Diary of

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February the 11th. "Tuesday."

I am detailed today to cover "Lieut. "Croft's" house (at the Commissary). Sleeting most the day & very cold. "Lieut. "Dalis" & Serg't "Sale" left for home as recruiting officers to recruit for the Company.

4 P. M. Snowing and very cold, finished covering the house at dark. 9 P. M. Snowing quite fast.

February the 12th. "Wednesday."

Ground covered with snow this morning; frozen with a hard crust. Sun rose clear. I & Corp'l "Parks" detailed as picket guards to go near "Manassas."

Cloudy & windy most the day; I was put on post at dark. Eat supper with Miss Jennie "Evans" & slept for the first time in 7 months on a feather bed; Sit up & talk quite late. Moon shone beautiful.

Capt. "Burch" passed while I was on post just from Home; Was relieved at 10 A. M. by P. Cullatt (Sen.)

February the 13th. "Thursday."

Left the post for Camp & walked (½) mile out the way to report to Gen. "Seanes" ground thawed & it was very muddy.

Arrived at Camps at 11 A. M. very much wearied; Clear & beautiful Eve; Warm & looks like Spring; Sun set clear Moon shines beautifull tonight. I sit up late reading. Rec'd a letter from "Pa."
February the 14th. "Friday." 1862.

Valentine's day. I am on the Staff & had to finish a chimney to Maj. McIntosh's house, quite a rough job, as the rocks were quite rough; very cold & disagreeable working in the mud; finished the work at 4 P. M.

Cloudy this eve; & the wind blows very cold; Col. "Thomas" left this eve for "Richmond." "Hawes" carried his baggage, I sit up late wind very high at 10 P. M.

February the 15th. "Saturday."

Ground frozen very hard this morning. Commenced snowing at 9 A. M. I went to the Junction & carried the mail, very cold riding. Snowing very fast.

1 P. M. Snow several inches deep arrived at Camp at 3 P. M.
Snowing as fast as I ever saw it, & very cold. I never was so cold, the cold I suffered that day will long be remembered.

"Pierce" Ware came to see me from the 12th. Ala. Reg. Our Mess hired a free boy today, for 15$ pr. month.

Went after wood & brought it 3/4 mile on our shoulders.
Snowing fast at 5 P. M. I & "Pierce" sit up late talking &c

February the 16th. "Sunday."

Heavy fog a dark & cloudy morning, ground covered with snow.

12 A. M. Clear, snow melts slowly. Hauled a load of wood for 2 houses. "Pierce" left for his Reg. this eve. Sun set clear, a
cold & windy night

Nothing transpired of note. Slept soundly till morning dreaming pleasant dreams.


Raining quite hard this morning. Wm. H. Albee leaves for home today, on sick furlough of (30 days) Inspection of guns accoutrements &c by Capt. Millican, Col. in command, raining most the day. "Sims" T. H. Remson & "A. Hearnesberger" arrived in Camp at 10 P. M. All very glad to see them.

February the 18th. "Tuesday."

Cold & damp day, I am detailed to cut wood. Cut & loaded the wagons with 4 loads. Very muddy day, snow nearly all melted. "Parks" & "Gresham" went to Manassas to meet Dr. Sims, & R. Remson & bring their baggage. All arrived in Camp at 9 P. M. without their baggage. Sit up quite late talking & then slept soundly.

February the 19th. "Wednesday."

Raining this morning. 9 A. M. Still raining. Rec'd a letter from home. "Sims" detailed to work on the R. R. finished & arrived in Camp at 2 P. M. Still raining, very disagreeable day. Nothing of note transpired today.

February the 20th. "Thursday."

Clear this morning. News confirmed of our defeat at Ft. Donaldson,
& a 12000 prisoners surrendered. Quite a gloom over the Reg

Peter Gullatt received a box of cakes, wine, & Sausages from
home. Dr Sims brought one for Sale, fared fine.

Dunaway & R. Remson sent on picket. Wrote a letter to Lieut
"Dallas"

February the 21st. "Friday." 1862.

Clear & very cold this morning. James "Jennings" arrived in Camps
from Home. Was taken sick while at Richmond remained there only 3
days. Dr Sims, Remson & A. Hearnesberger received their trunks &
boxes from home, had a rich treat from the contents of their boxes.

None sick in the Company yet in better health than it has been
in 5 months

Feb. the 22nd. "Saturday."

Raining this morning. "Glaze" sent as picket to Manassas, Gullars
to Groveton. Remson officer of wood cutters

raining most the day, very muddy & disagreeable. 2 P. M. Received
letter from "X. Y. Z." & answered at night. Also one from "Brother"
& Thos. Norman, Lieut. Gullatt answered Norman's for me, as I was
busily writing another. Very dark night. I am up till 12 P. M.

"Raining."

Feb. 23d. "Sunday."

A damp & wet morning, appearance of rain. 3 A. M. on Regimental
Guard. Wm. "Sims" on picket. Inspection of guns &c today, by Capt
"Millican" in Command. No news from "Richmond". Murray quite sick.
Our mess went after wood ½ mile & brought it on our shoulders. Eat a great deal of pound cake. Brother & Mr "Webb" came to see me this evening. A dark night, we sit up all quite late.

Nothing of interest transpired today.

February the 24th. "Monday." 1862.

Clear & warm this morning, wind blowing from the Sowth. 10 A. M. Raining. "Reid" sent on Picket. 12 A. M. Wind very high, & the ground drying very fast, top of our house blown off. Never saw the wind so high. 8 P. M. Wind still very high & it seems as if it will blow evry thing away.

Feb. the 25th. "Tuesday."

Clear this morning & it looks like Spring, a very beautiful day. Fleming & Murray sick. 12 A. M. Sun shines very warm. 4 P. M. Dress parade the first time in three months. 7 P. M. Little excitement, as it is rumored that Mac is advancing, orders are to pack up everything and what we are not able to carry must be burnt. Where we will go if we leave tonight I am unable to say. We lie down with the expectation that we will be called up before day to march to some unknown point.

Wednesday. Feb 26th. 1862

Night passed off without being molested. Cloudy and cold this morning. Fleming very sick, Murray better. Wind blowing very hard, and the ground drying very fast. All holding themselves in readiness.
to move at any time.

Wrote a letter to "George Emory". "Brother" left for his Reg't this morning.

2 O'Clock P. M. One of the Tugalo's Died today of Pneumonia ("Henry Beard")

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Continued raining at 8 P. M. & rained till 1 O'Clock A. M.


Clear & cold this morning. Wind very high. 10 A. M. "Murray" "Hardy" W. Elliott & J. Crawford sent to the Hospital at Manassas. "Fleming" very sick, to sick to move. "Col" Thomas & Gen "Toombs" & Staff arrived in Camps. "Clase" Gullatt, Galloway Davidson & "Colvin" detailed as "Pioneers" from our Company & receive extra pay from this date.

Received pay for 2 months today (22$)

Feb. the 28th. "Friday."

General Inspection of guns &c, & the Muster roll called. Received orders to pack all our clothing & blankets in boxes to be sent to Manassas. Except a suit of cloths & 1 blanket. Ev'ry thing soon packed away, also cooking utensils. received orders to be ready to march at any moment. All awaiting orders to march. Night has come & still we are all here. Very cold & windy night, the coldest we have had this Winter. Opened our boxes & got a few of our blankets out.
March the 1st. "Saturday." 1862.

Clear this morning, ground frozen. Cannonading towards "Centerville"

10 A. M. "Fleming & Wright" sent to the Hospital at Manassas. All the sick in the Reg't sent off. A. Hearnesberger accompanied them. Thos. H. Ramson taken Blackwell's place for 2 months.

Hearnesberger returned from "Manassas" at 8 P. M. as he could not remain with the sick, as it was contrary to the rules.

Guard put out tonight to report if they hear any reports from Cannon, & see any rockets, as we are now under marching orders.

Ground drying very fast.

March the 2nd. "Sunday."

Cloudy this morning, appearance of rain. Commenced snowing at 10 A. M. & continued very fast without intermission untill 1 P. M. All our heavy baggage sent to the "Manassas" Gap R. Road, hauling all day in the snow. I was detailed today to unload the waggons of the baggage at the R. R. All the baggage sent off but what we can carry on our backs. Amused ourselves in evening at a game of snowball. All very lively & seem to enjoy themselves fine, had more fun this eve than we have had in some time.

Stopped snowing at 5 P. M. A dark & gloomy eve; & very cold & but little wood, & few blankets. Commenced raining at 9 P. M. & continued untill day. Wm. Sims & Rumbly on guard tonight.

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March the 3rd. "Monday."

A dark & gloomy morning, drizzling rain, ground covered with snow.
I am detailed to go on Picket today at "Manassas" "Parks" sent as Corporal to guard the baggage at the R. R. T. Crawford quite sick. Found it a very disagreeable walk to the R. R. a distance of one & half mile. I was very tired when I reached my post. Eat Dinner at Mr "Larkin" who once lived in "Alexandria" but left there in "May" had a nice dinner with my favorite dish ("Cabbage") Continued to rain all day. I remained in the house with the Serg'nt & "Lieutenant". Eat supper also, & could not get no bed as all was engaged. I slept on 4 chairs near a hot stove. The guard was taken off at dark.

Continued to rain most the night.

March the 4th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Slept finely last night on the chairs, & 2 blankets. Sun rose clear. I was put on post at 7 A. M. & stood 3/4 of an hour, was then relieved & got my breakfast which was a very good one. Was relieved by H. "Levirett" & left for the Camps the snow was nearly all melted & the ground frozen. The walk was very tiresome as I had a heavy "Knap sack" & a slippery road. I was nearly overcome when I reached the Camps, at 11 A. M. Found a letter which came yesterday from "Pa" saying several of the boys would be on soon. "Colvin" & Jas. McCord quite sick. Thos. "Crawford" sent to Manassas Hospital.

Cloudy & cold this evening.

Dr. "Alfriend" & Lieut. Bird arrived in Camps from home.

March the 5th. "Wednesday." 

Cloudy & appearance of rain this morning. "Mumford" sent on Picket;
"Capt" Abb Gullatt, Fate Florence, Peter Zellars, George & Jack "Normon" Wm. Tatom, Haves, Glaze & several more arrived as recruits, also Lieut "Lane", all very glad to see them. Had quite a lively time at night, very much crowded, all quite lively


Clear & Cold this morning ground frozen. Jas. McCord sent to Manassas "Hospital."

Received orders to carry all our tents & what extra baggage we had to the "Gap" R. R. The "Pineers" went through an inspection of utensils & guns & Corp Gullars sent on Picket. W. Sins to guard baggage. I am on Reg. guard. Stood 1 hour from 2 till 3 A. M. Very cold & wind blowing cold. All the boys who came yesterday (except H. Glaze) were mustered in the Confederate service.

March the 7th. "Friday." 1862.

Very cold this morning. Ground frozen. Wind blowing from the N. east. Corp Parks sent on Picket. All the sick in the Company about well. Lieut "Gullatt" officer of guard.

Myself & several others went to "Manassas" after clothing & blankets for the new recruits, found some difficulty but finally succeeded. Arrived at Camps very tired & found all quite busy, packing their knap sacks as we expected to move.

10 P. M. The Pickets were called in. 12 P. M. received orders to cook 3 days rations. All quite busy, as we aim to leave at day.

Orders received to march. Wagons loaded with only a part of our cooking utensils & baggage, line formed roll called at sun rise, & off we go leaving a great many of our clothing & blankets & several other valuable articles. Our march was across the battle field of the 21st (of July) & came to the Turnpike at the "Stone" house, rested only a few moments our knapsacks were very heavy. After a march of 2 miles we arrived at "Groveton" (which consists of an Inn 2 families & a P. O.) arrived here at 10 A. M. All were very tired, remained here some 3 hours.

Wagons were continually passing from 9 A. M. till 12 P. M. It was supposed that the line of wagons was 18 miles long. All the army from "Centerville" was moving. We encamped in a grove near "Groveton" some 2000 of us (Gen "Toombs" Brigade) It was a very cold night (we had several new recruits of course it was the first degree for them to lie out on the cold ground) We did fine, our fare was quite rough.

Maj. Gen. "Smith" & Staff, Gen. "Toombs" & Staff, Col's of his brigade remained at the hotel, awaiting for Maj. Gen. "Longstreet's" Division to march. It was a noisy night.

March the 9th. "Sunday."

Clear & beautiful morning heavy frost & quite cold. All sitting around the Camp fires. The whole country around filled with soldiers. Such noise, evry thing seems to be in a general stir. Capt. & several of us went to a house to get breakfast but did not succeed as they were crowded & the Hotel was crowded with officers. We left "Groveton" at 10 A. M. our Reg't in front, & arrived at Gainsville, a depot on
the Manassas Gap R. R. where we stopped only 1 hour having marched 3 miles, we were quite weared. Soon we were again in lines & the word march given, we marched at a quick step some 4 miles & soon several began to fall out of ranks (& it being very warm) We arrived at a small village called "Buck Land" a place of a few buildings, situated on a high hill, with a beautifull stream running through the place (Broad Run) here we saw several nice young ladies. We passed them amidst the waving of handkerchiefs. We halted some 2 miles beyond the village to rest, as we were very much weared, here we had to fill a rough place in the road. Gen. Toombs gave us orders to each one to carry a rail apiece & that would do the road. All being very much tired. Some one remarked that he was to tired, whereupon Gen. Toombs told him to hold his horse & he would carry rails, he did so, and such hollering to see the Gen. carrying rails.

After a rest of 1/2 hour we were again in lines & off we go, after a march of 4 miles we reached a beautiful little village name "New Baltimore" a beautiful place. This place had some beautiful girls & treated us fine by giving us something to eat, as we were very hungry having eat nothing scarcely during the day. We were very tired, but you could see the soldiers crowding around the yard & evry time a plate of victual were handed around such grabing. I never shall forget the treatment of the young ladies of New Baltimore. We rested here one hour, & soon were again in lines & marched only 1 mile where we stopped for the night in a pine old field. Our Brigade we were very glad to
stop, as several had fell out of ranks being tired down. We fell about like hogs, all most too tired to make a fire & too sleepy & tired to eat. After making fire several of those began to come in who had fell out of ranks. Soon we eat about half enough & were soon asleep. About 11 at night a detail came around for 3 men from each Company to go 4 miles to Warrenton as guards. Here was indeed a bitter pill, having marched 15 miles during the day & then get up very tired & walk 4 miles was trying indeed. The order was 3 men who stood the march best, the Capt. could hardly tell who was the ablest as all were tired, he finally sent A. "Glaze, T. Gullars & T. D. Hawes" it was hard indeed. We slept finely that night. We could have slept without any fire. About day it began to rain.

March the 10th. "Monday." 1862.

Driseling rain, roll called a little before day. All hated very much to get up so soon, without scarcely any breakfast. We were again in line to march, our brigade in front there was 9. Reg'n at staid all night here, some 5000 in all, quite a large crowd. The road was filled with soldiers & waggons for miles it rained slowly most the forenoon which made the roads very slippery & difficult to travel. We reached Warrenton 10 A. M. this is a beautiful town with a population of 3000 something larger than "Washington or Madison" Geo. Several fine houses & Churches. The town is situated on a hill with pavements, the streets are quite muddy & narrow. We remained here some 2 hours, very much wearied. We did not leave lines but rested on the pavements.
This town was filled with ladies & one I can but mention whose treatment to the Soldiers was very good, as she gave us or a part plenty to eat, we were very hungry & this was Miss "Jennie Marshall". Several others also I never will forget. Such hollering I never heard. Several flags were waving over the town, the town was filled with noise & confusion. Several young ladies and old also were seen crying because we were leaving them to the Yankees. A little girl some 10 yrs old came out & made a very touching speech begging us not to leave them. While she was speaking one smaller was holding the flag. Most the citizens were preparing to leave with us; we left there at 3 P. M. amidst the noise & confusion. The town was filled with soldiers.

The roads after we left "Warrenton" was quite rough, muddy & very hilly. After a tiresome march of 7 miles we reached "Warrenton Sulphur Springs"; this is a small place & consist of 2 large Hotels with several small houses attached, these Springs are noted for it mineral properties & is the sumner resort of thousands who flock together at this place from all parts for their health & amusements. There is a beautiful yard, especially in Summer, but now everybody is preparing to leave & the place looks quite desolate. We crossed the "Rappahannock" river some 200 yds from the Springs. After leaving the river we marched some 3 miles passing over a very hilly & rough road all very much wearied. Arrived at Camps at 9 o'clock at night. Several of us fell out of ranks having marched 15 miles during the day with a heavy knapsack & gun & accoutrements. Here we caught up with the waggons for the first time.
since we left. We were all nearly to tired to make a fire, without anything scarcely to eat, having eaten nothing scarcely for 48 hours.

We encamped in a large piece of woods the whole country filled with Soldiers, our briggade & Gen Wilcox's Briggade. We slept quite soundly that night as we were all very tired. The general talk of some was "I want to eat," while others were too tired & soon fell asleep. News confirmed of a glorious victory at Newport News near Norfolk, by the Confederate steamer "Merrimes."

March 11th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Drum beat this morning at day & all aroused from sleep. We drew 3 days rations of bacon & crackers. (I never could eat them untill now.) We soon cooked enough to do for the day & at 8 A. M. the line was formed & soon we were in the road to march. After a march of 1 mile up a hill we passed through the village of "Jefferson," a small place, once had a few stores & several houses, but now nearly evry body had left & leaving. We travelled 9 miles that day & passed over a very broken & hilly country. We crossed the river Hazel a stream 50 yds wide & here some half doz young ladies were standing with a bucket of water for the soldiers. We did not have the chance to stop and talk with them as our Col's order was very strict & none were allowed to leave ranks.

After crossing the river Maj Gen "Smith" & Staff passed us & here we rested for about 1 hour. We were soon in lines & after a march of 2 miles we reached our camping ground at a place called "Richville."
about 1 o'clock P. M. (at Dinner) we were quite tired. Soon we had
fires made to cook, when myself, Lieut. "Lane & Gullatt" & Gresham
walked a mile to get our dinner (Mr "Timberlake") We got a very
good dinner. I never shall forget the treatment to us. The dinner
Miss Alice prepared for us was not a rich one, but just the kind for
a hungry Soldier. She was a beautiful girl, with dark hair, black
eyes & fair complexion & about 18 yrs old. She was a beauty. She
was very much frightened when she saw so many soldiers (as she was not
acostomed to so many) Her Father had gone off to marry, & she was
the only white female on the place. She said if her Father was at
home she would give us a nice dinner. She told the servant to give
us as much as we wished & then would not have any pay. She said it
was "perfectly ridiculous" for her Father to marry in such times as
these. We remained only about an hour & then left for Camps; I
never shall forget her. She seemed very lively & talkative.

We passed the evening off finelly. All being very much wearied,
the boys could be seen lying about asleep in every direction, it was
a clear & beautiful evening. Gen Wilcox's Brigade caught up with
us at night. So there was 9 Reg'nts here at night. We had to put a
guard at Richville to keep the Soldiers out the citizen's houses.
From our Company A. Gullatt & Serg'nt Cartlegs were detailed to guard
the place. Night came & we were soon all in sleep. So the night
passed off very well, as we expected to leave early next morning.
March the 12th. "Wednesday," 1862.

The drum was beat at 3 A. M. to be ready to leave. Soon a small snack was eaten & before day we were in lines to march, our Reg'nt in the rear. It was quite hard for us to get up & march before day. We marched 2 miles before day, & stoped for the "Pioneers" to pass us. After a tiresome march over a hilly & broken country we reached Culpeper C. H. about 12 A. M. A guard was sent ahead of our Reg. to prevent the men from passing the cross streets. This is a beautiful town with a population of 3000 with brick pavements. The Town is on a hill, the houses are quite large & several very fine ones. We stopped in town about 1 hour & were not allowed to leave ranks, so we could not get nothing to eat. Several kind ladies had a bucket of water handed to us. The people seemed very kind to the soldiers. Several the sick were here, amidst the waving of flags & handkerchiefs by the fair maidens we passed through the town. The town was all a stir & filled with Soldiers. Here one of our sick (V. Colvin) came to us. After a march of 1 mile we reached our camping ground at 1 P. M. It was a long time after we got there before they could get a place large enough for the division, which was about 12000 strong.

About 3 P. M. we found a camping place in a very thick pinesthicket. The question was asked by several how long we would remain here. (None could answer) We soon made pine brush arbors & a pile of straw being near, we soon had comfortable quarters. So that night we all being very weary, soon were asleep.
March the 13th. "Thursday." 1862.

All in Camps. Several went to Culpeper C. H. Lieut. "Lane" with a guard of 40 men was sent to guard Culpeper (F. Florence from our Company) to remain 3 days. We soon found out that we would remain here several days, & as it had the appearance of rain we got 3 tents to the Company which would hold nearly all the Company by crowding some dos. in a tent. Several being sick from the long march of 50 miles. Amongst those that was sick enough to be sent off to Richmond was R. T. Gullars & Jas. Davison.

March the 14th. "Friday."

Raining this morning & continued during the day. I had quite a sick headache all day. Wrote a letter home to Emma (Sister) A detail from our Company to guard the horses at night ("Martin & Leverett") Adj'nt "Shannon" arrived in Camp from home, dress parade in the evening, & an order read to us how ungracefully some the Soldiers had acted on the march, none were from this time forward were allowed to leave ranks not even to get water; it continued to rain most the night, so we had not scarcely a dry place to sleep. I & Lieut Gullatt found a half dry place & slept quite well. Had quite a lively time at night as we had a splendid musician who used the violin well & then a "Sorter of Stag" dance by the boys. (the names I did not mention.)

March the 15th. "Saturday."

Cloudy with appearance of rain; nothing transpiring in Camps today. H. Glaze taken his brothers place for an unlimited time. A. Glaze left
for home this eve. Battalion drill this evening for the first time in about 4 months, drizzling rain tonight.

March the 16th. "Sunday." 1862.

Received orders to be ready to march (about the way we generally do if any work is to be done or any marching is generally done Sunday).

About 10 A. M. our knapsacks were packed, without having any time to prepare something to eat for the day. We were soon in line waggons loaded & off we go. Marched only 200 yds. & stopped for about an hour to let the 2nd. & 17th Geo. Reg. & waggons pass. Our Reg. in the rear (as our Brigade being in front coming to Culpeper) so Wilcox's & Jones' went in front. The 3 Brigades being together made quite a long row of men & waggons, it was a long time before we could get along. As the crowd was large we only marched 8 miles the first day, the roads was very muddy which made it quite difficult to travel.

We passed over a hilly country, & some very rich land. We cut new roads for the artillery to travel over. I saw several good looking girls in the travel. We stopped to Camp at 8 P. M. in a large piece of woods. All being very much wearied & hungry at night, we soon prepared something to eat, & we could be seen lying down in every direction like hogs. We soon made a pallet & lie down to sleep, & slept soundly & well till 2 A. M.

March the 17th. "Monday."

At 2 A. M. the drum was beat for us to get up & prepare rations for the day, this was hard, to march all day, & then get up before day &
cook rations for the day. We soon had 2 meals cooked & still it was not day, several of us taken a nap. At sunrise we were in lines to march, our Reg't at in front, & the 2nd Geo in the rear. Gen "Wilcox's" Brigade, part of "Pendleton's" Corps & the "Irvin Artillery," encamped in the same piece of woods. We marched only 1 mile before we had to stop as there was a very large crowd ahead. ("Jones & Griffin's" Brigade) We marched 12 miles this day, stopping several times to rest. The roads were quite rough & the people in this section mostly are quite wealthy, the houses are large & seem very fine, some beautiful yards. At 1 P. M. we crossed a small river, the lands on it were very rich with a great deal of bottoms; we saw several fine fields of wheat. The roads being muddy we walked in the wheat fields. The farmers along the road seemed very much "hurt" because we were falling back & leave their property exposed to the invaders; the roads are very rough as the roads are very crooked & hilly.

We marched at quick time most the Evening, & at 4 P. M. we arrived at the "Rapidan". All very much wearied (as it was a hot evening) This is quite a large stream some 150 yds wide, there are 2 mills at this place & several families live ("Madison's Mills") in "Madison" Co.

The wagons & infantry commenced crossing at 10 A. M. & continued till a late hour of night & the artillery were untill next day The water was quite deep & came in the bed of the wagons, there being no bridge for the footmen to cross, some 1 waggons were placed in a line
& plank placed on them & thus a bridge was formed & we crossed easily after a march of 1 mile from the Mills we stopped to Camp in a new ground about sun set, all being wearied, having marched 12 miles

March the 18th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Quite a beautiful morning, drum beat for us to get up at sun rise. We remained in this Camp till 12 A. M. as we were awaiting orders. We were very glad as we were tired. We all could be seen lying about in every direction sleep, at 12 we were called in lines with knapsacks &c. Soon we were all out in lines but had to remain in lines nearly 2 hours as the soldiers & wagons of 2 brigades had to pass ahead of us, the road was filled with soldiers. At 4 P. M. we were off, & after a march of 2 miles we arrived at Orange C. H. a Station on the R. R. This is a beautiful town with a population of about 3000. The town was filled with Soldiers & the town under martial law, the streets being quite muddy. Most the citizens were preparing to leave, several girls were in town. After a quick march of 1½ mile beyond town we stopped to Camp in a large & beautiful grove, (our Company) line was marked off by the Col. — So we soon gathered some straw for our beds & by dark had a nice but rough supper, & here we aim to remain some say several days or month while tis the opinion we are not going to fall back any farther. We have marched about 30 miles from our old Camp to this place. There are 3 Brigades near each other at this place, the whole country around is filled with Soldiers. All being somewhat wearied soon ate their suppers & were soon asleep, & slept soundly till morning.
March the 19th. "Wednesday." 1862.

Cloudy this morning, all preparing shelters as each Company was prepared with only one tent. With rails & dirt some had a tolerable good place while some put up their blankets & thus was protected from the weather. At night it commenced raining.

For the first time in nearly 3 weeks we got a mail today. I receive one from Pa which had been coming nearly 2 weeks. I was quite unwell most the day.

recruits for most the Reg. continued to come in constant. Nothing of importance transpired. H. Gresham, & A. Hearnesberger arrived in Camps from "Gordonsville" where they had gone as sick. Lieut. "Gullatt" placed in command of Capt. "Bunch's" Company. He ("B") being sick.

March the 20th. "Thursday." 1862.

Cloudy & rainy this morning. E. "Leverett & B. Elliott" quite sick, the latter one sent to Orange Hospital" Orderly Sergent carried him quite sick. Capt. "Millican's" recruits arrived (17) Also a few for Capt. "Culvers & J. Smith's" company.

Briggade guards put around the Briggade. I was put on horse guard at night & stood 2½ hours it raining most the time I was on Post. Continued to rain most the night. Most the boys got wet. I did finely as I put up in the Capt quarters.

March the 21st. "Friday."

Clear this morning & looks like Spring, the birds are beginning
to sing sweetly, & from present indications Spring near by. Recruits for the "Irvin Artillery" arrived today (40).

I Wm "Tatom" & Lieut "Lane" was quite sick today. Capt H. H. N. D. Ger; Field Officer of day, appointed by Gen "Toombs," was furnished with a horse. A. Gullatt & Hardin on horse guard & T. Hawes Corporal. "Murray" arrived today from hospital.

March the 22nd. "Saturday." 1862.

Clear this morning.

G. W. Normon sick all the sick improving. "Tobie Norman" came over to our Company today just from home as a recruit to the "Irvin Artillery" Nothing of importance transpired in Camp today.

2 P. M. Cloudy & aperance of rain tonight; "Clase" & Parks a little sick. Lieut Lane improving & will soon be for duty, I am a little sick & am very weak, night passed away & no rain.

March the 23d. "Sunday."

Beautiful morning. W. C. Ward arrived in Camps today as a recruit for the "Irvin Artillery". J. Normon, McCords on Briggade guard. F. Florence & Coolsby sent off on forage expedition, & remained all night. Nothing going on of importance in Camps. Some writing some reading while others are at different kind of amusements; received my papers which had been delayed for 3 weeks.

All our baggage that was sent to the Manassas Gap R. R. was burnt, also all the Express, "Bacon" & C was burnt at Manassas.

A skirmish taken place the 15th at the Junction of the "Warrenton", & Orange & Alexandria R. R. between 300 of Gen "Stewart's" Cavalry &
500 of the Enemy, our loss was 6 killed & 180 wounded, the Enemy's loss was 40 killed & we taken 100 prisoners & put them to flight the Enemy now being in possession of "Centerville & Manassas."

Appearance of rain tonight.


Left our old camps to a new Camp about 3/4 of mile. A guard was left to guard the baggage & untill a waggon could be sent to bring them. No waggons came so we had to carry it on our shoulders, so by 1 P. M. we had most of our baggage at the new quarters, & all was quite busy fixing them tents of blankets. A new mess was formed of myself "Hawes," "Sims" & A. Gullatt. Quite a rough place to encamp as it was on a sideling hill.

March the 25th. "Tuesday."

Beautifull day. Nothing transpired of note today, the recruits from Elbert & Wilkes arrived today some 150 in all. Great rejoicing.

Lieut. "Dallas" with 9 recruits (with John "Bohler" who was home on sick furlough & Jas. "McCord" who was sick at Richmond) arrived in Camps at 8 O'Clock P. M. all very glad to see the boys; "Steed" had a very bad cold, T. "Sale" was left in Richmond sick; the Reg't at very much enlarged having some 300 recruits. I am on horse guard tonight & stood 2½ hours.

Col. "Thomas" resigned today, & left for home
March the 26th. "Wednesday." 1862.

Inspection of guns & accoutrements today. 2 men were sent from our Company to Orange C. H. to get the provisions & baggage of the recruits. A box of "Sausages" 3 hams "Pindars" (Sent to me by negro "Steve") with cakes and several other nice eatables was sent to me from home quite a rich treat. I was very proud of it, as tis quite a rare chance we ever get anything so good. "Battalion" drill this Eve. received orders to cook 6 days rations & be ready to march by 7 A. M. Crackers &c were drawn at 11 P. M. Most the boys were up till nearly day cooking, as we expected to reinforce Gen "Jackson" at "Winchester" as tis reported that Gen "Bragg" force is the strongest, it was a tough time with the new recruits to be up most the night. The night passed off & most of us were very much wearied & slept but little.

March the 27th. "Thursday" & "Friday."

Long roll beat before day for the Brigade to get ready so our Regt. was up & packed haversacks with provision for 4 days. All our clothing, blankets except 1, & our Knap sacks were left. So at 9 A. M. the roll was beat, lines formed & a detail from each Company was left to guard the baggage of each Company. Jas. "Cartlege" was left in our Company with some 8 who was a little sick (some i fear was afraid we were going in a fight & the thought made them sick)

Various reports were in circulation as to where we would go some say to reinforce Gen Jackson, near "Winchester" others report that
we were going to march to Richmond & our baggage would be sent on the cars.

We were formed in a line with 4 days rations, 40 rounds of cartridges & a blanket to march. As we were about to leave the order was countermanded & so the Reg't was dismissed with the expectation to be ready when the drum beat to again form a line. So we were dispersed to our different quarters. All our provisions were still kept as we are now under marching orders & may leave any moment.

12 A. M. Very warm & pleasant day & looks like Spring. All are now lying about in the sun sleep (as most were up most the night cooking)

(Orderly Serg't) H. Cullatt very sick with high fever all night & at present his fever has abated & he is quite sick. Lieut. "Lane" about well; Jas. "McCord", D. "Mumpford" & several more a little sick.

We all lie down quietly at night & soon all was sleep, at 12 P. M. ("Midnight") the Capt's received orders for all the Companies to have their knapsacks well packed & what few tents we had taken down & all our cooking utensils & every thing put in wagons except our clothing & blankets, (which was to be carried on our backs) It was a heavy load sure. All to be ready to fall in lines to march at sun rise. So the roll was beat at 3 A. M. to be up & commence preparing & those who had no provisions cooked to commence.

The wagons were loaded & ready to leave at 7 A. M. Every thing now being ready & awaiting for the drum to beat & for orders to march.
While we all lie awaiting for orders, various reports were in circulation as to where we would go. Some said we would march to Richmond, some said we would take the cars at "Orange" & go to Richmond. Finally the latter was partly correct, the order was at last countermanded & a consultation of the Gene taken place. Some in favor of marching & some taking the cars, & our knapsacks hauled. The question was finally laid aside & we still lie expecting constant to get marching orders. At 3 P. M. the waggons were unloaded & all the baggage & cooking utensils were carried to Camps.

Brigade drill in the evening. We still kept our rations as we are still under marching orders & may be called any moment. A very beautiful evening. Sun shines very warm. Night has come & no orders yet received. H. "Gullatt" very sick with Camp fever. Lieut "Lane" about well, but few sick in the Company.

9 P. M. all lie down & slept soundly till morning.

March the 29th. "Saturday." 1862.

Quite a beautiful morning. Company drill at 10 A. M. no excitement in Camps. Nothing transpiring of note in Camp, but few sick. H. Gullatt very sick, the rest of the sick about well.

1 P. M. Sleeting & raining at 3, with thunder & lightning, raining most the evening. Night has come with sleet, a very disagreeable night as our only tent was a blanket, to keep off the snow & rain.

Expected marching orders tonight, received orders to cook rations,
but most had 4 days rations prepared; no order came to march. Some were up quite late in the sleet & rain cooking; it was a very cold night. With a large log fire before our tent we did finely until nearly day when we got cold.


Still raining this morning, the trees nearly broke down with sleet, a very cold & dreary day. Peter Zellars very sick. H. Gullatt also very sick, the latter sent to a private house near Orange C. H. ("Shaw") was carried out to the house on some plank by 6 of the Company in the evening. Dr. "Sims" & Lieut "Gullatt" remained with him at night. The former was taken very sick during the night.

G. W. Norman improving but was also sent to a private house, as it was too disagreeable & wet to lie in Camps sick without tents. "Sims" on horse guard tonight.

March the 31st. "Monday."

Cloudy this morning. I & "Steed" & "Tatom" on Reg't guard.

10 O'Clock A. M. Clear & beautiful day, the sun shines very warm. Zellars & Gullatt no better but very sick. One the "Fire Side Guards" died & was buried today, died at "Orange C. H." Fleming & R. T. Cullars arrived in Camps today from a sick leave from Richmond also T. Sale.

Election came off today for Col. which resulted unanimously for McIntosh.

"B attalion" drill this evening.
April the 1st. "Tuesday." 1862.

A beautiful morning & very warm. T. H. Albee sick with fever most the night. H. Gullatt & P. Zellars & Dr. Sims all very sick & but little change in either. Several a little sick in the Company.

Company drill today at 10 A. M. Several the boys were April fooled at night by Capt.

"Battalion" drill in the evening. John "Crawford" returned from Richmond Hospital today. Nothing of interest transpired in Camps today. Evry thing wears the same.

April the 2nd. "Wednesday."

A beautiful morning. T. A. Albea improving. H. "Gullatt" very sick, no change. F. Zellars better, C. P. Albea taken very sudden sick with a chill, has a very high fever (to 110) Lieut. "Lane" left for Richmond on sick leave. Capt. "Nattori" of the McIntosh Vol. resigned today & left for home. Carried several letters for the Reg't to mail.

Apr. the 3d. "Thursday."

Clear & windy this morning. One the tents caught fire & was burnt up. No drill today. (as today is wash day) the sick improving except "Henderson" there is no change in him. T. H. Albea quite sick.

A prize drill this evening between 2 Companies of the 1st Geo Regulars. Several hundred dollars staked. Over 2000 persons witnessed the scene, the best drilling I ever saw.
April the 4th. "Friday." 1862.

Pleasant day and very warm, looks like Spring. H. Gullatt very sick no change. P. Zellers quite sick. Thos. "Albee" broke out with the measles, & quite sick. Wm. Tatam quite sick. Company drill at 10 A. M. Battalion drill in the evening. "Hames" arrived from off forage expedition, but few sick in Camps.

Nothing of interest transpired. Several the sick in the Reg't sent to "Orange" Hospital.

April the 5th. "Saturday."

Raining this morning. Thos. Albee & Tatam both quite sick. Several sick in the Company. Henderson & Peter Z. there is no change in either. Very warm & pleasant. Henderson "Gullatt" (O. S.) died this evening at 9 P. M. his loss is felt by the Company.

April the 6th. "Sunday."

A beautiful day. A deep solemnity over the Company, of the death of one the members. He was buried in military order at half past 5 P. M. in the garden of Mr. Thos. "Shaw." (As we could not get transportation for his body home)

Received orders to be ready to march in a few minutes. At 7 P. M. the roll was beat, the lines formed, to carry nothing but gun, accoutrements & a blanket. Soon we were in lines to march, when we received orders to carry all our own cooking utensils, knapsacks, & ev'ry thing except what tents & cooking utensils the sick needed. The waggons were
soon loaded with every thing that was to be carried. So at 9 P.M. the word March was given, leaving several quite sick behind. I remained (till morning) as I was too unwell to make a march at night having a severe cold & cough. "Tooms" & "Jones" Brigade were the two that left, they were passing the Camps untill a very late hour.

Among those that were quite sick were Thos. Albea, Elisha McCord, (with measles) & Hal Gresham. Several others remained being a little unwell.

April the 7th. "Monday." 1862.

Cloudy this morning with appearance of rain. Several of those that remained during the night were preparing to leave this morning all the sick sent to the Hospital at "Orange" C. H. Those sent from our Company were T. Albea, C. Albea, John Crawford, Fats Florence, R. F. Cullars, Hal Gresham, E. Leverett, E. W. & Jas. McCord, D. Mumford, G. W. Norman, Wm. P. Tatum & Peter Zellars. Several of these quite sick & had to be hauled while a few being a little too feeble to make a force march, as we were ordered to Fredericksburg, expecting to soon be in a fight. There were 6 waggons left to carry the sick to the hospital there being over a 100 in the Reg'mt those of us that were able to make a force march to overtake the Reg'mt were ordered to take down the tents & pack up evry thing we could haul. The balance to be burnt. So by the time the waggons returned from the Hospital (it being 1½ mile) evry thing was piled up ready to be put in the waggons. Soon the waggons were loaded with enough provisions to do 2
days, then the cooking utensils & lastly the tents. The 6 wagons were well loaded & several things left, some 5 bbls. of flour, several hundred lbs. of meat, rice & sugar, & blankets & various important articles there were all piled up & fire put to them & burnt. I hate to see provisions burnt, but thus was the order.

The wagons with some 125 soldiers left to overtake the Reg'tm. At 10 A.M. we stopped at Orange C. H. about an hour, and then after a march of 2 miles we took the plank road, here the wagons out-travelled us & we being under no officer. So I & "Steed" fell out of ranks & marched to ourselves & taken our time, enquiring occasionally how far ahead the Reg'tm was. My knapsack felt quite heavy before night as I had some 25 lbs besides my gun &C.

At 1 P.M. it commenced raining; at 3 sleet & very cold, it was a very bad day to march sure. None we met would tell us correct how far the Reg'tm was ahead. At 5 P.M. it commenced snowing very fast & fell in our face while walking cold, cold. (It was a severe evening sure, worse than any I ever saw in Geo in Dec.) I & Darnie commenced trying to get a house to remain in all night, as it was near night & the Reg'tm some distance ahead & it would be about dark before we could reach them & we had then marched nearly 12 miles in 4 hours & we were very much wearied. The people generally were poor & the houses quite small so we could not be accommodated. We tried nearly every house for 3 miles. We knew that they had no tents at the Reg'tm & it would be no sleep there as it was snowing very fast & the ground
partly covered. Finely we concluded we would overtake the Reg'nt as we heard it had stopped at 1 P. M. & would remain till morning or farther orders. We hastened on as fast as possible, we could not go fast as the snow fell in our faces. We finely came up to "Jones'" Brigad encamped & they told us that "Toombs" was only a mile ahead. We arrived at the Reg'nt at 6 P. M. very much tired & it snowing very fast, it was truly a disagreeable evening. We had marched 14 miles in 5 hours. The boys had a large fire made & blanket stretched with 2 tents, we soon began to dry, & had something to eat prepared, it stopped snowing at 8 P. M. & commenced sleeting & then raining all night. I rested better than I expected. I did finely.

At 9 P. M. we received orders to prepare a days ration to be ready to leave next morning at 4 A. M. to go to "Lowisa" C. H. (23 miles) to take the cars for "Yorktown."

April the 8th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Still raining this morning. So instead of going to "Fredericksburg" we now were ordered to "Lowisa" C. H. at 8 A. M. we were in lines. The long roll was beat at 3 P. M. to be ready by 4. We were up but did not leave. So at 8 the order was countermanded, & we were ordered to go back to "Orange" C. H. in quick time so as to be there to take the train. We are in line to march with our knap sacks & accoutrements & it still raining. The roads were quite mudy but we had plank to march on which made it quite easier, it was very cold Rain & a wet & disagreeable
day to march sure. Our Reg'mt marched in the year so off we go back in the same direction. Such hollering, every thing being in a confusion. We marched quite fast which did very well as it was so cold.

We marched some 6 miles very fast without stoping, several began to fall out. We marched nearly all day without stoping & it sleeting & cold. So by 2 P. M. over a 100 had fallen out, tired down. It was a tough time sure. I never was so much wearied, in 2 miles of "Orange" the plank road gave out & then mud, mud. Such falling down & slipping up, it created quite a lively spirit upon the wearied boys, it was the mudiest 2 miles I most ever saw, & of cours tiresome to any one that had marched 11 miles with a heavy knap sack, gun &C without resting scarcely any. We arrived at the C. H. at 4 P. M. the streets were very muddy & torn up, the most disagreeable place I ever saw in the way of mud. We continued on through the town to our old Camping ground 1½ mile from town, & so thus we were once more fooled, as we were told to make quick time to the C. H. to take the cars, it was done to make us keep up. We were ordered to take the cars but not today, it came very near making several sick & no doubt will yet for it was an uncalled for force march, to make a man march 11 miles in quick time with a heavy load without resting him any.

We arrived at Camps at 5 P. M. in the slest, all very much tired. I never experienced such a time & never was so tired. All very wet & cold, blankets wet & it sleeting & the wind blowing, no tents, no fire & no axe (as the wagons were some distance behind). It was
enough to try the nerve of any man of all my marches & trips this was the worst, it is too bad to even give a faint description of it.

Language cannot express the cold we suffered. I think it will come up with any march ("Napoleons" excepted) the cold we suffered that day never will be forgotten, the events of that day long, long, will be remembered by me. We soon borrowed an axe & began to prepare a fire, after some difficulty we had one made, it still sleeted.

After our fires were made, we warmed, but impossible to dry much as we had no shelter. After warming we got some plank, carrying them ½ mile, we made a shelter & got a little straw, but it was after a long time before we had a fire made & shelter as we were very tired. I could scarcely walk as my feet were soar, (in fact I was soar all over.) We had eaten nothing during the day, some were very hungry, I never was as hungry, but I was too tired & soar to cook, so I made my bed down on the straw before a hot log fire. Most my blankets were wet, I had no time to dry them, but made it down anyway. I slept as well as I ever did in my life. I awoke & my face full of sleet. I let it alone slept finely till morning at 7 A. M.

Sleeted (I learn) all night. So Tuesday evening will long be remembered, not only by me, but by all the Company.

April the 9th. "Wednesday," 1862.

Still sleetimg this morning. No roll beat this morning. So most the boys slept till 8 A. M. The boys look very much warried. The ground covered with sleet about 2 inches, a very wet & disagreeable day.
2 P. M. Sleeted very fast & very cold, John "Bohler" quite sick from the march of Tuesday. Jas. Remson had a chill, & quite unwell. Several the boys came in today that fell out yesterday.

9 P. M. Sleeted very fast, a very cold night nothing of interest in Camps.

April the 10th. "Thursday." 1862.
Clear this morning, the sleet melting very fast.
12 A. M. Sun shines very warm, quite a pleasant day.

received orders to put all our tents, cooking utensils & all extra baggage in the waggons, which will leave immediately for Richmond. Every thing but our blankets & what we can carry with us left, & we are now under orders to take the cars at "Orange" for Richmond, we are now awaiting for orders to leave. F. Florence returned to Camps from "Orange" Hospt & says all the sick are doing well & will be up soon but "Gresham" who is very sick. Received orders to go to "Orange" tonight to take the cars for Richmond, the Brigade left Camps at 6 P. M. (5 Reg'ts) an Engine to the Reg't. Quite difficulty in getting off, remained at "Orange" till 12 P. M. All the sick at "Orange" hospt except 3 left with us. The cars were very much crowded, so we had but little accommodations.

Arrived at "Gordonsville" at sunrise, only 8 miles from "O"

April 11th. "Friday."

Enroute for Richmond but go very slow. Stopped at a station
near "Gordonsville" about 6 hours awaiting for the passenger car from R. to pass; all very hungry & nothing to eat. All look very sly as the cars were so crowded we could not lie down. Jobe Reid very sick on the cars, travelled very slowly & arrived at Richmond at sun set. A very beautiful eve. The City it seems turned out see us, passed through the City at dusk. The City in a great bustle.

Arrived at Camps at the Fare Ground at 7 P. M. about 1 mile from the "Capital"; encamped in comfortable houses. All being very sleepy soon lie down; Provisions for our supper came at 9 P. M., but few eat. A clear & beautiful night, the moon shines clear & beautiful. Slept finely tonight. "Capt" remained at a private house, most the sick that went on the Cars with us went to a private house.

April the 12th. "Saturday." 1862.

News confirmed of a great victory near "Corinth, Miss." Gen. "Buell" (Federal) reported killed & we taken 3000 prisoners.

Ft. "Pulaski" reported surrendered, unconditionally. Taken a walk over the "City" visited the Capitol Square. Saw Henry "Clay's" "Jefferson's" "Masons" & "Washington's" monument; walked over most the City, eat breakfast at a Saloon & payed 75c; remained in the City till nearly night & returned to Camps; & had a very sorry supper nothing but Crackers & fat bacon. Quite a large crowd of soldiers at the Fare grounds nearly 5,000. Several ladies came in Camps.

April the 13th. "Sunday."

Walked over different parts of the City, went to Mr. Willis's & Mrs. Southerland's at these places the "Capt" & several the boys were
boarding; remained at Mrs. Soutberland's some time as T. Alhea P. Zellars W. Tatom & E. McCord were boarding. They are well fixed, having a private room. All are getting on finale.

Went to the 1st. Geo Hospit. saw the sick. Met Dr. T. L. Anderson the firset I had seen him in 3 months; remained there but a short time; then went to the "Columbian Hotel" to get dinner, remained there 2 hours waiting for dinner. While I was about procuring a ticket news came that our Brigade had marching orders & that as soon as we could get to Camps & be in line we would leave. Thus I lost my dinner. "I was very hungry" I hastened as fast as possible back to Camp. I stopped a few minutes at "Spotswood Hotel", but it was too crowded to receive any more. I met several on the streets that told me they were preparing to leave. We arrived at Camps at 2 P. M. All were in a general stir & preparing to leave. As soon as we could pack our knapsacks & roll our blankets we were in lines, with a few Crackers & a piece of fat bacon. We left the Camps at 3 P. M. ("Toomb's Brigade") passed through the streets amidst the waving of handkerchiefs by the Fair ladies & such hollering.

We first passed down "Carey Street" & then down "Main Street". Such noise & confusion the whole City it seemed turned out en masse to see us and all seem to wish us "God speed"; the streets were very dusty & from every window the ladies could be seen. I never saw so many girls at one time before; we stopped a few minutes in the streets when a kind gentleman emptied about 5 lbs of "Almonds" to the "Company"
walked up the street & poured them out as we would corn to hogs, it created Jolly time to see such Jumping & crowding amongst the boys getting the almonds. We marched quick time down the streets arrived at the Wharf where we were to take the Steamboat at 5 P. M. it seemed as if the whole City was there to see us leave, the house tops were crowded & the wharf for some distance. There were 2 Steamers to carry us, 2 companies in our Reg't went on the Steamer "West Point" with the 36th Va & 1st Geo Regulars. Our Company was the first to get on board, of course we had the preference of seats we had comfortable seats. All well seated, we remained on board before the Steamer till dusk before leaving. We left the Wharf at dusk amidst the waving of handkerchiefs & hollering of the soldiers. Soon we were out of sight, going at the rate of 7 miles per hour. What transpired before we arrived at stopping place I know not, for very soon after leaving "Richmond" I was asleep.

Several were left back quite sick. J. T. "Hearnsberger" & several others. T. "Clary" a little unwell.

We arrived at King's landing at 3 A. M. our Brigade was soon off & in lines. (it was quite cool.)

The river at the landing was over a mile wide. We did not remain at the landing over an hour. "Steed" was taken quite sick while on board the Steamer & was sick when we left, we left him at a house near the landing to remain untill he could be able to march.
April the 11th. "Monday." 1862.

We continued our march from 3 A. M. till 11, marching some 8 miles to "Lebanon Church". We marched at quick time the whole route stopping only twice. Over a hundred fell out ranks as we marched too fast. The country from King’s landing to Lebanon Church is level & sandy & mostly very marshy pine land thinly settled. Lebanon Church is a very fine Church, brick. Our encampment is in a low wet & marshy place, our water we use is from a pond, of course very sorry.

All were very tired, hungry & sleepy when we arrived at Camps in "Warwick County," in a few moments all were asleep, to sleepy to eat, for we had nothing scarcely to eat.

At 3 P. M. we got provisions & several eat as we had but few cooking utensils (only a boiler & oven to the Company)

At 4 P. M. we had Reg't inspection. All in lines with gun & accoutrements, knapsacks &c as we expected to march, but we did not leave.

Heavy cannonading towards "Yorktown" & "Fortress Monroe", firing between the pickets were heard distinctly in Camps, and we are not over three miles from the enemy. The whole country filled with soldiers, our force here is quite large.

We have no tents & but few blankets, rained a little during the night, but we taken what little fell, it being quite warm. We slept quite soundly till morning.
April the 15th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Quite a pleasant day. Reg't guard around the Camps today. A detail of 30 men from the Reg't to prepare a place for dress Parade & mounting guard & to cut the bushes around the Camp, as 'tis a very disagreeable camping ground. Cannonading renewed toward "Yorktown" & the Coast. Various rumors in circulation in Camps; Rem Remson, Peter Gullatt, & Lieut. Dallas sick in Camps, the former quite sick.

12 A. M. Received orders to pack knap sacks & be ready to move in great haste, where too was unknown, in a few moments all were ready & in line to march, the line was formed & at 1 P. M. we were all in the road going in the direction of the enemy. We marched at quick time about 2 miles & there halted. (10 Reg'mts) We remained at this point about 3 hours, awaiting for farther orders, the booming of Cannons & bursting of shell were close by. The order was countermanded & we returned back to the old former Camps, arriving there at 6 P. M. So all our provisions & officers tents & baggage had to be unloaded, it was a very warm evening. We lie down at night with the expectation of being called up before day.

April the 16th. "Wednesday."

Night passed away without being molested in any way. All quiet this morning, a pleasant & warm day. Lieut. "Dallas" Corp'l Remson P. Gullatt & H. Leverett sent off to the boat landing to be sent to Richmond all quite sick, they left at 6 A. M. several sick in the Reg'mt sent off.
9 A. M. received orders to prepare to leave in haste, in a few moments we were all ready & in line ready to march. We went in the direction we did the previous evening, marched at quick time about 3½ miles & stopped in a thick swampy pine camping ground. We first were ordered to put our guns in good order & prepare for inspection in 30 minutes. Our guns being inspected, we were ordered to stack our guns in lines, so we could get them with ease, & at a moment's notice. This being done we unslung knap sack & all lie down to rest expecting orders constant. The cannonading was near us & the firing of Pickets could be heard distinctly, it was a very warm evening. Major Gen "McGruder" & Staff passed our Camps at 2 P. M. heavy firing could be heard distinctly.

At 3 P. M. we were ordered in lines with everything, after the lines were formed we received orders to pile our knap sacks in one large pile, & be ready to go in haste to the battle field, as the battle had opened. We left Camps at double quick time, for the scene of action. After marching over a mile we entered a swamp, nothing but mud & water, scarcely any road. We never stopped for nothing, but hastened on as fast as possible. Some the boys fell down in the mud, it was a tiresome march sure, & the muddiest I most ever passed over.

We met some the wounded coming from the battle field, some the 11th. Geo was wounded in the head by a piece of bomb & some in the hand. I dont know when I ever was so tired, the firing sounded as hail falling on a house top, the bombs bursting around us. We were ordered in lines of battle, & awaiting as a reserve, while the Reg'nts
in advance were engaged. The pine straw was set on fire ahead of us by the bursting of bombs.

We remained in line till 5 P. M. expecting every moment to see the enemy, there was 5 Reg'nts in lines, commanded by Gen "Sims," Gen "Toombs" & Major Gen "McCruder" were riding up & down the lines.

We remained at this point some 15 minutes & were then marched by a left flank to obtain a better position. The firing had by this time partly ceased except the pickets.

At 6 P. M. we started back to the Camps (passing the 6th Ala Reg) the boombs were bursting all around us. One struck a tree in the Company in our rear some 10 feet from the ground, the limbs of the trees were cut off in all parts of the woods. After marching some ½ mile we halted & the battle had again opened, making a noise equal to hail on a house top. We again about faced & hastened at a quick time back towards the scene of action. The 1st Geo Regulars, 2 Geo Vol & 17th being in front were ordered to the fight & our Reg'nt (15th Geo) & 38th Va were then again held as a reserve. *(It seems as if they held the 15th Geo always as a reserve)*

It was now getting dark, the 2nd Geo (I learn) had one man wounded but they did not get in the fight, he was wounded by a boomb, *(as boombs were bursting constant.)* So we left again for our encampments, arriving there at 8 P. M. the remainder of the Brigade getting there an hour later. We had 12 killed in the 5th N. C. Reg'nt & some 30 wounded. This Reg'nt suffered most, as they were working on
the breastworks, & their guns stacked nearby, the Pickets were driven in very quick & before they could get their guns the enemy were up/the breastworks & charging upon them. The Col of the 5th N. C. was killed before a fire from his Régmt. The Régmt then scattered, but very soon most the Companies rallied & then the woods being so thick the enemy would get behind the trees. Very soon the 7th Geo charged upon the enemy & drove them back over the breastworks with a "yell" killing a great many. So we still hold the battle ground, the trees are well "pepered" sure; the particulars of the killed & wounded of either side I know not, but the loss of the enemy was treble to ours, as several of the dead are now lying on the battle ground, (a few I have seen); we lie down at night with the expectation of leaving very soon in the morning, as we expected the battle would again be renewed. The heavy bombing continued all night.

April the 17th. "Thursday." 1862.

The drum beat for us to get up & be ready to leave at 3 A. M. Very soon we were all up & ready to leave, with nothing to eat but crackers. We left at day break the same day as did the previous day, carrying our knap sacks with us. We marched about 1 mile & then stopped about 1 hour. Again we were in line marching at a quick step over a very muddy marshy road. We marched about 2 miles over a swampy country, stopped at a branch to get water, here we came up with soldiers, any quantity of them. Arriving at the breastworks at 8 A. M.
relieving the 11th Geo. Some the 2nd Geo were wounded while getting in the breastworks. Our Reg't being in a very good place & not exposed but little by the enemy's guns. The enemy's were up in trees with long range guns & most of our guns being the musket & would not reach them. We had 8 wounded in the 2nd Geo a few in the 1st Geo Regulars & one in the 38th Va. all very slightly. 7 of our Company were sent to the 2nd Geo. as we had long range guns but they did not succeed in getting in the works as the balls fell too fast & every time we got from behind the trees we were fired at. One the boys came near being shot. We only remained there some 15 minutes & then returned to our former place. The firing of both parties continued most the day; what damage was done on the enemy's side I know not, our loss was none only a few wounded, all slightly; the bombs of the enemy continued most the day bursting around us. A few of the 1st. Geo Regulars were killed by the bursting of bombs, but most went beyond us. At 1 P. M. several the Reg't were encamped at a short distance to the rear & the enemy could see the smoke & would throw shell, but did no damage. We ceased firing late in the evening & only the enemy would shoot.

At 12 P. M. the left wing commenced firing up to the right, most of our Reg fired once supposing the enemy had attacked us. We could not see over 20 steps beyond the works as the trees were very thick & we could not see the enemy, so most of them fired expecting the
enemy near us.

At 1 A.M. they attacked the left wing & charged upon the 2nd Geo, again the firing was renewed, only 2 Reg. fired, & repulsed them, it being quite dark. All sat & watched closely till morning, expected constant to be attacked; the bursting of bombs continued most the night, from the enemy, there was scarcely any sleep during the night. Several lie down on the bank to rest, but the firing kept them awake. We expected to be attacked at night but morning came & found all quiet. The enemy was only some 300 yds from us.

April the 18th. "Friday." 1862.

We were relieved this morning at 8 by the 11th Geo. All of our Brigade was relieved by Gen Jones' Brigade. We left the entrenchments for some 500 yds to the rear & taken up quarters, without tents cooking utensils or anything to eat. Our encampment was in the pines, a wet & marshy place. We were very much crowded, all the soldiers close together over an acre, there were nearly 3000 men. Water was plentiful but not so good, but few of us slept any during the night. Of course a little sleep was quite desirable; in a few moments most were sleep. 7 Companies of our Reg'mt worked on breastworks today, as we are building more entrenchments a few hundred yds to the rear of those we at present occupy, if we were compelled to retreat from the present ones we could fall back in those we are preparing. We are mounting several cannons to our breastworks. Our entrenchments are in range of the enemy's & if a man should show his head he would be
shot at. The Pickets continued firing most the day, we had none killed but some wounded today, they threw bombs amongst us all day, or part, & some during the night. A flag of truce came over from the enemy to get their dead, it was granted. 40 dead bodies of the enemy were found & sent over & several more are in the pond I suppose from the stench. We did not go in the pond after them, but these were found near the water. Their loss could not have been less than 60 killed; while ours was 12 dead on the field. Col. Mckenney of the 15th N. G. was killed; at 9 P. M. our Brigade was ordered some 50 paces to the rear of Gen. "Jones" Brigade (as his Brigade occupied the entrenchments) to support his (Gen. J's') if attacked as we expected sure to be attacked during the night. We lie on the damp ground & were not allowed to sleep till nearly day without any blankets it was quite cold sure

A little before day several of us went to sleep, none slept over 1 hour. So just as might be expected, no attack tonight, but we were ready if any had been necessary. We occupied the centre from dam No. 1, near to No. 2, a distance of a mile & supported by 10 Reg'ts.

So thus 2 nights in succession & no sleep.

April the 19th. "Saturday." 1862.

At 8 A. M. our Brigade were ordered back to the Camps a few yds off. We drew some provisions but had to have them cooked at the old Camps (3 miles) All were very hungry, our rations were quite rough but
plentiful. The firing of the pickets continued most the day. We had a few wounded.

At 8 P. M. our Brigade were ordered in the entrenchments to relieve Gen. Jones' Brigade. So another night, being the 3d night we were up. It commenced raining on us at 3 P. M. it was so dark while we were going to the pits you could not see a man ten steps, & it raining. While we were nearly to the pit the whole line from dam No 1 to No 2 commenced firing. We were only some 50 yds to the rear. Several of our Companies got lossed from each other as it was so dark & raining. We supposed the enemy had attacked our line (if they had they would have got a power of balls) if they had of attacked us at that moment our Reg't would have suffered considerable as we were out the pit, & of course exposed. It was some time before each Company could get together. Some had no Capt'ns. We were soon all together & the firing ceased & Lo! no enemy. Why the firing & what caused it I know not. The confusion was soon over & at 10 P. M. our Brigade were in the pit (or entrenchments) it continued to rain about all night & very cold. We sit down in the wet entrenchments on wet poles. Several sit down in the mud. It was a night that will long be remembered not only by me, but all that were in that disagreeable hole. We were wet to the skin & very cold. I did not close my eyes during the night & but few did. It being the 3d night we were out. It continued to rain till day, the events of that cold & wet night when we lie within 300 yds of the enemy expecting momentarily the enemy to
charge our entrenchments will never be forgotten, not by me.

Day came at last but it seemed quite a long time, & found us still at our post watching closely. But at 1 A. M. the left wing commenced firing & continued up to our Reg't. A few of our Companies firing supposing the enemy had come but no, none yet. We had several wounded in Gen Jones' Brigade one the 9th Geo had his hand shot off, & one his knee shot through. One the 8th Geo was killed, all done it is supposed by our own men.

"Fleming & C. W. Norman" sent to Richmond Hospital.


Sun rose quite clear this morning. All were very hungry but our rations have not yet come. All are very hungry. We lie in the pit all day in the water & mud, but the sun shone part the day, in the evening it again rained, the firing of the pickets continued all day, we had none wounded. A few of our Company had the chance to try their guns at the enemy, the balls would whistle occasionally over our heads. We lie in the pit all day, & at Eve our breakfast, dinner & supper came we were quite hungry. Each one drew his piece of bread & meat, though quite fat some still relished it well, & a few crackers to the man. It put me in mind of negroes as all the meat & bread were cut up & put in a pan & brought to us, & so eager were we for it we crowded around the pan like negroes. (War is a rough life but healthy to some.)

We remained in the pit 24 hours & was relieved at 8 P. M. by Gen Jones' Brigade. So we were on duty evry 24 hours. We hurried to our
Camps (only 300 yds) & build a large fire to dry. The enemy threw bombs most the night as they could see the reflection of lights.

April the 21st. "Monday." 1862.

All had a good nights rest, we lie down on the damp ground on one blanket without any tents & slept well. (Who could not sleep after being deprived of rest for 48 hours?) We could have slept in mud. We slept till an hour by sun, & while we were resting so well we were ordered to go & work 2 hours on the breastworks. This indeed was hard, & rather a bitter pill, but so we must. We worked like negroes hard for 2 hours, & kept the spades constant going as the sooner they were finished the better, for we knew not at what time we would be attacked. We worked in sight of the enemy's guns. The ground was very wet & muddy.

At 10 A.M., a white flag was seen moving on the enemy’s breastworks, very soon we hoisted one, in a few moments 2 officers (Yankees) were seen approaching our works & coming to the dam, with white flag in their hand. Our officers, 2, met them half way on the dam, & saluted each other. The object of the flag of truce was, I learn, to exchange prisoners & to get one, their Capt. who was killed in the fight, a few days previous. They remained talking some 3 hours, while talking the Yankees could be seen in every direction. I recon I saw at least 50, with blue over coats on. I saw several the officers riding about their works. Late in the evening they commenced shelling the woods around, we had a man killed by the bursting of a bomb. One the wheels of one of our guns was cut into by a ball from their gun.
I learn that the 1st Ky Reg. took several prisoners today.

It commenced raining at night. At 8 P. M. we were ordered to the pit to relieve Gen. "Jones!" Brigade.

It rained nearly all night, none slept, as it was very cold & we had to sit in water & mud. The rain fell quite slow but was cold. Oh! we suffered that night sure. I never shall forget that night like the cold & rainy night previous we suffered sure, but as we had been in the cold & rain so long it seems we have begun to get used to it. Several the boys began to get sick, being exposed so long.

The night passed away without any molestation whatever, no gun fired during the night. L. Parks & L. Ashmore arrived in Camps from Richmond.

April the 22nd. "Tuesday." 1862.

Raining little this morning. Col. McIntosh requested all the Companies to build a fire a few paces to the rear of us to warm & dry by, only a few were allowed to go to the fire at once, as too large a crowd would be too much exposed to the enemy's guns. We all soon dried ourselves & were again in the pit. We remained in the entrenchments all day, till 8 P. M. The enemy threw their bombs around us most the day, one was killed. received a letter from home today for the first time in a month. T. Crawford came in Camps today from Richmond. P. Calvin sent to the rear as sick. Received the sad news of the death of one the Company, John Crawford.

At 8 P. M. we were relieved by Gen. "Jones!" Brigade. So evry
other day & night we were on duty. We were anxious to get to the
Camps as it was too wet & cold to sleep in the pit. We built large
fires & began to warm when the enemy threw bombs around us, we had
to keep small fires. We lie on the wet ground & slept finely as
if we were on a bed of down

April the 23rd. "Wednesday." 1862.

We slept till quite late in the morning. At 9 we were ordered
to work on the breastworks. We worked 2 hours, it quite a damp day,
we kept large fires & fared quite well. We drew rations of flour &
beef with nothing but an oven to the Company, so it was quite late
before breakfast, as all had to cook. Most of our cooking utensils
were left in Richmond, so we are without cooking utensils, tents,
& nearly everything else. Some have no clothing but what they have
on, as we can't get to the rear where we can have washing done.

At 9 P. M. we were ordered to the batteries in front of the
enemies. 2 Companies were sent to the dam to protect it, as we expected
the enemy to try & break the dam at night, their guns were in plain
view of us, a man could not show his head without being shot at. 7
Companies were put behind the batteries & our Company was put in a wet
pit most exposed to the enemy, & if any enemy had of come we were to
hold it till reinforcements could come. We had to keep a close watch
as nothing hindered them from crossing below the dam & attacking our
Company. The enemy threw shot and Canister Shot all around us & cut
the limbs & leaves from over our head. We were protected by the
embankments. A bomb burst over our heads & deafening us almost. (I learn it gave some the head ache.) None were allowed to sleep but several went to sleep. We lie in the pit till day, & then went behind the batteries as he would be too much exposed to the enemy guns in day time (the Sharp Shooters) The Texan Rangers came at day to get a good position in the swamp.

April 21st. "Thursday." 1862.

At light the pickets commenced firing, & if a man would only show his head he would be shot at. Some the Texan Rangers were cut as scouts in the swamp, one of them killed a Yankee & while loading his gun he was shot through the head & died immediately. One was slightly wounded, they say they killed several of the enemy, they were splendid marksmen. One the "Hancock Vol." was shot in the left side, he was standing up behind the batteries, when he was shot, the wound is considered a dangerous one, as the ball ranged near his lungs. He was over 200 yds from the enemy when shot. We kept hid closely behind the batteries, when ever we wanted water, we would have to go half bent to keep hid. . . . they continued firing on us all day & we replied. We remained at the batteries all day. It was quite cold; the sun shone out only half the time. So we slept a little during the day.

At 9 P.M. we were relieved by the 1st. Ky Reg't in Gen "Jones" Brigade. We arrived at Camps & had a warm fire made, we lie down on
1 blanket by a hot fire & slept soundly till morning

The enemy threw bombs most the night around our Camps. The reflection of the lights would give them a chance to see near where our Camps were. We were ordered to put out our lights & have small ones.

Received a letter from home today, wrote one home & sent by "Kendall" as he expects to leave. H. Hardy & W. H. Albee arrived in Camps today from "Richmond." Lewis Parkes sent to the rear as sick, also Tho's Sale. Nothing of importance today, the firing of Pickets continued during the day & part the night.

Martin & Mumford left for Richmond Hosp. the former with measles.

April the 25th. "Friday." 1862.

Raining a little this morning, we worked on breastworks 2 hours today. It went quite hard with some as none felt like working all being very much wearied. We have been up for over a week evry other night in the very worst kind of weather, cold & rainy. Of course we suffered considerably. We or most of us, occupied part the day in cooking, while some slept. It rained a little during most the day.

At 8 P. M. we were sent to the batteries. Our Company was put in the pit by itself & 2 Comp. put at the dam & 7 behind the batteries. We were requested to watch very closely. We remained in the pit about 30 minutes when we were ordered out & sent down to the batteries at dam No. 1. We remained there only 10 minutes as the batteries at the dam were crowded, we were sent back to the upper batteries & put behind
them, where we had the chance to sleep part the night, it continued
to rain most the night. 10 from our Company were sent to dig a pit
or entrenchment at midnight as we could not work on them in the day
time as we would be greatly exposed to the enemis guns. We lie down
in the mud & rain all night, it was a very cold & rainy night. We
worked only 2 hours at night.

Morning came, & those in the pit came out, as they would be
greatly exposed to the Sharp Shooters. Still raining this morning.
All very wet & cold. The pickets renewed their firing early.

April the 26th. "Saturday." 1862.

All had to remain at the batteries all day, it continuing to rain,
none could even show their heads if they did they were shot at. We
lie very closely all day, could scarcely get away to get water, if we
did we run half bent. It was a very cold day, all were exceedingly
wet, & no chance to get to the fire. Thus we lie all day in the mud
& rain. Shivering all over, we suffered considerably during the day,
sure.

At 9 A. M. the enemy opened their batteries upon us, throwing
shell. A bomb burst between the 2 batteries wounding severely one N. C.
Reg'mt (One the "Hancock Vols.") They threw bombs at several different
times during the day but did no damage. It continued to rain till
nearly night. Several were sent from each Company to build a fire
for us to dry by as all were very wet. (As we would be relieved at
8 P. M.) The Pickets continued firing most the day. A small skirmish
taken place above the dam between a Reg'mt from La. We succeeded in
driving in the enemy's pickets, killing several, while we had one slightly wounded.

The Texan Rangers were sent out as scouts in the swamp most the day, so all the firing that was done on our side was done by them while our guns kept silent. We were relieved at 8 P. M. by the 9th Geo of Gen "Jones" Brigade. So we returned to our quarters cold, wet as possibly could be, & had to dry our blankets before we could sleep. We lie down on the wet ground before a hot fire & slept finely till morning, without supper. We were so weared we could have "slept most anywhere; I could I am sure."

April the 27th. "Sunday." 1862.

Cloudy with apperance of rain. We all slept quite late & all seemed very much weared & looked quite lazy as we had nothing to do today but rest, no working on the entrenchments today. As it is the first day we have had to rest in 2 weeks, so of course it was quite desirable to us, most of us slept during the day, while some were cooking, as we had to go on post at night, while some were writing letters to their friends, thus we spent the day.

At 8 P. M. we were ordered to the entrenchments, at our former place. At 11 P. M. the booming of canmons were renewed, & also a few shots of the pickets above dam No. 1. We kept a close watch all night, but no enemy made their apperance. It was a cloudy, cold night. We did very well till morning. "Lockhart" sent to the rear as sick.

April the 28th. "Monday." 1862.

All being quite cold we built small fires in the pit. A little
cloudy this morning, but at 10 A. M. the sun shone out clear, 'tis a very pleasant & warm day, the sun shines warm. The 2nd Geo were removed from their position to the left, so our Reg'mt had to occupy as much as 2 Reg'mts did. So we were scattered along the entrenchments in one rank. At 11 A. M. a detachment of men numbering near a hundred were seen beyond the pond approaching us some 300 yds from us, we supposing them as friends, as we were told that we had a few scouts beyond the pond & we were ordered not to shoot, but we were fooled, they proved to be the enemy. We remained silent, when their bullets came whizzing around us & over our heads; we then renewed the fire, but their bullets came faster than ours, only a part the Reg'mt replying, if we had not been ordered not to shoot, no doubt we would have killed & wounded several. The firing continued for some 20 minutes, we could not put our head above the banks, if so a ball would whiz by. 2 were wounded while working on the entrenchments to our rear. They remained a short time in the pond, they supposing we were no doubt trying to surround them, they very quickly fell back a signal was fired from their cannon & immediately they withdrew. All was again quiet, occasionally a few fires from the pickets.

At 3 P. M. Major Gen "MaGruder" Gen "Toombs" & their Staff came to the entrenchments & examined the pits. Was relieved at 8 P. M. found some difficulty in getting to Camp, as it was very dark & muddy.
April the 29th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Remained in Camps today. 7 Companies worked on the entrenchments, commencing on the right. Most the boys put the time off in cooking till 1 P. M. when we received orders to be ready to move to the rear some ½ mile. We left & am now encamped in a wet swamp, water sorry. We soon put up a tent by stretching a blanket, appearance of rain at present. Several the boys returned from Richmond where they was sent as sick, vis. T. Clary, B. Elliott & J. Crawford, A. J. Steed, P. Gullatt, & P. Zellars all look well but P. Gullatt.

All preparing to go to the entrenchments tonight, very dark, rained while in the pit. Received a letter from home written in March. Also one sent by "Florence" written the 20th. T. Heamesberger returned from Richmond.

April the 31st. "Wednesday." 1862.

No Enemy made their appearance last night, all in the entrenchments in single rank, one Reg't occupied the space of 2 Reg'ts.

Pickets kept up a continual firing all day, a few Texan scouts in the pond, rained little while in the pit. Some built a little fire in the pit, remained all day in the pit, was relieved at 8 P. M. Very dark found it some difficulty in getting to the Camps for the mud & brush. The road was quite muddy & slippery, several fell down.

Arrived at Camps at 9 P. M. where we had provisions ready to eat & a hot fire to dry, rained a little during the night.
May the 1st. "Thursday."  1862.

Cloudy this morning, several the sick sent off to the landing to be sent to Richmond Hospital. Jas. Loftin, D. Munford, A. C. Lockhart, R. T. Callara, L. Kendall left for home today, received a discharge the 29th. Carried several letters for the boys. Election came off for "Lieutenant Col & Major". The candidates were Millican for Lt. Col & J. T. Smith & J. C. Burch for Major, which resulted in a unanimous vote for Millican as Lt. Col. & J. T. Smith Major, by 23 votes. Mustered in "C" service for 2 months pay. Went in the rifle pits tonight. 3 men from our Company sent to cook all night for us, as we were going back to the rear. They cooked all night, the enemy kept a great deal of confusion during the night their artillery could be heard plain moving about. We expected to be attacked during the night but all passed off quietly.

May the 2nd. "Friday."  1862.

Still in the entrenchments, I have a severe headache

Still cooking for us, our Knap sacks are brought to the pits to us. I left for "Williamsburg" in the evening as I was unwell & the army aimed to fall back at night & I am too unwell to march at night.

I passed "Lebanon" Church at 4 P. M. & saw them destroying the provisions Sugar, molasses, flour, peas & salt. Most the sugar & molasses were taken by the soldiers. I being quite unwell travelled only 1/2 miles from Lebanon Church, & stopped for the night with a few
of the 8th 10 & 9th Geo, encamped in an old field. The Reg'tmt was not relieved till midnight & then had to remain near the pits all day. Most the Reg'tmts left during the day, the road was filled with soldiers; being too unwell to march in ranks, H. Glaze, L. Parks, P. Gullatt, left for Richmond. All the waggons of the Briggade left in the morning for Williamsburg.

News confirmed of the enemy being in New Orleans.

May the 3rd. "Saturday." 1862.

Left my encampment, being some better, at 7 A. M. for Williamsburg 8 miles ahead. The road was filled with soldiers, & the road was very muddy. Some 300 negroes were working on the road. I arrived at "W" at 10 A. M. very much wearied. The town was filled with soldiers, it is quite a large place, larger than Washington, Geo. The Town is very old & in a low wet place, & since occupied by soldiers they have used it quite rough. Here is William & Mary College, the oldest institute in "America" now occupied by the sick as a Hospital & the Asylum which is quite a large building covering a large space.

I got my dinner in town & left for the waggon which was in the suburbs of town. At 10 P. M. the waggons left to go 3 miles onward, I with several more remained till morning. Several devoted their time in fishing during the day.


Left "Williamsburg" at 7 A. M. with several others, & arrived at
the waggon at 9. The Reg left the pits at 8 P. M. Saturday & marched all night, arriving at Camps at 10 A. M. marching all night, 16 miles they were very much wearied when they got to Camps. We drew 2 days rations of meat, flour & crackers, the boys being so much wearied they only a few cooked as we had no cooking utensils. Some the boys slept, while a few cooked. We left Camp at 1 P. M. to go 12 miles by night, we left at quick time. A small skirmish taken place in town in the evening, we repulsed the enemy & captured a few pieces of artillery.

We marched quick time till 8 P. M. the Reg having marched 26 miles with but little rest, so sleep was necessary, especially at that time.

May the 5th. "Monday." 1862.

Raining this morning, when we arose we found our blankets wet. We only remained long enough to cook a little when we received orders to leave. The road was filled with wagons of the two Brigades ("Toombs" & "Andersons") went in front, several the soldiers went ahead with the wagons, but Gen Jones sent Cavaley ahead & turned them back to their Reg'mts; the 2 Brigades left Camps at 7 A. M. & moved through the rain 4 miles & then came to a halt & remained 4 hours in a lane near a good family. It still raining, we built fires in the road burning all the plank fence & rails, as we were wet. At 12 A. M. we were again in lines, marching in the rain, the roads very muddy. The roads were so rough we sent "Pioneers" ahead to work on the roads, the wagons are stailing most the evening. So we made slow
progress, it continued to rain all the evening with but little
intermission. We marched slowly as the wagons were constant mired
up; at 5 P. M. we came in one the muddiest roads I most ever saw, the
mud was nearly knee deep. We passed a creek over which was a log, most
the boys waded it as they were wet & muddy anyway. We marched so fast
here (as the wagons had taken another road) that most the Brigade
fell out. We continued to march till 9 P. M. the roads so muddy & so
dark, not over half the Reg'mt were in lines when they stopped; myself
& some doz more stopped some ½ mile behind the Reg'mt & built a fire,
as we were very wet & muddy, we lie down on the wet ground with wet
covering, & slept as well as we could wish. The roads were filled
with soldiers & all along the roads fires could be seen.

It stopped raining at 10 P. M. & soon was clear.

May the 6th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Clear & pleasant morning, all remained in Camps. The soldiers
that had fallen out ranks were continually coming in till noon; a
little rest was quite agreeable. A detail from our Reg'mt was sent
ahead the baggage train as guard. (as the enemy were reported in
front) A. "Gullatt, T. Beachesberger & A. H. Hardy" were sent from
our Company. At 1 P. M. we rec'd orders to go back as a fight was
expected in the rear. Our Company & few more left their Knap sack in
a pile as several were to unwell to make a force march, remained there.

We left at quick time marching 4 miles before resting. We stopped
1 hour & received orders to Camp, "till farther orders. We encamped
in a very good place burning all the rails around. Here we were without anything to eat, we sent after rations but they never came. We lie down having eaten nothing in 12 hours; we had fine weather, warm & pleasant. There was a house near by, the boys bought everything to eat she had & even killed the hogs.

May the 7th. "Wednesday." 1862.

We were ordered in lines at day break, & off we go at quick time towards "West Point". We marched only 4 miles & stopped at a small village ("Barhamsville") & rested 2 hours. Here was any quantity of Artillery. The lines of battle was formed about 30,000 in lines as far as the eye could see was soldiers & could see the glistening of Bayonets. "Toombs & Andersons" Brigade (I learn was to make the attack) We expected constant to see the enemy, but the 19th Geo & the Texans Reg'nts & a few more made the attack & repulsed the enemy driving them back to their gun boats & capturing 44 prisoners, (I saw these) they were mostly dutch. The boys were so hungry they killed most the hogs around & eat them without salt or bread. We stopped in a piece of woods near the village. Our rations came at 2 P. M. having eat nothing for nearly 24 hours (except the stolen meat) of course we were hungry. We drew 3 crackers, a little salt, a small piece of meat to do the next 24 hours. Most of them eat theirs at one meal. At dusk we received orders to go to New Kent C. H. before camping. We left at 7 P. M. after a march of a mile we stopped awaiting farther orders. (Col. "Benning" acting as Gen) He told us
that we had 12 miles to march before camping, & that we must keep up as the enemy was supposed to be in rear & front. We continued our march, resting but little, till nearly day when we stopped about 1½ hour; we lie down on the ground & was soon sleep. Having fires.

Soon we were in lines marching quick time; we stopped at sunrise but only halted 1 hour, & off we go again, arriving at New Kent C. H. at 8 A. M. only a small place.

May the 8th. "Thursday." 1862.

We arrived at New Kent C. H. at 8 A. M. Scarcely any village at all the C. H. filled with corn. We continued our march till 10 A. M. marching 4 miles beyond the C. H. So we marched 16 miles before resting any scarcely. We camped in a piece of woods, the boys were very tired, Hungry & Sleepy. Very soon after stopping, in a few minutes nearly all were sleep. We here drew ½ rations to do for 24 hours. Our ration was a tin cup of flour a little bacon & sugar; we had no cooking utensils. So we made our dough up on a piece of bark & cooked it most of us on a 3 pronged stick & eaten in haste & not half enough & do on that for the next 24 hours. This was hard but there was but little grumbling, as all knew the reason we got half rations. All the provisions we got was that which was brought from Yorktown all going & none coming, this only lasted untill we got near Richmond & then full rations were issued. We remained at this point all night. All were very glad, as sleep was quite desirable
May the 9th. "Friday." 1862.

A beautiful day, we left this place at 9 A. M. to go 10 miles on "Chickahominy" river. We left at quick time, the roads were exceedingly dusty.

We had taken a different road to what we went, therefore leaving our Knapsack to our left. So of course we lost everything we had, all our clothing. The guard that was left with them had orders to leave as the enemy were in close pursuit. The clothing was taken by another Regt. the remainder was supposed to be burnt. We arrived at the river at 1 P. M. & drew ½ rations, it being quite warm, we had a fine time of it. The moon shone beautifully, all were quite lively & spent the night pleasantly.

May the 10th. "Saturday." 1862.

All arose very much refreshed & remained in Camps till 2 P. M. when we received orders to go back ½ miles as a fight was anticipated. We went back in the heat of day, the roads very dusty, we stopped in line of battle. "Toombs & Anderson's" Brigade. We remained in line till 5 P. M. when we were ordered back to our former Camps, where we arrived at 8 P. M. Wagons continued to pass us nearly all the evening. Here those of the Regt. & Pioneers that had been sent off 3 days previous came to us. We received also a mail the first one for 2 weeks. I rec'd one from home, also "Steed." Here we heard the particulars of the Williamsburg fight, we captured 320 prisoners & drove the enemy back
with heavy loss on both sides.


We were ordered in lines at light to go back again. Very soon we were ready & in the road. A Hogshead of Molasses being near the road, with the head cut, most the boys filled their canteens, I for one & soon got away. The commissary man seeing it ordered those he saw to empty back the molasses again. Most of us were too far gone, several got a little. We were entitled to it, but owing to the carelessness of the commissary we were deprived 'till next day, when we ought to have got it. the previous night; we marched only 2 miles & were ordered to the right wing of the army, & ordered in line of battle in a piece of woods. We stacked arms & remained in their rear, some reading & some writing & sleeping &c.


A beautiful day quite warm. All still at their same places, eating what little we get & sleeping (I think we are entitled to rest as we have seen some very rough times for the last 2 weeks) several writing letters. Jas. Jennings came in Camps from Richmond, received an order that no one was allowed to leave the Reg'tmt over a mile, if so would be tried as a deserter. All the stragling soldiers & those that were supposed well in town were sent for. All quiet in Camps.

May the 13th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Still in line of battle expecting orders constant. All sitting
around their guns, some cooking &c

Heard of the victory of "Jackson" & Beauregard, & reported that the Merimac was blown up.

Several the boys came in from Richmond. R. & T. H. Remson, T. Gullars, Lieut. Dallas from Hospital, also J. Norman, Florence returned from home on furlough. Payton Norman came to our Company & expects to join it. T. H. Remson transferred from Company "C" to our Company, he was a substitute of 2 months for "Blackwell," his time was out May the 1st.

2 Companies of the Reg't sent out as Pickets. Election came off this evening at 5 P. M. for Orderly Sergeant, "Hawes & Colvin" candidates. "Hawes" elected by two thirds majority. All quiet in Camp.

May the 14th. "Wednesday." 1862.

Cloudy this morning appearance of rain. All still in lines of battle & doing nothing. Several the sick sent to Richmond, in our Company Jas. "Jennings" R. Remson & Thom. Sale

Received a letter from "B. G. F." & answered today.

3 P. M. raining, we made a tent of blankets. Election for Capt's came off in Cos."B" & "C." "Pace" Capt. elected in Co "B" & "Heard" in Comp'ny "C".

Wrote a letter home. Continued to rain slowly during the night.


Dripping rain this morning. All in line of battle. 2 P. M.

received marching orders to be off as soon as possible in the direction
of "Richmond." We marched only 1/2 mile & remained in line some 2 hours in an open field in the rain, awaiting for the Artillery to pass. Soon we were in the road marching quick time, the roads quite muddy. We taken the mud, of course we were muddy & wet, (it still raining) After a march of 3 miles we halted to rest & only for 10 minutes. After a march then of 1 mile we came to

river, crossing on a bridge. Here we saw Gen. "Toombs Major Gen. McGruder" & Staffs stopped at the bridge. (Some the boys broke ranks to buy a few cakes but was sent back as they went by the "Col")

After a muddy march of 3 miles we again stopped, only a part the Brigade, (as we were told we had taken the wrong road) but we moved on as we had not received definite orders from the proper one. We went (still raining) till dark when we stopped expecting to Camp, but no! in line again, & off we go taking a new road & a very muddy one & very dark. Crossing the R. R. the wagons began to stall. We came to a branch, we waded it, most of us. After a march of 1 mile we stopped to Camp for the night, in a piece of woods. At 10 P. M. (still raining) we destroyed all the fence near as we were wet & this was the only chance to get wood, we made large fires & built a Shelter & soon were ready to sleep by midnight. we passed the night off in sleep finely marching 8 miles.

May the 16th. "Friday." 1862.

Cloudy this morning. All lying about in Camps. 9 A. M. I am
detailed to go to the Depot for provisions for the Brigade, 3 miles from Camp; the Brigade rec'd marching orders while absent, quite difficulty to get to the Camps, as "Cobb's Artillery" were in the advance & were stalling often. We arrived at the Camps at 1 P. M. (the Brigade having left at 12 A. M.) We were ordered by Gen. "Cobb" to remain until his army had passed which (which consisted of several pieces of Artillery, his Brigade over a 100 waggons large & small. "Thos. Cobb's" Legion & baggage waggons) (near 100)

So by the time these had passed it was near night. Such a crowd of waggons being ahead we made but slow progress, marching only 4 miles per hour; the road was very muddy, we travelled a road through the country the people (especially the girls were very much frightened) We arrived at the Brigade at 10 P. M. & then went to the "Commissary". So by time I got to my Reg'mt all was sleep (11 P. M.) The Reg'mt arriving at Camp at 5 P. M. marching 5 miles.

May the 17th. "Saturday." 1862.

A beautiful day warm & pleasant. All lying about in Camps, some cooking &c, getting only half rations. Drawing a few crackers, meal, & ½ lbs of meat per day apiece, with no cooking utensils. We are now 5 miles from Richmond Encamped in a pine field, no wood & sorry water. One the 20th Geo (of "Toomb's" Brigade) foun dead on his pallet this morning. Supposed he died of congestive chill. Peyton Florence mustered in the Confederate service for the War.

Received marching orders to be ready to leave, at 2 P. M. we were
in lines ready to leave. The evening was quite warm, after a march of 4 miles we stopped to rest & only a few minutes we passed through the Suburbs of the "City," & rested only 15 minutes, after a march of 2 miles we stopped to Camp in a beautiful grove, 2 miles from the "Capitol Sqr" arriving at Camps at 8 P. M. marching 6 miles. So we have been on an exposed march going to & fro on 3/4 rations for 2 weeks marching over 100 miles.

We were not allowed to cut the wood, wood was furnished us.

L. Parks & D. Mumpford arrived in Camps.

May the 18th. "Sunday." 1862.

All in Camps enjoying fine health. A beautiful day; our Camps being in a beautiful grove & well shaded. Sent to the City after some provisions, succeeded in getting some "Molasses Cakes & Pinders" &c.

Received orders to send all baggage that was not needed at present to be sent to Camp "Pinder." The Officers allowed a valise to be carried in the wagons (as we have 7 wagons to the Reg't); a difficulty occurred in Camps this evening between "Lofton & Hubbard" ("Fire Side Guards").

Several ladies of the City came out to the Camps.


Cloudy appearance of rain, received very strict orders today that none was permitted to visit the City under no circumstances whatever, unless a written consent from Gen. "McGruder" & none permitted to leave the Camps as a strict guard was around the Camps, not permitted to
leave only for water. So of course all remained in Camps. Went through the Manual of Arms this evening.

Received marching orders to leave immediately. Soon all in lines & ready to leave at 5 P. M. We leave the Camps in a North West course from Richmond, marching slowly over a beautiful country, splendid fields of wheat & a rich country. After a march of 2½ miles we stopped for to Camp, at 8 P. M. in an old field; no wood, & water a great distance. The Brigade all stacked arms & in lines ½ mile long. A part the 20th Geo on Piquet. Sleep being quite necessary soon all were scattered about on the ground to rest for the night.

Serg't Jas Cartledge, John Bohler, J. M. Reid, & W. M. Cartledge arrived in Camps from Richmond. Hospt. The former from guarding the baggage of the Reg'nt.

May the 20th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Beautiful day, a detail to clean of a place for dress parade & guard mounting. No wood in Camps. No drill today as 'tis wash day, all doing nothing. Drill in the evening. Dress parade at 6 P. M. & orders read to us. Lieut. Dallas, officer of guard; special orders read that no one is permitted to go out by Regimental Sentinels, & Drill 5 hours pr day. Appearance of rain this evening. We made tents of blankets. But little rain at night.

May the 21st. "Wednesday." 1862.

The night passed off without raining. Clear & a beautiful day. Sun shines warm, drill one hour before breakfast & 2 before dinner, no
drill this evening.

Received orders from Gen Toombs to be ready to go in advance, he was expecting orders to leave; that the enemy was advancing on the turnpike. All was soon ready & awaiting for marching orders.

At 5 P.M. the order was countermanded so all quiet again. Dress parade & Gen Butler's (Federalist) proclamation to the people of New Orleans read to the soldiers. 10 P.M. received orders to be ready at a moments warning, perhaps we would leave some time during the night.

May the 22nd. "Thursday." 1862.

Long roll beat (of the Brigade) this morning at 3 A.M. to be ready to leave. All were soon up & ready to leave, & awaiting for marching orders, none came, the order being countermanded. Drill this morning.

Received a letter from home & answered it.

2 P.M. Heavey cloud with thunder this Eve. Heavy rain; had blankets stretched to keep off the rain. Received orders to be ready to march at any moment. Expected to be ordered away all night; the night passed away without any molestation.

May the 23rd. "Friday." 1862.

Received marching orders at 4 A.M. Soon all our blankets & evry thing was ready, cooking utensils put in the waggons & line formed, we left in North east direction. Crossing the Richmond & Orange R. R. &
encamped in a large piece of woods, near a fish pond, marching 2 miles. So we are now 3 miles from the City; guards were immediately put around the Reg't & the evening most the boys were in the pond.

5 P. M. Our Company sent on picket 1 mile from the Reg't. Our position was on a high hill, with 2 post & 2 men on a post; part the Company sent to the rear & 2 acted as "Couriers" for the Company, (I acted as Corporal) Was on guard from 12 P. M. 'till 2 A. M. A close watch was kept out during the night. A Skirmish took place in the evening. We took 3 prisoners.


May the 24th. "Saturday." 1862.

No disturbance during the night, at 2 A. M. the Artillery could be heard moving, getting a good position. At 4½ A. M. the Artillery opened on the enemy, soon firing of the infantry was heard, but quite slowly, (probably the Piquets.) The cannonading continued quite regularly 'till noon (or nearly) the result is not known. A yell was given by one the parties, the result of the skirmish is not known (up to 6 P. M.) Our Piquets were driven across the river. Washington (New Orleans) Artillery opened on 3 Companies near a bridge on the R. R. in the evening. Continued to rain most the day. Had it not been raining probably there would have been a general engagement. Got very wet, was relieved at 4 P. M. by Co. "B" (of our Reg'tmt)

Arrived at Camps with wet blankets & quite hungry; expecting to
be called momentarily, all holding themselves in readiness at any moment to be called. All engaged in cooking tonight preparing provisions for next day, as we have orders to be ready, perhaps we may be called before day.

At 11 P. M. I lie down on the damp ground with a damp blanket to sleep.


Clear & pleasant day, all quiet this morning. The night passed off without any molestation. Nothing of interest transpired before noon. Capt. went to Richmond today as sick. Wm. Martin returned from Richmond Hosp. to Camps, very hoarse.

Orders came to be in lines in haste, in a few minutes we were in lines & off we go, leaving several behind, a few sick, and some having no guns, as they left the Hospit. & brought no guns. We went only ½ mile & found a line of battle. Here we saw the enemies balloon go up. We were ordered to keep very close. We remained in lines only 1 hour (from 5 'till 6 P. M.) Gen "Toombs" passing our Company & remarked the Gent'ls were afraid to show themselves but the men were not. The night passed away & all quiet.

May the 26th. "Monday." 1862.

Cloudy; this morning I am detailed on Reg'mt guard. (Remson Corpo'l) Guarded a man who was put under guard for getting drunk. Reg'mt drill today, Capt. Rosser of Washington Artillery wounded
slightly in the arm by a piece of bomb in the skirmish of Saturday morning. Our forces fell back this side the river.

One the Hancock Vol'trs ("Parker") died suddenly today at 3 P. M. he drilled forenoon & seemed quite well, & while walking about the Camps dropped dead. ("Truly in the midst of life we are in death")

8 P. M. raining quite slowly, the guard taken off & dismissed except those who are to guard the prisoner.

Remained in the guard tent all night, raining all night, very disagreeable night; suffered with the toothache all night.

T. H. Albea received a nice treat of strawberries from Miss "Southerland" Sunday. Had the chance to try them. Sent to Richmond & got some syrup, coffee &c.

May the 27th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Still raining, quite late before all arose from sleep. Several the boys got very wet as it rained without intermission all night. Was relieved from guard this morning. Thos. A. Albea sent off near Richmond as guard. Spent most the day in sleep, as I didn't sleep any during the night. Received pay rolls today.

Went over to Gen'l "Toombs" quarters & heard a lecture from Rev. Dr. "Stiles".

Heavy Cannonading over Chickahominy river, the muskets heard distinctly - the fight was near Hanover C. H.

1 P. M. heavy fighting going on some 4 miles from our piquet lines
Musketry continued without any intermission scarcely 'till sunset, also cannonading. Went over on a high hill (most the Regiment) to listen to battle while going on. Saw a balloon go up. All quite anxious to hear from the engagement. A. F. Fleming left for home (30 days) on furlough.

May the 28th. "Wednesday." 1862.

A clear & pleasant morning. Peter Zellers sent to Richmond sick. Company drill. Saw the Dispatch which stated we repulsed the enemy in the first engagement at 12 A. M. the 28th N. C. Reg't took 53 prisoners from the 25th N. Y. Reg't & killed most the remainder.

The report confirmed of the great victory at Front Royal & Winchester by Gen'l "Jackson" Captured 2600 prisoners & completely routed Gen'l "Banks" & army & was in pursuit of him, took the 1st M. D. Reg't & a Vt. Reg't of Cavalry (Morgan Stock)

Company drill in the Eve & dress parade. Wrote a letter home.

8 P. M. received orders to cook 2 days rations & be ready to march any moment; all very busy cooking & up 'till quite late. The general question is "Where are we going."

May the 29th. "Thursday." 1862.

Beautiful day. The night passed away without any molestation whatever. All quiet at 8 A. M. Several on the sick list. Abb Gullatt a little sick. The enemy got the best of the fight of Tuesday eve. (Gen "Branch" 3500 McDowell 15,000) Company drill today.

May the 30th. "Friday." 1862.

Cloudy, appearance of rain this morning; most the sick about well. Capt. "Hearnesberger" officer of the day.

Report that Gen'l Jackson was in Md., crossing the river above "Harper's Ferry".

A dark cloud with heavy thundering & lightning. Commenced raining at 3 P. M. & continued without intermission 'till near night. No drill today as 'tis wash day, most the boys were in the pond. Capt. purchased some clothing for the boys that needed clothing.

Elijah "Leverett" & Jas. A. Jennings discharged from Confederate States service on account of old age. report that one the "Fire Side Guards" shot & killed one the enemies piquets on "Chickahominy" swamp.

9 P. M. commenced raining again. Heavy peals of thunder & almost one continual flash of lightning, raining very fast at midnight, all got quite wet, rain ceased near day. So the night was quite disagreeable one to meet the boys.

May the 31st. "Saturday." 1862.

Cloudy & wet morning evry thing very damp. No sick in Camps. Received marching orders at 11 A. M. Soon all were in lines, although our blankets were mostly very wet. We left in an easterly course,
marching in plain view of the enemy. (only a swamp between us.)
After a march of one mile we came to the Turnpike. Here we could see the enemy moving about distinctly, their picquet in plain view.
We marched across the Pike marching only 2 miles we stopped to Camp in a disagreeable pine field; (where cavalry had been encamped) we only remained here about 1 hour, only a few preparations had been made by the boys. We removed to the left, where our encampment is but little better, the ground rough, wood scarce. (there was several cords of wood piled up for the R. R. which we soon removed). Water close & not very good. (but will do very well) Cannonading could be heard distinctly also musketry, heavy fighting going on near Bottoms Bridge. Most the day for the last 4 hours musketry has been going on with but little intermission, & while I write (5 P. M.) I can hear the musketry plain & heavy cannonading. A severe battle is raging in that direction (only 3 miles off).

6 P. M. A continual roar of musketry & heavy cannonading, a severe battle is raging; one almost continual roar of musketry has been going on for the last 6 hours; Heavy cannonading commenced on our lines. Several batteries can be seen throwing bombs near our Camps; Several the boys out on a hill near Camps looking at the enemy fire their cannons. Received orders to be ready at a moments notice to go to any point; Heavy musketry firing going on at dark, occasionally the report of a cannon can be heard. The firing ceased at 8 P. M. Various rumors in circulation, about the battle. Several the boys
preparing rations expecting to leave for the battle field before day. We lie down with the expectation of being called up before day (most the boys did.)

June the 1st. "Sunday." 1862.

The night passed away without any molestation, raining a little this morning at light. "Long roll" beat at day, fight renewed early, musketry heard distinctly. Heavy fighting going on near the mouth of the Chickahominy river. Rumored that Gen Jn. Johnson severely wounded.

11 A. M. received marching orders to go towards the battle now raging. Soon all in lines with but little time to fix, & off we go. The enemies balloon was up and could easily see our Brigade marching, it remained up most the day. After a march of 1½ miles we stopped to rest where we remained in a beautiful shade some 2 hours. It now being the heat of the day we were again in lines to march, passing over an open field (it was a very warm day sure.) We suffered a little for water. We marched quick time mostly; we soon passed in plain view of the enemies battery & their tents could be seen distinctly. The enemy fired several times at the Brigade while passing (only 1½ mile) but the shell fell short & burst too soon. After marching quick time for some 3 miles several the Brigade began to fall out some almost ready to faint. We came in the road we came to "R" while coming from off the Peninsula marching that road 1 mile. Here we met the Citizens
with small wagons with Jugs of Rum & other stimulants for the sick & wearied soldiers.

We marched after leaving the "R" road 1 mile, when we stopped to rest, marching 4 miles a warm day. Stopping to rest at 1 P.M. most the Brigade had fallen out. We stopped only a few moments when again we were off. Soon we arrived at the R. R. (crossing it) Here I saw the wounded & dying, any quantity, the cars were nearly full & wagons. Ambulances, carriages & several small vehicles were unloading the wounded. Wagons &c continually go to & fro bringing them. It was a sad sight, some with their legs & arms shot off, several dangerously wounded. I stopped only a few moments. After leaving the R. R. we met wagons & all kind of Vehicles bringing the wounded to the cars; we soon came to the Hospital. Here again was another sad sight. I saw the wounded, dying & dead lying about in the yard. The Drs. were busy waiting on them. We marched 1 mile to our stopping place. Having marched 7 miles. We formed a line of battle near where the battle commenced Saturday Eve. Here there were several thousands in line, expecting constant to enter a fight. Here I saw several burying the dead. We remained here till 7½ P.M. Read several Yankee letters, we captured all their Camp equipage provisions &c getting possession of the Camps the enemy encamped the night previous. We drove the enemy into their entrenchments. (this morning) Here I talked with several that was engaged in the fight. Loss was terrific on both sides. We left at 7½ P.M. the roads part the way was very muddy; as we passed through a swamp. I had a severe sick headache & could not march, I
went only 2 miles when I stopped on the road side to remain 'till morning, several remained with me. (P. G. R. T. C. & J. B. R.)

It rained a little during the night. There was a severe dark cloud accompanied with thunder & lightning with but little rain.

The Reg't only went 2 miles.

June the 2nd. "Monday." 1862.

We left our encampment for the brigade at light, & soon came to them (only 2 miles) Most the boys were asleep, & all seemed very much wearied. We had but few provisions & no cooking utensils, so we did not fare so well. We remained here 'till 11 A. M. when we received marching orders to go back near where we were the previous day. We marched only 2 miles the same road, when we piled our Knap sack &c in a pile expecting to go in a battle. We marched only 1 mile & formed a line on a branch & loaded our guns. Gen. Tombs requested Col. McIntosh to send him a Company of riflemen, he sent our Company. We started to him, & remained near his quarters ½ hour when he countermanded the order & we were sent back to our position in the Reg't.

The Reg't all being here in the hot sun, we stacked our guns & went 50 yds to the rear in a shade, a very disagreeable & wet place. 2 Reg'ts of our Brigade were sent off as Piquets. We remained here all night without any blankets or covering. We lie down in a wheat field near our guns, on some trash. At 1 A. M. a severe cloud arose accompanied with thunder & lightning, we went back to the swamp & made
fires & lie down under trees, it ceased near day.

A detail of men was sent from our Reg'mt some 100 yds to our front to report when they heard the piquets fire. Lieut. "Cullatt" commanded the squad.

It rained till near day, so but few of us got but little sleep. "Sale" arrived in Camp from Hosp't.

June the 3rd. "Tuesday." 1862.

All still in the swamp, expecting constant to be called out. Piquets continually firing most the day. Heavy cloud arising thunder & lightning. The enemy threw bombs near our Camps throwing them for an hour. We were in lines, but it all turned out to be nothing so all was quiet again. We remained in the swamp all day, the sun being so hot in the open field.

("Clary" sent to Richmond sick.)

rained a little during the evening. All very hungry having eat nothing scarcely for 12 hours. Sent to our rear & had provisions cooked for the Company. A Skirmish took place at 3 P. M. Heavy firing for a few moments; very soon all was quiet. Various reports of the battle of the 31st & 1st. Our loss was very severe; (especially wounded) Gen "Reeds" Brigade suffered most, having nearly half killed & wounded. We captured nearly a 1000 prisoners several thousand stand of arms &c

One the 17th Geo wounded accidentally in the foot. 7 P. M.

Raining a little. Received a letter from home. Most the boys remained in the swamp all night. At 2 A. M. it commenced raining, very soon we
were up (as we had no blankets or shelter) it continued to rain so we all got very wet. We built fires & sit up by them with our cartridge box around us to keep dry.

June the 4th. "Wednesday." 1862.

Still raining at sun rise, all very wet & continued 'till evening. All had to leave the swamp & go some distance to the rear, as the branch had overflowed its banks & run us out. The only question was "I want to eat" (It rained so our provisions could not be cooked) At 2 P. M. our meals came, all were very hungry.

It ceased raining late in the evening. At 5 P. M. we were ordered to go on Piquet. (the 15th & 2nd Geo) to relieve the 1st Geo Regulars & 10th Geo Vol. Soon we were off, going through a wet swamp. Our reserve was in a swamp or pond. 2 Companies were sent from our Reg'nt "Hancock Guards & Vol'tre". No fire was permitted. So we lie down on some bushes in the swamp & covered with a wet blanket. At 9 P. M. it commenced raining, but we kept our post, we got quite wet, it rained but a short time. All did very well & slept sound as ever &c

Thus ends 11 months of my life in the army. A few of the incidents are here inscribed. A part the time was very rough, especially from the 15th of April till the 16th of May. This book commences Feb the 11 (this being the 2nd book.) I shall still continue the 3d. book. A great many mistakes have been made; but if I outlive the war & get home I shall correct them by writing out another book & adding there too. (as my chance to write in Camps has been bad.)