Diary of

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Nov 15th Saturday.

Very cold morning.
I am on Regimental guard.
I will go on post at 11:00.

Sent stacker Co. B, officer
of guard Capt. Hernsberger
officer of day; stood guard
at midnight & a very cold
line.

Nov 16th Sunday.

Cloudy very cold morning;
Wrote a letter to W. C.

Went to 5 P.M. Received an order
in Camp for two Priests from
each 'Co.' to go right to go
home with clothing for the

Nov 17th Monday.

Drisky wet morning; very
fine train, some snowing.

The Cis. of course, I caught me

To lend 'Co.' for his signature.

Preaching in Camp that Eve.

Received orders at 8 A.M. to

Carry 3 c. o. rations of flour
The next time at a moments

Morning, I had up Coating

most the night, very

Sweat had quite a disagreeable

l. line. As we had but few

Backing utensils for the 'Co.

A dark, cold, rainy night.

We lie across Cumshonge

Cn. of our State of Course.

Wore

Navy 4th Wednesday.

Drisky wet morning.
1862

October the 30th. "Thursday."

Drum beat this morning before day, all up & making preparations to leave the morning quite cold, but little sleep during the night.

We left Camp at sun rise marching left in front an east course for 1 mile & then came in the "Winchester" "Front Royal" & "Luray" C. H. turn pike, & then marched nearly a south west direction, quick time. The country was poor & thinly settled. Most the way to the C. H. we marched up the valley at the foot of the mountains. But few people lived in the valley. Crops sorry. We marched till 4 P. M. & encamped within 2 1/2 miles of "Luray" C. H. in a piece of woods near a creek. All were very much wearied & nearly half the Brigade had fallen out, they were coming up till late. We marched 18 miles over a very rocky road (several the men barefoot) up the "Shenandoah" river, the scenery was beautiful most the march.

A great many apples near the Camp, most the boys went out in the country & got their supper. We had 1 days ration of Beef to cook. So we were up quite late, the night was quite cold. I was up late, so we got but little sleep.

October 31st. "Friday." 1862.

Heavy frost & a very cold morning. Drums beat at day for all to be ready; we were up soon & at sunrise we left Camps right on front. After a march of 2 1/2 miles we came to "Luray" C. H. in "Page Co". The town is situated on a high ridge with several fine houses 2 large Hotels & Churches & 1 Seminary, the place looks very old. The people
seemed glad to see us & gave us provisions. Some nice young ladies. The town is well watered.

Here we left the pike, & marched a South West direction over a very rocky road (country road) (So rough the waggons could not go the route) The road was very crooked. The Country in places was rich & the people quite wealthy. After a march of 4 miles we came near the foot of the mountains, here the lands in the valley was rich & fine Crops of Corn, the houses quite beautiful & large. We passed over several creeks & by a great many nice apple orchards, but few apples now on them. After a march of 10 miles from the C. H. we marched up a Creek for 1 mile & came in the "Newmarket" "Madison" C. H. & "Cordonsville" turn pike, & marched 1 mile & encamped at a Brandy still at Mt. "Hope" at 2 P. M. having marched 12 miles mostly quick time. Our encampment was a very rough & rocky one, no wood & in a swamp near the Creek. Could scarcely find a place suitable to make a bed; Brandy was quite plentiful at 3$ pr qt. Several got quite "sump". I went to a house near & got a very good dinner the lady was very kind & would not have any pay. We got a great many apples near the Camp. Nearly half the Reg'mt had fallen out & were coming up 'till late. We drew 2 days ration of flour & one of Beef, we soon had it cooked without salt, & then made preparations to sleep. The night was quite warm But Brandy being so near a great many the boys could scarcely sleep. A guard was put at the "Still", at a late hour.
November the 1st. "Saturday." 1862.

Warm & Pleasant morning. Was aroused from sleep at day to make ready to march. We left Camps at sun rise. Across the mountains the road was exceedingly crooked, in places the road was 2 miles around & direct across was not more than 200 yds. It wound around the mountain from the foot to the top by the road was 6 miles & direct only 3 miles. After getting to the top the scenery was grand & sublime, as far as your eyes would let you see was mountains & houses looked like tents stretched, a few old cabins on top but the people were poor & had a great many Chestnuts for sale; after Starting from the top, a cool stream flows from the rocks, the water was very cold, this spring is the head of "Rappahannock" river. The road was just as crooked in coming down, several small farms & houses along.

We crossed the above stream 3 times before we got to the foot. We stopped to camp at the foot of the mountain on the Stream we crossed so many times, at 1 P. M. marching 1/4 miles. Our encampment was a very rough & rocky one. We had to move the rocks to get a place to sleep. Wood was scarce, we destroyed all the rails around. We had 1 days ration of Beef to cook & no salt to put in it. We encamped near a Brandy still at the 30th mile post leading to "Gordonsville."

The night was quite cold.

November the 2nd. "Sunday." 1862.

Cool morning; drum beat at day for all to be ready to leave at sun rise; at which time we left, marching right in front, down the
same stream we crossed the day before, so many times; the road was very rocky. We passed several fine farms, the houses small & close together.

After a march of 3 miles we came to a small village & crossed noted stream "Rappahannock" river (which stream we had been following) on a bridge. The country along the road was very poor, few farms, crops sorry, but few people lived along the road. After a march of 10 miles we came to the beautiful town of "Madison" the C. H. of "Madison Co."

The town is a beautiful one, the houses fine, new & mostly brick & somewhat resembles "Washington" Geo. Some fine yards, one large Hotel. The town is situated on both sides the pike, the road through the town is very good. The town is nearly a mile long. Some beautiful girls.

We marched through the town with music. Several incidents happened while passing through the town. After leaving the town we marched only 4 miles & encamped at the 16th mile post. The country to Camps was poor & mostly pine fields & but few people lived along the road & they were poor. We stopped to Camp at 3 P. M. in a grove near a branch marching 14 miles & drew 2 days ration of flour & 1 of Beef.

So we were up quite late. A Brandy still being near so a great many the boys got quite funny. But little sleep by me.

Nov. the 3d. "Monday." 1862.

Cold morning; drums beat at day for all to prepare to leave early.
We were in lines & left marching left in front at 6½ A. M. quick time for 4 miles.

The Country from Camps to "Gordonville" is poor & but little wood-land, houses few & far between. We crossed the "Rapidan" River on a high bridge, arriving at "Gordonville" at 3 P. M. marching 17 miles & encamped 1 mile west of "G" in a grove, some distance from water.

So now here we are at "G" the place we left the 13th of Aug. Having marched 96 miles in 6 days, from 6 miles beyond "Strasburg" to "Gordonville," & marching 450 miles in the 3 months & arriving safe back again.

Here for the first time in 7 weeks we drew 2 days ration of "Becon". Quite a cold night.

Nov. the 1st. "Tuesday." 1862.

Cold morning.

Remained in Camps till 3 P. M. & then removed Camps some ½ mile nearer the Mill to get water. Most the "G6" got their knapsacks & they left at Brandy Station. We drew 3 days rations of flour & Several cooked most the night as we expected to leave for some unknown section early next day.

A very Cold night.

Nov. the 5th. "Wednesday." 1862.

Fires feel quite comfortable, heavy frost. Received orders early to send all the baggage to "Gordonville" to be sent to "Rapidan Station." A guard was left with the Baggage. (A. J. Steed from our "G6" was left) We left Camps at 10 A. M. Several were of the opinion that we would
go to "Richmond." But we turned to the left when we got to "Gordonsville" & marched in the direction of "Orange" C. H. We marched the same road we marched the 17th of Aug when we left for "Manassas." After arriving at the R. R. we took the Orange C. H. road passing through the town & saw but few people (the description of which I gave in March as we passed through). The day was a wet & rainy one. We marched $\frac{1}{2}$ mile beyond the C. H. & encamped in the same piece of woods we encamped in on our retreat from Manassas the 18th of March. The night was a wet, cold & rainy one. I & Capt. went to a house near by (Dr Push) & got a good supper & remained all night. We lie by the fire on the floor in the parlor, the Dr was a fine man & had been unwell for some time, he had a beautiful daughter whose Company we enjoyed ourselves with for some time (Miss "Susan Push") we sit up late eating apples & talking. It rained till late & then the wind blew very cold. We got a very good nights rest (as Mrs "Push" gave us two Blankets & we slept on the floor.) It was late before we went to sleep as we were up talking &c

Nov. the 6th. "Thursday" 1862.

A Cold & wet morning, the wind blows very cold. We left the Dr early & went to Camps. I am on rear guard. We left Camps at 10 A. M. & in $\frac{1}{2}$ mile march we came to the Rapidan river which we crossed on rails & plank at Madison Mills. The day was a cold & wet day to march, as a great many the Reg't was barefoot. We marched 3 miles beyond the river & encamped near the Creek marching $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The night was
Cold. But we had a large fire & then slept cold. The wind blew all
night.

Nov. the 7th. "Friday." 1862.

Ground frozen. Cloudy & Cold morning. I & Capt walked 2 miles
to get our breakfast but failed & came back to Camps & fasted as our
flour rations were out.

10 A. M. Snowing very fast. We made a shelter of our blankets
& made a large fire, the day was very cold & continuing to snow all
day. Spent the day in cutting wood & making fires. Stopped snowing
at dusk. But windy & cold, the ground covered. We lie down on straw
before a log fire & covered with our blankets. Slept quite comfort-
able during the night.

Nov. the 8th. "Saturday." 1862.

Cold. Cloudy & windy morning, the ground white with snow. Bussy
making fires, some preparing breakfast (our flour being musty & old)
A little beef.

10 A. M. Clear & the snow melts fast. 1 P. M. Cloudy & appearance
of Snow, very cold, received orders to be ready to march at a moments
warning. (As heavy skirmishing is going on below "Brandy Station".

7 P. M. Capt. Brother & several gone in the Country to get
supper & returned, at 10 P. M. received orders to cook 2 days rations
of flour & 1 of Beef, & be ready to march at day. The Company was up
most the night Cooking as we had only 3 Bakers to 42 men. I was up
till 12 P. M. Cooking with Billy "Sims". The night was very cold
& cloudy with a little snow.

Long roll beat at day for all to get up & be ready to march. We were up soon & all the cooking utensils &c carried to the waggons & all now ready to leave & awaiting for orders; "Pioneers" gone in front to build a cross way across the river.


Received a mail today for the first time in 2 weeks. We drew 2 days ration of polk & 1 of flour. The General impression now is that we will go towards "Gordonville." Night has come very cold.

Nov. the 10th. "Monday." 1862.

Very Cold morning, received orders to prepare what rations we have on hand & be ready to march. Heavy cannonading going on towards "Culpepper" G. R. lasted all day. The impression is that a fight has been going on all day. All holding themselves in readiness to march at a moments warning. We drew 1 days ration of flour & 2 of fresh polk & received orders to cook them & be ready at a moments notice. Tis night & all are busy cooking & may be up most the night.

10 P. M. received orders not to cook as the order was countermanded & we would not leave. Such hollering & confusion in Camps. We sit up late talking & singing all quite jolly, & enjoying themselves fine.

Capt. & Brother returned to Camps late from the country where they had gone for their supper. Very cold night.

P. Norman & J. Watkins sent to Richmond.
Nov. the 11th. "Tuesday." 1862.

A cold morning. Heavy frost. I had a very cold nights sleep. Had a very good breakfast of baked polk. Company drill this morning. Nothing of importance in Camps. Capt & few others went out in the country to Dr "Hill" & got their supper. Our rations quite short.

Nov. the 12th. "Wednesday." 1862.

Cloudy & appearance of rain. But little wood in Camp. Had quite a pleasant nights rest last night, very much crowded. All quiet in Camp. Went with others in the woods to get "Hickory nuts". I, Capt & T. H. Remson went out in the country 2 miles to get our supper. Had quite a fine time with Miss Anna & Julia "Hill", we got a fine supper. The Dr ("Hill") lives in a very large & fine house & is very wealthy. We left their at 9 P. M. the night was exceedingly dark & had quite a lively time coming to Camps by a house where there was a very bad dog. Arrived at Camps at 10 P. M. & found Abb. Fleming & T. H. Albee in Camps just from "Richmond." They brought several Boxes of clothing for the "Co" & left them at "Orange" C. H. for transportation to Camps.

Quite a warm night. Appearance of rain

Nov. the 13th. "Thursday." 1862.

Warm morning, little cloudy. Capt & Albee, Fleming & W. Sims went with the waggon to "Orange" C. H. after Company clothing, returned at noon with the boxes, most the Company got clothing. I rec'd
a pr pants shirt &c from home. Capt "Albea & Fleming" remained all day & night.

Received a letter from "F. Z. W." also one from Pa, the first in 3 weeks.

Warm & pleasant evening. All living finely; not so much from the government.

Nov. the 11th. "Friday." 1862.

Quite a pleasant day. Battalion drill this morning. Capt "A & P" returned to Camps this morning. Nothing of interest transpired in Camps. All quiet all lying about in perfect quietude, some cracking hickory nuts & others at different amusements. Battalion drill this eve by Major "Shannon"

Today 16 months since I have seen home. Night has come quite cold, fire feels quite agreeable.

Wash day with me. Thos. "Clary" quite sick but better than he was this morning. Compan's & Reg'nt quite healthy.


Windy Cold morning. I am on Regimental guard & will go on post at 11 A. M. Lieut "Chapeler" "Co B" officer of guard Capt "Hearnesberger" officer of day; Stood guard at midnight & a very cold time.

Nov. the 16th. "Sunday." 1862.

Cloudy & very cold morning. Wrote a letter to "G. L. K." also one to Pa. Received an order in Camp for one Private from each "Co"
in the Reg'nt to go home & bring clothing for the "Co" (A. "Gullatt" chosen for the man) The order forwarded to Gen'l "Lee" for his signature.

Preaching in Camp this Eve, received orders at 8 P. M. to cook 3 days rations of flour & be ready to move at a moments warning. We were up cooking most the night & it raining. So we had quite a disagreeable time, as we had but few cooking utensils for the "Co."

A dark cold & rainy night, we lie under a covering of corn stalks, of course it leaked some .


Drisly wet morning, very fine rain. Some preparing their rations.
I bought me a pr pants from the Q. M.
Had plenty of honey for Breakfast. All quiet & still this morning at 10 A. M.

John W. "Parks" of "Lincoln Co." arrived in Camp this Eve from home. All very glad to see him. Also Wm "Martin" who was absent home on furlough & looks well.

Battalion drill this Eve. A dark rainy night. Still under marching orders.

Nov. the 18th. "Tuesday," 1862.

Cold wet & rainy morning. Very fine rain. Had quite a rich breakfast (ll eating out of one skillet)
A case of "Small Fox" reported in the 20th Geo. received orders for all to be vaccinated; I with several others were vaccinated today
from T. "Albea's" arm.

Drizzling rain most the evening. 8 P. M. received orders to prepare 2 days rations & be ready at dawn to march & have the cooking utensils in the waggon at light; we drew 1 days ration of flour at 10 P. M.

So we were up till midnight cooking, it raining part the time. Of course we got but little sleep. Our rations of meat very short.

Nov. the 19th. "Wednesday." 1862.

Long roll beat at 4 A. M. for all to get up & be ready to march at light. We were up very soon & breakfast eat. Cooking utensils carried to the waggon, & all holding themselves in readiness. Drizzling rain. Several drying their blankets (as we made shelters of them)

A great deal of noise & confusion in Camps as to where we are to go, various rumors in circulation. Lieut T. H. Hanes officer of rear guard.

10 A. M. the order countermanded & all put up their shelters as it is raining very fine rain. Evry thing going on as usual.

3 P. M. received orders to be ready to march, the roll beat & line formed, & away we go towards "Orange" C. H. the road was very mudy & slipery, of course our progress was slowly.

We crossed the Rapidan River at "Madison Hills" (the place we crossed a few days ago). Here we rested a few moments it raining & then stopped to encamp at the same place we did a few days past (making the 3d time we encamped here), it was dark & wood was scarce, it
rained most the night & we were cooking, all got quite wet & cold. We lie under our blankets as shelters, wind blowing & raining most the night.


Drum beat for us to be up at day. It raining & a very disagreeable morning. I got but little sleep. Evry thing wet, we made fires & dryed our blankets.

9 A. M. We left Camps for "Orange" C. H. (2 miles) (Here Capt & Abb. Gullatt came with us having remained with Mr "Shaw" during the night) The streets were very muddy, we marched through town & took the "Orange" C. H. & "Fredericksburg" plank road. After leaving town it commenced raining & rained very hard. We stopped a few moments to rest & got very wet. Very soon we continued to march through the rain & mud quick time (this making the 3d time we marched this road) We marched quick time all day & it continued to rain & very cold. We marched the plank road 16 miles & then filed off to the right in a Country road which led again in the main road. Here we met with mud, mud, any quantity, & any amount of stragling soldiers (for we were marching entirely to fast through the mud & rain) in places we would mire 12 inches. We marched this road 5 miles & came up with our Division ("Hoods") The first time we have been together in 8 weeks.

We stopped to Camp at dusk, and it raining & the wind blowing cold, & we as wet as could be, in a pine thicket, no wood near but
pine; If ever there was a time that soldiers ever suffered it was then, 2 days ration of flour & 1 of beef to cook. It continued to rain all night, none got scarcely any sleep. (I was up 2/3 of the night,) & was wet all night. As I did not sleep 2 hours we never got dry. The incidents & hardships of that night will ever have a fresh spot in our memory. Of all the hardships we have suffered since being in Va that night was the worst. Having marched 21 miles through a days rain & the roads muddy & then to stop where there was no wood near, & do without scarcely any fire a cold, windy & rainy night was enough to try anyone. I shall never forget that night.

Nov. the 21st. "Friday." 1862.

Drum beat for all to be ready to march at day (still raining) all very wet, blankets wet & we also wet. Windy & cold. The roads exceedingly muddy. Here we reencamped with our Division "Texas" & N. C. Brigade of our Division in front. We marched only 1/2 mile & stopped & let the 2 Brigades pass. Mud, mud, our knapsacks & blankets felt twice as heavy as common, but go we must. We marched quick time some 4 miles & rested. A great many began to fall out as they were tired down. We soon crossed the river "Ty" & then came in "Spotsylvania" Co. The latter "Co" Orange is very poor, & thinly settled. But this "Co" was mostly quite rich, the people wealthy & lived far apart, the lands low & sandy with a great many pine fields, the woodland mostly Hickory & oak & heavy timbered. This country resembles very much "York & Warwick" "Co'tys". We stopped several times to rest after crossing
the river "Po" we marched a very muddy road & stopped to Camp at 4 P. M. in a swamp & thicket of undergrowth, mostly elder. One scarcely could walk through the bushes. All muddy & cold it having stopped raining at 1 P. M. A great many stragglers, having marched so fast they could not keep up. Having marched 15 miles mostly quick time. We soon made large fires & dried ourselves & blankets & then cooked 1 days ration of Beef. Very good place to sleep.

Nov. the 22nd. "Saturday." 1862.

Drum beat at day for all to be up & ready to march. We got a very good nights rest. (Of course we needed it)

We left Camps at 7 A. M. the roads not as muddy as yesterday. After a march of 2 miles we came to "Spotsylvania" C. H. We marched within 300 yds of the place & went through a field & came in the main "Fredericksburg" road (10 miles from here) This C. H. is a small place only some 5 or 6 large fine brick houses & the C. H. very few houses scarcely any place. The road on was not very muddy, we marched very well. The lands mostly rich along the road & low. We soon came to the river "Mat" (which at the terminus is called "Mattapony" But called "Mat" at the beginning) quite a small stream, the lands very low & overflows a great deal. We marched some 5 miles & left the main City road & went across the telegraph road & halted & let "Ransom's" & Walker's Division pass, & then we about faced & followed them only ½ mile. The order was countermanded & we about faced again & pursed our former
course. Various rumors were afloat that the enemy had limited Gen'l "Lee" to 16 hours in which time he must evacuate the City.

We met a great many "women" & children with house furniture leaving the town; Cannonading was going on at intervals, the enemy holding the opposite side the river in force. We marched some 4 miles farther & stopped to Camp some 5 miles South of the City near the R. R. in a very good place, plenty of wood, at 3 P. M. We soon made large fires as it was cloudy & cold & all tired. We drew a days ration of flour & cooked it, with orders to leave early next morning. The night was very cold.

Nov. the 23d. "Sunday." 1862.

All up quite early expecting to leave, the morning very cold.

We had a very good nights rest. We got orders to put our guns in fix & ready for inspection which took place at 10 A. M. & all furnished with cartridges. The order was countermanded & we are still in Camps.

At noon we drew 2 days rations of flour (very sorry, half rotten) All drying & resting themselves. A. "Hearnesbergen" quite sick. Clear & pleasant. We made large fires for the night, as it was a cold night. Got very cold before day & had to get up & rebuild the fires.

Nov. the 24th. "Monday." 1862.

Heavy frost & very cold morning. Our rations of flour being wormy & rotten quite a general complaint as it regards flour. Several bought corn & carried it to the Mill & got meal. No drill nor guard. Nothing going on in Camp. All quiet; Very cold night.
Nov. the 25th. "Tuesday." 1862.

A very Cold morning. I with several of the "Co" carried Corn to Mill (3 miles from Camp) returned late in the evening. Battalion drill at 3 P. M.

We drew 3 days rations of crackers (as the Commissary would not receive the sorry flour)

Cloudy at dark, all preparing wood & making shelters of their blankets. 9 P. M. Commenced raining slowly & continued till light very slowly; We kept quite dry & had a very good nights sleep.

Nov. the 26th. "Wednesday." 1862.

Raining & very cold this morning. 9 A. M. Cloudy & cold. All preparing wood for the day (which is plentiful). Brigade guard around the line with very stringent orders. Took a walk to see the country around Camp. Lands very rich with a great deal of Bottom land, fine houses & wealthy people. Skirmish drill with "Co" "G" & "F" in the evening. Very cold & wet night.

Nov. the 27th. "Thursday." 1862.

Cold morning, slept quite uncomfortable during night. Clear & Cold day. Skirmish drill today. All busy cutting wood & preparing for the night. Texas Brigade (3) & our Brigade drilling near Major Gen'l "Hood," viewing his division this eve.

Nov. the 28th. "Friday." 1862.

Very cold morning. Wrote a letter to "B. A. Arnett" received
orders to drill & then countermanded them with orders to be ready to
move at 1 P. M. We left Camp at 3 P. M. & marched only ½ mile to a
better encampment where wood was more plentiful. But sorry water &
some distance from a swampy dream. Very cold evening & night. G.
"Albee, J. Jones, R. T. Hardin" came to Camps from Richmond Hospital.
G. Graves returned yesterday from "Winchester" whe he has been a nurse,
been from the "Co" 6 months. I have a very sick Headache & am quite
unwell.

Nov. the 29th. "Saturday." 1862.

Cold & cloudy morning, I am quite unwell today. No drill today.
Wash day, all preparing wood, some out foraging. Brother went to buy
some meal. We drew 2 days rations of crackers, just half enough.
Small ration of beef. Very cold night.


Cold morning, I am on Brigade guard & on first relief. Brigade
mistered in for pay. Our Reg'nt mistered in by "Capt. Hearnesberger"
& inspected by him. Very cold this eve.

December the 1st. "Monday". 1862.

Had a very cold time last night on guard. Cloudy with a little
rain today. All preparing them houses & shelters as it looks like
we are going to have bad weather.

We drew crackers & bacon the first in some time. All quite hungry
having had but little today.

Very cold night. But we have a great fire. Capt. busiy making
cut pay rolls.

Quite a cold morning. One of "Co. B" died last night of pneumonia (Thos. Shannon)

Inspection of guns & c by the Adjutant Gen'l (Sellers)"

Had a splendid sermon from a presbyterian last night. Rec'd a letter from "P. J. B." A guard detailed tonight to watch for signals.

Very cold night.


Cold morning. Gen'l A. P. "Hill's" Division passed by the Reg't, the impression is afight is near at hand. Jona Clary left Camps for Richmond. Several unwell in Camps. Wrote a letter to S. M. H. received orders tonight to have everything where we could put our hand on & be ready to leave.

December the 4th. "Thursday." 1862.

Heavy frost & very cold morning. Slept quite cold last night.

Sit up by the fire part the time. Our rations very small, we drew 4 crackers & 2 Irish potatoes & 3/4 lb of Beef for day (just half enough)

The general talk is "I want to eat"

Josh "Jones" sent off sick. W. R. "Kendall" fell from the waggon & broke his collar bone, sent to Richmond. All busy cutting wood & preparing wood for the night. received notice of 2nd Lieut Dallas resignation. Appearance of snow tonight.
Dec. the 5th. "Friday." 1862.

Sleetimg quite fast this morning. Our rations of crackers out, & nothing to eat today but beef & no salt. Commenced snowing at 2 P. M. & continued till late. Our shelters did us but little good. (of course little sleep this damp & disagreeable night) all sitting up wet & cold around the fires in the snow. We drew no rations & it was anticipated that the Brigade would rise en masse & storm the commissary. But by great persuasions the mob was quelled.


Clear & very cold morning, the snow some 4 inches deep with a crust on top; melts slowly. But little sleep during the night as evry place was damp, up most the night.

Election came off today for 3d. Lieut (in place of "Dallas") J. K. "Parks" & P. L. Colvin' cand'dat "Parks" majority by "two thirds" Also election for 2d Sergant, myself J. "Loflin" & a. "Gullatt" candidates. I was elected.

All busy preparing wood as it is a very cold day; nothing of interest only very cold night.


The ground still covered with Snow, last night was the coldest night we have ever had; I did not get half nights sleep, as we did not have covering sufficient most the Reg'nt were up around large fires. "Co" inspection today; we kept by fires all day.

The snow melted but little today. Very cold night.

Very cold morning. But little sleep during the night; all busy preparing wood for tonight.

Several boxes came for "Co" "B" containing clothing & "Brandy" the latter they partook of quite freely assisted by part of "Co" "G" All were up until after midnight. Several of "Co" "B" & "G" was soon "hors d' combat" & a lively set never was; the scene was quite amusing; of course the 2 Co'nies was very noisy.

December the 9th. "Tuesday." 1862.

The Snow melts very slowly. I am Serg'int of the guard today, Lieut. "Forks" officer of guard. Cleve Ward came to the "Co" to see us. Wrote a letter home today. Brother received his transfer the 7th dated back to Sept. the 2nd

I was up till midnight & then returned to my quarters & feasted on potatoes for a while, very cold night.

Dec. the 10th. "Wednesday." 1862.

The snow melts slowly. Most the Reg'mt paid off. Our "Co" was paid off 4 months 50$ bounty & 14.85 commutation in all I rec'd 105 dollars. Nothing of interest in Camps, only a very cold day. Busy preparing wood for the night. We drew Irish potatoes & pickled pork for 2 days. So we are faring very well. A cold night &

Dec. the 11th. Thursday." 1862.

Signal gun fired at 4 A. M. & aroused all from sleep. Very soon
the long roll was beat & all in line. We marched some 200 yds & formed a line of battle in the woods. Heavy cannonading going on near "Fredericksburg". It was a very cold morning, we stood in line of battle. (only way we could keep warm was by marking time) We remained in line until day, when a detail was sent after our knapsacks. All was brought from the Camps; & the waggons &c were all loaded & ready to move. Our line advanced some ½ mile in a pine field, behind a fence. Cannonading continued heavy until 10½ A. M. our batteries opened, there was a dense smoke all the time. After 11 A. M. the enemies Camps & flag could be seen distinctly. 2 Companies from the 15th Geo was sent out as skirmishers & remained all night, skirmishing going on at intervals. Heavy cannonading from the enemies Siege pieces beyond the river late in the eve, where the enemy crossed under the cover of the pieces. Shells from the enemies guns fell in the City. Part the City was on fire, the blaze could be seen distinctly.

We remained in line all night, we destroyed all the fences for wood (as the night was cold.) Our Waggons moved only ½ mile & encamped. The enemy crossed in large force by day, we lie down to sleep with orders to be ready for any duty by 5 A. M. (or break of day.)


Aroused from sleep at 4 A. M. to be ready with our knapsacks on & accoutrements. Most of us (I for one) was up by 2 A. M. A very cold morning, ground frozen hard, heavy frost. Our Reg't called to attention at light; (the 20th Geo just off Picket at 2 A. M.) & by sunrise our "Co" & "C" deployed as skirmishers in an open & very large field &
advanced 1 mile to the R. R. (The line several miles long the Pickets 10 paces apart) a few Veddets was sent to the front some ½ mile near the river; the enemies Cavalry & our Veddets exchanged a few shots. By this time our Reg’mt had advanced 300 yards to our rear behind & in supporting distance in the rear of a Battery. We only remained here only 2 hours when Gen’l A. P. Hill’s Pickets relieved us (His Division coming farther to our left) Our Division marched (& other Reg’mt) & back to Camps & formed on the Division & went to the rear in the woods, remaining only 1 hour when we left, marching the left in front over a very rough, crooked & muddy road of 2 miles (the distance direct only 3/4 mile) opposite Fredericksburg & relieved a "Va" Brigade. We took our position behind breastworks of logs, the enemies Cavalry was advancing when our "Co" was sent out with a "Co" from the 20th Ga the 2 "Co’ies" commanded by Capt. "Mitchel."

We deployed out & advanced some 300 yds & commenced firing on the Cavalry, we continued to advance when they run back, we then fell back & remained a short time & then advanced again to the same position we had before, when the enemy threw out skirmishers & here we all remained till dark in six 00 yds of each other in an open level field. We killed 3 horses & dismounted one, late in the Eve some the "Co" (C. Albea & Loftin) advanced to get the saddles when the enemy sent 2 to meet them "A. & L" fired on them & then soon run back, the horses was some 500 yds from us & near the enemy.

Night came & we marched back to the Reg’mt & all marched back
the same road opposite the old Camps, it was quite late when we got
there, & very cold. We had only 1 axe to the "Co" so it was late
before we got fires made, we lie down on the damp ground. A detail
was sent to the rear to cook 3 days rations, we had orders to be ready
to move at light.


All up before day & evry thing ready to march. We were called
to the attention when we formed a line & stacked guns & remained
quiet about 1 hour (our rations came at light.)

Very soon the cannonading commenced in our front, also heavy
picketing, the shells & bombs fell thick around us. We then marched
by file right to the edge of the woods & fronted & formed in a ditch,
we remained only a short time & then fell back a few yds & secured
ourselves behind trees as the pieces of shells fell fast & in evry
direction through the woods. Billy "Willis" of "Co" "A" was killed
instantly by a piece of shell, struck on the head. Very soon one from
"Co" "C" was badly wounded. The cannonading continued heavy & by 1
P. M. we had 5 wounded & 1 killed by shells. We cut logs (each "Co")
& made breastworks. Heavy fighting was now going on to our right,
A. P. "Hill's" division. Also heavy skirmishing in our front. We
could see our Pickets & the enemies, while fighting they give back.
Also Heavy Cannonading & fighting to the left opposite "Fredericksburg"
we could see the enemies siege pieces as they opened on our Battery.

We remained here till 3 P. M. & then marched right in front some
400 yds & took the position the N. G. Brigade had (it having gone out
as skirmishers) Here we remained till sunset, & while here I saw a
great many the N. C'ians wounded coming in & going to the hospital, the Brig lost but few, several slightly wounded.

We then marched on the same line some 500 yds in a ditch & made fires & remained all night. The cannonading continued heavy till 8 P. M. We lie down with orders to be ready for any movement by day (as a great battle was anticipated) Our Ambulances were bringing the wounded by our Camps most the night. The loss in A. P. Hill's division was small. We drove the enemy back & captured a great many prisoners, the loss in our division was small.

The night was quite a pleasant one; I got but little sleep as there was a great deal of passing by.


Quite a warm & pleasant morning, we were ordered up by 4 A. M. & ready to move. Cannonading commenced by sunrise also skirmishes on our front. (our rations came little after sun rise.) We marched farther to the left on the same line & remained 1½ hour behind good works; we then marched left in front & filed right, going nearer the enemy, going through a swampy place, coming into line by right file into line. The balls whised over our heads falling around. We were ordered to lie flat down & protect ourselves. We were supporting what is called "Stonewall" Brigade; which was lying down in the R. R. supporting the pickets. The pickets were keeping up a regular firing, some the balls would go beyond us. John "Dunaway" was struck by a spent ball & slightly wounded, several the Reg'mt was thus wounded.
An attack was expected, the enemies skirmishers & ours were not over 200 yds apart. We lie here until 12 A.M. & then fell back in the thicket some 200 yds & lie down, securing ourselves as best we could. Cannonading going on some distance to our right, & the skirmishers kept a continual firing all day.

We lie here until 3 P.M. & then marched right in front & come in a road & then came to the rear passing by part of A.P. Hill's Division in the ditch & in the same position we were in the morning, supporting us. We marched up the line & the ditch was full. We stopped a few moments behind a battery, we then came to our former position near the Camps, stacked guns, it now being night. We were then ordered to build breastworks of logs (as the Enemy could see us in day time) We finished them by 9 P.M. The night was quite warm, we lie down on the damp ground with but little fire.


A warm & pleasant morning. We got a splendid nights rest, the first in several nights. All quiet along the lines. At 9 A.M. a detail was made to make the breastworks longer, the remainder resting themselves, some writing letters &c. Gen'l's "Lee" & "Jackson" passed by where we were working. Heavy cannonading some distance below us.

We remained in Camps all day. 2 "Co"nies sent out on picket. Appearance of rain tonight, warm & pleasant. At 3 P.M. the enemy threw a few shells amongst us.


All aroused from sleep before day by rain, all got quite wet, as
we had no shelters made; It continued to rain till 8 A. M. & then the wind blew cold. We were working on breast works until we left (10 A. M.) Gen'ls "Lee" "Longstreet" "Jackson" "D. H. Hill" & "Stewart" passed through Camp, the boys cheered them as they passed, while "Lee" waved his hat with a smile. Gen'l "Hood" also passed & spoke to some the boys, & told them the enemy had gone back over the river. Also that Gen'l "Hooker" (Federalist) was wounded; Several prisoners were brought in the pickets caught after the enemy fell back. Our Pickets pursued the enemy to the river & captured a great many prisoners. Our batteries opened upon them as they were crossing.

We received orders to leave, we were soon in line, marching right in front some 500 yds, then filed left, & passing in front of our breastworks passing by a great many troops. We marched down the R. R. here a great many troops are stationed. We marched down the R. R. across the battle field of the 13th. We could see the enemy beyond the river (as there were none this side) The Enemy threw several shells from their Seige pieces but none hurt us. The field was strewn with their dead, most of them lie in piles. The Enemy came over under a flag of truce for their dead. We carried them to them but they retreated back that night, leaving most of them unburried.

We marched to about the center of the field & stopped on the R. R. to relieve Gen "Rodes," Ala. Brigade of D. H. "Hill's" Division. Here we remained in line for 2 hours, meeting up with 2 cousins (Pierce Ware & Parker Douty) who told us several incidents of the enemy. We
then took their position, they moving on down the R. R. We took up Camps near the R. R. (in a wet & marshy place) A detail was sent over the battle field to pick up guns & bury the dead. Our Brigade buried 130. I walked over the field & saw 75 dead Yankees in one pile, besides several in smaller piles; a hole was dug & they piled in, covered only 2 feet. The field was a sad sight to behold, the dead lying in every direction. A great quantity of things were found.

The enemy could be seen in masses beyond the river. We remained here till dark & most the dead picked up. At dark we marched back to our same old Camps we left a week ago. It was very dark & cold when we got there, no wood. We lie down on the ground & got a very good nights rest.


Very cold morning, we slept till sunrise. A detail was made to go over the battlefield & gather up all the guns, bayonets &c also to finish burying the dead. The Enemy came over under a flag of truce to get what few dead we had not buried, they got about 100. Several the boys exchanged tobacco for coffee with them. They admit their loss to be heavy & a Severe flogging.

All quite busy preparing wood & making a shelter as the night is very cold. Our tent caught fire & aroused us.

December the 18th. "Thursday." 1862.

Cloudy & cold morning. Wrote a letter home & received one.
Received orders to move Camp some 500 yds, we soon formed a line & marched to a place near sorry water but plenty of wood. All busy preparing wood & fixing a shelter of our blankets. Our rations out, & now we are to do without for the next 24 hours, we only drew beef & salt, the latter we have plentiful. The night very cold, we had a splendid fire & did finely.


Cold & cloudy morning, received orders to form line with 20 rounds of extra cartridges & move to the front as the Enemy was reported crossing. All soon ready with knapsacks &c. We marched some 3/4 mile & about faced, the order being countermanded, as it was a false report. We came back to Camps and all was quiet. So at present all is quiet. All busy preparing tents & fires as it is quite cold. We drew 2 days rations of polk & crackers at a late hour of the night.


This is the coldest morning we have had in some time. 3 Companies sent from the Reg't on picket, "Co'panies" D, I & B. None sick in the "Co". All busy preparing wood & fire for the day.

Nothing of note in Camps.


Cloudy morning. Regimental inspection & preaching in Camps. A very cold day. I & Fleming took a walk out on the high hill & viewed the enemies Camps & "Fredericksburg" the latter place almost
ruined by the enemy (during their short stay.) Company boxes came
tonight with my Coat, pants & boots, also Brothers & Steeds. Most
the "Co" got clothing. It was quite late when they came.


Pleasant morning, the boys dressed up & [rest of page illegible]

A great many troops passing to & fro. We drew 3 days rations of
flour & 2 of beef (our rations out for the past 24 hours, I have
partially been fasting.) Quite a warm night without any fire. Lieut
[illegible] sick. The "Co" in fine health. All quiet in Camps.


Warm & pleasant morning. I with several others went to the
station where a great crowd had gathered to buy Cakes Apples &c.
We bought a few Snacks & Cakes. A great deal of speculation going
on; A great many sick Sent off on the train. All quiet in Camps.


Night! Several gone to the Theatre at the "Texas" Brigade.
Quite a Jolly Reg'mt as there is a great deal of Drinking &c

The night warm & comfortable.


Pleasant morning, nothing of interest in Camps. The baggage of
the 15th Reg'mt came today, also A. J. Steed one the guards. Lieut
T. D. Haines left for Richmond sick.
X Christmas Evening. A quiet time 'till dark, & then a Jolly
time over the Reg'mt. A great deal of noise & confusion, a great
many drunk. Could get but little sleep as there was so much hollering
all night. Then, Sutlers brought a great many tricks in for Sale,
at quite exorbitant price.


Christmas day.

A pleasant morning, warm, with a dense fog. Quite a Jolly
Regiment. Several Eggnogs & a great many drunk. I am on Brigade
guard. Could scarcely get a guard, there being so many "Sorter funy"
Evry thing passed off as other time. "Hard Sanders & T. Normon" of
Irvin Artillery came to Camps. Christmas with all its Joys & many
pleasant & happy hours has passed by with the Soldiers as other days
& while our many friends at home have had a lively & social time
enjoying themselves so well, we are still far from them baffling for
peace (which at present seems as far distant in the future as it did
a year ago today" Still by the kind hand of Providence we are not
as yet conquered & all willing to spend another year (if necessary)
in driving the foe from our soil.

J. B. Remson left for Richmond sick.


Warm & pleasant morning. I was on guard 'till 12 A. M. & then
went to my tent & slept till roll call. Wrote a letter home. F.
Normon, P. Dowty, B. Ware & several from the 6th Ala Reg'mt came


Cloudy & warm morning. Had a splendid nights rest. Stretched our tent this morning, the first time we have been under a tent in five months. Serg't Colvin sick & I now acting as orderly.

Received orders to be ready to leave early in the morning. All quite busy cooking our rations.


Drum beat before day for all to be ready to move. All up & making preparations, tents & baggage carried to the waggons & by 8 A. M. we are in lines, marching right in front. We marched quick time, across a large field & Creek near the R. R. a S. W. direction, passing by a large & fine building. Saw several nice young ladies (the first I have seen in several months). We then came in the road leading to "Quinney" Station. Very soon several began to fall out as we were marching to fast. We came in the telegraph road, marching it only 1 mile then filed left for 2 miles & then came to a large piece of woods, where we are now encamped. The distance direct only 5 miles, the way we came 8. Water plentiful. All busy putting up their tents. Some building houses. Received notice that our Brigade transferred to "Pickets" Division. Gen'l "Toombs" arrived at Gen'l "Penning's"
quarters.

Serg’nt "Colvin & Corp Ashmore" sent to Richmond sick.
Quite a cold night.

Cold morning; most the company building chimneys to their tents. Some building houses. Our mess finished our chimney, all but dobing. Several the Reg’mt building houses. All seem quite busy. Capt made his quarters some distance from the "Co."

Guard duty very light.

Lieut J. K. Parks received his Commission today.
Quite a cold night.

Cloudy & unpleasant morning. All very busy dobing chimneys & building houses. Our mess finished dobing the chimney to our tent, & dug a foot in the ground. All the Company very busy.

R. T. Hardin arrived from Richmond Hospt sick; our mess had a lively time sitting around the fire in the tent, & feasting on pinders & apples (the latter at 23¢ per Doz) Cold with little rain during the night.

Dec. the 31st. "Wednesday." 1862.
Cloudy & windy day, very cold. All very busy, we dug a little deeper in the ground in our tents; Several finished their houses.

We were mustered in the Confederate Service for 2 months pay, also
general inspection by Major "Shannon"

Quite a cold night. We made us a very good bed of straw on the ground.
"January" the 1st. 1863. "Thursday."

Very Cold morning, clear & all in fine health.

The old year with its sorrows has passed & numbered with things of Eternity. Its shadows are stamped upon the heart of the nation. Its sorrows & sad bereavements are felt around evry hearthstone. Many who greeted the last new year morn with bright hopes, & beaming prospects, now lie cold & still upon the battlefields, where midnight winds sing a requiem o'er their graves.

"Peace to their ashes." The new year is upon us. May its sorrows be few; & ere its declining sun shall set, may the halcyon days again open & may we all meet around our firesides once more with our friends.

So mote it be.

Election came off today for Col. (which was glad news to us all as we had been anxious for it to come off for some time) Dubose of Gen'l "Toombs" Staff & Capt. "Edwards" of "Co" "F" Candidates, the former elected by a large majority. ("Dubose" 310 votes & "Edwards" 102. Scattering a few) the election caused great joy over most the Reg'mt as we were anxious for his election.

Most the "Co" doing nothing. Several Apples & Cakes in Reg'mt for Sale. But few Sick. A. H. Hardy arrived in Camps.

Clear & pleasant Eve, nothing new. The band are playing some very good pieces, are playing at a late hour.

I am up reading at 10 A. M. the moon shines beautiful. Cold night
January the 2nd. "Friday." 1863.

Very Cold & frosty morning. Quite a lively & Jolly set in the "Co" as they seem to be taking their Christmas. Some are quite "funny." "Co" "B" having furnished enough to nearly treat the "Co." "Brigade" inspection of guns, ammunition &c by Lieut "Perry" of the 2nd Geo Vol.

The Reg'nt marched over to Gen'l "Toombs" quarters where they called upon him for a speech, which was short, thanking them f'r the election of his son for their Col. This speech was short as he spoke of the gallant 15th at the Battle of "Sharpsburg". He then closed by saying "Let's take a drink boys, I have not made a speech before in 5 yrs." He then took a toast "for the gallant Edwards" (the Col's competitor) & said "Pitch in boys there is enough for all". The Reg'nt then pressed up to his tent so close but few could get a toast, the Keg was taken from his tent by boy Bob, & such a crowd running over &c most of it was poured out & few tasted any. The affair wound up with quite a mob affair, when it was stopped by some officers & all returned to their quarters. So the treat did but few any good.

The night was quite/cold one, the Moon shone pleasant. I was up quite late reading, sitting by a hot fire while the boys slept.

"January" the 3d. "Saturday." 1863.

Quite a pleasant morn. Heard the news of a great victory at "Murfreesboro" Tenn by Gen'l "Bragg." Completely routing the enemy
capturing a great many prisoners, several pieces of Artillery &
destroyed millions dollars worth of Commissary stores.

Gen'l "Morgan & Wheeler" in the enemies rear cutting off com-
munications between "Nashville & Louisville" Ky. Also the raid of
Gen'l "Stuart" in the enemies rear destroying stores & capturing
great many prisoners near "Alexandria & Dumfries". All of which
created quite a lively apperance over the Reg'mt.

Jan'y the 4th. "Sunday." 1863.

Warm & pleasant morning. Rob't "Gullatt" in Camps to see his
brother. I remained in Capt'n's tent all night. Had a nice treat.
(Sitting around the fire talking of absent friends), feasting on
apples & Chestnuts. Reg'mt'l Inspection today. "Martin & P. Gullatt"
came to Camps absent on a Foraging Expedition. "Hardin" quite sick

Jan'y the 5th. "Monday." 1863.

Warm morning; only 2 on sick list from "Co." All quiet & still.
Had a splendid breakfast. (of baked Goose &c) Some talk of granting
furloughs. Several of the Reg'mt sent up theirs for Signature. Nothing
of importance transpired in Camps. Cloudy night.


Cloudy morning, raining a little during most the day. Regimental
Inspection of guns &c by Lieut "Perry" of 2nd Geo. Vol. Lieut
"Lane" & Jas "Wright" arrived in Camps from home, bringing several
things for some the "Co" (a box of Cakes, butter & Sausages for "Steed"), both look well.

Raining most the eve. I suffered most the night with toothache.

Jan'y the 7th. "Wednesday." 1863.

Quite a cold & clear morning. A. J. "Steed" quite sick, suffered considerably in night with pain in side. "Hardin" very low.

All the furloughs of well men sent up to "H'd qu'rter" for signature was sent back not signed. Our victory in "Tenn." not as complete as was at first supposed.

Nothing of interest transpired in Camps. Very cold night.

Wrote a letter to Sister.

Jan'y the 8th. "Thursday." 1863.

Very cold morning. "Steed & Hardin" quite sick, the rest of the "Co" well. Lieut "Lane" officer of guard for the first time in half a year. Cloudy & cold day. Several the "Co" quite "Jolly".

Nothing of interest transpired in Camps. A very Cold night. I was up late sitting around a hot fire reading.

Jan'y the 9th. "Friday." 1863.

Cold & cloudy morning. "Hardin" dangerously sick with the "Pneumonia." "Steed" quite sick; left for the station in the Ambulance, then to go to the Hosp'tl. He was only one sent off from the Reg'mt. All quiet in Camps. A cold night. We kept a very hot fire all night. Some the mess up very late.
Jan'y the 10th. "Saturday." 1863.

Cloudy morning; commenced raining slowly at 9 A. M. & continued, very cold rain. Sent to the station after boxes & goods for the Reg'mt, none came but "Goolsby's". "Lumpkin" brought a great many things to sell for the Reg'mt. Raining very hard at dark, tent leaks.

Rec'd an order from Gen'l "Lee" that 2 men were permitted to go home on furlough. A dark, wet & rainy night.


Clear morning, heavy frost. "Hardin" very sick. G. "Goolsby" & B. "Elliott" were the two that were permitted to go home, their furloughs were sent up for signature (as they were the only married men (except Crawford) that had been in this Reg'mt 16 months). Lieut J. K. Parks sent up his furlough for signature. Quite a stirring time among the Reg'mt as to who should go, most the "Companies" drew for it whilst some was chosen by the officers. Pleasant night.


Very cold morning. "Hardin" improving, none others sick in the "Co". Lieut "F. D. Hawes" & Serg't J. B. Remson came to Camps from Richmond, bringing a box for Mormon & my fruit, also several blankets & some clothing for the "Co," both look well. George "Medlock" of Co "K" arrived (a fine young man) wrote a letter to "H. B. L."

Pleasant night. Suffered a little with the toothache. Abb & Bob up late writing.

Cloudy warm morning; for the first time in some time we had fried Peach pies. Quite a lively time in making them.

Joshua Jones arrived in Camp.

Cloudy & warm night.


Cloudy morning. All the furloughs that was sent off came back, as they were not written right, they were sent off again today. Rec'd a letter from home, the first I have rec'd in six weeks. Also one in it from X. Y. Z. Answered both today. Rec'd orders to drill twice per day. We drilled in Skirmish drill this Evening.

Quite unpleasant Eve.


Very windy morning, the wind blew heavy all night. Regular mounting guard & Sentinels posted around the Reg'st. Lieut. "Hawes" officer of day. Brigade Inspection of guns &c. by Lieut. "Perry" (act'g Adj't Gen'l) Several absent from the "Co" & were put on Extra duty; Several the furloughs came back. Rec'd an order for 2 Commissioned officers & 4 non. to go home as recruiting officers. Jas McCord detailed from the "Co." Rained most the night & very windy.


Blustery, windy & cloudy. Rec'd orders to prepare 3 days rations
& be ready to move. All busy cooking. Also that if we moved not to carry nothing but a blanket.

"Steed" came to Camps from "Lynchburg" Hospt, & found us busy making pies, quite a jolly set over the pies. "Who can eat the most."

A very cold night, the coldest we have had this year.


Clear & very cold day. A great many was vaccinated, I for one, making the 4th time. (None never taken yet.)

Serg'nt "Colvin" & Corp'l "Ashmore" arrived in Camps from "Liberty Hospt." Very cold night.


Exceedingly cold morning. Our "Co" number rank & file 50 larger & healthier than it has been in several months. "Hardin" only one in the "Co" sick, & he improving slowly. Several gone to preaching at "the Brick Church" near Camps. Our mess making pies.

Thos. "Crawford" came to Camps just from home, where he has been for the last 5 months; received orders at night to be ready to go on Picket early in the morning, few cooked a day's rations. A cold night.


Very cold morning, all up early & preparing to go on picket at sunrise. Only 3 Companies went ("Co" "B" reported having small pox)

We marched quick time the same road we came to this Camp. After marching
4 miles we rested 10 minutes, & off again quick time. We marched by "Hamilton's Crossing" thence down "Bowling Green" road (leading across the battle field of the 13 of Dec.) After a march of 4 miles from the X we came to the reserve at a house in the Suburbs of the City, where we arrived at 1 P. M. the distance being 11 miles (all quick time) We relieved the 56th Va. Reg't (of Gen'l "Garnett's") Brigade) 4 Companies were put on picket (Co. A. C. H. & I.) Most the "Co" that was held as reserve got passes & went over the town. I walked over most of it, but few the people remained in town, the houses on Main St. at the low part of town was completely riddled. I walked up "Caroline" King George Streets, a few Sutlers remained in town. Gen'l "Barksdale" Brigade picketed in town. The Enemy completely ruined the City. I WITH several the boys remained at a private house all night there being no one living in the house.


Cloudy with heavy fog. We had a splendid nights rest & enjoyed ourselves fine. We went up town & got breakfast, & looked over most the place. The enemies pickets being just on the opposite bank only 200 yds apart. Not a house but what a Cannon ball passed through; most the "Co" was in the town all day. This place is quite old, some very fine houses lies up & down the river for 15 miles. The streets are narrow, & was before the fight a fine place. But now it lies in ruin, a desolate looking place.

We remained in town 'till near sun set & then went to the reserve & went on picket, relieving "Co" "I" at dark. At 9 P. M. it commenced
raining & wind to blow. Our post was on a black open hill & very cold, no shelter & but little wood. Only 2 men on post at a time & they on the bank of the river, it continued to rain & wind blew all night. We had no shelter, of course suffered, none of us got any sleep. Of all the disagreeable, cold & wet nights we have stood picket since being in Va this was the worst. A night long will be remembered by us all. All very wet & cold! Morning came, still raining.


Still raining & wind blowing, all wet to the skin, our Blankets very wet. (Of course we were sleepy.) Only 1 remained on post in day time. The Enemy seemed very friendly, they sent over "Coffee" & papers on a piece of plank with a Sail to it, the wind being favorable from their side. We could not send nothing although we tried, they told us they were the 13th. N. J. in our "Co's" front & below us was the 2nd. Wis. Most of us went over in town & built a fire in house & dried ourselves & blankets & remained 'till late. Continuing to rain all day & very cold. Night came; we moved our post to a large lumber house. Here we fared very well, but those on post suffered as they were on the bank of the river, it raining & wind blowing. It was a disagreeable night.

At 9 P. M. we received orders that a night attack was expected. So dark we could not see our hand before us, (of course we had to strain our eyes) It was a dreadful night those on post suffered. We kept a small fire in the house & while not on guard we had the chance
to sleep.

The incidents of the last 36 hours will long, long be remembered by "Co" "G". Wind blew all night & very cold.


Rainy & windy morning; the night passed off without any molestation. Several went down to the river & tried to send some papers over but the wind was to high.

We was relieved at 12 A. M. by the 11th Va Reg'mt of Gen'l "Armistead's" Brigade. It continued to rain slowly all day. I was quite unwell, had a high fever. I left before the Reg'mt, the roads was very muddy. The Reg'mt arrived at Camps at 3 P. M. I was so unwell it was dark before I got to Camps. I was very sick during the night.


A damp cold morning. Read two letters I received while on picket one from home & one from Rev. L. G. Steed. I am in bed all day with a very high fever & for the first time since being in service on the sick list. I took 2 doses of quinine, the first I have taken in about 8 yrs; I feel some better this Eve, but am very weak, have no appetite to eat.

Considerable talk of the election for Major. A damp cold night. I have some fever now.


Cloudy morning. I feel considerable better. But not entirely well.
Nothing of interest in Camps. "Hardin" expected to die as he is worse. Little rain fell at dark. Wrote a letter to Pa.

A dark & wet night.


Apperance of a fine day. I am about well. "Hardin" died today. Several the Reg'nt gone to preaching. All quiet in Camps.

A damp night, little rain falling before day.

January the 26th. "Monday." 1863.

A damp wet morning. Pioneers sent to "Fredericksburg" to work on entrenchments ("Glaze" sent from the "Co") A detail was made to dig a grave for "Hardin" his body was escorted according to military orders from the Camp to his grave (some 600 yds) by an escort of 8 men & after singing & praying by Rev "Roberson", of Co. "K" he was buried; He was a noble & brave young man; He will be missed by his comrades in time of battle.

Election came off at 10:30 A.M. for Major; "Shannon" being promoted to "Lieut Col". Capt "Hearnesberger" & Capt "Jackson" of "Co" "H" Candidates. "Hearnesberger's" majority 41. Election then came off for Capt to fill "Hearnesberger's" place. Lieut "Lane" & "Hawes" Candidates. "Lane" elected by 12 majority. Also election for 2nd Lieut (in place of "Lane") J. K. "Parks" elected unanimously. Election then came off for 3d Lieut (in place of J. K. Parks) P. L. "Colvin" T. H. Remson & J. H. Jones Candidates. "Colvin" elected
over "Reasen" by 5 majority. Election came off then for "Orderly Serg'nt" (in place of P. L. Colvin) I was elected unanimously.
Election then came off for 2nd Serg'nt in my place. W. B. Sims elected by two thirds over Jas. Clary, thus ended the elections, it
was a rich time.

A Bbl of fine apples was presented to the "Co" by Capt. "Lane" the scene was rather rich to see them scrambling for them. Thus
ended the day & the excitement abated which was pretty high all day. The crowd soon dispersed & all was soon quiet.

A cloudy dark night, little rain falling late, at midnight or 1 A. M.

We received orders to be up & prepare rations & be ready to march at light with knapsacks & tents & baggage in piles & be at the tele-
graphic road (which is 1 ½ miles) by sunrise & then the Brigade would form. We were up cooking 'till day.


A Rainy & disagreeable morning; to march such weather as this is enough to try any one. All making preparations to leave. A detail
was left to guard the baggage untill waggon should come for them.

The Reg'mt left at 7 A. M. I being sick remained back with the bag-
gage. Capt. "Lane" sick & left for Richmond. F. Clary sick & in Camps. "Hardy" & Jas. Wright left as guards, raining slowly all the morning.
Continued to rain all day, at 9 P. M. commenced snowing & continued all night.

Snowing pretty fast. I am in bed most the day very sick with high fever. 2 tents from each "Co" was sent to the Reg'mt, they being some 10 miles up the river building breastworks; they are having a very rough time of it, without tents & snowing all the time. They will be back in a few days. Snowing very fast all day.

9 P. M. Snowing at present. Very disagreeable day. The Snow is six inches deep.


Clear morning, the Snow is from 10 to 15 inches deep on a level the trees are breaking down. We are out of provisions, nothing to eat. I feel some better this morning.

The Division returned to camps this Eve, the Reg'mt came in very scattering, most of it arrived at 3 P. M. all very wet tired & hungry having had quite a disagreeable time of it.

Night has come & very cold.


Very cold morning. I & Capt (now Major) Hearnserger left for Richmond to be gone 5 days. We walked to the "Station" & had quite a muddy & disagreeable walk, arrived just in time to take the Car at 2 P. M. Soon on board but few on sick. Arrived at "Hanover Junction" at 4 P. M. Here all the sick except officers were sent a different route (I passed as an officer of course) came on to Richmond.

We passed "Ashland Station" a place of very fine houses all new situated in a plain. We arrived in "Richmond" at sun set. When I &
Major went to a restaurant eating Saloon & got a fine supper for 6$ a piece, of baked turkey fish ham & Eggs & coffee. We ate very hearty as we had eaten nothing in a week scarcely.

We left there & took a walk about town. Called at Mrs. "Ladd's" where we aimed to board, thence we proceeded to J. J. Sutherland where we met Dr. Sims & R. Remson whose Company we were glad to be in. We sit up & talked very late. Major & Dr. went to the Varieties, & I & Rem remained together. Major & Dr. came in at 12 P. M. So I & Rem & Dr slept together.

January the 31st. "Saturday." 1863.

Very cold morning. Had a very good nights rest, for the first time in a year slept in a bed. I & Major left Mr. J. J. S's early & proceeded to the "barber shop" where we had our heads shampooed, thence proceeded to Mrs. "Ladd's" where we got a very good breakfast & paid $7.50 for 3 days board. In company with R. Remson we commenced our stroll, walking over most the City, buying trash &c. We then left the Major at the Government department & I & Rem called a while the eating Saloon where we got Jelly & pies. After some time Rem went to his office & I stopped at Mrs. "Ladd's" where I was boarding. I remained awhile at the Market, in a few moments Major H. came & we remained together as it is now dinner time & we are in our room. The Major is lying down reading, quite tired; dinner is over & a very good one. We then walked over most the City, bought some paper &c, returned
to our room & very soon bell rang for supper, quite a crowd at supper.

We then took a walk to see the Varieties where we remained till 12 P. M. being so late we could not get in our room. We went back & remained all night at the "Exchange" Hotel. But got scarcely any sleep.


Fine morning; I remained at my boarding house & slept part the day. "Major" & Rem went to Church. At 3 P. M. we took a walk out to Mr. "Willis" where we spent the evening with Miss Anna & Alice Willis, two nice young ladies. We left there at 5 P. M. & walked about awhile. I remained at night at my boarding house & Major went to Mr. "Sutherland."

Supper being over I very soon lie down as I was very sleepy. The night had the appearance of rain.


Pleasant & warm morn. Went out & walked about the Market. Had a very good breakfast & then took a walk up to Mr. "Sutherland" where I remained with Major & Dr. "Sims". When I & Major walked over the City I stopped at Dr. "Blankman's" (Dentist) who I got to plug 6 teeth & extract 3 at a cost of $40, which was very painful & suffered considerable for a while. We then came back to Mrs. "Ladd's" & got our dinner. Spent the evening walking over the City. I was unwell at night suffering from my teeth. Major went to see "Varieties" & returned at 11 P. M.

Very cold morning, snowing very fast. Very disagreeable day.
Snowing at 1 P. M. we went up to the "Baptist Institute Hospt." (kept for officers) where we met with Capt "Lane", we remained a while & then went to the 2nd "Auditors" office; remained about the City 'till night; when I & Rem went to the "Theater" (the first I ever was at) saw some nice pieces acted by Miss Sallie "Partington" & Katie "Estelle" some very good music. Closed at 11 P. M. when I returned to Mrs "Ladd's".

The night was very cold. I was very cold when I arrived at my room.


Very cold morning. Snowing very fast & the streets covered. We went out to the barracks & saw Wm O Pascal, was very glad to meet him, he went with us around town, remained some time at "Willis's" store. He returned to his quarters & we went to our dinner, which was a very good one. In the evening we went to the Q. M. office (as the Major wished to draw money) also to the express office to see after boxes for the "Co."

Night came, I eat supper at "Sutherland's". W. Pascal came to Mrs Ladd's to see us, we all met there Dr "S" & Rem & went to the "Theatre" returned to our quarters at 11 P. M.


Snowing this morning, the pavements very slippery. Sleet at 10 A. M. Very disagreeable day. We went out to the Baptist Insti
Hosp'tl (for officers) to see Capt. "Lane", came back & got our dinner & then went to the Express office & brought a box from there to Mrs. "Ladd's" for "Goolsby" paid off our board for 5 days, which was $13.50 (as we aim to leave for Camps early in the morning)

I have a severe headache tonight.


Rainy morning. We concluded to remain 'till morning. Wet & disagreeable day. I went to the office & had my ambrotype taken, & then returned to my room. Major remained in the City. Wrote a letter to Simson.

Remained in my room all the Eve & slept part the time. Supper over, I went to Mr. "Sutherland's" & met up with the Major where we remained a while & then went to our room & went to bed with the expectation of leaving for Camps early in the morning.


We were up before day & went to the depot, the place was crowded with Soldiers, both trains crowded & it was with difficult we could get a seat; we left there at light, arriving at the Station at 10 A. M. & then left for the Camps, the road was very muddy & disagreeable to walk, especially with the several bundles we had for the "Co". We arrived at Camps at 2 P. M. & found all well, & my box had come with a great many eatables, vis. "Sausages, Tomatoes, Sugar, Lard, Cakes, preserves, butter & pickles." Of course we lived very well for a time.
Also found that Lieut "Parks" had left for home on furlough, also "B. Elliott". Lieut left the 5th & E. the 3. The boys had a fine supper fixed for us & we fared very well. Very cold night.


Fine morning. Jas Mc"Cord" leaves for home as recruiting officer for 40 days. Wrote a letter to "B. B. B." Jas Wright very sick; several on sick list, but little duty to do. Guard duty very light. George "Graves" on extra duty as cook for the Major. Clear night.

Cloudy; snowing a little at 9 P. M. Jas Wright quite sick, several quite unwell. Regimental Inspection by Lieut "Perry" of 2nd
Geo. It was snowing most the day; commenced raining late in the Eve & continued slowly at a late hour. A wet night.


Cloudy pleasant morn'g. J. Reid quite sick with neuralgia in his head, the other sick improving.


Cold Clear morning. But few sick. We Rec'd 2 months pay up to Jan. 1st. Gov. "Brown" refused to commission "Shannon" unless he is elected. So Capt's Election for Major is void, of course all the elections in the "Co" are void. Capt. "Culver" of "Co" "K" in Com'dg of Reg'mt (Capt. "H" "lies neutral") L. "Pierce" acting Adjutant. "Marcus" being in command of his "Co"

No news in Camps; pleasant night. Building quarters for those who come from Hospt to avoid Small Pox.


Pleasant morning. "Co" quite healthy, few sick, boys busy playing ball, received orders at noon to drill. We only went through the Manual of arms. Furnished all the unarmed men with guns. Could
get nothing but muskets. Also furnished all with cartridges.

Jona "Clary" returned to Camps being absent 4 months. Night has come. Warm.


Raining this morning; commenced during the night, continued most the day.

All the division ("Pickett's") except "Toombs" Brig. received orders to march. Several the Brigades passed by enroute for "Hanover Junction" (as it is a rumor they are going to N. C.) Our Brigade transferred to "Hood's" Divis'n. All glad of the transfer, received orders to be ready to move at a moments notice & have 2 days rations on hand.

Heard from home that my youngest brother was dead. Night has come. Several up fixing up the "Illustrated News" to send off.


Fine morning. Drill today; we only went through the Manual of Arms. Gen'l "Hood" sent to the Reg't for a "Courier". Received orders to prepare our rations, & be ready to march at sunrise; we lie down early with the expectation of leaving soon.


Drums beating in all the Reg'ts 1 hour before day for us to be up & ready to leave. Commenced snowing very fast at day & by time we
left (which was 8 A. M.) the snow was several inches deep & coming down fast. "Reid, T. Clary, & Jim Wright" left sick to be sent on the R. R. We left in such haste that we left a great many things; left our tents standing & all the cooking utensils &c (as all the waggons of the Reg'mt had gone to Richmond after forage;) We left in the snow with a heavy load & marched out to the telegraph road (1 mile) & remained 3/4 hour in the snow, the ground covered so we had to stand up. Snowing very fast. We remained here awaiting for "Hood's Division to come up; "Toombs" Brigade in front. Our progress of course was very slow (the snow being 8 to 10 inches deep & falling very fast.)

The Army marched in 1 rank mostly, making a path as they marched the march was very tiresome & disagreeable. We stopped to Camp at 3 P. M. the snow continuing to fall very fast. A great many went to private houses & remained during the night. I with T. Remson, A. Gullatt, Albee went to a house 3 miles ahead the Army & remained all night in a barn, slept finely, it continued to snow most the night. We only marched 8 miles all the Brig & Division encamped together. It was a very disagreeable time in Camp to sleep on the snow. The night was very cold;


Drialing rain & very cold morning. We got up at 7 A. M. & got breakfast with a fine old man (Mr. Flipper) who gave us a very good breakfast at $1. The army soon came along, "Toombs" Brig in the rear; continued to rain slowly all day, the roads very muddy & disagreeable to
march, all very wet (of course tired as we could not rest only by lying down on the Snow) We stopped to Camp at 5 P. M. in the rain, marching 13 miles all very wet & tired & no place to lie down only by moving the Snow. More than half the "Co" went to out houses & so I with 6 others walked 2 miles & remained in a house, plenty of wood. We bought a ham, some meal & cabbage & boiled the latter & had a very good supper. We were cooking late & slept on the floor, it continued to rain all night. Those in Camps suffered as they were without tents. We fared finely, of course our sleep was hard, But we were glad to get out the rain.


Still raining, most the snow melted but the roads very muddy. We had a fine breakfast of polk & bread. We left the house at 8½ A. M. We were some distance from the road, we missed the road leading to the telegraph road & marched through the swamps & plantations & came in the main road, after rambling about 5 miles. After coming in the telegraph road the whole army had passed & such roads I was very tired & had to march over such roads, as muddy as I ever saw; We crossed the "Pamunky" river on a bridge. A great many waggons stalled along the road. The army arrived at "Hanover Junction" at 4 P. M. I arrived there 1 hour after & encamped beyond the "Central" R. Road & drew 3 days rations of crackers & bacon. We slept on cedar brush, by spreading our blankets over them.

Drums beat for us to be ready by sun rise to march. A great many went down on the cars. We left at sun rise our Brigade next to the rear, the roads were very muddy, resting none to often. We soon crossed the R. R. & rested awhile & then marched quick time through a Swamp 8 miles long. "Hanover" Co. is a low marshy Co., mostly long pine, the roads the naudiest I ever saw. But thinly settled in the Swamps. We marched so fast that (a report says several fell dead (I saw one)

We crossed "North & South" river on a bridge; to days march was the most tiresome of all I ever marched; a great many straglers by such hard marching. We arrived at "Chickahominy" river & encamped 1 mile beyond at 4 P. M. ("Meadows" bridge)

The whole division was very much wearied, having marched 18 miles over as muddy a road as ever was. We encamped in a piece of woods, where there was but little wood. We fared quite rough & but little sleep, I got but little sleep. I will ever remember today.


Drums beat 1 hour before day & all ordered to be ready to march by day. Our Brig. left at day in front quick time. "Martin" taken very sick & left in the rear. We marched within 3 miles of "Richmond" & rested 1 hour, & formed a line, receiving orders to march in ranks. Gen'l "Hood" passed up & down the lines & the boys cheered him. We then left marching slowly, marching down Main St. The City was crowded with officers, the men making a great deal of noise, the fair ladies
waving their Handkerchiefs the windows all crowded with ladies.

Several incidents passed while passing through; we marched half way down Main St. & filed right & crossed "Cary" St. & direct to the bridge crossing "James" river, thence through Manchester & by the breast works for three miles from the river, & encamped in a piece of woods, mostly pine, oak wood very scarce & small. We made a shelter of a blanket. Several went to the City & were coming back at a late hour. Most of our "Co" remained all night; those that came back late were quite Jolly. Our rations out & nothing to eat. It commenced snowing about 10 P. M. our shelters did us but little good (as we had it fronted rong) by midnight the snow was several inches deep on the blankets.


Exceedingly cold morning, snow nearly a foot deep, the heaviest I ever saw & still falling. I with several others left Camps early for the City, & remained all day. Went to Mrs. "Ladd's" & got breakfast, several the "Co" eat there; thence several of us went to Mr "Sutherland's" (I eat dinner at the latter place & had as good fare as any could wish). Here I wrote a letter home & remained most the day. Ceased snowing at 2 P. M. The City crowded with Soldiers, thence I went to Mr G. W. "Willis" to see some friends from "Lincoln" & got them to carry a book &c. I & A. Gullatt remained all night at Mrs "Tyree" & fared finely; she is a nice & pleasant lady, I shall remember her kindness to us in giving us a home that awful cold night. We tried
several houses but all was filled.

All the "Co" returned to Camps but 3, the night was very cold. A great many the Reg'mt remained all night, today will long be remembered as being the coldest & most disagreeablest I ever experienced.


Clear & very cold morn, had a splendid nights rest. Slept on a feather bed, had a nice breakfast; our fare was 2$. We left Mrs "Tyres" early for the Camps remained a short time about the City, as we crossed the bridge we met a great many the "Co" coming to the City.

Arrived at Camps early; snow melts slowly; wood scarce, quite a disagreeable time in Camps. We drew 3 days rations of bacon, crackers & sugar. Several the boys quite lively. Received a Valentine & a letter from home.

A very cold night.


Fine morning. Election came off at 10 A. M. for Lieut Col (Major Hearnesberger & Capt Culver of "Co" "K" candidates) "Hearnesberger" elected by two thirds majority. A great many the Reg'mt & "Co" gone to the City. I went down as far "Manchester" & to the bridge; got my dinner & a very sorry one, nothing scarcely but beef & it half done & paid $1.50c a very extravagant price; remained there till late & returned to Camps.

Various rumors in circulation as to where we will go "that is most the talk." Snow melted very little yet, very cold all day & tonight also. Several the "Co" returned very late some quite Jolly.

Beautiful morning; we drew rations; all quiet & still at 10 A. M. I with 2 others went to the City remaining there about 4 hours, got my dinner at a restaurant (Ham, Eggs & coffee) for 1.25c. Went to see Dr. Blankman & then walked up & down Mains St. looking at several ambrotype. A great many the Reg'tmt in the City, the snow melts very slowly the roads very muddy. Came back with Lieut. Hawes, came up the R. R. arrived in Camps at dark. Commenced raining at midnight & we had to get up & put up a tent, rained very slowly all night.


Raining slowly this morning, & most the day. We got a better tent, the ground very muddy & sloppy; wood scarce.

Received Commission for Capt. "Lane", Lieut Parks & Colvin. Several the "Co" gone to Richmond. Dr. "Simms" "Ran Reason" & Henry Sutherland came to Camps; I & T. Reasen went as far as the bridge to the "Factory" & to Manchester (a small village) here we remained most the eve. I got my dinner & then returned to Camps, the roads very muddy. Rained a little during the night.

Feb. 27th. "Friday." 1863.

Quite a warm morn'g; & very pleasant, very muddy & disagreeable about Camps, can scarcely walk about the tents for mud. I, Lieut Hawes, R. Cullays, Simas & several others went to Richmond. Walked up Main St. as far as the P. O. & then to Mrs. "Ladd's" where we got
a very good dinner for $1.25, thence we went to Mrs. "Sutherland's". Here was several the Co & we saw Lieut. Lane, thence I went to the "Confederate" reading room &c returned to Camps going up the R. R. arrived at Camps late, received orders to move Camps early next day.


Cloudy morning. We received orders to be mustered in the "Confederate" service for 2 months pay at 9 A. M. which was done by Lieut Col. "Hearnesberger". Afterwards all were ordered in line to leave. Soon we had the baggage in piles & we left marching left in front (Anderson Brig in front) the roads were very muddy, we marched the telegraph road for 3 miles & encamped on the R. R. in a piny swampy piece of woods, raining slowly all the eve. We are 6 miles from "R" & 3 from "Petersburg". We got tents in the eve, a drizzly wet night;


Drisly wet morning, continued to rain slowly untill 10 A. M. then clear & cold day, ground very wet & sloppy. We drew 3 days ration of flour & bacon & plenty of sugar. Quite a pleasant evening.

A crowd of us sitting out on the R. R. bank to see the cars pass (as it runs in 100 yds of the "Co")

Pleasant night.


Clear & pleasant morning. Regimental guard put out & passes granted for 2 men with a commissioned officer permitted to go to Richmond.
Some went from the "Co." Election came off today for Company officers. (As the election that came off some 3 weeks past was null & void.) Lieut T. D. "Hawes", & Priv. T. H. Remson Candidates for Captain, the former elected by a small majority. J. K. Parks was then elected 1st Lieut, P. L. Colvin & J. H. Jones Candidates for 2d Lieut, the former elected by 2d majority. I was then unanimously elected "Orderly Serg'nt", W. B. Sims as 2nd Serg'nt over J. M. Clary by 3 majority. All passed off quietly & all very well pleased.

Received a letter from home & answered in the evening.

Quite a cold night.


Pleasant & cloudy morning. A little rain fell at noon.

Pleasant evening. Lieut "Lane" came to Camps. Quite a dispute with him & "Hawes" as to the office of Capt; "Lane" contending for it, both have written to Adj't Gen'l "Henry C. Wayne" to decide for them; we will know in a few days who is our Capt. (We are well to do with 2 Capt'n's) Jas "Wright" came from hosp'tl Richmond, looks badly. Rumors says that Gen'l "Toombs" has resigned, if so it will be regretted by the Brigade.

Wright has come quite windy & cold; I am at the Col's quarters, while "Lane" & "Hawes" are "quarrelling."


Cloudy cold morning. Fire feels comfortable. Orders to drill
at 10 A. M. & Batt’lion drill in the Eve; "Hawes" A. Gullatt & T. Albee gone to Richmond, the latter remained all night at Mrs "S"; a very cold night. Busy making fires.

Windy & cold.

March 5th. "Thursday." 1863.

Cold morning; orders to have roll call twice pr day & report absentees (the first time we have had it in 2 months)

Regimental inspection by Lieut "Ferry". The Reg’st marched out in an open field some 300 yds for inspection; the ground which was thawing was quite disagreeable; very cold day. Heavy detail as guard from the Reg’st, none of those who went to Richmond returned.

A very cold night. Mr Corley received his son’s money who died in Jan at Hospt’l in Richmond. He is now on a "Spree."

March 6th. "Friday." 1863.

A Cold windy morning, continuing most the day, appearance of rain in the eve; "Albee" & "Reeves" returned to Camps from Richmond. Gen’l "Toombs" resignation accepted & he left for home today on the Cars, regretted very much by all the Brigade. Col "Dubose" arrived in Richmond from the west & will return to the Reg’st soon. Warm & pleasant night.


Warm & pleasant morn. Lieut "Parker", Priv Tatom, Norman Florence,
Watkins, Dunaway & Elliott arrived in Camps on the morning train. Also Jo. Musgrove who has just joined, only 18 yrs old. All brought several things for the "Co" they lost 2 Boxes. All quite glad to see them; Florence not yet nor never will be for field service; T. H. "Albee" looking very badly & quite sick left for Richmond sick on the train. A warm evening, appearance of rain tonight. Heavy thunder & lightning without intermission most the night. Commenced raining very fast at day & continued very fast 'till light. Several the tents got very wet & leaked.


Ceased raining at 6 A. M. Clear & very warm all day. Nothing of interest in Camps; very warm during the day. Night has some Clear & warm.

12 P. M. Heavy thunder deep flashes of lightning, very heavy rain, most the boys got wet, (as our Camps are in a low flat place) several got up. Continued till day very hard.


Ceased raining at light. Evry thing very wet, could scarcely get a fire. I with several others taken the Cars & went to Richmond, thence we went to Main St. & down to Mr "Sutherland's" where we saw T. Albee who was there quite sick; thence we went to Mrs "Ladd's" where we got a very good dinner for $1.50c, thence we proceeded to the passport office to get transportation on the train to Camps, we
succeeded, but we got to the Depot to late; we then went down the Canal to the bridge & crossed over into Manchester & went up the R. R. (we remained 2½ hours in the City) Rode half way on a horsescar, & got to Camps sun set. "Hawes" & Norman complained of being very tired. A cloudy dark night.

March 10th. "Tuesday." 1863.

Cloudy & quite cold; commenced sleeting at 8 A. M. continued some 2 hours & then a slow rain most the day. Could scarcely get a fire & the day was very cold. We lie in the tents, water rose in the tents, the streets are very mudy, & very disagreeable in Camps. A man was taken up as a deserter of "Pickett's" Divis:R, but was released; as not being the supposed person.

Dr. Sims came to Camps, can scarcely walk about Camps. We had quite a Jolly time in Evening. Continued raining all night. But few the "Co" could sleep as their tents were wet inside.


Still raining at day, several up around fires; could not sleep for water arising in their tents.Commenced snowing at 6 A. M. very fast lasted only a few moments. Very disagreeable as water & mud is shoe deep around the Camps; 9 A. M. Clear & wind blows, pleasant day.

I, Sims, Caver, "Masgrove" & Hardy went to "Drury's Bluff" (2½ miles) We went down to the landing & hired a Skiff; 50c apiece & went over to the Iron Clad "Massmac" (which was anchored in the middle of the river) We walked over all parts it mounts 4 guns, with 3 sheets
of 3 inch iron. We only remained on it 1 hour & then returned to shore; we then visited the different positions, the place looks like a village, very well fixed up. A Church will soon be completed, the houses are neat & all in rows, the streets clean. It is a beautiful place & will be a summer resort in summer, the place is worth go to see. We returned to Camps at 4 P. M. A windy day, the ground dries very fast.

Abb. Fleming returned to Camps from "Lynchburg" hosp't'l.

Very cold night. Fire at the Central depot, Richmond.


A cloudy cold morning. Battalion drill at 10 A. M. 1 mile from Camp, very good drill ground. It was Col. "DuBose" first time & he did very well (all well pleased with him) He is a brave & kind man & will do all for his men. If any are punished they will justly deserve it by him.

We received 2 months pay up to M'ch 1st. Several the boys remained all night in the City. Henry "Sutherland" remained all night with us, we had a great deal of fun. A very cold night. We have a hot fire.


A cloudy cold morning, & day. Brigade review by Col. "Cummings" (act'ng Brig. Gen'l). He rode up & down the lines at full speed. After marching around we were dismissed to Reg't'l Com'd'g's. The
day was very cold, & we suffered considerably. Several gone to Richmond. Received order to move Camps by [illegible] tomorrow. A [page burned] night.


Cloudy cold day; we were ordered in lines to move, the baggage & cooking utensils carried to the wagons. We soon left right in front. Crossing the R. R. thence across "Falling" Creek on a bridge, & by the "Texas" Brig. for 1½ mile & encamped near the R. R. where there was plenty of oak & hickory wood. (much better Camp than before) "Co" busy putting up tents & cooking. [page burned.]


Cloudy cold day. Received a letter from "G. G. B." & B. A. A. answered the former. Several conscripts came to the Brigade, 2 came to the "Co," & 9 to the Reg'mt.

Quite a dark evening. Some the boys built chimneys to their tents, several the "Co" gone to "Drewry's Bluff". Raining most the night slowly quite cold.

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