June 30

We have finally reached the last day of June. This morning at 8 we moved and after marching about two miles, crossed the line into Pennsylvania. This is the first time since the war began that we have been obliged to go into free state. Tonight we are encamped in a wood some two miles north of the state line. The people are loyal and seriously in earnest. The weather continues wet, rains at night and showers during the day. The Regt was mustered today by Col. Fairchild.
July 1st,

This morning at 8 we moved forward and at 11:30 got up with the rebel one mile south of Gettysburg. The 2nd U.S. came up first of the infantry and coming forward into line engaged them at once. We drove back Archer's brigade back through the woods losing very heavily. I took into action 27 muskets, had 4 killed dead and 13 wounded, also Lt. Winner killed. We held the ground undisturbed until about 3:30 PM when about 30,000 rebels advanced on us, entirely outflanking us and the iron brigade fell back as they were flanked, but entirely destroying the rebel lines in our front. In this second fight we lost very heavily, but in going through the village the flanking force cut us off and I with many others of our brigade were captured. About 5,000 of our men are now in a field for the night.
July 2

This morning we woke at day-light and until near noon were kept at the same place when the rebels removed us to a field near most of the town, in rear of their army. Here an officer came to me from Genl. Lee wishing us to all accept parole; but since much as Genl. Halleck had prohibited paroling on the battle field, we didn’t conclude to accept. The rebel officers seeing that most of the officers with us were discouraging the enlisted men from taking parole, separated the officers from the men, and after this would not permit us to communicate together.

At 11 P.M. the battle opened vigorously on both sides, and continued with terrible fury until 10 at night.
During the fighting Genl. Hilton J.
Lee's staff came out to have us paroled
but they showed too much anxiety for
our comfort in this respect to look
honest. This evening they promised
us some meat. But gave us none.
Most of the officers have treated us
gentlemanly.

This morning at about 4 firing
opened, and until one o'clock, was
kept up. Rather quiet, when there opened
in one street a cannonading that
for three hours sounded like one
perpetual thunder, and at intervals
from then until dark had been
kept up. Our fire has seemed to
gain towards our left all day.
This morning the rebel officers
manifested a renewed anxiety that we should accept the parole, but by the majority of us standing out obstinately, the whole refused to accept it, and at about 10 A.M. we were moved about one mile to the rear. The day had been cool and clear. The battle still hangs undecided.

"No"

This morning was clear. St. Donl and I slept under a tree last night without blankets, the same as we slept the night before. There are now with us 170 officers, ten of whom are from the 11th Biv., 11th Div., 17th Corps. Their autographs I will procure on the next trip. Since morning we have been moved all day.
July 14th

About noon we were fallen in and marched some two miles out on the Chambersburg road.halted an hour or two while the road fell of rebel trains wounded were passing by the near. While halting here a terrible thunder-storm came up and lasted until night. At 3:50 we were marched back toward Gettysburg to the road leading south toward Hagerstown thence directly this road three miles and halted for the night. There had been but little fighting today. We celebrated the Nation’s birthday by singing patriotic songs and making ourselves jolly generally.

5th. Sunday

It rained nearly all last night.
Having no blankets or shelter of any kind, laid down on the bare earth and slept until we reached the storm. This morning at 6 we were moved out and proceeded on toward Harperstown. But near the mountain we are now (2 P.M.) halted. Artillery & Infantry are going to the front. The road through the gap is said to be held by our Cavalry. Genl. Lee rode past an hour since. He is quite gray, wearing full beard, appears dignified and self-assured. His salute was very elegant & soldier-like. He certainly has the external appearance of a General. He wore a blue, loose coat & a black hat. Sits finely on his horse. His face indicates high living. Capt. Baldwin of 2nd joined us today, having been taken on 1st.
July 5th.

While marching, and at about 11 A.M. on, artillery opened on the rebel near some three miles behind us, but in full view. The firing was brisk and continued some time. After this they hurried us and hurried their train until at about 12 A.M. we reached Monterey Springs on the top of South Mountain range. The rebels are making all possible speed for Va.

6th.

This morning the rebel officers tried the parole game again, but it had all ended in smoke. Last night some officers men deserted. At 6 A.M. we moved out and marched two miles past Waynesville and halted until 6 P.M., when we started again. During the afternoon
the rebel train has been passing as fast as they could drive.
This is about the last of the book and while under rebel protection I must use paper to continue this journal.