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Feb. 24


Feb. 25

Arrived at Jeffersonville 4:45 A. M. Went to Louisville Hotel by mere chance made the Nashville train. Trunk left behind. Got check. Will return. Arrived at Nashville 5:45 P.M. safe and sound. Heavy rains can't get to H--- bridge carried away. Stop at Coml.

Feb. 26

Long good rest last night. Feel much refreshed this A. M. Called on Capt. Read. Moved ended with him, reported to Adjt. Genl. D. C. Endorsed my leave. Got transcript to H-under road said to be open Fri. 5. Met Capt. Voorhies. Attended Methodist Church in evening - large audience. "There is one thing needful &c". Pleasant all day. Wrote wife. Ayton's Furlough same appd.

Feb. 27

Tollerable rest last night. Up early, train leaves at 2:05 P. M. Called at Ex. Ofs. with Boney Seymour. He will send my box along. Met Ewing and Burt of C. C. Took dinner with them. Read would not allow me to pay bill. Got seat on car--ed great crowd. Met Lt. 74 ill who came up with me. Report 4th corp

Mar. 2

Stevinson - arrived at this depot late plan 2:45 a.m. mud now. Stopped at Frederic's Home - lousy, dirty bed.

Mar. 2

Tolerable brea kfast. Train leaves for H-- 2:15 p.m. Comfortable and pleasant. Spent hour or two with Roberts. Order for Review

    Splendid nights rest. Day opens pleasant. Got my trunk from depot. All things safe. Spent the day visiting friends. My Sargt. has 1st Lt. Commis. since I left. Am going to have him do my writing. Attended prayer meeting, pleasant season, been going on since I left. Sinners are enquiring. God help the efforts. Wrote Wife.

Mar. 2

    Rained very hard in the night. It is pouring down this a. m. Wrote G. M. Genl. about Dec. & Jany. reports. Wet disagreeable all day. Church in evening, good attendance, preaching. No mail.

Mar. 3

    Very heavy rain last night, high wind, fearful out. Time would go or

    Attended prayer meeting this eve pleasant and I trust profitable season. Most terrific thunder storm. My, how it rained.

Mar. 4

    Report that RRd Bridge on road to G carried away by high water. Order to reduce forage. Newton's Furlough came appd. 30 days. Prospects for short mail. Preaching this eve, attended church, full, reorganized old association. Much religious feeling in Regt.

Mar. 5

    Day opens beautiful, froze some last night. Attended Presbyterian Church in N this a. m. Communion. Wrote letter to wife after return. Social meeting at 3:00 in our church. New members admitted on profession. Wrote Amelia. Evening Preaching good attendance. Heavens indicate storm.

Mar. 6

    Quite cold last night, ground froze. Day opens clear and pleasant. Spent hour or two with Roberts. Order for Review
tomorrow a.m. Reading McCailey's England. P.M. It has been a lovely day & prospects are for another tomorrow. Attended Social meeting this eve.

Mar. 7


Mar. 8

Pleasant this A.M. Sergt. Sherman finished my Feby. papers. I examined same this forenoon. O. K. Quite heavy rain afternoon, warm, growing weather. Attended prayer meeting, spoke, pleasant time. Mail. Good long letter from wife, 2nd. All well surely.

Mar. 9

Drew & Issued clothing. The sun came up very clear this A.M. but soon disappeared & it rained most all forenoon. Library meeting at 3:00 P.M. Money in Trs. to be expended for more books, to send for them at once. Getting very cold. Preaching in evening notwithstanding good attendance, interest continues.

Mar. 10

I was very cold last night, could not sleep warm, ink froze in my tent. Day opens very pleasant but raw wind. Afternoon. Chaplain Lt. Daniels & Mr. Holmes, U.S.C.C. & I up on visited coal bank, view of Tennessee River. Prayer meeting in evening, refreshing season, best since my return. The Spirit of God was surely with us.
not found.
March 11
Pretty cold last night, clear this a.m. Reading all forenoon. After dinner Latimer, Roberts and I rode 5 miles out on Whitesbury Pike to 3d. Divis. Called on Lt. Earl, had pleasant visit. Stopped at 49th Retd. thru town, saw train come in, big mail, back to camp after dark, got letter from wife. She is O.K. all well at home. Has been delightful day.

March 12
Fine day, took fine bath, wrote wife and attended Regt. Church in forenoon. Chaplain of 115 Ill. preached. Old man. Orders to move after dinner, great commotion in camp, going to Knoxville. Very pleasant prayer meeting at 3:00 P.M., few in numbers, all felt interested. Turned over H, had to work some. Preaching in as a fine sermon. 8 rose for prayer, Davis one, thank God. Spent in with Roberts, pleasant time.

March 13
Day opens fine, every preparation under for move. 3d Brigade went early. Our Brig. broke camp and moved at 12:00 M. noon. Saw them to H. with Baggage and part on boat train. They go by Rail. I with wagons over land & Marl & Jake. Box butter at Ex. Of. get it & sent along. Returned to camp got supper and am now near our own Forge train in town. Tent up comfortably quartered. Report Grant is in Richmond.

March 14
Rested well last night, boys got me up early. We are waiting for Forage. Cannot move till it comes. Raining some this forenoon & very muddy. P.M. No forage yet, trains arrived to transport men, troops 46th Wis. new regt. came & was sent to Decatur. Butler & Read came, B. left for K. & R. for N. on train. Very rainy this afternoon. B & N supped with me.

March 15
Day opens windy, heavens indicate rain. Troops moving, went down to depot 2nd Brig. & 3 Divis. loading up. Saw Genl.
Butler. Great many soldiers drunk. P.M. No rain till after night. Forage has arrived and been divided out, leave 7:00 in A.M. 1st Brig. & Divis left this A.M., boisterous night, wind high.

Wrote wife this afternoon, mailed at H

March 16

A terrible night, high wind and severe rain. We are all ready and move at 7:00 A.M. But just got into town & the order is marked, we return to camp, all transportation is to be shipped by rail, seems to be hurry. It has been a rought day, don't know when we will get away.

March 17

Troops not all gone yet. 4 Brigades here yet. The storm is spent & day opens delightfully pleasant, frost last night, very cold. No word of move, don't expect to get off this week. Genl. Stanley left today. Good news from east. Rode b old camp afternoon, looks desolate. Pleasant all day.

March 18

Pleasant day, down town two or three times & to the depot. Some to be getting off fast as possible. Artillery moving now. Wrote letter to wife, afternoon mailed at H. Took my regular ride on Gray. Took walk in evening.

March 19

Another fine day. Attended Episcopal Church this forenoon. Pastor omitted the Prayer for President. After dinner wrote Amelia. Lt. Webb & I took ride into the country west of town, fields looking ve out. Trees budding &c. Went into town P.M. No church, retd. to camp & turned in.

March 20

Day opens pleasant, prospects improving for our getting off tomorrow. 'Tis getting awful lonesome here. Afternoon clouded & quite windy. Lt. Webb, Croxton, Carter & I rode into country on Fayetteville Pike, fine ride P.M. Deffinite word that we leave in morning, 3rd Brig. goes first, rain hard.
March 21

Rain pretty much all night, cloudy and winding this A.M. Move to depot about 7:00, about 8 began loading and by 11:00 we are loaded and off. 10 miles out Grey got loose and jumped off train, 'twas going some 12 or 15 miles per hour, it stopped but I let her go. Arrived safely at Chattanooga about midnight. Perilous ride.

March 22

Got in about midnight to Chattanooga, slept in car until morning. We left here at 7:00 this A.M. Passed Tyner, O. Atlanta, Cleveland, Athens. Crossed Tennessee River at London high Bridge, fine country, different from any have seen. Arrived at Knoxville about 8 P.M. had to unload there, did not get through till after midnight, hard work, but all things are right.

March 23

Laid on the ground from midnight till morning. Left K at 7 a.m. for Brigd. passed thru the town, quite large, great military point strong fortified. Found Regt. at Straw Berry Plains 1 5 miles from K. Got there about 1:00 P.M. boys all O.K. glad to see me. 3 letters from wife, wrote her note sent today in eve. Wrote her long letter. March in the a.m., going 35 miles up R.R. our Brigd.

March 24

Good night's rest, move at 9 o'clock this a.m., got extra team, stored Library at S.B. Plains Sta. Crossed Halleton. Mailed wife's letter at Plains, passed new market about 3:00. Corps Hd. Gr. & 3d Divis. there. Camped before night on east bank of Mossy Creek 13 miles from S.B. Plains. Very cold.

March 25

Somewhat cold last night, moved out of camp about 6:30 this a.m. 10lst in lead. Made Morristown by 2 oc. 13 miles. Left 21st Ill. there, end of the Teleg. Saw Billy Patterson. Arrived at Russellville about 4:00. March 19 miles today. Mail arrived.
Got a letter from wife 19th, all well. Brigadier leaves in A.M., our Regt. remains.

March 26

101st remain at R--. Very cold last night. Brigade left at 7 oc. A.M. Beautiful day, any number of Union women and children in town to see Yanks. Wrote wife and Amelia toady. Billy Patterson here. Teleg. to this town. 2nd & 3rd Brigade & Divis. H.q. got in at 4 oc. Preaching afternoon. Prayer meeting in eve. We go in a.m. to Bill's gap and farther.

March 27

Not so cold last night. We are relieved from duty at Russellville by 96th Ill. Vol. of 2nd Brig. & moved at 8 oc. this A.M. 7 miles to Bullis Gap, arrived there about 11 oc. A.M. 90th O.V.C. moved to Lick Creek & we took their place. New Gap Bridge done here today, Teleg up. Patterson quartered with me. Like rain.

March 28

Splendid night's rest. Some 12 or 15 officers & men, escaped prisoners stayed with Regt last night, they look rough, have seen hard times. 'Tis awful way our prisoners are treated. We moved at 8 oc. this A.M. 5 miles to Lick Creek. Corps Hq. here 3d Divis. coming & so is the 2nd. Report that Stanley is drinking hard. Too bad.

March 29


March 30

Rained very hard all night. Wrote letters to George & Web last eve, asked for their Photos. Work today on March papers. Small job this time. Max's leave extended. Rain & shine today. Raining this even. Have written long letter to Wal, asked for his & Ed's photos.
March 31

Day opens cloudy, Library meeting this forenoon at Chap
lain's Qur., elected new set of Officers. I am out of Treas.
Office. Day turns out very pleasant, began work on our chapel
afternoon, got frame up and the roof on. Tarpolian great help.
No mail yet. Great trial to end soon.

April 1

Day opens delightful. Strolled down to the Bridge, work
progressing rapidly. Trustees will all be up by noon, bridge
about 800 ft. long. Crossed Creek & called at Teleg. of.
Patterson not there. Church finished today, program
this eve. Moh papers all done. Mail arrived, none for me.

April 2

Brother fine. Sabbath day, took bath & changed clothes,
first for three weeks. Chaplain preached good sermon this A.M.
After dinner wrote wife & then attended prayer meeting at 3 oc.
P.M. Recd. letter from wife this P.M. Fine sermon in evening,
after it wrote letter to Amelia.

April 3

Great commotion in camp this forenoon. Our Brigade go-
ing on a raid into N. C. Mail at noon. Letter from Amelia. All
ready and in start at 2 oc. P.M. 2 pcs. art. 12 mbr, 30 wagons &
1d. Brigade. Lt. Col. Grumond Corps Toping & Maj. Steel accomp-
ny made 14 miles first afternoon, did not camp till about 8 oc. P.M.

April 4

Beautiful morning, moved at 6 oc. this A.M. 2-1/2 miles
from camp on crop the Nantucket River, saved the bridge.
Car Command went ahead to get Mt. Pass. 11 miles to front of
Paint Mt. Our Regt. overtook in our pushed ahead. 11 miles up &
2 down. Paint Rock Tenn. & 11 S. Linn, we camped at Warm Springs,
N. C. Came to French B River, 23 miles march.
April 5

Move early, our road is along the French Broad River. 4 Union refugees came into our lines this A.M. We move 4 miles & program is changed, our destination Ashville, N. C. is reported strongly fortified. 101st & 21st Ill. sent back to Spgs. guard pass bal of Brigade gone on. Maj. Steel gone back for more forces. Ribs seen, deep river.

April 6

Day opens fine, forenoon wrote letter to wife, can't mail until I return from this raid. Afternoon it began to rain. We are using Brigs. Hd.Qu. Tents, good covering. No news from front or rear today, rough night, took bath in Warm Springs, water comes hot from ground.

April 7

Courier came in from Greenville at 1 oc. A.M. Good news from each. Richmond ours 20,000 Bri. many canons, etc. &c. Lee retreating. 2nd Brigd. 3d. Divis. arrived this afternoon. Gre-ward in from front, reports hard tale of expedition, it is at March all on return.

April 8

Beautiful day. Orman & I took fish. No luck. Visited Cold Springs. This month is rich with scenery. We are in doubt as to where we go too. Expedition something of failure. Ribe watching us from cross river.

April 9

Cloudy & windy this A.M., the impression gains ground that on go back. About 11 oc. the Brigd. came down from Marshall and we all moved out. 2nd Brigd. 3d. Divis. in front. Ribe at Spgs. soon as we got away. Rainy afternoon & eve. Camped at foot of Mt., passed Rt. Rock & crossed net.

April 10

Dissagreeable morning. Slept on 3 rails. Rain nearly all night continuing this A.M. But here we go for Greenville. P.M. Rain & Shine through the day. Camped one mile south of G-- in
April 11

Good time. Glorious news. Lee has surrendered his whole army to Grant. Rebellion is crumbling. Thank God, the news is official.

Good rest. We return to our old camp on Lick Creek.

Move at 7 oc A.M. Genl. Stanley says there is no more use for troops in this army. Arrived in camp be 3 oc. P.M. Bryant there.

3 letters from wife & one from melia. Too tired to write tonight.

Prospects Mon. rain. Drew & Issued

April 12

Splendid night's rest, rain this morning. We have now

Asst. Serg. Put in all forenoon writing wife. Sent her long letter, 3 sheets. More good news today. Wilson after Forrest Rebellion is fast crumbling to River. P. M. Has been a most disagreeable wet day, rain, rain, rain, small mail.

April 13

Most fortunate that we got back here as we did. Mother is so bad. More rain, Lick Creek is being over. P. M. It cleared off & the sun came out about noon over camp, very hot. P.M. been fine afternoon, read letter from wife Apl. 6th. Father came out for the Lord, thank God. More good war news. Preaching this eve.

Genl. Stanley issues order for & thanksgiving tomorrow.

April 14

Day opens pleasant, really it is delightful after the rain.

Preaching at 12 oc. M. hour for national salute & for flag raising at Sumpter. Brigade Band played for us. Day passed off pleasant, one of rest. Preaching in the evening.

April 15

This is the anniversary of my wedding day 8 years ago today.

Rain, more rain. Words drowned out again. Lt. Cal. Mc returned this afternoon. Bridges gone this side of Nashville. No mail.

McBrother this boy. This eve we received bad news. It has cast great gloom upon us. President Lincoln & Seward assassinated last night. Prayer meeting - heavy hearts.
April 16
Beautiful day. The nation mourns. God help us in this our great hour of need. Thine amen alone can save. President Lincoln died last night. Secty. Seward is very low, hoped he may recover. Preaching this A.M. Prayer meeting this eve. Roberts & I wandered from camp & spent eve. one of our old fashioned talks. I feel benefitted. He is a good Christian man.

April 17
Day opens pleasant, got my Feby & Mch papers approved by Col. McD. & finished them up ready to mail. Brig. marched away. No mail goes or comes for several days. Afternoon began letter to wife. No teleg today. Preaching this eve. 81st Chapter. Offer to send small mail, finished wife's letter & sent along.

April 18
Moore moves by teleg today. Rebel Genl. Johnston is in consultation for surrender to Shennan, some times a Lee. Rain quite hard about noon. We move to Bulls Gap at 3 oc.P.M. Report say we go to Nashville, cant imagine what for. Rumor that Johnson & Mobile surrendered, that Davis had been killed by deserters.

April 19
Bulls Gap. 2nd Divis cam here this A.M. Our Brigade hopes to put off today. Was ordered to go with wagon train, got relieved, expect to go with troops. P.M. not worried yet, no trains here, wagons start at 7 oc. A.M. tomorrow, ordered to report at Knoxville. Rain this eve.

April 20
Rain pretty much all night, tents all wet. Sims detailed to act Sergt. Got frt. to Depot & started the wagon. Sun came out at noon, got tents dry. We move to Depot & get into train just after night. Whole car for Hd.Qu. good fixed.
April 21

Arrived at Knoxville 6:30, saw Patterson, Newton there. Left K at 7 A.M., our trains all in there safe. Pleasant day. Our engineer gr but we arrived safely at Chattanooga at 11 oc. P.M., thank God. Some of the road very rough, I was fearful of accident.

April 22

Left Chattanooga at 1:15 this A.M. I was asleep and did not wake till we arrived at Shell Merind Bridgeport just before sun up and we arrive safe & sound at Nashville 8 oc. P.M. Unloaded 2 miles out on U.W.R.R. & camped for the night, our trip has been a

April 23

Brigd. Hdqrs. came in the A.M. Wrote wife letter this Mng., got post tramp & move to camp 5 miles out on the Charlotte Pike. Recd. 3 letters from wife & 2 from Amelia. Wrote a P.S. to wife's letter & it was mailed in N-- this P.M.

April 24

Beautiful day. Wrote Amelia & sent this A.M., also mailed Feby. & Mch. papers. The impression gains ground that forces are to be sent into Arkansas. Supplies going there. Drove Hay & Oats this afternoon. Small mail this time.

April 25

Made up my reports and estimates today. Report that army is to be reorganized, only vets. & Regs. to campaign. Neff must Capt. Wrote wife long letter. No mail for me today. Report pay masters are in Nashville. Day has been fine.

April 26

Another fine day. Lt. Col. McD & Adjt. gone to the city. The Chaplain & I expect to go tomorrow. False report of Paymaster being in N--. Why don't they come. Sherman capitalization bad. He has made the worst possible strike. Prayer meeting this evening.
April 27


April 28

Both, the assassin, captured & killed. Harrald, his accomplice, taken alive.

Rain, considerable of it last night. Wagon came up today. Suttler set up in our Regt. Cleared off afternoon. Heart made glad over receipt of letters, 2 from wife & one from Mela, all well at home. Nora is married, true. Took walk with Roberts to Cumbd. River, day turned out pleasant.

April 29

Day opens pleasant. Good news in this A.M. paper. Johnson surrendered on same tra as Lee. The end draws near. No of Paymaster, don't think we will do any more campaigning. Work today on Apl. papers. Pleasant all day. Haven't gotten chapel up yet.

April 30

Very cold this A.M., put up our store, found it very comfortable. Wrote Amelia & sent by this A.M. letter. Chaplain preached us good sermon this forenoon. Men pleasant, our chapel not up yet. Wrote long letter to wife afternoon. No mail for me today, disappointed. Stormy towards eve.
May 1

Spent most miserable night, haven't had such violent headache for years. Oh dear, oh dear. Quite cold this A.M. Working on papers & feeling very very bad. Our chapel up. Prayer meeting in it this eve, did not attend. What a great sinner I am. God have mercy.

May 2

Cold this A.M. Still at work on papers, feeling much better. Neff & I rode into the City afternoon. All life & activity. Letter from wife 27th, all well. Charlie T-- in N-- must see him. Attended meeting this eve, then wrote wife letter, town A.M.

May 3

Mailed wife's letter in town. Day opens fine. Chaplain & I start for town early. On arrival at our outer line of works around it we go to left on inspecting tour. Strike the River. Steamboat passing up. Went up to Ferry into N--by Stokly. Saw Mitchel at Teleg off, but did not find Charlie till just as I was writing. Glad to see me. He goes north Friday.

May 4

Off for town again this A.M. engagement with Charlie. Found him at office. Spent couple hours there. He is coming to camp to spend 2 or 3 days with me, will send for him tomorrow. Letter from wife today, all well at home. Very warm. No news. Preaching this P.M.

May 5

Looks like rain. Sent horse in for Charlie this A.M. but he did not come. Teleg to come to Mem. at one, left for north this A.M., sent me note, am sorry. Has been very warm day, no rain. No news about what we are to do. Preaching this eve.

May 6

Day opens pleasant. No particular news in this A.M. papers. Tegious laying here. I do hope we may be sent home soon. Drew & Issued full estimate of clothing this afternoon. Rode into
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May 7

the country on Charlotte Pike. Pleasant. No prayer meeting this eve. Very warm day.

Pleasant this A.M. Wrote wife letter. Preaching forenoon. My but it is warm. Afternoon wrote Amelia. Had choir meeting. Evening prayer meeting. It was not what it ought to be. God help me to be more earnest. I have resolved. Long talk with Roberts.

May 8

Began rain about midnight, came down hard this A.M. Grand review postponed. Made issue of stationary. Rain and shine today. Finished reading "Shonebery Cotton Family" good. Letter from wife, all well but she is blue. Review tomorrow.

May 9

Day opens fair. Grand review of 4th Corps today. Moved near town at 7 oc. A.M. Everything was protitious & 'twas a grand affair, a perfect

Got back to camp by 4 oc. No accident to mar the interest. Great train out of city to see. We hope to go home now ere long. No news of paymaster though.

May 10

Wrote wife & sent by this A.M. mail. My my but is tegeous laying around in camp. Indications every day of further collapse of the Confd. army. The work is done. No danger of our going to Texas. Preaching this eve by commission. Rain.

May 11

Rained pretty much all night & it continues up to noon today. Quite cool. Went to bed to keep warm. Cleared off about 4 oc. Sun came out. Letter from wife and Amelia today. All well.

May 12

Very cold last night, heavy frost. Up early fine this A.M. To town with team for sanitary. Met Hale. Chaplain & I rode
circuit of Nashville Battle Field. Rode nearly twenty miles, to camp by 4 oc. P. M. It has been a beautiful day for the trip, cold this eve. Grand torch light procession.

May 13
Day opens fine, ordered to draw fuel, sent team to city for it. It is very monotonous here in camp. No news of pay or muster out when will the order come. Capt. Roberts & I went to Cumberland River & took wash. Very cold. Very interesting prayer meeting this evening. Cold this eve.

May 14
Fine morning, wrote letter to wife, sent by A. M. mail. Nearly finished one for Amelia when church call blew. Good sermon, text "Lay not up for yourselves Treasures upon earth &c", two more unite with our church. News of Jeff Davis capture. Pleasant all day. Interesting prayer meeting this eve.

May 15
Nothing of special note today.

May 16
Letter from home today. All well. Great preparations for a torch or candle light procession to corps. heqrs. Wrote letter to wife today. Was out in the eve to the show. Very but 'twas a good time. Several speeches.

May 17½
Very warm, prospects of rain. Wrote wife long account of the affair last night. Heavy showers today. No incidents mostly of note in diary now. Am feeling greatly depressed in spirits. God help me.

May 18
Wrote wife again today, guess she will wonder what came over me. Warm rain, very refreshing showers. Grand mass meeting in Regt. to elect a delegate to send to Ohio State Convention. Miller, Webb and Raymond prominent candidates. Letter from wife.
May 19


May 20

Very warm day. Dr. Russel goes to Dalton 10 days leave. Work some on my estimates, talk of going to the Hermitop Monday. Meeting this eve. Chaplain gave good talk. His leave of 20 days came, goes Tuesday. Roberts & I spent hour or so there.

May 21

Cool this A. M. but it is going to be hot day. Wrote wife, its getting very hard work for me to write. Church forenoon. Pleasant social meeting at 3 oc. P.M. and preaching again in evening. Wrote Amelia today. Rain has carried away bridge in Louisville RRd.

May 22

U. Teleg in this A.M. paper. Grope in camp that 4th Corps goes to Texas. Great damage done to RRd. Bridges in Louisville Road. No mail for several days. Made & sent in Reports & Estimates today. Wrote wife this afternoon. Very warm day. Chaplain going home on leave.

May 23

Very pleasant this A. M. Finished my horse shod today No further reports of Texas trips, not at all believed. It has been very cool & pleasant all day, nice breeze stiring. Wrote wife. Sent Lt. Meyers photo.

May 24

May 25

Today has been one of many changes in weather, rain, snow &c. Train thru from L-- last night. Papers this A.M. and mail in afternoon. Recd. last week Wednesday’s letter from wife and wrote her today. All well. Grapes in favorable today.

May 26

Very cold this A.M. Nothing special in today’s papers, the order all look for don’t appear. Texas stock played out. Capt. Latimer rtd. came on boat. No mail for me today, disappointed. Wrote wife. Has been very cool all day.

May 27


May 28

Fine day, attended communion service at Christian Communion tent, very pleasant season, glad of the opportunity. Had preaching at our church in afternoon. No mail for me yet. Wrote Amelia today.

May 29

Pleasant. Engaged today over my Camp & Garrison papers, got all my clothing rots for the Reg. by today’s mail. I got 2 letters from wife, what a relief, all are well there. Finished "Last days of Pompeii" this eve.

May 30

Another pleasant day. News of Kirby Smith surrendered, the last rebel army gone. Work over my Q.M. papers today getting along fine. Pleasant prayer and social meeting this eve. Wrote wife. Roberts and I had one of our long talks.
May 31

Pleasant day. Sent to the city today for my box, it has not come. Have been at work all day over my papers this eve. They are all done, sealed up ready for mail. Shall start them in the morning.

June 1

Day opens fine. By order of the President it is to be observed with fasting, humiliation and prayer over a Nation's loss and for her sins. Had sun in this forenoon. Not feeling well. Recd. letter from wife & wrote her.

June 12

Mustered out.

June 13

Left Nashville, Tenn. for Cleveland, Ohio.

June 14

Arrived at Louisville.

June 15

Arrived at Cincinnati.
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May 31

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May 31

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June 1

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First Presbyterian. Temples for Cleveland Ohio.

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Advancing of Louisville.

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Advancing of Cincinnati.