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Diary of

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Cloudy & warm morning. Drum beat before day, all up. We had inspection & all "Co" furnished with guns & ammunition, & left Camps at 9 A. M. (Jim "McCord" came to Camps) passing through Franklin with music. The place was filled with waggons & soldiers, no citizens living here, houses all in ruins.

Here we crossed Blackwater river on pontoon Bridges. Here I met with "Jones Douty" an old friend I had not seen before in 4 yrs.

After crossing "Blackwater" river we came in "Isle of Wight" Co. Here the lands were black, thinly settled, people very poor. We marched down near the R. R. some 2 miles beyond the river we stopped & sent our Co ("C") in front, as there was a great many "Bushwhackers" & Enemies Cavalry committing depredations. We marched ½ mile in front the Reg't. Some 3½ miles we stopped, receiving an order from Gen'l "Hood" to wait 'till the Division train of provisions waggons came up & we (15th Ga) come as guard with them & send part the 2nd Geo with a train of foraging waggons to guard them as (the enemy had Cavalry in our rear) the remainder go back to "Franklin" depot & remain 'till further orders. The provision train of near 100 waggons came up with us at 3½ P. M. (at the fork of the Isle of Wight C. H. & Suffolk roads.) We marched the Suffolk road by "Careville" depot 3 miles from the fork. The country to the Station is poor, thinly settled, fences all burnt by the enemy, but little preparations for
farming. We marched 1 1/2 miles beyond the Station & stopped to Camp, we keep 5 men in advance.

After dark we marched 7 miles & just as we had eat & were preparing to lie down, we received an order from Gen'l "Longstreet" for our Reg't to report at once to Gen'l "Benning" at Suffolk, & leave the waggon train & they came on next morning.

It was a hard blow, having marched near 100 miles & tired & now march all night a swampy road was indeed a hard blow. If ever there was a time when I felt like not going this was the time, But go we must. Soon ordered in lines. Our Co in front as guards. We left at 10 P. M. as dark as "Egypt" the Country is nothing but Swamps, low & wet, pine woods all the large growth, Huckleberry bushes, all small growth. We plunged the mud holes, the night being quite cold. We marched slowly all night, & came up to where some Artillery was camped & then came to Gen'l "Hood's" quarters at day break. I was so sleepy I could scarcely hold my eyes open & never so tired in my life. Here we stopped to get farther orders, we stopped only 10 minutes & all went to sleep. I shall long remember that dark night & our "Co" being in front did not know at what time we might come upon a Bushwhacker in going through the swamps & thicket. Our "Co" kept up finely, all seemed lively though it was a trial, never closed my eyes. We marched 12 miles by day break.


Still marching, only a rest of few moments at light, we marched
by our breastworks, by where the "Ala" Brigade was in line of battle & crossed the R. R. 3 miles of Suffolk, troops were in line all along our road. We marched across a Swamp & rested, inquiring the way to the Brigade. (The Brigade being down on the edge of Dismal Swamp to the left of the City) The country here is swampy few people & nothing but pine & berry bushes. The most disagreeable country I ever saw.

We marched 6 miles from Gen'l "Hood's" Cys & came to where the Brigade was encamped on the Suffolk & South Quay road. Here we stopped in a swamp at 9 A. M. as tired & sleepy set of fellows as ever was. We did not wait to be dismissed, but fell about anywhere we could get a dry place, & in 2 minutes all was "ac sommes". We only had 2 hours to rest before go again. 2 Reg'nts of the Brigade (17th & 20th Ga) left on a foraging expedition down in N. C. & as soon as we got a little sleep we must march & get up with them by night, they were 2 hours ahead of us. After eating & sleeping 2 hours we were called in lines to leave. We left, marching through the "Swampiest" country for 2 miles I ever saw. The head of running (by Suffolk.) Heavy cannonading & picketing going on along the lines. Gen'l Pickett's Div. was engaged with the enemy.

We soon came in the "Suffolk" "Somerton" & "Winton" (N. C.) road a South West course from "S". ("Winton" being on the "Chowan" river)

The road was very good, sandy & level. Several fine plantations along the road. (this is "Nansemond" Co). We could get plenty to eat along the road. We stopped to Camp at "Cypress Chappie" at 10 P. M.
in a thicket of Hucklebery bushes, dark we could not see.

We here drew 2 days rations plenty, little rain fell during the night.

April the 15th. "Wednesday." 1863.

A rainy wet day. We drew 2 more days rations & cooked with the 20th Ga utensils. We remained in Camps 'till 11 A. M. & then we were ordered in lines & all remained in the road awaiting for marching orders. Gen'l "Benning" was out expecting a Cavalry dash. We soon marched back the same road as far as "Cypress Chapple" & here remained at the fork of the roads. The Enemiss Cavalry being near, our Reg't was sent below the Church & the other 2 sent out on other roads. Soon all was quiet & we went in to Camps at 2 P. M. near the Church, with orders to cook our rations soon as possible as we may move at any moment, raining all the eve we got very wet. We remained in Camps all night. 5 men was detailed to sit up all night & watch for signal lights. Capt "Hawes" quite sick & remained at a private house all night. Clear & pleasant at 9 P. M. We had ham & corn bread for supper, had a fine nights rest.


Received orders to leave early, fine day. We left passing by Cypress Chapple (which lies at a Cross road 10 miles due West of Lake Drummond in Nansemond Co)

We marched the Edenton road for 8 miles resting evry 3 miles,
passing through a "Cypress" Swamp 300 yds wide, the country low & marshy, piny woods & Huckleberry bushes, people mostly poor living in small cabins; 8 miles brought us to where the roads forked. We left the Edenton road & marched the "Gatesville" road, we soon crossed the line & now in N. C. "Gates" Co. Here pine in great abundance, this Co is quite wealthy, lands low & sandy, people healthy & all preparing to plant. We saw a great many ladies. We rested often, after marching 12 miles we came up with the 2nd Ga coming from Somerton.

We crossed 2 large ponds on a log 500 yds long, the roads very crooked. We had a great many waggons out foraging (as this was our business to protect the waggons train.) We had a Brigade of infantry 6 pieces of Artillery & 1 Reg of Cavalry. We got a great deal of forage & provisions. We marched till 5 P. M. & encamped 3 miles of Gatesville, having marched 23 miles. A great many had fell out ranks so tired. I & A. Gallatt stopped 2 miles of Camp & got a splendid supper with Capt. "Douge" remained there 'till 9 P. M. & then left for Camp, but got lost before we got there. We wandered about in the swamp & woods some time, at last we saw a dim light some distance ahead. We went to it & found a free negro there, who piloted us out to the main road. When we got on it we were 5 miles from Camp. We stopped on the road at a wood shop & remained all night (as we were too tired to wander about so late, it now 10 P. M.) The old man of the shop told us to make a fire & remain. We lie down on the floor & fared finely. Slept soundly. Our march that day was 26 miles. I never will forget that day.
April 17th. "Friday." 1863.

Beautiful Spring morning, the birds sing & reminds me of past times. We got up early & the owner of the Shop (Mr. "Piland") himself fixed us a nice breakfast in the Shop; fish Eggs ham Coffee & bread, he would not have any pay, he said he had a son in the army.

We left there early & arrived at Camps at 9 A. M. & found all resting (as we would remain here today & rest) Several nice young ladies came to Camps, over a doc. The 20th Ga band played several nice pieces & the noted Tom Murphy (a perfect minick) sang some his famous songs, we had quite a jolly time. Some nice girls, one in particular Miss Puss "Hill".

Dress parade in the 20th Ga witnessed by the young ladies. Several the boys were parading around the girls, I & Hawes went to Capt. "Douge's" got supper. Bought a book from him.

Received orders to leave early in the morning; few had any rations cooked as we had no utensils.

April 18th. "Saturday." 1863.

Fine morning, we were ordered in lines at 8 A. M. We marched through Gatesville the C. H. of "Gates Co" (as we encamped in 1 ½ mile of the place) This town is quite small, several large buildings, it lies in a sandy plain on "Bennet's Creek" (which stream is noted for being so deep) A Catholic Church is the largest building, evry thing look desolate, large boats can come up to the town in the creek as it is from 20 to 30 feet deep. We marched a South West course from
the village. The country along through this part was mostly very rich, farmers wealthy, all pine lands, some large swamps to cross. We soon crossed out of "Gates" Co. into "Chowan" Co. This is quite a poor country, a great many small log cabins, we only marched through a portion of "Chowan" Co. We stopped to Camp at 4 P. M. at "Quakers" Church at Ballard's bridge, only 1½ mile of "Chowan" river & 8 from "Edenton" C. H. this bridge was burnt. I with several others went to the river to the fishery to get some. The river here is from 3 to 5 miles wide & gets wider untill it empties in "Albemarle" Sound, (which is only 8 miles)

We remained here untill late, several got a great many fish, they caught as many as 1000 at a haul, a great many shad. All was well supplied with potatoes, as the Brigade had over 500 bushels & some the largest I ever saw. So one time we had plenty of potatoes.

Some very wealthy farmers around here. We marched 13 miles, the day was very warm & disagreeable to march. We drew plenty of meal & bacon, but nothing to cook with. We roasted potatoes & made ash cake & broiled our meat & fish. We slept finely. Some "buffalo" ranger was caught at night, as there are a great many disloyal Citizens here.


Beautiful Sabath day. We were ordered in lines early & left, marching back the same road we came some 1 mile (as we could not cross "Ballard's" Bridge as the bridge was torn up by the enemy, and marched a North East course. Our Reg't in front & our "Co" in advance as front
guard. We sent out flankers out each side the road through the Swamps, we marched this course for 5 miles. The country poor, people living in small cabins & a great many disloyal. We were ordered to halt, some 50 minutes (as a Courier reported that the enemies Cavalry with infantry were landing above "Edenton" C. H. But it proved to be only a rumor) Our Cavalry came up with us with some 8 to 10 "Buffalo Rangers", some very old looking men & 2 Yankee deserters.

Soon we were marching, we then marched a due North & shortly a west & came back in the same road we marched the day before, marching the "Edenton & Hartford" C. H. road out of "Chowan" Co to "Gates" Co. Marched through the east part of Gates. So we have been over about all of Gates Co. The road was very crooked going almost every direction.

We soon came to "Sandy Cross" roads; we marched the "Elizabeth" City road. Here was the most girls along the road I ever saw & as good looking ones. I stopped behind & took a road leading parallel with the main road only 2 miles off. We came to a very fine old man's house (Jacob Hinton) who was very wealthy, he had 3 nice daughters who gave us our dinner & boiled us 18 eggs all free. I then left for Camp (when very soon one the girls in a small "dump" Cart & 3 small negroes & driver came along going out to the road to see the Soldiers), asked me to get in & take a ride. (Of course I accepted the first ride I have taken in 6 months) I rode with her 5 miles. She was a "perfect" beauty (Miss Dora Hinton) a very intelegrant lady. We got to the road too late as all had passed. I wrote her a note, & thanked her for the
ride. She read the note, I bid her adieu. I shall ever remember the kind act of Miss "Dora" & not only her alone but several others of Gates Co.

We encamped 1 mile beyond the X in a level sandy place, land poor. Heavy camonading going on all day at Suffolk, commenced at sunrise & going on at 9 P.M. We marched 18 miles & direct only 10.

The day was warm & the boys very much wearied.


Fine day; we were ordered in lines at 8 A.M. Considerable complaint among the boys as we had drawn meal & nothing to cook in & not time to cook even ash cakes, as we had been on hard marching for 3 days & at night too tired to cook & then to leave early next morning. We were without anything to eat & all most of us got was by leaving ranks & getting it the best we could. I got 1 meal pr day, so I done very well.

We marched through a swampy country, crossed several large ponds marching a South & East course through a swampy rough country, few people living here. We passed out of "Gates" in "Pergmane's" Co, only a small portion of it piny woods & swamps in abundance; we soon came in the Turn pike leading across "Dismal Swamp" from Gatesville C. H. to Norfolk. (as the enemy was reported coming down the pike & got in our rear.) We stopped to camp at the pike in Dismal Swamp, our Camp was in mud & a swamp. Here we left the 17th Ga. to guard this point
& the other 3 Reg’t left at 3 P. M. & marched back the same road we came for 3 miles & then took the “Elizabeth” C. H. road. We saw several young ladies, all the rich & poor ride in what they call dump cart drawn by one horse. We soon crossed a large swamp or lake at White’s Mill & encamped in Perquimans Co. the people mostly poor.

Having marched 11 miles I & Hawes went out & got a splendid supper with a lady who never saw any soldiers before. We had eggs & ham & milk for supper.

Billy Sims very sick. Appearance of rain. Quite cool night.

April 21st. "Tuesday." 1863.

Cloudy morning, we are still in Camps & will remain today. Several the boys gone out to have their rations cooked & get their dinners, plenty of eggs &c.

All resting, our mess had Eggs & Shad in abundance for dinner. We live finely, meat plenty, we get fish & eggs when we want them.

A cloudy cold day, our Camps are in a Huckleberry thicket & pine swamps near T. D. White’s Mill on the line of “Gates” & "Perquimans" Co. "Sims" & "Reamon" very sick & sent to a house to remain. Ab. Cullatt detailed as nurse for them. G. Graves also sick & left at a house nearby.

Several of those suppose "Buffalo" rangers released, some taken the oath of allegiance. We captured 50,000 lbs of Bacon &c from them & their Commissary officer & department; We received orders tonight to be ready to leave early in the morning.

I wrote a letter home.
April 22nd. "Wednesday." 1863.

Cloudy morning, we were ordered in lines at 7½ A. M. marching a very beautiful & good road for 2 miles & nearly straight untill we came in the "Elizabeth" City C. H. & Newby's bridge to "Edenton" C. H. road. Then we marched a due East through a pine country the best roads I ever saw & a very level country, few farms & few people & they living in small cabins. We rested often, roads very straight.

After a march of 5 miles we came to the Cross roads. We marched the "Woodville" & "Elizabet City" road for 4 miles & stopped to Camp at 12 A. M. only marching 9 miles, at "Oakgrove" Church, quite a fine building. Several of us left Camps & went out in the country to get dinner. I & T. Albee got our dinner at a beautilful mansion with Mrs Dr "Russell" who gave us as good a dinner as we wanted free, 4 miles from Camp. Here the Country was rich & large & beautilful plantations, people once very wealthy but now all the negroes gone to the Enemy. The best & levellest roads I ever saw. These wealthy people have been roughly treated by the Yankees, who after taking the negroes & property from them they were placed under guard & kept there by negro sentinal. From here we went (I & "A") to James "Long's" & got our supper 9 miles of "Elizabeth City", we were near 6 miles from Camp. We left after eating & arrived at Camps at 10 P. M. drizzling rain during the night. A guard placed to give notice if any alarm was made. Nearly half the "Co" out in the Country.

Several girls came to Camps to hear the music from the band.
April 23d. "Thursday." 1863.

A rainy wet morning. All got very wet as water run under our shanties (the Camps being very level place) by 10 A. M. it rained as hard as I ever saw it & evry thing was afloat & we wet, no fires. We cut pine poles to make a floor, evry ditch & place was full to over-flowing. At 12 A. M. after it had quit raining we received orders to leave & go back to Newby’s Bridge 8 miles.

The roads back was all afloat with water & it knee deep. We waded them, we were as wet as water could make us. A great many the Reg’mt were out foraging when we received the order. We marched back the same road 8 miles, & 1 mile on the "Newby’s Bridge" road & encamped at Oakville Church at the Cross roads of "Edenton" C. H. "Elizabeth City" C. H. "Suffolk" & T. pike road.

When the Brig. arrived at 8 P. M. more than half had fallen out & remained in out-houses (as they were wet, & blankets, & still appearance of rain) At 9 P. M. it rained very hard & then cleared off. I remained at Mr who gave us our supper & a place to sleep & dry our clothes & blankets. Got a very good nights rest.


Pleasant day, received orders at 10 A. M. to march. I came up from where I remained all night Just as they were about to leave. We marched across "Newby’s Bridge" across "Perquimans" river, the roads were very good. We soon came in the same road we marched on Sunday before, vis the "Gatesville" C. H. & Edenton road & stopped to Camp
at 2 P. M. at Mollinville on the line of "Chowan & Gates" Co'ties, drizzling rain & very disagreeable evening. Heavy cannonading going on towards "Suffolk"

I & Capt "H" walked 2 miles & got late dinner with Mr Hinton (with whom I stopped with on Sunday) We had a splendid dinner & then some nice music from the "Piano" by Miss Mollie "Bond" a graduate of "Murfreesboro College" N. C. We sit in the parlour (which was nicely furnished) some time. (We marched 12 miles today)

We left there at dusk & returned to Camps. A cold windy night.

April the 25th. "Saturday." 1863.

Clear & fine day, all resting themselves & drying their blankets. We drew 2 days rations. Inspection of guns &c. Several young ladies present to hear music from the band. Dress parade in the evening by the 2d Ga & music, a great many girls present.

I with Capt "Hawes" went out in the Country & got our supper, we bought some fish & had them cooked. We returned to Camps late.

Quite a cold night. Those we left sick at Franklin, viz: "Steed, Jones, Leverett, T. Crawford, W. McCord & Corley, came to Camps.

Heard that Sims was dangerously sick.


Cool morning; received orders to march at 8 A. M. We left, 2nd Ga in front with music, several girls present (one the 2nd Ga
accidentally shot as we were leaving) We marched the same road we
marched Saturday before, "Gatesville" road for 5 miles, resting only
once, when we received orders from Gen'l "Longstreet" to stop &
remain 'till farther orders. So we only marched 5 miles & stopped
to Camp in a pine thicket, but little wood. At 2 P. M. only 2
Reg'mts viz 15th & 2d Ga the 20th left & went back to where the
Camp of the "Buffalo Rangers" were, some 8 miles on "Chowan" river.
Passes were given & several the boys gone out in the country, only
2 evry 3 hours; Several girls in Camps & splendid music from the
2nd Ga band.

Remained here all night. Several the boys brought in potatoes
at a late hour. Got a very good nights rest.


Received orders to leave at 2 P. M. Several gone out in the
Country to get Dinner. I remained in Camps all day. 2 P. M. we left
Camps for "Gatesville" C. H. where we marched quick time passing
through the village & stopped 1 mile beyond in the same Camps we left
the 19th, marching only 4 miles. Arrived in camps at 5 P. M.

I & T. Albea walked out to Mr "Riddick's" & got late dinner
for 50c. Apperance of rain tonight. We drew 2 days ration of meal
& cooked it (not enough) Several the "Co" got a great many fish.
Lieut Bolton of Co A. returned from home & brought me a letter. I
have a box of Provisions at Franklin, in care of P. Kendall
April 28th. *Tuesday.* 1863.

Received orders to march at 8 A. M. Drizzly wet morning. We left, passing through "Gatesville" (we had rather go this way than go to Suffolk) we marched the same road 7 miles then took the left going by "Sandy Cross", drizzling rain most the day. We stopped often as the roads were muddy, the pioneers crosseyed several bad places, we got quite wet. This road to "Sandy Cross" for 7 miles was quite marshy. Arrived 1 mile beyond the X at 5 P. M. & encamped on our old Camp ground of the 17th. Several the "Co" absent & was reported. Sprinkling rain at a late hour. Several went out & got fine suppers; we marched 14 miles. Of course got a good nights rest.

April 29th. *Wednesday.* 1863.

Cloudy wet morning. We left Camps at 8 A. M. our Reg'mt (right) in front. Our "Co" sent ahead as advance guard. Marching the same road we did a few days ago arriving at the Forks (at "Riddick's Store) "Newby's" Bridge & Turnpike road at 10 A. M. here we remained 'till 4 P. M.

One of Co "K" at a school house with small pox; 6 of Co "G" placed near the house as guards to keep back all. Abb. Gullatt came to us awhile (as he has been absent waiting on Billy "Sims")

We left here & marched the "Newby's Bridge" road & stopped to Camp at "White's Mill", our same Camps of the 18th, going only 6 miles today; our Co ("G") sent ½ mile as picket. Heavy dark cloud
arising with thunder & lightning, at dark it rained & hailed very hard. Most the Co went to a house nearby. I remained in Camps on boards all night, rained most the time. We kept 2 on guard at a time. Several the "Co" got supper at the house, cooked their ration & slept there. A disagreeable night.


A Driely wet morning, all up early (I was forced up early as the hogs were around Camps trying to get in our Haversacks) Several the Co slept in the piazza & got breakfast. Ground very wet, the Reg't Camps afloat with water. I with several others got dinner.

The "Co" remained about the house & yard all day. We sit in the house & talked with the old lady & girls; they were very homely people & quite ignorant; at 1 P. M. we received orders to move Camps. We were soon at the place the Reg't had encamped but it was gone, only ½ mile just beyond the Mill Creek. (They only moved to a better Camp out the mud & water) This is a very good Camp we soon streached our blankets & drew rations. Several got in a batteaw & went about in the Mill pond fishing, one upset with me, I got quite wet.

Billy Sims at a house near. He is very low, his recovery is doubtful. Cooked our rations & soon prepare to sleep; got a splendid rest.

May 1st. "Friday." 1863.

Beautiful Spring morning. The birds sing beautiful. Received
orders to leave at 8 A. M. We left early & marching the same road we came, only we waded the head waters of "Perquimans" river which was quite wide. We marched only 4 miles & stopped to wait 'till the 17th we came up (which was 3 miles down on the pike) We remained here 'till 11 A. M. & then left quick time, plunging the mud & water (as swamps were common)

It was very warm; we stopped & rested at "Sandy Cross" & then marched the "Suffolk & Edenton" road. This was quite a swampy road & few poor people living along the road for 5 miles. We then crossed a large creek & pond & rested. From here to Camps which was 8 miles the people were very wealthy, lands rich & fine buildings.

We passed through "Sunsbury" a small village where there was several girls. The Brig. was now getting tired & scattered. We stopped to Camp at sunset, marching 18 miles, & drew meal & cooked it, with orders to leave early next day. Slept finely.


Drum beat at day for all to get up & be ready to leave for "Suffolk" (which place all disliked very much to go) We left Camp at 7 A. M. marching quick time, passing through "Holly Grove" village, several buildings but look very desolate now. After a march of 7 miles we came to the same road we marched the 16th of Apr. We marched through swamps & some disagreeable roads resting often. We soon came to "Cypress Chapple" & rested awhile; proceeding on the same road we
marched the 14th for 2 miles beyond the Chapple where we stacked
guns & rested 2 hours at 12 A.M. The day was very warm (of course
the rest was appreciated)

At 2 P.M. we left on the same road for 4 miles & then took the
Franklin road for 3 miles & then filed square to the right in the
"Suffolk & South Cuy" road. The route was very crooked, we went this
way because it was not so muddy (Just 4 miles out the way) We marched
'till 11 P.M. (the moon shone beautiful) We were tired & very hungry
at night but drew nothing. We marched 27 miles, of course as weary
as could be.


Fine morning. We encamped on the same ground we encamped the
14th & rested 2 hours. We were up early very hungry but no rations
yet & must leave at 9 A.M. without a mouthful. We left going the
same road we marched down from Franklin passing by a great many troops
& by where the Signal Corps was. Troops along the line in great com-
motion. We crossed the R.R. (Suffolk & Weldon* road) the day was
very warm. We then marched a by road crossing swamps & thickets &
rested on the "Petersburg & Suffolk" R.R. then going down the
entrenchments. After winding about we came in the main "Suffolk &
Franklin" road & came into line by right file into line, stacked our
guns & rested behind them 'till farther orders. Heavy picketing &
cannonading going on in our front. Shells bursting in Camps. We lie
here 2 hours & was then ordered in lines to go 5 miles down on "Hood's"
left to support Gen'l "Lee" whose Brigade the enemy was crowding closely. (The sick & unwell sent to Franklin)

We marched quick time, very warm, a great many obliged to fall out. I never was so hot. We arrived near the scene of action, heavy picketing & cannonading going on the bombs fell thick around. I saw several wounded coming from the field & 2 with their legs broken.

We halted & then in a few moments countermarched, the Brigade & all ordered to get ammunition as we expected to go in the fight. One the Brig. was killed by a bomb. Soon all resting finelly & at 7 P. M. Gen'l "Hood" ordered all the commanders of Reg'nts to his quarters & then they ordered the Commanders of "Co" which order was, that we were going to retreat & no noise must be made but leave the lines very quietly & plunge the water & mud & none must fall out but all stay at their places. Nothing to eat yet, have marched 14 miles today & not a mouthful, considerable grumbling.

At 8 P. M. we left very quietly for Franklin, marched a very good road taking the water as it came. We marched 'till 12 P. M. & rested. Gen'l Hood told Benning we were not half marching, to put us through. The horses were in a slow pace & the men almost Double quick time for 5 miles & then stopped to rest. More than half the Brig. was out, the horses so tired they lie down. This beat any marching I ever heard of, 5 miles an hour & not eat nothing in 36 hours but had been marching day & night. We continued our march quick time all night, the Gen'l told us to keep up best we could. We arrived at Carrsville depot at day break with not over half the Brigade. I
have been marching for 2 yrs but the last 36 hours beat all the
marching I ever taken, 60 miles with only 1 meal to eat. The
hardships of the last 48 hours will always have a green spot in
my memory. Day has come, still marching.


We stopped to Camp at "Franklin" at 3 A. M. Our march since
we commenced from yesterday morning all night & up to the present
time is 40 miles which beats all the marching, and nothing to eat.
The men were coming up all day.

I proceeded to Franklin & there I found a box in care of
Kendall with provisions. I being very hungry of course appreciated
the good sausages butter potatoes ham & light bread after fasting
2 days. I never was more completely out done, so hungry I was sick.
I eat sufficiently & brought the rest (all the mess with me) to
Camps. We are living finely. We drew 2 days rations, of course the
"Co" eat it all at one meal.

Most the Division crossed the river, our Brigade remains on the
opposite side as guards. Here we remained resting all day. Straglers
were coming in most the day. Several were taken prisinors from the
Brig. By 3 P. M. more than half the Reg'mt was lying about like hogs
sleep, as tired a set of men as ever was. We have marched a great
deal but the march of the past 24 hours (all day & night) of 40 miles
without anything to eat, beats all the marching of any army "Napolians"
not excepted. Received orders at night to be ready to leave at sun
rise tomorrow. So for the past 3 days & nights we have been marching & now only ½ days rest & 1 night & then go again. This is enough to try any soldier. But so we must, so the hardships of the past 48 hours will long be remembered by "Co" "C" 15th Ga.

**May 6th. "Wednesday." 1863.**

Drizzly wet morning, we burnt all the wood around & had good fires early. Several the "Co" up most the night by the fire. "Anderson's" Brigade left on the Cars at 7 A. M. for Petersburg. We were ordered in lines to leave at 10 A. M. But stacked arms & waited 'till 3 P. M. at which time we left. We carried our cooking utensils on the cars with us. Our "Co" was placed on top a stock car all very closely housed in not enough room to sit down, thus was the Brigade placed.

We left Ivor at 3½ P. M. for Petersburg 35 miles, it rained most the way, & those on top suffered considerable, with cold. (I had the headache & got in a box car, just room enough to sit down) Arrived at Petersburg at 6½ P. M. & it raining very hard. We left there at dark in the rain & very wet to go 3 miles & Camp, the roads very sloppy, it continued to rain all night. We made fires & some lie down wet, slept but little.

**May "7th" "Thursday." 1863.**

We drew 2 days rations of bacon & crackers before day & ordered to leave by 7½ o'clock but did not leave 'till 8½ A. M. for Richmond by the telegraph road (the way we went down) We burnt all the plank fence
around a wheat field, the boys were wet & cold, & it very late, they would have burnt a house then. The roads were very good, we took our time as more than half the Brigade complained & went down on the Care. Half of "Co" "G" felt like they would ride & did so. We marched to 1 mile of Falling Creek & took up Camp at 2 P. M. but did not remain here but 20 minutes at which time we left & stopped to Camp 3 miles of Richmond in a piece of woods just cut down, marching 15 miles.

Received orders to leave early in the morning, commenced raining at dark & continued most the night. Those who came down on the train came to Camps, drew shoes & pants for the Co. Slept but little.

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Pleasant fine morning. Evry thing looks cheerful & pleasant. Drum beat at day for us to get ready & left at sun rise. "Anderson's" Brigade in front, & Bennings in the rear, we stacked our arms in the road & waited 'till all the Division passed & then left, resting often. A great many girls along the road to see us pass. We were soon in "Louisa Co" fine lands & beautiful wheat crops. We after a march of 7 miles left the main Louisa C. H. road & took the right for "Frederick's" hall Station. We left the road & went directly across fields making our roads. The day was very warm. We arrived at the Station at 1 P. M. here our sick who went on the train met us. A guard placed around them by "Hood". We stopped beyond the Station to Camp at 2 P. M.
marching 15 miles. All soon lying about sleep. We drew 3 days
rations of bacon (½ lb. pr man) & 4 crackers apiece.

Quite a splendid nights rest.


Fine morning. All lie & rested today. Slept late as we will
remain today in Camps, wash & clean up. I have been quite buisy
making out reports & getting ammunition &c. Wrote a letter to B. H.
Arnett, Home & "L. G. D." Heard of the death of Stonewall Jackson
who died yesterday at 3 P. M. of the wound he received in the fight
of the 2nd of May.

Nothing of interest transpired, the first days rest in 3 weeks
of course greatly appreciated. Inspection at 6 P. M. of the men to
see who had cleaned up & washed their clothing, by Col. "Dubose".

Beautiful night & no appearance of leaving. Slept finaly;
pleasant night.


Pleasant morning, slept 'till 1 hour by sun & then eat Bacon &
 Crackers for breakfast, our rations very short, about cut & have no-
thing to eat tomorrow. Brigade guard placed around the Brig; passes
granted to go out in the Country for 3 hours. Capt. buisy making out
muster roll. A very warm & hot Summer day. Dress parade for the first
time in great while, several orders read. P. Gullatt quite sick.

We was aroused at midnight by a thunder cloud, all up very buisy
making shelters & it very dark. But little rain fell, done finely 'till morning.


Beautiful pleasant morning; all up at sunrise & nothing to eat considerable grumbling for something to eat, talk of charging the Commissary. Received orders to drill, after going out on the field the order was countermanded to get ready to march. All went back to their quarters & prepared to leave which we did at 12 A. M. ("Lov's" Brigade in front)

We marched slowly resting often, & after marching 6 miles we stopped to rest near "Tolersville" Station for 2 hours in a pine thicket, very warm. After rest we followed the R. R. for 4 miles & stopped to camp near "Louisa" C. H. (Louisa Co.) marching 10 miles stopping at 6 P. m. in a very good camp in woods. Appearance of rain all busy building shelters. Here we drew 3 days rations of Bacon Crackers & Sugar. Very short, 1/2 lb pr day, spoonful of sugar & 1 Cracker.

We were up late. P. Gullatt sent to Hospt on train sick. Spent a miserable nights rest, orders to leave at sunrise tomorrow.


Cloudy morning, no rain fell last night. (Roberson's Brig in front) We were in lines & in the road at sunrise. We passed through "Louisa" C. H. a small village, but desolate looking place, houses old. We
passed through with music, several nice girls in the village. Here we left the R. R. & marched the "Orange" C. H. road, which was very bad to march (as the enemies cavalry in their late raid to "Louisa" C. H. traveling it when muddy,) the worst marching I ever done. We rested often, after marching 11 miles we stopped in an open field 2½ hours to rest quite a pleasant place. We made shelters to protect us from the sun; we left the main road, marching a rough, crooked country road for "Raccoon" ford, (on Rapidan River;) The country was quite poor, few wealthy people in this part. We marched 3 miles from where we rested & encamped on a sideling hill beyond the head waters of the "North Anna" river at 5 P. M. Orders to leave at sun rise, "Sennings" Brigade in front; we drew rice & sugar.

Very windy & cold night. I slept but little as I was cold most the night.


Pleasant day, all up very early, one reason we were up so soon was we got cold & could not sleep (especially myself)

Marched left in front, early passing by Gen'l Roberson's Brig we marched a rough road, very hilly but pleasant to march for it shade. We rested often, after a march of 7 miles we came in the "Orange" C. H. & "Fredericksburg" plank road 1½ miles below the former place, which road we only marched 1 mile & then filed left going the "Raccoon" ford road, a rough road. We soon came in the same road we marched the 19th
of Aug. en route for "Raccoon" ford. We marched within 5 miles of the ford & stopped on a high hill in a piece of woods to Camp at 11½ A. M. marching 11 miles. Here we got orders to prepare our guns for Inspection at 2 P. M. (after which time we night leave for the ford.) Inspection over, by Lieut "Perry", several the boys gone to the pond to wash. A cool & pleasant evening, night has come cool, cover felt quite agreeable.

Severe headache during the night; very good nights rest.


Cool windy morning, all resting finely slept late. 2 sick this morning. We were mustered in by Col "Dubose" for 2 months pay.

Orders to leave at 2 P. M. We drew 3 days rations of flour & Bacon 3/8 lbs pr man. All very buisy cooking, as it is now 12 P. M. windy day. We will not leave until 4 P. M. (But remain & cook our rations, as we have only 2 bakers to the Co.) All the Division passed while we were in Camp. A difficulty between "Flanigan & J. McCord"

Capt & Thos Albea very buisy making out pay rolls. We left at 4 P. M. going the same road we marched in Aug. for 2 miles, we then marched a rough hilly road & then going back very near the same direction we came a country road going round a small Mt. So we have marched 5 miles & are now only 2 from where we started. We passed by where part the Div. was in Camp & soon after quick marching came in the road leading to Rapidan station. Going from the "Raccoon" ford we marched 6 miles & stopped at dusk to Camp at Mt. "Pisgah" Church in "Orange" "Co"
4 miles from "Rapidan" Station. This is a beautiful rich country with fine wheat fields & splendid pastures (all the officer's horses turned in the pastures which are sick). Lieuts "Colvin" & "Parks" of our "Co" arrived in Camps, just from Fortress "Monroe"; they have been exchanged, they were left sick in N. C. & after the retreat were captured. They were well treated by the enemy. All busy asking them questions &c.


Beautiful clear Sabbath morning; Warm, all resting in Camps. Slept 'till 6 A.M. I am quite unwell having a severe sick headache.

Brigade Inspection all out in a large field at 11 A.M. Very hot out in the field; Received 2 months pay by Capt "Hawes."

Cloudy with little rain in Evening; Gen'l "Hood" has a Signal Corps connection with the main army from his H'd Qrts.

Quite a cold night. Had a splendid nights rest.


Fine morning. Birds sing beautiful. Evry thing indicates a pleasant day. Battalion drill this morning & Brigade guard. We drew 1 days rations of Crackers & bacon. Several the "Co" out of rations & are grumbling. Drill in Eve. Dress parade & orders read to drill 1½ hour before noon. No mail yet & we have had none in 7 days. All very anxious to get a mail. Have not heard from home in 3 weeks; very cool night.
May 19th. "Tuesday." 1863.

Slept very cold last night. Cool & pleasant morning, all lying about resting as we are encamped in a very good camp, good water; But few sick in "Co"

Drill again today. We drew 3 days rations of flour & Bacon (quite small rations)

Battalion drill this Evening. Received a mail today for the first time in 2 weeks, quite a large one for the "Co"; Received 2 from home dated the 4th & 11th, was very glad to hear.

Heard the report that "Jackson" Miss was occupied by the Enemy & large amount of Confederate property destroyed. Pleasant warm night


Beautiful Clear & warm morning, drill today. Preaching at 11 A. M. in the large brick Church near Camps. Very good sermon, considerable feeling. Several went to the Altar for prayer. "Steed" taken very sick, has fever at present, few sick in the Co. Battalion drill this Eve, prayer meeting tonight at dark, house full windows & yard. Good attention no noise. Gen'l "Hood" & staff at Church. Considerable feeling exist, very good meeting, all retired quietly.

Fine night. Clear & pleasant

May 21st. Thursday. 1863.

Clear & pleasant morning; "Co" drill; preaching at 11 A. M. Had a very good sermon, considerable feeling, house crowded, good attention. A great many to the Altar for prayer. No drill this Evening. General
review of Cavalry at Culpeper C. H. Gen'l "Hood" gone there.

Received a letter from J. Reason in N. C. who wrote that Abb.
Cullatt & Billy Sims both had the "Small Fox" & were dangerously sick,
the latter thought would die; the letter came by underground mail.
The enemies pickets near them; Very warm Evening & dusty. Rain
would be advantage to Evry thing. Preaching at candle light, house
doors & windows full, several up for prayer, very good meeting.

Warm night.

May 22nd. "Friday." 1863.

Warm & pleasant morning, few sick in the "Co." Drill this
morning, preaching at 11 A. M. by Rev. Simmons of 11th Ga. Very
good sermon. House crowded a great many up for prayer. Battalion
drill this Eve & dress parade, several orders read, &c. Preaching
at night, house crowded, good meeting, several conversions, prayer
meeting continued 'till near midnight. Several the "Co" up very late
very warm & pleasant night.


Warm pleasant morning, very dusty rain needed very much. No
drill today most the Co. & Reg't went to the Mill pond. Preaching
at 11 A. M. house full, very good meeting. Several at the Altar for
prayer; Rumor of a great fight near "Vicksburg" Miss., a victory for
the Enemy, we lost 30 pieces of Artillery & retreated burning bridges.
So the City is nearly besieged, ("Rumor") Prayer meeting tonight, house
doors & aisle full, prayer meeting in the yard. Considerable feeling & several at the Altar for prayer. Meeting continued 'till late, very warm & pleasant night.

The deserters of the 20th Ga who left a few days ago were all brought in yesterday by Capt "Sago" Caught them above Madison C. H.


Fine morning. Brigade Inspection at 10 A. M. Gen'l "Benning" rode up & down the lines with his aids & then had Inspection of guns & Clothing, he rode up near the "Co'nis" & pointed out those who did not have on clean clothes.

Several citizens present, Gen'l "Hood" being present, this being done there was preaching at the Church by the regular pastor, several ladies & citizens present, house full very good meeting.

Gen'l "Hood" remained at Gen'l "Benning's" quarters during preaching. Several present to hear him talk. (I for one) Preaching at night, very good meeting a few conversions, meeting continued late.


Cloudy drizzly Cool day; no drill as evry thing is damp, all doing nothing but resting. Received a letter from home. I have a severe headache & some fever, feel very badly. "Co" inspection & all must have clean guns (as tomorrow is Div. review. All busy preparing their guns &c. "Steed" taken very sick while on guard at Gen'l "Hood" quits & came to Camps at midnight, little rain during the night.
Cool & damp, feels agreeable; prayer meeting tonight. Very good meeting & would have been better but a political speech was made of 15 minutes, which made it worse.


Cool, wet & cloudy morning. No Inspection today, postponed on account of "weather"; I am quite unwell today, spent a miserable night's rest, I have a severe headache, so much so I was unable to drill. "Steed" some better but quite sick. Battalion drill in Eve. No papers today, latest news from "Vicksburg" was the enemy had charged our works, but was repulsed; news not official. All very anxious to hear from that point. Cloudy & quite cool night, prayer meeting, large crowd in attendance.


Cloudy morning; "Division" Review commenced at 10 A. M. All 4 Brig formed a line across a large field. "Texas" Brigade on the right "Laws" (Ala Brig) next "Benning's & then "Anderson's" on the left, the position was hilly. 4 Batteries of 24 pieces on the extreme right; line being formed. Officers to the front, Gen'l "Hood" & Staff accompanied by Gen'ls "Robison" (of Texas Brig) & Law (of Ala. Brig) with their Staff rode up the lines & all the different bands playing, drums beating & flags dipping.

He then rode down the rear & came to his position on the right in front. The different Companies of each Reg't & all the Div. marched by the right flank guide right, with music. Before all this a large
crowd of ladies from the Country & Orange C. H. also a great many citizens were near on a high hill where they could see. The line was near 2 miles, after marching around with music we again formed a line from where we first left, stacked arms & rested (the sun shone very warm but we lie & took all.) The Artillery then formed a position, 2 batteries on each hill some 100 yds apart & we had a sham Artillery duel, the hills was crowded by Soldiers, ladies, & citizens. Some 20 shots were fired. Several the ladies I learn were very much frightened, this lasted some 20 minutes during the engagement Dr was thrown from his horse only slightly injured. Also a Courier of Gen'l Anderson, none hurt much. Each "Reg'mt" of evry Brig throw out a "Co" of skirmishers, they advanced in front of the whole line & then the Div advanced double quick, charged bayonets with a yell Some 50 yds. halted & each Reg'mt was Dismissed & all soon dispersed to their Camps.

So it was a gala day with "Hood's" Div. Evry thing passed off finely. Gen'l "Hood" was well pleased, the Div numbering on review near 8,000; all was well pleased with the different maneuvers, & formed a greater liking to their brave & chivalric leader; News encouraging from "Vicksburg" that we repulsed them 6 different times with small loss, their loss heavy. Senator (U. S.) "Vallandigan" of Ohio banished from the U. S. as an exile & placed on neutral ground between our pickets in Ten. (rumor)

Fine morning; "Steed" very sick; "Co" drill this morning; Battalion drill in evening; nothing of interest in Camps all quiet & resting. Several bands of music practising this Eve.

Nothing of importance from Vicksburg. Warm & pleasant night, preaching tonight, very good sermon.

Peter "Gullatt" & L."Corley" came to Camps from Hosp'tl & said that "Gresham" of our "Co" was well & staying at a house in the country; "Co" thinks he ought to be here. "Evry one has his opinion".

May 29th. "Friday." 1863.

Drums beat for all to be up by day; (several up before that time) to cook & be ready to march at 8 A. M. (only a few cooking utensils in the "Co" so all will not have a chance) Evry thing in confusion & all making preparations, at 6 A. M. the order was countermanded & we would not leave, but to have 2 days rations cooked & be ready to leave at any time. Several quite busy cooking. Regimental Inspection of each Reg't of the Brig by Lieut "Perry", Inspector of the Brig.

Appearance of rain, sprinkling at 1 P. M. All that was very sick were sent to the Hosp'tl. "Steed" of Co "G" was sent to Orange C. H. to take the Cars; all busy cooking. Preaching tonight. Cloudy, all got very wet before getting off drill. Col. Hearnesberger drilled us.

May 30th. Saturday. 1863.

Cloudy. Evry thing looks flourishing from the rain that fell last
night, few sick. No drill today, all clean up for Inspection tomorrow. All lying about doing nothing, a lazy looking set. Capt. Hawes went to Orange C. H. No news from Vicksburg, all anxious to hear from that point, for upon that place it seems the fate of the Confederacy depends. A pleasant night, no meeting tonight. All up late talking &c. Some busy cooking up their rations.


Cool & pleasant day. Received orders at sun rise to be ready to leave at 8 A. M. All busy making preparations, though but few believed the order. But sure enough we were ordered in lines. Brigade formed & off we go the same road we came; all were prophesying as to which way we would go. We stopped often & it was some time before we could get off; we rested constant. After a march of 5 miles we came in the plank road, so now it was evident we were going near or about "Fredericksburg." The day now was very warm & dusty, water scarce so we suffered considerable. We marched slowly, marched the plank road 3 miles & then filed right going the same way we did in Nov. After 4 miles march we stopped to Camp at 5 P. M. We rested finally during the night, after a good wash, as we were very dusty.


Cool & pleasant day. Received orders to leave at 6 A. M. & go back the same way we came & near the same old Camps. "Rening's" 2nd in front. We marched quick time. We marched the same road rested only
3 times going within 2 mile of our former Camp. We stopped near a large pond in a piece of woods, water not plentiful, at 1 P. M. marching only 10 miles. Brigade guard placed around; & now all the boys resting themselves finely; Received a letter from "G. W. R."

Quite a warm & pleasant night. We drew 3 days rations, bacon flour & peas


Pleasant day. "Co" drill & Batt. in Eve. Our Camps are in a very rough thicket. Wrote a letter to "G. K. R." No news from Vicksburg only that "Grant" was falling back & Joe "Johnson" preparing to attack him, nothing confirmed. "Vallandigham" reported to be in our lines.

Raining at dark, all preparing Shanties, needing rain very much.

June 3d. "Wednesday." 1863.

Cloudy, But little rain fell during the night. No drill today as 'tis damp. Requisition made out for clothing for the "Co". An address at Major "Bird's" by Col. Harris of 2nd Ga & Capt "Parks" of 17th. Ga on Christian Association. A. Gullatt & J. Ramson arrived in Camps from N. C. where we left them sick. "Gullatt" not exactly well of the Small Pox. All very glad to see them as we had no idea we would see them so soon.

W. B. Sims died in N. C. with Small Pox, all regretted his death very much as he was loved by all, he had no enemies. Abb. & Jim
escaped through the enemies lines & crossed the "Chowan" river.
Jerry "Crawford" joined the "Co" is quite an unhealthy man, & will
get a discharge.

Received orders to prepare 3 days rations & be ready to leave
by day tomorrow. All busy cooking most the night.


Fine morning. Drums beat before day for all to be up & ready to
march by light. We got but little sleep (as we were up cooking 'till
11 P. M. & then aroused at 3 A. M.) Quite a stir around early, called
in lines & left at sunrise in the direction of "Raccoon" ford. (A.
Gullatt unwell & left with a pass at a private house)

After a march over a rough road mostly plantation road, we came
to the ford, most of us waded it, some crossed on the dam. (At this
place we crossed last Aug.) We marched slowly going the Culpeper C.
H. road. Water very scarce & very dry hot & dusty. We rested often.
After a march over a hilly road we stopped to Camp at 1 P. M. near
the C. H. in the same or near the same Camps we remained in (March)
'62. We marched 12 miles. Brigade guard placed around.

Gen'l "Longstreet" passed through Camps, the boys cheered him.
All resting themselves finely, pleasant & warm night. Abb. came to
Camps, did not succeed in getting in a Priv house as the family was
afraid, had a good nights rest.

June the 5th. "Friday." 1863.

Appearance of rain. Received orders for all to be ready to leave
by 3 A. M. to see the "Cavalry Review" 3 miles beyond "Culpeper" C. H. We were in lines & awaited for marching order. "Roberson's" Brig of Cavalry passed by us. We soon left, passing through the village with music, down "Coleman" St. as far as the Hotel, thence filed right up Spencer St. The town is a very desolate looking place, a great many houses in ruins, but few citizens could be seen. We marched along the R. R. for 3 miles when we came to the Review ground on the R. R. near "Brandy Station", the field was large the day was very dusty & warm. Each Brig stacked guns along the R. R. a guard stationed beyond & none permitted to go beyond, so the track for several miles was crowded with soldiers & hills, the cars came down full, tops crowded with girls. There was over 2000 citizens, a great many girls several on horseback. Several the girls rode up & down the road accompanied with officers at full speed (as the road run parallel with the R. R.) The girls could ride faster than the men. The girls are great riders in this country. There was near 12,000 Cavalry present on the field. Gen'l's "Steuart" & "Hood" rode up & down the lines & reviewed the troops. The scene was a rich one & worth seeing they made several splendid charges. The Artillery fired 160 Shots. Ev'ry thing passed off finely, we suffered very much with heat as the day was warm & no water near. The review lasted 5 hours & all left for Camps, the road very dusty. Cloudy & apperance of rain, we marched back the same road & arrived in the same Camps at 6 P. M. all very much pleased. Sprinkling rain a little, very much needed. Cloudy
night but no rain. "Lasenby" remained late with us in Camps.

Received a letter from home, they have fine crops of wheat. No sick, & all resting finally. Good nights rest.


Pleasant day. Received orders to wash & clean our guns & be ready for Inspection tomorrow. 9 A. M.

Received orders to cook 3 days rations & be ready to leave at 12 A. M. So we have 3 days rations of flour to cook & no cooking utensils. All very busy, very warm day. Rumors are that we will cross the river tonight. Evry thing in motion. All in lines at 12 A. M. line formed in the road. We stacked guns & awaited 1 hour for the Div to form. We marched through the town the same way & route we did yesterday with music. Stopped near the review ground to rest. Here it rained a small shower which greatly refreshed evry thing, as the roads were very dusty. We then left & marched opposite the review ground & filed right through a large piece of woods (a country road) leading in the direction of "Stevensburg." Came in the main road at a Mill near the village leaving it to the right, going through the fields thus cutting off 2 miles. We then marched quick time the same road we marched the 21st of Aug, via; the "Madison" C. H. & "Kelly's" ford road, which road we marched 5 miles, it now dark, we then filed right & took the "Ellis" ford road & marched 3 miles & stopped to Camp at 11 P. M. it as dark as "Erebus" evry one so tired Just fell out & lie down with orders to leave in 2 hours. (As we were to cross
the ford & attack the Enemy) the order was countermanded by 2 A. M. that the Enemy had fallen back at "Fred'sburg"; & thus our long & wearyed march was in vane. All quite wet & no fires allowed, of course we suffered & some got but little sleep. But very little by myself. 15 miles today.


Clear & pleasant morning, all up by sunrise & formed a line in the road, & about faced (which showed plainly we were going back)

We marched back the same road we came yesterday, marching slowly, only we marched through "Stevensburg", marched through "Culpeper" C. H. up "East" St. with music. 15th Ga in front the Brig. "Rhoade's" Div was marching down "Coleman" St the same time. Arrived in Camps (same old Camps) at 12 A. M. & rested, all very tired. "McLarin's" Div encamped near the town & was in our front, "Early's" Div. also near the town. John Arnett came to our "Co" to see us, his Reg'nt near.

We drew 3 days rations & all very busy cooking. Several Companies up nearly all night. Quite a cold night, slept but little.


Fine morning. "Earley's" Div passed by Camps at 8 A. M. Saw John Fraser George Gillatt & several others in the 60th Ga. Troops passing most the day. "Swall's" Corps passed by & through the town comprising "Rhoade's" "Earley's" & "Trumble's" Div. Expecting orders constant to leave. Finished cooking rations by 3 P. M. Received orders
we would remain all day & clean up &c. Winfrey "Arnett", an old friend remained with me this Eve & all night, was very glad to see him. All quiet & no talk of leaving. I was with Billy Elliott's "Co" tonight. J. Watkins came to Camps been absent 5 months, not yet able for duty. Very cool night.


Pleasant day, W. Arnett left for his Camps early. Heavy Cannonading this morning below "Brandy Station" & about "Kelly's" ford. Enemy succeeded in crossing at 2 places & drove our Cavalry back some distance. Cannonading lasted most the day. While we were drilling we received orders to leave immediately. We formed a line & stacked guns & awaited for orders to leave, which soon came. We marched near the town & marched back near the same way, crossing the R. R. & marched back towards "Raccoon" ford 2 miles & then filed left across a field & came in the "Stevensburg" road near the mountain & formed a line in an open field exposed to the hot sun, at 12 A. M. formed a line of battle. Part the Div marched to our rear & formed a line at the foot of the Mt. We put up blankets as shelters & thus protected us from the burning sun, here we remained 'till dark & was then ordered back to our former Camps. The fight was very desperate all Cavalry on both sides, casualties not yet know a great many prisoners taken on both sides.

June 10th. "Wednesday." 1863.

Fine morning, all quiet in Camps, heard a few particulars of yesterday's fight. Our loss small, the Cavalry fought hand to hand & was
desperate on both sides. We captured near 500 prisoners & horses. Gen’ls Fitz "Lee", & Col. "Hampton" reported very badly wounded. The intention of the Enemy was supposed to make a raid & find out where most our army was.

Some important moves are on hand both armies in motion & will soon meet. "Co" drill today all passed off finely in Camp nothing but Reg’mt Inspection.

Beautiful eve. Geo. Stovall in Camps looking well &c. We drew 2 days rations & buisy cooking them as we have a standing order allways to have 2 days rations cooked. Appearance of rain tonight.


Cloudy morning, no rain fell during the

We were aroused before day by a little sprinkle, all up & made shelters but no rain fell. "Co" drill, no news all quiet in Camps. Nothing important from "Vicksburg" the Enemy still hold their same position. All await with anxious hearts the result. The fight at "Brandy Station" the 9 the hardest fighting ever done by Cavalry, loss heavy on both sides.

Asa Lockhart came to Camp from Hosptl, been absent 7 months. Rec'd a letter from Rev. Steed, all quiet tonight.

June 12th. "Friday," 1863.

Pleasant day "Co" drill.

Lieut Stovall in Camps; John Dunaway detailed as Division pioneer.
Nothing of interest transpired in Camps. We drew 2 days rations & have 3 days cooked & in our Haversacks, as we are expecting orders to leave constant. Beautiful Eve & night. Very good nights rest.

Appearance of rain.


Fine morning. Orders are to wash & clean up & be ready to move & change Camps at 3 P. M. Several the boys gone to the pond to wash.

Received orders to move immediately & be in lines in great haste at 11 A. M. not more than half the "Co" present. So hastily was the order we expected the enemy to be very near. Companies formed & marched near the Col's quarts, formed a line stacked guns & lie there 2 hours, soon all the "Co" came, & we soon found out that the Div. was going to change Camps. We soon in lines & left marched 3 miles South West of Culpeper C. H. the roads very dusty & very warm day, we suffered for water. We stopped to Camp near "Cedar Run" where the noted battle was fought, between "Jackson & Pope" & in a beautiful piece of woods near the latter's "head quarters" at 1 P. M. Rained a little during the Eve. I with several went out & got a great many Cherrys. We have very good water & Camps. Received a letter from Rome, written the 6th.

Cloudy night with thunder & lightning.


Cloudy morning, no rain fell last night. Have a guard around the Brig & very strict orders. "Co" Inspection. A. "Gullatt" quite sick.
Preaching in Camps. We drew 2 days rations & some cooking it. All quiet in Camps. Fine night, all up late enjoying themselves.


Drums beat at day for all to get up & be ready to march at sun rise. All soon up & busy preparing to leave. Several quite sick.

All in lines & left at the appointed time with 3 days rations. We marched back to "Gulpeper" C. H. the same road we came Saturday. All the Division stopped ½ mile from the town, stacked guns & rested 1 hour & here we got orders to prepare for hard marching as we were going in the direction of "Winchester" on a force march.

We here drew 1 days rations of Crackers & now have 4 days rations. All those who was not able to march & sick would be left at the C. H. "E & W. McCorle" Murray Watkins & A. Gullatt left, the latter very sick, & looking badly. We passed through the town at 9 A. M. with music & marched 1½ mile beyond the town & took the "Front Royal" & "Gulpeper" C. H. Turnpike. The waggons we left to our left going the "Winchester" pike the roads being better & we would leave the pike soon & go a very rough road. So the officers all carried their blankets with them as we would not be with them in several days, none but the Ambulance went with us. The pike as far as we marched it (which was 9 miles) was very good but very dusty, the day very warm water scarce. We suffered very much & I think was the hottest days march we ever taken, especially a force march. A great many fell out ranks overcome by heat & several sun stroke & some died, the road side was full.
We stopped & rested 2 hours in a shade at 2 P. M. the men broke ranks & fell about like hogs, so tired, hot & thirsty. We left at 4 P. M. hot & dusty, the country quite poor, few people living along the road, houses mostly deserted few farms in cultivation.

We left the pike at "Hagel" river, which stream we waded. From here on we marched a rough country road through a poor & rigid country large hills & Ms. This is "Rappahannock" Co. We stopped after crossing 1½ hour 'till 2 hours by sun & then marched over a very rocky rough road & waded "Thornton" river at dark. We marched 'till 9 P. M. very dark & a great many had fallen out. So we marched 18 miles the hottest days march I ever took. We lie down in an open field with orders to leave by light tomorrow, but little sleep by me.

June 16th. "Tuesday." 1863.

Cool & pleasant day, not as warm as yesterday. I was too tired to sleep much last night, so but little sleep by me.

We were up at day & in few moments in lines leaving at light, 15th Ga. in front the Brigade. We marched over a very hilly & rough road for 3 miles & then rested 1 hour at which time Gen'l "Longstreet" & Staff passed us. The country along the road mostly poor, a few rich plantations & few farms, most the citizen have left their houses & plantations. We soon came in the "Warrenton" & Front Royal pike at "Hains" X roads. We marched the Salem road for 2 miles & then filed left through the plantations, some places no road at all. We took a direct course, the waggons following the road.
Col. "Rossier's" Cavalry passed us, various rumors in circulation some that "Roell" had a fight near Winchester & whipped Milroy & had the latter about surrounded. Several prophesying as to where we are bound. We marched over hills & no road in few places, saw some fine fields of corn but little wheat along the road, & few people living along thro' this settlement. We marched 'till 1 P. M. & stopped on a high hill to rest, here we remained 2½ hours & then left going quite slowly for a few miles when we came to "Darby's" X roads, from here to Camps the country was quite rich but houses all deserted & fine plantations in ruins. All farms have rock fences, the road was very hilly & mountainous & very rocky & crooked roads. We marched down a valley between the Mt. 'ris, & now we are in "Fauquier" Co. A great many were sun stroke & I learn several died, the road side was crowded with wearied soldiers who had become overheated, the Evening was very warm & dusty. "Rumbly G. Norman" Cover & D. Stevenson of our "Co" all wearied & overcome by hard marching & very sick too were all left behind, about 100 of the Reg'mt left behind. We stopped to Camp at 9 P. M. at "Marcus" Station on the Manassas Gap R. R. 25 miles above the Junction where we encamped in an open field. Having marched 17 miles, we lie down with orders to be ready to leave by day break. Got but little sleep tonight.


Drums beat for all to be up & ready to march at day, without anything scarcely to eat (as we left our old Camp so hastily only cooked
part the rations & left part the flour). Here that Gen'l "Duell" had surrounded "Millroy" & captured 6000 of his army, commissary stores waggons horses & evry thing & "Millroy" made his escape with a few Cavalry but little fighting done but surrounded at Winchester. This report comes from very reliable source it created great elation among the weared soldiers. We left at sunrise, left in front Benning's Brig in front the Div & 15th. Ga in front the Brig. We marched down the Gap R. R. here all the sick & those unable to march were sent across the Mts a nearer way to "Paris" a village in the Mountains on the pike leading to Winchester, near "Ashby's" Gap. T. Albee & B. Elliott of our Co. were unwell & sent.

We followed the R. R. some distance then crossed going a very rocky & hilly road between the Mtns. Water cool & very plentiful, mountains on either side which makes it a beautiful country. The Timbers all torn up & burnt on the R. R. Some very fine farms & fine dwellings, a few farms in cultivation, lands very rich & was before the war the most beautiful section of Va.

We marched the "Salen" road untill we came to "Piedmont" Station. At this place Gen'l "Johnson's" army marched the 16th of July & took the cars for Manassas. Here a noble lady presented the Reg'mt with some 2 gal'ns of milk & a large bucket of ham & biscuit. Here a great many of the different Brigades had stragled ahead & Gen'l Benning placed them in front with 2 guns & a guard apiece.

At "Piedmont" we took the "Piedmont" Paris & Winchester turn pike.
The road was tolerable good but very long hills & about the hottest day I ever marched, lands very rich & all farms have rock fences. Some very large farms & fine dwellings, very thickly settled, few farms in cultivation.

Several were sunstroke & over 100 of the Reg't fell out so much overcome by heat. "Glaze" "Ashmore" P. Norman & W. Tatam quite sick & fell out, some of them placed in the Ambulance. Some the "Co" over half the men have fallen out, I never saw men so much fatigued & it was hottest march we ever done. We stopped & rested near "Upperville" & then marched through the beautiful village of Upperville, & then filed right & left the main Winchester pike & took the "Winchester" Paris Fairfax C. H. & Alexandria pike. "Upperville" is situated on "Winchester" & "Alexandria" pike on a beautiful eminence, mountains all around. The situation is beautiful & before the war a fine place the town lies on both sides the pike. Some very fine houses & beautiful ladies. We stopped at 1 P. M. 1 mile beyond the town & rested 'till sun set, then called in line & marched ½ mile down the road & remained all night. 1 Company from each Reg't of the Brig was sent out on the different roads as pickets. Only "Bening's" Brig came through the village.

A severe Cavalry fight 6 miles below at "Middleburg" the particulars I have not heard.

We had a good nights rest for the first time in 3 nights. Not more than half the Co. for duty, several quite sick from fatigue in Camps & some scattered along the road.
June 18th. "Thursday." 1863.

Very dusty day. Received orders to leave by sun rise which we did; about faced & marched back through the village on the Winchester pike (at Upperville the "Piedmont" pike joines the "Winchester" & Alexandria pike).

Our aim in coming such a crooked route was to get possession of "Asby's" Gap by coming in at "Upperville" & thus in the rear.

We marched up the pike & soon came to "Paris" a small village in the mountains, the village is old. Here we rested 2 hours, mountains all around & a gradual ascent from the village to the top of the mountain. Excellent water all around, few people living along the road.

We soon passed through the Gap & the scenery was grand, mountains & plains could be seen as far as the eye would permit & now a descent down to the noted "Shenandoah" which is only 2 miles at the foot of the mountain. Where runs the river is a beautiful country, fine farms & dwellings, & one the beautifullest country to live in I ever saw. Here we crossed the Shenandoah which we waded, it was waist deep & 200 yds wide. Beyond the river & near it is a limestone spring so bold the current a few feet below would turn a mill. Here the cooking detail of the Division were preparing rations & all the sick & those unable to march yesterday were at this noted spring. Water very cool, fine farms & houses around.

We marched 1 mile beyond the river & took up Camp. "Laws &
Anderson's Brig were send down the river to Snicker's ford as guard. We stopped at 3 P. M. & drew Beef & bread (flour) & no Salt. Marched only 8 miles today.

Heavy rain with thunder & lightning fell this eve & continued slowly most the night. Several quite sick in the Co.

Wrote a letter home.


Very wet & Cloudy morning. Received orders to leave, soon in lines & left marching a country road down the river. Our object now was to get possession of "Snicker's" Gap on the "Winchester & Leesburg" pike. (As rumors are that "Hooker's" force was marching to get this noted position.) (As we captured a dispatch from "Hooker" to "Stoneman" saying to hold the Gap at all Hazard.) The road from "Ashby's" ford to "Snicker's" ford was 10 miles, the road very rocky & hilly. We followed the river all the way fine farms & plantations people living finely.

We arrived at the ford at 1 P. M. & again waded the river it was waist deep & 200 yds wide & now a gradual ascent to the top of Blue ridge to the Gap which was 3 miles all pike it was very tiresome marching (all the waggons & baggage was left over the river as a fight was expected, as we heard various rumors from Cavalry.)

Arriving at the top the scenery was sublime & we could with a glass see many miles. This is a strong position as there is only one
way for the enemy to come up, & on top 2 pikes comes together, viz.
the "Winchester & Leesburg" & "Winchester & Middleburg" pike leading
in the main Alexandria pike. At "Middleburg" the village of "Snickersville"
is situated at the foot of the Mt.

At this strong position Artillery was placed & here at the fork
our Brig. stopped to Camp & Division in our rear; the 15th Ga. marched
on down the pike to "Snickersville" & formed a line in the village
which was an old place. The Citizens very much frightened as they
expected a fight, several left.

Co" "H" was sent out on picket & the Reg't then marched back &
joined the Brig. in Camps on the Leesburg pike about 300 yds. from the
foot of the Mt. a very uneasy position & very rocky to sleep. We
placed rock at our feet to hold against & if a rock started to roll
it never stopped 'till it reached the foot unless by some large ones,
so none could sleep in our front. The rocks were rolling down all
night (I slipped down 5 feet from where I first lie by morning).

Heavy cannonading towards Manassas at dark, it commenced raining
at 9 P. M. & rained as fast as I ever saw it for 1 hour & then slowly
all night. All got very wet & no fire nor wood. I lie down as wet
as water could make me & a wet blanket, but got but little sleep
being so wet & such an uneasy position. We will long remember that
dreadful night.


Still raining slowly, got up early & built fires, & all the fences
around & dried tolerable well. Several the boys went out & bought butter which is very plentiful at 50c.

Orders to leave at 9 A.M. formed a line & marched left in front to the Gap at the fork of the pike & then filed right & marched up the Mt'n which was a gradual ascent for 1 mile when we stopped, joining "Anderson's" Brig which was on the left. So these 2 Brigades occupied 2 miles up the Mt. & "Laws & Roberson's" Brigades on the right, thus the Divi'on holds 4 miles. Each "Co" built their own breastworks of rock 3 feet high which was soon done & trimmed out the bushes in front. Artillery was placed in position at the pikes. So now this Div. can hold 10 times their number. Our Reg'mt is over 1 mile up the Mt; heavy clouds & still raining, very dark. We soon finished our rock works then built fires & rested, still raining. At 3 P.M. orders came to leave immediately. (Our cooking detail was cooking) we marched down the Mt. & in the pike leading to the river; (our rations was not half cooked & we had to carry 2 days rations of beef in our hands & wade the river, our flour was hauled).

The pike was crowded with artillery infantry & waggons going down the Mt'ns; "Pickett's" Divi'on in front. We waded the river (orders not to take off our clothes, few obeyed it) the river was quite deep from the heavy rains. So this makes the 3d time we have crossed the river in 36 hours.

We marched up the pike 1 mile & encamped in a grove at 6 P.M. more than half the Brig had waded the river & was very wet & then stop where there was no wood! The men commenced taking rail but was stopped,
but at last the fence was given up & each "Co" pay for what rails they
burnt. We soon had large fires & cooked 2 days rations & by 12 P. M.
we were dry. We were up half the night cooking &c. So I slept but
little. Clear & pleasant night. Most the "Co" joined us & now have
a very good "Co" most the sick well.

But little sleep by me.


Cloudy morning, orders to be ready to leave by sun rise, all up
early & drum beat for to form the line & thus we remained some time
awaiting orders to march, by 10 A. M. more than half the men were sleep
with their baggage & accoutrements on. At 1 P. M. Gen'l Hood passed
through Camps & told Gen'l Benning to pick out a better Camp & have
"Co" inspection &c. as several had wet ammunition from wading the
river. "Benning" remained in the same Camps (no doubt as good as he
could find). Inspection over several gone to the river to wash.
Dress parade & orders to prepare to move immediately. So by dark all
were ready to leave & awaited 'till late. So we unrolled our blankets
& soon made a pallet & were to sleep. "Slept finely."


Beautiful morning. Received orders to leave at 6 A. M. Soon all
ready the supposition is we are going to cross the river. We left at
the time crossing the pike & marched the same road up the river towards
the "Alexandria" pike the same way we came a few days ago. As report
says that the enemy are making an atemp to attack. So only 3 Brigades went leaving "Anderson's" at "Snicker's" Gap to guard it. We arrived at the pike near the ford at 12 A. M. & rested in a grove 2 hours. Mc"Law's" Division was guarding this point (vis "Ashby's" Gap) the enemy drove our Cavalry to the Gap & captured a great many, they seeing we had infantry here they fell back; we expected a fight in the eve. But no go. (It is supposed they are making a feint here to draw our attention. A few days will develop & we will see) So the 3 Brigades left the ford marching up the pike towards "Winchester" marched 4 miles & encamped at a village called "Millwood" at 5 P. M. & drew 2 days rations & cooked, we were up late cooking, no salt, lard or soda. Slept very well. Water some distance.


Pleasant morning, all up early expecting to leave. Waggons passing by, roads crowded. Still in Camps at 9 A. M. the boys lying about resting & expecting a hard march before night.

10 A. M. received orders to wash & clean up & rest today. Considerable rejoicing in the Brig. as all were very glad as we needed it. Several gone out foraging, but got but little. Inspection at 5 P. M. But little wood about Camps & water very scarce; night has come

Received orders to leave before day tomorrow. Orders read to us tonight relative to marching. No stragling, no pressing private property evry man keep his place as we are going in H'd. We cooked beef tonight
without salt, & now have 3 days of bread & 1 of Beef & no salt.

Beautiful night, lie down early to be ready for tomorrow's march.


Drums beat at 2 A.M. for all to be up & ready to march. All up and ready so at the break of day all left, marching left in front marching the "Harpers Ferry" & "Charlestown" turn pike intersecting with the "Alexandria & Winchester" pike at "Millwood". After a march of 6 miles we came to "Perryville" G. H. (Clark) Co) & rested in the edge of town in rear of the enemy's breastworks in their old Camp (here we joined "Anderson's" Brig which we had left the day before guarding Snickers Gap) rested 1½ hour & I got my breakfast at a private house, I was very hungry. (I had plenty of biscuits made without lard, soda or salt, & beef too without the latter, which was not pleasant eating)

We marched through town with music crossing the "Leesburg" & "Winchester" pike here, this is an old town few fine buildings & since the enemy has encamped around it, the out houses & fences & yards are ruined & fences burnt. We marched 1½ mile & left the "Harpers Ferry" pike & marched the "Shepardstown" pike for 5 miles. This is a very rich country, a great many citizens left, few farms in cultivation, large fields of wheat. A great many girls out to see us pass. We stopped to rest 2 hours at "Summer point" Station on the
"Harpers Ferry" & Winchester R. R. 10 miles from the latter.

Here we left the pike & marched through plantations & then in a country road very rocky & thinly settled settlement, plenty of water. Marched 4 miles from the Station & came in "Harpers Ferry" & "Bunker Hill" Turnpike at the village of "Middleway". We did not march through the village. A large crowd of girls came out to see us & waved their handkerchiefs, we passed them with music.

After a march of 2 miles we crossed "Opequan" Creek a very large stream & 2 miles brought us to Camp in a large piece of woods, at 5 P. M. no water near & all very tired. We drew beef & bought some flour very cheap (as our bread was out) It was 11 P. M. before many of us went to sleep having marched 18 miles & encamped in "Jefferson" Co. Quite a poor & thinly settled country, houses in ruins few farms in cultivation, lands quite rich. This portion of Va. is about ruined fences all burnt.

Orders to leave at day break.


Cloudy day, appearance of a splendid day to march. Drum beat for all to be up at day & we were in lines in a few moments after. We marched the Bunker Hill pike a short distance. (The latter pike intersecting with the "Winchester & Martinsburg" pike at "Bunker Hill") & then marched a country road for 3 miles & came in the above pike but only marched it for 1 mile. As we came in the pike we came up with our waggons & Baggage train & artillery both the latter marched the
pike to "Martinsburg". We filed to the left & marched a rough rocky country road & soon came in "Berkley" Co. Marching parallel with the pike near "Martinsburg" we stopped to rest in the Suburbs of the town we did not march through the place. The town seems as large as Washington. We crossed the "Baltimore & Ohio" R. R. here the depot & co around was burnt, tearing up the track for some distance.

We marched a country road for 2 miles & came in the Martinsburg & Williamsport turn pike. We marched 6 miles from "M" & encamped at 5 P. M. it drizzling rain, having marched 21 miles the men were very tired & had to cook 1 days rations of beef. Raining slowly most the night.


Drum beat for all to be up & ready to leave by light, raining slowly. We were up early But did not leave 'till Sunrise. We marched the pike which was very sloppy & 4 miles we came to the river, none were permitted to strip But plunged the river it was little over knee deep & 200 yds wide (it still raining & we were very wet any way)

We stopped a few moments on M'd side & then left crossing the "Cheesapeake & Washington" Canal & came in Williamsport an old town. At this place the pikes cross the "Martinsburg & Hagerstown" (M. D.) pike & Frederick City (M. D.) & Greencastle Penn pike. We marched the former pike 2 miles & stopped in a grove 2 hours awaiting farther orders & all to get a dram as it was still raining & all were very wet. Several the boys got quite drunk & we had a jolly set.
We soon left leaving the pike & marching a rough muddy country road 2 miles & came into "Williamsport" & "Greencastle" Pen pike at "Chickasie" Creek. Several the Div was quite Jolly & some pass traveling & a few fights, road very good, fine plantations, people very thickly settled, fine crops of wheat & corn. Water good people mostly Union. 7 miles brought us to M. D. & Pen line. People here ("Franklin" Co) all living well, have plenty to live on & a great many young people in the country. All do their own work.

We stoped to Camp at sun set, marched 16 miles, & up half the night cooking.

We got a great many cherries & living finally.


Received orders to leave at 8 A. M. Cool & pleasant day. 15th Ga in the rear. Soon in the pike & then we stopped for 2 hours & several the Q Masters & Srgnt's armed went ahead with the Pioneers

3 miles then brought us to the beautiful town of "Greencastle" on the "Harrisburg" R. R. this is a fine town larger than Washington Ga houses large & fine, shady streets. This town like others in this State have never felt the affect of war. The R. R. runs down Main Street. People strong Unionist & looked mad & sullen at our appearance a great many closed doors; stores all closed the Streets & Hotels crowded with young men just out of service. Some nice looking girls dressed very fine as evry thing is cheap. Several Federal Flags were seen the girls had them on their bonnets.

We marched through quick time with music. The Depot on the north
side of town was burnt & R. R. in several places.

After leaving town we had the plain mud road to march, very muddy, but we marched through fields of wheat & corn tearing down fences & not respecting scarcely any thing. The soldiers hardly respecting any thing, robing bee gums & poultry yards. We were gathering up all the horses & beeses in the country. People all very much frightened along the road; people very thickly settled, cultivate small farms & live well. Their farms are laid of in squares from 6 to 20 acres, & not even a stump to be seen. Woodland very scarce.

12 miles brought us to the town of "Chambersburg" this is as large as "Atlanta" Ga & as nice & fine a town as I ever saw. This place like the last place has never felt the affect of war the R. R. passes by, houses large & fine, some the finest I ever saw. Stores all closed & a great many people out to see us & looked frightened & mad. The place has 2 very large & fine Hotels all crowded with citizens & young men dressed up & all just out of service. So the country & towns are full of young men not in service, no malitia gone from this place. I saw more girls than I have seen at any one time before, some very good looking ones. The town under martial law, guards at evry corner, so we could get nothing. The town is near 2 miles long, some very fine buildings in the Suburbs of town.

We marched 3 miles from town & left the road, marched through a large corn field 1 miles & encamped in a grove having marched 17 miles. We burnt all the fences around the corn fields, & waggons & horses in
the wheat & corn field, it was dark when we stopped. Several the boys gone out in the country (as evry thing is plentiful)


Appearance of rain. We will remain in Camps today, passes granted & a great many the boys out foraging, the soldiers are taking evry thing. Camps full of chickens, butter & milk. Our mess had a chicken stew, cherries in great abundance. Nearly half the Reg’mt out foraging & can get almost any thing at your own price. This is a rich country, wheat very good & corn good, people very thickly settled & live in fine houses, nice gardens & seem to think more of their gardens & barns than any thing else, as they had the largest & finest Barns I ever saw. One farmer cultivates not over 10 acres. People all Dutch & some very poor. We are encamped in a grove & burnt all the fences around & wheat fields turned out. Our army living all-together on what we capture. Our advance infantry at or near "Harrisburg".

Driseling rain most the evening, we kept one sentinel on the watch all night in case of a surprise


Cloudy & drizzly day; Regimental Inspection very strict orders none permitted to leave Camps without a pass. A great many cherries brought to Camps. Q Masters are gathering all the horses around, beeves &c. Several the boys have seen fine horses tied out in the woods. I eat a great many cherries today. Cooking up 3 days rations
of flour.

Our Reg't & 17 with others of the Div Sent to tear up & burn the R. R. We tore up all the ties & piled the Iron on it & burnt 4 miles the R. R. We burnt the bridge across the river at Scotland Station 5 miles of Shippensburg, the bridge was first burnt by our advance Cavalry & rebuilt next day after we fell back & we returned next day & burn it again, it was a very costly one 50 feet high & 50 yds long. We did not burn the depot.

Returned back to Camps at dark & received orders to leave early in the morning.


Cloudy & rainy day. Called in lines at 8, but did not leave 'till 9 A. M. We marched slowly (resting often) a country road leaving the town to our right road very crooked for 3 miles march. We came in the "Harrisburg", "Chambersburg", Pen "Baltimore" M. D. pike, very good road to march. After 2 miles march we passed by "Hill's" Corps (or post). Encamped at the village of "Fayetteville". We left the pike at the village & marched a country road 2 miles & stopped to Camp at 1 P. M. We made fences fly.

Saw part the Irvin Artillery. I with several others went to a house near Camps & got a great many cherries I never saw the like before. We are encamped at the foot of the Mt. Several gone over it to look for horses, people mostly poor & very thickly settled. Very good Camps.

Capt. Craft ordered to report at Atlanta Ga. as Ass't Commissary. Sent a letter by him to have mailed to Pa. Wrote a letter to "J. B. F."
Drizzly wet evening, have a splendid place to sleep, some dry straw. Had a splendid nights rest.

[Remainder of diary in a different handwriting, possibly entered by his Brother]

A cloudy day. We have orders to prepare 3 days rations & be ready to march at a moments warning. Orders came to be ready to leave at 4 O'clock. Soon the drum beat & all in lines. Our Brigade (Benning's) in front. We passed through the village of Fayetteville. Here we took the Chambersburg & Baltimore turn pike. After marching all night we stoped at 4 O'clock and rested 3 hours.


We received orders to be ready to march at 7 O'clock. Soon we were in marching order and left for the Scene of action. Passing through Cashtown and marching one hour we came in sight of Gettysburg. Here we rested in and old field until 2 O'clock, at which time we left to Attack the Enemy. After passing through a very heavy shelling for 20 minutes we rested and then formed a line of battle. We charged the enemy, driving them from their position. Here at the foot of the mountain the engagement became general & fierce & lasted until 8 O'clock at night. And in the third & last charge the fatal blow was struck.

My Brother: You have offered your life as a sacrifice upon your country's Altar.

Today concludes the term of life of my Brother. He now sleeps
upon the battle field of Gettysburg with

There Brothers, Fathers, small & great,
Partake the same repose
There in peace the ashes mix
Of those who once were foes

Many of our brother soldiers whose life was made a sacrifice
upon our country's altar. There the weeping willow gently waves over
his grave. And there we prayed that God would guard and protect
that little mound.
sold, people very thickly settled here in fine houses, were strong & seem to think more of their gardens & home than any thing else as they seem to the largest, finest, Bomes I ever saw any former cultivate not over 10 acres. People all cut the corn very soon. We are encamped in a grove I hunted all the gins around & what fields turned out our army being all together on strict & Captain our second infantry at this near Harrisonburg. Drizzling rain most of the evening. We slept on scutcheons on the earth, all right in case of a surprise.

June 24th Monday.

Cloudy fairly day. Repinnovat surprise. Very strict orders here permitted to camp without a file of camp among chimneys brought to camps. We masts an gathering all the horses around. Deeds to secure the boys have been fine horses tied out in the ground. I eat a great many chimney to day. Evoking as 3 days returns of plans.

Our regiment 17, 17, with action of the die.