia.

Received notice that Capt. E. W. Brumby, had been paid $501.15 by Major Smith, from September 1st to December 31st, 1864.

Sergeant A. Mellow, Company C, was wounded.

Wednesday 18th

Gave David P. Martin, Co. F, one pair shoes.

Thursday 19th

Gave Andrew Wholeship, one pair shoes.

Wrote letter to brother Henry.

Detailed for picket tonight.
Fort McMurvery, Va.

Friday, Jan'y 20, 1865

In charge of the picket line in front of the Michigan and New regiments.

Two Rebel soldiers and two negroes came into our lines to day and gave themselves up.

Very heavy shelling; one shell passed through Captain Bummi's tent and also three tents of Company F. Fortunately no one was hurt.

Saturday 21

Rain'd and hailed.

Sunday 22

Solomon Rhoads, Howard Potts, of Company B, and Henry Shreffler, of Company K, were discharged on Surgeon Certificate.

Orders from Goodyear
To: Philadelphia, Pa., 1st Ohio S.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Monday, Jan'y 23, 1865.
Made out final statement of the accounts of Wendal Kirch and Anthony Christ of Company F, and mailed them to Adjutant General L. Thomas, Washington, D.C.

Tuesday 24th
On duty as officer of the guard.
Very heavy shelling on our right.
Made out statement in the case of Thomas and Frederick Deemer of Co. F, and sent it to Dr. Wheeler.
Received notice of the death of Private Fredk Thurman, Company F, who died at Baltimore, Md., on the 7th instant, of pneumonia and diarrhea.
Fort McElroy, Va.
Wednesday, Jan'y 26th 1865
Made an addition to the chimney of my tent, so as to prevent the smoke from driving me out.

Thursday, 26th
All the applications for furloughs, sent to Army Head Quarters during the past few days have been returned disapproved. It is reported that no furloughs will be granted to the 4th Army Corps for the present.

The regiment was routed out this evening at 11 o'clock and after standing in line for about 15 minutes was dismissed. No reason given.

Frederick and Thomas Steiner were discharged today by order of Brevet Major Gen'l. O. B. Wilcox, Commanding 9th Army Corps.
Fort M'Grivory, Va.

Friday, Jan'y 27th 1865

Received a letter from father with $25.00
which I acknowledge
and enclosed some cards for brother David.

A.W. Gist returned from
furlough, and brought
with copies of the paper
in which Henry T. Kendall's
experience, in his escape from rebel prison,
was published

Saturday 28th

Rec'd a box, from home,
containing:
shirt, pocket handkerchief
two neck ties &c
wrote letter acknowledging
receipt.

Captain G.W. Blinn
returned from his leave of
absence.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Sunday, Jan. 24, 1863

Received a letter from Sergeant Fisher, Co. F.

During a heavy artillery duel nearly every tent in my company (F) was riddled and my own tent was literally torn to pieces. The inventory of worthless property was as follows:

2 Springfield Rifles,
1 Bayonet
6 Shelter Tents
1 Envi Blanket.

Monday 30th

Received letters from:
sister Lavinia Lukens,
Cousin Susan Carter, Ed.
Rose C. Lowe, and
Mss. Goodyear and Co., with a pair of number fourteen gloves, which I returned, as they are too large; I ordered No. 8.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Tuesday, Jan’y 31, 1865

On duty as officer of the guard.

During the Artillery duel today ten men were slightly wounded in our fort, and eight shelter tents of Company "F" were so badly torn as to be utterly worthless.

Wednesday, February 1st

Captain W. H. Helford of Company F, who was captured at Petersburg May 12th, 1864, returned to the regiment this morning.

Was detailed this morning to serve on Court martial to try Private Michael Royer, of Company H, for throwing an empty shell, as he thought, down the chimney of a bombproof when a number of men were inside. The Court
came up at two o'clock
and heard several
witnesses, and his
own statement, which
was about as follows:
He admitted dropping
an empty shell down
the chimney into the
fire, for fun. The testi-
mony showed that there
was some powder still
in the shell as it blew
the fire over those in
the bomb-proof but
no explosion took
place and no one
was hurt further than
slight burns. The Court
adjourned at 4 o'clock
without fixing any
sentence.

The Inspector General
condemned the following
property belonging to Co. A:
1. Enfield Rifle
2. Springfield Rifles
1. Bayonet.
Fort M. Gilmer, Va.

Thursday, Feb. 2, 1865.
Captain E. W. Brumm gave me a lecture for signing a paper recommending Captain M. H. Telford, of Company G, for Colonel of the regiment.

Wrote letters to Cousins Susan Chance and Elizabeth Rodeges, both of Indiana.

Friday 3rd
During an Artillery duel today John Hinz, of Company E, was killed and a number of tents were badly torn by the rebel shells.

At the request of Captain Brumm I had my name erased from the paper recommending Captain Telford for Colonel, for the reason that I had signed a similar paper to Capt. Simpson, Capt. Denver, Capt. Buchan, and Capt. Elkins, the officers of the C, D, and A companies.
Fort McGilvery, Va.
Saturday Feb 4th 1865
Captain A. M. Telford left for home this morning on a leave of absence.

Made out and sent to the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C., an inventory of property in the hands of Company F. Also sent final statement of Frederick Koeth's account.

Received a letter from the Adjutant General's Office dated January 27th asking for information in relation to Andrew Dumma of Company F. Ratnered the letter with the information endorsed on it.

Another artillery duel about 9 o'clock this evening.
Fort Wm. Gilvery, Va.,
Sunday, Feb. 5th 1865

Orders to have 3
days rations on hand
and be ready to move
at a moment's notice
have been received.

Received notice
that private J. A. Crawfor,
of Company F was fined
at Armory Square Hospital,
February 1st 1865 for the
months of November and
December 1864.

Monday 6th

As the enemy seems to
be preparing to make
an attack on our lines;
by having the obstructions
removed from in front of
their line, and masking
troops it is expected an
attack will be made on
Battery #9 for that reason
orders have been issued to
hold the men ready, and
Companies A and F are to
be sent to Battery #9 in case of an attack. The men have their guns loaded and everything is ready to give them a warm reception.

Tuesday 7th

There was very heavy fighting on the left of us, but no attack was made on our front.

Rains and hailed.

Detailed for picket duty tonight and tomorrow.

Wednesday 8th

The Artillery of both sides armed themselves for considerable time, last night and today, by throwing shrapnel shells at each other.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Thursday, February 19, 1865.

Lieutenant Henry T. Kendall, who was taken prisoner at Floyd's Bluff, May 12, 1864, returned to the regiment today.

Captain Thomas Foster of Company D was put under arrest for indulging to freely.

Made out Report of Inspection of Clothing, Camp and Garrison Furniture, and then gave it to Capt. C. W. Drum to sign.

Friday 10th

Adjutant Henry T. Kendall went to Corps Head Quarters to get muster out but failed to do so. I bought of him his sword for $20.00

Pocket Compass, Sandel which $2.05

Valance (Leather) $3.00

Paid on account $5.00

Balance due $17.00
Fort McHenry, Va.,
Saturday, February 11th 1865
Sold my old sword to
Lieutenant Ed. Willur, of
Company I for $10.00.
Adjutant H. F. Kendall
succeeded in getting
mustered out today.
On duty as Officer
of the Guard.

Sunday 12th
Received from home
Two flannel shirts, tyrol.
Regimental Inspection.
Colonel Cutcheon acting
as Inspection officer.
Was relieved from
Guard duty this morning
by Sergeant Bell, of Comp-
pany E.

Monday 13th
Gave Adjutant H. F. Kendall
my note for the $17.00 due
on the dividend.
Received two recruits,
drafted men under arrest.
Ford McGilvery, Va.

Tuesday, February 14th 1865

Adjutant Henry T. Kendall, started for home this morning at 5 o'clock. Received word that the Recruits, or drafted men sent us yesterday, belong to the 51st Regt. Regiment and the men intended for this were sent to that Regiment.

Wednesday 15th

Received notice from the Quartermaster Department, Washington, D.C., that F. Thrumhurst drew one pair of Pants before he died which are not charged on the final statement.

Detailed foricket tonight and tomorrow to be in charge of the 2nd Michigan and 50th Pa. details.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Thursday, February 16th, 1865

Orders are very strict in relation to talking to the Rebels and the utmost vigilance to everything going on is required.

During the day a number of pieces of paper were noticed floating down the river, one of which I secured and found this note on it:

"Yanks! Tonight at 8 o'clock one regiment of us will come over. We will give a signal. February 16th, 1865."

I sent it to Brigade Head Quarters.

Received letters from Sister Anna, Cousin Joel Longacre.

Corporal Lawrence Lattner came back to the Company. Gave him a blanket and some other clothing.

Dear - May 1st 1865 114France.
Fort McGilvery, Va.
Friday, February 17th 1865
Received from the Mustering Officer my discharge as an enlisted man, which I sent home to father.

Saturday 18th
Made out Warrants for the Non-Commissioned officers of Company F and gave them to Capt. G.W. Fenem to sign. Wrote and mailed a letter to Senator Erskine Harrisburg, Pa.

On duty as officer of the guard.

Sunday 19th
Sent Private Delise, of Company F, to the Provost Marshall, of 1st Division, 9th A.C., under arrest. Made out charges and specifications.
Capt. Geo. A. Yeager, of Company B, was mustered out today.
Made out final account of Solomon Hoffer, private of Company D, who died September 10, 1864. Mailed the statement to the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C.

The charge against Private Delilah, of Company I, who was received under arrest today, is deserting and jumpring counties said to have jumpped his counties.

Gave Zacharias Snyder one half of a chertiant.

Monday 20th

A lot of Recruits, principally drafted men and substitutes were received today.

Received some paper and Envelopes for Private Reddie, of Company F.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Tuesday, February 21, 1865

Made out Certificate of death of Koest Strudler and Miller, of Company F.

Wednesday 22

On ticket last night and today. Received letters from:

Father, with 33 postage stamps
Brother David, Adam Granden and Miss Rose C. Lowe

Sergeant Hill, of Company C relieved me from ticket this evening.

Thursday 23

Made out descriptive list of David P. Harty, and sent it to Capt. Gallozo, 56th Mass. Vols., in charge of detailed men at City Point.

Sent discharges of all the Lancaster County men.
to Sergeant Hess.
The regiment was called out last night; it was thought the enemy were evacuating Petersburg, however the matter ended only in an artillery duel.

Sent my photograph to Cousin Mary Ann Crater.

February 24th
Relieved Lieutenant Henry J. Christ from guard duty this morning.

A salute of 100 guns was fired today over the recent capture of Wilmington, N.C.

Made out statement in the case of private Gunder and sent it to the Pension Office, Washington, D.C.

Lient. Taylor returned.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Saturday, February 25th, 1865

Was relieved from duty as officer of the guard this morning, and was detailed for picket for tonight and tomorrow. Took the detail out and posted the men when Sergeant S. L. Losha, Acting Lieutenant, of Company C relieved me. The Adjutant apologized for the error.

This evening the Rebels again indulged in throwing shells at us. Received copy of the sentence of Private>Denton of Company F, which entered in the order book.

Made out the Military History of the following men:
Frederick Reoth, private C. F.
Herman Miller
Kendall Strader
Geo. A. Joole
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Sunday, February 26th, 1865

John Martin, of Company C, was wounded.

Monday 27th

On duty last night and today in command of the picket line from the Appomattox River to Batter'y #9. The mud on the picket line is almost shoe deep.

Major Sam. H. B. went forward to the regiment this evening and reported for duty.

Rac. notice that Frank Lambol, of Co. F, drew clothing to the amount of $11.27 at the McClellan Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., where he is under treatment for a wounded scalp, and not fit for duty.
Fort McAllister, Va.

Thursday, February 28th, 1865

The regiment was mustered this morning.

by Captain Drum.

Wednesday

March 1st, 1865

Inspected Companies

E and F, this morning.

Major Schwerk took

command of the regiment

this morning, relieving

Captain Drum.

Thursday

Rained all day.

Read the men of Company

I sign the pay roll,

after which it was

sent to Head Quarters

of the 1st Division, 9th Army

Corps.

Friday

Captain J. W. Drum

was detailed, by Major Schwerk,

as Acting Field Officer of the

Regiment, as per special order

from Regimental Head Quarters.
Made out statement of the clothing account of J. H. Monds, of Company K, and sent it to the 2nd Auditor, Washington, D.C.

Made out a list of promotions I wish made the Company:

Corporal Latner for Sergeant, private Reddie to Corporal

Schwanger for Corporal.

Saturday 4th

A Sergeant Paulus left for his home, at Cleveland, Ohio, on furlough. Gave him a letter of introduction to Miss Langley.

Sunday 5th

On picket last night and today.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Monday, March 6th 1865

Was detailed by Major B. K. Schwemle to act as Adjutant of the Regiment. After receiving the order I reported to him and asked that the position might be given to one of the older Lieutenants, as I knew practically nothing about the duties of the office. To which the Major made the following reply: ‘you are the only Lieutenant in the regiment who has not applied for the office, and from what I know of you, I think you are better fitted for the position than any of them, and I command you to assume the duties of the office. I will give you all the aid I can in booking yourself’
Fort M'C Gilvery, Va

Tuesday March 7th 1865

Commenced sinking another mine in front of our fort, to prevent the rebels from undermining us. We have had one for some time directly in front of the fort, about forty feet deep and perhaps 100 feet long with arms of about twenty feet each, and from one of these arms we had quite a scare some days since, when the sound of something could be very distinctly heard, however it was then discovered to be caused by the artillery men ranging their casemates.

Made out an Army Register of the Officers of the Regiment.
Head Quarters
March 6, 1865.

Special Orders
No 20

1st Sgt. Louis Brater Co. F is hereby appointed acting adjutant of the Regt., and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. He will at once report to these heads for instructions.

By order of
Samuel Schmunk
Major 50th P.V.V.
Candy Regt.
Fort McGilvery, Va.,

Thursday, March 9, 1865

Went to City Point today and bought a dress uniform coat, for which I paid $45.00. After returning to the regiment, Mr. M. Gratz, our regimental sutler, who is a tailor by trade, told me the coat did not fit me nicely and suggested that I let him take it back tomorrow and get another, to which I consented. He will only charge the amount of his R.R. fare.

I have at various times did a number of things for him without taking anything for my trouble and for this reason he says he wants to see me will fitted.

Francis Stanwick, of Co. B, was wounded.
Fort McClellan, Va.,

Friday, March 30, 1865

Mr. McGrath had my coat exchanged and while the goods are not quite as fine as the original it certainly is a very much better fit, and no doubt as he says will give me better service than the other would have done.

Received by mail a shirt from Sister Anna and a letter from Sister Kate.

Rained this afternoon.

Tuesday 14th

The regiment was called out and stacked arms, then waited further orders, known nothing of importance has developed.

Owing to the multiplying of duties my diary seems doomed to be laid aside.
Fort McGilvery, Va.

Wednesday, March 15th, 1865

Received orders to send all our surplus baggage to City Point to be stored. Sent the large desk from the Adjutant's Office.

Lieutenant E. W. Wilbur and I were at City Point, when I bought a pair of pants and an officer's rank pin. Paid $5.00 for the pin.

Wednesday 22

Received a lot of new recruits, principally drafted men and substitutes.

Thursday 23

Moved out of Fort McGilvery back some distance along the appomattox, which was to fricket and drill on new men.
Camp 50th Regt. P.V.N.
Saturday, March 23, 1865
About half past four o'clock this morning an orderly came rushing up and ordered the regiment out, as the Rebels had made an attack on us. I saw out half dressed and formed the regiment, then Major Schwendt took all who had arms and on the double quick ran down near Fort McGilvary and succeeded in getting in the rear of the Rebels. The Rebels seeing that their retreat was cut off, quite a large number surrendered. During the fight we had two men wounded viz: Francis Stanwick of Co. B and Wm. Panhus of Co. F.
Camp 50th Regt P.V.
Near Petersburg, Va.
Tuesday, March 28th, 1865
Private J. P. Clemond of Company "C" was wounded while on picket along the Appomattox river.
2nd Lieutenant J. A. Lock of Company "C" has charge of a lot of men picketing the Appomattox.
Petersburg, Va.

Sunday, April 2 - 1865

Early yesterday morning, April 1st, we left our camp and Major Schwend directed that I should go ahead and report at Brigade Head Quarters that he was ready for orders. The morning was clear and the stars shining brightly, these with flying rockets, shells from the Rebel's and our gun batteries, presented a beautiful sight. The roar of the cannonading was dreadful, making the ground tremble like heavy peals of thunder. My horse seemed to catch the spirit of what was going on, hence he went dashing along with his head and tail up, apparently watching every shell. Receiving reported at
Brigade Head Quarters
I waited for the regiment to come up. An order was then received for us to move to the front and take position directly to the left of Battery Nine and at a given signal charge.

We now left our horses and proceeded to the front on foot, however, just before reaching the breastwork something struck me and cut my sword belt in two at my hip. It was very dark and I did not know for nearly a minute what was the matter. I gathered myself up and found the regiment on the front line. Major Schwend now went back to Brigade Head Quarters and explained to Colonel Cutchon, who was in Com-
mand, that as our men were nearly all green, many of them had never been drilled in regimental or battalion drill, it would be almost impossible to handle them in the charge, hence we were ordered back on the second line, however part of the regiment was sent farther to the right to support the Michigan who were detailed as sharpshooters. We remained behind the breast works all of yesterday. Very early this morning one of the grandest sights imaginable took place: in every direction, along the rebel front, were fires, explosions of magazines and this was accompanied with
Terrible cannonading, on our side. Then came the charge, and Petersburg was ours. We are now lying at the South side of the town.

As far as known our regimental loss is: Michael Grogan and John McDonald, of Co. H, and John Try, of Co. C, are reported killed, and Frank Fisher, of Co. I, wounded.

Browders Crossing
Danville Petersburg R.R., Va.
Sunday, April 9th 1865
Chaplain Armstrong held church services this morning preaching a sermon on the victories of life. Weather is very fine.
Head Quarters 50th Reg't N.Y. 
Near Broadwood Crossing, Va., 
Monday, April 16, 1865

Received a Despatch stating that General Lee surrendered, to General U. S. Grant, yesterday at two o'clock P.M. and that the Army of Northern Virginia is no more.

After the despatch was read the boys became quite enthusiastic in their cheering.

Sunday April 16th, 1865

Received Commission as Adjutant of the 50th Regiment Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers.

Several of the other officers received commissions for higher rank viz:--

Lient. Col. W. H. Telford as Col.;
Major A. K. Schwenk as Lieut. Col.;
Captain Brumm as Major;
Frank H. Telford, Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant as 2nd. Lieut. of Company E.
Monday, April 17, 1865

Received from Lieut. Col. W.T. Jelford, the following certificate to be used when I am mustered as Adjutant 1st

Head Quarters 50th U.S. Infantry

Bowders Crossing, Va.,
April 17, 1865

I certify that there is a vacancy existing in the 50th U.S. Infantry as Adjutant, caused by the Muster out of Henry T. Kendall, February 17, 1865, and that the strength of the Regiment entitles it to an Adjutant.

W.T. Jelford
Lieut. Col., Commanding

A dispatch was received yesterday announcing the death of President Abraham Lincoln. Everyone seems to feel exceedingly sad over the news.
An order (General order #69) from the War Department directing that all flags be kept at half mast next Wednesday, that all labor be suspended and minute guns be fired, also that the officers wear caps on their left arm and swordhilt.

Was mustered yesterday as Adjutant of the 50th Regiment Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers.

Wednesday, April 19th 1865

Regiment left Broadside Crossing for City Point this morning. Owing to only one team being allowed the regiment to transport one baggage considerable canvas andarrison material had to be abandoned by the officers. I left for which I must account.

2 Packets 4 Axes and hoes, 2 Hatchets and hoes and 1 Camp Kettle.
Camp 50th Regt. P.V., near Alexandria, Va., April 25, 1865

After leaving Browder's Crossing, we marched to City Point, where we were put on transports and run down the James River to the Chesapeake Bay. Then up the Potomac River to Aquia Creek, from there we marched, passing over the Bull Run battle field, via Centreville and Fairfax Court House.

Bought a beautiful gold watch from one of Company D's men, for which I gave him my silver watch and $40. Making the watch cost me $80.

Made out Report of Camp and Garrison Equipment for month of March.
Camp 50th Regt. D.C.V. near Georgetown, D.C., May 20, 1865

Received notice from the Paymaster's Office that Major D. K. Schwind had been paid $91.86 for the month of March 1865.

--Grand Review, May 23, 1865--

Friday, June 23, 1865

Was home on leave of absence for 20 days. Returned to the regiment this morning, two days before the expiration of my time. John Eckel wishing to go to Baltimore, Md., and promising to be back in time for me to return my papers to Head Quarters on the 25th, I loaned them to him.

---Sunday, June 25, 1865---

John J. Eckel returned to day, after which I returned my leave of absence to Head Quarters, which restores me again on the payroll to full pay from this date.

Loaned Eckel $12.00.
Head Quarters 50th P.V.
June 25th 1865

The following order was received:

Middle Military Division
Washington, D.C. June 25th 1865

Special Order #14, 1

II. Pursuant to instructions from Head Quarters of the Army, the Commanding officer
Department of Washington
will direct the following named organizations to proceed to Gettysburg, Pennsylva
nia, to participate in the ceremonies of July 4th:

50th Pennsylvania Volunteer

They will be placed enroute so as to reach Gettysburg by the 3rd of July, and upon arriving will
report to Major General John W. Geary. Having
completed their duties they will return to their
respective stations.
The Quartermaster's and subsistence department will furnish the necessary transportation and supplies.

By Command of
Major Genl. Hancock,
Signed J. E. King A. A. G.

Saturday July 1, 1865
Left Camp, at Fort Gains, D.C., this morning at six o'clock, marched through Georgetown and Washington to the Baltimore Dep't, where we took cars and arrived at Baltimore, Md., at 3 P.M. Took dinner and then left Baltimore via the Northern Central Railway.

Sunday July 2nd
Arrived at Gettysburg, Pa., about three o'clock this morning. Did not leave the Dep't until after daylight, when we went into camp, about 3/4 of a mile south of
the town, on Kulp's hill. Dress parade was held this evening in the square of the town.

Four of Company B's men had secured passes and went to one of the churches, of the town, from which they were taken by force, by the Provo Marshall. They claim they were orderly, not having committed any act to warrant such treatment. On the other hand Lieutenant Blanchford, the Provo Marshall says he was ordered by General Gary to remove them because the citizens complained of their disorderly conduct.
Kurz's Hill, Gettysburg, Pa.
Monday July 3, 1865

The Regiment rested in camp today.

Lieutenant Colonel S. K. Schwenk and a number of
the officers rode over the
route of the parade
and located the position
of the Band. I was
designated to lead the
Bands into position, after
arriving at the cemetery.

After dress parade, this
evening, I rode out with
Major Brumley, Chaplain
Armstrong, Lieut. Eckel,
Surgeon Wilson and one or
two other officers, to a farm
house, quite a distance from
camp and were treated
with milk.
Kulps Hill, Gettysburg, Pa.

Tuesday, July 4, 1865

The parade started at
nine o'clock this morning
General Seany, Chief Marshall,
Col. H.H. Salford and Capt. Foster,
of the 50th acting as aids de camp
on his staff. Marched through
the town, to the Cemetery
where the ceremony of
laying the cornerstone for
the monument was held,
according to the ritual of
the Free Masons. General O.O.
Howard delivered the oration,
and remarks were made
by several other officers.

Wednesday 5th

The regiment remained in
camp, on Kulps Hill all day,
esting. However, some of the
boys were in town and drank
rather freely, the result being
a fight in a saloon, during
which Lieutenant Herring, of Co. A,
was pretty badly used up by Geo.
Nagler, private of Co. B.
Blanchford, Bros. Marshall, was kept busy keeping the boys straight.

A photograph was taken of the regiment while on Dress parade this evening.

After dress parade Col. Belford introduced the famous John Rums to the regiment, but the old man could not say a word. Then Belford explained to the men that Rums took his shot gun and joined the Union Army during the battle of Gettysburg and that he was the only citizen of the town who was brave enough to go into the fight. The Colonel then serenaded three cheers for Mr. Rums, which were given with a will.

After dress parade attended, with other officers, a reception in town!
Baltimore, Md., Thursday  
July 6th, 1865
Left Camp, at Kulps Hill, and marched through Gettysburg, this morning, during which Col. Schraer had a photograph of the regiment taken while in marching order, on the street.

Left Gettysburg at 9 o'clock, A.M., and arrived at Hanover Junction at one o'clock P.M., then took the Central (Northern Central) R.R. for Baltimore.

Friday 7th
Arrived at Washington, D.C., about three o'clock this morning, took breakfast at the "Soldier's Retreat," then marched to our old camp, near Fort Gains.

Sunday 9th
Inspection and Brigade Dress parade
Camp near Georgetown, D.C.

Monday July 10, 1865

Received muster rolls which are to be made out preparatory to mustering out the regiment.

Saturday 15th

Received orders to be ready to move tomorrow morning at four o'clock.

Sunday 16th

Moved this morning at six o'clock and encamped on the commons east of the Capitol building.

Rained hard after getting into camp.

Monday 17th

Regiment sent to Defust (Railroad station) to assist in quelling a riot among the soldiers.

Wednesday 19th

Regiment was sent to the Railroad station to do guard duty.
Camp East of Capital
Washington, D.C.
Thursday, July 20, 1865
General Burnside visited
the regiment today.
Regiment still on guard
duty at the railroad station.

Friday 21
Regiment returned to camp
this evening.

Saturday 22
Brigade Inspection.
Dress parade this evening.

Sunday 23
Some of the officers
were out of camp last
night and while under
the influence of liquor got
into trouble with a Naval
officers family. The matter
was reported to Col. Edmund
this morning and after officers
call had been broken and all
assembled in front of the Colons
tent the Naval Officer's wife
came out and fussed out the
guilty parties. The Col. directed
Camp near Georgetown, D.C.

Tuesday July 25, 1865

Left camp, east of the Capital, Washington, D.C., this evening and marched back to our old camp at Fort Sains. Held dress parade at the Fort Sains this evening.

Friday July 26th

The regiment was mustered today, preparatory to starting for home.

Sunday July 30th

Regiment was mustered out and started for Harrisburg, Pa.

Monday July 31st

Camps returned, Harrisburg, Pa. Most of the officers are quartered at the State Capitol Hotel. I am busy making out reports, etc. Receiving the Camp and Garrison Equipment to be turned over to the Government.
OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 1st DIVISION, 9th ARMY CORPS:

The time has come when we must all separate and go to our welcome homes. The ties of comradeship—the bloody brotherhood into which we have been baptised for our Country's sake, will survive the change. The story of the old Division, various Regiments of which have left the bones of their dead to whitewash battle-fields in seven different States, will form part of your individual life hereafter.—

To the Officers and men of the Division, my own thanks are due for their cheerful cooperation with me in the performance of mutual duties, and for the gallantry, self-denial, devotion and good conduct they have always shown in the Service of their Country whenever acting under my Command. Your achievements will brighten many a page of impartial history.

Let us cherish the associations of the past four years; let us keep alive the patriotic fires which have burned so brightly under cloud and sunshine. The red Shield of the Division shines with full luster and reflects a glory upon all who have fought under it.

Your families and fellow Citizens will welcome your return in peace and victory; you will carry about you in civil life a sense of your own worth, and self respect will characterize those who have done so well and deserved so well by their Country. Keep high the standard of your honor; preserve your honesty and integrity, and the worthy returned Soldier will purify the atmosphere of home, State and Country; by his own simple and steadfast purity of Character.

Wishing you every success and prosperity in life, your General bids you a sad but proud farewell.

O. B. WILLCOX,
Brevet Major General U. S. Vols.

Official,

ROBERT A. HUTCHINS
A. A. G.
States Capitol Hotel,
Harrisburg, Pa.
August 1, 1865

In order to expedite
the closing up of my reports
I have employed an
attorney. Sold my horse
to John S. Eckel
Brother David has
just arrived intending to
take my horse home, but
him back home without the
horse.

August 2

The men were paid
and most of them left
for home this evening.

Thursday 3

Finished making out
my reports of Camp and
Garrison Equipment after
which I received my pay
from Major P. D. Hartsh
Paymaster U.S.A.
Reading, Pa, Augt 4, 1865
Arrived there last night
called to see Rose C. Love.
Quartered for the night at
the Mansion House, 6th and
streets.

Lawrenceville, Pa.

August 20, 1865
Rev. C. Fish, statement from father
Inc has
and Uncle David Longacre has
of my money


August 22, 1865
Paid Bryant, Stratton for
Enrollment Commercial College $50.00
Books and Supplies
13.75
Stationary
1.65
Total
$65.40

One week's board in advance
7.00
Umbrella
12.00

Phila, Pa 25

54.40

Bought trunk for Rose C.
Love, for which I paid $8.00
Sent the Trunk to Reading.
Headquarters 50th Penn’a Vet. Vol. Infantry,
Harrisburg, Pa, August 2, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Officers and Soldiers of the Fiftieth Regiment:

The great work is finished. By your gallantry in action
and steadfast devotion in the service of your country you
have won a glorious victory, an honorable peace and an illus-
trious name.

The tendrils that have wound around our hearts and
held us together in stronger than fraternal affections are about
to be severed. The ties that have so closely bound us as
companions in war will unite us as friends in peace.

The story of the old Regiment, with the incidents of the
past four years, will always be remembered and cherished
with the memory and virtues of our noble comrades, whose
remains are mouldering in ten different States.

Your deeds of valor and trials of endurance, with the
achievements of thirty-two battles, will brighten many pages
in the annals of your country’s fame.

Future ages will bless you as the defenders of American
liberty. Nations will honor and respect you, and posterity
will praise your names for the invaluable heritage you have
so well preserved.

You will be welcomed to your homes to enjoy the ad-
vantages of the government you have so faithfully protected.
In civil life guard carefully what you have gained and so well
sustained in battle; let moral goodness and integrity charac-
terize your course, and a grateful people will bless you, and a
proud nation claim and reward you as her most deserving
citizens.

With sincere thanks for your uniform courtesy and
cheerful co-operation in the performance of mutual duties;
fervent prayers to Almighty God for your happiness and
prosperity through life, and warmest sympathies for the
bereaved families of the heroic dead, your Lieutenant Colonel
bids you all farewell.

SAML K. SCHWENK,
Lt. Colonel, Comdg. Regt.

OFFICIAL:
L. Crater, 1st Lt. and Adjt.
August 31, 1865
Received from Benezet's Harrisburg, Pa. picture of myself framed, painted in colors, for which I paid
him Cash $1.40.

Sept. 1.
Bought of T. J. Woodward,
fine black clothWedding
suit, coat, pants and vest
for which I paid him
Cash $4.50.

Sept. 16
Bought gold watch,
for wedding present to
Rosa C. Love, for which
I paid $52.30.

Lawrenceville, Pa.
Sept. 21, 1865
Was married to day, at
Reading, Pa., by Chaplain J. F. Meredith, to Rosa C. Love,
after which we came to father's house.
Jos. Kendall acted as best man
for me.
Philadelphia, Pa
September 25, 1865
Left father's this morning and are now at my boarding house on Pearl street.

Received from father before leaving home $150.00—have now received from him over three hundred dollars.

Oct 9

Rosie and I visited Aunt Julian Dyson yesterday at Norristown.

1st

I have been sick for several days, hence called in Dr. Sutton today. He prescribed whiskey and quinine and then charged me two dollars.

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Lent Josiah Nyman
Fifteen dollars.
Philad. Oct. 27, 1865
Rosa bought material for a black dress for which I paid $20.25

Nov 1
Rosa bought a shawl for her sister, Christiana Lowe, for which I paid $10.00 and sent it to her by Express at Reading. R.
Express charges 35c prep air.
The doctor ordered Brandy. Rosa sent out and purchased a bottle for 35c.
For sometime I have been quite ill.


Dec 16
Rec'd from father on account 
$40.00
November 24, 1865
Rosa and I had our photographs taken—one dozen each at a cost of $1.50.
Rosa bought a muff for $10.00 and a bonnet for $4.75.

Moved our things to
Mrs. Miller's (Chandler?)
Kensington which cost $1.50.

Lawrenceville, Pa.
Rosa and I visited father
and mother last night and
expect to remain here
until Wednesday.

Rosa and I arrived at
Mrs. Chandler's Miller's this
morning, Kensington, Philad.

Began teaching shorthand
in the Boys' Monroe Grammar School,
Buttonwood St., between 10th and 11th St.,
$1.00 per hour. Taught two terms
and received two dollars.
January 24, 1866
Sent note of Colonel Wm. H. Delord, dated June 8th, 1865, for $200, to Edna
Oxton Jr. Towanda, Pa.,
for collection.

Jan'y 27, 1866
Rec'd from Levi Knisly,
for account of Uncle
David Longacre $100.
(over of money loaned him
by father, for my use during
the war).

Jan'y 27, 1866
Rosa bought
31 yards Sleeting $1.15 per yard $35.26
40 " Calico " 25¢ 9.20
11 " Crash " 19¢ 2.09
11 Yds Cotton " 07¢ 7.77
10 Yds Prints " 31¢ 3.10
30
$50.44

Rosa bought
2 Doz Cotton Lap's 11", 12", 10" 12.20
1⁄2 " Knies Yoks 5.50
1 Carter 5.00
$12.70
February 1, 1866
Left note of John S. Eckel for $100 wtm. Braxl Co. for collection.

Lawrenceville, Pa.
February 14, 1866
Owing to my health being very poor of late the Doctor recommended that I should leave Philadelphia hence I am now here and do not expect to return to Philadelphia.

Reading, Pa. April 1, 1866
Moved to this city and went to housekeeping at the South West corner Chestnut and Pearl sts.
A.O.K. of the M.C.

During the spring of 1868 I assisted in organizing Washington Castle, No. 2, A.O.K. of the M.C., and was elected its Vice Commander and the following term occupied the Commander's Chair. The next term I entered the Grand Council and at a meeting of Past Commanders held January 14, 1872 I was elected District Deputy Grand Commander for Berks County, which position I occupied during the two years following. During these two years I instituted Castles at Monocacy, Douglassville, Boyertown and two in the City of Reading.

In 1872 I was elected Secretary of Washington Castle and continued in that position until the latter part of 1874 when the Castle disbanded and surrendered its charter.
War Department,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, June 21, 1879.

Capt. L. Crater,
5111 S. 6th St.
Reading, Pa.

Sir,

In answer to your request of
the 6th inst. requesting the loan of the regimental
and company books of the 6th Pa. Vols. to be
used for historical purposes, I respectfully
inform you that records of this office are
never loaned.

Owing to the numerous applica-
tions of this nature, the Department has
been compelled to refuse all applications
for information to be used for historical
purposes, neither are outside parties al-
lowed access to the records for the purpose.
July 13, 1882 I was initiated as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (Reading Lodge No. 348). When Vigilance Lodge was organized, I withdrew my card and became a charter member of that Lodge.

Not wishing to hold office, I have invariably remained away from the meeting during the election seasons.

During the recesses of the Grand Lodge, in this city in 1889, I was appointed one of the Aids on the Grand Marshall's staff.

Columbus Day, Oct. 20, 1897, was aide to the Chief Marshall, Capt. R.H. Savage, and had charge of the 5th Division, formed in No. 60 night at Penn St.
G.A.R.

Was mustered as a member of U.S. Army Post #16, Grand Army of the Republic, March 13th, 1871, and immediately entered into the active work of the Post, serving in various positions until the year 1881, when the Comrades unanimously elected me, against my will, Commander.

During this year a number of reforms were suggested by the Command, and adopted by the Post, which I believe have aided very greatly in bringing the Post up to its high standing in finance and morals. Among these reforms was an amendment to the By-Laws, proposed by the Commander, that no beer or other intoxicating liquor of any kind shall be brought in the main or anterooms of the Post.
In January 1886 the two posts, #16 and #76, each appointed committees to act jointly in raising funds, by means of entertainments, etc., to erect a Soldiers Monument in Chat-Eve's Cemetery.

In the organization of this joint Committee, January 9, 1886, I was elected secretary and continued as such until the consummation of the object, and the monument was erected. At the unveiling of the Monument I was appointed Chairman of the Committee of arrangements and conducted the ceremonies September 10, 1887.

Served on the National Commander's staff during the year ending September 1893, and received a souvenir medal of the occasion. During these
years I have been honored by my Comrades in many ways.

Sept 22, 1887, Dr. D.C. Eman
troot, Chairman of the Entertain-
ment Committee of the two post,
written me a note using this lan-
guage: "In all my dealings
with you I have found you
honest, square and manly.
Were all the members of
the G.T.K. as gentlemanly and
fair minded as you are
the two Posts in this city
would be truly linked in
the bonds of F.C.T.

On the breaking out
of the war with Spain our
Quarter-Master, H.H. Richards
tendered his services to the
Government and was appoin-
ted Lieutenant in the Navy.
I then served as Quater-
Master of the Post until
his return which occurred in December of
the following year.
June 1898 I was sent as a Delegate of the Post to the State encampment, held at Oil City, Pa. Left Reading Monday night June 6th and returned Saturday June 11th.
U. V. L.

Entered Camp #43, Union Veteran Legion, as a Charter member, at organization but never took an active interest in its sessions.

Military Order L. L. of the U.S.

Was elected a member of the Military Order Loyal Legion of the United States. October 19th, 1887.

Was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Local Organization, an a member of the Committee of arrangements for the meeting of the Commandry of Pennsylvania for its meeting and banquet, Oct. 4, 1893, in the Rajah, this City.
Pennsylvania German Society

Was elected to membership in the Pennsylvania German Society April 12th, 1893.

During the time when the 12th Annual meeting, in Reading, Pa., October 4th, 1894, I was a member of the General Committee of arrangements, and one of the sub-committee on banquet decorations &c.
Knights of the Golden Eagle


Dept 17, 1897

Attended the reunion of Companies D. G. and K. 50th Regiment, P.V.V. at Albany.

There was a good attendance of G. and K. Most of Company D.5 men belong to the National Guard and their Company was sent to the Coal Region to quell a riot among the striking Minors.

Met quite a number of the boys whom I had not met since the day we were mustered out, at Harrisburg July 31, 1863.

At the afternoon session I spoke of the victories of peace and in the evening of the
Women of wartime. 1861-1865.

One of the beautiful incidents of the reunion was the quiet way a very small girl (Jessie Castor) went around among the comrades with a basket of toquets and pinned one to each soldier's cap. Relief and comfort was furnished free by the Ladies of the town.
Having written up a brief history of the Crater, Crater family and given the genealogy of my particular branch, I started to trace up the Longacre family (my mother's branch of it).

I learn from research made by Hon. J.B. Longacre, Norristown Pa., that Daniel Longenecker, a French Huguenot, during the Spanish migration escaped to Switzerland and settled near Zurich from whence they (he and his family) came to America, some time between 1719 and 1727, and located at H NGOs, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. (He was a Moravian preacher.) His son Jacob, my great-grandfather, was born there in 1751. He died in 1831 and was buried at the Rhoades' meeting house near Shingletown, Chester County, Pa. His son, Henry C. Longacre, was born (my grandfather) in 1786 and died in 1847, mastic.
buried at the same place. (Jacob Longenecker was a Revolutionary soldier)

- Genealogy -

Daniel Longenecker - Mennonite Peck -
Tecol, son of Daniel Longenecker,
born in 1751, died in 1836.
buried at the Rhoade's meeting house, Chester County, Pa. (was a Revolutionary Soldier)

Wife name was Julian -

Grandfather Henry C. Longenecker, son of Jacob Longenecker, was born in
1786 and died in 1847. was buried at the Rhoade's meeting house. - His wife's name (my
grandmother) was Delora Cissman.

(My grand father had two bothers
by Peter and Jacob - and two
sisters by Juliane (married Michael
King and Anna married Izael
Bridgewater)

The children of Henry C.

Longenecker are:

- George Longenecker, born Dec. 17, 1803, married
  Mary Dunlap.
Susanna, born August 18, 1810. Married Ephraim Cramer.

Jacob, born June 16, 1812. Married Catharine Reuvenov.

John, born February 15, 1815. Wife Catharine Reed.

Henry, born December 17th, 1817. Wife Hannah Tyson.


Elisha, born June 7, 1820. Died March 21, 1821.

Manoah, born Jan'y 6, 1822. Wife Lucy Hoffman.

2nd Wife.

Eliahu, born May 5, 1824. Wife Catharine Gable (3rd wife).

David, born August 18, 1826.

3rd Wife Hannah Reinhart (2nd).

Julius, born February 15, 1829. Married Joseph Tyson.

Samuel, born May 2, 1832. Married Christian Lessig.

Children of Susanna Longacre Ephraim Cramer.
Henry L. Crater, born Oct. 17, 1837
   Married Keidel
5  Laura Crater, born Sept 21, 1839
   Married Joseph Lukens
5  Anna Crater, born Sept 10, 1841
   Married Jacob Kyman
5  Lewis Crater, born August 9, 1843
   Married Ros C. Lowe
5  Catherine Elizabeth Crater, born July 3, 1845
   Married Josiah Kyman
5  Jacob L. Crater, born February 18, 1847
   Married
5  David L. Crater, born Nov. 28, 1850
   Married
5  Abraham L. Crater, born Sept. 8, 1853
   Died Nov. 9, 1873