Capt.

Lt. W. J. Bigby
Co. B.

24th Iowa
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April twenty six
The morning clouds and dull last January inspection this morning.
Three big eggs gone past three to dry warmth and sullen.

twenty six

it rained most all night in... The
morning it cleared.
a man a little hill
half-covered with
grass and he.

And kept it up till

morning and kept

tear the river

upright through

the mud dirt.
caught in the same a
April concentrate the night was so
oven head the
morning elyndal and doll her and
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12h and leanding
at three o'clock
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Guerre surripum
Louisiana
unriska at nigh
6 debated pend the
fire on the refills
out grand and with the gsm
...grant the crew till half past 6 and silent all but
men go as they clear of with just little damage to
the gun lights then we Wash down to warped and
rusted for further orders.
St. W. J. Rigby's

Memorandum purchased from

Ezra F. Webb

Apr. 29th, 1863

near Grand Gulf

Miss
April 23

Monday 23rd

Started from camp on Steinhens plantation at 7 a.m. about the same time a heavy rain commenced falling. The roads were in a watered condition, almost impassable for artillery. Crossed three bridges over Bayouis at the last one the guns had to be taken over by hand. This delayed us very much, although but 5 miles from camp, it was near sun down when our Regt. crossed. Stopped for Supper a short distance after crossing.
Started again on Monday. 2 1/2 miles upriver for the night on Judge Perkins' plantation 1 1/2 miles from the river.

Tuesday 28th

Started at 11 a.m. 2 miles upriver to the river. Went on board the steamer Missouri at 6 p.m. Two large barges were attached to it. The 36th Ohio went on in me. The 25th Iowa in the other. Other transports lay at the landing taking on troops. Capt. S. H. Bay down to sleep on the Texas deck about 10. The commodore officers of the Regt were called up to meet the 1st in this hotel.
we that we were to start at
three in the morning to attack
Grant Gulf & to either swim
the river under cover of our
division to make the attack. That
we would probably encounter fire
in the works by a heavy
charge. That it would destroy
gitizen a fortitude & we must con
quer or perish & that we must
instruct our own men to that effect.

In the morning the orders were for
file & closer to short everyone
who turned back & we
must leave the rear to carry
off a wounded Comrade

Wednesday 39th

Started about 4 o'clock &
slowly down the river to where
the enemy's batteries
were.
where we landed on the Loire.

At 8.15 minutes our gun Boats commenced the attack, my position gave me a fair view of the battle. I could not judge of the exacting advance of the French at 1. So the gun Boats withdrew at 2. The troops in the trains on the transports were ordered to march along the Levee to the river below the batteries where we bivouacked for the night. About 9 the gun Boats moved down river to renew the attack.

The transports commenced running to the gunboats of the enemy batteries for an hour the firing was incessant, when the transports had all passed off the gun boats followed as they withdrew the enemy. Today have fought our guns like bull-dogs, tomorrow I think we will try our rifles on them.
Thursday 30th.

Revellie at 3 1/2 o'clock

Regt formed at 7 1/2 a.m. march all to the Levee. Six gun-boats & 3 as many transports are to carry the troops across the river. The gun-boat disabled yesterday lies next to the wharf across the Levee opposite the Roeloff's. Five new graves, the last resting place of the poor soldiers who were killed on Friday. Went on a boat at 8 o'clock past the Forest Grove and the large attached house of Mr. & Mrs. Winsor who left the town at 9 30. The steamer came up & made port to us a few minutes before the boats a
mencell crossing the river with going first with the gun boats as ready for firing at 3:30 our boat pushed out the gun boats are going down the river instead of direct but across all the gil boats & transports are ahead of us three of the latter are stuck together, one is entirely disabled it is one by the rest 10 o'clock three of the gun boats have been ordered as a plant iation on the other side opposite the other side are two large plantations, all the boats are making preparations to land 10 o'clock to 20 minutes we are landed have breakfast almost are resting our boats longest down the river the "Horizon" may
3 velock
we have drawn rations
for 4 days I will start
from Amended Legan's
Division and loading. The
Boats returned I brought them
down S½. We are stopped for
supper on a lane with a rise
Hedge fence on each side
We started from the land-
ing 1½ to 2 hours and have marched
3 miles. The hedge on each
side prevents us from get-
ting a view of the Country
but I believe it is very fine.
The mansion on this height
at noon as one of the best I have
seen. Started after midday
rest of marched all night
May 12th

Stopped for breakfast at

Sucre. Before our meal was

finished the booming of cannon

cheered us into line

again. Our Div was formed

behind Gen Carris which had

the advance. We were engaged

with the enemy, I ordered to

lie down. After in about

half an hour we were brought

to the front and engaged the

fight. The enemy were routed in the forenoon but

enemy's advance at the beginning of the

a.m. Sixth west of the battle field.

Sherman's continued all day we spent at night.

Saturday

marched to Fort Gibson. Five

arms in line we proceeded

reached there at noon

the suspension bridge across

the bay on here had been

burned at the other.
I obliged to build a new one as was finished that evening.

2 October 18— Bed Crossed over Fox River in town all night

Sunday 3rd

The town clock on the baptemary church in town struck eight as we over-passing it on our way out of town Crossed the

Bridge in a blowing snow, it was an intensely hot day.

I stopped for a mile and walked on.

I walked further brought me to a stone suspension bridge.
It had been fine so
lastly burned, but now raining
by our tents. Marched
five miles further. Stood
and ran the night at six
unc.

Wednesday 4th
A very common day. Fortunately
for us we rest in Camp.
Wrote a long letter to my
Brother.

Tuesday 5th
Was woke up about 9
in the morning by the rain
falling on us. It poured
only a slight shower
that day. Very cool and pleasant.
was a detailed officer of
Amb. Guard.
My first was about to ride. Then came many of the boys. I heard the "table talk". There is now a great scarcity of return on camp. I do not believe there is as much as one cracker in camp. This morning, the boys are living in parch corn and beans with a little meat.

Wednesday 6th recalled to camp at 3 in the morning no more rain and except a little meal gathering came in last night. The day is very cool and pleasant. Started at 6 a.m. on march of 8 mns. brought us to Rock springs where we have just camped.
It is a pleasant place on a hill side covered with grass. A small stream runs through the valley below. I think we will remain here several days. The country we have passed through to day is very romantic but the soil is very poor. It is a Red Clay with gravel cropping out of most of the hills. The woods are pitch. I saw a few large trees of the White Pine. The farms are small with few crops in them. They promise very little. We have not seen any we have yet passed.
Thursday 7th

Received the order to march at 12 M. moved on two miles turned off the Road to the Left of Camp in a large field on a hillside facing the North. Incessant as a running brook, & on the other side the ground rises gradually up to the woods 1/2 mile away, it is a proper place for a battle ground. The report says the Rebels may make it one. We are drawn up in line & they will meet us as ready.
Friday 8th
Remanent in camp
Chap.

Saturday 9th
Still in camp. In the afternoon the Rex-crew form our gun-crew. Staff rode along the line. The battalion standing at "Present.""

At 15:15 we gave him three hearty cheers. After lunch on Corn-meal they are a real luxury.
Sunday 10th
The Rev. was formed precisely at 5 to begin the march.
The roads are very dusty & the marshes disagreeable & we went about 10 miles & stopped 1 mile beyond the town of Cary & at a very
 important place & there is St., little before sundown.

from Monday 11th
Received an order at
Midnight to report with
the Remembrancer & the cap.
for guard duty at
M'r. L. Bernard's house;
quarters. The Remembrer
3rd of the men has been
in duty there nearly a week, reported with the few early in the morning. The first duty I had to perform, was to accompany Mrs. Rodgers, the reaper of the House to her father's residence about a mile distant from our lines. The family consisted of the old gentleman, his wife who has been entirely crazy for 4 years, and his eight-year-old girl of 17. The old gentleman had gone to seek quarters to get protection for his property. The girl was crying. I told one of our men that our man had taken every star.
The house I had the hallucination nothing since the morning before. This is but one of many such cases that are occurring every day. Many families along our route must suffer for the want of food unless we can supply them. The country has not enough for its inhabitants. Those whom we Rob can get nothing of their neighbors. Before I left this house the old man returned with a safeguard from the gen-
Tuesday 12th

Reville at 12 1/2 o'clock.

It is our duty when we move to take all we can.

The tents at headquarters were on the Road by six o'clock. Most of the troops had started before us. We marched at six and passed all the Regiments on the Road until we came upon Gen. Henry at the head of his Div. He told us that the advance was skirmishing with the enemy just ahead. The infantry was used instead of the artillery. We had to shell the woods for our advance above our pickets 3 miles before coming to 1/4 mile creek.
Three men were wounded in the 9th Illinois. Casually, but the enemy did not attempt to resist our advance in force. In the afternoon Gen. Wey's crossed the creek and occupied the other side. Rebel quarters were established on the right 21 mile this side of the creek—9 miles from our starting place in the morning.

Wednesday 13th

There has been a slight change of plans since yesterday. This morning we marched back two thirds miles in the Kearsage came yesterday, then turned to the left.
The Crow-Auburn Road, took dinner in that place, marched six miles further in the afternoon & stopped for the night on Tallin's plantation. on the way, confessed Crow-Auburn, then passed over the same Road yesterday morning at a creek three miles from Crow-Auburn, the Rebels burned bridge & had commenced building trees on the Road. There was a little brush which his advance came in to them, in which 5 of our men were killed. 7 wounded.
Thursday 14th

Started at 6 o'clock

I marched 7 miles to

Ramoser, the County

Seat of Greene Co.

A heavy rain was falling most of the time

We were in the Recess of a short distance before Crossing to town. The

Rogers shouted that they

Mo'rison had had a brush

with the enemy. The Negro

on the plantation has

it happened day before yesterday in the evening

That the Rebels were

badly cut up, as there

Quarters in a room &

A nice fire is burning

in the hearth,
22

Friday 13th

Started a 5-velocar
40 min. instead of going on to Jackson as
she hoped we took
the river to Bolton a
station in the river
well. 1 1/2 mins from
Raymond Gen Curtis
Muss Div alone took
this rendezvous where amite
in 1/2 mts. of Bolton
it was reported that the
Rebels were preparing
to attack us as we left
in the legs we withdrew
on a short distance to
masin's plantation. part
of Gen Peterham's Div. mus
be back to guard our train
in the river, must removed
in great supporting the battery, at 10 Gen. Henry
reported to Gen. C.H.
Blewer, he had come
from Clinton, the first
Station East of Ballet.
This proves conclusively that
we have possession of the
Rail Roads. I confirm the
Report of last evening that
grants headquarters
been in Jackson
at Mr. Henry's Div. one in
line facing both of west;
it looks as though the
fire at Mckinley would
atempt to break through
our lines in order to the
Cape since there com
communication Rail-
Road has been cut.
off this is their only cry by which they can escape chance unless they mean to die in the last ditch around Vicksburg.

A Rebel mail has been captured & placed in our care.

At 2 we marched back on the road to Ray's men about a mile where head quarters were established. The troops have changed position so far the Rebels have not appeared in any force
Saturday 16th

Started up the Biltom Road, but on a short-time turned to the left—on the Road to Edward's Depot, Keverly's Division in advance, about 10 o'clock he commenced skirmishing with the enemy, who tenaces a

Determinedly to resist his advance, by ten he was gaily engaged

at first − strip of pieces of their artillery, but the

enemy being tenacious

refused again to he was

obliged to fall back
his line suffered
Severely but belatedly the enemy in check until they were reinforced by Colonel Leng and when the Rebels were driven off the field were closely pursued by our victorious troops. Our Regt. suffered severely; they charged on a broad line, took the guns, and dispersed the Rebels some distance beyond, not being supported they were outflanked on the right and were obliged to retire in some disorder. They did not again go into action.

I have not yet learned the extent of their loss, our casualties not yet gone into the fight. I report the same as at the Blandeau house near the
fields I was ordered to clear the ground of refugees and to place a patrol around them, as they would be used for a hospital, also to assist in getting the wounded out of the ambulances. Remained on duty here until 9 in the morning, when we started to advance again (Kibbee's command). Found him at Edwards stoaps. 8 o'clock. From the battle field our troops had closed followed the Rebels to this place, said action to end at 1 o'clock.
Sunday, 17th

Edwards Depot is 3 miles from Big Black. The Rebels held strong fortifications on the west side of the river. I understand to oppose our advance the commanding began about 6 A.M. Osterhaus & Carr alone taking part on our side. After the enemy's batteries were partially silenced one Brigade of Carr's Div. consisting of the 31st, 92d & 94th directed a fine charge at 11 A.M. Wishing the enemy's works carried then driving the Rebels precipitately across the river.
Capturing 400 prisoners with all their cannon, 17 pieces
our loss in killed, wounded, and captured
amounted to but little over two men, headquarters
for the night were located
listed 1/2 mile from the
River. In the evening
arrived the battle ground
the enemy's works are very
strong. If they had not
been picniked strucken it
would have cost us severe
struggle to have driven
them out. In the begin-
ing of the engagement
in the morning by the 6 o'clock
hours, was slightly wounded
by a shell, which also wounded
4 other men, including.
Monday, 18th

I forgot to mention that the enemy yesterday fired the Railroad bridge over the river, during the night. Our Pioneer Corps constructed a temporary one about a quarter of a mile above the Railroad Bridge. This morning our forces commenced crossing, our men crossed about 10, we marched a short distance but did not start again until after dinner. In the afternoon marched 12 miles and stopped for the night within 3 miles of Rich'sburg.
Tuesday 19th

The army began to move early in the morning. Cannonading commenced as early as twelve. At 11 it was as severe as at any time during the day. The enemy's position was expected to be a very strong one. In the afternoon Gen. Lee, Commanding 2nd Brigade, ordered 2nd Division to charge upon one of the enemy's positions, without success. In the second he was himself wounded to day. His work has been merely preparatory for the great struggle which is still
take advice to move rear headquarters for the night were established at a mansion house 2 1/2 miles in advance of our situation last night.

Wednesday 20th

The attack was renewed early this morning during the forenoon with sharpshooters, got into positions to near the enemy works that they almost effec- tually prevent him from keeping his guns as run as a man near his head, crack, goes his a dozen rifles

The enemy are Carved of a frand to show them selves
our men are confident of success & expose themselves in a way that is perfectly reckless, in the afternoon, with 17 of the men I guarded a squad of 64 prisoners to Lake's Landing in the gage, the distance is 10 miles. The county the doughtiest I ever saw are the Roade the rest—gentlemen battle ground of Dec. last saw the general ever con- tented to let his men fight under such disadvan- tages and more than I can comprehend. I was told that after he had given the order I saw how his men were being butchered the cries like a child
Turned my prisoners over to the Major of the 1st 4000 of them came in just behind us and an old acquaintance I shall name Robert Smith he is now first 9 in the 45 9th.

Thursday 9/4.

Rejoined in the forenoon found head-quarters moved to mile in advance. The position of affairs is the same except that our men are pressing more closely upon the enemy's works, this produced the firing now seen at shorter range than at any previous time.
our guns are now in position where they rake the enemy's works at every discharge. The letter has seldom reply they are driven by our fire and by our sharpshooters a little after noon there was a very refreshing shower of rain, during the afternoon there was but little firing on either side.
Friday 9/9

On the afternoon a general advance was made along the whole line, but men rushed to the trenches of several of the enemy's forts but were not able to gain possession of any. The charge met with the strength of the enemy's position. It proved that our advance must be after the manner of a regular siege.
Saturday 22th
An unusually quiet day along the whole line, 11 of 13 11
Sorae Regiments bayonets as part of the day's inspection, we had an opportunity to see our friends in town.

Sunday 24th
But little fighting during the day. We were enjoying a Sunday's rest. In the afternoon Capt. Starker to the river for the all the pris were on hand to inspect Sergt. Ruthen won the Cub.
Monday 25th

The event of the day was an armistice of about four hours duration on the afternoon, as rumoured by the Rebels & alluded by Gen. Grant. Its object was the burial of the men killed in the Charge on Fredericksburg. Each of the men was buried in their own grave, and the result was becoming unsatisfactory to the enemy. They had only three guns and were already firing recognition. The enemy did not leave his works during the armistice.
Tuesday 26th

Clothing returned as Carrick in front - the 11th 51st Reaseach us in the afternoon going in their way to ever right to gain their own hacks, also two letters from home one from cousin all of me from Mrs. Brown
Wednesday 27

Nothing unusual about
the lake during the
day. Sent a letter to
my brother by a team-
ster to be mailed at
the yard.

Thursday 28th:

Off 20 minutes
to
before day in the morning.

Not all our guns open-
ence in the evening.

For half an hour a
furious breeze kept
up in the trees. Again
in the evening, the

firing was very rapid
for half an hour.

Wrote a letter to Mrs.
Brown.
Thursday 26th. Obs. ice courting for the first time since I left battle at Shempen Hills received two mails from home.

Friday 27th.
At 9 a.m. on the morning all our guns opened on the enemy's batteries strictly, and kept them as quiet as the men could cause them. Again in the evening the firing was very rapid for half a hour.
Saturday 30 ½
I was short with a foraging party but corn full ahead
went out 10 miles on the Bullock Ferry Route to the plantation
of Mrs. Burbank

Sunday 31 ½
A quiet day in front
it seems as though the
hostile Arapies have never
really continued to enjoy
a substantial days rest.

June Monday 1½
Kelly firing early in
the morning during the
moderate breeze much
ammunition quartered half a mile to the
left of our line of position
Saturday 30 1/2
I was stationed north a swinging party bar corn full clear went out 10 miles on the Baldwin ferry route to the plantation of Mr. Hubbard.

Sunday 31st
A quiet day in front it seems as though the hostile armies have moved additionally continued to enjoy a bath with days rest.

June Monday 1st
Hurry inspection early in the morning. During the moderate air moved headquarters half a mile to the left of our blue position.
Tuesday 9th

Great musket firing last night - from the enemy (which was strongly answered by our men) and skirmishes last night about half an hour rather more than the usual amount of firing from our batteries and Merit's Boat. Of course I came in which brought me a letter from Brother Sergt. Cerevisies. I premise changes here. The 1st of a recruiting train came in this evening bringing a few Africans with them. They were taken to receive Co. F 4th Texas Regt.
Wednesday, 9th

An unusually active day in front.
All day the firing was more severe than common. At about 5 p.m., in the evening, the rebels opened a sharp musketry fire on our line. At an unusual al shot from their artillery, our men replied with spirit, but for more than an hour or two, the fire was kept up several times but we never turned back. A shell struck near us and a shrapnel was heard nearby. Bullets struck within less than a yard of me as I was writing in our tent.
Thursday 4th

Clothing returned from hospital tent - came to head quarters + was put up, Charley Co. 2nd Gen. was moved into 2nd Sergt. Rutland

Started to company's =

Prairie with Captain. Go to get the team gone over by thecapt. at Gollinens' Barn

Friday 5th

A very warm day

Sergt. Corwin left company & returned to camp bringing 12 blankets recruits with them
Saturday 6th
Weary & Smirky more quiet than usual along our lines. Sent our Collier, Prisoners & Paroled men to the yagers.

Sunday 7th
Chir-to-Stike as our two last Sabbath was not as noisy as yesterday. Wrote a letter to Mury Earl Searl, wrote to Gil-Begyole.
Monday, 8th
Quiet—along the lines that is quiet—as usual. We cut General Jackets for our men from the cotton of the 18th

Tuesday, 9th
Sherman came to us that the enemy is preparing to attack us in the rear, being rather stronger than yesterday.
Wednesday 10th
A rainy day, nothing more to do except deal of discomfort connected with that.
Still we can well afford to interject it for the good the rain will do us.

Thursday 11th
A pleasing, cool day. About the usual amount of firing along the line received a good long letter from my brother.
in pursuit I acted
Lincoln brought
him in. The gang
ordered him to stay that
night for safekeeping

Wednesday 13th
was ordered the linen
wth a order from Dell
letter to bring in 2
chairs & a table for
use in his office
get the chairs all others
Bennis & the table at
If Bennis by 2 plant
ation, give a receipt
for both
Thursday 18th
Mr. Parker express agent for this army Corps Commandeering was called}
meeting with us I received a letter from father to one
from brother
Friday 19th
Orders came last night from gen Grant relating
to gen C.L. Sherman of his command subject
to the approval of the war department.
This morning before leaving, the gen on
made a short but earnest
speech to the staff.
Both as Div & corps Commander he has always been in the front of the fight & what the troops under his command had never failed to distinguish themselves, if I have erred I said he it is because I have been too belated by the hour of the 9th Army Corps his successor Gen Ord reached Pud Drs shortly after Gen McCallum had left & as far as I have learned the latter army regret that the change was made at this time Gen McCallum here
The entire confidence of his command to be perfectly acquainted with the gun as before. As the approaches to them of new men want boost. The latter can only be acquired by as we went in the battle field.

Saturday, 20th
By orders from Gen. Grant, every piece along our line was opened in the enemy at this morning till hit the front was as rapid as the gunners could make it.
From that time till 10 it was only moderate.

And for the rest of the day

I was unusually quiet,

Charles M. Gemmell,

one of my best friends,

died in the Hospital

of Chronic Disease.

Sunday 21st.

Charley and Gemmell were buried at nine. The service was only a prayer by Alfred and a few words by myself. But unusual feeling was shown by the men. Of Charley there was a gash in his chest every one in the Co. of his loss is felt by all.
Monday 22 nov

Wrote a letter to Mr. Snyder telling him what disposition to make of Charity's property & including the money I received for his clothes.

In the evening went up to New York to where an approach which is being carried up to one of the enemy's forts they had arranged our work. men the last two nights by throwing lighted shells among them to give the first time 12 men under took to reply with hand cannon to have the honor of throwing the two first shots.
Were thrown into the fort, after we came away. The Rebels threw several shells at our workmen, & they replied with the grenade.

Tuesday 23d

Got a letter to S. Foy.

Wednesday 24th

On entry to make

Thursday 26th

Area same. Money from the Post. I issued it to the men. An exciting day, all lay the lines of Rebel fort blown up in front of Culpin.
At 4 1/2 o'clock this was a signal for the entire line to open in the frenzy with Little Round Top Artillery. In a moment after the explosion the river of two guns filled the air. Only a few rounds could have been better timed than this attack for two hours the fire from the center ceased. On the right of our line, however, there was much confusion, and Logan's battery was finally thrown back by the first shot.
Thursday 26th

Interesting events occurred during the day in the evening student went on our trip to pills with Ed and Frank until near midnight. The approval which Gen. Smith is making is within 50 feet of the girt to which it is being carried.

Saturday 27th

Drew electro from Dr. in the afternoon went out with Rayley to the house of Dr. Meader & Mr. Ebenezer.
which they have been detailed to
protest until for
for duty in the Co.
the boys were Comin
as in the Hosp.
tal I will write.

much faster I think
in the Country than
in Camp.

Thursday 28th
Rec’d orders at 11

velocipede to report the
Co. to the Reg.
A Co. from the 67th

was received on
the orders were quite
unexpected. The
change was sudden
of the urgent.
The rest of the Col. I do not think there is an officer at headquarters but is well pleased with the Col. for my part I feel that we are left with an honorable reputation, one that we can feel proud of reported in the after noon to the Col. I am certainly com-
fortable in my mind of my duties, and we are on the top of the hill while the rest of the Regt. is in the hollow.
Monday 27th

finished work Collar for the minister tomorrow
had them signed by the men in the evening the Co were sent out to proc
port the working party in the reach which are being carried up to the
large fort in front of our line our approach is now
with in 10 yds of it all was quiet in both sides
until 9 o'clock when the Rebel fired on our working
party about 10 shots were exchanged all after
which it was quiet until morning but the work
was suspended for the night.
Tuesday 30th

Game out of the "Frenkes at 4 O'Clock

The Co. was mustered by Col. Wills and the remainder of the Regt. had been mustered earlier in the morning & were in the "Rifle" St. for the Revolt of Stafford & Hill. They are really quiet & with their Kith & kin in the Country.
Only Wednesday 1st.

Private E. H. Brown

Orders in the Hockeda

of inflammation of

Three had charge of the night

working party from

our Brigade

Worked on a new

approach to the rear

of the old one

Our task was to clear

A transverse across

a ravine commanded

by one of the enemy's

forts. This we were

asked to clear from there

The approach and up

a ravine to a point

within 300yds of the enemy's

fort. It will require but little
Thursday 9th

Came on from the trenches at 7 o'clock. Found that the Red had been ordered out to the Picket line, after breakfast. Started to go out about ten. Coming on, were ordered out to the same place again as far as the other day back just then the day. Laying in the thick of it. Came in to camp a little after 11. There was an alarm along the pedestrian line of the Regt. was called into line, stockade guns. Lay down beside the medical tent.
Early in the forenoon the enemy drove the white flag on the other side of the firing line of the enemy. The gunboat Strike continued firing at intervals occasionally in the afternoon. The firing began again along the line of the enemy. Black and Blue was the color of the rebels. It has been brought to me that Gen. Grant and his troops would arrive in the evening. It was a bright and clear day. It gives me a little hope that the fight will be at an end.
Saturday 7th Oct

The white flag was run up over the enemy's tents as a sign that they desired peace and an end of the war. Only knew this great need, too true what a glorious war. I would be to them. At our order came to the 6th to be ready to march at 5 in the evening. This order kept us in camp. I did not get an opportunity to go to the city. The order did not state where we were to go to the camp was about

with counsel in the
Liberia, as usual. The
hour passed at we did
not work in the evening.
There were a fine show of
fireworks in the different
Camps. I sent a few
notes and wrote a letter
to Brother.

Sunday, 8th.
Last night an order came
for the 4th at 9 this evening.
By 1 a.m. we were on the road,

By 1 a.m. we were on the road

But our my touch on the city
without having seen
much as been the clots
of the enemy works.
This same is true of many
others took the road to
Blue River Bridge.
When within 2 miles,
If it turned to the left I knew camped in trees. We might it is rumored that a part of Sherman's & McPherson's forces had an engagement west. Johnson offered me on the other side of the side. It caused him completely.

Monday 6th

Stay in camp until 4 P.M. when ordered to Black River. Camped on the west side.

Tuesday 7th

Started at 5 am. on the morning. Went over the Rome Road that are.
in approaching thick fury crossed the battle field of champions late in the afternoon also Co. A and guard the camp of the battle at 9:45 in the evening reached Pullein tired and sleepy many of our men were entirely exhausted just before we reached the place it commenced raining & there was a great push to occupy the rear building near the rail road & got into the method had been used as hospital I & Co. dirty but a terrible time to us.
for an ear of corn
for my supper I got
nothing. Since then
might

Wednesday
The
old man-like Duttun
until day in the even-
ing marched very
slowly, stopping fre-
gently until 10 o'clock
when we had tea
without any ceremony
and drank by the
road potato cheering.
Thursday 9th

Started at Sunrise reached Clinton at 10 A. M. Stopped for dinner 1/2 an hour further on. Lay there all the afternoon. A rest which was very grateful to us.

Friday 16th

Started at 6 marched 3 miles and stopped for dinner. In the after noon marched a short distance to the right & crossed for the right in the woods. Up the road we are on and think one of Jackson. I think the yoke in this ride is kept
buck in order to all
give the 9th Corps time
to get in rear of the city
& cut off the enemy's
retreat if he does not
escape to night. Here I
can see to night we will
take his entire army as
nicely as we did at-
brooksburg. The report
of canoe has been heard
at intervals all day
& in the evening the enemy
fired some shots in re-
turn from the report. I
think they cannot have
some heavy guns.
Wednesday 11th
Pay in cash the fire
work Oct 21st. The
Regt was formed &
marched in a south-
west direction to get
into a river. Coming
into Jackson from the
south after advanc-
ing a mile our batter-
ies met Confederate
shelling the woods
to feel the position of
the Rebels. Shortly after
coming on to the rear
the advance came on to
the enemy's pickets.
Our Regt was hurried
forward off the River
to the right across a
small creek.
where we formed in line & lay down their at shot & we shall passed over we here on a short-tron cove were or cove up & me. Chad left in front around a point of Brush & per-
meet in line along the creek it was hard near-
ly dark the family was chased & got by the all night. The men sleeping with there accouterment and I slept without my cork cot with a double blanket over & another under me
Sunday 19th

Line formed at day break marched forward left in front a short distance to the right, formed again and marched nearly the left resting on the road the right here was used north the right was in the east of the road Co. B was deployed as skirmishers in the west side of the lane was formed on the edge of a piece of timber through which we advanced slowly to about 11 when near the railroad came to the enemy's bullets
By this time the Col Benford's skirmish line had been extended nearly to the road we were in front of us so that we had no chance to fire on the enemy. Here a Battery got our range and fired several rounds of grape & shell through the Co., knocking Prueett in the hanks & hitting slightly in the side. As it was impossible for us to fire I withdrawn the Co to the left out of range of the enemy's guns. By this time the 1st Mrs. Burtzey
had been brought up to by a few Short silenced the fire of the enemy. As the ground in front of the Ca was now occupied by Bentinck's men, the train brought the cow back to the Regt, which was very hungry. Short chums became the head of the battery and we were fortunate enough to find some meal in a house a short distance to our left or we had gone without anything to eat - they -
Monday 13
Regt still in the same place, was called three into line by
short firing along our picket line. Nobody
wounded in or out by a stray shot from the
enemy was detailed
of officer of picket guard
in the evening. All guard
along the line during the
night.

Tuesday 14
Shadows along the line a little after day
light. Some of the rebel
shots came very close
but no one was hurt.
Their skirmishers kept
out of sight.
In that it was impossible to tell if the lines were relieved or not by Captain Clark at Los Angeles as asked for by the enemy from my to four P.M. thus they may bury their men who fell in the charges yesterday, great by our own humblest cut by our own comrades in arms throwing up breastwork along the whole length of its front without the least marking the land immediately in its front - Glen Burn on our left commanded this month two days since.
I already had a line 1/4 of a mile in length, with six pieces of artillery well planted behind it.

Wednesday 15

Work on the breastwork kept up during the whole of last night. This line when complete will make us secure from an attack by the enemy. I will be the base for other works near the enemy. I went on R.R. with S Paren from the court reliev in E.
was relieved at 7 by the detail for the night under A.D. Bellman.

Thursday 15th

Detailed out to picket-guard for the night from 8 to 10. There was deemed to be quite a stir inside the Rebel lines more or less. A army of drum & bugle calls & severalquick's played by a brass band at 10 this had all ceased & from that time until early in the morning there was a continual rumble of Company
To go one way, toward the Red Road & away from us about 3 miles or a large fire appeared on the right side of Tier 6-3 when the first heard nearly became a conflagration & broke out in the center of the place at sunrise it was not nearly burned out.

Friday 13th

At day light I was fully persuaded that the enemy was encamped all his works no shots coming from near I had the men bear into place.
where their shrapnel shells had been seen but no answer was obtained. Relief was sent in the evening.

On the 2nd, I had not been in camp half an hour when orders were brought that the place was evacuated. Our troops were taking possession.

At 11 A.M., I received orders to hold the men in camp and be ready to march in a moment. The order was not executed, as in camp we were not on the roll call as the term of the
The place was much destroyed by fire one of the best blocks was burned by the enemy before leaving. Several wine buildings have been pitted by clever marks. The prison, Cipre, strength of the defenders around the place was in the adroits of gallery in front of the breastworks as is over 20 feet in width 80 marks are almost impossible stable learner.
Saturday, 16th

The 13-man detachment from the Co. to assist in tearing up the railroad on the road running to Chit, Orleans. The same is being done to all the Roads. Our terms here are that Depot is moved out of their old Camp on the first round.

Sunday, 19th

Detail of 13 men to assist in destroying Rail Road. One of the Regt. in the evening received letter from Miss Snyder.
Monday Oct

A birthday with us, but in the after-
noon the o'clock comes to move, at 5 I go
mother morning.

This is welcome here as anything is better
than lying in bed all
the interest in
the house is all ex-
travagant.
1863

pork No. 33 ginger snaps 10c
.10 " 2 boxes sardines 1.50
.11 " 1 box peaches 1.50
.12 " coffee 3.50
.13 " two goldings 75c
.14 " 1 box 23c
.15 " bill of Dr. M. 3.00
Started from
Archesbury, July 5th 1910
With $16.75 in my
Pocketbook
Left 95c, in my
Trunk
W. Lyke & Pluck 2
J. P. Hesman 2
W. Carl 2
J. I. Daugherty 2
J. Hart 2
N. Southern 2
J. Dickerson 2
A. Peden 2
K. M. Burnett 2
Geo. Todd 2
J. Harison 1
Wm. Collins 1
John Stare 2
C. S. Hiltle 1
J. W. Johnson 1
C. W. Weeks 2
Geo. Moore 2
J. J. Otto 2
W. Jamaica 2
Lively 2
W. Edginton 1
John Kent, 2 July, $100
James Bettis, 1820.

Carie Landing,
The Aquilas Bay.

Ben $150.00
Betts, $50.

April 11th
K. H. T., 1863.

Enoch Morgan
Co. 16, 52 Virginia

Thomas G. Lane, Co. E, 34th

80.75.12
Burtree, 12-

New, 13-

Price, 13-

McKee, 13-
Miss Account

Apr. 30. 12. 30 Scat. 9 Scat. 70

3. New Coffee

Sugar

May 2. 6 Scat. Bread

6. Honey

5. Coffee

Trackers

Potatoes

9. Flour

11. Bread

13. Peaches, on toast, m. 4.75

14. Lard, Scat. 10, 10 Scat. 3.50

Can of Oysters 1.75

26. Milk

31. Milk

Coffee Pot 60
Frank Smith
Co. C. Engineer
Regt. of the 3st
Changes with
Persuit.