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June the 5th. "Thursday." 1862.

Cloudy & wet day. Heavy cannonading to our left, the enemy replying to our guns. We opened 4 pieces on them, killing several (as they were seen carrying them off on "litters") we had a few horses killed & one man wounded. They hoisted a white flag to cease hostilities, but no attention was paid to them, as it was supposed they wished to bring up larger pieces. T. Reason was detailed from our Company for fatigue duty. Our Company & Co's "B" was sent on Piquet at 4 P. M. 5 men at a post, & 8 men to act as scouts sent ½ mile advance in a thicket & swampy place, to remain 12 hours. All quiet during the night.

June the 6th. "Friday." 1862.

Raining a little this morning. I with 6 more sent as advance Piquets & act as scouts. Our position was in a thicket of bushes with water shoe deep. We kept very close. Could look down the York river R. R. & see the enemy building entrenchments. It rained on us at 12 A. M. At 2 P. M. the Adjutant accompanied by Lieuts. "Calloway & Edwards" with a detail of men were sent out to find a better position, they remained a short time. We were relieved at 5 P. M. by a part the "Delhi Rangers" We arrived at the Regimental reserve near sun set. (We expected to be relieved next day.) but was relieved by "Hampton's Brigade," that evening. We were soon in line & left at quick time, marching 1 mile where we came to the baggage waggons, we remained here only a few moments & left in a different direction to what we expected.
After marching across the "Richmond" 9 mile road we stopped in a very filthy place, remained only a few moments & then marched ½ mile where we stopped for the night. It was some time after we got there before we was permitted to break ranks. At last we scattered through the pines & soon made us a rough pallet for we were very tired & sleepy. We got but little to eat, we spent a good nights rest.

Saw a piece in the papers that "Pierce Ware" was wounded in the fight of Saturday.

June the 7th. "Saturday." 1862.

Part the day clear & beautiful. We all remained in Camps, doing nothing. I & T. H. Albes took a long walk towards the river. Came to a battery where there was a beautiful Orchard, remained there a short time & returned to Camps. All quiet in Camps.

2 P. M. a dark cloud with thunder & lightning, considerable rain, most our blanket shelters leaked. At 6 P. M. we received orders to leave & go on Piquet near the enemy (we had just come off). At 8 P. M. we were ordered in lines to leave (at this time I received a letter from "L. B. O." We expected to go in a fight next morning, was requested to take down the number of men & names, by light next morning we were soon off going across an open field. Arrived at post at 9 P. M. & relieved "Griffith's Brigade" (of Mississippian) who had been on piquet 2 weeks. Our Reg'mt did not go on Piquet but we were to support 4 pieces of Artillery, the 17th Geo piquets were in 100 yds of our Reg'mt. We were ordered to sleep with one eye open. We lie down with our shoes on. Ground damp.
June the 8th. "Sunday." 1862.

Beautiful day. Piquets commenced firing early (as we are not over 500 yds apart) Our piquets in an open field, the enemies in the edge of the woods; our position (15th Geo.) is in a ravine, so we can’t be seen by the enemy, all the Brigade near each other. We are encamped near Dr. "Garnett’s" farm. The soldiers have nearly ruined his fine dwelling, his orchard & fine garden, his crop of corn, several hundred acres a complete ruin, also wheat & oat crop.

Our Piquets on one end the wheat field & the enemies the other. We expected to be attacked constant; our Batteries opened on the enemy early, our Reg’mt was removed from its position as we expected the enemy would shell us, we only remained away a few moments. Cannonading has been going on most the day by both parties. We were ordered in lines several times during the day. Our Cartridge boxes were around us most the day, but finally the day passed away & all quiet. Piquets firing most the night.

June the 9th. "Monday." 1862.

We were aroused this morning quite early, buckling our belts & gun ready; But nothing done. A skirmish took place on our right, by some Texans of "Hood’s" Brigade they captured a few prisoners & drove back the enemy, 2 killed & a few wounded for us. Several batteries around opened upon the enemy they replying, several their shots fell near but no damage done to us. We placed 2 pieces near our Piquets
& opened upon the enemy. Cannonading most the day, Piquets firing regular all day. One the Delhi Rangers (Ennis Willis) was shot by the enemy quite a serious wound. Several our Company went beyond the lines & had several shots at the enemy. The enemy has several pieces mounted near our Piquets of the 1st Geo Regulars & 20th Ga Vol are not permitted to shoot they are in 200 yds of each other.

All quiet at present.

9 P. M. 2 pieces of artillery opened upon the enemy for a few rounds, (near the house). H. Leverett returned to Camps from Hospital.

June the 10th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Commenced raining at day quite slowly. But soon got faster. We all lie down in an open field without any covering except a blanket over us, we covered up our heads, & lie & took the rain, we got very wet. At 8 A. M. we concluded it was going to be a rainy day, we got up & made a tent of our blankets, & built fires in front, which did very well. Continued to rain nearly all day. Our rations was quite short & the general talk was "I want to eat" (Our provisions being cooked in the rear 1½ mile) At noon I was taken with a severe pain in my head & suffered most the evening.

9 P. M. Some the mess killed a hog & was up all night cooking as we were very hungry, getting ½ rations. 11 P. M. received orders to leave & go 200 yds & take the 2d Geo's position. 2 Companies sent on Piquet at 11½ P. M. We sit up most of n't & did not leave as ordered; quite a cool night. Answered L. B. G's letter.
June the 11th. "Wednesday." 1862.

All aroused at day break & soon in lines to go & take the 2nd Geo's position near the enemies Batteries & more exposed to the bombing of the enemy. We very soon we were at our position which was in a grove. (We left before light so as to prevent being seen by the enemy) Very soon (I for one) a few of us were asleep. All eat a hearty breakfast of the "pressed in Swine."

One the 17th Geo was severely wounded yesterday by a shell (his leg was afterwards amputated) "Brother & Parker Dory" came to see me today. Had been enquiring for him but could not hear from him. He was in the fight of 31st. half his company was killed & wounded. (C. E. Jones was wounded in the hand.) His Lieut. Col. & Major was killed, also the 3d Lieut. remained with me 'till 5 P. M.

A detail of 50 men was ordered from our Reg't to build rifle pits, 3 of these from our Company. I & Steed was one, we worked 2 hours, commencing at 12 P. M. At 2 A. M. our "Co" & "Co" K was sent on Piquet to relieve the Regulars. T. Remson sent to Richmond sick.

Wrote a letter to Mary Emma (sister)

June the 12th. "Thursday." 1862.

A pleasant warm summer day, I am quite unwell this morning, getting but little sleep during the night, was working while the moon was in eclipse. Firing opened between the Piquets at 2 A. M. on our right. All the Company on Piquet but a few left as guard at the rear Camp (½ mile) Brother came to see me again today & remained all day.
We went to the Piquests could see them plain. Some the Company talked with them asking their Reg'nt & to exchange papers, but refused the latter as it was against their officers will. "Capt" shot one today, as he was seen carried off. No firing permitted between the Piquests for thus an agreement was made. (especially those on our Company's line).

8 P. M. our Company was relieved by Company "B" & all went to Camps to get a nights rest, as we had been up for 2 nights previous. 4 Companies of our Reg'nt on Piquest tonight. All returned to Camps at moon rise. (9 P. M.) Our provisions cooked in the rear & sent to us, getting something to eat at 9 A. M. & 3 P. M. Our meat we got today spoiled & so we did without.

Lieut. Dallas & R. Reason went to Richmond.

June the 13th. "Friday." 1862.

A warm day. Our Battery near us opened upon the enemy this morning at 5½ A. M. & continued 'till nearly 7. (4 pieces opened.) We drove in the enemies piquets & advanced ours to where they was. We shelled the woods all around; a regular firing all day along the line. The 2nd La on our right killed a Yankee & got his gun &c. The 17th & 2nd Geo did most the firing, the Piquets along part our lines have not been firing upon each other untill this eve. when Gen "T" gave them ½ hour to leave their position. A Flag of Truce came over today at 12, for what I can't say now. A white flag has been waving part the evening. At 8 P. M. we were ordered in lines (we
had all lie down & was finely fixed) to go & work on a battery near the brick house. 4 Companies was sent on picket & the remainder sent (6) sent to work on entrenchments. 4 of these Companies had just come off picket duty & had been up for the last 24 hours, & now go immediately back was quite a trial. 3 Companies (ours, Companies "B" & "R" under Superintendant of Capt. "Culver & Pace") was sent to work near the brick house. 50 men worked at one time working 2½ hours, the remainder 50 commenced then relieving them at 1 A. M. I was on this relief, we worked till near 3, & then returned to Camps (some 300 yds.) The 3 other Companies worked near the Battery, & was relieved in the same way. 3 Companies of the 2nd Geo came to assist us but were not wanted at that time, so they left.

June the 14th. "Saturday." 1862.

A sultry warm day, we did not get up till near 8. Very warm. All remained in Camps all day, doing nothing. Wm Albea came to Camps today from the rear camp. But little firing along the lines of pickets. All quiet; our rations quite short, we drew wheat as a substitute.

8 P. M. The Reg't ordered to move & take the 1st Geo Regulars position near the brick house. Soon all in lines & then ordered to rest in place. After waiting ½ hour we were off. Stopped a few minutes at the "House." We arrived at post & began to relieve the Regulars near 10 P. M. 6 Companies of our Reg was put on post. Our Company "G" occupied the left (the enemy being in an open field & we in the
woods we had long range guns. 10 of the Company occupied a post in the swamp (I acted as Corporal with Serg't "Carrlage"), the former was up till 2 A. M. & I from that time till day. The reserve lies near a branch but could not sleep for "mosquitoes". The advance post was only 30 paces in front, & we had to cross a stream among briars & thick bushes. Quite tedious to travel as it was exceedingly dark. On our right was Company "B" it was very late before they could get their pickets posted as it was dark & the bushes very thick. But the night passed off finely. No firing on our line during the night.


Pleasant sultry morning, still on picket; regular firing kept up along the line; our Company in sight the enemy all day. (Some 600 yds) Several the boys shot at them, the enemy's balls fell near us. The enemy kept themselves hid only showing themselves at the bridge. Whenever they would show themselves we would shoot & they "would fall." Orders came for us to put on our cartridge box &G & hold ourselves in readiness for any attack or move.

A dark cloud this eve with thunder & lightning, raining slowly nearly all the evening. Several the boys made a shelter of "blankets". All holding themselves in readiness. Waggons & soldiers (Yankees) were seen passing all the evening.

10 P. M. The Artillery was heard to pass most the night. The enemy was working at the bridge during most the night (I was on post at 2 A. M & could hear them). All the army was in line as an attack
was expected in the evening. But the night passed off & all quiet.

June the 16th. "Monday." 1862.

Clear Cool morning. We expected to be relieved last night but was disappointed. All the Reg'mt on picket. 4 Companies has been on 3 nights in succession. Our breakfast came at 6 A. M. rations quite small. The Reg'mt in line of Battle. Our Company deployed as skirmishers down a thick, bushy swamp. Here we remained all day awaiting for the enemy. At 5 P. M. Capt. Liewt. Gullatt with 4 others went out scouting to see how far off the enemy was, after going some 150 yards beyond the picket line the came in sight of a few enemies pickets. Joshua Jones shot one, he was only 40 paces from him (he heard him groan) & call for help.

9 P. M. No relief yet. I am on guard in the swamp from 10 to 1:15 A. M. Received orders to sleep with our accoutrements in our hands as it was supposed we would be attacked at light. Firing going on all day & night between the pickets. J. B. Remson sent to hospital. J. Norman sent to Richmond.

June the 17th. "Tuesday." 1862.

The night passed off without any molestation. All quiet this morning. Quite cool. Clear day, with some wind. Received the sad news of the death of Peter "Zellars," (yesterday) who died at 3 A. M. the 15th. his remains was put in the dead house & will be sent home; Gen "Stuart" with several hundred Cavalry, 2 pieces of Artillery went
out from Richmond towards "Hanover" C. H. attacked & drove in the enemies pickets capturing several, thence proceeded to the (Pamunky) river, burnt 3 transport vessels, thence to the "York" R. R., killing the conductor & engineer, the cars & supposed run in the river, & thence crossed Chickahominy passing through the enemies lines, capturing 200 prisoners, 300 horses & mules & burnt 300 waggons & destroyed 1000000$ worth of Federal property.

11 P. M. Was relieved by a Company of the 1st Geo "Regulars." This Reg't relieved the "Brigade." We arrived at Camps 2 mile from picket line at 12½ P. M. After a few moments prepared a place & was soon asleep. Lieut. Dallas & Corp'l R. Ramon came from Richmond.

June the 18th. "Wednesday." 1862.

Pleasant day. Slept till 7 A. M. Nothing of interest in Camps; all resting, some writing letters, some cleaning up, &c. Lieut. Gallatt busy making out pay rolls, Capt went to Richmond to get the recruit's bounty.

"Pierce" came to see me today, told several the incidents of the battle of the 31st. Nothing of interest transpired in Camps, every thing wears the same.

5 P. M. dark cloud, from apperance it seems their will be considerable rain. But little fell!

Heavy picket firing in the night of "2 mile road" also heavy bombing on both sides, firing increasing at 7 P. M. Our brigade formed a line in a few moments & were off quick time, we (our Reg't)
only went to the edge of the old field some 500 yds & formed a line & was ready if needed, we were near the entrenchments. We remained some 10 minutes & went back to Camps, firing ceased.

Raining a little, we made a shelter of our blankets. But little rain during the night.

June the 19th. "Thursday." 1862.

Beautiful day, quite a stir among the soldiers. "Anderson's" Brigade encamped near us. Also "Griffith's" (Miss.) Brigade. The 2nd Geo Vol went on picket last night & relieved the 1st Geo Regulars. Several the Brigades in line of Battle. The heavy firing we heard yesterday was near the Williamsburg road (& Partly to the right of "2 mile Road")to the right of our Brigade's position, & connecting with it.

Quite a fight took place yesterday near the York River. a Reg deployed as skirmishers & attacked the enemy. We had 50 killed & a great many wounded, the enemy's loss was, it is said by the prisoners we captured, near 300, we buried 100. We drove them to their entrenchments and captured tents, Clothing &c.

Skirmishing along the line in places today. Cannonading on both sides regular during the day. The Irvin Artillery threw bombs among the enemy; 17th Geo Reg'mt relieved the 2nd Geo.

Nothing of interest transpired in Camps today. Night has come & we lie down with the expectation to sleep.
June the 20th. "Friday." 1862.

Warm & pleasant day. No disturbance during the night, all quiet in Camp. Lieut. Gullatt payed off the Company partly for 2 months, & our clothing. (25$) Paid us 45$ due us 23.

Heavy cannonading on our lines by the "Irvin Artillery". The enemy replying. 1 of the 8th Geo severely wounded by a piece of shells from the enemy.

Received a letter from Pa today. Capt returned from Richmond (at 12 A. M.) & payed off the recruits, he brought with him (March the 15th) their bounty (50$); J. B. Remson quite sick.

7½ P. M. received orders to go on picket & relieve the 17th Geo. 5 Companies went on post & 5 held as reserve. Our Company occupied the left. We are near the enemy, not over 100 yds in night can hear them talk. I & 2 occupied the extreme left & was up nearly all night, firing going on along the line, none at our post. We kept a very close watch all night. All quiet during the night.

June the 21st. "Saturday." 1862.

3 A. M. Quite a stir among the enemies pickets, their relief came & made considerable noise. We expected they would advance, all up & awaiting for them, at light we fell back in the woods behind the trees (as firing is kept up all day on this line). The enemy commenced firing on us early, we replied. Several balls hit the tree at the post I stood at. It is thought that 2 was shot at this post by our men. We fired so fast they hoisted a white flag but we did not notice
it, the boys on the right shot 2. The Ambulance was seen near their post. We drove them quick time from the bridge (500 yds) firing was kept up all day by our boys, the enemy replying at times.

6 P. M. heavy skirmishing on the "9 mile road" a regular firing; Heavy cannonading, the firing lasted near 1 hour. We was relieved by a Company of the 20th Geo (this Reg'mt relieving ours) It was near 10 P. M. before we left the line & near 11½ before we reached Camps.

J. Normon came to Camps. A. D. "Chennault" arrived in Camps from home after "Mahoney" who was sick.

June the 22nd. "Sunday." 1862.

Very warm day. We slept till 1 hour by sun. All quiet in Camps. Heavy firing on the picket line about 2 A. M. & 12 P. M. to the right of the "9 mile road" most the firing done by the enemy to see where our post was. We kept quiet & made no reply.

A general engagement was expected early this morning. Several the boys writing letters & aim to send money to their parents, by Mr "Chennault."

Preaching in Camps by a member of "Pool" Vol. ("Hart Co) I heard part his sermon, 5th Chp & 1 & 2nd verse of "Rom" the first I have heard in 9 months. Several the boys sick; T. Albea quite sick, with the sick Headache. Nothing of interest transpired in Camps, all lying about doing nothing. The 2nd Geo on picket relieving the 20th. The 1st Geo Regulars transferred from our brigade to Gen'l "Anderson's".
We put up our tent "fly" 3 to the Company. Night has come & 17 of us crowded under a fly, as it looks like rain.


Cloudy; appearance of rain. A. D. "Champlain" left for home at 8 A. M. Drill (Company) this morning.

2 P. M. Commenced raining & rained a hard shower for an ½ hour. Went through the Manual of Arms at 3. Cloudy with thunder most the evening, from appearance we will have a storm. Heavy cannonading on our line, both by the enemy & "Irvin Artillery." Heavy picket firing between the "9 mile road" & York river. Rail Road firing lasted near 1 hour, was renewed again at dark & lasted a few minutes. The heavy firing of Saturday was a N. C. & Geo Reg met at 12 P. M. Supposing each other enemies, several were killed. The firing in the eve was we drove the enemy back, they had 2 Reg'nts & we had 8 Companies, our loss was 5 killed & several wounded, the enemies large as we buried a great many. So thus 8 Companies drove 2 full Yankee Reg'nts back the 17th."Mass" & 20th. "Vt" capturing several pieces of artillery & prisoners. Heavy skirmishing going on this evening, firing all day.

12 P. M. a severe storm of wind & rain, our fly tent did but little good, several got wet. It rained very fast for near 1 hour & one flash of lightning after another, regular. We lie down on wet blankets till day. But little sleep during the night.
June the 24th. "Tuesday," 1862.

Heavy firing near the York River Rail Road, commenced at 2 A. M. & lasted till day. The firing was by the pickets.

Sun shining a little drying our blankets. Several a little sick in the Company. Formed the acquaintance of Felix "Williams," Drummer of the 6th Geo Vol who lives in Macon, Geo. The Reg't received orders to shoot off their guns & prepare for Inspection & clean their guns. The Reg't fired by files in the ground near the Col's tent. A detail of 10 men from our Company detailed to work on entrenchments 2 hours, commencing at 5 P. M. V. L. Colvin first, & ending at Joshua H. Jones (Alphabetically). Capt. "H" officer of detail. Preparing to go on picket & relieve the 17th Geo.

6 P. M. Heavy cloud rising with thunder. 6 3/4 P. M. heavy rain falling at present. The enemy threw bombs near our men while we were working on the entrenchments doing no damage, only slightly bruising a man; the dirt fell & covered the men partly where the bomb struck.

7 P. M. received orders to go on picket & relieve the 17th Geo. Arrived at post & put 5 Companies on picket & 5 held as reserve; (ours was one)

All quiet during the night.


Beautiful day. Expecting an engagement today; no firing along our lines by the pickets, all very close to each other & can be seen very distinctly; they have quite a number. Nothing of interest along
the lines of pickets & at the reserve, at 11 A. M. 3 P. M. Heavy cannonading along the lines, mostly on our line, & to the left & on the "York river" road & "Williamsburg" road; our batteries replying part the time. The enemy threw bombs among the reserves, several fell in our Reg't; we scattered out & evry man for himself; we dodged about behind the trees. Several pieces of bombs fell near us & cut limbs off which fell around us. No one was hurt although the woods was "well shelled", the shelling on our lines lasted near 1 hour; they shelled around our batteries & at the reserve of "Anderson's" brigade; all the evening. So the enemy threw over 100 bombs in & amongst the Camp. No one was hurt, only 2 horses killed, the bombs fell among the Camps; & some near Gen'l Toombs quarters. We expected an engagement but none came off by the infantry. Also heavy cannonading near the battle of "7 pines" & extending to the "Williamsburg" road & York rail road, also infantry firing which lasted over an hour. The heavy cannonading lasted most the evening. So the whole line opened their artillery.

7½ P. M. we were relieved by the 20th Geo & arrived at Camp one & half mile at 9 P. M. Several quite hungry & some preparing to eat, while others are preparing to sleep. 10½ P. M. received orders to get up & cook 2 days rations. Here was a hard job but fair one, no wood near & it exceedingly dark. We went some distance & picked up a little pine trash, & had a fire, most the boys were up all night. Some had to wait while some cook, as we did not have enough utensils for all. Our mess was up till 1 A. M. cooking 12 buiskets apiece for
2 days & enough meat for 1 day. The latter was old bacon & very fat. Our provisions are rough but plentiful. So we got but little sleep during the night. All the sick in the regiment sent off at 2 A. M. to the Hospital (2 miles) "Peyton S. Norman" sent from our Company 3 others a little sick, not enough to send off.

June the 26th. "Thursday." 1862.

Clear warm morning, the drum beat for us to get up at sun rise roll called &c. received orders to send all the cooking utensils, tent flies, officers baggage to the rear which was soon done; received orders to go in the entrenchments near the Camps. We were soon in them we remained in them some 2 hours when we were ordered in the shade some 50 yds to the rear. Heavy firing over the river at 12 A. M.

5 P. M. the infantry can be heard distinctly. Heavy fighting going on near Mechanicsville, we were ordered to get back in the entrenchments at dark, infantry firing lasted till 8 P. M. heavy cannonading lasted till near 10 P. M. We sent & got our blankets & slept near the pits. We were expecting a fight next day. We were soon sleep; so all did very well.

June the 27th. "Friday." 1862.

We were ordered up 1 hour before day; to get in the entrenchments, very soon we were all at our post, we lie in the entrenchments most the day. Heavy fighting going on at "Coal harbor over Chickahominy. The Battle field could be seen very distinctly from the entrenchments. Such
a dust & smoke the fighting was terrific & lasted all the evening. We captured 26 pieces of Artillery, several hundred prisoners, all the Yankee wounded & held the Battlefield. We drove the enemy back, capturing commissary stores, ammunition, wagons &c. At 5 P.M. our Brigade was ordered to our position near the picket line. Irwin Artillery was in a fight on our line (artillery fighting).

Thomas Lewis was killed by a bomb passing through him killed instantly. "Chapel" & "Dubose" were both wounded slightly. Artillery duel lasted till dark.

At 7 P.M. our Company & "F" commanded by "Savich" was ordered to make the attack by supporting Col. "Butts" Reg'mt (7 Companies) before our 2 Companies got to the place "Toombs" ordered the pickets to fire which they did & by time we were in 200 yds of the line near the barn of "Carnett's" farm the enemy fired upon us. We stopped behind the barn a few moments, the balls fell on the house like hail. We only stopped a few moments, & off we went down a deep lane, the enemy firing down the lane & it is a great wonder more of us did not get wounded or killed than did. Res Ranson was shot in the head & wounded quite badly before we left the barn, never did a Company or Reg'mt go in a fight greater exposed than we did down that lane, by time we were firing into the enemy we gave a yell & soon the whole Reg't was there & all were as busy, nothing but one continual roll of infantry firing. We held our position for over 1 hour the enemy tried to make a charge but they could not come it, we held our ground. At 8½ the firing ceased, only 2 Reg'ts engaged & fought, from what prisoners say,
2 Brigades. We were relieved by the 20th Geo. The enemy tried to flank us, but the 20th gave a yell & they went back. Our position was on a hill & most the men we had killed were shot in the head, we lie down behind trees. Our loss in our Reg'mt killed 12, wounded slightly 20, dangerously 25, in our Company 5 were wounded, Rem Reason in head, Jim Reason slightly in head, Jim Clary seriously in breast, P. Florence arm broke, Jim Wright seriously in arm & breast. We got all the wounded off & dead & then our Company marched to Camps 1½ mile & remained all night.

June the 28th. "Saturday." 1862.

All aroused at light & soon in lines ready to back to the battle field. Beautiful day very warm. We arrived at Camps near at 9 A. M. Heavy cannonading on our line. The 8th & 7th Geo attacked the enemy at 10 A. M. Our Reg'mt & 20th held as reserve upon the same line we fought on night before. The enemy threw bombs grape & canister, but did no damage as we were lying down behind a hill. The 8th & 7th Geo drove them from their entrenchments & took possession of them. Had we then went to their assistance we could have held it but the Gen'l would not let us go, so the 2 Reg'mts fell back leaving behind several our wounded, among them was Col Lamar, slightly wounded & Lt Col & several others were taken prisoners. The fighting lasted only 1 hour when we were sent back & lie down resting.

Col Benning's (17th.) marched near the enemies works & could have taken them had he had orders. Among the killed in our Reg'mt
was our Col (McIntosh) whose leg was broke his leg was amputated from which he lived only 2 days. Capt "Burch" Lieut'nts "Tilley" & Ivy were all killed. Our Company wounded men all sent to the Hospital tent, all doing very well but "Florence" fighting going on along the lines all day; we lie in Camps expecting constant to go in a fight; the famous cannon called "Long Tom & Betty" played upon the enemy & drove them from the pits & silenced their Battery.

We remained in Camps most the night, we lie with our cartridges box around us. The picket firing was going on most the night.

At 12 P. M. the artillery of the enemy could be heard moving about.


2 A. M. we were ordered in lines to go out in an open field near the picket line & form a line of battle, by 3 we were at our post & ordered to sleep by our arms till day, at which time we were up as we expected an attack from the enemy. The artillery could be seen placed in different directions in our rear. Several skirmishers went out to see the position of the enemy, they returned & could not see nothing of the enemy.

At 8 A. M. our Brigade was ordered to cross our former lines near the river & proceed to their battery & encampment. We marched up to their battery carefully but before we got there a few Companies of the 11th Geo got ahead of us & was the first to plant the Confederate flag upon their breastworks. We soon arrived in their Camps, now deserted & any quantity of clothing paper tents & almost all kinds
of articles were found. We stopped in line & a detail from the
Reg'nt was sent out to pick up evry thing that was valuable & pile
it up. Very soon several $1000's worth were soon in piles. Here most
of us got any quantity of trophies, such as Yankee letters, memorandum
books, Journals & different papers, envelopes, clothing &c. We
remained here a short time, some the Reg'mt brought in 2 prisoners.
We sent out scouts & pursued them; very soon picket firing was heard.
When we expected an attack "Toombs" & "Anderson's" Brigade were drawn
in line for the fight. The scouts pursued them we throwing bombs
upon their rear guard which they soon replied too, doing us no damage.

We remained here 2 hours in lines, & were permitted to walk
around among the enemies Camps. Here were found almost any amount of
comissary stores, 50 or more bbls of pork, & numerous bbls of
potatoes. Bbls of ground coffee, beans, salt, crackers, hundred or
more of boxes and the road covered some distance with them. They
left all their commissary stores for we pursued them to fast to burn
them, they left more than half their clothing. We consumed several
bbls of potatoes & most the coffee. (I got enough to do me several days)
Soap & candles in abundance, they left at this one place several thousand
dollars worth of property. Here again were more prisoners brought in.
One case I must mention, a negro was seen with a gun bringing a Yankee
to Gen'l Toombs.

We were ordered in lines to march in line of battle through a
dense swamp very muddy & full of brambles. Away we went in pursuit of
the enemy, marching threw the thickest we came to an open field where we remained a while to rest, all being very much tired; (as it was very warm) we then marched in two ranks over a fine road as they have splendid roads. After a march of 2 miles we came up with Stonewall "Jackson" force, Major Alexander introduced him to Gen'l Toombs, he is quite an ordinary looking man, his forces were partly on both sides the river. The boys cheered him as he came up, it was 6 P. M. when we met him; we halted a while to rest & we could hear the Artillery playing to our right upon the enemy. We still pursued our course in front going down the river. The enemy could be seen in front making rapid progress, they threw bombs near us. We stopped a while & then marched in line of battle through the woods & swamp being at times near the scouts. Very soon the pickets on our extreme right were heard firing & by 7 P. M. firing equal to hail falling could be heard. We stopped a while expecting our line would be attacked, the heavy firing lasted near 2 hours & then ceased, our boys could be heard yelling; we drove him from the field; we remained here in line till dark & then left to support Gen' Cobb, on the York rail Road. We continued our march till 10 P. M. when it commenced raining, we stopped in the rain in a wet swamp all very wet & tired & no blankets. We some of us got some Yankee blankets & did well but most being very wet sat down by trees all night. So this day I never shall forget, as we marched 7 miles in pursuit of the enemy in the heat of day.


All up quite early & preparing something to eat, & built a fire
& began to dry. Shot off our guns & cleaned them up & at 7 we were ordered in lines. We marched across the Rail Road thence to Williamsburg road 1 mile & stopped for "Jackson's" force to pass. Very soon thousands of troops were passing we going up the road & "Stonewall's" force down. Here again the Yankee Camps could be seen with any quantity of clothing &c left, it seems they had just got a fresh supply of most evry thing; we remained here on the road over 2 hours all the while were troops passing, mostly Georgians. Here I met George Gullatt who belongs to Jackson's army, also John & Arnett. While here the wounded could be seen passing from the battle of day before. We captured a great many prisoners I saw 400 pass at one time & a great many horses; in this flight they left all their sick & wounded which I learn was 2500, pursuing them so fast they left "Col Lamar," & a few wounded they took from us of the battle on Saturday, their wounds were slight. We were soon in the Williamsburg road marching, all of Maj Gen Ma"Gruder's" force 7 Brigades, ours being the 6th. We passed by the battle of 7 pines. Here the enemy was very strongly fortified & water very scarce, we suffered very much for water as it was very warm. We marched the "W" road for 1/2 miles & then took a country road which led into the Charles City road. Here we passed through a beautiful country.

After a march of 7 miles we came to the City road at 7½ P. M. Here we met the wounded coming from the field as a severe battle had been fought on the road in which we captured 18 pieces of artillery.
We pursued our course meeting hundreds of the wounded & ambulances & waggons passing us. We marched all night or nearly till 1 A.M. when we reached the battle field & was drawn in line of battle upon the spot where we stormed the enemy's battery, it was near day before we got in our position. All were very much tired, we lie down upon our guns but very soon were up, so we got but little sleep. I could not sleep, although very sleepy, the wounded could be heard all over the field groaning & the dead & dying scattered over the field. We were busy all night taking them from the field, we got all ours off but did not get any the Yankees. I never shall forget the scene it was enough to melt the hardest heart. It was a day long will be remembered.

July the 1st. "Tuesday." 1862.

At light we were in lines, we sent out scouts from our Brigade; the field was a sad sight hundreds of dead & wounded lying over the field. I talked with a few the wounded of the 7th Mich. who told me this was called by them a political abolitionist war, where we took the battery we killed nearly all their horses. I saw as many as 40 in 30 yds of each other. It was a sad sight. We marched in line of battle through the woods (the woods was full of dead, we went very cautiously) Very soon our Pickets were seen bringing in prisoners, several of them give up & came to our scouts under a white flag. We captured several hundreds. We soon came upon their Hospital where there was any quantity of sick & wounded; the prisoners say that evry
man was for himself; & the army was greatly demoralized, as they had been marching with but little to eat & sleep for several days. We continued our line of battle for over 1 mile & soon ours & Gen'l Jackson's force met. Here we remained for some time as a great deal of "Jackson's" army was passing, we then went back to our same place the battle field & continued our march back the Charles City road, where we soon halted to rest. It was very dusty & warm & water hard to get, we took a by road which led to the left of the City road towards the river, marching 2 miles & formed a line of battle as we expected to meet the enemy as the Cavalry reported they saw them, but mistake, it was our men instead the enemy. We then marched back to the City road & remained in the shade till 2 P. M. After a rest of 1 hour we were again in line of battle & marched through a thicket over gullies & swamps. The enemy were throwing bomb & shell amongst us, the enemy was in a strong position. "Wright's" Brigade was to make the attack supported by "Anderson's" "Toombs" & "Kershaw's" Brigade. It was a very destructive fight, we marched slowly on over rough ground till 6 P. M. where we could hear them charging upon the enemy. We marched quick time while our Brigade was exposed to a hot fire of bombs & grape. We commenced ascending a hill in front of the enemy, there we suffered awful, the enemy in entrenchments on a high hill & we had to march in full view up a hill in a charge & reports says 50 pieces of artillery playing upon us, pouring grape & canister upon us. Never did any army make a charge under such
destructive fire; as we were charging up the hill our men could be seen falling in every direction, the grape & bombs falling & bursting just above our heads; taking off a great many heads & cutting some half into. We made 2 different charges & were ordered to halt & lie down amidst the destructive fire. We were then ordered to fall back. Here we ought never to have done, for then they gave it to us, our Brigade by now was frustrated & tired down & here we had to secure ourselves as best we could behind trees in the very hottest fire of grape & shell. One continual fire of cannon was poured upon us. So the reserve suffered always the worst, night now came, in the charge we had 2 to fall "sently" fell dead in the first charge, shot by a minie ball, shot in the head. John Calloway fell mortally wounded in arm. Crawford injured by a bomb & a ball passing between his fingers. Our Reg'mt lost some 8 killed dead & 30 wounded all badly. I was so completely outdone tired & sick having had no sleep for 2 nights nor rest, marching in the heat of day. So I sleep upon the battle field while the dead, wounded & dying were lying around me. I soon went to sleep.

July the 2nd. "Wednesday." 1862.

I got up quite early, the Reg'mt left at night & marched 1 mile. I went over the Battle field partly, & such a sight to see how many men we had killed, the wounded lying all about. It was the most destructive fight that had took place during the 8 days fighting (as fighting has been going on every day for over a week.) So we never
got this Battery as they had a large force & 50 pieces of artillery, our loss was awful. Some say killed over 500 & 1000 wounded. The enemies Cavalry was seen out next morning, most their forces left during the night & the Cavalry covering the retreat. We expected a charge, from them. I got in with the 12th Ga to help if they did charge. I remained a short time, the enemy soon disappeared & by 6 A. M. it commenced raining which it did very hard & all day. We soon got possession of the field getting possession of all their wounded & dead, I learn from some who know that they had 800 in one pile which they put there as wounded & now all dead. So their loss I learn was over 1000 killed besides the wounded. I remained upon the Battle field till 10 A. M. & saw most any quantity of wounded, some with their legs shot off. Oh! such a scene I never want to witness again.

I went ½ mile & prepared me something to eat & began to dry, when I hastened to my Reg’mt. It continued to rain all day. I arrived at Camps at 1 P. M. a detail from our Company had gone to bury our dead. Our Brigade now was ordered to rest a while so we encamped in a wet swamp without any blankets. We did very well, nearly all the Reg’mts of the Brigade suffered considerably so they were burying the dead. So now a while was given to rest, it was very desirable as we had been going without any rest scarcely for a week.

Lieut Dallas was sick in Richmond. T. H. Albee sick.

received a letter from home.

Nothing of interest transpired this eve.
July the 3d. "Thursday." 1862.

Cloudy with a little rain. All resting in Camps, we did very well last night having slept in brush, it raining a little during the night. A detail was sent from our Company to bury the dead Yankees on the battle field. Several of us wrote letters home & sent them to Richmond by citizens passing. Nothing of interest during the day. Night has come & we are preparing for a good nights rest.

At 8 P. M. received orders to prepare 3 days rations, a detail was made to cook as we expected to leave at 3 A. M. The provisions did not come so we had to do without, having eaten nothing scarcely all day. We got but little sleep during the night, as the detail had to wait to see if provisions came. So I spent a disagreeable night's sleep at 12 P. M. all the sick had to report to the Dr if they could not march.

July the 4th. "Friday." 1862.

Drum beat at 3 A. M. line formed & all ready to march. All were compelled to go except those excused by the Dr & those he gave a written permit. So if any remained behind was punished. The roads were exceedingly muddy. We left at light in the direction of "Charles City" passing through the battle field of Monday. The scene was awful. Here the ground was strewn with dead Yankee bodies in a state of putrefaction, over a doz wounded were carried to one side in the shade & seem suffering considerably, we removed them during the day
& buried the dead; as it was impossible to do all at once & fighting daily. We passed the Hospital where the Yankee sick & wounded was, the country had been but little run over by either partie. Here corn fields were turned out the fence all burnt the corn looking fine, wheat fields ruined after the grain had been stacked. The country was a beautiful one we marched about 4 miles & then stopped to rest which was needed as we were very tired & the day exceedingly warm, we suffered very much for water.

All were soon sleep (as we rested about 2 hours) we continued our journey it very warm. After marching some 3 miles we again stopped to rest, at a place which was being prepared for a Hospital. We remained Here 1 hour & let "Branch's" Brigade pass also Gen'l "Pender's"

Here for the first time I saw Gen'l "Lee", en route towards the enemy. We formed a line & marched out by file left in an open field & remained till near 6, when we again formed a line & off we went towards the enemy, we marched ½ mile in an open field & formed a line of battle with inspection of arms &c, with 20 additional rounds added to the 40, we put them in our pockets. We then lie down, all very hungry having marched all day without anything to eat. Our rations came at 12 P. M. being so hungry we got up & eat (Bacon & crackers)

We then went to sleep on straw & slept finely till ordered up.

July the 5th. "Saturday." 1862.

We were ordered in lines at light to go back to the place we left at 6, the evening previous. Off we went & arrived there at sunrise.
We soon built fires & began to prepare us something to eat; which being done Gen'l "Toombs" ordered the roll called & those not present who had not written leave to report them to him; "Anderson's" Brigade remained with us (we are now in Major Gen'l "Longstreet's" Division) Soldiers of different Reg'ts were passing all day, the old field & all around were crowded with waggons & Soldiers, It was a very disagreeable hot place, but little shade, most the boys spent the day in sleeping &c. Gen'l Toombs & Staff encamped with us. We built brush arbors. So all was quiet during the day. We expected to leave during the night. Night came, we prepared a place to sleep without blankets, few had blankets; we eat a little bacon broiled on some coals, eat it with crackers. We sleep on some straw & brush

We slept finely during the night.

July the 6th, "Sunday." 1862.

Beautiful day but quite warm. All arose quite early, roll called; eat a few crackers Some of us had a little coffee we took from the Yankees; Several a little unwell. Peter Cullatt & Jim Cartlage sick & was left at the waggon yard.

10 A. M. received marching orders very soon all were in line the sun pouring down its heat upon us. "Anderson's" Brigade in front, we follering. We marched slowly 1 mile, at a wall where we were very thirsty we stopped a few minutes, then marching slowly through an open wheat field, it very warm. Here we stopped in the hot sun, enough to make one faint. We continued our march into a piece of woods & rested 3
hour & then countermarched back $\frac{1}{2}$ and marched by right flank some 500 yds in a piece of woods & formed a line of battle & remained all night. "Anderson's" Brigade in front. We slept on bushes & did finely during the night.

July the 7th. "Monday." 1862.

Had a splendid nights rest, as it was quite warm, & no disturbances whatever. Very warm morning. Water quite scarce, as tis some distance off. This is the warmest day I have felt this year. All lying about in the woods in the shade suffering from heat. The general talk is "I never was so warm" Our rations of bacon & crackers very small, not enough to eat. Some the boys writing letters some sleeping, sitting about in the shade. Thus we spent the day & all quiet. Peyton "Norman" & Wm "Martin" came in Camps from Richmond.

Received orders to have our guns &c in good order with a days ration prepared; & be ready for next morning as a fight is anticipated. Also a general inspection early next morning, The 20th Geo of "Toombs" Brigade sent on picket to relieve a Reg't of "Anderson's" Brigade.

We lie down at night on some brush expecting a fight early next morning, as our brigade is now in front. Very warm during the night.

July the 8th. "Tuesday." 1862.

No disturbance during the night, rose quite early, roll called & a general inspection of guns &c. Clear & warm morning, breakfast eat which was half rations, very fat bacon & crackers & now 8 A. M.
we are waiting for orders. Nothing transpired during the day. Very warm we are in a thick piece of woods where but little air can get to us, eat & sleep is all we are doing now.

7½ P. M. received orders to form line & be ready to march, as we are got to march all night very soon we left marching slowly & marched 2 miles to the Richmond & long bridge road & rested 15 minutes while the 12th Geo passed. "Stonewall" passed us here & Staff. The moon shone bright, as it is a clear & dusty night. We continued our march for 2 miles & then rested 10 minutes, marching quick time. Very pleasant time to march. Onward we went for 3 miles & again rested near a wall. We filled our canteens as we were very thirsty, it was now 12 P. M.

We continued our march, the road very crooked, we marched 5 miles before stopping, several began to fall out ranks. We rested ½ hour & continued our march through a circuitous road & marched 5 miles & then rested, it now being 3 A. M. We rested near the Yankee Hospital where several Yankees were wounded. We then continued the march across the battle field of 30th. & such a stench one could hardly get along, so for 2 miles we had this air to breathe. We marched 3½ miles & stopped to rest. The Gen'l told us we would stop 2 hours it now being light good. We stopped at the same place we left July 1st. We marched all night & the way we went some say it is 16 miles, & some say 14. I think it is the former, nearly half the Reg'mt had fallen out. I was very tired.

It was a quick time march.
July the 9th. "Wednesday." 1862.

At 7 A. M. we were ordered in lines. Now bad we felt, it indeed was hard, now had 7 miles farther to go, it very warm & dusty, & all quite hungry. After marching 2 miles I & Steed fell out ranks, as I was unwell; we stopped at a beautiful spring, & remained 1 hour & then continued our march, taking our time. We passed hundreds of soldiers that had fallen out as they were marching to fast & it very hot & dusty. Very soon we came up to the Reg't at it had stopped for the day, it was 11 A. M. all were sleep when we came up. Very soon I was in a shady place & doing the same. We are now encamped 7 miles from Richmond in a swamp, very disagreeable place. Several the boys are coming up. Coon "Glaze" just from home arrived in Camps & A. G. Lockhart & H. Glaz from Hospital. Capt left for Richmond to see his Sister & Brother in law, now sick. Thos "Sale" left for Richmond. Heard that Brother was slightly wounded & left for home on furlough, received a note from him; by "Coon" G.

Very warm this eve, had a splendid nights rest, no disturbance whatever. Water some distance off. Thus passed the day.

July the 10th. "Thursday." 1862.

A warm & pleasant morning. We drew 1 days rations of meat & crackers, had but little time to cook them. At 7½ A. M. all were in lines & ready to march. The road very dusty we continued our march on the "City" road (it so dusty you could scarcely see) stoping often to rest as it was very warm. After a tiresome march of 4 miles we stopped on the right side the road, at our camping ground, where we aim to remain several days unless there is some change. Our encampment
is on a beautiful stream near a mill pond & mill (grist mill) several excellent springs are near, the water good. We arrived here at 11 A. M. Preparations now being made to lay off the encampment. It was quite late before our position was given us. Commenced raining at 5 P. M. which was quite agreeable; our baggage & tent flies came near night. Several the boys that marched in the rear came up. L. Florence quite sick. 8 A. M. "raining"

July the 11th. "Friday." 1862.

It rained most the night; & still raining early; slowly. A detail of 9 men detailed to clean up the encampment & cut the bushes.

9 A. M. rain ceased; But tis cloudy with appearance of more today; the remainder of our cooking utensils & baggage came this morning. "Coen" Glaze substituted H. Glaze. D. Mumford & B. Elliott came to Camps. One man from each Company permitted to go to Richmond evry day. Wrote a letter home to "Brother"; Gen'l Toombs & Staff's tents near our encampment. All quiet along the lines. Our Piquets are some 12 miles from the City & none but the enemies Cavalry are near.

Several prisoners brought in. Nothing of interest in Camps.

L. Florence sent to Richmond.

July the 12th. "Saturday." 1862.

Clear & beautiful day. I with 9 others are detailed to clean up the encampment. We cut the bushes & piled them up, finished at 10 A. M. Our Company drew 3 extra tent flies, so we how have 6, no regulation
in putting up the tents.

"Butter molasses cakes & pies" in Camps all buying. Several sick in Camps. P. Gullatt quite sick. Jas Wright who was wounded in the fight of 27th of June arrived in Camps about well. R. T. Gullars shot his finger accidentally & left for home today, on furlough.

Several the friends of Lincoln are in Richmond. Dr S. Lane came out to Camps, all very glad to see him. Several others are coming out. Night has come & all quiet. We put up our mess fly & had a very good nights rest.


Beautiful day. Regimental guard around the encampment. Several detailed for fatigue duty. Regimental inspection of guns &c. Quite a warm day. Preaching in company "B" All lying about in Camps, sleeping &c. I walked 1 mile beyond the Camps to a private house & bought \( \frac{1}{2} \) gal of milk, for the first time I had the chance to drink any milk in 6 months.

Night has come. Capt & Adam his brother came out to Camps, had a fine nights rest. Very warm.

July the 14th. "Monday." 1862.

Cool & pleasant morning. Today 12 months I left home & have enjoyed good health all the time; several quite sick in Camps; Sargeant Thompson died yesterday of a lingering disease. Dr Lane, A. Hearnesberger & H. Glaze left Camps today for Richmond & thence for home. H. M. Sale
came in Camps today & remained till eve, & left for "R" & will leave for home tomorrow. "Drill" commences today. Received 2 months pay today 22$. Several the boys sent money home by "Lane & Glase." I sent 20$ by Glase.

Brigade guard put out this eve. The guard of the 4 Reg'ts was mounted near our Reg & in front of Gen'l Toombs' quarters. Lieut Gullatt officer of guard from our Reg't. Thos. H. & C. P. Albee on guard with Lieut "G".

Bought some molasses, Butter & today 1.50 pr qt & 1.25 c lb.

Steed quite sick. Nothing of interest transpired, night has come & we all lie under the "fly" & had a good nights rest.

July the 15th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Very warm this morning. I am on Reg't's guard; my post was at the Spring; to keep the men from dipping their canteens in the Spring & keep it clear. Drill today. Lieut "Lane" & Dr Sims came to Camps been absent several months, all very glad to see them. A Severe cloud this evening but little rain. 8 P. M. heavy thunder & vivid freaks of lightning. A severe dark cloud & very heavy rain. 8½ A. M. Guard relieved on account of rain.

July the 16th, "Wednesday." 1862.

Beautiful day; Clear, & the sun shines very warm. Dr Sims & Lieut "Lane" left for Richmond this morning, the latter applied for a discharge; (& no doubt will succeed.) Thos J. Sale arrived in Camps this eve, from
"Hospital." Received a letter from home written by "Bob." A Severe dark cloud arising this eve with thunder & lightning, quite busy cleaning up around our tents, & preparing for the rain (as it looks like it will be heavy.) 7 P. M. very hard rain falling accompanied with wind, thunder & lightning, came near blowing down some the tents. Our tent was very wet as the ditches around overflowed, so we had wet ground to lie on, it continued to rain till 8 P. M. All the tents were wet inside it rained during most the night. So at 12 P. M. we were up again expecting another overflow, this Shower was light. So we rested very well till sun rise next day.

July the 17th. "Thursday." 1862.

Cloudy with appearance of rain. The Regimental & Brigade guard taken off to be ready for a General Inspection. All remained in Camps all day, none allowed to leave. Sun shines quite warm. Several a little sick, none dangerous. Plenty of vegetables & deserts in Camps. Most the Company making the latter.

5 P. M. A Severe dark cloud arising. Soon commenced raining & rained quite slowly till a late hour. No Inspection (as the Inspector Gen'l did not get around) Thos. L. Clary arrived in Camps from Hospital. Corp'l Reason left for home the 15th. Quite a disagreeable night.

July the 18th. "Friday." 1862.

Cloudy & damp morning. Inspector Gen'l came to inspect the Reg'mt some 40 today. Our Company turned out with guns &c. in good condition. 1 in
Camps not able to be present to answer to their names. Viz (Jas 
"McCord," Wm. Q. Martin, S. J. Clary, L. S. Parks). Had a mess of 
Irish Potatoes today for the first this season we drew 1 days ration 
of Beef, plenty of Peach & Apples pies in Camps. So we live finely. 

Capt. paid off the Company ballance due them, paid them in small 
bills. News of a victory in Tenn, we capturing 2 Yankee Gen'ls & 
repulsed the enemy. Also a victory in "Ark." 

7 P. M. Cloudy & Cool; night has come. A little covering was 
necessary; had a very good nights rest.

July the 19th. "Saturday." 1862.

Cool & pleasant morning. The Sick improving. Lieut. Gullatt & 
T. H. Albee made out 2 muster rolls. All busy cooking & from 
appearance will have a fine dinner. My dinner consist of Beef Stake 
& fried Apples pies, which was made by myself & "Hawes." No drill 
this eve. Had a nice Blackberry pie with Lieut. "Gullatt" & "Flanigan."

All quiet in Camps, every thing wears the same. All sitting & lying 
about looking very lazy. Sun set. Beautiful evening, clear & pleasant. 

8 P. M. time for sleep; &c


Beautiful day; I am on Brigade guard. My post is ¼ mile from 
Camps near a branch, in a beautiful shade. Had quite a fine time. 
Suffered a little with the toothache; & feel quite bad; remained at 
my post all day & eat nothing scarcely. Inspection of guns &c today
in Camps. None at this post. Stood on post during the night (4
being at this post). Beautiful evening. Gen'l "Toombs" passed
our post at sunset.


Pleasant day. I was relieved from Brigade guard; very warm day;
Drilling as ever; nothing of interest transpired today. Several sick
in Camps; none dangerous.

July the 22nd. "Tuesday." 1862.

Warm & pleasant day made some blackberry pies & had a fine
dinner; received orders to prepare to go on picket at 2 P. M. All
quite busy preparing dinner, as we will not cook no rations, but
they will be cooked by a detail & sent to us.

2 P. M. drum beat & all in lines & off we go down the "Danby
town" road, after a march of 4 miles we came to the reserve, only
3 Reg'ts went, commanded by Col "Milligan", Our Brigade relieved
Gen'l "Picketts" Brigade (of Virginians) 17th Geo went on post & we
held as a reserve. We were some distance from the enemy. Cavalry
being before us. Had a very good camping ground.

Night has come & all quite merry.

July the 23d. "Wednesday." 1862.

A little Cloudy. I am quite unwell this morning. Our Breakfast
came from Camps quite early, nothing but beef & bread (the former quite
a rarity) Election came off for Col "Lieut Col "Hillican" & "Adj't Gen'l DuBose" (Gen'l "Toombe" aid) Candidates. "DuBose" 30 majority at Picket reserve. "Commissioners" were sent to Camp to get the vote of the sick & those in Camps "Capt "Hearnesberger" & "Jackson" went) Also the vote of Company "E" (which was guarding Gen'l "Jones" "H'd Quarters")

All quiet along the lines, boys enjoying themselves fine, getting plenty to eat, "Deserts" & different kinds of berries. Water is fine, beautiful Spring. Most the officers left Camps. "Lieut. Gullatt" Acting "Col."

A Guard was placed at the nearest houses, also a guard put out tonight, to watch for sky rockets & report if the Pickets fired.

Went to bed quite early &


Drizzling rain & quite cool; I am quite weak & feel quite "bad" was relieved this morning by Gen'l "Hilcox's" Brigade (of Alabamians)

Arrived at Camps at 11 A. M. All very much wearied. Had quite a fine time to march. Heard the result of election "Hillican" Col by 6 majority. Lieut "Lane & J. B. Loflin" came to Camps, the former greatly improved in strength & health, & now for duty first time in 5 months.

Several elections came off in the Regiment, Company "G" elected a Capt'n, 1st 2nd & 3d Lieuts. Also Company "F" Sanders, Sims
Gullars & J. Clary came to our Camps this evening, they belong to the 49th Geo Reg't, they have formed a new Company. They remained all night, pleasant evening. Spent a good night's rest as I was very unwell. Cool & pleasant.

July the 25th. "Friday." 1862.

Pleasant day. "Lieut. Gullatt" Officer of Provost Guard & left for the City. A. Gullatt & T. "Hawes" accompanied him. "Sims, Gullars & Clary" left for their Camps early this morning. The sick in Camps improving.

Very warm this evening, nothing of interest in Camps. A Skirmish took place at "Malvern" Hill yesterday between Cavalry pickets, we repulsed & drove them from the field with a slight loss of 1 killed & 4 wounded slightly. Col. "Morgan" is gaining strength in "Ky," capturing 11 Cities in a week. A brisk fight at "Nashville," Tenn by Col. "Forrest" He succeeded in capturing the City with 1200 prisoners 1 Gen'l 4 Cols & 29 Lieuts, burning considerably amount of Commissary stores, several pieces of Artillery, ammunition & guns &c.

Jas B. Remson returned to Camps from Richmond. T. H. Remson left for Amelia C. H. on furlough.

July the 26th. "Saturday." 1862.

Beautiful day nothing of interest transpired in Camps.

Bought me some tomatoes & Irish potatoes & had quite a nice dinner; 4 P. M. a dark cloud a severe rain with thunder & lightning, rained till night. I have the toothache tonight.

Beautiful day, nothing to do but all resting. Inspection of Company officers. Preaching in Camps by a man from Franklin Co. Ga. Beautiful day & seem quiet this evening.

Mrs. Southerland & daughter came in Camps this evening accompanied by T. H. Remson, the latter on a visit.

8 P.M. received orders to be ready to leave next morning by light to march to some unknown point. All lie down with the expectation of being called up early.


Long roll beat 1 hour before day, all up very early & preparing something to eat, at light we were making preparations to leave, tents taken down & evry thing put in the waggons. Very soon we were ready & off we go at 6½ A.M. in a westerly course. After a march of a mile & half we came in the "Charles City" road. After a march of 2 miles we stopped to rest & rested ½ hour, the roads were very good. We continued our march for 4 miles & rested a few moments, very soon a great many began to fall out, as it was very warm. We continued our march for some 4 miles farther, where we stopped near 2½ hours until most the Brigade came up. We left the "City" road 1 mile & stopped to Camp in a beautiful grove in the Camps of "Kershaw's" Brigade, which left for Richmond. We arrived at Camps at 1 P.M. having marched 10 miles.
July the 29th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Clear & beautiful morning. All busy cleaning up the streets, as this is the best Camping ground we have had, but very sorry water. We have a fine Spring ½ mile from Camp. Part the Company on Picket commanded by Lieut. "Lane." I & G. "Albee" went to the fishery this eve 2 miles from Camp on "James" river. Went to several houses to get our supper but failed. Could not get any fish. Saw a large "Sturgeon", there is quite a village at the "Fishery." We left the "fishery" at 6 P. M. after waiting for all the boats to come, & no fish came. We walked from there 3 miles & finely succeeded in getting our supper at a very good house, very fine old man with a small family. We paid $1.00 apiece, sorry fare for that price. We then hastened to Camps where we arrived at 8 P. M. having walked near 6 miles, most of the boys sleep when we got to Camps.

July 30th. "Wednesday." 1862.

Appearance of rain this morning. 7 A. M. raining slowly with thunder & lightning. Ceased raining at 9½ A. M. Clear & beautiful at present. All seem very lively & doing nothing, as 'tis too wet to drill. All enjoying themselves fine.

3 P. M. We received orders to take down our tents & prepare to move some 300 yds back in the woods. Considerable murmuring in Camps as we are well fixed & now go & prepare a Camping place in the woods! A detail of 100 men was sent to cut the undergrowth & clean
off a place for the tents, very soon we carried our tents & baggage & very soon had our tents up & now it was near night. We are encamped in a thick piece of woods, very good shade, heavy thunder & from present indications we will have rain tonight. The health of the Company good, none very sick in Camps. We have light for duty. Supper is eat & a very good one. We had the best "Hash" could be made.

July the 31st. "Thursday." 1862.

But little rain fell last night. Cloudy this morning, raining slowly. 15 men & Company "B" sent on Picket today, we left at 3½ A. M. The post is 2 miles from Camp, we arrived there at 10 A. M. the post is near a beautiful stream & but little duty to do. Most the boys past off their time in fishing & some in "foraging", we bought apples milk, molasses & bread, all did fine. Commenced raining at 11 A. M. & rained very hard for near 2 hours all got wet. We went ½ mile & got our dinner & some the boys caught a few very large fish. Raining slowly at 3 P. M. Some 8 of us went & got our supper at a house near & had a very good one for $1.00 apiece, had quite a bad place to sleep We built a fire & lie down by it. I was very unwell & did not sleep scarcely any during the night, I stood on post at midnight. Heavy cannonading below "Malvern" hill, it lasted 1 hour & very regular, commenced at 12 P. M. Some very large pieces.

August the 1st. "Friday." 1862.

Drizzling rain. Several the boys got their breakfast at a house
near. I am quite unwell & feel quite Sick. Our Company was relieved by a Company from the 20th Geo, returned to Camps. All very much weary, I feel sick from the walk, lie down all the evening.

Election came off this eve for Major. Capt "Keamesberger" was a Candidate against Adjutant "Shannon." But Lieut Brown put his name up & Capt "H" would not run. So "Shannon" had no opposition. A great many voted for Capt McLendon but he was no candidate & several blank tickets.

Mr "Colvin" of Lincoln Co. Geo came in Camps this eve, taken all by surprise, all busy asking him questions.

8 P. M. received orders to be ready to go 5 miles march on Picket & be ready to leave by light, only to remain 24 hours. All went to sleep early.

August 2nd. "Saturday." 1862.

Long roll beat before day, all up & preparing to leave & by light all were in lines & off. I remained at Camps being too unwell to go (the first time I have left the Company since being with it), rations were cooked & sent to the men. Our Company carried theirs. Quite lonesome time in Camp. "Capt." Officer of Brigade guard. Received a letter from "G. G. P." Nothing of interest in Camps.


The Reg't came in very scattering, all got in by 1 P. M. very much tired, & hungry. The pickets were within 200 yards of each other. Heavy cannonading on the river, it lasted some 2 hours. Company "K" sent as pickets on the river.

August the 4th. "Monday." 1862.

Fine morning. Company "K" came in quite early this morning having gone to the river as sharp shooters. While the cannonading was going on they returned & had a march for nothing.

No drill this morning, we have the streets to clean up, & doing nothing part the time. But few sick & none very sick; Mr. "Calvin" went to Richmond today.

Very warm this evening, drill & dress parade with a great many orders read. Night has come & nothing of interest.

Aug. the 5th. "Tuesday." 1862.

Cloudy morning. Heavy cannonading toward "Malvern" Hill from Gun boats & artillery, it lasted over 1 hour.

10 A. M. received orders to prepare to go to "Malvern" Hill as the enemy had retaken it, & drove in our pickets. Soon all were in lines & furnished with 20 rounds of extra Cartridges. We soon left Camps, all that was able, only a few left. We marched near Gen'l "Toombs" Hd Qu'r'ts in line of battle, & halted in an open field in the hot sun (it being a very warm day) we lie in lines some 1 hour & most the Reg't went to the shade, (it now was 1 P. M.) our dinner was sent to us (Beef & biscuit). The evening was very warm.
At 4 P.M. our Reg't was furnished with spades & pix's to work on entrenchments, each Companies work was laid off & all worked separate. It was a hot evenings work, all worked finely. Several the Companies finished at dark, we finished at 8 P.M. The firing we heard early this morning was at "Malvern" only the 17th Geo was on picket & was partly surrounded by 2 divisions of infantry, several companies of infantry & several pieces of Artillery. We fought them some time & then fell back, we lost some 30 men taken prisoners, & a few killed, these were surrounded & taken. Only 1 Reg't contending against great odds & held their position. We continued to fall back the Cavalry pursuing us, they charged in our ranks. Several of them were killed, we had one killed in the charge. The 6th Geo came to the assistance of the 17th & held their position. If the enemy had of known what a small force we had there they could have taken them all prisoner. Our pickets are now 2½ mile this side Malvern Hill & the enemy hold this great position.

Our Reg't lies near the pits till 12 P.M. our blankets were brought to us to lie on & before we were fixed to sleep we were relieved by the 9th & 11th Ala Reg'mts. We went to Camps & drew 1 days rations & received orders to be ready to march before day with 1 days rations. So we got no sleep scarcely, & all were very much wearied.


Long roll beat at 3 A.M. All were up preparing to leave, line formed before day, all our clothing & blankets piled & left, but few
sick left. We marched to the entrenchments & stopped a few moments untill light, & then marched ("Toombn" Brigade) towards "Malvern" Hill (as we expected to retake the hill & was sure of being in a very hot fight.) We continued our march 1 mile & rested awaiting orders & then continued for 1 mile farther & loaded our guns preparing for a fight. We continued our march 2 miles farther & halted being as far as we could go. We remained here nearly 2 hours. 1 Reg'mt (20th Geo) & artillery sent in advance. Very soon pickets were heard firing. Our reg't advanced through an old field & stopped & our Company thrown out as skirmishers, we advanced through a thicket of bushes & through a swamp advancing very cautiously & slowly, we only advanced some 200 yds & then marched down the swamp by the right flank some 200 yds & then filed right untill all were in a line & then advanced slow & cautiously through the woods (not knowing what time we would come upon the enemy). We halted & awaited some time before advancing, when Capt "Tramp" ("Toombn" aid) said he did not think there was any enemy in front of our line, but was to our right as continual firing was kept up by the 20th Geo. Our Capt told him he would soon show him that the enemy was near, whereupon we advanced some 150 yds farther when some the Company commenced firing, as the enemy was near. We secured ourselves behind trees, a ball hit the tree I was behind. After several shots were exchanged & we had found their position we fell back 50 yds & established a line. At 7 P. M. our Company was relieved & we went back to the Reg'mt; & lie near our guns with nothing to eat, scarcely, we went to sleep early expecting to be called early.
August the 7th. "Thursday." 1862.

We were aroused from sleep & ordered in lines at midnight, the line was soon formed & all at their proper places awaiting farther orders, we stood in line some time & then lie down in lines front rank one way & rear rank the other & went to sleep. We were very sleepy as we had lost sleep the night before. The reason we were aroused was we were ordered back to Camps. But the order was countermanded by Major Gen'l McNam. So we remained in lines, & slept finely till sunrise. Our Breakfast was cooked & brought to us, a piece of fat bacon & biscuit without salt & soda, but we were very hungry & eat finely. At 11 A. M. we were ordered in line & advanced in line of battle towards "Valvern" Hill, (as our pickets were advancing) we advanced to the foot of the Hill & our pickets were still advancing. We soon came upon the hill, the enemy had fallen back from the hill. If they had not been as fast we would have taken them all, as we were surrounding them fast. We advanced to the far end of the hill & then formed a line in an open field in the hot sun, it now was 1 P. M. & very warm. Several valubles were found in the enemies hasty retreat, from the signs it appears they had some 2 or 3 divisions. We remained in line of battle till late, we were in 1 mile of the river. We sent out pickets & was relieved late & ordered back to Camps, we marched the river road it was very dusty & hot, so dusty we had to march in the woods to prevent such a dust as the enemy could see it from their boats & fire upon us. We passed several dead Yankees in the road that had been killed the
night before. We marched slowly & passed several S. C. Reg'nt & arrived in Camps at 7 P.M. very hungry & very much wearied. It was late before we went to sleep, it was so warm.

August the 8th. "Friday." 1862.

Fine morning. John Parks from Lincoln Co. came in Camps late last night. All very glad to see him. Cleaned out our streets, no drill this morning. A detail of 200 men from the Reg'nt & 21 from our Company to report to Gen'l "Toombs". We went & there was a mistake made, he only wanted 66 & 7 from our Company. All went back but the last number, I was one the 7 to work on entrenchments. We were ready & awaiting for orders when the Gen'l dismissed us & said he wanted none. We returned to Camps. It was a very warm evening, no air stirring.

5 P.M. Battalion drill by Major Shannon 1 hour, the first one in 3 months, we did very well. Dress parade in the evening.

Night has come & a very warm one. We drew nothing to eat, what we eat today we bought. Quite dull times in Camp, &c.

August the 9th. "Saturday." 1862.

A warm & clear morning. I am on Reg'nt guard, & 2 sent on picket & 7 to work on entrenchments. A detail of near 100 from the Reg'nt commanded by Lieut "Gullatt." No breakfast, as we have drew nothing but flour for the last 24 hours.

9 A.M. We drew a little beef, no drill as we must cook something to eat. Thos Albee quite sick, none others very sick. I am on post at 11 A.M. (now). Watkins came last night to substitute
Tate Hearnesberger 1 month. I was on guard at 12 P. M. very warm night. I slept at my post. Mr "Parks & Lazenby" went to the battle field at Malvern Hill, dress parade, all quiet in Camps. All sit up quite late at night. Lieut Gullatt's squad worked on entrenchments till 8 P. M. But little sleep tonight.

August the 10th. "Sunday." 1862.

Long roll beat at 3 A. M. All up & orders received to prepare to move, tents were taken down & everything ready to put in the wagons. We prepared a small breakfast at light, very soon the wagons were loaded & the lines formed, by sun rise we left the Camps for our old Camp we left near Richmond (the 29th of July) 9 miles distant. The Reg'mt & Brigade travelled the "Darbytown" road. I with several others went the "Charles City" road. We marched slowly as it was a very warm day & very dusty. We passed Gen'l "Semes" Brigade, getting some good water on the road. We stopped 2 miles of Camp till 3 P. M. & arrived quite late in Camps. The Reg'mt arrived there at 12 A. M. A dark cloud with but little rain.

8 P. M. received orders to prepare 3 days rations next day by 4 P. M. as we would leave Camps for Richmond.


Pleasant morning. Several put on extra guard duty for being absent at roll call. We never drew our rations (3 days) till 11 A. M. & then all quite busy cooking as we aim to leave at 4 P. M. Mr Colvin
came in Camps from Richmond. Thomas Remson brought a buggy out to
Camps to carry T. H. Albee to Mrs Southerland as he is quite sick.
Mr Parks succeeded in getting a discharge for his son (Lewis)
John Watkins was substituted in J. T. Heamesberger’s place, the
latter left for Richmond, & thence for home, substituted for 1 month.
Mr Parks & son leave this evening for “R” & thence for home. Dr
Sims came in Camps from Richmond & returned in the eve. Received 2
months pay today (22$) paid up to July 1st.

Order was countermanded, we will not leave this eve. Night has
come, very warm. Went to sleep early.

August the 12th. "Tuesday."1862.

Beautiful morning, evry thing wears the same. All look dull.
Mr Calvin left Camp early for Richmond. Nothing to do but eat &
sleep; heard the news of a victory by "Jackson" over Pope, capturing
several hundred prisoners, officers & 1 Gen’l.

Plenty of vegetables & apples in Camps. 2 P. M. Heavy cloud with
a severe wind blowing down a few tents with little rain.
[The following fragment is inserted in the back of the diary]


All ready to march at 10 A. M. We left the village & marched a north east course going through the country. The enemies waggons & tents could be seen very distinctly. We marched only 4 miles & were drawn in line of battle in rear of Gen'l "Drayton's" Brigade, "Jones" Division all very close. Heavy picketing going on all the eve also cannonading, the enemies shells fell very close, some in 8 feet, none were hurt. Here we remained in line all night, near the "Warrenton" & Turnpike. Our rations have not come yet, we eat roasting ears. All were very hungry having eat nothing for 24 hours. Night has come & no provisions yet. None were permitted to leave to go to private houses. So all suffered alike, none sick in Company. Several the boys left behind, could not keep up.

August the 26th. "Tuesday." 1862.

I & T. H. Reason went to a house near the picket line & got our breakfast which was a good one, we eat with an old lady.

We drew 3 days rations of meat & crackers. At 11 A. M. we were in lines & marched 3 miles out the way to go only ½, going over hills & partly no road. The day was very warm, we soon came in the Turnpike. Several began to fall out as it was very warm & marching quick time. We marched the Pike some 4 miles & then filed right marching a west course for 3 miles. We came to the north branch of the "Rappahannock" which we waded at dusk, the stream was very rocky. We marched then over a rough & hilly country nearly all night for 8 miles, most the
Division falling out as they were very tired. Marching some 10
during the day, I kept in ranks till 11 P. M. & then I & Abb. Gullatt
stopped near the road for the night near the village of "Orleans."
More than half the Brigade had fallen out. Slept finely after so
long & hot march.

August the 27th. "Wednesday," 1862.

I & Abb. left our Camp at light. Bought some Honey & bread at
"Orleans" passing by a great many stragling soldiers that had fallen
out the night before. The Reg'mt went 1 miles ahead of us. Our
Company had only 7 in it, the rest all fallen out. Arriving at the
Reg'mt at 9 A. M. very soon the Reg'mt were in lines & off. We marched
near the mountains in a beautiful country, lands very rich. After a
march of 7 miles we came to the beautiful village of "Salem" We stopped
1 mile of Salem. While we were resting a report came that the enemies
Cavalry were at "Salem", we were soon in lines ready to meet them.
They saw us & "SADDLED" taking most the meat from the citizens &
horses, had we been sooner we would have captured them all. Here we
remained 1½ hour & were off. Soon came to Salem a village nearly as
large as Washington Geo. with several stores & one Hotel ("Tremont
House"). Several eat dinner here, some very fine houses. The Manasses
Gap R. Road passes this place. We crossed the road & marched over a
hilly country & came to a village of White Plains 4 miles from "Salem,"
on the same road. It was 9 P. M. when we got here having marched 12
miles. Here we encamped in a grove near the village, for the night.