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Memoranda
Commencing
Friday, May 22, 1863
Beautiful weather today. My brother Johnnely started for home this morning. I went as far as the gate with him then fell in for too drill. Very warm in the evening and showers.
Saturday, May 23, 1863
Not very pleasant weather this morning. We prepared for inspection. Battalion dress and dress par.
War news encouraging.
Sunday, May 24th 1869

Beautiful weather on guard today, went out for Colonel Ard"y. Went to meeting in the evening.

Monday, May 25th

Showery and wet. Went up town in the morning. In the afternoon we went over to Water Cave to see the fire Co. perform. In the evening it broke up in a shower.

Tuesday, May 26th

Still wet and rainy. Nothing much going on today. In the evening, left for Superior City. We cheered them out of camp they done the same.
Wednesday May 27th

Weather is changeable
went up town in the
afternoon on an errand
for Lieutenant Priestley

Thursday May 28th

done up my washing
this morning Battalion
drill in the P. I. in the
evening went up to the
Cassion Barge and got
quite coming home

Friday May 29th

This morning we cleaned
out both quarters and
part of us moved in
there we were very busy
all the forenoon putting
things in order I was
quite sick in the evening
I took some medicine
which relieved me a
considerable
Saturday May 30th

Reported on the sick list this morning and was returned to the quarters.

Sunday May 31st

Today closes the pleasant month of May. General inspection by the Major.

June 1st Monday on guard

Tuesday June 2nd Went up town in the A.M. in the P.M. drill.

Wednesday June 3rd

Considerable confusion in the kitchen this morning.


Signed the pay roll this A.M. Received our two months' pay in the P.M. Don't feel first rate today.

Was news encouraging coming in Chicago. Supposed by the time
Thursday June 4th
Warm indeed
Battalion drill & dress parade
Friday June 5th
Similar to yesterday
Saturday June 6th
Getting things in order this morning went up town in the evening
Sunday 7th
Inspection then went up town to meeting A W C wrote a letter
Monday June 8th
Pleasant weather today
Tuesday June 9th
Quite warm on grand today some excitement about our being leaving
Wednesday June 10th
Received a letter from home went up town in the evening
Thursday June 11th
Warm
Friday June 12
Very warm
two of the boys left this evening and have not been seen since
Saturday, June 13th, 43
Still very warm, busy cleaning out the quarters this A.M. in the evening went to the Lake and had a good wash then went up town.

Sunday, June 14th. Very warm, in the afternoon inspection wrote 2 letters today.

Monday, June 15th.
Warm as ever but wet, a parade, some deserters were brought into camp this A.M.

Tuesday, June 16th. Not quite so warm, went washing in the evening.

I skipped the line and went from the 66.25 to the 21.25 night train of any importance had tranferred.
Sunday June 21st 69

Pleasant weather went to meeting in the morning received marching orders about noon we left camp Randall at 9 in the evening we got on board the cars and started for Milwaukee arrived there at 6 on the morning of the 22nd Monday morning got some thing to eat and went around town a little feel no again about 10 and marched to the depot and got on the cars again about twelve we moved off arrived at Hartford at 2 in the afternoon we were quartered in an old barn the next morning of some supper and retired for the night
Wednesday June 29th

We got up about five in the morning and got some breakfast then feel in and we were informed that 50 of us were to proceed on to Lebanon and that we were going to be conveyed with teams we started about noon and after a tiresome ride of 19 mls we stopped and put up at a barn a squad of seven were detailed away then was my chance we board among the neighbors at present

The next morning a corps and six me were sent into the enemies domain they were, well aimed they were strictly charged to
be back by sundown
2 o'clock came and news
came that they were took
prisoners the loft went
out to see if it was
true he meet them about
3 miles from head quarters
Came into camp they had
not had any trouble
25th Fine weather
another squad detached
this morning to accompany
the enrolling officers
in the 123 some more
men were detached to with
Capt Kent in the evening
we ever marched about a
mile and we all partook
of a nice supper then we
drilled a little while &
then returned to camp
and turned in for
the night
June 26th. The weather same as yesterday another scrub. But sent with the Convoying Officer nothing more to do. Evening then we went to another place. A took a good supper there. Everyone quite as number of young ladies present. After supper we drilled them some of them engaged in a dance. I went to camp about 9 o'clock.

27th Nothing doing the day passed away pleasantly. Summer day.

28th Very warm rain in the evening. Went to meeting in the P.M.

29th Monday. Wet and dreary this morning. I am detailed to go on guard. We started about 2 o'clock.
July

We rode all the way in a buggy some what slowed in. The evening we put up at a farm house

The 30th the next morning we started on our errand we got through about noon then we returned to camp and were mustered in by the major in the evening we went to another supper

1st of July Wednesday we marched to Newtown to a celebration then we engaged ourselves first note noon back in the next 2nd of July's morning we started for Hartford we rode back as usual arrived there about noon we were glad to see the rest of
July 12

the boys then we went to work and strauchened up things

Friday in the morning we signed the pay roll and then received 2 months wages

Saturday July 4th 1869

This morning we started for a little village by the name of Rubecon about four miles from here. It was very warm I did not enjoy myself very well we walked back at the evening there was quite a display of fire works here on the evening.

Sunday I went to church both morning and evening Monday pleasant weather nothing strange
Tuesday Very warm went to the Hartford celebration at the PM Brons the 24th thermometer stood at 99 in the shade went up to the railroad in the after
noon and helped Mr. Wooloch to load two cars with squared timber, it was warm enough
dress warm and slept in the evening

Thursday Very warm and cloudy hollected in the afternoon went to a class meeting in the evening in enjoyed myself

First Rate

Friday Warm weather this morning

nothing has transpired of any importance since in the evening
Saturday 11th Cool and weather Company dock in the morning nothing more along for the day War news still encroaching

Sunday 12th Mild weather inspection in the morning then went to church and from there to the quarter in the evening went to meeting

Monday July 13th Pleasant weather this morning too I washed up my clothes War news are favorable about three o clock I received Orders to be ready to march to West Bend by seven it caused some excitement
Be among the boys I was ready to march by six we partook of a little something to eat then 35 of the boys started for Big Bend there were three wagons and we managed to change around so that we all could ride half way. I rode three miles then I with some others went ahead of the men on foot we walked from eight to nine miles then we stopped at Ceder Creek horse and got something to eat and drink and we waited for the train presently they came and we very soon started on again we were then
18 1/4 six miles from the Bend I rode the rest of the way we arrived there at or a little after eleven O'clock I felt some what tired and we soon turned in for thoughs and we slept quite soundly.

Tuesday July 14th Weather still fair and mild I went around town this morning I still feel some tired yet in the evening went to the Camp meeting

Wednesday July 15th Good nice weather nothing doing this morning in the
Afternoon a squad of 15 were detailed to go up in Cuyahoga County they were under command of Capt. Clayborn. in the evening I went to meeting and took supper at Mr. Roytons.

Thursday 16th. Still fine weather. We are out of Rations to day. Rations came about one O'clock then we had a plenty to eat in the evening. I and two others went up to Mr. Sears and took supper then we rode down to the Bend and from there to the...
18th Camp meeting there were quite a number of people present we had a good time this afternoon.

Friday July 17th Mild weather a little drizzle this morning in the afternoon we (John Arthur and I) went out to Mrs. Green we remained there till evening this went to Camp war news favorable.

Saturday July 18th Warm and sultry nothing doing today. Received two letters.
Sunday July 19th

Pleasant weather inspection this morning then went to Barton to meeting after preaching saw a lady dipped there was quite a crowd present a little shower after dinner in the evening went to Mr. Greens to supper and from there to the Werno School house to meeting then went into camp.

Monday July 20th

Fine weather received orders in the evening to go to camp Randolf we went as far as cedar creek station and put up for the
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20th night we slept in an old barn on some hay. We got up at 341 in the morning and got ready for the cars. We got aboard the cars at six, by eight we were in Milwaukee. We remained there until 10 20 then started for Madison. Several of us boys took breakfast at the Tavern. We arrived in Madison a little after two we went into camp. Randall and we found it quite deserted only the A left in camp we had been absent just one month.
24th. I feel quite poorly and have all day event to bed quite early and slept normally.

Wednesday July 22nd.

Fine weather today this morning went to work and washed up some clothes and put things in order.

Thursday July 23rd.

Fine weather today. On guard. Pulled a special.

Friday July 24th.

Nothing done for the day. Went up town in the evening. Very news encouraging.
Saturday July 25th
It rained quite hard this morning. It commenced at 4½ and rained till about 6½. Washed up some clothes this and prepared for guard tomorrow.

Sunday 26th Today is my 20th Birthday and I am on guard at the gate.

Monday 27th Weather is cool this morning. Went up town in the afternoon bought me a new vest going on guard tonight for Peter Hansen. Don't feel frustrated today.
Tuesday July 28th, 1843
Net and showered this morning, nothing doing of any importance. Weather a little favorable. My Chuck went home this morning on an eight day furlough.

Wednesday July 29th.
A little inclined to rain nothing doing as usual.

Thursday July 30th.
Picked out sheep on the 32d Relief considerable excitement this morning about six prisoners who escaped last night.
from the prison all of the old ones have to report to the schooner this morning to be examined, but no clue could be found out about their escape. Rained in the night some little.

Friday July 31st.
Warm and sultry. A little shower in the afternoon in the evening went to the Lake bathing.

Saturday August 1st. Still very warm washed up some clothes this morning in the evening went fishing.
Sunday August 3rd 1868
Warm sultry weather on Guard night No fires on the prairien

Monday August 3rd 1869
Still sultry went up town this morning went down to the show ground and saw 2 giants and a giants the giants were 7 feet 8 inches high weighed 265 lbs. the giants weighed 373 lbs. right 5 feet 8 inches then went to camp and found my barn just returned from home he brought me some things all was well at home
Aug 3rd went up
town in the evening
Aug 4th No news
of any importance
rather warm.
Aug 5th Pretty much
the same as that
Aug Thursday 6th
Oh grand freighted
out Special 1st Rds.
Friday Aug 7th 1869
Deery warm
&
nothing washed
up some clothes
this morning
don't feel frustrated
you may be favorable
At 5am June 21st started
for Hartford Page 22
June 23rd we went to Lebanon Lodge Lodge 8

Feby

Aug Saturday 8th

Very warm heavy rain in the evening went to the show in the afternoon stood guard in the night and it rained a awful hard

Sunday Aug 9th

Wrote two letters in the forenoon in the afternoon there was a funeral and some other of our company were the escort went up town to meeting in the evening
Monday August 10th /63
Considerable excitement in camp this morning about some foraging that had been done the night before. The officers all met at head quarters and they came to the conclusion that they would see that they had better ration in the afternoon we all went and filled casks on the parade ground.

Tuesday Aug 11th /63
 Pleasant weather all quiet this morning.
Saturday Aug 16th 1863
One year from to day
I enlisted and out of the is gone
Rations very poor with cause a great deal of dissatisfactions
and plainly among the boys in general.

Sunday Aug 16th 1863
Very warm on guard no news this morning
It has been said by some that today is the warmest day
for the season.

Monday Aug 17th 1863
went picking blackberries on the...
Tuesday Aug 24th 1863

Warm as ever.

SSY came in this morning at four A.M., also the Major nothing doing today.

Friday Aug 21st

On fatigue duty today filling up wood in camp. Received a letter from home.

Saturday Aug 22nd

On great parade without special 2nd Relief. It is quite cool and comfortable today but feels some like hot weather.

Dress parade in the evening.
Sunday August 23rd

Cool mild weather
a little thunder
storm this morning

Dress parade in the

evening

The time intervened
from Sunday 23rd till
Thursday 27th passed
away pleasantly quiet
cool and comfortable

dull and dreariness
every day upon the
whole of the war
news are encouraging

our brooks are

veterans in all

parts Sumter has

surrender and it

McDoway is silenced

Shells of Charleston

commander
September 9th
Splendid weather very cool for this season of the year I don't recollect ever seeing it so cold at this season of the year

Sunday Aug 30th
Silly favorable weather went up town to meeting this morning

Monday Aug 31st
went through general muster this morning then went fishing Camp on the lake was very rough and we returned to camp and got dinner
September 12th 2nd
3rd 4th and 5th
passed away very pleasantly cool
moderate weather
the most of the
time Saturday 5th,
on guard,
W. Hodgins came
from Milwaukee
today with some
deserters he expects
to return tomorrow
evening.
Received a letter
from home this
evening all
were well.
We are having
good times at
present drill a
couple most every
day.
The time entered here, two days from Sunday the sixth passed away very pleasantly till Monday the 14th.

Fine weather the most of the time.

On guard Saturday the 12th. Monday they are removing heddle parts over on the hill gate by the gate.

This is a mistake instead of moving it over by the gate as supposed but they put up there head parts in a small house.
That was used for a dispensary and they tore down the old salters shop which was also right in front of the Hosp. As now they have nothing in front and we can see the city from the front window. I don't know what day of the month it was but it was on Sat.-yday that the ladies came in and give us orders to get fixed up in.
cleanest and neatest apparel as we were to be an escort to a captain's funeral. I felt very poorly and did not feel like going and I did not like to go and get extended so I went and that night I felt very sick the next morning I came in here and have been here ever since. The first two weeks I was in they said I was out of my head.
You know part of the time my disease was the Bilious fever (you must excuse the date for I can't recollect) I think I had been in here about ten or twelve days before I ate anything at all at first my appetite was very delicate they gave me tea scalded with so much sugar for my use and some toast and a roasted apple and they are giving me the to day Oct 17/63
Oct 17th 1863

Well I feel all right to day with but the exception of the weakness I think my appetite is some better I feel as though I could eat a little meat It is raining quite to day about 9pm two of our boys came up to see me this forenoon

Sunday Oct 18th

Today my friends it is so cold that I lay a bed nearly all day I got up a little
While in the after-
noon and wrote
a little some of
the boys have
been up to see
but very few
of them my app-
liance is some
better than yester-
day though I am
very weak I can
assure, Captain Cane
in can drew me
this morning they
will say I am on
the mend, wrote
home a letter
this afternoon
I got up a little
cooler but it was
so cold I had to
put on my over-
coat I'll tell you
This is a very long desolate day. I have not enjoyed much of any at all. I wrote a letter to my parents this afternoon and summed up though when I got started I couldn't tell when or where to stop, and I had to stop all at once. I stuck it in the envelope to get it out of sight. It seems as though I could write all the afternoon that is writing a letter having
I mean some how or other I like to write home especially now I am so sick the after noon has been very dull indeed I have scarcely enjoyed myself at all. As you can't think how lonesome it is here in the Hospital with scarcely a friend to speak or even wrangle to you when you feel so mean as I did some how it makes one think of my friends at home and desire to be with them.
Monday Oct 19th 163

On my friends I feel awful mean. Today I miss the chaplain to play every much. It is far better to come around every morning and give us some thing such as nice tangle grapes which I always had a good relish for but some how he has not been in today. I cant make out why. He has not been in I would like to see him. He had the grapes with him. I feel most awful weak.
19th. It seems to me it is awful cold and stormy today. I thought I would not be able all day as it is so very tiresome and I thought it would do me good to get up, but it is so cold here I say I must soon go to bed the Lieutenant has just run in to see the other by some means or other weaker to-day than I did yesterday. My appetite is not quite so good I don't think. I feel very
Oct 11th 1844

Mean today I can assure you I am so weak it makes me feel miserable all over. I think the weather is more pleasant this after the sun shines out pleasant though it's very there the drums are beating for battalion drill. Oh how the wind whistles since I have been in camp I feel that I have lived at to great a distance from any profession that since I have been taken down of sick and been
Came in the middle of the night.

Her picture makes me feel better and warms my heart.

... pleased and arranged well... to have a friend to talk with.

And to have a friend to help...
Act continued from preceding page.

God give me grace and courage to bear all my trials like a Christian. God of love be with me and help me. Amen.

I laid in bed most all day to day one account of it being so very cold. None of the boys came up to see me this evening as I had thought they would. I was troubled a good deal during night with a severe cough which kept me awake.
Saturday Oct 20 1863

I feel quite comfortable this morning. I fancied the weather was rather cold so I did not get up till about dinner time. Some two or three of the boys came in to see me this morning, but the weather has not been around to play with the sick. My appetite is quite what better but it is rather delicate yet. I can eat a little meat now and roasted potatoes
I think it is a little more pleasant than this after noon then it was this morning. I feel very weak. It seems to me as though it takes a long time to recruit up on thing certain. I shall live in hopes if I die in Sleep. God help me to trust in this. I have wrote another letter home since this after noon that makes three since I have been read any. I hope I will get one.
to night I still feel quite weak I believe I will stop writing and get up and walk around a little.

Wednesday Oct 21st: I feel about the same as yesterday just able to walk around a little and eat my regular grub. Received two letters from home and I was informed that there was a note containing some eatables was sent along the same time I sent to the express office and there it was so in the evening
Oct 20th

Continued from last page, there was quite
in the 10, and behold
who should come in
but Mr. Barrett, with
my box. I'll tell you
I was glad and some
what surprised for I
had given all thought
of ever seeing it, though
I was glad when it
did come they opened
it, so I would have
ready in the morning.

Oct Thursday 22nd.

Dwell, stormy rough
weather I pitched in
to my box this
morning. I found
several things in it
that I had an
appetite to do so.
just pitched in and helped myself to what I liked best I guess I shall have to resort my box again pretty soon some two or three of the boys have been to see me to day I am feeling what I guess I rest a while still I have some thing to write about war news are as favourable as can expect strong indications of a big battle very soon the greatest trouble I have is to keep my feet warm I am obliged to sit in bed and keep them covered with the blanket
Friday Oct 23rd 183

Desert rough and cold the ground is covered with a kind of snow
which makes it look very dark and winter-like. To me it is very cold today.
The weather is quiet now (about eleven o'clock) the sun shines out and
gives things a pleasant appearance. It makes things more cheerful and
the at least it makes me think of my appetite as pretty tolerable
and strong.
Saturday Oct 24

I guess I am gaining but rather slowly. My appetite is pretty tolerable good today. I think I am some little better. I am in hopes of seeing the gentleman ere long, the worst thing I have to put up with is of if I remain out of bed very long at times. I am by the stove I suffer with cold feet twice I have had the hot flat iron put against them to get them warm some times or four of the boys have been up to see me.
Continued from last P. Oct 24th 1863

Today (I mean this morning) the weather is rather gloomy today. I suppose the boys will be back from their visit home today and among the N.O. my old chum and may he will fetch me something from home. Time passes away rather slow and dull in the The best employment I find is writing, I can pass away the time tolerable and pleasantly writing. I like to write first rate or rather scribble like I am now.
Sunday. 1868
Oct. 25th.

Today is Sunday but it don't seem much Sunday to me cooped up in here where I can see nobody. I mean none of our boys. I don't know how it is but somehow none of the boys have been up to see me today and the other boys as yet I am anxious to see one certain one of the boys I don't why he don't come up as he has been home and seen my folks I should think he would have some thing for me a letter if nothing else I think he might have a little
parcel of something for me. I am in clothes he has any how. My parents intimated they would send me some thing more nice to eat when Peter came up and I suppose he returned to camp some time yesterday. I would like to see him very much. I should think he would think enough of me to come in and see me if nothing more seeing he has just come from my home and seen all the folks. I should think he might come in and tell about things home and how matters are going on at home.
weather is quite mild today and things look more like spring or rather pleasant fall weather. The chaplain came in our ward this morning as is his custom of a Sunday morning and read a Psalm and then held prayer, quite a number of German visitors have come in to-day to visit their friends. My appetite is getting pretty good. The war news are nothing of any importance as near as I can ascertain I did read the last paper but there is a little shrimp fishing occasionally.
wrote two letters this afternoon feel tolerable well this afternoon I am beginning to get hungry already.

Monday Oct 26th

The weather is mild and pleasant today I feel tolerable and smart today upon the whole my appetite is first rate it is most to good for I get hungry before meal times come, Both the Captain and Lieutenant have been in to see me and the other boys this forenoon.
Continued from last Page Monday Oct 20th

I find I have got to stop writing for both my writing paper and stamps are very near played out. Old Peter is pretty bad yet he is out of his head and talks quite strange and acts very queer. He got up and put on his pants this morning and said he was going up town if the slot would give him a pass and to day about noon he said he had shot to men and told them they might be found.
Tuesday Oct 27th:
The weather is moderate.
All today things assume about the same appearance as usual, nothing of any importance going on all is quiet.
Better today my appetite is very good some of the boys came up to see me and the other boys today.
Among them was my old chum Peter. He came up and brought a nice cake and told me some thing about home and how anxious.
Continued from last page Oct 27th.

They were to see me at home. I feel quite smart able to walk around and able to eat most any thing.

Wednesday Oct 28, 1878

Nothing new all the same don’t see any difference from any other day things are all perkener the same eventenor of life as usual. I wrote two letters this afternoon some three or four of the boys have been in today. A friend living near my folks.
Came in to see me. He was in Madison on business and having a little spare time. He thought He would come in camp and see us boys, so he came in and gave me a call. He stopped quite a while and then I directed him to the barracks and told him to get some dinner as it was about noon. I thought he might. I know if he felt any thing like did he could a pretty good allowance while I am here writing there has been quite a
Commotion in the 4th Ward is, in fact, all through the Hospital occasioned by the death of a 1st H 31st Regt man from the 4th Ward and I hear there is another man hourly expected to die. There is none very sick in our (3rd) Ward. I am getting kind a used to the Hospital now and if I can't get a fire though I would as soon remain in here a week or two as not. I declare I am getting hungry and it is not four o'clock.
Thursday 21st, Friday 30th, & Saturday 31st

(General muster today) Thursday passed away some thing similar to Wednesday very little change if any. Affairs seem to go on just the same hard. Some being returned to quarters while others took there places upon the whole I feel tolerable smart I have a very good appetite in fact I can scarcely get enough to eat, I feel hungry (as a general thing two homes before meal time comes)
Friday, Oct 30th, 1863

Feel tolerable well to-day. I thought at one time I would be able to go down to the quarters to-day, but it snowed and stormed nearly all day, and the wind blew very bleak, and upon the whole I call it a very rough, blustery day. And by evening the ground looked quite white. I thought to myself as I lay here in the hospital that it would be the folks home hustle they would be hurrying to get in there potatoes, turnips & corn for the war news unimportant.
Saturday Oct. 31st

This morning the ground looks all white, and has the sun begins to rise higher in heaven the snow begins to melt and it makes things all wet and slopy and muddy. With mud it very disagreeable and uncomfortable. I think it had not been but for the mud that I should have gone down to the quarters and see how the thing is. A working, I am getting very anxious to go down and pick up my things and get them to geather and put them in some safe place.
Continued from opposite page. Today is General muster the Regt was
mustered in this fore
noon—and all in the Hospital excepting those which belonged to
the 30th. I am not mustes
tered as yet, but I expect to be this after
noon, I dropped a few
lines to the Captain last evening desiring him to come up and see
me as the weather was so
tough. I dare not come
to see him. He has not
been up as yet I guess
it is a selsy day
with him. I think
that must be the
reason of his delay
as he is always very
attentive to his boys.
Sunday November 4th

The Chaplain came through this morning and performed is usual Sunday morning duty. First reading of a Psalm and then offering a prayer in our behalf and for the soldiers in general. For our Country, etc., etc.,

during the day some of the boys came in to see us boys and upon the whole the day passed away quite pleasantly. Weather rather unpleasant to nothing of any importance going on today.

all good
(108) Monday, Nov 2. 1793

This morning the weather looked very bleak and stormy. Although it cleared up by the afternoon and I went down to the quarters to see how the thing was working. I found the boys all very glad to see and they asked me a number of questions about the boy up here. He and so on. I did not remain very long but soon went back to the ship. Old Peter is out of his head and has been most all day.
Tuesday November 8th 1665

Tolerable pleasant weather for Election day, I think it was the finest I have seen for many a year of a fall Election day as a general thing you know it is not very rough weather about this time of the year. The Colonel assured Orders this morning not to let any of the out town not even those in the Hospital I believe the reason that he assigned was that he thought some of the boys might get into a row
Wednesday November 4th 1863

It looks quite gloomy this morning in fact it has been one of the most gloomy days upon the that could be it either rained or snowed nearly all the time and when I went to bed it was raining quite hard. One account of the gloominess of the weather the day seemed very long and tiresome. Some of the boys come up occasionally a snake what I term a visit and upon know all this helps to take time, Peter is not any better. No news of any importance.
Thursday Nov 5th 1863

This morning it is all bright and clear and quite pleasant. Quite a change from yesterday it has been quite pleasant all day several of the boys have been up town today they say all is quite election returns are pretty good A good show for twenty thousand (20,000) Union majority.

One of my neighbors (or rather my parents neighbors) came in to see me today. He was on his way to Milwaukee and he called into camp to see the boys.
Friday Nov 4th 1863

The weather is quite mild and pleasant today, things seem to go on just about the same I don't see any change in affairs.

I went down to the quarters this afternoon and looked up my things, I heard rumors of the idea leaving I asked both the Captain and 1st Lieut if there was any truth in the rumor but they did not make me any the wiser in the evening. They received orders to march next morning at ten o'clock.
Saturday Nov 7th 1885

Awoke up this morning a little later than usual. The weather was quite pleasant till about noon when it began to look rather squally and rough. After the S's had made the morning call I went down to see theLeo, off and pick up my things and see they were not lost. I found all but my hat and canteen, I took charge of my partners' things and put them in a safe keeping about ten o'clock. They
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fell in I'll tell you it looked like a large Leo there was 93 out of the 104 that went, they left six of us behind four of us were in the Hospital and two others that might just as well be in the Hospital for they are on the sick list and they live outside camp with there families they also left to some two or three who were home. The Hospital is beginning to receive reinforcements as the six days passess are out this evening some have already returned and returning.
The weather was quite pleasant and comfortable but about noon or a little after it began to be rough and stormy and rather cold. The day passed away rather dull, Camp seemed to be deserted. I went down to the Quartermaster's this forenoon but what a change from a day or two previous the Barracks were all strewn with straw and rubbish. We see no news of any importance. Received a letter from home today.
Monday Nov 9th 1869

Rather rough stormy weather (I mean windy and cold weather) I think it is the coldest day we have had for the season.

It seems to me as though we were forsaken for we can not go down and while away a few hours with the boys like I could last week.

I went to the table for the first time.

Everything passed off quietly today.

War news quite encouraging if true.
Tuesday Nov 10th 78

Nice clear weather but rather cold and windy. Affairs still seem to pursue their usual course. Received two or 3 letters this morning. The day passed off quietly.

Wednesday Nov 11th. 78

Weather tolerable mild this morning. a little cold until a blowing this morning.  just after breakfast I was informed that Father was out side inquireng for me I went.
Continued from last page out and saw him and then I went to Dr. Baker to see about going home. He sent word to the Col. saying he would give me a furlough if the Col. would sign it. The Col. said it was out of his power to give anything but if the Surgeon would give me a certificate stating that I was unfit for duty that he would send it on to the General and see if he would approve of it. The Father and I went up town. I spent the day with like three in after noon. He started.
for home today. I had the pleasure of sitting down the snow white covered table and partaking of a good dinner. After Father left I went in camp purchasing a few things on my way having arrived and ate an hearty supper and then at the usual hour retired to my cot and slept soundly.

Thursday Nov 12th 63 pleasant weather this morning looks like Indian Summer.
Thursday Nov 12th 1863

Nothing of any importance going on today. Weather moderate.

War news in - encouraging orders came for 15 of 25th to be ready to march by 9 O'clock next day.

Friday Nov 13th 1863

This morning my furlough for twenty days was sent to me. I immediately commenced to get ready, packed up my things and put them in care of Frank Blair off the Ward Master then went up to the
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defot- and from there I went up in the city and got a few little presents for the children then took dinner and at three in the afternoon I to the Express train for Arena. Then put up at a hotel for the night. I had just rate fare.

The weather is very rough and it hasn't rained most all night. I passed away the evening a pleasantly as I could and at nine retired to bed.
Saturday Nov 14th 1863

Awoke at five in the morning got up and took breakfast then took the stage for Dodgeville a distance of 20 or 22 miles at which place I arrived some time between one and two in the afternoon and from there walked home a distance of 9 miles. I arrived at home about sundown and found the folks all well. Quite wet. Weather today consequent to the roads there very bad.
Sunday Nov 15th 1883

This morning it is beautiful weather, I went to meeting in the morning and evenin. I seen quite a number of my acquaintances all of which seemed glad to see me.

Monday 14th 1883

Beautiful weather indeed this morning went to Uncle John's in the afternoon and cleaned up with some wheat. No news of any importance.
Thursday Nov 17th 1843

Beautiful weather indeed all day.

Went to Mineral Point with Father.

The day passed away very pleasantly.

Wednesday Nov 18th 1843

Dear pleasant weather, I went out to Essy Thomas's to see Joe my old chum but as bad luck would have it he was not at home. From there went to Mr. Jacobs and stayed till after supper they went home with Johnny Webster and remained all night.
Tuesday, Nov 13, 1863

This morning the weather is stormy; what changed it has been raining during the night and it still looks like more, but it turned quite cold. Toward evening it turned quite cold. I got home about and found one of my old soldier friends waiting for me. We had a comfortable chat till about three P.M. Then he went to Uncle Thomas's. No news excepting the talk about the draft.
Friday Nov 20th 1903

Clear cold (but pleasant) weather.
This morning I went over to Uncle Thomas' where they were threshing. Took dinner there, I spent most of the day at Uncle Edmundson's in the evening went to Uncle John's where the threshers had moved. I cut bands a little while then Frank (my brother) and I started for home at 11 o'clock. I arrived in due time. (Adieu for the present)
Saturday, Nov 21st, 1843

Quite stormy this forenoon in the after
noon went hunting.
Killed one Rabbit
and five Pheasants.

Sunday Nov 22nd, 1843

Quite cold today
Went to church
three times.

Monday Nov 23rd, 1843

Stormy and
cold went
To Linden with
Brother Frank.

Tuesday Nov 24th, 1843

This morning it is
snowing quite hard
and continued to the
noon when it cleared
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and turned cold
in the evening I went
down to Parkele John
Pearsens I spent the
evening with them

Wednesday Nov 25th 43
Remained at Parkele
Wlk near eleven o'clock
then went to Mr Nicholas
remained there till
two in the afternoon
then went to Mr
Pembury's stayed there
all night had a
nice pleasant time
of it till after ten
when we retired
to our beds for reason
no news of any
important
Thursday Nov 26, 143
Pleasant weather. Went to Dixely Pears and to a little social party. Enjoyed myself first rate all day in the evening about nine o'clock we broke up and went to our homes.

Friday 27/11/43
Unpleasant weather most of the day. I spent most of the day over east.

Saturday 28/11/43
Father, Brother John and I went to Annual Pt. Very cold weather.
Sunday 29th 168

Severe cold weather
went to meeting twice
spent the afternoon
at Nancey Thomaere
with John Suckey an
old acquaintance again.
We enjoyed ourselves
first-rate.

Monday 30th 168

favorable weather
in the afternoon
went to Nancey Edmih
in the evening getting
things in readiness to
leave home.

Tuesday Dec 31st 168

fine weather all day went
to Avoca with Father
then went to camp
Randall found the well.
Wednesday Dec 2nd 1843

Hearing quite fairly reported this morning was returned to quarters then I went to work preparing things comfortable then wrote a letter home, went in to the hospital as saw Peta Ryan I dont think he will live very long no news of anything

Thursday Dec 3rd 1843 Went up to the city this forenoon left two letters Rich I feel tolerable well today Mead is again crossing the river and given up the campaign to a squad of the boys Came in with some prisoners to night
Friday Dec 4 148

Pleasant weather all day rather muggy
the boys are banking up the barracks and
preparing for winter
The boys returned to
Pinehurst again today
Gave only letter

Saturday Dec 5 148

Sleet cold weather
still banking up the
quarters no news of
any enclosure
I have been packing
up my bunk today

Sunday Dec 6 148

Fine weather write
two letter one near

Monday Dec 7 148

Weather still the same
went up town this P.M.
Tuesday Dec 8th 1843

Returned to duty this morning. Went as a pall bearer to a funeral this afternoon in the evening went on guard.

Wednesday 9th 1843

Mild but weather but quite cloudy. Looks like a storm drill in the P.M.

War news encouraging today. Thomas Thresher went in the kitchen as chief cook.

Thursday 10th 1843

Rather gloomy and cold. Looks like rain. Rained a little later. Evening went up town with Henry Vassar in the P.M. Had a pleasant time there. Bid him good by.
Friday December 11th 1843

Wet and muddy this morning. Turned cold toward evening.

Saturday Dec 12th 1843

Weather similar as yesterday no drill turned cold some time in the night.

About midnight one of the prisoners tried to run the guard and the guard shot him instantly a severe but not dangerous wound no nerve of any importance. Received a letter in the evening.
Saturday Dec 1

Sunday Dec 12th 1863
Rough, Stormy and snowing all day. Everything quiet, wrote and letter. Very cold in the night nothing new.

Monday December 14th 1863
On guard very cold news enroute.

Tuesday Dec 15th 1863
Cold as ever put things in order in the forenoon afternoon went up Collected my Ration money bought a few articles good news
Wednesday 16th / 63

Weather about the same going to Milwaukee.

Rumors of the lest news are tolerable.

War news favorable for an increase of the soldiers the papers say it meets with general approval. News from Bank dept. favorable. I think secession has about played out in Mexico the Union sentiment still increasing. It has been snowing nearly all day & night received two letters.
Thursday Dec 17th

It is still as hard as ever this morning and the snow is quite deep, nothing doing as yet.

The day passed off quietly.

Friday Dec 18th

Quite similar to Thursday there are still rumors of loot of the 38th being removed to Milwaukee.

Saturday Dec 19th

Very cold & hard guard on guard at the Hospital. No 13

No move of any importance. Limit hearing this night.
Sunday December 21st, 1863

Rue blustery weather came off of guard at mine A. M. they cold, P.M. went out to see Sir Donahue meet him at the depot then we went back to camp don't feel very well.

Monday Dec 22nd / 63

This weather

War news encouraging

Tuesday Dec 22
nothing particular

Wednesday Dec 23rd / 63

Bergamick thrown

Thursday Dec 24th / 69

I left Madison for Fondulac a little after noon arrived there at 10 P.M.
Fond du Lac is a city on the Chicago Northwestern R.R. It is somewhat larger than Madison. It is a great business place for the size of it; right at the head of Lake Winnebago, the grade of the country is very level. Some timber land it and away to the north you can see in the distance you can see large hills covered in a gap to the north, the heavens look like a huge mountain so much for Fond du Lac.
Friday Dec 25, 1848

Today being Christmas I expected a good time nothing in the A.M. in the P.M. we went to Arroyo half a mile the Ladies had set dinner awaiting us we done ample justice to the victuals then came the Whiskey finally the Cigars then we dispersed and what victuals were left was pack up by the Ladies and it took them to our quarters also a barrel of apples all given up by the Lady of Frontenac.
Saturday Dec 27th 1843

Snow storm today
on guard at
the Provost, Monday
Aptle for the first

Sunday Dec 28th 1843

Fine weather am go
land at the quarters
wrote two letters

Monday Dec 29th 1843

Nothing of any impo-
rence has hap-
ened today

Tuesday Dec 30th 1843

I perceive that
by some means or
other that I have
made an error with
regard to the date
Wednesday Dec 30th 1842

Pleasant weather but intensely cold, have not done any thing but carry a little wood after dinner. Barrett & I took a walk around the city. on our ramble we went into the farmers the first I ever saw. then we returned to our quarters on our way there we stopped into an auction store in the evening. T. Hansen & I went to the Prob. Quarter and remained there all night no news with a storm.
Thursday Dec 31st 1865

Tonight at twelve O'clock the old year of one thousand eight hundred and sixty three dies for ever, Oh! that all of our wicked and sinful thoughts might die with it. I hear again about to enter upon the commencement of another year, how important it is that we should strive to live a better life this year than the last. For it is written in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man may come. May God wi...
Conclusion of the year

his infinite mercy
to do and act better
the coming year than
the one that we past.

God forbid that
this year 1864 should
not expire by this
ever does

On guard to day
at the Irons & Marshall
Office.

The weather is
very severe indeed.

But cold severe and
some snow
falling.

So dies the old
year of 1863, at
Hondudsce
Wisconsin
Stems of things transferring in the 30th Regt Ohio 33rd Inf
During the year 1863
In the first of the year the Regt were all in Camp Randolph
Madison Wisconsin excepting the Company D U.S. They were at West Bend Washington
Hts. This they ever at there in the later part of the year of 1862
They were stationed there for the purpose of enforcing the draft in the affairs for the accomplished
The work assigned us some time in February 1863 Then we joined the Regt at Camp Randolph
At each place we remained and performed our share of the guard duty during the first of the year and on the 25th Regt Wis Vol camerally stationed at Campford. They went South twelve miles and a half in the month of March.

Though I am not certain it might have been the first of April, when they left the State they numbered near a thousand and able bodied men they could not muster four hundred and died men fit for duty. The 25th Regt went South also near the same time they also lost a number of men.
Tuesday, May the 26th, 1843 on page 2nd Company E and I started for the Lake via their destination Superior City. They cheered them out of camp and they did the same on return. Some time previous to this I forget the date but I think it was during the month of April. You will be able to see in my old Memorandum Company E and I went to St. Louis and then up the river and joined General Kelley's brig and we went against the Indians.
Sunday June 21st 1863

Companies B, I & H received orders to go to Hartford Washington Co. They arrived at the aforesaid place on the 22nd. Page 180

On the 23rd of June we / I mean a squad of 50 picked men under Command of Capt. B. D. Burton, went to the town of Lebanon, lodge No. 86 & 9th. Returned to Hartford on the 2nd of July 1863 Page 107 & 120.

July 7th the squad of 20 were sent to meet Bend Washington Co. This
Page 120.
Memo

July 20th 1863
Page 19th We went back to camp Randall again

September 25th 1863
I was taken sick and went to the hospital at which place I remained until the 12th of Nov
When I went home and stayed up the 2nd of December 1863 on the 7th of
November Company B yet went to Milwaukee where they remained nearly three weeks when a detachment
of 1st B were sent to Fond du Lac This and a detachment of 1st A were sent to Green Bay
Items

Wisconsin, then the remainder of the corps were sent to Madison.
On the 23rd of Dec 1863 the entire Regiment stationed at
Madison went to Milwaukee. To here after it will be the
Head Quarters of the 30th Wis Volks.

Some tin during the month (dare not know to me) less I went
to Davenport, Iowa some time in the fall.

Companies 94th returned to Milwaukee.

Whoever may chance to read this will I
trust not view it
with a critical eye but
razzle dazzle per se...
ITEM 2

I may not have made a true statement with regard to everything on account of part of my journal being at home so I cannot refer to it.

There may also be several mistakes in various ways done in grammar and some in spelling and I have thought some of it was none.

There may be some words omitted for I seldom took the trouble to overlook much of it.
Items

Some times I would be in a hurry and scribble a few words almost intelligible to any one except my self.

This reading this book will be careful to remember these remarks. Yours with respect,

Wm. B. Baker

Wisconsin

The end
Wm Henry Baker to cash by J. Webster $5.10
2d cash by letter $1.50

Missionary money $2.00
Cash by letter $5.00
Hand $5.00
Win. Henry Baker, Sr.

By note

Bowling $10.00

J. Town order $15.00

Feb. by draft $40.00

Apr. $20.00

June 30th. $20.00

July 20th. $20.00

Oct. Cash $20.00

Nov. by ... $43.10
My Brother went home this morning. Page 1

Picked out Colonel Corderly May 24th. 2nd.

Wenick at Water Cur May 25th. Page 11

Companies E & F left for Lake Superior 26th. 2nd.

June 23rd we went to Lebanon Docks. Page 13.

July 2nd Returned to Hartford. Page 12

July 4th Pittsburgh Renounced Went to West Bend.

July 13th Page 14
July 7th Fort Hudson surrendered
July 20th started for Camp Randall Page 19
June 21st we started for Hartford Page 7

Fort Sumpter surrendered red some time between the 20 and 25th

Sept 25th went to the hospital
November 7th 1863 The Co went Milwaukee Page 73
Nov 12th 1863 went home on a twenty days furlough Page 80
Nov 18th Father came to see me

December 8th 1863 returned to camp Page 91
General Banks took command of the department of the Mississippi December 17th / 1862

January 8th / 1864

Today I saw for the first time that Gen. Rosecrans has been given the command of the Department of Mississippi.

I also saw today papers that affairs look dubious on the side of the Confederates the English papers here to fore so produce to the North.
are now coming out in favor of the Rebels. The Papers also state that our troops on the Potomac are more all rejoicing for the war. While on the other side the Rebels can hardly yet men at all they are conscripting all young and old white and black. I candidly believe that old Jeff has made his last call, and that the less than six months from now that the South will give up and that peace will be again restored to our distracted country.
List of clothing drawn in the second year of my service in the 76th, commencing at August 16, October two pair socks, September one pair pant, December 1 blanket, 1 India Ruber Blanket, 1 Canteen 1 haversack