Diary No. 8

Lient W. H. Holcomb
June 8th 1865
Selma Ala. June 8th, 1868—

Thursday

J. H. A. Hamlin received his
pay up to July 28th/65. And
put his pay back for 62 days
commencing June 9th.

60 C. for 6 non-commission
and officers & 6 private on
special duty around the
port of Selma. None as clerk
in command & tedmen,

Pleasant, Ordered to
Amos T. notes, less from
10 to 8 1/2 Courser to clay. 15
days from June 1st/65.

Drill changed to fiddens
Company. Drill from 6 to 7 A.M.,

Barnett. Drill from 4 o'clock,
10 to 6 P.M., barn fiddens

6:30 P.M.
SALMA, Ala. June 9th, 1868

Friday

Studied Correlation in McColl's Military Dictionary. It is very unfilling in explaining the definition of terms. Also Military precedents, Law, and Customs of warfare.

Nov. 14th, 1868

The last proclamation of President Johnson makes the wealthy fighting men in the Rebellion feel uneasy. But they go on, as they do. If no manifestation is present to-day by any one else, but I have no doubt that they would if the plan were equal to their will, Oppressing those.

Oct 10th
Selma Ala. June 10th 1865
Saturday

I went on order for 300 bushels of corn, to make corn meal for

 Dir. and to know that it was for

 the purpose only of the in-

 dwelling and Surgeon General

 has no medicine which probably

 is just as well.

 I was cognizant of another case

 of a white boy, a young boy,

 hair white and straight, eyes blue

 and skin as fair as any dawn.

 His mother was a very light woman

 and mistress of the overseer

 who worked 12 hours a day. He

 and another instance of the blan-

 kening of the Wendic Institution,
Selma, Ala. June 11th, 1865.

Sunday.

Wrote a letter to Mrs. Andrew Burnet, subject of your former ministration, had a visit from the priest who is now detailed in command with the 1st ult., citizen seamen.

Churches are opened every Sunday in the city now, but many of the ministers are rebellious and are inclined to demand their congregation for the after and readiness until what will they preach? The Confederacy and give in their adherence to the Federal Authority. The thermometer has stood at 97 in the shade for many days past, but some refreshing rains are expected to abate.
Solna Ola June 12th 1865

Monday

When we entered the town not a store or office of any kind was open, but now there are more than a dozen fine stores. Groceries, saloons and more opening up every day.

Southern ladies put on style and shopping. One woman who was married to a colonel's girl called to aid girls to their business with no order. Drama! Drama! Jet me while I make my plan.

And the obedient Dina Jameson. Her play a few games of whist and D.N. goes to clary.

More rain. Very hot yet.
Savannah, Ga., June 13th, 1865—Tuesday.

The other mess of which I was a member returned to day by mutual consent. The cost of lecture for my time, March 1st. Amounted to $18.00 or about 47 cents per day. Letted in full any of the mess account 10-14 June 1865. Received a letter from Sam Burno y'ed Aug. 27th.


Selma, Ala., June 14th, 1865

Wednesday

Formed a mass of some
sent, Hulston, Capt. Forden
and I

Wild berries are very plenty
and are brought in by Col. 

Knack, by the Groves and
sold from $1.00 to $2.00 per

gallon.

I have furnished a suit of

Clothing to my Black Boy

Jack.

I wrote a letter to my

Dawson, Ill., and one to
Father and Mother Hardisson
with some of the book I

borrowed of Mr. Smith the

evening.

More rain today.
Selma, Ala. June 15th 1868

Thursday

Received a letter from Mrs. C. J. Henderson about the 30th of May. I wrote a letter to Mrs. C. J. Henderson the 1st of June. The money in your hands Bill Green held.

One cow furnished milk by a negro girl Emily. The tinfoil was of good quality also of long. had a pleasant walk with one Mr. C. My evening with Mr. C., Mr. A. and Mr. H. Baker. Supt. over an eating room in the Selma Hotel. I could bear very good with the heat. The first of the season.
Selma June 16th 1865

Vicary

Major Snider commenced to pay the 12th June 8th PM. in 2 lots

- done at 1P.M. when the 1st of 15

- 3d of 16th Corps have been paid at the Pay Buil's

- 1st July 1865

- the rota at the missorraine

- gunzel of feet which is paying the force

- I have the day been Affidavit for the 3

- B. Rods Johnson S. T. Fuller Jr.
Selma. June 17th 1865

Saturday

Co. C. Received pay today up to July 28th 1865 and Clothing at weight to Jan 1st 1866.

Pay for 23 days on Commissioned Officers in July 28th 1865 and left $88.00.

Also among annuities in becoming members Co. C. to
over $1200.00 and here the same over to them as the collect paid today.

Received a letter from Mr. C. J. Anderson to day.

Like June 8th 1865.

Collecting funds for the Guma Deacon Orphan Asylum from Co. C. $80.00 today.

Very warm day.
June 18th, 1865

Saturday, Befiled for the post of 2nd Post of Cambridge.

Second Post Office, Cambridge, Mass., being denoted office, I sent $15.00 to be presented to a personal letter for J. B. Henderson, 10 J. S. B. House, 111 Fulton St., New York. The name of the letter is, Hon. Messrs. Postmaster... I also sent my great love to the President of the American Red Cross Co., 200 Broadway, New York, with the sum of $50.00 enclosed. Reading beyond my powers of sight while on duty on post.
Jolna, Alabama, Jan 19th 1865

Monday

Received from Picket duty this morning.

Collected from Co. C $100, or by their subscription to the Orphans Asylum for the Select of Iowa, Jan 22. $100. It is the understanding here that over 157,000 have been sent to 15th Res. and ten cents each for the same as the Collector for the Res. He read a letter from John W. Cleary with his order to collect and settle his accounts in Co. C.

Ever since they left the fort, I have made my Bank of Deposits by saying, and, as far as possible, I am as well today.
Selma Ala. June 20th 1865

Tuesday

Mailed a letter to Mr. Henderson in care with $5.00 enclosed, 

sent by mail to Mr. John McElvain, $14., oo 10-

St. Mary's Hospital, Montgomery Aka., being a part

of what I have collected for their Union men.

The Negro women & girls are flocking in by hundreds

with black hoores which my need for sugar &

coffee must be

which is very convenient for it & very much

welcome.

Intensely H. M. McElvain
Selma, Alabama June 21st 1865

Wednesday

Co. "F" was detached from Rpt
1-10 clay 10-13 clay in Freed

- man Dept. Also Capt.

Gibson Co. "G" detached to Post

Due to Martin Selma.

I am very much afflicted

with boils though in good

condition.

Sickness is increasing at

the Post and now there

is a funeral nearly every

day.

As far as I can learn there

is nothing being done about

the Departments at Washington

with regard to mustering out

of troops or reorganizing the

Regular Army or in fact

anything of importance.
Selma Ala. June 22, 1865

Thursday

W. Bonfield Co. Co.

was removed from the

Reg. Co. to the new letter

with small pot. He

is in a tent by himself

in a neighboring orchard.

Small mail today. I

got the McGregor news

it comes out strong as a

villain, by General Thomas

I go on this mine. Military

critic who refuses to

mourn. T. action and

metam of men who they

cannot understand

and among the storms of

over long depth of home,

to now, like the river story

the man who protected them
June 28th 1860

Friday

reading Bayard Taylor's 
Diary a post on very interesting 
adventures of thinkers in society.
The weather is most of the 
only hot, and the days 
having been so as it is to
hot, to rebel or not to is 
the comfort and we 
hear of no change in the 
condition of affairs since 
the first breaking of the Rebellious.
And we naturally 

wonder if our existing 
civil will ever be able to throw 
off the physical mental 
or moral sickness. Who is next 
of men? them and of 
something worthy of the
Selma, Ala. June 24, 1863.

Saturday

This day in Camp is an object for paroling the prisoners, removing all accursed tokens of battle, cleaning quartermaster arms, and what a general observance of the sanitary regulations.

Col. S. had some cases of Measles by their colored Hospital Cotton. We have an old soldier in the field, broke his jaw in a composition. He must be served — and must the boys finish — eat and set up for more.

Received one letter from Jane 29 Oct. June 11th 63.
Cline Mts. June 25th 1863

Sunday

wrote a letter to Mr. C.J. Henderson enclosing $3.00. The letter was mostly in answer to one informing me of a misunderstanding between Mr. Burns and Mr. Bost Henderson. I gave my views of the proclamation which caused it.

I am reading the life of Robert Burns by Lockhart and one is favorably impressed by the patience & industry of the author, and cannot but feel a sympathy with, and

pr. not great, exquisite poet but in many respects admirable man.
Selma, Ala. June 26th 1865

Monday.

I have finished reading

The Life of Robert Burns.

And I cannot but wish that

eight tenths of the attention

had been paid to their while

living that has been lavished

on "Dead." Do not the

might have redeemed this

error, to establish his many

virtues by leaving behind

him brighter & more mature

records of his cherished genius.

To hear the evening news

of the discovery thatAdjutant

L. Brown of Co. C, his

deserter, & shot near

Home we are pleased.
June 27th, 1863

I was sent to Mount Pleasant by Mr. Brown on 3d of July. I left on the train this morning, reached Columbia at 4 p.m. and took the train at 6 p.m. for New Orleans. Urone took a boat at Brownsville the next day and reached New Orleans at 6 o'clock. P.M. Some boats of Brownsville had not arrived on time and the coal had to be iced. In the night Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and me and four others went through in the night to the other end.
Monday June 28th, 1865
Left Memphis for Jackson at 7 a.m. St. Louis, passing the Memphis landing, the village of Cane Neck, the
villages of Plenty and Morton, Brendon, to arrive at Jackson at 11 a.m. I found
no further news of Brown at this or any of the other
places. Do I look a hash for Big Black in Conway with the Ogden. I went
to the B. Deyers Court of 85 land
commanded the country no
for 10 a.m. to the morning
rider Col. Oldman & his company
they were both persuasive
and very intelligent.
And formed a message to presently as circumstances will permit. While being hurried over the most desolate region in Mississippi, 34 miles above my mile marker as at Battle Field, and we are both as the last vestige plain of any town men who slept from the defenses of Jackson. By Tensas, then on through the mountains and across Big Black at 8 & 1/2. At 10 AM, I hear thunders that by coming through in the light I might get ahead of Brown to Mississippi but no head either when it might reach on the 27th or else. My Mississippi Central from Colonel 10.
Vicksburg Miss June 27 / 61

I wrote 460 cor at Black Ann Bridge & came into Drogheda for day, and was not time in looking over Bucks register Brown Marshalls Papers &c at 2 o'clock Affair when at the hotel there I recd a telegram from Major Kinzie with order to arrest John H Jone &c &c and the substitution Baron who but every facility is allowed desertion now by the whole genealy of all officers who are not questioned of long or short and the opportunity of being north ward or far out of forest ground.
Friday

I returned in town Tuesday

writing every day, as a

known evil, but would

not mean. I mailed a ph

cation for an order from

Gen. Scott to Fort Smith in

Kansas City. He was inability

to give it as it would be

steadily my order. So I

wrote to the Sheriff of Old

smoke. Enlarge to comm

Brown, and a letter

to Mrs. Anderson and

made arrangement in

June to be gone. Any

health has been good for

home and with his acts

improved in any
Ephraim J. with J. Brodhead Miss i Amst. 2,5-0
J. A. Brown Colo.
Tricks on Wedgely at
Mannville 2,5-0
Res. at from Jackson hi.
Big Black Jan. 28th 8,00
Dinner 8,00
Jun 30 on Big Brown
at Reshburg House 4,00
July 1 Breakfast 1,00
Break in Resh 8,00
Break at Wedgely 2,5-0
July 20 Break at
Mannville 3,00
Total 31,00
Petroleum Express to Trethvy
June 28th 1865 - Pipers
10 each at

June 30 - Water court, court
one hour

Litigation
Hauling
Funds for the

Wain, Balian, Sherry & Thompson
2.00
Boley & Stans
3.00
Papers at different times
1.00

Total: 12.75

Money received on
Edmerel Fenton Co. &
8.5 June 7th Vol. 4 of
Uphurst book. Total: $6.00

31.00
12.75
6.00
Total: $49.75