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Last night we “slept on our arms” but no enemy made their appearance. The enemy had made threats to control the polls at this Election day. The day passed off without any disturbance the citizens go about their business for “Honest Abe.” Our detachment cast one hundred and twenty-eight votes all of which were for Lincoln except seven. In the P.M. we received orders to report at Paducah Kentucky so we went on the river on the Steamer “Imperial.”
Wednesday 9.15 1844

Left Hickman yesterday about five P.M. went up river passing Columbus an hour. Arrived at Paducah at seven this morning marched up to our old camp through a severe rain storm but immediately retraced our steps and took up compatible quarters in a brick building lea "B" at doing provost duty in the city. Capt. Gill has charge of the prison. We expect to remain here until further orders. Good compatible quarters. Rations moderate. Rained most all day. Ten guards
November Thursday 10th.

On guard again today over the Rebel prisoners. Quite pleasant weather. Guard duty is quite severe at present. This makes three days in succession for me while some of the boys have been on four and five days straight ahead. At present things are somewhat mixed. After a day or two I presume we shall get things running in a different way soon. This P.M. eighteen of lieutenants came down to assist us. Wrote a letter.
Friday 11 15 164

Quite cold this morning. Relieved from my post this morning about nine o'clock.

Quite a number of troops coming in today. I hear that Col. A. J. Smith is expected here with the 14th Army Corps. From the aspect of things I guess they are about to send out an expedition from here. On patrol during the day. In the evening went to the Theatre as a guard to keep good order &c. Received the sad news of Captains death. Poor fellow he is gone where there will be no war.
Saturday Nov 12th 1864

Soon after breakfast a considerable excitement was occasioned by the enemy sending in of a "flag of truce." Artillery was sent around to order all soldiers to their respective commands. The picket line was closed. Stores shut up and a "line of battle" formed around the city. Our left (not including "ko'B") was near the centre and a quarter of a mile in advance. We are prepared for the enemy. The 30th Regt. are encumbering.
Sunday 13th 1864

An guard against day at the Avery Station. It is a delightful day though rather cold. The excitement has pretty much died away. I believe the "flag of truce" came in to see if our Government recognized the Georgia Battalion as soldiers. "This Battalion is termed the "Independent Ky State Guard" who fight on their own hook and never take prisoners."

Saw Gen. Meredith this morning. He is quite an old man. The day passed away pleasantly.
Monday 14th. 1864

Stood guard this morning from one until four. This is a good post. I sit by the fire all the time.

And many and various are the thoughts that passed through my head. I was picturing what good times I should have when I had served my turn.

And laying out my plans how I would manage affairs. When this cruel war is over. Thank God the day is not far distant when peace will cover our land. I wrote one letter this PM.
Tuesday Nov 15 1864

On guard, No. 1. at the Head of the Stairs. Quite cold. The day passed away very monotonously. Some how or other I have a great aversion to standing guard. This is one duty the soldiers have to perform and I think it is the most dangerous task they have to perform.

Twenty-seven months to day since I took up arms in defense of our "dear old flag." Thank God circumstances are thus favorable with me.
Wednesday Nov 14th

Rained some last night and continued to the most of the day. The river is rising fast and has been for the last week. Dryden wood is constantly passing down the river. War news encouraging.

Thursday Nov 15th

Got up at our usual hour this morning and went through our regular exercise with a good will. No mail. Rather gloomy weather. I perused Gleason's Literary Com the most of the day.
Friday 18th 1864

On guard again this morning. Today my post is at Post Head Quarters. With no instructions excepting "Salute Officers according to rank." This is what I term putting on style at our expense. Quite cold all day.

Saturday 19th 1864

Relieved from guard this morning. The weather is still quite cold. Yesterday two Rebel deserters came in and gave themselves up. Mix yesterday & today I received no letters. Work this week.
Sunday November 20th, 1864

On guard. W.O. 2nd Relief.
Received one letter from home folks all well.
This morning about thirty Rebel prisoners were brought in from Columbus. Also ten more this afternoon. In the P.M. Brother Green preached to us. Felt quite poorly most all day.

Monday 21st

Feel some better this morning. After breakfast wrote a letter home.
Quite disagreeable weather.
On patrol this P.M.
and arrested three men. One of them was a captain of the 29th. Inf.
Tuesday Nov 22nd 1864

On guard again today.

1st Relief. Quite gloomy weather and indications of snow. The troops are being paid off and numbers are being brought in to the guard house such is generally the case after "Pay day." Some of our boys relieved the New Jersey boys who were doing guard duty at Head Quarters.

Wednesday 23rd

The weather is moderated somewhat. Damp up my washing and mending this A.M. Troops have been leaving all last night and today! Mail today...
Thursday Nov 24th

Thanksgiving day but no roast chicken and turkeys greet us today.

Last Thanksgiving day I enjoyed myself best -ate at a sociable party.

Troops still leaving I presume they are going up the roads. Engaged.

Friday 25th

Last night the troops passed away modestly.

Last night a Rebel captain of Morgan's command was captured. This is the fourth time he has been captured. Guards have strict orders with regard to him.

Rained this P.M. Suspic of pay.
Saturday Nov 26th 1864

Rained considerable last night as is usual in these parts. Encountered today no. 7 1st Reliefl. Stood two hours, then fell in and marched up to the Paymaster Office where we each received two months wages. Our legs looks quite well filled up today. We can always get a longer les on pay day than any other.

The boys are buying pies, cakes, apples to ship part the money flies and some are sending some home.
Sunday 27th, 1864

Cloudy and dismal weather this morning.

Last night April lost his pocket book and all the money.

The book was found this morning in the yard in the rear of the house but minus the money. Some one generally loses money every day and there are certainly thieves in the lot I wish they could be found out. And punished according to law.

Troops going up to Nashville, Gen. A. P. Smith passed today. We were ordered away but it was countermanded.
Monday Nov 28th 1864

Pleasant weather. Am guard at the Libery Stable.

Mail this morning received two letters and a paper. "Troops still going up the river. Also two or three "double "secret from Clade." I presume they are enroute for Nashville."

Tuesday 28th 1864

Warm sultry & disagreeable. Wrote a letter in the M. Quite a number of the prisoners were sent to Camp Polk Indiana where they will be confined. 17 troops still going up the river. Went to the Theatre in the evening.
Wednesday Nov 30th 1864

On guard today.
Beautiful weather indeed for the last of November. Mail this morning. War news encouraging. In the P.M. five Rebel prisoners were brought in together with their horses and equipments.

Review of a 4th Regiment this evening. They made a good appearance. It is no use to say the Negroes want more soldiers. They are quite neat and orderly and I never saw one drunk yet. Dan Stevens lost all his money last night.
Thursday Dec 1st, 1864

Beautiful weather for the first of Dec I think I never saw it so pleasant at this time of the year before. The boat from Johnsonville brought in some refugees they report that place being invested. "Sherman is all right."

Friday 2nd, 1864

Cloudy but cool. An guard at Head Quarters. War news quite encouraging. Upon the whole I think affairs look encouraging to the Union armies. No particulars from Nashville.
Saturday Dec 3rd 164

Rained some last night. Quite cool and windy all day.

Took some of the 34 I. N. J. boys to their camp. They were arrested for keeping bad beer. During the last two days quite a number of the officers have been shipped off. Went on patrol this evening. Some of the 172 ½ Wis. Vol. brought some stragglers up from Cairo.
Tuesday Dec 6th

Pleasant weather. Got up at half past four o'clock. Were relieved at seven. Went up to camp and waited until the rest of the detachment were ready. While here a very large mail came in. When all was ready we went aboard the Steamer Gladiator and went up the Ohio river. Passed the mouth of the Cumber land about noon. Smith land is just at the mouth of the river. It is a nice little place. Quite cold and disagreeable all day.
Wednesday 7th / 64

Very cold and dismal all day. Passed Evansville about eleven o'clock. Got the morning paper here News tolerable good. About noon a horse fell over board and two men went out in the Yale Boat and the Steamer backed on them and they upset but they were soon got aboard also the horse. They all felt the worst for their bath. Slept quite comfortable tonight.
When I awoke this morning it was as cold as ever... Passed several towns today, on either side of the river. Very disagreeable trip, the weather is very disagreeable and it is a very poor boat, and the it is heavily loaded. Consequently we travel very slow. Slept on deck again tonight but it was so cold I slept but very little and caught a severe cold. Arrived at Port land about ten. Stayed on the boat all night.
Friday Dec 15 1864

Last night was an awful night to sleep out of doors. About eight o'clock we fell in and marched up to Taylor Barracks a distance of about four miles. Carried our knapsacks with had a tendency to warm us up a little. We passed through Louisville. It is a large place indeed. Went out to where the rest of our Regt. camped stayed there a while then went into the Taylor Barracks. Snowed most of the P.M. Quite cold all day.
Saturday 10th.

As thick has thare in a bed last night. Slept wirstate through. Digory is quite poorly reported on the sick list. Medicated some little. Poor rations. The day passed away very monotonously.

Sunday 11th.

Quite cold this morning. Meeting A.M. & P.M. In the afternoon I wrote a letter to Terence one of my old Minneapolis Chums. Row in the next barrack just after supper one man injured some
Monday Dec 12th 1864

Moderating some little I think. A guard at the gate.

In the evening received orders to be ready to march by ten o'clock.

Tuesday 13th

At ten last night, we took our line of march for the depot. Where we took the cars for Bowling Green. Slept but very little. Passed through several towns over one large bridge and though one tunnel three quarters of a mile in length. Arrived at Bowling Green at
Wednesday Dec 14th

After some labor last night we got our tent pitched and slept quite comfortably. We cleaned away the snow and got some oak leaves and straw and we soon had things to apple pie order. And after drinking a cup of coffee and eating a hard tack we retailed. Rained some little and when we got up there was no snow on the ground, and it was quite milder. Got breakfast then fixed up things a little. Rumors of Lyon not far off.
Thursday Dec 15th 1864

Cloudy but moderate. This morning for a change we had cornbread for breakfast, baked in Camp Battles in a large hole dug in the ground and covered over and left till morning. This is quite a common mode of cooking in the army and when well did it is quite a palatable meal. On fatigue duty this A.M. And in the Afternoon we cut some logs and raised our tent two logs which made it much more comfortable.
Friday 16th

Some little firing along the "Picket Line" but nothing of any importance happened. In the P.M. wrote a letter. In the evening received a letter from home folks all well.

Saturday 17th.

Rained most all night though we slept quite comfortable and kept dry. In the P.M. wrote a letter. Rather wet and disagreeable weather all day. Drew our clothing in the evening.

Sunday 18th.

Very wet and disagreeable all day. Wrote two letters. Read two pieces of hard tack and coffee.
Monday Dec 19th 1864

Rain rain every day since our arrival here. I am inclined to think that this is a wet and disagreeable country especially at this season of the year. In the morning we brought some brush and threw along in the streets. Then cut posts and raised our bed a foot or so from the ground. Received three letters tonight. Nicks Miller has returned to the Lee having been home on a furlough. He had also been to Nashville and seen the fighting. But we were not in it.
Monday Dec 26th.

Mild & Pleasant weather.

So drill this forenoon.

In the afternoon the Regt.

fell in and cleaned off.

a parade ground.

No mail today owing to the

cutting of the R.R. between

here and Louisville. Though

it is expected to begin

running orders to aday or


tuesday Dec 27th.

Quite cool. En picked

all day. Good post. every

thing I passed off smoothly.

The R.R. is now in

running order, and our

mail comes regular.

Good news from all

quarters. Forest is being well...
Wednesday Dec 28th.

Pleasant weather. Relieved at nine A.M. Went to camp. Cleaned up my gun accoutrements &c. between the A.M. & P.M. Turned quite cold this evening.

Thursday Dec 29th.

Sleer and cold but pleasant. We drill this forenoon. At four P.M. we had supper and marched some three miles and stove over the R.R. bridge above Bowling Green over the Barn River. We remained here until daylight then went to camp. I stood on the top and it was quite cold.
Friday Dec 30th.

At daylight we returned to camp. Received two letters. No drill. On fatigue duty in the P.M. Read the Bible all day. Retired early.

Saturday 31st / 1864

The last day of the week, month and year. Quite cold last night and the same all day. Gen. Muster at half past nine by Maj. Belzoni brought a lot of pine wood this P.M. We intend to have a good fire on New Years day. The old year elics and the nation is still in war. God grant us peace before that false Artikel prevails over us.
January 1st 1865

Thank God another year has passed, and I am still on the land of the living. Through the mercies of an all wise Providence we have been preserved from all the dangers that daily beset the path of the Soldier. How thankful we ought to be, unto Him for His kindness shown unto us, immeasurable creatures as we are. "In wrath He has remembered Mercy." For we have been very ungrateful indeed; rendering Earl for ever, and not feeling thankful for our daily bread.
While we have had plenty and at times some to spare. And many of our Brothers in arms with us have laid down their lives on the altar of their country and some poor fellows have dragged out their last days in some southern Prisons and others have endured all the hardships imaginable. Surely we may say we have been blessed. But thank God I trust these things are not so as to be in the dawn of 1864 Eu another rolls around peace will be restored and harmony and unity will surround us.
Monday Jan 2nd 1863

Weather pleasant with but one exception. It is rather muddy. Detailed this morning for one week as assistant cook. It is our duty to furnish wood & water. The day passed away tolerably pleasantly.

Tuesday 3rd

Weather ditto to yesterday. Busy day raised our house three logs higher. It is quite comfortably fixed now.

War news good.

Rumors of our going to Chicago to guard prisons thought not generally believed.
Wednesday 4th 1865

Quite cold. Nevertheless it is, quite comfortable. The boys is detailed to build a chimney in the cookhouse. It was completed by three P.M. Joe Lehnweiche superintended the job.

Received one letter.

Thursday 5th

Warm and pleasant this morning! Rained a considerable during the night. We have the cookery arranged as follows: John Arthur does the baking, and Alack Hill does the poaching, and we do the rest of the work. Back is army life.
Friday Jan 6th 1863

Fire all out rain pouring down torrents. Fire place full of water and some six inches of mud to get around in. And a whole lot of men waiting for their breakfast and void because it is not ready. I declare it is easy to try any ones patience. But thank fortune. Patience at once overcome conquered, and we have passed another day and performed all the duties of a worldly nature notwithstanding the obstacles that best our path. In the morning.
Saturday 11th 1865

Weather is but little improved from what it was yesterday, consequently I am not in the best humor. Wet feet, severe colds, are the order of the day, or at least they are very prevalent among the soldiers. Reinspection by Col. Dill after which the Regt had Battallion drill. Received a letter also a pair of socks from home.

Sunday 12th

Cold & disagreeable. Rumors of our going to Louisville. Received marching orders in the evening. Up late cooking.
Monday 9th 1805

A very disagreeable time of it all day, but every thing ready to march but not being able to procure transportation we were delayed untill tomorrow 2. P.M.

Tuesday 10th

Rained most all day
Got up early and got things in readiness, at eleven A. M. marched to the depot through a severe rain storm, and some six inches of mud and water you can judge how we looked when we arrived at the depot. Stood around in the rain ten or three hours, then took cars for Louisville
Wednesday Jan 11th 63

Last night about four O'clock we left Bowling Green, ran but a short distance when the engine gave out. In the meantime we stole lumber enough to cover the bottom of the car and we made our beds and lay down and by dark we were again enroute for Louisville. When we woke we were at Munfordsville. The second Engine had gave out. We remained here all day washing around on the track and about sundown we finally started for Louisville. We made our beds and lay down to sleep.
Thursday Jan 12th, 1865

We did not proceed very fast when we started last night. We ran a short distance when a part of the train was left, but the engine soon returned & took us up with the train. One car was thrown from the track. No one was injured. Guerillas fired into the train in our rear, probably thinking it was us. I believe the Rail Road men are all secess sympathizers and would like to get us into trouble. We finally arrived in Louisville at 2 o'clock in the morning. But we
slept in the cars till daylight when we fell in line and marched down to the "Soldiers Retreat" and partook of a very meager meal. After which we marched to the Ballarat Office and from thence to Broadway, where we stacked arms and remained in the street till noon. When marched into the "Barracks" and commenced at once to guard the prison. The Camp is very small and affords accommodation for some two thousand men. It is in a very dirty and miserable condition. Quarters very poor most of the bunks are destroyed. Work for us to put them up.
Friday Jan 13th, 1863.

This morning all hands are busy giving up bunks taking Number 40 where ever they can find it. Done my washing and straitened up things generally, so I am now ready for any emergency and I should every solder be. No news of any importance, I have a good berth and so have the most of us and I feel thankful that we are so comparably quartered. For it is a vast difference in being in quarters than in camp. James Theobald is chief cook and we are having tolerable good rations.
Saturday 14th.
Cold and disagreeable all day. Wrote a letter this forenoon. At dinner time there was quite a merritous spirit manifested in the co., the men were ordered to fall in for dinner, and we nearly all refused to do any such a thing. The consequence was, it caused hard feelings between the officers and the rank and file. I shall bless the day when we are free from military law.

Sunday 15th
The merritous spirit is not yet quenched. Inspection in the morning. Ken Great read the regulations to us.
Monday Jan 16th 1865.

Quite cold weather. Nothing particular going on. In the evening I with seven others was detailed to go down to the city on Pro duty returned to the quarters and slept during the night.

Tuesday 17.

This morning at 4 o'clock we had all our effects packed up and we went down to the city and we were quartered in an old louse board at the soldiers Asstreet. patroled the city. no trouble today. Received two letters.
Wednesday 1845.

Got up quite early and got breakfast. And nine o'clock "fell in" for inspection of arms. Sergt. Dean of 7th is acting orderly of the 8th guard. There are about one hundred of us here on 8th duty from our 18th Regt. under command of Capt. Chapin & Robison. Our duty is to "patrol" the city and gather up all unruly soldiers and take them to Head Quarters. I am stationed on street today to preserve good order. The 18th Regt were mustered out today. Received one letter.
Thursday 19th. Jan

Quite cold this morning but about noon it commenced snowing. Have been very ill all day patrolling the streets and I am quite tired. Saw a friend of mine from N.Y. by the name of Joe 'Weekendom' slept in Giant's Office.

Friday 20th.

Given of duty to day for the first time since we come down here. Procured a pass and went to camp. Received two letters and two telegrams. Tonight on duty at Louisville Theatre. Guerilla executed to day.
Saturday 21st.

It was one o'clock before we got to bed last night. Delightfully wet and disagreeable. On street guard all through the night. The 8th man passed through escort for Sherman's army. Detachment of 60th took prisoners to Col. Ohio.

Saturday 22d.

Quite a monotonous day. Everything seems gloomy and depressing. Numbers of troops around the soldiers and it is most imprudent to get out. One man attempted to run from the guard last night and was shot receiving a severe flesh wound.
Monday Jan 23rd 1865

On street guard again today. Very cold & disagreeable. Some four or five inches of snow fell last night. Went up to camp in the afternoon.

Tuesday 24

Most miserable weather indeed. Our quarters are very uncomfortable. I feel quite poorly reported to the Surgeon & got some medicine. Did no duty for the day. Wrote one letter in the afternoon.

Evening went patrolling all tolerable quiet on the streets.
Wednesday 2/5/3

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Thursday 26th

Quite cold. An streeted
between Broadway and
Cincinnati streets. Rumors
of Guerillas killing a lot of
soldiers at Simpsonville,
which were guarding cattle.
Friday Jan 24th 1863.

Leo "B" boys were relieved this morning and sent up to Preston Barracks also Leo's "E N." Leo's "F CD" are now doing mo duty in the city. About 11 o'clock the Hosp at Preston Barracks caught fire and was burned in a few minutes one man burned to death also a corpse. The fire engine was on the ground in a few minutes and suppressed the flames. The boys went back about noon.

Received a letter from Jos. H. Dow.
Saturday 28th 1863

Thank God. I had a good night's rest, for once more. Went to the city and changed a pair of shoes. W. W. Haskell com-
panied me. Weather quite cold. The boys are still busy, fixing up bunks, etc. We have our com-
fortable field. Rumors of Peace negotiations.

Received two letters.

Sunday 29th

Monday Jan 30th 1865.

Cloudy but quite pleasant. On guard.
Do not feel first rate.

News of no material importance. The country is flooded with peace rumors.

Tuesday 31st

Another month is gone, and I am still alive.
Thank God, for his blessings daily bestowed on unworthy me.

Then I've come off of guard we went out and fired off our guns.

General Inspection at Gen Alelock. A.M.

Went down in the city in the afternoon.
Synopsis of the Month

At the first of the month our Regiment was altogether (except for "I") and stationed at Bowling Green Ky. On the 10th, we took cars for Louisville, and on the 12th, we went into the "Prison Barracks." Col. Dill was left at Bowling acting Brevet Brig. Gen. also Surgeon Majt. in charge of Base Hospital. Capt. Priestley is also behind. He is Maj. of the 2nd Brigade. Here our duty is to guard the prison and convey prisoners to Prisoners further north. I was stationed in the city about two weeks.
doing Poo duty.
On the 27. Cos. 24th. D.
Were stationed in the
City to do Provost duty
Leaving les "BE S. K. N. C"
to take charge of the
Military Prison.

The weather has been
quite changeable and
severe colds have
been very prevalent.
Though upon the whole
we have reason to
be thankful to God
for his kind and
preserving care over us
unprofitable creatures
truly our God is a
most merciful God and
in that he hath remembered
mercy... more anon
February 12th 1863

Weather quite warm & pleasant, but rather muddy. Today at noon 30 of the 13th were detached to take prisoners up to "camp chase." H. Gill was in command. I was among the number. We left about noon with from 150 to 200 prisoners they were captured at the battle of Franklin last December. They all presented a forlorn appearance scarcely any of them had an entire uniform. Left Jeffersonville about dusk on 37 miles on evening to a breakage in the road we lay over until 10 AM next day,
Thursday 2nd 1863

Weather is wet and chilly had to lay on the road until near noon when we started. Did not get much sleep last night having only one or two hours. We had quite a talk about the war and from their conversation and actions I presume they have seen hard times and they are satisfied with the war. We had one man among them who formerly resided at Ridgeway. Changed cars at Seymour for Carl. Poor cars on God most all night raining. I am tired and sleepy and hungry.
Thursday Feb 3d 1865

Arrived at Cincinnati about midnight. Remained here about an hour, and then instead of changing cars we went on to Dayton and arrived there about 4 in the morning. Remained in the cars at the depot until daylight. The depot is one of the grandest I think I ever seen. Here we changed cars for Columbus arriving there at one P.M. We immediately took our prisoners out to "Camp Chase" some few miles from the city. This is the nicest camp I ever saw. At present it contains between ten and twelve thousand prisoners. Stopped at Zedel's Barracks
Sat. Feb 4th. 1863

Cloudy, wet and disagreeable weather. This we felt some what refreshed after a good supper and nights rest. This morning we went out and took a view of the capital and went around the principal part of the city. Went to the museum after which we got something to eat and drink that went up to the Barracks and took dinner and at twenty minutes to 2 P.M. took Cass for Indianapolis assayed this about midnight put up at the "soldiers home" went to bed.
Sunday 3 1863

As there is no train going to Jeffersonville we had to remain here until tomorrow morning. The camp here is full of stragglers from Smith's corps at noon they took cars for Indianapolis. On the afternoon I in company with some others took a walk the city. The Capitol buildings are not near so nice as those of Columbus the city is a nice place and will yet be a business place as it is a Central Depot. Cold night. Lot of Government men came here from the West passed an awful night.
Monday Feb 6th 1865

As we quite early this morning, got breakfast and by eight o'clock we were ensuite for Jeffersonville. The train ran alone first rate today very little stoppage. Arrived in Jeffersonville at one P.M. after waiting an hour we took the ferry boat and were rowed in side the present barracks and I can assure we were glad to get back for it was not altogether a pleasure excursion. I found two letters awaiting me. In the evening relieved marching orders wrote one letter.
Tuesday 7. 15 1863

For some unknown reason we did not leave today as was expected on last evening. The most of the day was devoted to making preparations. Wrote three letters and then retired for the night.

Wednesday 8. 15 1863

Up at three and by four were on our way to the L., J. S. T. K. K. depot and by six we were en route for Frankfurt. Arrived there at one o'clock. We were quartered at an old "Mansion House" formerly an old Hotel. After some considerable work we ate supper and retired.
Thursday Feb 9th

Quite cold, all are very busy as usual when we take new cuts. Everyone seems interested to have things fixed up as comfortable as possible. Our company are noted for being disposed to keep things fixed up compactly. A select party of a dozen of us took a room cleaned it out. fixed the chimney put up a door and I we have one of the best rooms in the building. Wrote one letter. I think after a little we will have things running admirably.
Friday 10th

Up at reveille, and had roll call as usual. Then took breakfast, after which we got everything in preparation for "Send Inspection" which came off at one P.M.

And after inspecting us the old Rip mounted his horse and drilled us though the muddy streets for an half hour. We had our knapsacks on and it had every appearance of a knapsack drill. The citizens said they never seen any troops so well drilled as ours were," amongst
Saturday 11.15.

Cloudy but warm and pleasant. Had our flons remid to us and we have made us an oven and we intend to discard "hard tack" and bake bread which is far more palatable. In the afternoon we visited the State Penitentiary. It was the first time I was ever inside of such an institution and I can assure you it is a hard place and I shoule wish no one but the guilty to get inside its walls. We also visited the State Arsenal...
Sunday 12\textsuperscript{th}

Said this morning.  But turned off quit pleasant.  On grod as the front door.

Saw numbers of persons pass to and from church.  And I never saw them dress so gay anywhere, as they do here.

Monday 13\textsuperscript{th}

Nice cool weather.  This morning.  Received three letters one of which contained a ten dollar bill.  Made a table.  Then went over the river after some wood.

Capt. Priestley Wallace and Bennett joined us from Bowling Green.
Tuesday 14th

Weather similar to yesterday, nothing particular was going on. A squad of 30 of our "C" went out to Shelbyville to protect it from Giles. Today is Valentine's Day, wrote one letter and sent two Valentine's. Heavy jockey. God. detailed. Capt. Bailey. Poo mas of the city.

Wednesday 15th

Rained some last night and continued the most of the day. On guard No. 1. Purity, nothing particular going on. Everything moves along quietly.
Thursday 16th

Thank fortune, another trick of guard duty less to stand. Got of comparitively easy this time.

"Federal Inspection" at 11 A.M. Wrote one letter. Some passes away pretty.

Friday 17th

On "Fatigue duty" cleaning out the "quarters" rain & snow made a good job of cleaning the building. The B's generally make a good job. When they commence, Corp Williams joined th. Co. from the Hospital at Louisville. He looks first-rate.
Saturday 18th

Pleasant weather.
On guard. Third relief
Was news encouraging
Wrote one letter.

Sunday 19th

This afternoon I visited
the cemetery, which by
the way is one of the
nicest I ever saw.

There is one splendid
monument 60 feet high
and made in memory of
the U.S. army that fell
in the war of 1812.

There was also another
one erected in
memory of Samuel Boone
Evening went to church.
Monday 20th

Beautiful weather, detailed as a permanent picket guard. Headed into one of the other sides of the river. Sergeant Hoernig in command. On guard every third day. Received one letter.

Tuesday 21st

Very pleasant weather. On guard at Post No. 2. 12th Relief. Had a good time generally. One letter.

Wednesday 22nd

Some rain. Quite warm and sultry. Off of duty today. News are still encouraging — —
Thursday 23rd

Weather cloudy, but no rain, and turned quite cool toward evening. Wrote two letters.

Friday 24th

The weather is clear and beautiful. On guard again today, as the same old Post. Had a good dinner brought me by a citizen and it does quite an improvement on our regular grub.

Saturday 25th

Rather wet and muddy. Received the long looked for letter from home. Things nearly all spoiled news of little importance.
Sunday 26th

Raw chilly weather. Went to the M. C. Church this morning and evening.

Monday 27th

An guard, third relief, had two meals brought to me from the same house.

Ordered some clothing.

Tuesday 28th

Today closes the mouth duties part of the month. Has been mildly pleasant.

"General muster" at nine A.M. moved our picket guard, head quarters have a good house and banks and are situated comfortably, one letter received.
Synopsis. On the 12th a squad of 30 of cons B, commanded by P. Gill, took a lot of rebel prisoners to Columbus Ohio at camp Chase. We returned on the 15th, having delivered our prisoners to the authorities there. Two I believe escaped. On the 21st, cons B. E. A. took the cars for Frankfort and I remained there the rest of the month. Maj. Colson was in command of the Det. At Frankfort he was put in command of the Post. We were quartered in the old mansion house. Good quarters and rations. I was detailed as permanent picket guard. Citizens speak well of us.
Wednesday March 1st 1865

W. B. pleasant weather, wrote three letters. All is quiet. Every thing moves on in the same channel as usual.

Thurs. March 2d

Weather wet and disagreeable. On guard. No news.

Friday 3d

Weather the same.

No important news.

Received one letter.

Sat. 4th

Weather is quite unpleasant. War news quite encouraging. The army of the Potomac is massing on the left. Sherman is also on the move. Drew some clothing this evening.
Sunday Mar 3rd

Fair weather, but quite cool. The river is very high and still rising. Drift is constantly passing and men are out in boats busy collecting the drift wood. "An guard all the same old post."

Monday 6th

Weather mild and pleasant. Passed the town away as pleasantly as possible.
Wrote one letter and received two.

Tuesday Mar 7th

Beautiful weather. Six of our guard were sent back to the quarters. We now come on every other day. 3007 lbs. were delisted to go to a village, but did not go as orders were countermanded.
Wednesday Mar 9th 1865

Just one month from today we arrived here. Weather is warm but inclined to rain. News of little importance. Rumors of the capture of some guerrillas. The squad which were mounted and sent yesterday returned this morning. Wrote one letter.

Thu Mar 9th

On guard. Rough stormy weather.

Fri Mar 10th

Weather clear and cold. The river is falling.

Sat Mar 11th

This morning there is a cool refreshing breeze. A blowing. On guard. Rumors of our going to St. Louis. Though it is not believed.
Sun Mar 12th. 1865:

Beautiful weather. Went to church and Sunday school. There are still rumors of our leaving, but nothing satisfactory.

Monday 13th.

Weather pleasant. On guard. No news worthy of mention.

Tuesday 14th.


Warm and pleasant. On guard. Dr. Hundley was executed at Louisville today at three P.M. wrote 2 letters.

Thurs 16th.

From all quarters they are encouraging. On guard.
Friday 17th


Saturday 18th

Weather is mild and pleasant.

Sunday 19th

Very pleasant weather. This P.M. I visited R. Jemby's Ricket Post. Then returned to the city to attend Church. Wrote one letter.

Monday 20th

Beautiful weather. On guard received a marching order. Were relieved from our picket post. Joined the Regt. Making preparations to leave. Packing up the Regt.
Tuesday 21st Mar.

Weather is inclined to rain and grows warmer + sultry. Up at the usual time. The first thing I did was to express my bag home. At ten we took the cars and arrived at Paynes Station at eleven A.M. Pressed a couple teams and we marched out to Georgetown a distance of six miles. We carried our knapsacks about half way and feeling tire we "paddled" the first team we meet and had ourselves the rest of the way. Arrived in Georgetown at 2½ P.M. We relieved some Col Groups slept down stairs. Rained all night.
Wednesday 22nd

Last night was a cold stormy one. The 'Col' troops left this morning for Lexington. We scrubbed out the room up stairs. I moved up there. It makes comfortable quarters for us. Just after dinner several of the boys went out on the streets for a walk. We had no guards posted except at the courthouse door. And two notorious Guerrillas one named Moses Webets a leader of a band came in mounted on the best of horses and armed to the teeth. rode through the town and fired six shots at our boys. No one was injured. They then dashed.
Thursday 23rd

I was on guard last night the night was very cold and windy and it has continued so during the day. No news of any importance. Wrote one letter.

Fri, Mar 24th

On guard. Got acquainted with a family by the cognomen of Tremble. They seem to be mean fellows. I took dinner and supper with them. I also got acquainted with a certain young lady. Wrote two letters.
Saturday Mar 23rd

Preparations to be complete
ed this morning. Took
breakfast with Mr. Tremble
folds. A guard was sent
up to the depot after
some carbines &c., return
end about dark.

Sunday 26th.

Weather and pleasant,
went to the M.E. Church
heard two excellent
sermons preached by Bro.
Stevenson, a though
Wm.'s man.
The M.E. Church has the
smallest society of any
in town. But I believe
it is the strongest. No
marm cannon firing.
Monday Mar 28th

Indications are favorable for wet weathers.

This morning did my washing including the and I believe I have things straightened now.

In the P.M. took theGammar in hand

To pass away the time.

Excuse this error.

Monday 27th

On guard No. 71st.

Relief. War news

Encouraging.

Wednesday 29th

On guard again today

No. 1st. Relief. Head V

Supper and dinner at

Mr. Tremble's. Wasshing

Weather news of no importance.
Thursday March 30th

The weather still continued wet and sultry. It was relieved at 8 A.M., was very encouraging.

Friday March 31st

Pleasant weather. Received one letter from Brother John. Thank God the news are very encouraging. It is again improved that Peace negotiations are an important thing and it is not generally credited. I think we will undoubtedly have peace soon and have a permanent and lasting one.
Synopsis.

Upon this, the weather has been very rough for the month of May especially in this climate; and from accounts it has been severe in this.

On the 12th I was picked guard at Frankfort. The Kentucky overflowing very high and the Ohio flooded the city of Paducah. On the morining of the 21st we started for Georgetown. We remained here the rest of the month. Guarding the place from Guerrillas. Georgetown is 11 miles from Frankfort 12 from Lexington.
April 1st Sat. 1863

Thank God for his preserving care over us to the present time. Truly in
truth he has remembered mercy. Beautiful weather.

On guard. No. 7. 2nd Relief.

Nothing of any importance transpired for the day.

Sun.—Apr. 2nd

Quite pleasant weather. Came out on "inspection"
in "heavily marching order."
Wrote a letter to Brother John. Took a walk around town in the
afternoon.

In the evening went to church. I
Monday Apr 3rd.

Morning dispatches from the "seat of war" is very encouraging. Severe fighting on the Potomac. "Our troops" "victorious" after severely punishing the enemy they took "Richmond & Petersburg." On receipt of these joyful news I got up the flag on the belly and got the bells out. I fired three saluties in the citizens generally looked very disappointed and some closed their doors and there was scarce if any one seen on the Post Office & Pro. Mar. Office were the only ones hung out flags.
Tues. Apr 4th

On guard. War news is still encouraging. The citizens feel about the same as they did yesterday. And here we are affording protection to the poor ignorant ones.

Wednes. Apr 5th

Somewhat inclined to rain. A scouting party went in pursuit of some Gebernillas. Saw two about ten miles from here two or three shots were exchanged. Neither of our boys were hurt one of the Gebernillas was wounded in the arm and his horses were destroyed. The escaped evening went off.

A.M. Good news. Wrote two letters.
Thurs Apr 6th

Rain again as usual. On guard. This morning we were paid four months' wages. In the evening escorted "Pay Master" back to the depot. Some of the boys are intimated. As usual.

Fri Apr 7th

Rain being over for the present it is quite cool and refreshing. Passed away the time as pleasantly as possible making preparations to send money home. War news is encouraging. Rumored that Lee has surrendered.
Sat Apr 8

Pleasant, but cool. This morning a squad of us went out to Paynes Depot, to Express home some money. We took "carbines" walked all the way. A squad also went out to Mr. Parker's farm. We all got back about 4 ½ in the afternoon. War news very encouraging. Capture of numbers of prisoners. Among them is several Generals.

San Apr 9

Inclined to rain. On guard, No. 1, 3rd relief. Wrote one letter. Day passed away, monotonously. Lee's Army capitulated to Grant.
Monday, April 10th

Continued to rain most of the day. Received two letters... all well.

Glorious news from the front. Surrender of Gen. Lee confirmed. The boys all feel jubilant and some of us anticipate getting home soon. This evening we got out some pencils and took up a collection and purchased some powder and we made the anvil ring quit loud until near mine. commenced at dark.
Tues. Apr 11th

Rain. Rain. Rain. War news still very encouraging. This evening it is rumored that Johnston is the has likewise capitulated. His army on the same dispositions that Lee surrendered on. Arrested one man supposed to be a guerrillas. He is confined to a next trial. Wrote one letter.

Wed 12th

Thurs. Apr 13th

Pleasant weather, nothing particular going, some preparations being made for the "illumination."

News still encouraging

Fri. Apr 14th.

Beautiful weather.

Great preparations for the "illumination."

Flaps are flying over every street in the city, and the courthouse is literally covered with heaps of various dimensions. All citizens participated tolerably freely in the illumination.

They furnished powders and we soon knew the drums, no quarrels had an oysters supper &c.
Sat Apr 15th

Disagreeable weather. Feel a little deaf from the amnil firing last night. On guard.

Today we were shocked by the sad news of Lincoln & Seward's assassination. Lincoln is not expected to recover. Seward is dangerously wounded, also his son.

"Lincoln the Saviour of his Country" and "Seward the Star of the Nation." Booth fell by the hands of the assassins, one mortal, and the other severely. Vengeance on the perpetrators. Very good night.
Sun Apr 16th

Pleasant weather today as "Easter Sunday".
The chief subject of discussion is the assassination of the President. Went to meet one at four P.M.
Wrote two letters.

Mon 17th

Weather clearer and cold. On gas.
Died passed away pleasantly.
Uph news of no material importance. They are still in pursuit of Booth. Who assassinated our beloved President.
Tues Apr 18 15

Beautiful weather. 
War news is good 
and encouraging.
It is again rumored 
that Johnston has 
surrendered. Our 
rebel forces come from 
Louisville.

Wednes. Apr 19

Warm and sultry.
Went to the Baptist 
church at 11 o'clock. 
heard Dr. Campbell 
preach an excellent 
sermon prepared for 
the occasion. 

Miss 12 Capt 14th also 
heard good news of some 
of the conspirators. 
Discovery and arrest of 
some of the suspicious characters.
Thurs 20th

Very warm and sultry, and inclined to rain. On guard, guards are somewhat reduced. Some of the boys gone out prospecting for lead. Some boys gone to work. News is meager.

Drew ten days rations.

Fri. 21st

Quite warm and sultry, and some rain in the evening. A mounted squad went out after three men arrested them and fetched them in. New news is good.

Received one letter.
Sat Apr 22nd

Cold and windy. A squad took the prisoners to Lexington, and they were placed in the prison to await their trial.

Sun Apr 23rd

Weather still cold. On guard. Only received two letters this week. Wrote one very cold night.

Mon Apr 24th

Weather quite pleasant. War news is still encouraging. And the boys all feel glad and expect we will be home before the 4th of July, 63.
Tues Apr 23rd

Pleasant weather.
No particular war news.
Rumors are that
Grenadiers are again
becoming thick in the
state especially in this
vicinity! Two suspicious
characters were arrested
but where relieved.
again Received two letters.

Wednes Apr 24th

Pleasant weather.

"Emergency duty"
this morning.
News
Of meager importance
The radical rakers can
sure Sherman severely,
Wrote one letter.
Johnston surrendered to Gen
Sherman.
Thurs. Apr 27th

Weather cold. Cangard.

Rumors of guerrillas in the vicinity.

Two Confederate passed here enroute for home formerly from Lee's Army.

Fri. 28th

A little inclined to rain... Wilkes Booth is shot. Boston Corbett did the deed. He is a soldier. Booth died in about two hours and an half from the time he was shot.

He refused to surrender. He was captured. Good news.
Sat Apr 29 5

It is confirmed that Johnston has surrendered on the same terms that Lee did to Grant. Rumors are that Booth’s body was burned in mid Ocean, but this is only conjecture. No one but Gen. Barks and his brother a Dr. know where his remains are and they are under oath never to reveal it to any one. Several persons have been killed for revealing over the fate of Lincoln three Rosa passed her mounted
Sunday, Apr. 30th

Today closes the month of Apr. Wet and cold weather. Been here all this month. On the 6th we received four months' wages.

Thomas Co. Tent has joined us from Frankfort. Ten days more rations have come to us from Lexington. Since we have been here we have had four rations sent to us from Lexington. Weather has been quite back ward. Upon the whole we have had good times.
Synopsis

On the 5th a scouting party went in pursuit of Rebels. The 6th we were paid off four months wages. The 3rd Richmond and Petersburg fell into our hands. Sunday the 9th Gen Lee surrendered to Gen Grant.

This good news created quite an excitement among the People.

And on the evening of the 14th great demonstrations of joy were exhibited by the People.

But what a sad tragedy was that might have been enacted at Washington.
Our Chief Magistrate fell by the hand of an assassin. These sadnesses spread a gloom over the United States. Great were the exhibitions of sorrow among the people generally. It filled some with fear; it aroused a spirit of animosity and revenge. Some of the boys felt like advocating a war of extermination against all traitors. However, there were some few who showed signs of joy over the fate of Abe. And it cost many their lives for uttering expressions of joy. Old Abe was very
popular with the Nation, and his loss is deeply felt by every patriot.

He died on the morning of the 15th at 7 o'clock.

Gen. Johnston surrenderd to Gen. Sherman on the 26th. Simultaneous with the fall of these two armies, a large partisan band of rebels surrendered to our forces. Mobil, Selma, Montgomery, Bethel. Booth has been pursued and captured, and now he fills a felon's grave. Every thing works admirably, and the war is virtually closed.

and civil law will soon resume its authority.
Monday May 14th 1865.

Cold raugh. Weather for the month of May. On guard. Some miles. Sneaks were stop. A scouting party were sent in pers.-sult. they found three or four of them. Was news is good. the prospects of soon curtail the army is good. "The Paroled Prisoners" are still passing.

Tuesday 24th.

Weather cold, disagreeable. Did my washing this A.M. The I was news still continue to be encouraging. Took supper with Mr. Trembles. folks.
Wed 3d 1868

Heathers cried as usual. Still went to Lexington after clothing. This evening they received a despatch from Lexington to arrest a man who refused to pay taxes of liquor. The despatch was obeyed.

Thurs 4th

Quite cold. Some few passed out prisoners passing through. This morning Col. David took the prisoners to Lexington.

Fri 5th

Sat. May 6th. 1863.

Considerable rain last night. A nice fresh breeze blowing. "Seln 4:13"

Warm and pleasant went to meeting t'were.

Today Capt. Prestley Bob Ansley, Wallace & Bennett came down from Lexington brought three letters in the P.M.

Inn 8:15

Wet and disagreeable.

Rather dull times.

Yes sir.

About the same as yesterday, nothing stirring. Can't understand.
Wed May 10th.

War news are to the effect that Davie's forces were defeated and his capture soon expected. Gill went to Lexington. Rumors of muskets in close proximity to the town, I have gone after them.

Ten days rations come. Received and ans one letter.

Thurs 11th.

Reunited all last night. Snow has fallen. Rain most of the day. Davie's capture considered certain. Good news.
May 12th, 1865

Weather clear & cold.
News tolerable, encouraging. In the P.M. We played a game of Town Ball at 1345.

Beautiful weather.
This morning Kurt Hansen, Bate & myself went out hunting. Not finding any game we went for ducks and cleaned up our guns etc. News of little importance. Seen 14th.

Wason & Sullivan attended meeting twice today. Woot & Lutterfield evening a lot of lot troops came here. Boys feel操心.
Monday May 15th

The boys all feel good over the idea of soon being relieved and sent back to the State. We are expecting orders to leave every day. Quite a number of people are in touch as this is court day and much made of speech. One horse was shot. The guards are increased as is usual on such occasions. Boys castration still severe.

Todays train camped here tonight. We are all living in hopes.
Tues May 16th

Last night I stood four hours; only got four hours sleep. Beautiful weather last night and today, Court still continues in session.

Wednes 17th

Weather warm and sultry. Jeff Davis is enroute for Washington. Rumors of reducing the army to 130,000 men. Received one letter.

Thursday 18th

Weather similar to yesterday. No news.
In 19th of May 1863.

Warm, wet, sultry weather. On guard.

Sat 20th

About the same as yesterday. No
memor of one

particular importance

Sun 21st

Very warm and
sultry. Tems passes

dreadly. Wrote one
letter. In the

evening I went to

the negro church,

and I must say

it is quite a curiosity
to see them

perform. Though I believe

their motives are good.
Mon May 22nd

Weather cool and this A.M. Hard Hands. Loggy & I went out on the North Elk river to fish. We borrowed a sink of Willis Proctor. Caught several nice nines & sold five for a dollar. Pitty, Axford. Scott hasn’t came to us from Frankfort being left there in the hospital.

News of little note Yest 23rd.

We’ve warm weather. Received one letter this evening.
Wednes 24th

Cloudy weather.
In the P.M. several
of us took a long
walk, wrote and
letters. One man sent
To Lexington under
arrest.

Thuss 25th
Rain steady nearly
all day. Oh guard!
Received one letter
from cousin James.
News from Wash-
ington are is good.

Fri. 26th
Cloud wet disagreeable
weather all day.
Time hangs heavily.
In the evening took a walk.
Sat 27th

Weather clear and cold this morning, but it finally turned warm. Done up some washing this morning about 11:00 a.m. We received marching orders. We immediately went to work and by noon everything was packed and ready. We marched up to the Depot and took the cars for Louisville as we had thought, but got off at Frankfort and went up into Fort Boone and went into Leicester. The boys are disappointed.
Sun 28th.

Yesterday we were quite surprised to come up here and camp, for we were expecting to go to Louisville. Maj' Lewing is here, and is the Post Commander, about 23 or 27 & 2 1/2 years old, we understand they will soon join the Regiment at Louisville. The boys were very much dissatisfied. It is rumored we will have to serve two years. In the PM we went down into the city.
Mon. May 28th, 1865

A heavy mist this morning, nothing particular going on. But the after
noon went down in the city. Had some ice cream & beer. It
was confirmed that Kirby Smith has sur-
rendered all the con-
federate troops west
of the Mississippi,
Jeff Davis has acted
somewhat unwelcome
for a prisoner. It is
infinitely he has
been shamed.
He feels very bad
over is present position
and he is afraid to
shoot him.
This May 30th,

Pleasant weather.
An guard down in the city.
The President's Proclamation has come out. It is somewhat more severe than what many expected. He is quite severe on the leaders of this rebellion and all who held offices above the grade of levellers and lieutenants in the navy. Though I believe it is not any any too severe.

These must be punished. Most of us endorse it. Though some
of the Democrats are down on Johnson and they say he is too much of a “Radical” to fill the “Presidential Chair.” When I hear men speaking thus it looks as though they favored the South, “a tree is known by its fruit.”

Champ Ferguson, the guerrilla leader, was captured near Nashville, Tenn. He is heavily armed and I hope he will have his trial and get his deserts. He says he has killed over thirty persons. Justice demands this brute’s life...
Wednesday 31st

Beautiful weather only a little to
warm for comfort.

John D. Year took a
Guerrilla to Lexington
Guerillas are to
sling there this
afternoon. I see by
New York papers
also the Ohio hopes
that each of these
States are going to
muster out all troops
who enlisted prior to
Oct 21st 1862. A Tele-
graph came to Lexington
today to muster out all
troops in this Department
whose term of service
expires next to act next.
Synopsis.

The first part of the past month, members of "Confederate Soldiers" passed through here enroute for their homes, the most of them residing down in Owenboro. They surrendered to our troops at Mount Sterling. They joined the rebel army in 1862 when Kirby Smith made a dash through these parts. About that time every thing looked very encouraging for the Confederate cause, and many of them being quite ignorant
were easily duped into the army. I have been credibly informed that many looked on it, as a great chance to liowize themselves and win a great name! Very few of them had any idea they would ever leave the State. It was about this time you will remember that the Union troops were being repulsed in almost every quarter. Kirby Smith was coming through here and was threatening Cincinnati & Louisville. General Forrest was advancing...
on Paducah, and
Ben Lee made a
dash through Maryland
and was evidently
making for some of
the large cities of the
west. But General
Meade pursued him
and gave him battle.
It was a long and
bloody fight which
resulted in the rout
of the enemy. This turn
led the tide in our
favor. At Georgetown
a formal surrender
was given, and
never have there lived men
who have been in the
service of their country.
as they think and any returning home
the citizens receive
them with outstretched arms, and welcome them to their homes, and applaud them for fighting so manfully for their rights. This is the sentiment of the people of Georgetown and vicinity. Though
presumed it is natural for parents to welcome their sons and friends at home. I God look
down on mercy upon them, and grant that things may turn out
for the best both for their welfare and to the good of the county. Guepelles have not been very troublesome I believe there has only been one band very close to the city. Calo went in pursuit of them but could not see any of them. Guepelles warfare is just playing out for when they are taken it is death to them if they are found guilty. Mose Webster surrendered and the civil law took him and 3 others stand he is convicted of
murder and he is to be hung. Many others deserve the same fate. I believe Champ Ferguson is to follow him. His brother in crime. At present the Slavery question is being much agitated in this State and it is the principal topic of conversation with almost every one. I fear this question will be a serious one and it may prove disastrous to the State. May the Lord guide the authorities.
a proper disposal of this great curse viz.
1. Slavery. On the 12th of the month we saw some clothing and I hope it is our last. Soldiers clothing.
On the 11th Jeff Davis & co were captured. Jeff had donned female attire and he expected thus to avoid capture but the Yankees were too smart for him.
On the 23 and 24 the grand review of soldiers was held in Washington. It is described as being a magnificent sight.
These have been various rumors with regard to mustering out troops nothing definite is known as yet. The 24th we left Georgetown for Louisville as we all thought, but on arriving here we were sent up into the Fort and here we are at present. We have good comfortable quarters. Look is the only troops here an date the rest of the Regiment at Louisville on Pro duty. Gill is Pro. Maj. and Lt. Kent is les
commanded.
Upon the whole the weather has been very wet. Sherman and Sec. Stanton have quarreled. Sherman has gone to Texas in command of 160,000 troops. Sherman is coming west, and Thomas is going to Washington the 30th. Kirby Smith surrendered all the Confederate troops west of the Mississippi, thereby winding up the rebellion. The 25th Corp has gone to Texas. Several rebels were mustered out this month, also some troops and settled on
and settled on
June 1st 1863

Weather warm and pleasant. The first day of summer, and the day appointed by the President for humiliation and prayer. I believe it was generally observed in most of the principal cities of the North. At this place, business was suspended, and meetings held in some of the churches. We are still in hopes of getting court of the Senate soon. Went boating in the afternoon, and preaching in the evening.
Fri. June 2d, 1865.

Very warm weather, almost suffocating.

On guard in the city at Piedmont at 10 o’clock. The office is crowded with colored people. I examined a complaint. Some want notices, others have husbands in the army and she wants her free papers, and one complains she is turned off, and yet her clothing, and another wants a pass to go to such and such a place. Released at 9½ P.M.
Sat June 3rd 1865.

Very warm for this season of the year. I don't think I ever seen it much warmer in this then it is today. Bro. Barrett & I did our washing. washed tents & blankets. I now we will have a good bed. evening went down in the bought a pair of shoes. and had some ice cream.

Send 4 cts.

Very warm. just one groan today since we left the State. Rumors of being mustered out. wrote one letter evening went to M. & church.
Monday 5th

As warm as usual. Went down in the city with Arthur and Hard. Had a social game of "Authors Hardy." Afternoon went out and got some mulberries and milk. Good news about mustering out this troops. Received one letter.

Tues 6th

Down in the city on "fatigue duty" hard at work all day, cleaning out an old warehouse, and moving commissary stores. Fed guerillas captured. Rumors of being relieved by some troops from Louisville, had a bath.
Wed 4th

Warm, hot weather.
On guard, four of our boys took four guns to Lexington. Got some berries and milk for supper. Received one letter from J.G. Rucker.

Thurs June 8th

A little cooler this morning.
This A.M. had less inspection by some staff officers. We reported sent arms in good condition.

Various rumors in circulation now of which are to be believed. Some say we are going across the plains some little rain this P.M.
Fri, June 9th, 1845

Cloudy & sultry. Some rain this afternoon. Helped to fill the water
bottles this morning. Milk & berries for supper.
No news of importance.

Sat, June 10th

On guard. Ordered to meet the Head scatery. Thing to do, duties &
showers. Gleason, David, & Leshall came down on the 1/2 past three o'clock
train. On a visit. Lehall, David is discharged & will start for home
soon. Just killed a bull & came up on the evening
train. News of little note.
Sund 11

Warm and sultry as usual. Went down to Read Quarters this morning, about nine o'clock relieved and went to the M & E church in the P.M. wrote 2 letters.

The mustering out question are getting some talk of joining the regular Army.

Mond 12

Warm & sultry as ever. Did my washing this morning. The mustering out question still agitated. Terrible explosion of an engine at the depot, 15 men killed & wounded. Depot building sadly injured.

Quad of Co's Wheeling.
Tues 13th

Yar's prospects for some rain. After dinner had little shower. All kinds of rumors afloat. 7 or 8 men killed by the explosion. In the evening heard Sam Irig lecturer. He is the Union candidate for Congress in the District. Read one letter.

Wed 14th

A cool nice breeze blowing. on guard at the Maj. No news of any great importance. And order allowing every soldier to take home his gun & accoutrements has been issued. 21, 22, 23, 24, & 32 this week. The Rain continued until sun up.
Thursday 13th

Some rain last night and it is nice and cool this morning. Has relieved from duty at half past eight. Then helped to fill up the water barrels. Then took a walk in the country. Lexington passenger train run off the track. No casualties. J.J. Rowe is discharged.

Friday 16th

Warm and showery. Peter Ward and I went bowling. It rained and we came to camp. Bates came with us. Gleason, Bennett, and Rule is discharged. They are here rumors of being mustered out.
Sat 14th

Dare warm weather after breakfast. Joe Smith & I went out hoeing onions. My first day work for the season. It is rumored that all troops now in the field whose term of service expire prior to the 12th of Jan must.

Sunday 15th

On guard at the Maj's office nothing to do. Wrote two letters, and in the afternoon wrote another. In the evening went along to the woods and was relieved quite easily. My guard duty is over.
Monday 13th

Joe Smith is going to Lexington. I went there in his place. Siddle and Dan Stevens came out. Siddle was mad with me and Joe, they both went back and I left me to work by myself. Weather is cool and the day passed away quite pleasantly. Had some trouble to get my supper.

Received two letters one from home and one from Sylvester Bestwood. Folks all well.
Tuesday 20th

This morning Ira, Stevens + I went out and finished the onions. Got some butter and we made a good dinner. Finished our job in good time and returned to camp and had a slight supper. No potatoes have come yet. There are various specks about mustard out our tent and the seems to support one another. and I still believe we shall soon see home.
Wednes. 21st, 1863

Clear warm weather. Doctor Bates & family visited camp.

In the evening went down in the city, and received $4.50 for labor. We also went up to Mr. Lindleys farm and took a horse out of the cistern, for which we received $3.00 making just $7.50 in all.

We then went and got the ice cream. This evening a squad of the 44th Wis. came up from Paducah with prisoners.
Thurs. 22nd


Fri. 23rd

Warm as usual. This morning digged. I went toward the toll gate to look for work. Finding none we returned to camp. Played a few games of chess with Bob Barrett.
Sat 24th

This morning about fifteen minutes to five Mr. Kittleson went out in the country three miles and an half to Mr. Woodruff's farm. myself went out with him. After partaking of a good breakfast we went to binding. Worked untill one P.M. when the reaper broke down and we returned to camp or rather first to the city where we were paid off. We then got some ale and went up to
Quarters. Our prisoners came here from Lexington to work on the fortifications for one month. I believe I will here give you a short account of farming in Kentucky at the present time. Very few of men who pretend to farm know scarce any thing about it. I have visited several farms here and I have not seen a single person who knew how to manage a farm. Everything is in a most hot hazard condition. The farming implements are not near so handy.
The hoes mostly in use here, were thrown aside ten or fifteen years since, and they never heard tell of such a thing as a Grapevine cradle and some laughed at the idea of any person using such a cradle, and most of the weapers in use were out of date in this year, since they are very similar to McCormick's Patent. Here we saw the evils of slavery in this respect.
Sun - 23rd

Quite warm. This morning I gathered a lot of blackberries and had a good pudding for breakfast supper. The one year recruits received orders to turn over all their things and start for Louisville tomorrow morning on 20th. Got up early, went to camp got breakfast went down in the city then went out to Learce's farm we understood he wanted hands to help about the
harvesting, could not agree on the terms came back to camp. A squad of one of our boys went out set of eight miles harvesting to remain until the evening.

In the afternoon went out Blackberrying.

 Tues 27th

Went out Blackberrying. Pleasant morning. Had a good Blackberry pudding for supper. Received friends letters
Wed 28th

Went down to see for work. Could not agree on terms. So I went back to camp and gathered a lot of blackberries.

Wrote one letter had a good pudding.

Blackberries are very plenty. and if we only had sugar we could live in style.

News of meager importance.
29th

Quite a severe wind all day, I think it will bring rain soon. On guard at the Maj's Office had nothing to do. Do not feel first rate. Received one pay. Fri 30th

Today is muster day. Five months more pay due us, I hope it is the last muster until muster out. The Maj mustered us about 7 A.M. came out in light marching order. Purchased a few necessary articles Races...
Synopsis

The first part of the month it was quite dry and warm. The latter part quite cool and considerable rain.

Deerage the past month the some ten or dozen men have been discharged from our line. Several of us have been out to work a little just to get a little pocket money.

Harvesting commenced on the 19th inst.
Sat 1st of July 1865

Quite warm. Nothing particular going on. One prisoner sent to Lexington. He was again sent back and turned over to the civil authorities. Charged with stealing a horse from a Westmoreland farmer. Blackberry pie for supper.

Sun 2nd

Beautiful weather. Picked some berries this morning. Wrote two letters. Went to the M.C. church this evening.
Monday 3rd

On guard at the Maj's. The Maj returned from Louisville this morning. No news of any particular importance. Rumors of being paid soon. Ben Holbe came up on the evening train.
Received one letter. The 27, 30th 33rd are the only Wis Regt now in the service who enlisted under the 62 call for troops. All right I suppose our turn will come soon. The boys are much dissatisfied.
Tues 4th July

Another 4th and the last we serve in the U.S. Service. Texas in hopes we would be home before this but no, here we are and we must make the best of it we can. A very warm day indeed, I never felt it as warm in my life the thermometer stands nearly 110 degrees in the shade. Several persons were sun struck in different cities in this State.
during the day.
This morning I
picked some black
berries and made
a sauce of them for
supper. Six squads
of guards were sent
to the picnic. Sgt.
Lyon and squad
attended the Seneca
Brotherhood picnic
and they were
traveled there early
indeed. Led by Robs
and squad went to
the Farkins picnic
and from accounts
I believe they were
treated far better
than the other squad
at the Seneca Brotherhood.
After dinner, Joe Thomas and Phil and I went to both of the picnics. Then we went down in the city and got some ice cream after which we returned to camp and we relished a Soldier's fare first-rate.

I stood from twelve until morning for my orders.

There was very little display there no flags flying no particular demonstrations of joy.
Wednesday 3rd

Very warm.

Had guard at Maj's
Wrote one letter to
Brother John.

Thurs 6th

Very warm as usual,

Did my washing

This morning,

Bro. Green came up
from Louisville on
visit. The boys had
quite a talk about
muster ing court. He tells
we will stay here till
after election. He says
that last is doing
all in his power to
get us mustered out

I think he explained it
satisfactory to the muster in
Apr. 4th

Quite a warm day after dinner picked a lot of berries.

In the evening a nice shower of rain. News from Washington are that Mrs. Adron, Anterprot Harrald & Payne are to be visiting today.

Received one letter Sat 8th.

Gathered some berris this morning as usual, after supper detailed for work ordered to report to Yeung... a great stir about a very little
Sun 9th

On guard at the Maj's. wrote two letters this P.M.
Inspection by one of Israel Holcomb's Staff
some cookie implements condemned
some rosin

Monday 10th

Quite a pleasant morning. Though
turned out to be a very warm day.
May be harvesting at Mr Peases. soon got

tired and returned
to camp.
I would not pretend to work under such circumstances
Tues July 11th /65

Last night I promis-
ed Mr. Pierce I
would be out
again today. Could
not any one to go
with me considering
—Gally I did not go.
Recieved one letter from Miss—

Wednes 12th

Today "Vancamburgh's
Markagri" and "Kazes
+ Boys' Circus" etb. etc.
Very quite a num-
ber of people in
attendance. I went
in as one of the gods.
It was a very hour
show. I call it the yell
on the southern化疗.
Mars 13 1/2

Beautiful weather.
On guard in camp.

changed off with.
Boxes and went to.

the Maj. Quite a change
in the weather. We

can scarcely sleep warm
with two blankets.

What a changeable world
we live in.

April 14 1/2

This morning I went
to Bro. Merits (the Pastor
of the M.E. church) and

did some gardening.

For which I've received
100 doll.

One letter from

home. All well.
Sat 13-55

just one month more and I shall consider my time out, but I shall consider myself fortunate if I am home in six weeks.

Took a walk down in the city this evening.

Sun 16th

Rain. rain. rain. most of the day.Junior passed down very heavily Bro Israel preached to us this morning.

Wrote two letters.

Had a splendid supper.
Monday 17th / 63

A cold night indeed. What a sudden change. Our guard St. Maj. Yts. Hill and Kent returned from Georgetown. They say they have had a good time with the girls. Scarcely any news. Every thing seems to move on about that. No news of our getting out very soon. It is the general opinion that we will remain here untill after election.
Tues July 18th

Quite a cool and pleasant day.

Received one little tip extra guard detailed for patrolling the streets and affording protection to the colored people. I wonder what next. Had a few words with one of the Police Officers.

Wed 19th

Been raining the greater part of the night and most of the day. We amused ourselves the best we can some playing 'chess' some "worn up"
Thurs 20th

On guard in camp
Quite an excitement about some stolen hogs. and the soldiers were supposed to have taken them. The civil authorities threaten to put the whole lot under oath. and those found guilty will be punished according to law. The corn was proposed to let it drop for 30 dollars. I went and saw him retain them of ten dollars and several cop us made it up by subscription. So we are safe out of one scrape and I am mighty glad of it.
Fri. 21st

All quiet today.

In the afternoon went down to Mr. Yoho to work some.

rain in the evening.

Sat. 22nd

On guard in the city. I took down my accoutrements and gun.

and went to work.

This evening we were

paid off. I received 14 dols.

ten for Phil and one for Joe.

for Alliance for myself.

After supper washed and

changed. went down and

had the ice cream around.

Then went to guard

quarters. Quite warm.
Sun 23rd

Deit warmed slightly. Geathed some brass this morning. After dinner wrote three letters. In the evening Phil & I attended church. Rain

Mon 24th

Weather cool & cloudy. In fatigue duty this morning. It is still rumored we are going home next week. But next week never seems to come. Rain, rain,
Thu 26th

On guard at the Arsenal. Took the prisoners back to camp. Quite wet & muddy. At nine in the evening went on guard. Rec'd one letter & paper.

Wed 26th

Weather quite moderate.

Joe Thomas and I went out search of Apples & May Apples, got a plenty of each, and returned.

Rec'd one letter.

Rumors of going home very soon. This is my 26th Birthday and a gay time I have had.
Thurs 27th

A pleasant morning with some little rain. Rumors of various kinds nothing satisfactory. No dependence on rumors nowadays. Maj. return from Louisiana! We don't speak very encouraging. Rain as usual.

Fri 28th.

A blue sky day (using an old term) some little rain as a matter of course. On guard in the city. Rumors are that no spy nest can be found competent to sell our places. This speaks well for education. As a general rule, only one out of seven can...
Sat 29th.

Rain again today came up to the 9th this morning at 4 or 5 wet muddy time. Went after apples this A.M. and with T.M. rode some walking. It is warmer ed. We have to leave out our time to the 21st Oct. also we will be paid soon.

Wallace came down on the 3 P.M. train. He says Cap will be relieved next week and he thinks we will be home in two weeks or so.
Sun 30th.

One guard at the Adytum with Phil. slept all night after dinner wrote one letter.

Monday 31st.

Owen Pollard, S. Jones, Anderson started for home on thirty days furlough. Wrote one letter.

Picked some berries and apples. Went down in the city in the evening heard Mr. Smollett make a speech. I call it a poor one. On the 28th, I visited one that was what I would term a very loyal one. We in reading for the legislature.
Synopsis.

A considerable of rainy and warm sultry weather.

Rumors of almost every description, but none of which we can place any confidence in. The thin los on duty at Rosori Barracks are relieved. Several of the boys in Louisville have gone home. Also three of our bos. and several others will follow in a few days. Considerable dissatisfaction among us on account of being retained on summer service. Rations are very poor. Duty plenty.
This Augst 14th 65

Quite a warm day.
On fatigue duty helping to ship off the Anderson Store. I went in the city and loaded them in the car. They are to be sent to Lexington.
I am glad to this step taken for in my opinion it is preparatory to our being relieved. For when all the Anderson store are gone there will be nothing for us to do there and it is in my opinion we will leave soon after the election. Rumors of several of the boys being discharged
Wed 24

A pleasant morning on duty at Fort 21st.
No news worthy of note. Wrote two letters. Still moving the ordnance stores.

Went downtown to the Maj's this morning came up with the mail. Quite a war.

Today it seems that all the mail will be sent home and the single men will have to remain until Oct. What an absurd idea.

I mention the reasons just to let you see what mess we all
Fri. 4th.

Very warm this morning. Smith & Adams went to Lexington with the Ordnance stores.

Sat. 5th.

On guard at the Market Hall very little to do for the day. One man arrested for using disloyal language.

Capt. Poyntz came down on the 3 P.M. train. He looks first rate. We expected a few of soldiers to help us on election day but none came.

Heard from Dick Ginby. Considerable sickness in the 9th St. Nacaboon died after two days sickness.
June 6th

Quite a wet day. This P.M. about 2 o'clock 40 of the 7th were sent out in the country. At 6 P.M. with 20 men went to Batts Not. I was with this squad. At 9 P.M. 20 men went to Mill and in the evening two other squads under command of Sergts. Saffillo & Robbath. The later squad went to Bridgeport and the other to... There was by this time but very few left in the city. Our squad "Italo..."
Had to go about 10 miles and the roads were extremely bad. One creek was so high we had hard work to wade it. One of our boys lost his equilibrium and fell in the middle of the stream. This afforded us some little amusement and we were congratulating ourselves over our good luck in getting over with dry clothes. When it commenced to rain and drenched us all except a few of us who had rubber blankets. We soon came up to an orchard and made a raid on it.
before the it came up
the people were badly
scared and were
afraid to say a word.
We were then about
five miles from the
Precinct, and we
struck down the hollow
and our road lay
right along the stream and for about
4 miles we had to
wade, principally through
water, and at some
places it was from
three to five feet deep.
A little after dark we
came to our journey's
end. Perhaps the reader
would like to know what
kind of a village it was...
Well we found one little old dilapidated log house which we were informed was a school house. The chimney was half gone and it was minus a portion of its roof, a hole cut out on one wall the full length of the building, constituted the windows. The only desk was a broad rest ed on some posts driven into the wall, and it looked more like a shelf than a desk. The benches were made of a small tree some six or 'eight inches in diameter and were not sawed, made, and in fact it
is but few stables in
Wis but what would
excel this school house
there were no dwellings
with a quarter of a sqm.
The folks in these
parts were a very
poor, little small
farms on which they
can merely raise
enough to live on. Their
principal grub is side
bacon, and corn bread
and their attire is
generally very shabby
and are very uncouth
in manners, and
what wonder is it they
seldom come out of the
hills, and they might
live here for a lifetime.
and not know what was going on in the world. As a general thing they are a low ineptant class. Very few know which men to vote for and they are easily led off by ritten part. One of them asked one of our boys what a ten bloke Drum Back was and another asked if the war was pretty near over. The young are quite awkward in all their gestures and do not know how to appear in society. They are all very fond of intoriorating liquors and I
Dear Sir:

Several old men just ready to drop into their graves, seeking under the influence of liquor, and calling on God to damn their own souls. I took particular notice and every person I noticed was more or less profane, and it seemed as though they could not talk without cursing. And this is what is termed a Christian and enlightened Nation. Now friends you can see what slavery has done! I do not say that it is so over the entire state but
from what I have seen and heard my comardy say they have seen. I am of the opinion that it is. I am sure it is no wonder that the leading politicians of the south lead the people just about where they please. for very few of them are capable of thinking for themselves but do as others tell them. Now I think this is evidence enough that slavery is wrong. Some of you may doubt the authenticity of what I have said. If so all I ask of you is to come and see for yourselves. After arriving at the
School house. We made a fire and dried our clothes, then lay down on the floor and tried to sleep. But many of us passed as sleepless night, some of the boys went down to a neighboring house and returned all night and got good grub in the bargain.

I have been quite lengthy, but if it is not disturbing do not read it. I have did it as a hurry and it is not very legible. However I guess you can see what I mean.
Mon 1st

Election day has come. The polls close by six o’clock. About seven we had some corn bread and smoked bacon (not cooked) brought to us for breakfast. This is all we had for the day.

About nine it all commenced coming in pretty fast. And by noon, quite a number of people were present, and a most immoral crowd they were. I have already described them. No spirituous liquors were sold, merely kiss a considerable was drank.
and several felt quite merry, besides. Apples and ciders were plentiful. About noon considerable excitement the returns were announced, and some offered to bet pretty large sums on the election. In this precinct the Conservative Party had the majority, and I presumed it is so throughout the state. The polls were closed at six in the evening, and we started for home. I went about two miles and stopped at a farm house and bought a some corn.
Bread and bacon, and I can assure you, we needed it for we had nothing since morning. The whole squad to us decided up along the road, and had supper before we got up. The roads were tolerable dry on our way back. If streams had cleared up, and it was just like traveling in the bed of a dry stream. The roads were so rough we punished our feet quite severely. I was in the advance squad, and we made a charge on an orchard and took what we wanted after which we
on our way and we arrived in camp about eleven o'clock. We were the first of our squad to get back. the other squads were all back, and they all said they had good times and were treated just rate. They also report that the Conservative boys were for the strongest. They all report that they got along just rate no disturbance whatever.

and the citizens were highly elated to think the election had passed off so quietly. My hard bed felt soft to night.
Thursday 8th,

Well, election is over and everybody is glad. Rumored that there was a big row in Georgetown yesterday. It is also rumored that the citizens are going to present the Maj. with a magnificent sword and that they are going to give us a free dinner. Madame Rumor also says we will start for home next week, but that has been her cry so long we put but little confidence in what she reports.

Kaneser I am in hopes she is telling the truth.

One letter from Bancroft Jan. 7th.
A very pleasant day and we all enjoyed ourselves pretty well. This evening we were paid four months wages. We all feel pretty good. Had some ice cream and went to camp.

Wed 9th

The boys are all busy settling up their accounts so I believe I am square with them again and they are square with me. Went down city and had some ice cream.
Quite cloudy.
Some little rain this morning.
Went down in the city and made a few purchases.
Keeny, Enright & Cothart are discharged.
Got our discharges certificate, and started for home.
Some of our boys imbibed pretty freely last evening and kept back hours and this morning.
They even missed their money. I have little sympathy for such men.
Fri. 4th Aug.

Our "Patrol duty" in the city. Took one intoxicated man from co. to camp.

Day passed away rather monotonously. Had some ice cream.

Bier no trouble.

Sat. 12th.

A very pleasant day. Hermie and I took a horse, a price and rode out in the country four or five miles after some property belonging to a colonel German.
Sunday 13th

Pleasant weather. Time passes. We have nearly served our period of enlistment. Several of the boys attended church this morning in suits of citizens' clothes. A considerable talk about mustering out. Wrote two letters.

Monday 14th

Well... my time is out. Or at least such was the understood standing when I enlisted. But here I am a soldier and am likely to be some time yet.
Mon Aug 13

A cloudy morn.

Jo Bedos and I went down after some apples.

Four of the "Co" brought a prisoner up from Linton. They do not speak very encouraging about being mustered out.

Wed 16th

A pleasant day.

Went on guard for Pete this P.M. It is stated in the Democratic we are to be mustered immediately. I have a little this rumor.
Thursday 17th

Quite a cool morning. We are all waiting anxiously for marching orders. I have hopes of seeing home this month. In the evening went down to the city and the city had a regular spree, spent about 130 and we all had a good time drinking beer, eating ice cream, smoking cigars, etc.

Nov. 18th 65

A nice Christmas day. On post duty in the city. Nothing doing very dull times.
Sat Aug 19th 1861

Quite warm. Several of the boys attended the races, which turned out to be a poor affair in the evening. Took a walk in the city. Read one letter from [illegible]. Dowling. No news from [illegible] Sunday 20th.

Lest & cloudy. Nothing particular going on. Considerable talk about mustering out troops and seems to be the general opinion that if we are not mustered out this week that we will remain until Oct. Wrote one letter to R. J.
Mon. Aug 21st

Did some washing & straightened up things in general. The 11 o'clock was now ready to march. It is rumored that it will be mustered out this.

Tuesday 22nd

A wet dreary day. The railroad was last night destroyed the RR bridge between here and Lexington consequently trains irregular. A squad of stragglers came from Nashville. In the evening went down in the city Mr. Strong

news
Wednesday 23rd

A very cold night slept cold. Some frost this morning. I tell you feel feels comfortable this morn. Some of the boys are on a tree, and raising camp. Oh when will these times end. Feel quite poorly. End guard.

As cold as ever again. Last night weather is pleasant.

At tents and squad went to Louisville with the stragglers. Went several city changed a rest for halt.
Fri 23-15 Aug

Quite a pleasant day. Bows and I went down in the city. Expected Mr. boys from Louisville but they did not come on the 9:15 train. The Maj is ordered to report to Louisville for duty and leaves on the three P.M. train. In the evening Lt. Kent and squad returned from Louisville. Besuttis most favorable and authentic report is that we will probably return to the state before the 13 of Sept. There is no doubt but what the Officers have petitioned for our immediate muster out. Palmer has
promised to muster us out as soon as he can get clerks to relieve our boys who are detailed as clerks. this is the only thing that retains us in the service and ships have been taken to get them relieved as soon as possible. The Keg at Louisville have almost run out and the Officers have promised them to be home by the 15th. If they demean themselves in a proper manner. Barrett has traded his "document" for a "spencer cardini" and also purchased a suit of casimere clothes. Price $36.80. I think it is better then we can do in Frankfort.
Sat Aug 26th

A very warm day.

Thrice passed monotonously.

In the afternoon purchased

a pair of pants and vest,

making me all a complete

suit of citizen's clothes.

Black carmine price 15.60

Money nearly played out.

Sent 27

Pain, warm. Wrote one

letter to friend Dowling.

In the evening attended

meeting in 1st M.E. church

New citizens clothes for the

first time in three years

Pain an interesting

time an excellent

sermon. Some came forward

and joined the church.
Monday 28th

A cool pleasant morning
One camp guard. Had nothing to do scarcely knew I was on duty. Reced one letter from Mr. Tull 29th

As warm as ever.
And time passes as monotonously as ever. We scarcely know what to do to kill time.

Paid out the waresly and ate apples etc.

Wed 29th

A warm morning nothing unusual the day.
Enjoyed ourselves the best we could.
Thursday Aug 31st

This morning the indications were favorable for rain but fortunately we have had none. This morning we were muster'd for drill. Today we have enjoyed ourselves first rate.

The chess players divided off in two squads and played depicting over each other's moves. This is quite an interesting and amusing game, and it is one upon which one can study and for my part I think there is no harm whatever in the game but on the contrary it is a profitable game.
Synopsis.

Nothing of material interest has transpired this month. On the 4th we attended the election and enforced the civil laws. And on the evening of the same we all reunited back to camp. There has been the least rain this month of any since we came into this State. Upon the whole the weather has been mild and pleasant. We have all enjoyed good health. Have been various rumors about our muster, but the best of feelings entertained toward our Officers. We can sure them and them only.
Friday Sept 14th 1863

Just evening while some of our boys were in the city. They imbited a little too freely and some four or five notorious characters who it seems had a grudge against the soldiers and had been waiting a favorable opportunity to have revenge pitched on to three men with knives and clubs. Two escaped with but slight injuries and the third we could not find until this morning when found he was lying at the foot of the hill. He had received a serious and probably a fatal cut.
from a butcher's knife
not far from the heart
the vitals were protruding
from the wound and the
Doctor says a portion of
his liver is second
entirely off and he has
but little hopes of his
recovery. The boys were
terribly excited over this
and they turned and
searched the city for
the assassins, but failed
to find them. Had they
been found they certainly
would have been killed
on the spot. Half a doz-
men armed with knives
attacked these men. Who
were to desist to defend
them selves a mere
Dishonest and cowardly act is seldom heard of. This is "southern chivalry" for you. A more despicable set of humans never lived in a Christian nation. They reside in and around this accursed city. The citizens remarked that there was no backout to their meaning the man who used the knife. It all has proceeded with evidence he can and has taken steps for their arrest.

The boys are awfully set against Bill. He is to blow his act, and he is afraid to assume the responsibility. I can not hold with him in what he says.
Saturday 2d.

On guard in the city had scarce anything to do. stood guard over a prisoner a short time afternoon.

Chynoweth & Holman took him to Lancaster this evening. Capt Minor & Lovett came upon 9th 6 P.M. train.

Sorgeon is quite easy.

Sunday 3d.

A wet showy day.

Wrote home this morning. She has been so unfavorable today that I have not attended church. Probably this is a poor excuse.
Monday 21. 45

A warm sultry day.
Ben Barnett & I went down in the city and purchased some vegetables and we made a good dinner. Last night the Patrol Guard went in and suit McCandless refused to let them in. When they burst the door with the gun.

A warm sultry day.
Smoke passes slowly.

Wednesday 6. 45

Warm as usual. The regiment to be mustered out by the 20th. We have seen an order from War Dept. including 30 War Res. Read letter from home.
Thursday

This morning on fatigue duty to fill water barrels. The 49 Ind passed through to Louisville to be mustered out. Thirteen prisoners came up from Nashville went on guard over them. Changed off in the evening. Rained most of the night.

Friday 9th

This morning a guard of 6 men and a corporal took the prisoners to Louisville On guard at 10 d to

Train passes monotonously.

Evening train delayed until 10 O'clock. Boy came back. Rained we start home very soon
Sat 9th 1863

Weather warm continued
no rain nothing worthy
of note passing.

Sun 10th

Quite a warm sultry
day this forenoon wrote
cal letter to Sister Emm.
Evening attended meeting
at the Episcopal church
Valley life was menaced
as a salmon.

Monday 11

Warm as usual. Jenkins
& Hastings came down
from Georgetown on a
visit. Maj came up
from Laurel on the
evening train he says we
will be home by the 20th
Tuesday 12th

On guard at Nells
Scarcely anything doing
Expecting orders to go
home every day.
A 2d soldier was
arrested by police man
but was released

Rode letter from home.

Wed 13th

Wiren missing. Seems
frustrated.活动现场 Arthur
Stan Stevens returned
from Covington. John A.
I passed the after
noon playing chess.

Thursday 14

Very warm. Went down
city evening. One letter from
home.
Friday 13th

Warm as ever. The Regt. received orders to make out their musters out souls. Col. soon got drunk, got into trouble with Col. a clerk in Adjutant General Department. He talked tried to make peace with him and. Col. shot him in the face inflicting a slight flesh wound.

Sat 16th

Warm. Enr. Camp guard. News down city purchased some pretzels. Had a good dinner. News from Consulate are that we are to be mustered out on the 20th.
Sunday 17th

This morning we fell in and Gen. Kent informed us that we would be mustered out on the 20th and would probably start for home immediately. Those who wished to retain their arms gave me their names this morning. Kent, Chynoweth, and Cottrell are busy filling our discharge papers, and are preparing to proceed to Lumberton this morning. When they will make but all the papers as fast as possible, we feel highly elated.
Monday 18th

Quite a change in the weather. Cool and windy. Wind down in the city. No particular news. In the evening I attended the "Panorama" at the Negro Baptist Church and was quite entertaining and instructive.

Scenes in the Life of Jesus and the Life of Christ.
Some few scenes of the war. But, slaves, Ellsworth assassination &c &c
A raw cold day.

Anxiously awaiting orders about noon received a telegram from Dill to report immediately moving things to depot and making preparations to leave Sept. 20.

Got up early intended to leave on the morning express but could not go until 9:00 A.M. Boys getting drunk at Juswil. Started 9:30 on freight train. Arrived at Louisville 4:30. Went
out to Barracks
mustered out of
service
Sept. 21.
after supper
turned in and
slept soundly. Went
down in cell and
looked around some
moved tents etc.
Went to theater. Seven
sisters played.
Sept. 22.
We do not leave
to-day as expected.
Warming weather.
Making arrange-
ments to leave
in the morning
all freight is shipped
over to the New Albany
Sept. 23, 1865

Up bright and early. Formed line in the city at
six the band on the right we marched to New Albany. Took
ears and started about ten. Run at the average of
10 miles per hour.

Sept. 24

A tedious day. Seen but little.
Arrived in Lafayette 5 or 6 houses.
Arrived in Michigan City 7, arrived Chicago 1.
Sept. 25.
Remained in the cars all night about mines marched over to the C.N.W. took cars. First rate glad to touch Win. sail. Passed Milt Junction - dark arrived Madison stayed with Dowling.

Sept. 26. I passed away the day quite pleasantly just loafing around the city. Saw Spier & 2 boys.
Borrowed started for home.
Peter and I saw the boys off.
Sept. 27. 1865.
This morning I signed the pay roll and started for home.
Arrived home 2 P.M.