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Reached Corinth the 27th May. We all well pleased. We arrived and marched into church for the day. All soon getting tired of being confined so long. Failing to get countersalts jumps out at the window. Some at ten but all. seem very much delighted. Until supper can not tell which turned around off most mouth. did the rest. Napoleon John Norman the medical director Dr. Williams.

Spruce Fir's seeds.
Tuesday Nov. 12th Camp 90

Lee half left our camp today for home. Several boys of the 10th, have gone with him. Lee was discharged 20th July and went home. His leg having been improved, he came up here on a visit. The 21st Maj. Rep. Col. Humphries camped near us last night, they are direct from Commanders. We are going to Leesburg to take the place of the 12th while they come out to rest. The 13th reached this place near 12 o'clock and are camped near us. This has been a very pleasant day for the whole.
Wednesday Nov. 13th Camp on

Some of the boys "ran the medicine" and were caught by our pickets. One of them was drunk and fell in the creek. He was just in the guard house when he reached camp. J. F. Harris of Hopland was in camp a few hours. This evening, Mr. Davis has come up to take the place of J. M. Part of the members of our Co. are present. D. Woodson is in camp, Deming. He has earned this evening that the damage done our bridges was not as serious as we thought. Being but one small
June 12, 1865

We start today to load Virginia all very much delighted Confederates. Guards get in the [unreadable] is dear by the manager of our captain those that were opposed to him are beginning to like him very much. Thank you for waving from your cabin by the ladies at every spot crowds are gathering. The citizens Huntsville

Shippens Winter Quarters

Thursday Nov. 14th 1875

Came out here this morning are about four miles from camp find Albie to be a very small hamlet under the peaks of the blue ridge. Mrs. Cook dinner at the Abbie Hotel felt a little awkward at the table. Rained all evening it is still raining. This night have just returned from the house of a gentleman where we went to see a gentleman who is just from Oregon. were convinced that he was no spy & did nothing wrong involved us. Slinger as usual.
Friday Nov. 15th, Camp on Goose Creek

Reached camp around 4 o’clock just before noon. Rained all night & has been misting all day until this evening when the wind has begun to blow very cold. This is Thanksgiving day all over the Southern Confederacy. Our chaplain held services in camp this evening. The inconsideration of the weather I think all should join in praise to him who has been with us in every engagement we have had.

Saturday Nov. 16th, Camp on Goose Creek

It was very cold this morning & the ground frozen. The wind is blowing very hard from the N. & it makes it very cold & disagreeable in camp. There was some little snow fell last night & it being cold this morning the snows in our camp nearly all had drifted before day. Had orders to move half a mile this evening. But put it off as the wind blew so hard we could not have pitched our tents. The boys are beginning to think we ought to go into winter quarters.
Sunday Nov 19th 53 camp 1 mile south.

Another cold day. A cavalry company passed our camp going up to Leesburg. It is called the Springfield cavalry. I believe I received more clothing for the co. this evening. Our hats were brought now. A very good article I think they are. They have made a great improvement in the books of our co. Have spent the day around the fire trying to keep warm. Commenced a letter to cousin John. Goodwin but could not write as it was so cold in our tent.

Monday Nov 20th 53 camp.

The wind has nearly ceased to blow. The weather has again become pleasant. Left our camp this morning to go to this place which is about 1 1/2 miles west of our old camp. We camped in the woods & are not going to cut any of the timber around our tents. Have ordered our tents about and little spracks. I am very well pleased with our camp and think we are not well situated. Remain here 315. Heard cannon in the direction of Centerville.
Tuesday Nov. 18 1863 Camp near

Heard this night that the Spaniards had taken our ministers to England to experience from our and England mail steamers while on her way from the West Indies to England. They are now at Fort Sumter. I do not think England will permit such a violation of her neutrality laws allowing her vessels to be searched on the high seas.

I have heard cannonading in the direction of Centreville. Hear a thousand rumors nearly tonight about battles but they had no place in the direction of Centreville. Springfield, I have not heard the particulars. will hear in tomorrow's papers.
Thursday, Nov. 24 5/5 Camp near

This has been a pleasant day. Have drilled but little. Have amused myself reading the news papers.

Received orders from Gen. Evans to march back as near Leesburg as we could to get comfortable quarters. The 18th is to go also. The 13th is to remain here. The 8th and 9th are left for Centerville.

This morning the corps do not like to leave this camp. To go to Leesburg as we have been there so often.

Received the President's message this evening.

Friday, Nov. 25 3/3 Camp near

Left our camp near Aldie.

This morning arrived at this place at 2 o'clock. Are camped in the woods near the place where we first pitched our tents in August. Found this a very pleasant camping place but it is too far from water. The 24th is camped in sight of us. Near a very heavy firing of cannon in the direction of Centerville. Have heard all evening. Had a lonely day for marching.
Saturday Nov. 23rd, Camp near Leesburg

Rained this morning & slept worse. Cleared off this morning & has been a pleasant day. There are no Indians to be seen on the other side of the river. We learn from the mounted officers that the grasshoppers think we have evacuated Leesburg & either gone up to Romney or south. We say we never had the three thousand thoroughs at this place. Are expecting a fight at Columbus today & have called out 30,000 men.

Sunday Nov. 24th, Camp near Leesburg

This is Sunday & camp to a number of the boys are amusing themselves after squirrels. We have caught 9 or 4. I never heard such a noise as all our life. Mr. Jeffreys was up a tree with a stick after a squirrel. Commenced shoveling this morning & is still at it. But it is so warm that little of it lies on the ground. Have commenced to write a letter to Texas on one of my little confederate. This evening about breads...
Monday Nov. 25th Camp

Near Leesburg

The ground and the woods are nearly covered with snow. The weather is quite cool. Kind still much more comfortable in the woods that on
the open ground. Orders were read out this evening on dress parade informing commissioned officers that they could not resign for home, or that their resignations would not be accepted unless recommended by the Surgeon. This I think is right as a great number are resigning for no other purpose than to see more

Tuesday Nov. 26th Camp

All of the old guard have been down at the battle field Monday of this week. Gave a horrible description of the field. Had a very pleasant and drill this evening. Think our boys as well drilled as any boys here in the army of the Potomac. The Yankees opened fire from nine till twelve, morning and continued until this night when they ceased. Our batteries returned the fire but little damage was done on either side.

[Signature]
Wednesday No. 27th Camp near Leesburg

This day six months ago we all left home. It looks back at it appears that we have been out a long while. We are all drooping that the other draft of this year may not appear as bad as the one a year ago, yet I am not spared to have others so

Thursday No. 28th Camp near Leesburg

have been down on the battlefield this day of course. The ground much rougher than I thought it was. The evening of the battle was several bodies in the field could see the enemy on the far side of the island close their canal-head in the canal just beyond. Horses are island is cleared up and is cultivated and corn is going. The field are perfectly riddled with bullets. Mr. Claxton is again advancing along his whole line and headquarters are on the road and on the road to.

This picture is very cloudy.
Friday Nov. 29th Camp near Leesburg

Lieut Col. McEwen left us this morning for bivouac a short distance of thirty days. I sent a letter this morning then.

The garrison are shelling our pickets up the river. This has been a very gloomy day and it is now raining. Had a debate in our camp tonight.

Nevell is very sick this evening. Heard of the death of Sam. Sturtevant, one of our camp who was wounded at the battle of Leesburg. His remains are to be sent home. One of his brothers was killed in the battle of Belmont.

Saturday Nov. 30th Camp near Leesburg

This has been a fine day. The boys are getting very lazy and camp. Some killed themselves by fighting drafts, cards to also fight off many Indians and they are readily converting the boys s all very sociable in camp. Some killed much more so than they were before coming to camp. Some killed off firing of cannons up the river again this morning. Sam. Sturtevant was as dead as was reported but as much better.
Sunday Dec. 1st Camp near Leesburg

Samuel Kilpin one of our fellow soldiers who was wounded in the battle at Leesburg, died this morning. He was wounded in the charge made just before the battle was won.

Bradley arrived this morning from Marshall. TheBrigade Three recruits for our Co. have one of them

Mr. Alexander is a born

man, he looks like a

gentleman, is a native of

Penn. came from Ohio. We

received a couple of letters

from home and also some clothes.

Monday Dec. 2nd Camp near Leesburg

Very cold this morning.\n
We went to Leesburg to bury

The last tribute rendered to our comrade in arms.

S. Kilpin. Buried him with all the honors of war. His funeral was

led by Rev. Crum. The obituary

of our boy. He was a precious

sacrifice. Officers down in the country ask for a letter to our cousin John

Reeves. Cousin John's firing

in the direction of No. 4.

I suppose it is a salute. The Federal casualties are thus near 70-officers.
Tuesday Dec. 3rd. Camp near Leesburg

James are very dull in camp but few rumors of war. Had a short drill and found it quite cold. I think winter has set in with us at last. Think we can stand it if we can remain as we are. Have heard Dady the McElhannans had advanced one and a half miles. The boys are relating their experiences about war and all are inclined to think it a hard life. Yet they are determined to fight as long as their country deems it necessary.

Wednesday Dec. 4th. Camp near Leesburg

The day has been another cold. Gen. Grattan is sick but has gone to Leesburg. Major Laws is very cordial. The boys all think a great deal of him. Although he is slow he is a very good officer. He is as brave as ever went on the bar.

The fields put a extra 100 or 200 extra. Lots of work being cut on the poll and drill. We have a prayer meeting tonight.

Baron Owen is a good man.
Thursday Dec. 5th Camp near Leesburg

East This morning but has been a very troublesome day. The ground has thawed nearly through. Had a very troublesome drill this evening. My 24th was drilling at the same time on the opposite hill. Think they are very well drilled. Boiled has come in from the ship Hospital. Do not think he has infected any although the Dr. believes tick or not. There is nothing of interest transpiring now.

Friday Dec. 6th Camp near Leesburg

Today has been another fine one. I do not see why the Yankees do not come against us if they intend to for I think it scarcely probable that they will have as cold and weather against this Winter as we have. Attended a grand seance court found it very amusing. Bradley's trunk I arrived this evening. Received a letter. Heard the Yankee drums this morning. If the Boys are delaying the news think the Yankees will change the
Saturday Dec. 7th Camp near Leesburg

Have heard nothing as yet of the proceedings of the Federal Congress. Brig. Gen. Griffith has arrived & will take charge of this brigade & Gen. Evans will go to D.C. We want to have him leave us. Ben Griffith was formerly Col. of the 12th N.Y. He is a graduate from West Point. Are still expecting a fight daily at Benderville. Heard after dinner this evening in that direction. The weather is very unpleasant. The bay winds & rain are near.
Monday Dec. 9th. Camp near Leesburg

Had a general review at 10 o'clock A.M. Gen. Evans presented each of the four regiments of our brigade with a war banner, which were received by the commanders of the respective corps.

We were honored by the presence of many of the fair daughters of Leesburg and the adjoining country. After the presentation the brigade passed in review and Gen. Evans took leave of us. We are to St. Clair. Gen. H. of N.C. became command of the corps as called. The next day was

Thursday Dec. 10th. Camp near Leesburg

Have been thrown up fortifications between this town and one hundred men from the brigade under command of Gen. Griffith. Hill has been out. Gen. Griffith was Jeff Davis' Adjutant in the Mexican war. Gen. Hill is a native of St. Clair but had lived in this State for five years each year. Washing a military school at Charlotte when the war broke out. He was also Professor of mathematics...
Wednesday Oct. 11th Camp in Davidson college at a mines. The camp came for two or three years over for them. They are the first mobs created this fall. Is Jacksonville engineers. The compliments of Gen. The Confederacy. The married Gen. Griffith of St. Louis. When the war broke out he raised a regt in St. Louis. It was in the fight at the great battle. Gen. Griffith is a brother-in-law of Jeff Davis. Gen. Griffith sent over to St. Louis a few days ago. He was there several letters under a flag of truce. They were written by the citizens under different names of this vicinity. S. Rodgers Janney Co. 44. was ordered out. I kicked B. The railroad bridge took this evening.
Wednesday Dec. 11th

Had some rain last night & cleared off this morning & is more rainy & is most trying. The citizens & now has a number of negroes throwing up fortifications.

Held a court martial & tried six for speaking in a contemptible way of the privates, found him guilty. To be shot to death.

Several battles of dignity.

Down to Queen Campbell & Fort in near. Henry Goodwin camp.

Thursday Dec. 12th

Brig. Gen. Griffith is away in command of this. The Brigade has left us & no order briefly command the necessary of the troops composing this Brigade. The color of the 4th Regt. of this Brigade held a meeting this morning but I have not learned. General certain our soldiers will leave for Holly Springs tomorrow.

I have written a letter.
Friday Dec. 13th, Coop. near Leesburg
Cold this morning but very pleasant through the day. Had a general inspection this evening.

Saturday Dec. 14th, Coop. near Leesburg

The Yankees raised a balloon at Edwards house this morning. I suppose they are trying to find our force strength at this place. There is a good deal of excitement in camp. Tonight owing to the Kill drawing making been passed proving of Dec.'s 12 on both volunteers. The liberty of going home for six days & then joining for the war, I think a good measure will prove.

P.S. From Oregon on Thanksgiving P. H. & Mrs. Dink the D. & Mrs. D. received a letter from home. Week on D.
Sunday Dec. 16th Camp near Leesburg.

Times are very dull in camp. Nothing of camp notice. Preaching today as usual. Some say Tax. Still is expecting a fight tomorrow. I see nothing to warrant one in that conclusion.

The 1st Regt. was sent out to guard Praxis last night to throw up fortifications as the enemy might shell them when they arrived. It in the day to day, Seare today, dined.

Two Co. of the 21st came up with a surprising party of Yankees between Southerille & the river. The party consisted of sixteen Eight were killed twelve taken prisoners. Six escaped. Also captured six union men. One was an old man that ate pork in the army. He was piloting the Yankees around. The whole Regt. was ordered out tonight to throw up breast Works near The Battlefield. The left of Mrs. Jackson's. I being arrived at Leesburg.

No word of Mme. Doro.
Tuesday Dec. 17th Camp near Leesburg

Some disappointments about going on for the war or for three years. I do not think more than one third of the regt. will go into it without a change. Received a letter from Cons. Col. Johnson of 1st Co. commanded by Col. G. W. Hays. He is now at camp or is home at this time of service having expired. He was in the N.C. 9th Regt. and was stationed near Yorktown. A good many cases of pneumonia in camp nearly one half of the co. are congested. Training camp one very sick.
Thursday Dec. 19th Campt near Fort Leavenworth.

C.O. Capt. Williamson left camp for Lincoln this morning on furloughs of three months. His days also...

D. Capt. Law left for Home this morning has a dischARGE. A speaking of morning near St. John's tomorrow received very flattering news from England. Brevet Major McPherson is now in the army of the Mississippi. The Mason Brigade fell afloat. We await with patience to hear what course she will pursue. Held a camp court do-right. Had our ammunition arranged. For the leading of a packed shrewd and brisk. It is reported that the Yankees are advan...
Saturday Dec. 29th 1864

Received marching orders at 4 o'clock last night & left at 6 this morning for this place. The Yankees were at Brainsville yesterday & it was thought we would advance in this direction. Have been throwing up fortifications this evening. Heard this evening that Gen. McDowell had an engagement near Brainsville yesterday. 60 killed & wounded.

14th Mass. 2nd killed & 5 wounded.

Sunday Dec. 22nd 1864

Camp near Leesburg.

Found it very disagreeable to live out in the open air. Made a shelter of brush. The ground was hard. Found it very disagreeable to live out in the open air. Made a shelter of brush. The ground was hard. Found it very disagreeable to live out in the open air. Made a shelter of brush. The ground was hard.

12 o'clock. Mr. Bob. Hardy & 8 soldiers were very sick. Marched through town to the railroad station. Some of the boys took very drunk. After walking out, reached Leesburg. Went to a saloon and attended church. Saw several very lovely ladies as we came through Leesburg.
Monday Dec. 23rd Camp near Leesburg

Commenced raining early last night & it was raining this morning & freezing also snowed some but did not die as the ground was not

Men's arraigned before the high camp court for
buying spiritous liquors from a negro. Hired in a
very good and way of writing the time in camp
Bob. Hardy was sent to the
hospital at Leesburg. This
morning. False was sent with them to wait on him
Clear & cold this night.

Tuesday Dec. 24th Camp near Swann

Moved this morning to this
place which is nearly North
of Leesburg & about a short
distance from the beauti-

ful residence of ex-mayor of
Baltimore Swann. We are camp-
ished in his park & see a
number of deer feeding
around us. "This is one of
The prettiest places in the
State. I suppose we will
remain here for the Winter

I suppose if the Yankees
do history we lead us. This is
christmas day & bad seems
but little talk it. Do me still
very cold but pleasant for camp
Wednesday Dec. 23rd Camp near Swann's

This is Christmas & a very dull Christmas it was. I had an effort to enjoy it but did not enjoy it much as we had no ladies to share it with. Several boys a little light in camp but some have been sent to the guard house. Spent a few hours very pleasantly at the residence of Swann's. It is a model of architecture. The situation is very romantic. Several fountains but they are not in operation. Beautiful flowers, vines, etc. in front of the house. They are casting. Have no guard out. Major a little tight.

Thursday Dec. 24th Camp near Swann's

Looked like snowing this morning. The boys are building winter quarters. The order granting furloughs has been countermanded except those that join for the war. We married many of our co. are disappointed. Campbell of our co. was dishonorably discharged this evening. Some of the boys fight on esp. the boys rich. B. Oliver reached camp from the Springs. Are enjoying Christmas very well considering we are in camp.
Friday Dec 27th Camp near

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Saturday Dec 28th Camp near

[Handwritten text]
Sunday Dec 29th camp near

Have been out in the country again today. Took dinner with Mrs. Brown. Spent the day very pleasantly. Found Mrs. Brown to be one of the finest ladies I’ve ever met. Intelligent and sociable. Can set a large number of Yankee camps on the other side of the river. Some of the boys have been over near the battle ground discovered and placed as cannon's.

Monday Dec 30th camp near

W.D. Co. was out to town today to bury W. Marks of our Co. The day has been warmer than we have had for several days. Capt. McGirk relieved camp this evening as directed from H. Springs. Received a letter from home. Have heard news of the death of Mrs. Vespe. We have progressed but little with our buildings. Wrote a letter home to B. O. also wrote a letter to cousin Enoch and learned of a victory at Kennebunk.


Wednesday, Dec. 31st, Camp near

This being the last day of 1801

with completing her march around

the Smoky Mountains, Gen. Hill thought

it appropriate that he should

close the exercises of the year

by having a general review

of the troops under

his command. The review

was held near Fort Edward. The day

was disagreeable, but many of

the fair sex honored us with

their presence, which added greatly
to the delight of the soldiers

I thank our loss would have

been much greater had we

not have had to look towards these

frowning as we passed through town.

This proves a happier year to our

country than all mankind. I

look forward in the country of Mr. Brown in the next.

Saturday, Dec. 31st, Camp near

This day commences a New Year of

the first one of our declared republic

a lovely day indeed. 80th been

a real Indian Summer. After

Treading the waters of the vast

year I think we have come to be

prone of our selves in surviving

from our soil the red inhabitants

who in seeking to reduce us to

abject slavery. I think we another

anniversary of this date the North

will have been taught a lesson not

to be forgot. We have already achieved

many brilliant victories. May
Thursday Jan 2nd camp near

A heavy general was placed around our encampment this morning. The firing of the 1st section of the division was heard by Lincoln upon the demand of England. A cannon have been quartered in the direction of down all of a nation. I do not think there was ever was anything said that the enemy were now. I consider that the shelling a co. so that Andrew Lincoln's government has been sent up. There are no quickets. Have finished our fire place & are well pleased with the job. Find it much more comfortable all in camp are very busy building. The evening is cold wind blowing really set in.
Thursday Jan. 2nd Camp near

A heavy guard was placed around our encampment this morning. The firing, as a sign of distress by Lincoln upon the demand of England. A cannon have been run more complete backing and in the direction of down of a nation I do not think was ever I up said that. The enemy was now I consider that the shelling a co. that God Lincoln's government has been sent up there now do to the will. Have finished our fire place are well pleased with the job. I find it much more comfortable. All in camp are very busy building. The weather is cold and it snowing really set in.
Saturday Jan. 4th Camp near Smiths

Snow fell was in our camp this evening. The ground is covered with snow & looks quite probable that we will have more. The snow has set all to work on their quarters as they now began to think we will have hard weather up here.

Jepson Franklin was elected Chief of the Rangers 1o-day. He was former Op. 1st. drew two months wages this morning also four dollars for clothing having drawn but twenty-one before instead of twenty-five. Had deep parade notwithstanding the ground is covered with snow. Very cold. So wood piled up for sanders.

Sunday Jan. 5th Camp near Beards

There is a rumor in camp that our pickets have been driven in at Centerville. It is thought an attack will be made on our whole line soon. Snow still panned us orders to be on the look out & if attacked at what position to rally. I must think from this careless that the Indians or笈ly probable that the enemy are meditating an advance in this place. I do not think there is much danger of them crossing the bay as they are a little excited.

A letter from Union.
Monday Jan 6. The Camp near Swanz

Had more snow last night. The snow is now about 2 inches deep. The weather is very cold and we consider it very pleasant and in camp all the boys seemed to think the cay stood the cold better than ever before.

Gen. Hill sent us orders this evening to construct our huts so as they will be bomb proof. A stormer has been at work on their 12-day some doubling them with their stands.

Brigade court martial met in Leebug 12 days.

Tuesday Jan 7. The Camp near Swanz

Oor guards to-day have been relieved at night.look suspend in the country find a great many free people this has not have orders to keep three days on hands. Are expecting a fight at this place. If out where the wind can strike you it is rumored as camp that we will have to go to recovery but I do not think that will several sick in camp.
Wednesday Jan 8th Camp near

Surrounded warmer about 12 clock it is now raining. The river is said to be frozen over. Our pickets & the Yankee meet and shoot skating.

This is the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans. But we are so situated that we cannot celebrate it. We think we will have others more closely engaged with the present generation to celebrate in the future. Yet we should never forget the immortal hero of New Orleans.

Thursday Jan 9th Camp near

The snow is nearly all melted off & the ground is very muddy. Mr. Turrel reached camp this evening & received three letters.

The weather is very pleasant this night. Bilze has come in camp having been waiting for a week at the hospital for general care. We still have orders to keep three days rations on hand. Rushed into camp that we will go to Missippi City in a short time. Believe it not.
Friday Jan. 10th Camp near.

Have been bailing out our boat to-day, had a good shower of rain last night.

very warm to-day. All is very quiet in camp and all around as far as you can hear, Gen. Griffith was in camp this evening.

of our at deep garden I think. Major Roy's this day has more of a military appearance. There are, however, many soldiers still talking about things generally. Very many indeed.

Guard just over Sherrills Store.

Wrote a letter to home.

Saturday Jan. 11th Camp near.

The weather is very changeable and this morning it was clear but wasn't raining to-night. All are getting very lazy in camp and little to read except the daily papers.

Very strange to observe how little sociability there is between the members of different corps. Have camped near them for more than seven months & yet few of them are all seem sociable when together & we
Sunday Jan. 12th Camp near

Have been out in the country D-day dined with Mr. Brown's grand daughters there a very nice young lady she is. The Yankees raised a balloon D-day on the other side of the river. It was reported in camp last night that the Yankees were cropping in three places very near D-day feels like a spring day training D-night have written a letter to cousin John Keener who is at Columbus.

Monday Jan. 13th Camp near

Every thing is very quiet in camp D-night. The winter is very disagreeable grieve warm last night cold this morning bleeding snow. Snows as though a mile will snow more bad weather have been detailed to work on Dablers D-day like the business but very little. No news D-day in military lines. The Yankees dined last Saturday night the ice breaking so thought we were cropping heard the fog roll & came down the river.
On rising this morning I found the ground covered to the depth of four inches in snow. It has been snowing all day a little at a time. Sledding fast. All seem to enjoy the snow very much. Have all been out, except me, most of the day. Had quite a lively time with Andy Stafford. This morning, The Cowboys were right out generally. Received a letter from Mr. Day, Sneed, Stevens was returned, having borrowed...
Thursday Jan. 16th Camp near Stowe

Have been out getting board & timber. Think we will build us a little hut. The day has been pleasant enough. The snow is melting some. Had an order read out on dress parade.

Friday Jan. 17th Camp near Stowe

Have been out getting board & timber. This day I dined with Mrs. Sagor. Did not go back to camp far dress parade were reported but were not had on any extra duty.

B. B. Harday came in from the hospital. Today looks good & thin yet. The is like most all others who come in from the hospital. Has a very fine appetite. There are but four men from our companies in the hospital. They are convalescent.
Saturday Jan. 18th 1863

Camp near

All seems unusually quiet in camp today. Had more rain this morning and the snow is now all melted off. Have been sitting up most of the past night talking of the past 18 months of the conflict when compared with our present situation. The future looks more dark if possible than the present. Cole is sick again. Heard cannon firing down the river along cold last night.

Sunday Jan. 19th 1863

Camp near

This has been quite a gloomy day. Raining all day. The snow is nearly all melted off. Have orders to be ready to receive the Yankees against tonight. Two pickets have been sent out in the direction of Waterford. We are troubled often with such orders. Nothing to relieve the monotony of camp life. Some few amusements to be seen in the books. Very dull time indeed.
Monday Jan. 20 3/4 Camp near

Another gloomy & rainy day
I wonder when the rain will cease. Very dull times in camp
The ground is very soft & the roads are getting nearly impassable. Thundering this evening & I was not surprised if we had snow more such weather as we have had for weeks past. Nothing at all exciting in camp. Received no letters by mail. Eiles & Bob were sick. Our men is very sick & several cases of flux in camp.

Tuesday Jan. 21 3/4 Camp near

Snowing all day but the ground is so soft & unhappy little of it lies on the ground. Have been getting cold & won't go to camp. Hauling sap on our shoulders I think the roads are getting too bad for the horses again. Billy & Bob were very sick. Our mep is very much reduced having but three & it now received a letter from Miss Bell. Very damp in camp.
Wednesday, Jan. 22

The ground was this morning covered with a thin coat of snow but has melted during the day. The remainder of our clothing was received this evening. The evening has been spent quite pleasantly having been invited by our next door neighbors to partake of a few dainties they had received from home. Had the finest of cake & choice wines & liquors flown freely. Hopes were may spend many such evenings with our friends.

Thursday, Jan. 23

Heard a number of cannon down the river this morning. Suppose they are fanning off their guns to reload them. The weather is some cooler today. Cloudy yet. Think the right & front would revive as all considerably. Large amount of tents to be seen across the river. The grape & shell filled ours they intend to come over shortly. Ours ask theme of this never heard of the battle of Balls Bluff.
Wednesday Jan. 24th camp near Saturday Jan. 25th camp near

Has been thundering nearly all day & the rain poured & poured late in the evening & still rages at this hour (8 o'clock A.M.) with fury. The ground was hard frozen this morning & the weather has been quite cold all day. Have spent the night very pleasantly in conversations on different subjects but mostly about the prospects of the war. The health of our camp is fine at this time wrote to Miss Bell Harris.
Sunday Jan. 26th Camp near

This has been the first day in two weeks that the sun has shone all day and we received all in camp very much. Had preaching and camp Sunday. Major gone addressed the boys this evening on the subject of re-enlisting for two years. Have been writing nearly all day since written three letters. Capt. Buff 3d have nearly all re-enlisted they will reorganize in a few days. Capt. Buff will be selected as they think there is another such a man.

Monday Jan. 27th Camp near

Monday again this morning. Looks as though we would have more falling weather. The Yankee built up a fire near their cannon this morning as though they intended going and a few shots did they did not. Our men have been practicing on the guns at Fort Johnson. Received a full account of the engagement at Summerset in Pulaski Co. Fig. 94 appears that the disaster occurred from the want of good judgment on the part of our officers.
Tuesday Jan. 28\textsuperscript{th} Camp near Seward

The weather still continues disagreeable. Raining & sleeting last night & to-day. Every person seems droopy and can onlyamt amuse himself by campus spending much time in reading the daily papers & discussing the war & question in general. We allways come to the conclusion that we will never much hard fighting succeed in establishing our independence. Still are becoming tired of such an inactive life but we will be dooned to remain here for some time.

Wednesday Jan. 29\textsuperscript{th} Camp near Seward

There are very few some hours we are pouring spending in wanner quarters. We're it not for hope we would be eradicated indeed.

This is a terrible crisis. It is felt by all, but peace will be the more sweet after purchased by such a sacrifice. We must hold our trust in God & keep our powder dry. End every inch of ground with our enemy & in the language of our General, let our last entrenchments be our graves before we will be surrendered. This day is damp to-day.
Thursday Jan. 30th Camp near

Snowing nearly all day, but melted nearly as fast as it falls. Spent the day at Mr. White's. Found three very pleasant young ladies at the house. Two of them are exiles from Baltimore. Learned today that the Burnside fleet was safe at Havre with a slight drop by the tide heavy winds. I think we may expect stirring events in that quarter soon. The Yankees have cut off communication between the 21st and 22nd. We have orders that a force will be sent to capture the Yankees again. 

Friday Jan. 31st Camp near

The land is very muddy, very around camp. Had dress parade this evening with no orders that would justify us for walking through the mud. Cloudy. The air very damp. Can't see two large tights on the hills on the other side of the river. One is on the Sugar Loaf. Mr. W. Owen, of our Co. who was wounded in the battle of the 24th of Dec. has returned to camp. He looks as well as I ever saw him and is anxious to see the Yankees again.
Saturday Feb. 1st Camp near Swanz. The ground was covered two or three inches and snow this morning. All were surprised as it looked but little like snowing when we retired. Hired a wagon from Mr. Swan & handed us dogs to build a house. Found it very disagreeable work. Thinks it had to be building wind quarters. Got the other two of the /r wagon reached camp this evening. The /r news of interest. Bob Hardy came in camp again today.

Sunday Feb. 2nd Camp near Swanz. The day has been a very pretty one compared with what we have had for some time. The sun has shone out nearly all day. Had preaching in camp. General went to church at Leesburg. Have been writing & writing a letter all day. No news but could not write until night. Have just finished writing & feel very sleepy. Very muddy where the

Swanz was sheltered off. Some were jam on double duty. This morning our regiment also was roll call.
Monday Feb. 3rd Camp near Swarts

Began to snow this morning at daybreak & has continued to snow all day. The snow is deeper than it has been this winter although we have had snow & fall nearly every day this year. Snow-balling has been abolished by any order from Head Quartermaster. Had drill parade this evening although there were no orders to be given. Col. H. Dock commanded & says our regular drills must be resumed as soon as the weather will permit.

Tuesday Feb. 4th Camp near Swarts

A detail of a hundred men from our Regt. to work on Capt. Johnstons. Have raised & covered our house To-Day. quilted a hard day's work. Received a letter from cow-man John Pelfrey who is now stationed at Columbus Ky. He says they are called into line of battle every hear day & he does not think they will have a fight at that point this winter. The weather has been fair but the snow has melted & thistles, all dried & drawn on in Capt the night.
Wednesday Feb. 5th Camp near.

Have been working on our house against today. Have finished it & around it. We are quite comfortably & conveniently situated. Have built the bunk & are well pleased with the idea of sleeping in it as if we were in beds.

Have been practicing with the artillery on Capt. Johnson's balls over Leesburg & Co. Evans. The weather has been fine & pleasant. The Sun was shine out all day. The snow still lies on the ground. Very much fatigued.

Thursday Feb. 6th Camp near.

Raining this morning against has been cloudy all day. Bought a hogs & fed it up into our house were not well pleased with it at first as the pig was so small & ill dressed. Have added a few pieces to the pig & it now draws finely. All are delighted with our new house. Since come in camp D-day, took quite small cold. Snow on the ground yet. Very interesting news in D-day papers.
Friday Feb. 1st. Camp near Squard.

Another cloudy day in camp. Had a very patriotic appeal from Joseph E. Johnson, a colored army officer of northern Ohio. He spoke. Also an order from Gen. Beauregard expressing his regret at leaving us so far in time. Col. Featherston has ordered that we have three roll calls each day. No mail to-day. I suppose there are no mislaid connections. Have been writing a letter home to-night. The boys are all very lively in our absence to-night.

Saturday Feb. 2nd. Winter Quarters

Had a little snow fall this morning. Col. Featherston and Stodd & several others addressed the Reg. on the subject of re-enlisting. I did not hear them put all away the old justice to the subject. The thing is getting worse as we are not promised a furlough. I now think a majority of the Reg. will re-enlist! Held our first dance this evening. Received a letter from home to-day. Mr. Bradley is to leave for home to-morrow, all are sorry to have him leave us.
Sunday Feb. 9th Winter Quarters

On guard 24-24. The day has been clear and very cold. Have spent the day reading. Mr. Bradley closed his military career 2d day ago by going home. Never was I so pleased as I was today. My health is improving. I left camp also this morning on a furlough. I am to raise a co. for the war. Have been up in camp but little 24-24 but suppose there is not the least of interest. The officers of the post have just passed.

Monday Feb. 10th Winter Quarters

Came off of guard at 8 o'clock this morning. Field very hard indeed. Last night was the coldest I have felt since I have been in the service. Received the news that the 47th Henry on the Ten river had fallen into the hands of the enemy and that our forces had fallen back on 47th. Colonel in the Cumberland river. The Yankees have burned the railroad bridge on the Ten, above the 47th. Thus by cutting off communication with between Bowling Green and Columbus. But we will
**Tuesday Feb. 11th Winter Quarters**

Snowing again today and has snowed all night last night as if the snow will never melt off. Heard of the defeat of capture of our forces on Runoake Island also that the Yankees had run off the steam river & taken possession of Florence Ala. If it be so I predict we will punish them for their insolence. The news has caused a great deal of excitement & open discussion of the war question. We do not disapprove but only ask to be left at the open field.

**Wednesday Feb. 12th Winter Quarters**

This has been a pleasant day. The Miss. ladies have been out in early O- day also some of ladies of Seabury. It seems very strange to see ladies of our are very welcome visitors. All joked with admiration as if so many angels had made their appearance. The Yankees raised a balloon twice this evening it has become very common to see them. Saltwood is all the hospitals, the Yankee's pitchersours are and so good terms.
Thursday Feb. 13th Winter Quarters

A clear, lovely Spring day and the snow may be seen on the ground in places.

I saw no orders to have one day's rations cooked by 4 o'clock this morning. The order was sent around between 10 & 12 o'clock.

Today on the subject of returning to camp.

There were fifteen men in the company from our Co. & been mustered in. I was among them. I joined a regiment after long consideration believing that in that way I could best serve my country. It seems to me we should not be willing to sacrifice much but what should we not be willing to sacrifice.
Saturday Feb. 15

Winter Quarters

Has been snowing very hard all day, is now three or four inches deep. Eight men left our camp today on furlough. Several have gone from the other company. A majority of the 18th rep. have re-enlisted. Capt. Sears has been appointed adjutant. A large number of horses and mules are busy mustering those slight. The day has been very fine. Mail from Richmond today. Place is quite a small town. Very dull after health of the camp very fine. Walking over the mountains.
Monday Feb 17th Winter Quarters

This has been a very

slower day. Sleeting & training

most of the time. General

reports are early to-night that our

forces have been successful

in engagements at Ft. Donelson

Bowling Green.

The report lacks confirmation

but all are inclined to

believe it. Have had a very

lively time to-night as

several of the boys have

called on us. Have received

another invitation to work

on Ft. Beauregard D-narrowed

Gen. Stone has been sent

to Ft. Lafayette & will be courted

on Saturday.


Tuesday Feb 18th Winter Quarters

Have been working on

Ft. Beauregard again D-day

will show out &

nearly melted the snow

all off which rendered

indecisiveness about the

most uncomfortable &

cheerless of all imaginary

exercises. All worked

well as our rep. There

wore more than any other

rep. has done in red day.

Wilson Carapace left

for home D-day on a

sick furlough of sixty

days. Received two letters

D-day. All complain of being

ill.

Walters.
Wednesday Feb. 19th

Thursday Feb. 20th

Today was probably the dreariest and most positively disagreeable day of the season, more than usually inclement. A cold rain and sleet has continued to fall without intermission during the day. At one camp seemed deserted, deserted by the last news from the hospital. Someone said I still hope it may not be so. That the Confederate flag will wave over it. But be the result what it may, whether victory or defeat we are determined to stand to these.
Friday Feb. 21st Winter Quarters

The enemy commenced the firing of a salute very early this morning celebrating the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington. The fruits of whose labor they are now attempting to destroy. Very consistent they pretend to be. This is the day set apart for the inauguration of our first President, Jefferson Davis. Ban whom a slaver patriot never dreamed. Have been working on Ft. Beauregard today. Found it very muddy. Has been cloudy & looking like rain.

Saturday Feb. 22nd Winter Quarters

Join Sisters & Mr. Biggason. Left camp this morning for home, having received a discharge. Had Battalion & Co. drill today for the first time in nearly two months. Have forgotten what it was about drilling during the times received. The daily parades today but could learn nothing satisfactory relative to the fight at Ft. Cleveland except that we had lost it by falling back to Nashville. The wind has been blowing briskly today. It is cold.
Sunday, Feb. 23rd, Winter from

Visited Leesburg today.

Went to church and heard a very able discourse delivered by Rev. Williams of the Episcopal church on the present difficulties that overhang our country.

Dry. Came back by the way of the Johnston, it is a very strong field, indeed, with twenty-four port-holes. Has been threatening rain all day, but has failed. Have all been dictating a letter to our mumps.

To Sal. Hill as he is on furlough. He is a fellow who is on furlough.

Monday, Feb. 24th, Winter from

The wind has been blowing a real hurricane all day. It has blown the guard tents to pieces. The camp has been filled with smoke. It is clearing off. It is burning cold very fast.

Thurman of Cedarwood left for help this morning as recruiting officer. The boys from several companies having drawn furloughs for home unless opportunity presented. Thought they would present themselves to those who are on furloughs.
Wednesday, Feb. 24th. Winter.

On guard all day. Very cold.

Wednesday, Feb. 24th. Winter.

A great confusion in camp all day. Have had some snow sent out. A Blanket, a piece of canvas and two pair of shoes here.

Today evening and last night it continued to snow. One of the officers kicked from the 21st of last month.

This evening / 8th

I think the enemy are coming up about Harper's Ferry. The chance are very fair to have an engagement in a few days. Came very near blowing a couple of horses while on guard Thursday morning. We would not half to give the center a signal.
Thursday Feb. 27

This beautiful day has been a beautiful day. The excitement in camp was caused by the moving of the troops on the opposite side of the river, and the river fifteen feet, having opened up on the night of the 25th. Very little excitement in camp today.

Received the President's first message and find it a very able document.

Friday Feb. 28

This morning I found everything very quiet until about 6 o'clock when we received orders to pack up to be ready to march at the shortest notice.

All thought we would be certain to move this time as all of our tents were struck & packed but we still remain awaiting orders at any moment. This is Thanksgiving day but has not been feverly observed as there was so great excitement in camp; clear, cold & windy weather.
Saturday March 1st Winter 1864

This is the 14th Day of Spring & looks long & much like it. clear, warm & agreeable. All quiet & very fast marching. Had battle line drill this evening & the Yankees tried to shell us a little while. We were drilling but didn't come nearer than three quarters of a mile of us. The Yankees have been shelling Capt. Evans all evening & can see them shelling a lovely sight it is to see.

Sunday March 2nd Winter

Quite a contrast in the weather yesterday & today as it has been snowing nearly all day. When we did march in the deep, a very interesting discourse from Parson Owen. About one half of the Regt. are now out having a fine with snow balls. Had orders to prepare shoes to march two hundred miles this evening. Have no idea where we are going. The Yankees raised a balloon this evening to take a kick at us.
Monday March 3rd Winter

Everything has been more quiet in the camp to-day as the 18th reg has returned from Sandersville to post. That there are no Yankees on this side, has been one of the darkest days in camp. Jones & raining all day also. The enemy tried to shell our camp this evening from their position on the river. We could not come nearer than one half of a mile of our camp. To mail it all for our co. am getting very anxious to hear from home.

Tuesday March 4th Winter

The bugle roll was sounded this morning at 7 1/2 o'clock & the reg. formed & marched out to Waterford on a skirmish as the yanks have occupied Sandersville for several days past & have been scouring the country around. The void filled in search of something to steal. Our cavalry drove their pickets & then returned. Reached camp after dark. The roads are muddy.

This evening have no idea of the strength of the enemy at Sandersville. Very tired.
Wednesday March 6th 1864

Winter Quartar.

Nothing at all exciting in camp to-day. We're so unlucky as to get no mail. All took a little drowsy after their tramps yesterday. Has been a little firing on the river to-day. Have not heard anything from our enemies about Lovettsville. The weather has been agreeable to-day. Have written a letter to Mrs. Queen, heard to-day that the Walker Reserves were captured at Fort Nelson. Have been enlarging my pantaloons to-day. Think I handle a needle very safely.

Thursday March 6th 1864

Winter Quartar.

Have received several letters to-day one from Mrs. The first time some time. Saker & Fox have joined Billy Walden's Co. which offices near of Sam Benson's R.G. being furnished from War's ship. Have received orders bidding 10 to march the wagons at 3 o'clock that we will leave at 6 o'clock. All are surmising as to where we will march. I think we will go towards Lovettsville. Have written a letter to cousin J. Nelson.
Saturday March 8th Barnoumel's Ditch

Had a very fine nights rest last night on my back of leave a single block. The roads have improved since the cold boy gave me note a weapon. Have slept night & made this escape. The road has been a very croat all day about it. I was just three of the boys from our company guard for very near nothing. Have an elegant place to camp where we now are. The weather has been quite pleasent & Rr-day. Have been writing several short notes by the light of a fire.
Sunday March 9th Bivouacked

The 1st of the 132 Res. Militia was killed last night at the Plains by Mr. Mickle of Leisburg. Our forces was detailed to attend to the baggage of the whole brigade from March 9th to the 10th. We traveled through a very dry and dusty country, the roads have been nearly impassable. Our day has appeared kind of little like Sunday to us.

The weather has been pleasant and spring-like.

Monday March 10th Bivouacked

Rained slightly this morning for a few hours but all thought we would have a rainy day but it rained off. Started the 11th. This morning & found it much more pleasant, passed throughWarren Nova Scotia division. Passed on yesterday & this morning bold weather & we sent some to keep a east. We will doubt leave here. See arrested this morning. It is reported that we will halt at Balto.
Tuesday March 91st River attacked

Traveled about twenty
fine miles To-day Fell
are awaines nearly B
roads Marched unti 10
9 o'clock & had to wade for
4 hours of water I
do not think I ever
saw so many prew
ise as ill Humen the
jaun was laid on the
brigade quartermaster
the men were coming
in all night. Some peters
division is just in
our rear The weather
has been quite warm
for walking.

Wednesday March 92d River attacked

Did not renew our
march until about 2
this morning & Marched
but six miles. Had
a large number of
men inces this moorn
ning who had to be haled
nearby all complaints
of their feet. The jale
is bad marching as
the roads are so rough
had several ladys
and others our camp
To-night The weather
has been more pleasa
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it possible Our smarks
Thursday March 19th Biscouack

Left our bivouac very early this morning & arrived at this place at 2 o'clock. Has been raining since near all day. Still are getting fatigued with marching. Found many of my old acquaintances here. Everything looked very natural. Mrs. Dripps Hudson came in our camp this evening. Have formed a brigade & guard this evening & it is impracticable to go out. There are 4500 prisoners here.

All are as a drop to know how to get out of the lines as the men have orders to let no one out. I passed the lines with a wagon going after Dr..DataGridViewCellStyle

 orders of the Provost guard have been dam-

aged. Dined with Mrs. Barrett & saw Dripps
d. Served very much like home & all in & all except that day very jellies and... cloudy & foggy & dewy.
Saturday March 15th Camp near.

Has rained very hard all day & it is very muddy in camp. Had orders to march but did not leave as it rained all day. Saw the blockade & called on hip bell & founds at the house a very nice young lady who has left home & friends to get away from the yankees. Am again with Mrs. Correll. Everything in camp is out of a large portion of the southerners are out without tents.

Sunday March 16th Camp near.

Have been to town to church to-day. The troops are marching south. Saw Ben. Joseph & E. J. Anderson this evening. He is a medium size man looks to be about fifty years of age. Has balding gray hair & whiskers. He was mean & has some peculiarities about his teeth. He was alone except a medical attendant. Moore Hill is dangerously ill with the brain fever. Our doctor called at our camp but I was absent.

A broad umber of souls passed by to-day.

Longstreet's division was the first to pass X after it came. Early's X with it passed Eno. after it passed Eno. Jo. Johnston's Brigade Harris, Caliverse & Strother visited our camp.

This evening spent a short time very pleasantly with the ladies. The blockade again to-day. The day was pleasant. Received a small parcel to-day.