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Introduction
Wednesday 14th this morning it is raining the sun is hid and a gloomy pall is stread over the face of nature now as I lay in my little texnt the idea strikes me that I may as well continue my notes if nothing can be found in them interesting I have one assurance that while this engaged my time will be saved to some extent from other mischief, but kind reader as this is my fourth book of Notes while a Vol in defence of my Country I hope you will follow me still farther and hope they now prove to you wholly uninteresting, allthough we look for a speedy termination of the war yet we may meet with many a reverse of fortune

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4 P.M. for want of somthing to do I went to sleep and did not wake till I had dreamed of home and that it was morning when I awoake it was 4 P.M. I dont feel well yet I think I am gaining it is raining yet, I feer our new Gen will soon run to the end of his rope if he tries to execute his boasting threat that to grind this Brigade down to regular? he will? he must look a little out or a messenger of cold lead may over take him we are Vol and not regulars he made the second put on 50 guards and the Col of the 19the Ind guarding their camps our Col says rather than make his boys stand guard he will resign hurrah for our Col his head is right

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May Thursday 15 rainy now we have orders to pack and be ready to march 9 A.M. as usual we are all hurring a round none but our Co is going at present, I am not well but I will go with my co. well 9 A.M. finds us crossing the bridge over to the Citty of Fredericksburg we marched round till we reached Carolina St and rook up our quarters in a vacant building oposite the great foundery and Marchine shop where we will I hope stay a considerable length of time we are here on fatigue duty part on guard and to work on the bridge this way we are doing duty all the time, well we wont complain as long as we

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May have such good quarters, we are kept pretty close as rebels are sneaking about the City we guard the foundery night and day as we make Secesh stand back and give they yankies a chance to run the shop our Capt discovered in a room below this building $500 Dollars worth of corn all sacked up ready to ship marked Augusta Georgia this was reported at once to headquarters also three dead bodies was found in a house supposed to be rebels killed in the late skirmish as they had to retreat so hastily could not bury them well I staid 2 hours but was released for the night it was a new

10 May thing so the boys looked a little out Fryday pleasant now the boys have got up steam and are hard to work, town folks look and stare to see our men work, the poor slaves at their prayers pray for our god speed calling all this work the doings of God, and perhaps they are right, to day I stand 2 hours for my share as I am not well yet I think I am gaining fast, as my task is light to day I have wandered over a good share of the City and was well pleased with my visit conversing eather with white or Colord people but the most fun is with the darkis, yes they are so

11 they are so enthusiastic, and are so ready to lavish praises and blessings upon us, Dear me it is hard to listen to the tales of sorrow that some of them tell, yet I tell them we came to save our Country and not to liberate slaves, yet if in so doing it kills the institution of slavery then Gods will be done, we are willing to see it one thing I am happy to learn that the citizens are agreeable disappointed on the arival of our troops to find us so social and conducting our selves with so much decorum, they admit, since our arival they have enjoyed more peace and tranquility then when the rebel soldiers was here

12 May 1 P.M. I went on guard I had my gun loaded but had no chance to use it all was as still and silent as the death chamber to day our boys discovered to their horror that there was a secret enemy in our midst body lice, Dear me how the boys strung their dry goods yes our quarters are full of them left by the rebels soldiers Saturday 17 pleasant I stood 2 hours and was relieved by 26 of the 19th 2nd, our brass bands played in the streets, and the town folks flocked from all parts of the City to hear the music yes they are greatly taken up with our brass bands

13 3 P.M. finds me with a few others rambling over towon now here and there we would usually find good union people who are very happy to hold a conversation with us yet the greatest part of them are rank Secesh on Main Street neer Gen Patricks head quarters we see a large amount of tents army equipments tents suns saddles and so forth piled up that had been found hid in a cellar, we then had several spots one in particular in a whole sale store, with an old grey bearded man of some 70 years who appeared to be a very intelligent old man, he gave us a smart Secesh lecture as I wished to only draw him out I said nothing to rile or irritate

14 the old man but only putting in an occasional word to prolong the disput I will not repeat all he said
as it would be tiresome any how the whole blame was laid at our feet he said peace never would be restored that rivers of blood must be spilt that we would wade in human gore up to our knees clear to Florida oh he was pretty hard on the yankeys I will never forget this conversation with this man while I live, well at the close I told him I was still a union man and he was a rebel with this we parted perhaps never to meet I returned found our boys

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all right all the time things are braught to light from dark Sellers and corners, 9 P.M. finds we up town dodging here and there to keep out of the way of the patrole our Capt found I was out sent a patrole after me I got back safe and kept quiet till morning then reported and had no trouble Sunday 18 warm and pleasant 7 AM, the Co fell in and started to the woods to get out a lot of Rail Road ties, I tell out this did not suit very well for a Sabbath task as many of us was calculating to attend Church but we fell in with alacrity and perhaps it was our duty our Capt took us beyond the picket lines some of the boys thought it was very imprudent as we had no arms

May 18
16 May 18
but I think we are safe enough yet the rebels are neer by the pickets told us that the rebels tried to get through the lines a few shots was exchanged but none of our men was hurt, I think one hearse was shot we do not hurt our selves chopping. They say our cavalary took 6 prisoners last night 1 PM, finds us carrying the ties we had cut neer 80 rod to the Rail Road this was tuff, at night we find we had carried 190 We returned and found our supper, and mail ready for us but I got a cup of milk and ran up town to get bread, but no go Shops were closed but on I went till I saw a deacent ?? til here I got

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May 19th
all the bread and pie I wanted for 50 cents they say a flag of truce came in to head quarters and a Col was the ? what is wanted or demanded of us we have not learned I have the Secesh Lidades will not walk under the stars and strapes oh dear how some you look Well I hope you will be glad to own the old flag Monday 19th This morning early Two secesh ??? were brought in they were dressed in gray uniform 7 AM finds us on our way to the woods as chopers it has the appearance of rain I think we will soon be on the move as the bridge is most finished. Well we are in tight papers here with out arms if the enemy wanted to attack us our

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May 20
Pickets instead of ? was drawn in today althought we are over the lines at ? we have no fear what ever our Cap't says 6 ties is enough for each man, but some feel a little praise do much more than that well let them rip I have made 7 only where I could make 15 or 20 if it was necessary but I do not approve of such such hard work when thousands are idle to work so harde is not ? all works to a ? how long it well last is not known May 20th pleasant 7 A.M. We fell in as chopers, but the order came to take 27 men out to guard the Rail Road bridge and found myself one to remain as a chopper. No, I am on guard but do not take
my post till 6 PM at the bridge. The enterprising Yankees have built this bridge in the short space of 10 days to the surprise of the citizens who supposed it would take 3 or 4 months they snear and say it is temporary and will not stand long. Well (We'll?) tell them we don't care if it stands till we get through using it. 3 PM am strolling through town I past through Sandy Bottom which is well guard on account of this dispatialion of the people we see enough of this place and past on to visit the monument that was being erected in commemoration of Washington's Parents who died and were buried here his Mothers remains was intered in

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near the basement of the monument and her husband in a yard near by which is enclosed by a heavy brick wall and iron gates, but what was our surprise and astonishment on reaching this consecrated and hallowed spot to see the marble soiled mutilated and disfigured by shot and bullets. Truly God will not let such sinful wretches go unpunished. Yes kind reader who did this, ask those fiends in human form who? themselves Confederates? now has charge of this spot says the most part of this wretched work was done by the sweet Ladies of this City, yet they would go with their gallants? on

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rifle in hand strik up a peice of paper and blaze away oh then shamefully degenerating the sons and Daughters of old Va. Shame shame that you would spit up on the grave of him who was your boast and pride well let the sin be up on your own heads hung the north? before from such an unpardened Sin, 6 P.M. Our choppers return bringing two deserters with them. We learn by them that 25 thousands rebels are entrenching only 5 miles out. The talk was old Abe would arrive in the cars this evening. Now we are off to take our part as guard. Now we have 3 bridges over the river so we can cross troops with a rush. well we can

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May 21st

8 A.M. a large train of cars past over the bridge to try its strength it stands the test well. As soon as the cars past over the bridge strung full of men each man carying a torch in his hand this was a grand sight and never to be forggotten by those present, the brass band mooved to the center and plad a few national airs then past into the City playing in the streets. Wednesday 21st though some rain fell through the night it is pleasant now. 9 A.M. we return to our quarters as we stand only a night. Thursday 22th pleasant 7 A.M. we crossed over the river to chop tres the day was very warm and 2 P.M. it began to rain so we started for home quick time

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May 23

Fryday May 23 rather warm yet pleasant we was expecting our pay as yesterday we signed the pay roll but we fell into ranks and marched to then woods to chop but 12 oclock we was ordered back to get our pay 1 P.M. Old Abe the secretary fo staff and body guard past through the town what a commotion citizens both white and black running hither and thither to get a peak at this wonderful man now i am satisfied besides the folks had hinted that he dare not show him self in this town McDowell and Staff rode in front of Abe in the center in a 4 horse carrige and a 1000 mounted guards in the read. Now Secesh finds honest Abe is no coward i twll you the excitement is high
May 24
Saturday 24
Saturday 24th had the appearance of rain but held I am to fast why yesterday at 4 P.M. we was paid off Dear me how pleased we was money had played out so the boys went in on their pies 25 cents cakes lemonade beer soon this is this 4th time we have recived government pay total $104.00 and out of this i have sent 65 Dollars home first pay day I sent $15 next 15 next 20 next 15 this day i sent the fourth sum i will not rob myself this time i may have use for it. Now we are going out to chop we weekred till noon and the rain drove us in. On our return we learn that our brigade will be transfered to Augers division and that we march under light marching

May 25
Order If so we will have high time the 18 men have returned to the Co who was detailed to work on the bridge two soldiers are tied up to a tree in the street so long each day for entering private dwellings against orders Sunday 25th pleasant 9 P.M. all quiet in town except the pealing sound of the Sabbath our bells 10 A.M. Slicked up and concluded to go to the Episcopal Church to attend divine service as an invitation was extended to the soldiers to attend. 11 A.M. The appointed hour we entered and seated ourselves above a place reserved for strangers and visitors I was pleased with the meeting but as the Lady took her seat at the organ Lo there came a sound like thunder that jared

May 26
The building a building sound that was like the falling of buildings the was a general rush for the door but all was still when we entered the street up on query we assertained that the report was caused by the explosion of a powder magazine killing one man who stood as sentinel at the door he was a sad sight his body was mangled and burnt like a coal the truth is a secret powder mine with a torpedo attached supposed to be another retched peice of work by the rebels the building being of luck was leveled to the ground splinters and guns flying in every direction. One gun was found sticking in the roof of another building. The unfortunate soldier being from the 28 NY this occurrence caused

May 27
Loud times. And then to help it on we are packing off to march at 1PM Yes the town is no longer in silence but quick as through the streets are crowded with wagons Cavalry Artillery and soliders Now we are on the march yet we rather hate to leave such good quarters but never mind. Ha for Richmond we past some nice farms at night we halted and pitched our tents on the land occupied by the rebels. Grub is scarce for supper we will lay down to rest Dear Me we have taken a rebel spie I am glad of that I hope he will be hung. He tried to get away but the Yankees wer to smart for him

Monday 26th
Monday 26th pleasant We are up hurrying around but perhaps we will not march yet I hear guns fired on our advance we may soon have warm work they rumor to day is that the rebels are
showing them selves in our rear Catlets Station Tuesday 27 warm rain 10 PM the rain seased and now it looks pleasant We look for orders to march. Although the season is backward yet they wheat and rye is headed out corn up early to work and some hay has been cut Now i am not able to say what may be done in our part of the field but think we will remain in or near Fredricksburg for the present and wait the mation of the who like to move slow

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Fryday 3
Although I am well as you may say
Yet I have sad thoughts most everyday
For thought this war would end
And make vile traitors power bend
But yet our crystal streamlets flow
Tinged with blood and human gore
Yet traitors yell with demands voice
Drink freemans blood or death thy choise
Yet that great day is not so far
When before the great tribunal barn?
There loaded down with grief and shame
They will blush oh Lord to speak thy name
Fryday 3. Pleasant For the want of time let me pass over the scenes of a few days yesterday we packed up and mached back to Fredricksburg and rested a short time eating and drinking. Crossing the river we stoped in Falmouth. The truth is ranks have been driven bark (?) into MD with great slaughter and dis

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Fryday 3th May
-aster. Gen Shields and Gen Fremont (?) are marching to his aid with all haste After a hrd march of 14 miles we camped for the night Now we are all parked up waiting orders Banks’s men were badly cut up men of hutchart (?) The rebels watch word was give all the d----d yankess no quarter I hope such treatement may be dealt out to them now we learn that our destination is Catlets station. There to wait orders, so we are tramping on under a burning sun oh dear no tongue can tell how we sufferd with heat and dust, many fell out completly exhausted a few was sun struck, the truth is this was a forced marched and many a brave soldier would have fallen by the way only for the change in the weather which occurred at 1 P.M. when rain

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May 30
Came to our relief, but soon the rain pourd down in torrents and drenched us to the skin also the roads was very slippery the road for miles was filled with stragling soldiers, while the rain pored down the Cols rode along the lines encouraging the men, saying we must reach the station to take the cars and perhaps to soon have a fight, cheer after cheer went up on hearing this, we did not halt untill 7 P.M. we laied down in wet clothes 6 or 7 of our Co had not arived at roll call we are only five miles of the station we marched neer 17 miles, now this is a day never to be forgotten. I hope I never never see will a nother so hard, it was thought my some that 5 thousand Dollars worth of clothing was thrown away on this days march. I carried all my things and kept with my Co yet I
was very tired

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May 31
Saturday 31 weather damp yet but 6 A.M. we started and reached the station 9 A.M. all right, now we are neer the depot and perhaps will soon take the cars, even now soldiers are taking the cars. the report is that Gen McDowal has been arrested for high treason I hope it is true for I believe him to be a traitor one thing men serving under him near have placed full confidence in him and if he is not true to his country we want to know it ere it is to late yet I hope our doubts as to his loyalty will prove groundless for the Lord knows we have traitors enough. Notwithstanding the wet weather all of Gen Augles and Part of Gen Patricks Brigade’s have been taken on the cars running some time after dark. Dear me if we our turn should come to go in the night and it raining oh what a time for the 7th

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Sunday June 1st 1862
Sunday 1st was a very wet morning as drops of rain gave sufficient warning pattering on our small and ? tents As if bursting clouds had just got vent oh yes this is the first day of summer And why should we poor soldiers murmer Because the head of a summer sun Finds us marching with knapsack and gun yes in our last transfer we had a fore taste Through heat and dust pressed on in haste Marching tailing under a searching sun Fell groaning under knapsack and gun Its true that many folks may say That very few sank down that day But hear is the idea my dear friend This may not this summer end Who am leaving home and friends so dear Thought this war would last one year yet while our eagle screams from shore to shore Three years wel fight or welter in our gore

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Sunday 1st
10 AM the sun shines now we will dry our blankets Co B is ordered to pack up ang go with the baggage waggons as guard they did not like this very well. All is quiet to day No cars has been in yet I dont think we go to day. the report is that the rebels are leaving Corinth Nothing further Monday 2nd rather pleasant Now all kinds of stories are agoing they say all communication is cut off the reason the cars dont come is we are in great danger here without a Cavalry or Artillery King says he would stay and shure enough just in the heat of the day hot enough to roast eggs the order came to march to a station called Haymarket a distance of 15 miles yes this is the way we ride on
the cars well we started with all our things but it was so warm we could stand it no longer so we lighten our

35 loads some throwing away one thing and some another I left my blanket and dress coat Never in any previous march have see such a waste of clothing oh dear but I dont blame them they heap to march on our shoulders To day I am very unwell and had to fall in the rear getting into camp the best way I could. I past any amount sitting by the road a few very sick 4 PM now we have a shower of rain in the march we suffer greatly for water I fear if this thing lasts much longer we will all be under the Sod Tuesday May 3rd very wet and unpleasant tody we are reasting from our hard march which caused one or two poor fellows to sink to rise no more Today I am quite unwell The Doctors say something is wrong eather we dont cook our grub

36 properly or the food is not of a healthy nature one thing I know our living is very scant such food is enough to kill us all off Wednesday 4th raining like all fury yes dear the rain pored down in one continual sheet of water all night and even till 10 AM Tents were blown down wetting some of the boys to the skin I was very unwell all night but luckily our tent stood the storm leaking very little now if we dont have it tough who does Raining and short rations No mail for over a week even hearing from home we are deprived of for the present when oh when will this bitter cup pass from us Echo answers Not till the bitter contents are drained to the dregs so let us grit our teeth and make up our minds to stand

37 by our Country during the great sturggle of human liberty yet I fear many of our leaders try to p? this war more for filthy ? than true patriotism The ? is rife that McClellan is in Richmond and that Corinth has been evacuated If so our prospects are cheering New mid day finds us crunched in our little tents to keep out of the driving rain we have not a month full to eat for dinner and little prospects of getting any to day 2 PM a detail of 3 from each Co is now making a raft to get hard crackers from the station The creek being overflowed by the heavy rains if this dont lay up some of the boys working in the water ad rain as the have to do to day They can stand any thing

38 Thursday 5
Thursday 5 rain rain rain thats the kind of weather it is to day We have a few crackers but no meat I have just paid 10 cents for a couple of eggs I have seen the time when when sum of money would by two dozen but kind reader if in buying times like these our patriotism should sink somewhat below par dont blame us for shurely these times are trying 4 PM Rations have reachd us sutlers are here so now we have a feast after the famine latest papers just arrived oh what a rush However 8 PM finds us quietly with satisfied appetites reading the war news in our tents or by our camp fires yes we are in good spirits enough when we get our just dues as Volunteers in defence of our Country

39 June Friday 6 May
Fryday 6 pleasant very early we was awakened by the ratting drums waking us to be up and doing
? by 7 AM be ready to march was the order yes hurrah for Warrenton 12 miles distant We at the proper hour fell in and were very much disappointed to find the 2 Regt had got their mail who had not come It is behind more than a week Well our trip today was pleasant. As the dayt was cool we kept the turnpike all the way the late rains had swept away the bridges over broad run and Ceder creek and others but nothing daunted we striped off and plunged in and was soon across Now we are camped near the villige how long to stay I am not able to day Now the boys are laying a plan to run the guard to get in town

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June Saturday 7
Saturday 7th warm yet pleasant all is quiet this morning nothing is heard along the dull buzzing sound in camp except the pealing sound of the town clock as it doles us the times till mid day when orders come to pack up and go some said to a place where wood and water was handy well we fell in and w? ? the ? of starting when the order was countermanded so we pitched on the same ground again our mail does not reach us yet and we regret it very much perhaps our next move will be a long one Today a man came into camp and wanted a ? paper stating he was a loyal man and hoped the damned rebels would get thrashed he said they had taken his horses not paying one cent for them also he said he voted

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Sunday 8th
for Lincoln Good for him we have him a paper he then left thanking us kindly. Sunday and pleasant I am ? ? Well all we do to day is to have inspection 10 AM the boys camp attend Church 11 AM they were fone but a short time when they all came back running pelmel yes orders to march the enemy in sight. But as usual all was not true. 12 ½ PM we slung knapsacks and marched through the Seecsh town of Warrentown giving them a tuch of yankee doodel the people here are strong Seecch one place in town some women even displayed a rebel flag from the chamber window However it was soon taken down the old Lady who was a real spit fire said she would hang out another

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she held a flag in her hand and one of our officers told her to give the flag up to him she swore she would not Instantly tearing the flag into shreds at this the start and stripes was run up she swore it should not stand in her yard our Gen told her he would not be responsible for her property if she tuched the flag this cooled the old hag she had no more to say Well we followed the rail Road till within 2 miles of old Catlets Station and camped for the night The day was cool yet I got along poorly Captain offerd to carry my knapsack but I thanked him and gave him my gun on this march our Captains all ? assisting those who were unwell. the distance we came to day was 11 miles

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Monday 9
Monday 9 Now we are up tearing round to be off again this time I made the lazy mules tote my pack now we thought we would stay here some time but in times of war we know not when we come or whither we go 5 ½ AM we was ready and on the move in the direction of Fredricksburg after passing over a learge crick we haulted stacked arms to await order dear me, we seem to move in a circle all the time may be we will turn the world over after awhile but I dont believe it. 1 P.M.
the rumor now in camp is that little Mc is in Richmond and that we have taken Beureagard and all his staff but I do not credit the story for it is to good to be true yet I hope it is so on the other hand we hear Gen

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Monday 9
Shields had been cut to peices this I do not credit till further particulars oh when will this war end soon now we will have been in the service a year and yet who knows where it will end. I hope I shall soon regain my health for this is no place for a sick man 5PM our boys are out on dress parade this is the third time we have pitched our tents on the banks of Elk Run, it is a nice stream, but we will not likly stay here long. neer 40 of our Regt had to leave the ranks while out on Dress parade, standing so long they got very faint. 7 P.M. finds me hovering neer the quinine shop waiting the slow motion of a pill vender to get my regular dose for the night, and our Col received orders to be ready by 5 A.M. to march. soon we were all curled up in our tents trying to rest

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Tuesday 10th
This morning I had my knapsack put into the wagon. we was not long on the road when it commenced raining. now they intended to push clear through to Fredricksburg 25 miles but the rain pored down in torrents, so after a desperate & wet march of 13 miles we halted at 1 P.M. to camp for the night. we was very wet yet we soon had fires to dry our clothes now we on our second trip to Fredricksburg. some think this time we will go to Richmond. Wednesday 11th pleasant. now at 5 A.M. we renew our Journey. I am yet unwell well after a hard tramp through the mud we reached the banks of the Rappahannock of hostile Fredricksburg, which we hailed with Joy, once more where money would get something to eat. now we may stay some time we find they new bridge gone it is said

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the Secesh cheered lustily when the bridge was swept away but that wont do them much good, to day we get our back mail. never was mail hailed with morejog yes we had over 6 bushels of mail my share was five letters a great deal of money will be spend to day Wednesday 12th pleasant 10 A.M. we have Brigade inspection all past off well only some few remarks was made by the Gen. some how he is so very precise & patient as the boys dont seem to fall in love with him very fast he wants the soldiers to look as if they had just sliped out of a band box. to day I am happy to inform friends and the public that I have taken my name from the sick list as I have neerly recoverd

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Fryday 13
my usual good health. now I hope my health will continue good, for truly a sick soldiers wages are hard & full of trouble. Fryday 13th pleasant.7 A.M. we went down to the river to wash our clothes 2 A.M. the long roll beat which made the boys swarm out of their little tents like bees from the hive. yes they say our pickets have been driven in, so we must quickly be ready in light marching order the 2th and 6 Wis was soon crossing the river, but the 19th Ind & our Regt have no orders yet they may have a brush with the enemy but I guess our share of the fun will be small. now the storm has somewhat subsided & the boys have stacked arms till further orders ha ha for war
Saturday 14
Saturday 14 pleasant all past quietly as usual in camp till 4 P.M. when a thunderstorm that had threatened for some time now burst forth in all its fury and to heighten our discomfort at this critical moment orders came to pack up and leave. it is pretty hard but we have not a word to say soon our dripping duds was packed but soon usual good feeling was partially restored on learning that our trip was short only to falmouth, where we may stay some time our Col being made Military Governor of that place. well a march of one mile & we pitched tents on a rise of ground nicely shaded with Oak trees overlooking the river and

Citty, as it was late we did not fix up much but layed down to rest. Sunday 15 of June very pleasant early the boys are offering to bet two to one that we moove from here as it is the Sabbath the very day we march or have a rain, and shure enough while yet talking orders came to be ready to march by 8 A.M. Gen Auger(?) will be here and claims the ground, so new we must bid farewell to our shady camp which by our industry looked nice and tidy. well let ?? once out of this war & then let them catch us napping. as we are only going back to our old camp opposite the Citty we take our tent poles and such things with us once on the ground our tents was soon

Monday 16
up and we making ourselves comfortable as circumstances would permit, thus we soon will have wiled away the long weary hours of an other Sabbath 3 P.M. there was a very suden change in the atmosphere turning very cold one ? the heard was oppressive but sudenly the wind sprang up making it cool enough for an overcoat. Monday 16 it continues cool, yet pleasant. 5 P.M. drill and dress parade. Tuesday 17th pleasant, last night the sutler from Gen Bayards Cavalry Brigade pitched his tent in our Regt and is now selling out lively I guess our Sutler has played out. to day we hear the 19th Ind is dissatisfied and threatened mutiny if they

Tuesday 17
are forced to take more Clothing and I dont blame them much it is all done by our Gen for a show new men cant and will not lay(?) so much more than they realy need Tuesday 17th pleasant all we do daily is to brush clothes brasses and prepare for inspection and so forth. they are determined that we shall put on all the stile of regulars. well perhaps we are in for it three years but I hope not. some say Government could stand the expenses of this war for years yet but if peace can not be restored in three yeats, I would not give much for my part of the union. our expense is now over one Million per day think of that and weep

Wednesday 18th
Wednesday 18 pleasant now Co B is getting their guns varnished a very nice walnut color so of course Co F never wants to be behind. so Capt wants us to follow suit the cost will be 15 cts to the
gun now we are at a continual expense for little articles such as sand paper oil blacking brushes and so forth, and now they want us to have an extra suit of clothes. now you see such work with us Volunteers we are forced to do so and so which is a scaly way to use Vol 4 P.M. we marched out to be reviewed by Gen King but a rain came on so the Gen had the goodness to send us to our quarters

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Thursday 19
Thursday 19 pleasant to day we are all excitement they boys think we are badly imposed ? for Volunteers as one Co has gone to the expense of varnishing their guns so now our Capt says the Col orders every Co to do the same in order to be uniform. now the cost of this is trigling only 10 cts yet the idea of forcing Volunteers to pay money out of their own pockets when Gov promised to pay as so much and have all necessary expenses, and to agrevate and make the matter worse. to day an extra suit of clothes was forced on to us, one steps up and says Capt I dont wish to take them I have more now than I am able to carry this hot weather if ia do I must throw them away

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Thursday 19
Capt not a word no grumbling draw them or let it alone. you will be charged with them whether you take them or not. now to be thus treated our Patriotism must be great to patiently endure such encroachments on our rights. how we will make out will be known here after, but it would seem that this way was taken to save paying us off in money to day another one of our Co starts home with his discharge, making 11 I think up to the present time their names are as follow
Wesley Largent [J. Wesley]
James Thorp [Thorpe]
Jessie Shipton [Jesse]
Hubert Harris
Henry Bodener
William Turnbey [Turnby]
J.D. Overton [John D.]
O. J. Foote [Orley J.]
Andrew Meeker
Frank Brothers [Brother]
Lieut [Simon] Woodhouse
Jessie Cook [Jesse M.]

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Thursday 19
Jake Drew and others now in different hospitals they are as follows
Albert Morse [Albert C.]
Jake Drewe [Jacob A.]
Frank Dean [Charles F.]
Lewis Spees [Speese]
James Ellis [James H.]
Peter Cameron
Newton Mcfail [McPhail]
Richard Pierce [Richmond B.]
the names of those on detached service are as follows, from old Co F
Lieut Young [Henry F., later Captain]
Jessie Roberts
Al Kidd
Bradford Tripp [Bradford H.]
Lecister Day [Leicester]
Perry, Gilbert
James Black
Dick Huftil [Richard Huftill]
Webster Cook
those in the Artillery
R. Bishop
James Branum
and those as provost guard
E.S. McDowal [Edward S. McDowell]
Alexander Lewis [Jr]
making in all 33 which leaves our Co pretty small leaving only 74 this is reduction by the simple
rule of war

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Fryday 20
Fryday 20 pleasant to day after a good deal of grumbling and murmuring swearing and so forth
went to work getting their guns ready to varnish 2 P.M. part of the guns have been varnished and
look very well. I forgot to mention that yesterday we had a brigade review Gen King was present,
we never had made a better appearance and the Gen appeard well pleased. also we now draw light
bread in the place of hard crackers which are not fit for even a hag to eat Saturday 21 warm and
pleasant nothing is going on excitable in camp. laying around in the shade so little to do the boys
get up a stir frequently through the day by rallying on some

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Saturday 21
beer pedlar and if that dont do someone will pick a ? and have a row, ending by the presence of
some of the officers. good fun we had to day a ceg of beer was ? rolled to the head of our Co. the
head was smashed in with an ax ? the beer vent it spouted 20 feet in the air causing the crowd to fall
back but soon with cup and pails in hand they rushed in making such a noise that soon brought the
officer of the day the scampering was laughable and soon all was still as chink gets scarce the
pedlars must look out 6 P.M. varnished guns was not dry some had an undress parade which is
without arms a great many orders was read one of those

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now the reduction of Corporal Henderson, Bradley [and] F S Kidd to the ranks for gambling This
places to be filled by CG [Calvin G.] Packer JA ? Wm A Smith and Wm N Miles. a few days ago
the above Corporals reduced and privates Hickock and HG Walrath [Henry G Walrath] all was
punished for said gambling the boys have great sport when theese appointments occur. now as
darkness comes creeping over the face of mature there noisey scenes of military life are gradualy
brought to a close and soon all will be quiet in peaceful slumber so good night as I sit on this ceder log the lightning bugs warn me to drop my pencil and retire to rest our new Corporals was duly serenaded as shivered befor they were presented

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Sunday May 22
Sunday 22 pleasant 9 A.M. inspection 11 A.M. many of the boys go to Church to day 4 P.M. went on Brigade guard I happened to be one of the super? and stood but one turn in the night nothing occurred unusual we laed down on the ground and slept till morning yesterday the body of Homer Lilly [Homer C Lillie, 6th Wisconsin, Co. C] was found and burried this day previous he with others was bathing in the river this young man calling for help. They suppossing him to be in fun took no notice till they all reached the shore and missed him his body when found had drifted down stream. the future this will be a warning to not call for help for fun while in bathing he was a good soldier and leaves many friends to mourn his loss

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Monday 23rd
Monday 23 pleasant the day past pleasantly out at the regular time we was relieved by the new guard just in time to reach our quarters when it commenced to rain which lasted some time so it goes that ones good luck is anothers misfortune we escaped yet where was the new guard in all the rain in the open air of course to the mercy of the storm Tuesday 24th rather damp the last nights rain has swollen the river and away goes the bridge this is bad luck yet they will rebuild it 1 P.M. We had our knapsacks harversacks and ? inspected perhaps they will be refuted(?) I hope they will be for then we will get new and better ones also the Bridge builders recieved pay for extra duty

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Tuesday 24
Dinner at 3 P.M. as our bread did not arrive earlier Sigars was a treat by a new Corporal 6 P.M. dressparade also a shower of rain Wednesday 25 pleasant time drags slowly the same scenes with little variations occue daily fall in for grub clean and brush for guard, for roll call read talk sleep lay in the shade till noon then grub an other nap a little more foaling of the arms, then at or neer 3 P.M. comes the startling cry of the news boy another great battle they cry smootherd tones and out of breath running from the depot each one trying to out strip the other. next fall in for your mail brings many to the spot, but some to lazy to poke their head out of the tent and ask in an excited tone Orderly is there any letter for me, if not lucky to get one, they will lop back in the tent saying dear me why dont I get a letter, supper then dressparade, then pipes and Sigars are lit, then comes an hours warm diseression of the war made interesting by Camp runner, then tattoo and presently the taps and the order lights out and silence reigns supreme then all is still except the tramp of the solitary sentinal, pacing his loanly beat. Wednesday 25 pleasant our Capt is expected back to day he went to Washington to see whether or not we must pay for our state clothes. to day I find my bill of united states clothing amounts to $35.14 up to this time at this rate our clothes would cost

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Wednesday 25
at the end of the year more than the $40 alowed by the government. some few in our Co their bill
amounts to over $50 now. now this is only the 25 of June we are not here a year till the 19th of
August. some grumble at this but why complain. it is like going in debt the keep drawing clothes to
the end othe year, then when Unkle Sam wants to settle they complain that the bill is to much. it is
ture be as saving and carful as you can. the bill will be learge enough many murmur at this and say
they are not used right now who is to blame though we can not always see it I think uncle Sam is
trying to do the fair thing with his boys. I think it ill becomes us as Volunteers and Patriots to make
such complaints before investigating the matter properly that is my opinion

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Fryday 27
Fryday 27th plesant but warm all is still to day. to much so not even a breath of air is stirring last
night one Col received a Telegram from our Capt stating that we do not pay for our Gret suide,
only the first suit of blue from uncle Sam. which amounts to $17, making my indebtedness to the
Government for Clothing $49.64 then the $42 allowed is to be deducted from that, leaves a balance
of $7.64 to be taken from my wages this next pay day, leaving only $19.36 for my own use and be?
forever. the talk is now Gen King will have the grain harvested in this section perhaps he intends to
have the Soldiers do the work, what a joke for as to come so far to do harvesting in VA

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Saturday June 28th 1862
Saturday 28 pleasant and very warm now we are at our old trade brushing up for muster and
inspection next Monday. 10 A.M. I had just taken my old fusee to peices to clean it Lewis Kuntz
gave me a sly wink which I well understood each one with a small pail we sliped off to a farm
house about two miles to get some cherries to eat as we did not fancy paying 10 cts a pint for them
in camp on the way we picked a few dew berries they are delicious when ripe soon we were in the
coveted orchard apples peaches cherries any quantity owned by an old man who with his wife and
Daughters appear to be in very good Sircumstanes by a little yankee pumping we found him to be
a broken down merchant he had

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been doing business in Fredricksburg failing in business he returned to his farm where we now find
him. By the way his wife is a sister to Secretary Stanton’s wife. He gave us permission to pick what
cherries we wanted and pay him what we thought proper. After eating our fill we filled our little
pails to treat our tent mates we paid him a dime and returned to camp 3 P.M. We recievied our new
Knapsacks and rubber blankets. also our Capt arrived from Washington to day. we regret to
announce the departures of our noble Gen King who goes to take command of Gen Fremont’s
army. the latter being dissatisfied stating he should have held a higher military position and is ? to
retire from the service

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Sunday 29
I should think from appearances a general change is being made in the war department. our best
will go with Gen King where ever he is called to act in behalf of his bleeding country. Perhaps Gen
Ayer takes Gen Kings command as division Gen. We let us hope it is all for the best and that it will
hasten the termination of the war. Sunday morning rather unpleasant, hal, ha, we was to be inspected but a genle shower of rain came to our relief facing our polished brass, so this order will be struck from days program our list of sick in the Regt numbers neer one hundred, yet this camp aught to be a heathy one. up high and dry good water and so forth yet the number steadily increases

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Sunday 29  
some few days ago Henry Walrath left Camp with out permission and has not been heard of since, no doubt he has deserted, being dissatisfied with officers and so forth. I hope poor fellow he will not meet with no bad luck as a man as remorse of consience the rest of his days. not to be t? up on it our Co has bore a very good name but laty things look chequered even our Capt to day declard he would resign after pay day Capt ? Ill be D----d if I dont cut slick when I get my pay and go home you amy do and do for this one and that, and yet they complain. Just as if I could do any more than I have for the Co. This work has sowered

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Sunday 29th  
me or plagued out with me now we may loose our Capt most any day Monday morning June 30th Pleasant not with standing we had a very heavy thunder shower in the early part of the night but now the critical moment has arrived 8 oclock A.M. is the muster hour. Not an idle man in camp all bust getting every thing in readiness in due time we were on the ground looking the very essence of neatness to under go one of the most strict and thorough inspections. Well I am happy to state that our Co has just passed through this fearful ordeal without a single fault found with our soldiery apperarence. With an eye of satisfaction the inspector ? on to inspect the other Companies

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Monday 30th 1862  
Monday 30th Yes this is our last muster for this year and yet we are kept as soliders A few days more if we live we will see the good old fourth of July how we will enjoy it is yet to be seen. Muster at least over we returned. But before breakiking ranks our Capt remarked that we made upfor last time as we never appeared as well as on this occasion also he said he thought Henry G. Walrath had sympathisers in the Co hoping he would succeed in making his escape Capt thought this very wrong in any one, and that he would punish of the kinds and he would use his utmost endeavours to nab Walrath and have him made

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July 1st 1862  
an example of. In this I think the Cap is right Now I hear great cheering some good news from before Richmond let us hope so at any rate, A little more money s due us for extra duty. Tomorrow we may get it I hope so a chink is scarce and some time til pay day. Tuesday July 1st Pleasant As now we go to the city at 7.30 A.M. to get one pay for extra duty the bots feel like young colts our pass extends til evening Punctualy we reported at the Depot but the pay master had not come yet so we signed the pay roll Then appointing the hour of 12 midday to meet on promising to be on hand at the hour we were permited to rable off over town where we pleased. Soonm after there could not be more than two seen together Lemonade
beer pies cakes cheese and fruits in fact refreshments of every kind were eagerly sought for and devoured. After indulging the palet to rather an unusual extent each one sought out this favorite places to chat with persons not yet intimately acquainted with one more(?). I met and shook hands with Dr Minor Strong Secesh as ever. Dr looks meaningly shakes his head and says Richmond will never be taken. Bless your soul my Lad McClellan was badly beaten in the last fight. After a short pause I told this old man that there was no use in talking. Richmond must fall if it took 6 months and a half million of men to do it. After a few remarks I left him. I find in this place as in others the least advantage of the enemy over our troops is magnified to a glorious victory. Like a drowning man they latch to a single straw. This old Dr I presume you remember. I have spoke of before. I paid a visit to a union Lady who I had seen before she has a sone and daughter studying in Washington until peace is restored then to return to the scenes of their childhood. Engaged thus I noticed not the time so quickly had it passed that the 12 o'clock whistle of the steam engine warned me off on double quick to meet the rest of the boys to get our pay. We recieved about $350 each change was so scared a $5 note was given to two of us to divide as we could the rest the orderly would pay as soon aschang could be got at 6 P.M. we started for camp when in sight of the parade grounds our Capt gave the order to double quick the joke was we was behind time and the drums were beating for Battalion drill with great haste we ran for our guns and took our regular places in the battalion. Thus we wound up the 1st day of July. The fourth to us I fear will be dull. Writer vanquishes into his tent for the night. Wednesday Raining I like the rest keep in my tent out of the storm. Thursday 3th Cloudy. The rain has stopped. I have very little to note except that all attention is turned towards Richmond yes we almost? we can hear the thunder of cannon and the bursting of shell over the rebels Capitol amid the shrieks and groans of women and children. If the city is by McClellan committed to the flames let the world know that the stubbornness of the rebels made it a necessity of war. Horrible must be the end of this wicked City. May they turn from evil ere it is to late saving for their further carnage by the fire and sword. Tomorrow will be the fourth day of July. What a change. once our people bound together in love and friendship by a common cause lived to meet to celebrate this day both North and South East and West come all let the festivities be renewed the day on which our fore fathers declared their independence. But is it so now? echo from the South answers No. Do the people of the North and South meet together on this fourth in love and friendship. I would to God that they did so that peace and happiness might yet bless our land but this is not the case and my hand trembles and a tear dims my eyes while I write these lines thinking how sad and mournful this fourth will pass. Yes Brother against Brother and Father against Son spilling each others blood and trampling in the dust this sacred right that was so dearly bought with the precious blood of our fore Fathers. May God how mercy on us and avert
this impending storm of evil consequences that is hanging over our heads ready to burst forth in all its maiming fury may this fourth be the day chosen to dispell

this dark cloud from our sky, and reestablish the union stronger and firmer than ever So that we may the second time repair on that day, in the triumph of freedom and the right Holey Angles guard and ?ted our brave soldiers as they are led on to the battle field in front of Richmond or elsewhere tomorrow the fourth day of July Fryday 4th damp and foggy but I forgot to mention last evening I went on Brigade guard. Well Well only think little did I expect one year ago that I would be on old Va soil doing guard duty to day but so it is I took my post at 6 P.M. as first relief and then at 12 midnight agin at 6 A.M. I have just been relieved

news has reached us athat Little Mc had fell back 10 or 15 miles thus leading(?) the rebels close at his heals Presently Mc took a stand then to the dismay of the rebels old Burnside came in on their rear cuttin off their retreat, thus laying a large part of the rebels army However this is mere rumor 5 A.M. the canno roared echoing from bluff to bluff making our minds wander back to when the fourth was greatly enjoyed Tom Hudson and I stood on posts near each other and so engrossed in conversation of home and how they would miss us to join in the usual festivities of the day that we noticed not the approach of the officer of the day. fairly taken by surprise

sitting on one post which was entirely against orders, ownig to our confusion we failed to present arms to him which was within itself sufficient to subject us to severe punishment yet stamering our some excuse for being thus caught. But says he you knew better He then enquired the number of our posts and past on. We were soon relieved by the second detail The officer being rather indulgent it also being the fourth day of July we trust nothing more will be said in regard to the matter To day the Cols and Capts have up all command through the day to the privates they will appoint officers from the ranks Officers will be compelled to clean streets carry water

or any duty imposed upon them This will make great sport for the soldiers. In time of war as in times of peace were never to ? of anything. At 2 P.M. While on our last tour of guard we were taken and put under guard for sitting on posts. I had said I thought nothing more would be done about it as it was the fourth Now we are in for it 48 hours Ha Ha Ha ? fourth oh yet who would be a soldier on the fourth and not flag off. only one thing I hate The sham shamdress parade and male race will come of soon and I intend to be present but never mind we can see part of it yes there they go look see there they go and riders are dumped on the ground now they hurah go no one is badly hurt Any thing

to pass the day Horses ran and even foot races The evening scenes closed with the booming of cannon and splendid fire works thus the fourth is celebrated in the army. 2 A.M. I have done no guard duty yet and will flag off if I can the 5th of July is a fair day Now the Harriss Cavalry has
comein from scout bringing 4 Secesh pickets with them This body of Cavalry is a splendid set of troops The Sun has lost its power and sinks in the western hoison The new detail creep out to mount guard so we will pack up to give the new guard room to spread their blankets under the old Walnut tree The only shelter the guard have from the hot sun or a damp dews of nights

Sunday 6th of July
Now I may consider my holiday over of 48 hours quite a space for a soldier but I guess I did not dance much this fourth as that would not be military Some of the guard are hanging one chap of the 19th Ind and sits near me as I write eating a few hard crackers that I gave them Thus it is we do not get our grub regular He has had no bread to day Well there goes the brass band here goes so good by old shade tree show I love thee Sunday 6th pleasant 9 A.M. Co inspection We have but little ? The weather is very warm so we will keep cool as we can but I often think what horrible scenes there is at Richmond oh dear who can describe the harrows of this

Sunday 6th
scene of blood and human misery may the shrieks and groans of the sick and ding reach high Heaven May God have pitty on them and up hold the right and punish the evil doesr rumor says Stonewall Jackson is no more a loss deeply felt by the rebels he being one of the best Generals they had The first Battle at Richmond was called fair oaks But the worst of all was the 7 days fight little Mc falling back several miles to the James river making his position much safer in this contest it is reported over 45000 was killed and missing and so boath(?). For some reasons best known to Government We get very little news from

Sunday 6th
the great struggle going on at Richmond I hope prospects are not dark they did not let the truth be known I tremble for our armes at this dreaded strong hold I hope this fearful suspence will soon end by a speedy official dispatch from Little Mc that he has been sucessful in reducing the Rebel Capital to dug I am going to announce the death of one of Co H in our Regt he died of brain fever after an illness of 10 days and the second one of that Co that has been lain beneath the cold sods of Va Kind reader as these are the only casualities of the Sabbeth I will lay me book aside hoping but few more deaths will be recorded by me

Monday 7th 1862
Monday pleasant yet bids fair to be a very warm day. The Sickly Season now has fairly set in and good care must be taken in regard to the health of the army Recently an order was issued from the war department that our rations shall be cooked by Co cooks also a cup of coffee must be dealt out to each man the first thing in the morning thus preventing in a great measure the sickness comon to this season of the year 6 P.M. The day is very sultry yet we have Battalion drill in preparing further Two files from another Co and attached to our Co to make an even number in each Co only anecdote I remember before this of our Co being behind The General was present so we did our
best oh how hot

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Tuesday 8th
but soon the sky is clouded then we wiped sweat gasping for breath when Lo a rustling sound a refreshing breeze Then sporting with our locks fanning the heated brow increasing to a gale filling our eyes with dust we left the field the Gen King well pleased Now it is late so I would retire for the night Tuesday 8 pleasant Now we are out in the grove getting brush to make a bowery over our tent to shelter us from the searching sun There the boys are ? I must put up my book and help get the boughs we found our cover quite pleasant as the day proved to be extremely hot 12 Mday I bought my dinner uncle Sams bread did not reach us in time

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Wednesday 9th
Wednesday 9th pleasant time drags as usual Drill at 6 P.M. every evening and its very warm Oh how we hate the darned old drill not yet played out but sometime it will yes once we thought the drill so nice we could drill once or twice a day as the boys say this thing has sowered and yet we think we are no coward No we know our then let us fight But hold Barking dogs they never bite Thursday 10th pleasant and cooler than usual. we are silently drifting along with the current of time, as we glide slowly along our oars do not moove and well it is we have but little to do for we are on half raitions and those infernal army crackers at that three of our boys have returned out from hospitall the other

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Thursday 10th
two relieved from duty as patrole we yet have many sick in the Hospital Dear me one is scarecely well ere someone else is taken sick well I have very little to note every thing is dull at present in our sphere the following are the names of the different battles before Richmond Thursday June 28 Mechanicsvill Friday June 27 battle of Ganes Mill Saturday June 28 battle of the chickihmong Sunday June 29 battle of Peach Orchard Monday June 30 battle of White Oak Savannah of White Oak Creek and Charles Citty Cross roads July 1st battle of Turkey Bend these battle swere fought in rapid succession, and long will they be remembered by those who survive

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Friday 11th
Friday 11th pleasant all night who cares for who cares we now have standing orders to march where we do not know. this is another idle day and but little going on Saturday 12 pleasant, now all
unable to march will be sent to the Gen Hospital I believe 4 of our boys will have to go back
Saturday pleasant. now the only thing happened was the arival of Gen McDoal by rail immediatly
ordering us our on review at 6 P.M. I suppose to show us he was still living and had not forgoten
his old tricks, as we past he and Gen King stood on the poarch in front of Kings headquarters
looking in very good humor

Sunday 13th
Sunday pleasant to day all passes as smooth as a marriage bell, a few of us went out and got a nice
mess of duberries and had a nice dish of duberries and sugar enrout for home I paid my respects to
a human skeleton that hung in a pine tree by the way side, only a part of the skull back bone ribs
and arms was left. its history is not known only that it was found by some of our soldiers hanging
on an old fence. the 6 new teams for our Regt to day was taken away again. so all h e of getting our
knapsacks carried has vanished. oh no such luck I feer is not in store for us poor critters

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Monday 14
watches of the night. rhumor says a few more prisoners ? were brought in. I will here mention that
a few days ago a certain Secesh prisoner was brought to head quarters answering to the name of Dr
Oliver of Grant Co Wis and must be Ike Oliver formaly of that pace, perhaps his conciences made
him serving in a spurious cause he though he would leave the service. Tuesday 15 pleasant once
more I am on guard at present sitting under the old walnut stree, in the night the boys rallied on the
sutlers also a place the officers had assembled to have a drunk shame on the officers, such is their
example before the soldiers

Tuesday 15th
Tuesday 15 pleasant this morning each Regt had to come out on review by daylight something new
but is the way to make early risers the cooks Capt tells me they must come down or the Gen will
order them in ironers till they are willing to submit, so I believe they have agreed to cook 3 P.M. as
we took our post for the last time a heavy rain threatened but only a slight shower fell. Wednesday
16th pleasant. it is said the boys used hard crackers to shell the officers when they had assembled to
have a drink must be it had the desired affect. any way we got our regular light bread the

Wednesday 16th
following morning. it is the case in this as in many others, soldiers unnecessarily suffer by rhe
neglect of officers Clinton our quarter master is a shaver and no wonder, he being a son of the soft
soapy olk tonugued Clinton who with snake like cunning drew 3 thousand farmers in he swore that
is in the Millmaker(?) & Mississippi Rail Road there by endangering their fortunes as well as their
future happiness. 4 P.M. quite a gale of wind blowing enough to keep us from drilling. 50 new
teams have just arived so we yet see a chance to get our knapsacks hauled. sertainly we will soon
be on the moove
Thursday 17th
Thursday 17th cool and pleasant. 5 A.M. in dress parade 7 A.M. Brigade drill of two hours by Gen Gibbons, one of the best drills perhaps we ever had the Gen knows how to do it just what we want, his voice is none of the best, yet he has a cool and manly appearance. it is said Mr Eaton Lancaster is here and appointe Chaplain of this Regt I hope he will have a good influence it is greatly needed Fryday 18 pleasant with the appearance of rain. all is quiet never did one army lay more at ease, but I feel that were this little book is full we will have more adventures to relate by far than at present to day for reasons not made public T. C. Alexander was

arrested and sent to the guard house to wait his trial. the turn things are taking bodes no good to the Co. the truth is much dissatisfaction exists the Captains mind is somwhat troubled, he asked James the cook one side Jim the Col is dissatisfied at your release unless I can show you was influenced by some of the Co not to obey the order to cook, you will yet be Court martialed. Jim was obstinate and backed by so many in the Co made me worse Capt yes I have my eye on them T. C. Alexander and others Capt took Jim into his tent wrote on a slip of paper, told Jim to sign it which he did not suspectecint it would get any one into trouble Capt put in the paper showing

he Jim & George would be clear but soon after Car was arrested and lodged in the guard house now Jim feels bad for feer he has been instrumental in arresting Car. Saturday 19th pleasant. time glides silently on as ever. we have Brigade drill every day, to day we packed up our knapsacks to see if the teams could haul them. 4 teams to the Regt loaded up they took a short trip in the course of an hour well satisfied their teams sufient to the task, perhaps it would be well here to mentino the order now is from Gen Pope that here after no more Secesh property shall be guarded, and not to receive pay for forage sustenance

Saturday 19th
and so forth for our army unless the Loyalty of the presons claiming damages be suificently proven. good three cheers for Gen Pope, or any other man who approves the order Sunday 20 pleasant inspection at 9 A.M. to day our knapsacks wil be marked by Sargent [George] Cowan Sunday 20 & Monday 21 was pleasant with but very little stirring I was out blackberying had all we could ear. I picked a tin pail full and returned very tired. now we have Battalion drill the reason of this is our officers are such numheads(?) and we must stand the blunt drill twice a day is to tuff in hot weather. the worst Ninny of all is our Lieut Col Hamilton

Tuesday 22
Tuesday 22nd pleasant. Morning driefill it is the report that the Harris Cavalry went out some 20 or 25 miles got in the rear of Jackson took 6 prisoners destroyed 100 brs of flour set fire to the depot fell trees across the road & made good their way back home 10 A.M. Car was released from arrest and just arrived in camp gradually our Co decreases in nos mostaly by sickness. yes soon a year as past and only two have died, yet many are sick 5 P.M. so slick was George ? he was complimented & sent back at guard mount. 6 P.M. Battalion drill, state agents are here to see to sending soldiers
money home. persons drawing the money will

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Tuesday 22
recive a check on the neerest bank. we consider this a humbug at any rate of little or no advantage
to us, so far we have sent my express it being a safe and cheap plman. now it grows dark so
indulgent reader good night. Wednesday 23 pleasant no fault to find with the weather cool for
summer. yet good deal of sickness prevails. Sergeant Sloat & privat ? were sent to the Hospital. I
am on water guard to day it is easier have to drill 2 ½ hours at 6 A.M. and one hour at 6 P.M. 1 P.M.
we formed a hollow square I hear a short explanation by Mr Stuart the Com from Wis on the
allotment Case with what success he will meet is not yet entirly known

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Thursday 24
Thursday 24 no drill to day but the 2 Wis went out to feel the enemy one Regt went from each
Brigade. in light of marching orders with two days rations with them, so slick was John Leplo that
he was sweat back from guard highly complimented Fryday 25 pleasant we had a good shower of
rain last night but the day was faiara. half past 4 A.M. the 6th Wis followed the the rest to reconniter,
leaving our Regt & the 19th Ind to do all the guard duty one of our boys captured a little secesh
animal a trifile learger than a rabbnitt and not so learge as a sheep. his name is Jack and look out of
his eyes

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very funny with ears pulled to a very great length by the secesh perhaps on account of his Loyal
sentiments to day Perry Gilbert was returned to his Co. also to our astonishment Jessie Cook came
in looking like a specter more than flesh and blood. he who we had shaken hands with & supposed
the was long since at home poor fellow, but on hearing his story we learned he was sudenly taken
sick after his arival in Wash his discharge papers were not correct. soon as he was able returned to
have new papers made out but he says he will never ask for them he would rather stay and die than
ask

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Fryday 25th
Fryday evening after dress parade we witnessed a funeral train of Cavalry as it wound round the
hill to the burying ground the scene was solumn and very affecting we was struck forcibly by the
peculiar sweet and stiring strains of music by the Brass band leading the procession. yess we are
getting accostumed to such scenes being a soldier I think by the appearance of the procession the
deceased was an officer of some destinction Saturday 26 pleasant all is quiet we have not yet heard
from the reconnitering party I hope they will meet with no ill, and return safe, with a few trophies
of war any how

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July Sunday 27th 1862
Sunday 27th pleasant, every day now seems to increase the dullness and monotony of camp life
even the sweet inspiring sounds of the Church bells, peeling sweetfully and wafter across the river
by the morning has breeze filled us with pleasant thoughts of early memories. now they to are silent yes a military necessity has caused our Fen to order the families to leave Fredricksburg as it may be necessary to shell the citty to cover the retreat of the reconnoitering party if the enemy should? them in. oh how dull no news every thing on a stand still time drags. 2 P.M. tired of sitting I santured round to hear the news if there was any first to the

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Sunday 27
sutlers then for 5 cts bought a paper & took a seat in the bowery the moast?ting place I could find soon the Brass Band came in played drawing a learge crowd then the 19th Ind Chaplin enterd a meeting thought I yes he gave us a short but good sermon. not yet finished when the 2 and 6 Wis Regts arived all noise and bustle the boys looked tired after a short time they gave us a history of the tramp. they was out some 35 iles on the plank road in the direction of Orange Court house they see a learge force of the rebels and dare not pitch in to them. only to whip round and make a show one incidence worthy of note was in the bravery of Gen Gibons he was eating his dinner when a body of Cavalry made a dash at him

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Sunday 27
but it amounted to a totle rout on their part. our men shooting a hears captured one of their men he was a sharp looking fellow and is not our prisoner. finally the fourth day the Gen by this time concluded a return to camp. after fully convincing the boys he was no Coward, the boys says he may lead them now they will follow. this trip was of little good except the finding of Jacksons position also some mail matter fell into our hands. thus ends this expedition and is quiet on the Rappahanock silently the shadows of darkness closes in and another sabbath has past numbed with only things that were. Monday 28 pleasant 7 A.M. we had a short drill our Majo said as we had no sugar to sweeten our coffee this morning he would

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July Monday 28
give us a light drill good for him? to 1200, next 855, next 750, next 650, next 600, next 525, next 300, next 225. this was our estimation of distance last evening on dtill. we was made to guess to see wahat our Judgement would be in time o f battle the Col said we did very well. Tuesday 29th pleasant hurrah for a moove yes we are packing up to start after dinner. it is only to change our camping ground which will be beneficial to health. 3 P.M. we are now on our new camp ground. we dont like it water to far off but the site our Lieut Col so it is all right Wednesday 30th pleasant we are working to get a shade. 12 oclock our task is done. now we can rest F Dean & Pierce arives. now we

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Wednesday 30th
have quite a Co. Thursday 31th pleasant. 6 A.M. Cloudy we had our monthly inspection the job was soon over. a squad of us then went out berrying got a nice mess. was back by noon. John Dolphin & James Clark is appointed Land sergeants. I will nip close. book moast full, chance slime to get another no chink no thing we are diging a well just started. one chap from 19th Ind seart
not hurt he shook a few pears in a garden, secsh out door pistol in hand, leave my premises, or I will blow your brains out. 19th took by bail hair on end oh how mad, gets revenge by knocking the bark off of one of Mr secesshes peach trees, secsh says dam the yankies, how sull no news & how long is this to last. blast the war, roll call every two hours. all this and more too

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Thursday 31th
3 P.M. we was called on to sign the pay roll. well pleased as our pay is forth coming when the pay roll is signed generaly Fryday 1st day of August hurrah time flies but I am not well yes yes I am under the influence again. 6 P.M. a review by Gen King but the Dr reviews me this time. the pay master is paying off the Brigade. I will is moast bricked up. Saturday 2th pleasant. 7 A.M. review or rather Brigade drill. I was not out but snow dropped out. found it to tuff for me so I returned to camp no doubt to day we weill get out pay 1 P.M. we fill in and got our pay after pay in for my state clothing only $17.65 was due me which I received to day in full $17.65

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this makes the fifth time we have been paid by uncle Same 1st $26 2d $26 3d $26 4th $26 5th $17.65 maing in all $121 and out of this I have sent first $15 second $15 third $20 fourth $15 making in all $65 now I have tried to be and certainly have been as saving as the moast of soldiers and 75 dollars is about all I will save this year Sunday 3rd of August pleasant but I past an awful day I had the chill fever 3 P.M. received three letters and was so sick I could not read them so Jule read them for me. I hope I shall soon be well again. Monday 4th damp and foggy. this morning I feel some better our money will be sent by express to day. I will send $10 all I could spare this time. in all I have sent $75 home

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Monday 4th 1862
Now it is noon & the order is to be ready in light marching orders 5 P.M. it appears to be a reconnoitering expidition. all the Brigade goes I am sorry I am not able to go but I am not and must be content to stay behind. our Col had been sick some time but he will go with the Regt this evening well kind reader my fourth book is not full and yet the cannon is only heard afar off. lucky dogs are we soldiering this long nad have not seen a battle, but still the war goes on and terrible will be the slaughter. yes how soon may have a hand in. yes yes the secret will out in my next which may be full of trilling & sad events of the war. reader I thank you for your kind attention. good by