Wednesday September 9th 1863

- In camp near Lookout Valley
- Last night we received information from Crook’s Corps that the Confederates were retreating from Frontenac via the 4th Avenue.
- Staff is now in retreat from Frontenac via the 4th Avenue.

- The General Staff is in retreat from Frontenac via the 4th Avenue.

- Official information has been received that Confederate is surely
 -receded. The Plan was with the headquaters on our right
  has been shifted. Our forces now
  being watched it would not be
  surprising if we cut off a part of
  his force near Rome -
Wednesday—5 A.M., Sept. 9, 1863.

Received orders for our Battalion to report to Gen. Palmer in front of Valley. Overtook him about 9 miles from Chattanooga. Very warm. Day moved on into town; reached there about noon. Moved ahead of us with a part of Wilder's force. Everything cleaned out. The last of the Confederates left this morning, an hour before we entered. The citizens say Bragg had 115,000 troops there. The place is very much scattered, nice location of houses, rolling stock all gone. The citizens nearly all in the mountains to avoid the shelling. They will be back in a day or two. Saw several buildings near the river which Wilder had shelled. The "head" office was evacuated about the 21st; the patriotic editor had done me & school at Marietta.

I found an issue of the 3rd from that place. The Stars and Stripes are floating from the principal forts. Didn't see any one in the ditches. Conclude that the last ditch is now located at Atlanta or near there.

Two worthless steamers are lying in the river—watered our horses and moved out on the Dalton Road to Rossville, Ga., 1½ miles from town and encamped for the night. Good water & feed.

Thursday, September 10th, 1863.

I have received orders to establish a line of communication from Chattanooga to the front. Left 4 men of the company at Rossville and moved on 4½ miles farther to a creek where Capt. Abel ordered some to remain with the rest of the company. Gen. Palmer's division & Tannerees are ahead. Hope that the enemy are close.
ahead of them, 3 of Palmer's advance were cut off today by Rebel cavalry - report says that three companies of the enemy's cavalry are cut off by our forces, and two divisions of infantry - reports are coming in hourly by squads - sixpatches are passing to and fro rapidly - Rooscrane is at Chattanooga, Crittenden moved to the front to-day - Wood's division also passed about sundown - encamped across the river - the whole corps is now in front. I did not have my horses saddled this night as gen. Wood's pickets covered me -

Friday, Sept. 11½, 1863

Warm, dry, dusty - all quiet last night. Couriers report the enemy in line of battle six miles from here. This would be two miles from Ringgold or the Ring to Atlanta - we have probably cut off a considerable force of the enemy, a fight today is more than likely - 20 Rebel prisoners were just sent in - two of Crittenden's last night getting on the wrong road were cut off by cavalry in our rear - to the right - the inhabitants here are as poor and ignorant as a set as any one ever saw - destitute of a regular set of troubles. I will take the rest of dispatch towards town -

12 m. no sixpatches yet. I could hear cannonading in front and also to the right of us. Gen. Wood's div. is only 2 miles in front of us. By courier we learn that a regiment of 10th, Rebels came into Chattanooga yesterday headed by their colonel and gave themselves up. It is encouraging if true for old Tennessee - a heavy blow came...
in 10 days from Brighport. Loaded
with Rations & Forage - rations
run out today.

Saturday September 12th 1863

No at a false alarm last night.
but happily it did not result in
anything serious. Charles Broman
had brought dispatches here & we
returning after dark. Wyal was
bringing another one hours at full
speed & seeing Broman. supposed he
was a rebel, hailed him. no answer-
hailed him again. no reply. he fired
him. Broman. not hearing any
challenge at all when he saw Wyal
thought he was a Confederate. when he fired
he started his horse & came rushing
over looking to have been fired at
instead he had the man "saddle"
then story - but Wyal came up
then story was explained.

soldiers and cannot be detected anymore.
then Cottenden left here about at
9 (9) p.m. nine miles from the place. etc.
they will advance to-day probably.
his movement still continues very slow
they are about a mile or a bit
progressing to north and east. an
old man visited me this morning. he
came to this state 43 yrs ago as a
missionary to the Cherokees from New
Green Morristown. my mother
first place. her name is Bella. she
appeared to be a fine old man. Last
Cottenden went here last night with a
message for Cottenden from Proctor.
our advance are skirmishing con-
stantly with the enemy. Pay another
Conmi I learn that our advance
will fall back. the line of battle
will be made in a south-easterly
direction. Pyramids forces are located
at or near Lafayette, the County seat
d Walker. South-west from Ringgold one of Rosecrans' escort tells me that Gen. Stanley was coming in Chattanooga at noon—also that there is not over 2000 deserters in town, mostly Tennesseans. They are coming in constantly in squadrons of from 5 to 20 & 1st regiment headed by their Col. 100 strong—gave themselves up in a body a few days ago—I also learn that Col. Minty with his 1st Brigade is in Chattanooga, if so probably we will be relieved, and then to our regiment.

Sunday, Sept. 13th, 1863—Mrs. Crittenden, Mrs. Palmer, & Sallie were out moved from Ringgold to Lafayette. They are supposed at Gordons Mill 1 mile from here. Our courier line has been moved to Ringgold over.
Monday, September 14th, 1863.

Our Brigade came out last night. We were relieved of courier duty for the present. Came on nearly to Gordonsville M. when we encamped. For the main body of the night got in about 12.

We had a warm day yesterday, but it was pretty cool last night. The Company are now cooking breakfast. Dinner moved out beyond the Mills about 3 miles, laid there all day, and went into camp - probably went out to protect the infantry to-day. The enemy came on edge, as usual.

attached to the building on the side opening from a little side door. The light was enough to show me coming into the room. I say, the army is discouraged, and ready to give up. On 70 acres of farm, has been making speeches to the farmers, but without any effect. They say they have been driven from their homes and now have nothing to fight for, they are deserting rapidly as an opportunity offers itself.

Sunday afternoon - I am seated in a small frame building - may form a pretty good idea of what it was like inside - in one corner of the house of the "Middlegacy," Mr. "Stonewall" on the other side. The place by inspection inside - in one corner of the house of the "Middlegacy," Mr. "Stonewall" on the other side.

The best to go for the communistic principle, while in a "State"
To make a stand near here by present appearances.

Tuesday Sept. 15th 1863

Moved back to fort Sumter Mills this morning—our infantry on the left has fell back to Chattanooga about noon moved over on the Ringgold road to rossin five miles of that place with the brigades camped for the night. Six of the enemy cavalry were seen on our right Co's gave chase captured one man and 3 horses. I wish 20 men of my Co was detailed to picket the road we came in on at the Gap.

Wednesday Sept 16th 1863

Report says the enemy forces are at Ringgold and brisk in their direction will on or fire found on a squad 3 horses surrounded given

Teams were not to expected from the wagons at all this morning quite an incident. This morning I was ordered to go to bridge on the Chatham Rangoord and see it was destroyed. It was safe and was planted on a hill on the line of the camps and the guns masked we are waiting ready for anything that may turn up.

Rumors that knowing individual says our forces on the right formed a connection that the are surrounded must fight us. we will see. oh after moved back 2 miles can move the night

Thursday Sept 17th

As warm as ever. no news from the front as no news from the front.
Friday  Sept.  18th  1863

Cook and General Autumn weather ordered to saddle up at 4 A.M. Expecting to move - but at 7 A.M. the Calke was blown - we unsaddled and fed our horses - at 10 A.M. I was ordered to go out with my company under Capt. Pitcher of L Co. to reinforce the 7th Penn. de

road. We sent in. They were attacked by a heavy force of the enemy - before we were ready to move - we unsaddled them at Brigade X X X but 76 - L Co. went in the advance when we came up. There was considerable skirmishing. We were ordered to move to the right to form a flank movement. Moved 300 yards we occupied the last night - further on into a road we had a view of the 7th line. We were in strong force - artillery was plainly visible in the road

a strong flanking party of the rebel

moved to our right - when I was ordered to fall back as the 4th Regulars were on the right - moved back and joined the Battalion. We then rode into a cornfield on our right and on a hill to support our direction of Artillery. From that view I could see by the column of dust a heavy column coming towards us on the left. Our lines presently opened upon them, we were answered promptly by the rebel with four pieces. I could see them when they loaded. As soon as the smoke cleared away - we came to fall back which we did re-joined the regiment. Then moved to the left of the road in line of battle moved through the our skirmishers soon saw the infantry - we dismounted
Infantry moved from the left and swung around towards the bridge. I sent word to Major Gray, to that effect.

He moved the regiment back once more into a piece of woods, skirmishing all the time. A relief force was in our rear, but Col. Minby received or drove from 4th in Wood in full back to Gordon's Mills which we did, by five o'clock. The enemy following us closely, firing in our rear at dusk heavy skirmishing were heard on the road we came in on—we went out there our Regiment to support the 59th Ohio. 4th Ind. INFANTRY—a sharp fight took place in the darkness putting an end to the day's work—we remained as pickets during the night. The men suffered from cold and hunger—not a mouth of food. Seldom felt at home in camp...
Saturday Sept. 19th 1863

Clear and cold - at daylight.

The enemy having fallen back in the night - we moved back to Ste. Genevieve - & crossed some fords.

I am now writing - not well yesterday - but we fell back yesterday - but were obliged to by superior numbers. The Company done well night a few problems. Captain Abel hurt his leg by running against a tree - his horse being unmanned.

Captain Moore - & for the time being I was in command of the R. Co. battalion.

No enemy forces are moving. Towards Chattanooga this morning.

At 8 a.m. the rebels are working hard to cut our communication between here and Chattanooga. So many artillery and cavalry of Tennessee can be heard - even over the road to Rosselle.

To our rear - General's tents are or near Rosselle.

The rebels were forcing hard upon us all day yesterday - we were lucky in making our retreat without losing. The fighting commenced about 9 a.m. with artillery & musketry - continued until five P.M., without cessation. Crittenden was engaged with his whole corps & parts of McCook & Thomas's corps - have not heard the result yet - we captured 3 pieces of artillery in the forenoon at 12 P.M., we were ordered to report to Gen. Thomas at Rosselle or near here.

Moved down here & went into camp. Major Mix arrived with 260 men armed & mounted, which makes our regiment about 300 strong. Got our mail to night. Sent three letters from Orchid - report says the rebels have been beaten last on a mile - we captured 40.
Sunday Oct [?ber] 23rd 1863

A heavy frost at 6 a.m. order came to draw five days rations & be ready to move at daylight. Maj. McG. takes command of the 3rd. Ball, Capt. Abiel & Buckley went to challenge the rebel Brigade. Moved out on the Cleveland road. I cannot yet say what purpose. We moved to a ford on the Cleveland road. Left a strong picket there and moved back. Fighting continues on the right. Col. Meigs, 2nd Ohio, was wounded and held the line until dusk. The rebels retreated and our Brigade fell back. My gun came out on the Cleveland road for a picket formed in line and with five 20 rifles got supper and went back to our horses and slept a cold night.

Monday Sept 21st 1863

Stood in line from 4 o'clock until daylight. Repeal says we were whipped on the right on account of getting short of ammunition. Maj. Col. Wilder, 9th. Bratty, Orangie's Adj. Hrn., were killed. Our report will not prate little. No disturbance in front of us at sunrise. Moved over to the Kingold road again formed in line and right about now.
Our men were ordered to fall back & start on the left. The enemy made a dash to the army. Telling them they would hold out until night. We would have 5000 reinforcements. The rebels were promised by Bg. that they would dig in challenge to-night. They are receiving ammunition from Virginia and more Volunteers. I am hearing of the result. No any amusing things. The afternoons & nights must be terrible. We fell back - we camped about 3½ miles from here.

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, 1863

It got so cold at night. We slept well with stone. M. & E. left for Yorktown. Report of some army fell back to Kerns. I am fearful of our brigade in Chancellorsville. Nearly all the others are gone. Capt. may be the 27th.

Yesterday, ordered to post & dig. We were sent out 2:30 in the morning. Ordered to our heapes - 4 ended our dig.
Thursday, Sept. 24th, 1863

We left 2nd Rese at Evening in Brigade
formed out + crossed the Tennessee.

Finding Mountain vacated, the
races begun up last night, and the
Kilgore division brisk Oct. 1st day com-
quired down as the rebels refused to
answer, expected an attack to-day
but was disappointed, we moved
up the river nine (9) miles up the
river to good feed and camped for
the night — went home yesterday.

Friday, Sept. 25th, 1863

Commenced missing with Capt. Culp.
also a fruit yesterday, called Pass
paw, grown on tree, leaves chewed
shredded, fruit like a short cucumber.

Peanuts grow like Potatoes—Vines look
like large Clover stalks — a mighty
fear on our works last night — The
rebels did, we marched.

Saturday, Sept. 26th, 1863

Capt. Robbins took command as
major this morning — I was detailed
as officer of the guard — 2nd - From 100
at the late battle estimated at 1500
killed 300 wounded — probably
the official report will be less — our
campaign as a whole is successful
we have achieved what we intended.

But we have taken + can hold
Chattanooga — but our boys — beyond
this was a defeat — it was forced
upon us — the rebels intended not
only to whip us but to rout us +
drive us back to Murfreesboro — in
this we have failed them — their
loss is as much as not more than our
— nice day — wrote 3 letters — seem to
Sunday — our band an instrument
finely — By air examined the men
— to night — consequence was a con-
hined Cigars — good appetite.
Sunday--Sept. 27th 1863

Wrote three letters home-long dull day. No news from the front---in camp all day.

Monday--Sept. 28th 1863

Oh how lucky! Boots & Saddles at 9 A.M. The Brigade marched up the River.

Smith's Road leads to Washington. Reached there at dusk. Camped for the night.

Tuesday--Sept. 29th 1863

In Camp. 13 days made out our Company Monthly Return-think we camp here a few days unless the files trouble us too much.

Wednesday--Sept 30th 1863

Orders came to "Saddle" at 12 M. moved out of Camp. This Washington to the river. Rebel soldiers in force had a skirmish. St. Tucker--took up full track beyond Smith's Creek in the Rain. Thursday--Oct. 1st 1863

Rained all night. Our Regiment was sent out to feel of the enemy at the Cross Roads. Found their pickets.

At Co in advance---by citizens learn the rebels were passing all night in the direction of Richeville. rumored their force and 10,000--doubtful--raining hard. a part of the Co. to remain for want of Boots-some sick-ordered with my Co. on Richeville. The road towards the X-roads not distinguishable--raining--wet.

Friday--Oct 2nd 1863

Relived at 4 A.M. started over the mountains after the enemy clean & pleasant-crossed Wadham's Range into Squatchee Valley-hungry as dogs-crossed the Valley & got up on the tops of the Cumberland Hills to camp-rebs ahead of us-believe they are kind in the Valley--some up
Saturday Oct 2nd 1863

Moved on early- captured four rebels at a house- my advance leader said they were sent by the Col. after Brandy got more than called for- came upon their rear guard about noon- just at the brink of the intake- the regiment was dismounted & sent forward as skirmishers- skirmished- drove them about 3 miles- two wounded in our regiment- killed 3 or 4 rebels- & a number of horses- several wounded- wilders came upon at sundown- had a small skirmish- unsaddled at night- tired.

Sunday Oct 3rd 1863

The fight yesterday resulted worse on the side of the rebels than expected- eleven dead & three wounded were found- we skirmished- moved on after them- passed three negroes- & skirmished about six miles on this side- the rebels captured what they wanted- & rations were 300 prisoners.

Monday Oct 4th 1863

Moved early- cold night- marched early- & steadily reached my position about dusk- came in on Liberty Pike join Hooker on his way to Chattanooga with 3,000 men- reported he was fighting in front- the rebels are making a heavy raid- they burnt the bridge south of town & cut the telegraph at Christiana- camped near the river.

Tuesday Oct 5th 1863

Drove three days rations this morning and started after rebels- he came up to Christiana burnt a bridge- & cut the telegraph- captured 65 of the 197- Mitchell's men- the rest are nothing- marching- marched to within seven miles of a village & encamped for the night- head commissioners at night.
Wednesday Oct. 7th 1863

Laid in camp until one o'clock P.M. when our brigade moved an everything in advance of us - passed thru Shelbyville some of the rebels army was there glad to see them wish we saw some colored soldiers - came to Farmington 16 miles from Shelbyville reached camp about 9 o'clock P.M. - had fight to-day with the rebels - Wildes charging had the most 15 & or did the most at least - whipped rebels splendidly captured 240 prisoners - 4 pieces of artillery & killed 60 - own loss 15 killed

Thursday Oct. 8th 1863

Col. Minky was ordered to march ahead by Gen. Crooks - for not coming his Brigade up in time yester - day - some excitement in our camp this a.m. - I hope he will be surprised - came on ahead - I hope to be at Pamplinburg about 11:30 A.M.

A small place & to Cornesville at 12. 30 P.M. 9 miles from Farmingburg - on to Pulaskie 17 miles further - encamped for the night - Col. Rice of the 11th Penn was Com'd our Brigade - weighing the 4th U.S. ordered to report to Gen. Crooks -

Friday Oct. 9th 1863

Started early - came on Col. Lewis of the 5th Cav. in advance came upon their rear guard - charged upon them capturing 50 of them - killed 30 or 40 - where within 2 miles of Roddsville was charged with Gen. Sabra - this morning the river four miles further but the bird had flown - traveled about 35 miles this day - maybe the largest charge on our record six miles came buck & encamped two mile from river - this end of we had a great Cavalry Raid - the troops passed entirely round this.
his loss must be 600 men all. Form is four pieces of Artillery—he has captured some of our stores at McMinnville—burn 50 wagons at pontotoc—getting about 200 miles from us. Burnt a couple of bridges. He never should have been allowed to cross the Tennessee—somebody is to blame.

Saturday, Oct. 10th, 1863.

My sister’s Birth Day. In Camp yet at 4 a.m.—have some rest to-day. From thence to Shubalville 25 mls. Shubalville to Limestock 21 mls. Limestock to Pulaski 24 mls. Pulaski to Lamberts 35 mls. Rodgeville to Ashena 18 mls. Ashena to Fairviewville 25 mls.

Our regiment went as escort for Mr. Mitchell, Asst. Chief of Cavalry to the front. We crossed the Tennessee.

is about 3/4 miles wide. Could see the pickets on the other side. Lots of wild grass on the river. See 9 m. Mitchell burnt about $25,000 worth of cotton. 60 bales—dead loss to somebody—ordered to be ready to march in morning at 5 1/2 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 11th, 1863.

Marched from camp this morning from here turned east. Marched to Ashena, distance 15 miles from here. Camped about 3 p.m.—Hit Nashville and Escalon R.R. passes right here. Place quiet and uninteresting place for a Southern town. All rebel of course.

Monday, Oct. 12th, 1863.

Pouched. Went to Fairviewville. 24 miles. Camped on the night. Captured 36 rebels in the place one Major. Took a horse and leaded at the Fairviewville. 10 am. 25 in self led and 50 led by the aide of a
Thursday—Oct. 15th, 1863—

Rained all night, making three nights and two days of steady rain, and now within two miles of Salem—writing sun shining by fits and starts—but blistering—indicating more showers in store for us—camped at Salem for the night ordered to report dismounted men to send to Derr—a report did not (4) come back to the vicinity of Harrison July 2nd, 1863, for only eight in the company—noon of one yet—some rain during the night—

Friday Oct. 16th, 1863—

Ordered back to the vicinity of Harrison—

Luna Co. has gone after our train which leaves Co. Late at 10 o'clock in command—sent back to Manchester after some rations for my men couldn't get a smile out of them at that place had only 2 days rations to last 2 men — camped at 5 miles north of Carlisle—pleased to

Tuesday Oct. 14th, 1863—

Passed a very uncomfortable night—raining—waked up with the water running into my boots and pants—marched to Beryville—sent five of my company to a ranch—part of them dismounted and sick—we moved back towards Fayetteville, camped 4 miles from town—下雨—passed all day—

This is the eighth day without rain—men are grumbling and hospital—rainy—marched to within 12 miles of Salem and encamped at 3 P.M. rain all day, there was no chance to dry anything alas—web web—about "played off"—and—leaher work—only 12 men left in the company—Thomas got up a good enough
Saturday Oct. 17th 1863.

A nice load of Forage - a lot of Sweet Potatoes which we took into camp with the mutton we got. We will make out finely.

Sunday Oct. 18th 1863

Rainy in the morning until about 9 a.m. -- In camp one day at last. We are expecting some Rations soon.

Café. Satch came back with the dismounted men from Richerd -- went out with detail for Forage for Battalion. Thomas went out after provisions - got two fine turkeys young some eggs apples and fine honey sweet potatoes.

Monday Oct. 19th 1863

Bright, warm day. D. Stalled to go to Paint Rock with 25 men after. Rations - had a Scullly breakfast. Turkey and Dumplings, Bread and Butter, Munny sweet Potatoes and Beef - distance 12 miles from...
Maysville to the Station when we reached there found that the cars ran only to the river. Three miles further, reached there about sundown had to boat ship rations across in an old scow by the aid of a telegraph wire - got loaded about 9 P.M. started back mistress until 11 then camped in the road, moonlight night.

Tuesday Oct. 23rd 1863

Slept well - some whiskey aboard. 3 or 4 of my men drunk as ords, with some bad luck reached camp about noon, expecting our train daily- wrote to Mrs. & to John A., 1st day.

Wednesday Oct. 24th 1863

Rainy day - laid in Camp - Lieut. Tucker died seven days after being wounded in skirmish at Washington Farms 6th 20th - Thomas lost knapsack containing own $50 in Greenbacks.

Thursday Oct. 25th 1863

Expecting that said train from Chattanooga, but dont see it yet. Rainy as usual, laid in camp. Thomas did not find his pocketbook.

Friday Oct. 26th 1863

No train yet. Cold, windy, over just about sick 10 day with cold some fever - no news or anything.

Saturday Oct. 27th 1863

Cold and windy. 1st sergeant of the arrested today. Thomas out after business. nothing of account.

Sunday Oct. 28th 1863

Still cold - in camp no clothing yet - Monday Oct. 29th Tuesday 31st

Wednesday 28th As Camps drew a small amount of clothing but not sufficient for half the Company nice autumn weather.
Thursday 29. Friday 30. 2nd Saturday 31. In camp, rainy. Monday 3rd was detailed for picket. Very rainy. Came in. Tuesday, 31st. - was detailed for roll. Read some letters from home.

Sunday Nov 1st 1863

Monday Nov 2nd, 1863

This memorandum was nearly spoiled by getting wet in a damned rain storm - but I got wetter than the book did.

Potters