Camp, Beekman, July 27th.
The 53rd Regt. of the Vol. leave this day for Camp Danville.
We got into Camp at dark, the weather was cold and stormy, almost all the time. We were there, the 19th, 21st, and 23rd, I should say, and we left Camp Danville for the seat of war, the river cold, and some storms. The 24th at 10 a.m., we arrived at the depot opposite St. Louis. Crossing over the river, we got into St. Louis at 2 o'clock. 25th, P.M. We on board the steamer, the Continental. We start down the Miss River, 9 a.m., and find us at Cairo, the weather very pleasant and fragrant. We sing 'Marble'.
March 26, 1812

This P.M we are starting on our journey down the Ohio.

At Sundown we passed around the mouth of the Ohio.

Most of the houses are formed by water. We got into Paducah at 12 M. This is quite a Town.

at 9 A.M. Now on our way up the Tennessee river.

The weather is very pleasant and the forest trees are putting out their leaves.

20 minutes past I passed a small Town.

At 5 this P.M. We are opposite Fort Henry on the Tennessee at Sundown we passed by Pround Landing. This is historic.

29 We are now in Tennessee. The country is very hilly and high bluffs on the river.

30 This is Sunday but still all confusion and noise like all other days.

31 To day I am detailed for Picket Guard at morning.
Early in the morning, the 18th of April, we took up our position in the rear of the Union forces. The day was bright and clear, and the air was filled with the sounds of battle. The fighting had been intense and bloody, and it seemed as though the end was near. The Rebels had taken advantage of their numerical superiority, and were pushing our forces back towards the river. Our troops were valiantly fighting to hold their positions, but the odds were against us. The Rebel cannons were pounding our lines, and the smoke from the bursting shells filled the air.

As the day wore on, the fighting grew more desperate. Our men were beginning to tire, and their spirits were declining. The Rebel advance was relentless, and it seemed as though we were about to be overwhelmed. But we held firm, determined to stand our ground and fight to the end.

At dusk, the Rebel leaders called for a cease-fire, and our troops were allowed to rest. The air was still thick with the stench of death, and the sound of gunfire seemed to be ever present. The Rebel forces had advanced to within a mile of our positions, and it was clear that the battle had not yet ended.

As the night fell, our men were still fighting, determined to hold their ground. The Rebel forces were massing for another assault, and the air was filled with the sound of drums and pipes. The fighting was intense, and it seemed as though it would never end.

In the end, our forces held their ground, and the Rebel forces were forced to retreat. The cost had been high, but we had held our ground, and our spirits were undaunted. We had fought bravely, and we had proven that we were not to be easily overcome.

The fighting continued for another day, and then another. Our men were growing weary, but their spirits were still high. The Rebel forces were beginning to falter, and it was clear that victory was within our grasp.

In the end, we emerged victorious. The Rebel forces had been defeated, and the Union flag flew over the battlefield. Our men were hailed as heroes, and their names were written down in history. The fighting had been intense, but we had held our ground, and we had proven that we were a force to be reckoned with.
Wounded on board the boat & to night slept in the open air again.

11 To day we got some of our tents & put up & went to bed to night thankful that we had a shelter once more.

12 This mom it is still muddy. Our chaplain came in this mom & brought the news that our Cavalry were here & General Hallock Escort also brought some letters for us. We were glad to see him. This P.M. it is more pleasant so that we can be out in the air.

13 This mom it has come off pleasant but it rained last night very hard. At 11 to we went out for Prayers by the chaplain in accordance with General Hallock Special order to night I am to be Serge of guard at Gen Grants head quarters.

14 To day Mr. Hunter came in to see us. I was glad to see him. Sunday 20th to Friday it was pleasant but then it rained a severe Shower & through the night yesterday last night & this morning it has rained most of the time & it is very muddy & uncomfortable. Our Major went home yesterday being unfit for duty & our Chaplain went.

22 To day it is very pleasant & comfortable which is aching to us soldiers.
Wednesday April 29

Another pleasant day.

R. E. Sherman starts for

hurricane. Have discharged

sent my trunk by him

for things home.

It rains to day & it is very

uncomfortable indeed.

The day is pleasant & we are

to move some 3 miles on to

General Hurlbert's division.

27 I am on duty as Sergeant

of the guard to day.

At two o'clock Newburn

in that the rebels were

Marching in full force

and preparation

is being made to meet the

28 I have just come off duty

29 It is un this morning having

rains last night. We got

yesterdays news last night.

our troops had got possession

of New Orleans & we are

hourly expecting to hear

that our advance have

come up on the enemy &

that an engagement will

take place at once.

30 Yesterday we were formed

into line for inspection for

heading for a March to
day on to toward Corinth.

It is snowing at this morning.

May 1, 1862

Gravel Ridge

This morning is a

fine pleasant morning as

I ever saw. Mean on a

high gravel ridge with an

open field on the East of us.

The face of the country is hilly

with deep ravines between.

We marched some five

Miles yesterday & are now
May 20, 1863 112 miles from Corinth. The forest leave are nearly full size here.

2. This morning the sun shown very pleasant but it has clouded up and looks very much like rain.

As 1 o'clock yesterday we waren to be directly to Warsaw at 4 but it was Countermine.

3. Last night we were called up to put on our cap for march this morning as it was reported that the rebels were marching on toward us.

This P.M. we are ordered to prepare for march at 7 clock tomorrow morning at 9 A.M. we were made in line ready for march & stood waiting for the order until 12 o'clock.

When it began to rain then we slahed & being behind the cartridge we could only go a few rods at a time so we were bothered till 3 o'clock & the rain pouring down in torrents all the time. We then went a hand & got here at 7. It was drier out and some coffee lay down at 10 but at 12 it began to rain & continued until 8 o'clock.

This morning our 6th Company was sent out for guard. It came off pleasant & we had a comfortable time.
May 6 1862

We have just come off guard and located all the right wing of the army about 10 miles from Culvinth, on a very low flat piece of ground.

July 7, today we are to move on the higher ground to camp at 10 A.M. We start, the day is nice & dry, after we got into line Elevation. Gates of Ill. Army introd. them to us & address us in few words, saying in substance he considered us a fit that had no doubt that we could mean ourselves like men & prove to be soldiers in every battle & the enemies of our glorious Nation & that

He as Governor would use his best abilities to provide for the removal of our sick & wounded home to our friends. But the killed I should have Dixon Wayne recorded among the Archives of the State & preserved in honor of their heroism. When our country was shaken by thisadows rebellion, I at 2 P.M. we were halted on a nice day piece of ground & just ad. Camp for a few days.

Camp 7 Friday May 9 1862

Today we are to move, I went to the river with some sick rode all night & most of us fell at our old camp for supper
Camp 8 Sunday 11 1862
This Morning before light our line was found for battle but came back to camp for 10 am to be ready to go at a moment's notice. An alarm was made yesterday our division called out but the rebels kept off although there was a skirmish between Colonel Dickey's cavalry and the rebel 4th Co. Lost one of his men.

Camp 9 May 14 1862
Yesterday we moved again & today another move. Charles Shinn came into camp yesterday & brought several letters from Ottawa.

The weather is dry & warm but moving camps is the order of the day at present we passed fields of wheat yesterday that was in the blow.

Camp 10 at 5 P.M. May 14th
We are just about within 3 miles of the rebels breastworks & our troops busy fortifying. The rebels are firing their musketry & at this minute we are hearing some. A man said he be brave to keep the rebels from burning bridge.

15 This Morning we are ready to fall into line at a moment's notice.

16 To day our company was out & picket guard. We made an advance on the rebels & they retreated back.
16 P.M. I tried out & came in down with a fever & completely nixed up.
17 I am quite better to day.
18 Still better, our com out on picket to day.
Our guard ar shot, more or less all, the time I feel very much better to day. We are going through about the same thing from day to day with little variation.
20. This day I got a letter from my wife, I am from brother in Ohio.
21 At 10:30 o'clock our regt started in advance against the time of starting there was a general cannonading for a few minutes,
22 To day I followed up the regt all day as the weather is warm & day.
23 This morning we went out to widen our breastwork at 10 o'clock it began to rain, there was some hard shotting this morning.
24 It was very wet last night & today is cloudy & damp, it is quiet to day as reports that rebels are living Corin.
Sunday, May 25, 1862

It is quiet today for Sunday in the army & the day is cloudy.

26 This morning is pleasant & not of importance. New as yet.

27 Our Company on Camp guard today. All Stephick, Peadstone & Lamonte to the General Hospital today.

28 Today has been as usual except General Stimson made an advance. We were moving breastwork to-night.

29 Today we move again & are building breastwork. Last night we slept on our arms at the ditch. This morning some rockets were seen & some heavy cannonading. A deserter rebel says that they have evacuated Corinth at half past five o'clock.

for Corinth the report having been confirmed we left them & stopped at noon & came back.

To-day all quiet but it is very warm indeed. We found the rebels had left flour sugar meat & in abundance.

Received a letter from wife this eve.

Camp 12, June 1, 1862

Corinth read 3 miles from Corinth.

This morning it is cooler & looks like rain. It is reported that Gen. Mitchell cut off the retreat of the rebels & Pope came sept.-18 they burned 17 car loads of grain.


Yesterday we were paid off at 4 o'clock P.M. We were ordered to march in half an hour. We went 2 miles & stopped some two hours. It rained.
Thursday, June 9, 1864
We marched till after dark. Last night I came to a halt, expecting to go on but finally stayed, I got up early this morning and got a large amount of wood to pass the night. I heard it was passing Corinth in some degree. Corinth is a nice little town with some good houses. Near the town is a field of wheat where they were harvesting.

4. Camp 14. We are encamped 6 miles from Corinth. The country looks better here than the other side. More settled up. This morning it is cloudy and looks like rain. Onions are setting for seed. This is on a high ridge. Ball the East.

5. This morning is cloudy again. We are in suspense not knowing whether to go forward or back again.

Got a letter from Mr. Whipple. Sent a squad of men to open a road to old camp —

June 9. Yesterday our old camp came on with all equipment. Today just got a letter from brother Morgan Ohio.

Sunday & 9. It is pleasant and cool this morning. I would like to be at home today. It has been a quiet day for Sunday in the army. Very pleasant.

9. Over company on guard.

10. We March again today.


12. We are to march again day.

16. The country is very hilly. After crossing two streams some nice farm things look like fine wheat.
17 June 1862

17. Some lightning last night. No appearance of rain but feels like it. Nice and pleasant this morning, some cooler. We are on guard today.

18. It rained this morning a nice rain. We got some cider but at ten it was pleasant.

19. It has been cool to day but the old rounds of camp life not new. Got a letter from Morehead this evening.

20. Our Comp. detailed for guard duty. Posted in cotton fields.

21. Just come off guard and all are busy preparing to move back.

22. To Junction. All confusion this Sunday morning as of moving up at 3 o'clock.
Camp 19 June 22 1862
At 12 o'clock A.M. we began to march & got to Junction
11:30 A.M. went into camp at ten
We had our tents up & binan at 12 We are
Camped west of the village
on very level ground & ask to stay there a while simply
23 This is a fine Morningeverything
moves as usual
26 Last night we were ordered to strike our tents & load
the teams & be ready to move at a Moments Notice, we did so, lay on our arms but
the order was countermanded this morning we are to stay & hold this place & that we are to be reinforced
I am on Picket guard today
nothing special occurred during the 24 hours

Camp 20 June 27 1862
Our Regt after all we were ordered to March last night
We went to Lagrange 3 miles from junction & at 9:30
Came off guard this A.M. & came up with the Regt at 10
This is the nicest place we have seen since we left Stin
The Town is situated on high
ground It has a general neathness in appearance there
is a large College building
It is said the only Union men in the place had 275,000 lb
of Cotton burned by the Rebels
Camp 21 June 28 This is more
it rains & the river rises We got an order after hot weather for some days, our
Train 26 was taken by the rebels & our Mail & gear
The population of this town is 1000
So Ordered 2400 at breakfast

The
June 29. Went to Church this AM to a Methodist Service. It is very warm and cloudly. Field and home to stay for 8th & 9th. This afternoon went to town.

July 1. The Morning looks like rain but we have to go on. Changed some shoes. Had a pleasant Marching. Everything has a lack of exhilaration along though there are some little house on farms. Being from La Grange is lovely the generally. The ambulance in an oak field last night.

Camp 23. July 2. It is cold and pleasant this morning. Went on in woods by trail.

Camped on in woods by trail. Open field on the west, trees, bg go back to clay junct.

Our Comdr. went on picket.


At 12 PM we started for Holly Springs & got there at 7 PM. It was a warm night.

Camp 24 July 5. Holly Springs. This Morn finds us at 10. Holly Springs 9 miles from town on the New Central Railroad. It is all Secesh but not much. They leave at the end of the line & run it.

Our Comdr. went on picket.
Sunday July 22 Camp 23
We caught back there last evening.
We got some commissary store at 12 P.M. a boat came back.
It was a warm march. It was very warm. We had a hard March.

Today it was a fine morning.
9 a.m. we go on picket. It was a warm March 11 P.M. at about two o'clock.

10 a.m. I wrote a letter to Dave Beck.
11 a.m. John Perry started for home.
12 a.m. I went a letter to wife.
13 a.m. It was a fine morning.
14 a.m. We went back at Camp 23.
15 a.m. I went back to pick up.
26 July Orders came to send the sick to Colvin and five days furlough for W. It has been cloudy all day and it rained harder last night. The wind blew a gale. This morn it rained harder a perfect heaven in the road.

We are waiting for the sick to get off as fast as to March. We started at 3 P.M. and the heat almost overcomes me. I got into camp at dusk.

Camp 26 We slept tonight on the common at Moscox.

18 Started at 2 P.M. Marched about 4 miles, stopped till 10 a.m. Lunch on 4th had to fall back almost. Meted to night we camped at Lapalce.

Camp 27 We started at 11 a.m. Camped at Germantown all tired out. Below town.

20 July Sunday We started around camp against Ft. Grant. We stayed in stable field after rain. Moved into woods. Camped 29 214.07.

It is warm yes hot but we got off alone and got a chance to ride about 11 miles just before the train stops for infantry. At pass we stole an over and went below town. Stopped again an hour or two then were ordered again to camp 3 miles below town. Got in at dark.

22 Camp 30 Here we are to camp a few days. I am on fatigue duty, a few hours.

23 Answered it to day but not soon enough. Mail
24 July 1862 (Camp 30)
The old round of camp life today with nothing new.

25 We have been in suspense expecting to move but have not. We moved today some 7 miles to Camp near the Rail Road. I got some letters a pair of boots 46 from rank to rank Oct 7 Sunday, Camp 31 27 1862 all beat. Work cleaning Camp ground to day.

26 Our guard left in 458 by last night they had all the equipment of a soldiers. 29 Sent a letter to wife. 30 Most of our camp gone.

1 The last day of July the season seems about to come. I am on duty Sergeant of guard to day 14 very warm.

August 1 Camp 31, 1862
Came off guard this Morn George Roundtree came back last evening looking well.

9 Nothing special has occurred the last week but it has been very warm indeed.

B rose Mealsick returned on the 6 inst Camp on picket to day.

10 Just came off guard today.

11 I got a letter from wife Jane.

12 Wrote to wife to day. I sent her 30 dollars Bank Oct 13 Been up town to day Visited the Navy Yard & Back Jackson Monument.

It is located in McCormick, laid off with stones at right and left with shortings evergreens.
August 15 1862

It rained last night & this morning it cleared up but it is cooler; Sergt. of camp guard to day the day was fine & pleasant.

16 Our division was out of review to day & marched up to the city. We made a big parade.

17 We had service to day by a man from Illinois. He preached a good sermon.

Monday Aug. 25 1862

We went to Wolf River on the 21st to guard & came back to Camp last evening.

Colonel Hill starts on the 20th next to write to my wife &
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Tuesday Aug 25 1862
got a letter last by mail from my wife when I was home sent a letter to wife Aug 30 Charles Bristow went home sent a letter to church
The text 106 Psalms 8 verse 20
Sept 5 sent a letter to my wife
6 Marched to day 6 miles to camp
Camp 32 we continued march 6 day Camp 33 marched 18 miles to day I found out here to ride some it was warm
Monday 8 We lay over today
Camp 34 March to day kept up with the regiment
Camp 35 Marched 14 day
In camp on a low flat ground
11 March to day on to Bolivar
36 Camp Stove it insectate
Bolivar, Monday, Sept 18
Company C on picket
camp 375 just moved some
5 miles near to bolivar
Saturday 20 we marched
to junction to day and
camp 375 Miles from junction

21 we went on the march
again I was brought to a
halt 1/4 miles from junction by
the rebels appearing on our
right suddenly intending to
get in our rear & cut off retreating
men changed front & came back
to bolivar

The rebel cars came in on rear & we posted
a battery in the road & gave
them a few shots which
turned them back
22 we are at camp 30
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Oct.

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23 we were ordered into a
line of battle at 4 & 1/2 when
at 6 marched out expected
the rebels were coming on
Sumner's road but they
disappeared as we were near

24 wrote a letter to C
she had a nice mail from
our company picket near
Charles Skene was to camp
this morning

26 wrote to wife to day
18 heard how came in to day
19 got a letter from my wife
I answered it to day

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