



## JOURNALS & COLT ARMY PISTOL – GEORGE W. BUHRER

Five journals written by members of the storied Cal Hundred and Cal Battalion have survived the years since the Civil War. They have been the source of research on the movements and daily life of 500 men who left California and served in the Civil War under the flag of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass Cavalry. All five diaries are held in museum manuscript collections.

Now, a sixth has surfaced. The daily journal of George W. Buhrer, a German immigrant who served with Company E of the Cal Battalion, part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Massachusetts Cavalry. The journal spans the period from his enlistment in February 1863 in San Francisco, until June 1866, with occasional entries reaching into 1867. Buhrer's recordings offer rich descriptions of the daily struggles of a cavalry trooper in the Civil War. He covers his regular forays across the byroads of Virginia in search of Confederate John Mosby, the spectacular arrival on the field of General Phil Sheridan at the Battle of Cedar Creek, and the surrender of Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Courthouse.

At war's end, Sergeant Buhrer purchased his pistol, his Spencer carbine and his cavalry sabre from the U.S. government for \$21.00. Accompanying Buhrer's diary is his Colt Army pistol, identified by serial number in his journal entry dated Friday, April 24, 1863. The whereabouts of his sabre and Spencer are lost to history. Also accompanying the journal is a second journal dated 1890 which contains daily entries by Buhrer on business conducted from his ranch in Montana.

The Civil War journal is hardbound, 6¼" X 8¼" and contains 117 pages of original handwritten script. The Colt revolver is serial #98224 and is in fine condition with traces of case color on protected areas of the frame. All serial numbers match, there are two faint cartouches on opposing sides of the grips, and initials JWB carved into the butt for Jörg W. Buhrer.

**DAILY JOURNAL**  
**GEORGE N. BUHRER**  
COMPANY E, CAL BATTALION - 2<sup>ND</sup> MASSACHUSETTS CAVALRY

Daily Journal since my enlistment in the service of the U. St. Cavalry Volunteers at San Francisco, California.

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Enlisted and sworn in the service of the United States of America, as a private in Co. A California Cavalry Battalion. D.W.C. Thompson, Major Commanding the Battalion; Charles S. Eigenbrodt Captain Commanding Co. A.

We remained at San Francisco about five weeks occupying Platts Music Hall as a Recruiting Station and Quarters.

Monday March 23<sup>th</sup>

Left San Francisco, on the Steamer Constitution. The militia of the City escorted us to the Steamer with Banners flying and martial music. We embarked amid the roar of canon and hearty cheers from the spectators, we left the wharf & harbor about noon; Weather very pleasant.

Tuesday the 24.

One of the members of Company B (Thompson) fell overboard and was unfortunately lost, an unfortunate omen for our voyage. Weather very pleasant. (*Transcriber's note: The man overboard was actually Hiram Townsend, a 36 year old farmer of Co. L.*)

Wednesday the 25.

Passed Guadaloupe [*off the coast approximately opposite Santa Maria*]. Weather pleasant.

Thursday 26.

In sight of land, passed the Island "St. Miguel". [*Channel Islands*]. Weather fine, detailed for guard at 9 A.M.

Friday 27.

Land still in sight "Lower California". A ship in the distance; relieved from guard at 9 A.M. Weather continues pleasant.

Saturday 28.

Day passed as usual; Weather cool, cloudy & windy.

Sunday 29.

Arrived in the harbor of „Manzanilla“, [*roughly 200 miles north of Acapulco*], in the afternoon, remained a few hours; not much of a place, composed of a few houses and some miserable huts. The natives lazy, indolent and slovenly in the extreme. Greenery picturesque and quite romantic. Weather warm.

Monday 30.

Land in the distance in sight all day; Arrived at Acapulco and anchored in the harbor at 9 oclock P.M. Evening starlight and the air clear and beautiful; remained several hours. Truly an evening in the Tropics in the summer is beautiful. The air is cool and laden with the fragrance and perfume of a thousand flowers and one can truly exclaim, "Beautiful."

Tuesday 31.

At Sea again, nothing of unusual occurrence has transpired to day. Weather very warm & sultry.

Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> [1863]

Weather stormy; Sea very rough; many of our boys troubled with sea-sickness and even I myself had to succumb to the influence of the sea, and own to the power of the subtle God of the sea "Neptune". Sea calmed down during the night.

Thursday April 2<sup>th</sup>.

A false alarm of fire in the evening. Some became excited and one ran for a Life preserver; however their alarm was soon quieted and no serious consequence resulted. Weather; clear and very warm and sultry.

Friday 3.

Weather clear, and cool A.M.; somewhat cloudy & windy P.M.

Saturday 4.

Land in sight all day; Passed Cape Blanco [*Costa Rica*]. Weather continues fine.

Sunday 5.

Land still in view; Passed several Islands names unknown. Panama supposed to be near.

Monday 6.

Panama at last, arrived in the harbor at 4 oclock A.M. disembarked at 7 oclock. Farewell old Steamer you have safely carried me through the dangers of the deep, wich at one time it seemed it would overwhelm me. Farewell for ever. Arrived in Panama at 9 A.M. remained one hour and taking the cars of the Panama R.R. Co., were transported across the Isthmus to Aspinwall; where we arrived at 4 P.M. Scenery very fine; weather pleasant.

Tuesday. 7.

Embarked on board the Steamer Ocean Queen for New York. The accomodations are miserable having been fitted up as a Packett and formerly running between N.Y. and Bremen. We are convoyed by the Steam Gunboat "Connecticut" as a protection against Pirates. We passed the Island of New Providence [*belongs to Colombia*]. Weather pleasant.

Wednesday 8.

The day passed of as usual; weather warm rainy in the evening.

Thursday 9.

Passed several ships, one a french Steamer, caused great excitement lest it should prove the Rebel Pirate "Alabama". Our fears however were unfounded. We passed coast of Cuba on the North side and Cape St. Anthony [*Cuba*]. Weather fine.

Friday 10.

Several sails in sight, "one Steamer", passed Islands of Keys-West. Weather cool & windy.

Saturday 11.

In the Gulf Stream, passed several Light houses & ships; weather cold and windy.

Sunday 12.

Wind contrary and our progress is retarded. Weather cold and windy.

Monday 13.

Passed Cape Hateras early in the morning. Weather cold & windy.

Tuesday 14.

Arrived in New York the Metropolis of the U. St. at 2 P.M. disembarked and passed up West street and through the far famed Broadway to the Park Barracks, where we remained. Weather pleasant. New York City looks gay as usual. In the evening per an invitation extended to the Battalion we attended the New Bowery Theatre. Entertainment and performance good.

Wednesday 15.

Left New York at 5 P.M. per Steamer Plymouth Rock via Stonington for Boston; arrived at Stonington at 2 A.M. and from there proceeded via R.R. to Readville Mass. Weather rainy. Old Californians

citizens of New York escorted us through Broadway to Union Square and from thence to the Steamer and we embarked amid the sweet strains of music of one of the Metropolitan bands, we enjoyed ourselves finely.

Thursday 16.

Arrived at Camp Meigs near Readville Mass at 11 A.M. "en route" we passed through Providence the Capital of Rhode Island and were favored with a momentary glimpse of some of its Public buildings, Capitol etc. The atmosphere was very sultry and the weather rainy and disagreeable.

Friday 17.

Weather rainy and extremely cold. We are getting things settled and comfortable. Oh! How hungry we are! By and by dinner and a welcome repast it was too, I can assure you. Our quarters are cold; each Comp. occupies a separate Barrack, fitted up with Bunks. Our sudden change from a tropical atmosphere to this cold one is felt by all Californians much more than the Bostonians here. Weather disagreeable; a fine penetrating drizzling rain.

Saturday 18.

We have a Drill "foot" two hours a day; Brandon one of our men Co. A who had been sick since leaving California and since died, was buried to day - poor fellow! Thus we will drop off and who can foretell how many will ever reach their homes again. Weather mild and pleasant. (*Transcriber's note: Private John R. Brandon of San Francisco was 27 when he enlisted.*)

Sunday 19.

Inspection of Quarters by Colonel Lowell, our Colonel. Received our "Sabres" this afternoon. Weather pleasant.

Monday 20.

Our Non-Commissioned officers had Saddles issued to them to day. Most of us are busy Policing and cleaning up around our Quarters. Policing is one of a soldiers most important duties, when he is about Camp, as I expect we will find out by experience. Weather cold and rainy.

Tuesday 21.

Detailed for Guard 8 A.M. Weather fine and clear.

Wednesday 22.

Relieved from Guard at 10 A.M. and free from detail or duty the remainder of the day.

Thursday 23.

Drill twice, forenoon and afternoon, Sabre drill, marching, etc. weather fine.

Friday 24.

No drill. Revolvers and Cartridge Boxes issued to us. Weather rainy. (Number of my Revolver 98,224.).

Saturday 25.

Had Saddles and other Equipments issued to us. Weather rainy.

Sunday 26.

Detailed for Guard. Received \$25. Advance Bounty/.

Monday 27.

Relieved from Guard 10 A.M. Some of the boys mounted their horses. Weather pleasant. Free from duty.

Tuesday 28.

Drill twice a day; had forty horses issued to our Company to day. They are nothing extra, some very old. Weather fine.

Wednesday 29.

Drill twice a day. Mounted for the first time, we get along quite well for new recruits and green horses. Weather cool & windy.

Thursday 30.

No drill. Muster and general inspection. Officers very particular; Every thing in and around Quarters in apple pie order. Weather pleasant.

Friday 1. [May 1863]

Mounted drill some of the horses baulky in riding. Not much leisure at present. Many are away on furloughs, and the remaining few have heavier duty. Weather pleasant.

Saturday 2.

Detailed for Guard, mounted for the first time, found it somewhat tiresome. Several accidents have happened since we drilled mounted; One man broke his leg; One his shoulder; and One his arm. Weather pleasant. (*Transcriber's note: The trooper noted as having broken his leg was likely Sergeant Gilbert Merritt of Company M.*)

Sunday 3.

Relieved from Guard at 11 A.M. Dress Parade in the forenoon after dress parade, drill.

Monday 4.

On police duty all day; Two men badly hurt to day; One badly kicked; One fell from his horse. Weather cool.

Tuesday 5.

Detailed for ten days duty in the kitchen. Feel about half sick. Weather unpleasant rainy & cold.

Wednesday 6.

Every thing quiet to day. Weather rainy & cold.

Thursday 7.

I am feeling quite unwell and unable to do any thing. Weather still bad.

Friday 8.

Still Sick! Weather begining to get more settled.

Saturday 9.

Still unable to do any thing. Weather pleasant.

Sunday 10.

Getting better; the men made an other trip out in the Country an Equestrian trip. Weather fine.

Monday 11.

I am cooking again. Three days rations, we expect to leave Camp here to morrow, en route to Washington the Capitol. Weather fine.

Tuesday 12.

Left Camp at 9 A.M. Lead our horses to the R.R. Station, where they were put on board the train. Weather pleasant.

Wednesday 13.

Arrived at Jersey - City New Jersey, 9 A.M. remained there till 5 P.M. whence we proceeded to Philadelphia. Passed a Regiment of Infantry returning home whose time had expired. Weather continues pleasant.

Thursday 14.

Arrived at Philadelphia 4 A.M. Had a good Breakfast; remained one hour and proceeded on our way en route for Baltimore, Md. where we arrived at 11 A.M. and after remaining one hour, entered the cars for the place of our ultimate destination. "Washington". Weather cloudy and quite chilly.

Friday 15.

Arrived at Washington one o'clock at night. Took our horses out of the cars and watered and feed them. Remained until afternoon at our Camp outside of the City and then started for our assigned camping ground a distance of 4 miles from the City. Weather still fine.

Saturday 16.

Our Tents "Sibley pattern" are all up and are allotted for sixteen men in each Tent; Drill this morning by our Colonel. [Lowell] Weather continues fine.

Sunday 17.

Inspection of Quarters; A.M. Drill. Weather pleasant.

Monday 18.

Drill in the forenoon. Our new Camp is known by the supponious title of Camp East Capitol Hill. Weather pleasant.

Tuesday 19.

Drill twice to day forenoon and afternoon. Weather still pleasant.

Wednesday 20.

A grand Inspection by Major General Casey; all went of well; a few of the Massachusetts recruits fell from their horses, no one hurt bad a few slight bruises. Weather pleasant.

Thursday 21.

Detailed for Guard. Drill as usual, one man slightly hurt. Weather still warm.

Friday 22.

Regimental drill by the Colonel. Weather very warm.

Saturday 23.

Drill in the forenoon, afternoon to ourselves. Some of us went Bathing in a branch of the "Potomac". Weather very warm.

Sunday 24.

Inspection of Quarters and arms. Weather warm.

Monday 25.

Drill as usual. Weather cloudy & cool.

Tuesday 26.

Detailed for Guard, drill as usual. Weather very warm.

Wednesday 27.

Drill as usual. Relieved from Guard at 5 P.M. Weather very warm.

Thursday 28.

Drill as usual; My horse fell with me, was not hurt any, charged into Camp, three more horses fell with their riders, two men slightly hurt. Weather warm.

Friday 29.

Drill as usual; my horse fell with me again. Weather warm.

Saturday 30.

On Guard, relieved about sundown. Our company received orders to report to Fort Baker, on the other side of the Potomac; everything was packed up as quickly as possible and leaving Camp. We arrived at Fort Baker at Midnight. Weather warm.

Sunday 31.

Camped a short distance from the Fort in a very pleasant place; we are occupying Quarters formerly those of the Infantry, who were our predecessors. Quarters very comfortable. Most of us detailed for Picket and scouting duty; left Camp in the Evening went a few miles and separated. No signs of an enemy. Weather pleasant.

Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> [1863]

Two of us out scouting nearly all day; no signs of any Rebs. The country looks well. Forts are in sight not more than a mile or two apart. Weather pleasant; started for Camp at night.

Tuesday 2.

Remained in Camp near Fort Baker until afternoon, received orders to join our Regiment at Brightwood our new Camp, arrived there about sundown. Weather fine.

Wednesday 3.

We had Policeing to do to day. Our new Camp is a new piece of ground and there is a great deal of brush, old stumps etc., to clear away to make things look well. Weather cloudy and a little rain.

Thursday 4.

Doing police duty, weather warm, our Camp is nearly opposite Fort Massachusetts. The Fort is at present occupied by some Vermont Artillery. They are fixed very pleasantly.

Friday 5.

Drill forenoon; doing pickett and patrol duty, from fifteen to twenty starting out every evening. Went out for the first time, travelled about six miles and halted for rest until morning. Weather intensely warm.

Saturday 6.

On pickett, two hours on post and four hours off; had a good easy time. Weather very warm.

Sunday 7.

Dress Parade and Inspection of Quarters. The remainder of the Californians arrived at night. Weather clear but warm.

Monday 8.

Sabre drill dismounted in the forenoon; no drill in the afternoon. Weather cloudy & windy.

Tuesday 9.

Detailed to go to the City with some horses wich need shoeing; returned about noon; detailed in the evening to go out with a scout; started at dark and travelled till nearly midnight. Weather warm.

Wednesday 10.

Started at sunrise, passing through Mechanicsville, and Rockville, stopped near Rockville for two hours then started back passing Oxfords cross roads and ruins of an old mill and again another old mill, arrived at Camp about sundown, having travelled over forty miles. The country through wich we passed was mostly farming land, it is sadly neglected, yet it looks well. Weather pleasant.

Thursday 11.

Quite an excitement in Camp this morning, a Rebel force reported as crossing the Potomac, all able men are ordered to get in readiness for a raid. Started at 11 A.M., travelled 35 miles, passing through Rockville, Darnstown, and Poolsville, camped at night at Camp Heintzelmann, a few miles from Poolsville. Weather pleasant.

Friday 12.

Started at 3 oclock A.M. crossed the Potomac, water up to the horses bellys, passed through Leesburg, Va., from there to Balls mill on Goose-creek, we halted one hour and proceeded in the direction of "Aldie", passing "Zions Church" and down on the Turnpike towards Fairfax Court house. Stopped at Stewarts ranch about sun down, and camped for the night, saw nothing of any enemy, passed through some fine looking country. Weather fine.

Saturday 13.

Started early in the morning for Camp. Passed by Hunters Mill, Vienna, Lewensville, Langley, and crossed the Potomac on Chain Bridge, passing through the outskirts of Georgetown, D.C. arrived at Brightwood at 4 P.M. Weather fine.

Sunday 14.

In the forenoon very busy preparing for Inspection. Inspection came off in the afternoon. Weather fine.

Monday 15.

Drill in the forenoon, detailed in the evening to go out with a scout. Started at 9 P.M. travelled till after midnight passing through Rockville. One mile from it we stopped until daylight. I stood Pickett.

Tuesday 16.

Started early in the morning and returned to Rockville, from there to Oxfords cross roads, then Tanleytown [*Tennallytown*], arrived at Brightwood in the afternoon. Some excitement in Camp, a rumored Raid of the Rebels through Maryland into Pennsylvania, we are expecting marching orders momentarily. Weather pleasant, rather warm.

Wednesday 17.

Inspection by an aid of Major General Heintzelmanns, in whose military departement we are. Weather warm.

Thursday 18.

Drill in the forenoon. Heavy thunder shower in the afternoon, raining all night. A warm rain.

Friday 19.

Drill in the morning; in the afternoon a part of the Regt. Started on a trip, passing through Washington, crossed the Potomac on Long Bridge and camped near Convalescent Camp until morning. Weather warm & cloudy, some of us got wet.

Saturday 20.

Went out scouting, passed through "Falls Church, VA.". Picked up a few stragglers, returned to our Camp of last night; at noon started for Brightwood arrived in the evening.

Sunday 21.

Inspection as usual; some rain in the forenoon and rainy night. Weather cloudy.

Monday 22.

Drill in the forenoon; missed drill in the afternoon, under arrest for three hours; had to carry a stick of wood one hour and a half. Weather warm.

Tuesday 23.

Drilled twice to day; Sabre drill in the afternoon, detailed for Camp guard in the evening. Weather cloudy & cool.

Wednesday 24.

Our Regiment received orders to march; left Camp at 2 oclock P.M. We travelled until night camped about 2 miles from Rockville. Camp guard acted as rear guard on the march. Weather cloudy & warm.

Thursday 25.

Left early in the morning passing through Darnstown, arrived at Poolsville 1 P.M. and made Camp near town, had Tents up before night. Weather pleasant in the forenoon, raining during the night.

Friday 26.

Remained in Camp all day. The road is lined with troops, the Army of the Potomac in a forced march after Lee, who is going into Pennsylvania on a raid. Hooker is following closely on his heels aiming to cut him off and force him to give battle. Major General Hooker headquarters were at Poolsville in sight from our Camp. Evening and night rainy.

Saturday 27.

Received marching orders, left Camp in the morning, crossed the Monocasey river, passed through Petersville met J. Hooker and Staff; camped at Knoxville.

Sunday 28.



Received orders to return to Poolsville passed through Darnsville; also Knoxville, crossed the "Monocasey", escorted a train to the river marched all night. Comp. E and M. We narrowly escaped collision with a large rebel force near Knoxville. Weather not very pleasant.

Monday 29.

After resting a few hours we started for Brightwood, passed through Rockville, arrived at Brightwood in the evening. Weather bad.

Tuesday 30.

Remained in Camp all day; busy cleaning up our arms; weather pleasant.

Wednesday 1. [July 1863 ]

Received marching orders about noon, left Brightwood passed through Tanleytown, went down to the Potomac, passed Capt. John's-bridge; at night we camped near the canal 10 miles from Chain Bridge. Weather rainy.

Thursday 2.

Moved up on the hill, near the Aqueduct Bridge No. 4 wick we are to guard. Detailed for Picket in the evening.

Friday 3.

Releived from picket, nothing of any importance occurred to day. Weather pleasant.

Saturday 4.

Remained in camp all day. Weather bad, rained hard in the morning. Received orders to join Regt. At Seneca Creek.

Sunday 5.

Started in the morning; passing Seneca Mills, arrived at camp of Regt. at 1 oclock, P.M. roads muddy. Inspection in the evening. Weather cloudy.

Monday 6.

In camp all day. Part of Command had horses saddled all day in readiness to mount at any moment. Detailed for Picket at night.

Tuesday 7

On picket all day; weather bad, raining quite hard in the evening.

Wednesday 8.

In Camp all day. Weather bad, rainy after noon, cleared up in the evening.

Thursday 9

Mounted drill in the forenoon. Sabre drill in the afternoon; received orders to march in the evening, marched all night. I was with the rear guard.

Friday 10.

Stopped to cook our breakfast; one mile from Rockville,; arrived at Brightwood at 10 A.M. remained until 3 P.M. then started again; passed through Washington, crossed Long Bridge, camped at night near Alexandria, Va.

Saturday 11.

Started early in the morning; passed through "Fairfax Court House" and "Aldie" where I had to ride in an ambulance not being able to ride on account of a sore foot. Travelled until late at night passing through Dover. 2 miles from "Aldie", stopped near Middelburg until morning.

Sunday 12.

My foot being better, I joined my Co. We started early in the morning, captured several Rebel Pickets, passed through Middelburg, Upperville, Paris and went through Ashby's gap to the river "Shenandoah". We had an engagement with the enemy, had one of our Company killed "Irving" one dangerously wounded "Barnes"; since died, and two more of our Company wounded; "Joy and Shaw.

One of Co. M "Forest" and one of Co. L "Hawkins" Of our own Co. the following were taken prisoners; Brickly, Garrity, Vennum, Cobby, and Van Vleet of Co. M. The enemy had several killed number not reported. We captured 13 of their men and a number of horses. After the engagement we started back again. Buried Irving and Barnes. Irving at Paris and Barnes at Upperville! Traveled till late at night and then camped. Weather rainy, heavy shower in the evening. *(Transcriber's note: Of the two men mentioned as having died, the first was Harry P. Irving, age 25, of Co. E and Walter S. Barnes, age 24. Those mentioned as wounded from Bruher's E Company were Maurice Joy and Sylvanus Shaw. Also wounded were Sergeant William DeForrest and James Hawkins, a bugler for Company L. The four men from Company E listed as prisoners were Richard T. Brickley, age 26 and originally from New York City; Tomas Garrity, a 22-year-old teamster; Hiram Vennum, age 26 who would die on Christmas Day as a prisoner in Richmond; Thomas W. Cobbey who would be paroled, but died of disease contracted while in prison, on December 28, 1863 at the parole camp in Annapolis, Maryland; and of Company M, DeWitt VanVleet who was paroled a year later and deserted from parole camp.)*

Monday 13.

Started early in the morning, passed through Leesburg, Va., where we captured two Rebel officers; travelled until late at night, stopped near Drainsville, where we captured one more rebel officer. ~~arrived at Brightwood in the evening.~~ Weather pleasant.

Tuesday 14.

Started early in the morning, passed through Drainsville, took an other rebel soldier arrived at Brightwood in the evening. Weather pleasant.

Wednesday 15.

Remained in camp all day, busy cleaning up our arms. Weather warm.

Thursday 16.

Left Brightwood for our new camp near Alexandria on the Potomac, called camp Wyndham, our Regiment was ordered out again to reconoitre; heavy rain at night, not being prepared for it we got very wet, got permission to go into a deserted house, where we passed the night quite comfortably.

Friday 17.

Left camp at noon, went to Alexandria, Fairfax Courthouse, Fairfax Station, where we stopped long enough to make some coffee and went on again until midnight, we captured one rebel soldier.

Saturday 18.

Started early in the morning and proceeded on our way nothing of great importance occuring worth noticing here.

Sunday 19.

Early on our way, dit not take time to cook any breakfast; went to Brentville, where we captured several rebels, one with important dispatches, passed by Centreville and camped there until morning. Centreville has been quite a place about a mile from the first Bull-run battle-field.

Monday 20.

Remained in camp all day waiting for rations and forage. Team dit not come until late at night. Weather warm.

Tuesday 21.

Started early in the morning, passing through Union Town and Warrenton, where we had quite an exciting chase after some Rebel Cavalry, dit not overtake any, proceeded onward until late at night. Halted near Bristows-station, till morning.

Wednesday 22.

Started late in the morning, stopped at Manassas Junction all day and night. Horses kept all saddled and arms on in case of an alarm.

Thursday 23.

Companies E and M remained at Manassas Junction until further orders, the remainder of the Regt. proceeding on to camp at Centreville. Detailed for picket at night. Weather warm.

Friday 24.

Remained at the Station until evening, then started off on a trip to Catletts station, proceeded via Bristow's Station and arriving halted near Catletts Station until morning.

Saturday 25.

Started home again, arrived safely in the afternoon. Rainy night.

Sunday 26.

Left Manassas in the evening to join our Regt. at Centreville, where we arrived about 9 o'clock P.M. Weather very warm and sultry.

Monday 27.

In camp near Centreville with the rest of the Regt. Some Artillery and Infantry are encamped at Centreville. Drill twice a day; forenoon mounted afternoon dismounted. Weather warm.

Tuesday 28.

Relieved from Stableguard in the evening; Drill as usual. Weather warm; raining towards evening.

Wednesday 29.

Went out as an Escort to Fairfax Courthouse, where we get our Supplies, remained there all night. Weather rainy.

Thursday 30.

Started back to Camp arrived at noon, started out on a Raid at 4 P.M. passed through Centreville in the direction of Aldie, kept on until late at night and halted at "Zions Church" one mile from Aldie until morning.

Friday 31.

Major Moseby with 150 men and a wagon train which he captured near Fairfax Court House, was encountered by our men and an engagement ensued. We scattered his formidable band and retook the train consisting of some 30 wagons; in the fight we had two men killed, several wounded, we followed the Guerrillas into the Bull Run Mountains overtook some of them with some of our men of a Pennsylvania Regt; had another fight retook our men, then started back for Centreville, where we arrived at night. Horses and men were quite tired. Weather fine, but very warm.

Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> [1863]

Busy preparing for an Inspection to come of at 6 o'clock P.M. Weather very warm and sultry.

Sunday 2.

Detailed to go to Manassas Junction as a wagon guard; we expected to have a little brush with some Guerrillas, no signs of the Rascals returned to camp at sundown.

Monday 3.

In Camp all day, in the evening some of our men went out on a Scout, some Guerrillas were seen; a party of our men were fired into, a party of Co. E started out, we were out nearly all night but did not see any thing.

Tuesday 4.

Marched steady all day, passed through Fairfax Courthouse, arrived in Camp about 5 P.M. We did not see any Guerrillas. Weather very warm.

Wednesday 5.

In Camp all day. Weather pleasant.

Thursday 6.

Moved our Camp to Germantown, near Fairfax Courthouse. P.M. we had a skirmish with some Guerrillas who had captured some Sutler wagons, we scattered the enemy and retook the wagons. Sutler Goods were at discount about Camp.

Friday 7.

Moved Camp again to Centreville. Weather very warm.

Saturday 8.

Detailed to go to Fairfax Station, with an escort for the Paymaster, he did not come. We returned to camp about dark.

Sunday 9.

Dress Parade and inspection of arms & quarters.

Monday 10.

Detailed to go to Fairfax Station to do some fatigue duty; returned to camp P.M. and started out on a raid, marched till late at night, passed through Fairfax Courthouse, Vienna, stopped at Freedom Hill till morning. Weather warm.

Tuesday 11.

Left Freedom Hill about sunrise, passed through Fallschurch arrived at the Chainbridge about noon, we relieved Co. A. to do Picket and Patroll duty. Co. A started for Centreville about sundown.

Wednesday 12.

Our camp is on the banks of the Potomac on a high hill a pleasant place. My Co. & Co. H is here. P.M. detailed for Picket at Langly's on Leesburg pike.

Thursday 13.

Returned to our camp in the morning, remained in camp till dark, then started out on a raid, marched till midnight towards Drainsville, stopped near there till daylight.

Friday 14.

Early in our saddles, passed through Drainsville, when near Brodrun, we heard of a large rebel force close at hand, a few of us went off to reconnoiter, found the enemy too strong for us. We started back, searched several houses on our road, took one rebel smuggler, arrived in our Camp about dark.

Saturday 15.

In Camp all day; detailed for picket at Langly's at night.

Sunday 16.

Had an inspection in the evening. A party of Guerrillas was seen in the neighborhood of Lewensville we were ordered out. Our Captain and twenty of us started in the evening; all night we were in our saddles scouring the country around Lewensville and Langly, without discovering any enemy. Weather pleasant.

Monday 17.

This morning we heard of the whereabouts of the Guerrillas, they robbed a Mr. Greens Store; there was between 40 & 50 of them. We made a desperate charge on them, scattered them, we chased them seven miles, wounded one, six left their horses, recaptured two of a Pennsylvania regiment, the guerrillas scattered their plunder all along the road; our horses being tired we had to give up the chase; we arrived in our camp about sundown.

Tuesday 18.

In camp till evening. Started out on a scout about dark, scoured the country between Langly, Lewensville & Falls church till daylight, did not see anything.

Wednesday 19.

Went to the Leesburg Turnpike got sight of some Guerrillas, they were too far off for a chase. We returned to our Camp at 3 P.M. Detailed for picket at night.

Thursday 20.

Had a pass to go to Washington, spend biggest part of the day there. Weather fine.

Friday 21.

In Camp all day. P.M. another Comp. of our regiment arrived to relieve us, we are to report at Centreville.

Saturday 22.

Started for Centreville arrived there about 3 P.M.

Sunday 23.

Dress parade and inspection.

Monday 24.

A party of 20 of our men returning from Washington with 100 horses were attacked by Major Moseby and 75 of his men, our men made a stand at Coyles Tavern, but were overpowered. Moseby took the horses, 9 of our men prisoners, two were killed, 5 wounded, the guerrillas had one man killed, one dangerously wounded, several light. Moseby himself, received two bad wounds, but made his escape. As soon as we heard the news in camp, we started out, we marched nearly all night, near Balls Mill we made a halt, we were ahead of the Guerrillas and had a plan laid to take the Guerrillas, through the carelessness of one of our officers, the enemy made his escape.

Tuesday 25.

Early in our saddles, passed through Aldie and Middelburg, the Guerrillas had to much of a start, we only took three stragglers, returned to our camp about midnight.

Wednesday 26.

Went out with a party of 20 men to look up some horses the rebels lost, we only found two, returned to our camp late at night. Weather fine.

Thursday 27.

Out all day on a scout, did not see any thing.

Friday 28.

In Camp all day. Drill as usual.

Saturday 29.

Started out on a raid, passed by Fairfax Courthouse, through Vienna, Freedom Hill, camped at Drainsville.

Sunday 30.

Left Drainsville early in the morning passed by Guilford Station on the Leesburg R.R. then Frying pan Church, where we stopped a few hours, returned to our camp in the afternoon.

Monday 31.

In Camp. Mustering day and inspection of our arms & quarters. Weather cool & windy.

Tuesday 1 [Sept 1863]

In camp. Drill as usual. Weather fine.

Wednesday 2.

In Camp till evening; started out on a raid about dark, passed through Gum Spring, crossed Goose Creek, halted a few hours, all quiet.

Thursday 3.

Early in our saddles, passed through Leesburg, Waterford, arrived at Point of Rocks at noon, stopped a few hours, then crossed the Potomac, marched through Poolesville, stopped near Seneca Mills late at night.

Friday 4.

Early on our march, recrossed the Potomac at Muddy Branch, passed through Drainsville, crossed the Leesburg R.R. at Guilford Station, passed by Frying pan Church arrived at Centreville about dark. The Guerrillas dit not trouble us any.

Saturday 5.

A.M. Drill. P.M. Dress parade. Weather warm.

Sunday 6.

Divine service in the forenoon, dress parade in the afternoon. Weather warm.

Monday 7.

Drill as usual. Weather warm & sultry.

Tuesday 8.

Drill as usual. Weather cloudy, cool & windy.

Wednesday 9.

Left Centreville in the evening, to releive Co. M doing picket duty on the Alexandria road 3 miles below Fairfax Courthouse, we arrived there after dark. Part of Co. H is with us. We established our new camp close to the road in some pine woods.

Thursday 10.

A.M. detailed to stand picket, releived at noon; went with a scouting party, we dit not see anything.

Friday 11.

Out on a scout all day, searched several houses, found a musket a U.S, horse, but no Guerrillas, we passed through Vienna, Fredom Hill, Lewensville, Fallchurch, arrived in camp about sundown.

Saturday 12.

In our saddles, took several rebel raiders at Fairfax Courthouse, they are put over the lines or have to take the oath of allegiance. Weather warm. Signs of Guerrillas about.

Sunday 13.

Out scouting all day, no signs of Guerrillas.

Monday 14.

Took a Miss Porter of Fairfax to Centreville. Miss Porter acted as spy for the rebel army, she is put over the line. Detailed for picket at night.

Tuesday 15.

Out scouting passed through Fairfax Courthouse, by Fairfax and Burk Station. No signs of Guerrillas.

Wednesday 16.

In our saddles all day, went through Fairfax Courthouse, passed Hunters mill, Lewensville and Fallchurch. We dit not see any thing. Weather rainy, heavy showers.

Thursday 17.

About Camp all day. Weather cloudy, some rain.

Friday 18.

Ordered out on a raid, left camp in the afternoon, passed through Vienna, stopped at Drainsville a short time, marched all night, joined our regiment near Balls mill. Weather clear.

Saturday 19.

Crossed Goosecreek early in the morning, part of the Command went to Leesburg, took two rebel soldiers. On their return the rearguard was fired into, our men turned, captured one of Moseby's gang. We then went in the direction of Aldie, a few miles from Aldie we struck the Alexandria road, at dark we went into camp 9 miles from Centreville. Weather cool, night cold.

Sunday 20.

Started for Centreville early in the morning, arrived there in the forenoon, remained till evening then returned to our picket post. Weather cool.

Monday 21.

Out on a scout dismounted. Weather fine.

Tuesday 22.

Out on a scout, 15 of Moseby's gang had been at Fairfax during the night and took a Suttler wagon, we did not find any Guerrillas.

Wednesday 23.

Thirty of Moseby's gang were seen a few miles from our camp, we started out after them, they disbanded as soon as they got sight of us, we chased several of them a good distance, but did not overtake any. Weather pleasant.

Thursday 24.

Out on a scout as usual. No signs of Guerrillas.

Friday 25.

Out on a scout as usual. Weather cool.

Saturday 26.

Out on a scout as usual. Detailed for Picket at night.

Sunday 27.

Out on a scout, we took some citizens who are suspected having burned a mill belonging to a Union man. We took the prisoners to Centreville to General Headquarters.

Monday 28.

Remained at Centreville all day.

Tuesday 29.

Still at Centreville. Weather pleasant, nights cold.

Wednesday 30.

P.M. returned to our picket post. Detailed for picket at night.

Thursday October 1. [1863]

Out on a scout as usual. Weather pleasant.

Friday October 2.

Ordered out on a raid, P.M. we started, with orders to join our regiment at Drainsville same evening. We passed through Fallchurch and Lewensville. We attempted to cross Difficult Run, the stream was too high one of our men George Wilcox [Co. E] came very near drowning, we had to stop on this side of the Stream, had a miserable night, were not allowed any fires, we suffered from cold, being very wet. Most all day it rained, and turned very cold at night.

Saturday 3.

Crossed Difficult Run, water very deep. We passed through Drainsville and Gum Springs. Joined our regiment at Zions Church near Aldie, stopped a few hours, went in the direction of Leesburg, passed through Leesburg late at night, stopped a short distance from there till morning. Weather cool, night cold, no fires at night.

Sunday 4.

Early in our saddles, passed through Hamiltonville and Snikerville, skirmished with Moseby's men, but could get no fight out of them, we took a few prisoners, late at night we went into camp near Mountville; we passed the night comfortable, we had large fires all night. Had a good supper, plenty of good roast mutton. Our horses had plenty of corn and hay.

Monday 5.

On our road to Centreville, passed through Aldie, over the Bullrun battlefield, arrived at Centreville about dark. No one there, the troops moved to Fairfax to go into winter quarters. We returned to our picket post late at night.

Tuesday 6.

About camp all day, busy cleaning my arms, etc.

Wednesday 7.

Out all day, watching for Moseby's men, no signs of them, returned to camp at dark.

Thursday 8.

In Camp till afternoon, then started out on a scout, 10 of us. When near Anan Dale, we got sight of some Guerrillas, we chased them and came very near running into an ambush, they had set for us. About 40 rushed out of the woods, we stood our ground a short time, giving them the best we had, but being pressed to hard we had to give away, and save ourselves best way we could. Unfortunately I had my horse wounded, I was obliged to abandon him and take it a foot. I run for a piece of wood where I found Lt. Manning, who had to abandon his horse, we remained in the timber till dark, then returned to our camp, got there about midnight, safe and sound. The Guerrillas captured one of my comrades, Oscar Blanchard, we all regret his loss, he was one of our best soldiers. *(Transcriber's note: Private Oscar Blanchard was a 26 year old machinist from Prussia. He died a prisoner at Andersonville on March 23, 1864. He was buried at the prison graveyard, grave #109.)*

Friday 9.

Out on a scout dismounted, no signs of Guerrillas.

Saturday 10.

About camp all day. Weather cool.

Sunday 11.

Left our camp early in the morning, to join our regiment at Vienna, where our headquarters are now. We arrived there in the forenoon, detailed to escort our Col. and a Capt. to Chainbridge, stopped there all night.

Monday 12.

Returned to our camp at Vienna. Most every one busy putting up stockade tents for the winter.

Tuesday 13.

In camp till evening, then detailed for picket.

Wednesday 14.

On the reserve, have an easy time, on picket at night.

Thursday 15.

Relieved from picket A.M. every one ready for a march, our tents packed up and wagons loaded; we put up our tents again in the evening. Weather cloudy & rainy.

Friday 16.

In camp all day. Weather bad raining most all day.

Saturday 17.

In camp till evening, started out on a raid, travelled till late at night, stopped near a camp of our infantry, stood picket at night.

Sunday 18.

Returned to our camp in the morning, stopped a short time, went out again, got on the trail of a party of Guerrillas, followed them till late in the evening without getting sight of them, they had two hours start of us, we arrived in our camp at dark. Detailed for picket, all quiet during the night.

Monday 19.

On picket all day, all quiet. Weather rainy.

Tuesday 20.



Was out after some lumber for our tents.

Wednesday 21.

Working on our tent. P.M. went to Washington with a dispatch.

Thursday 22.

Returned from Washington, arrived in camp about noon. Weather fine.

Friday 23.

Detailed for picket. Quiet during the night; raining.

Saturday 24.

Relieved from picket about noon. Weather bad.

Sunday 25.

Out on a scout. Weather pleasant.

Monday 26.

Returned to camp. We did not see any Guerrillas.

Tuesday 27.

Out after some lumber for our quarters. Weather cool.

Wednesday 28.

Went to Fairfax C.H. with an escort for some of our teams, we had no trouble.

Thursday 29.

Detailed for stableguard. Weather pleasant.

Friday 30.

Relieved from stableguard in the morning, went out on picket, came in at noon, detailed to go to Lewensville on picket for two days, it takes about thirty men to do picket and patrol duty at Lewensville 4 miles from Vienna.

Saturday 31.

Patrolling the road between Lewensville & Vienna, all quiet no signs of Guerrillas. Weather bad, more or less rain.

Sunday 1 [Nov. 1863]

Patrolling the road between Lewensville & the Potomac all quiet, relieved at night, returned to Vienna.

Monday 2.

Went with a detail to guard a train of cars going after firewood about four miles from Vienna, P.M. Co. E, Co. L & Co. M left Vienna to report to Major Thompson in camp near Edwards Ferry in Maryland, crossed the Potomac on Chain bridge, went up the canal to Big Fall, it was midnight, when we arrived there, we stopped till morning.

Tuesday 3.

Early in our saddles, arrived in Major Thompson's camp about noon, remained all day & part of the night.

Wednesday 4.

To day is an election, we are to protect the polls, in small parties we went to different Towns, we went to Clarksburg, arrived there early in the morning, we remained all day, there was no disturbance. Weather fine.

Thursday 5.

Left Clarksburg early in the morning, 2 P.M. we arrived in Major Thompson's camp. Weather fine.

Friday 6.

Early in the morning we left for Vienna, we crossed the Potomac at Edwards Ferry, water deep & cold, we passed through Drainsville, arrived at Vienna in the evening. Weather cool & windy.

Saturday 7.

In Camp till evening, then detailed for picket at Lewensville.

Sunday 8.

Patrolling between Lewensville & the Potomac; all quiet. Weather cold & windy. Night cold.

Monday 9.

Patrolling between Lewensville & Vienna; all quiet, no signs of Guerrillas. Relieved in the evening.

Tuesday 10.

In Camp all day, working about our stable and unloading some oats. Weather cold, had some snow last night.

Wednesday 11.

Detailed for picket, near Hunters mill, all quiet.

Thursday 12.

On picket all day, we are ten men strong, relieved at night. Weather more pleasant.

Friday 13.

In camp all day, free from duty.

Saturday 14.

In Camp till afternoon, detailed to go to Lewensville, a bad rainy night.

Sunday 15.

On picket, all quiet. Weather bad, rainy forenoon.

Monday 16.

Patrolling the road between the river and our post. Our reserve post is in some Pine Timber a short distance from the main road. Relieved from picket in the afternoon, detailed to go out on a raid, we left Vienna about dark, travelled till late at night. Weather pleasant.

Tuesday 17.

Early in our saddles, we passed by Chantilla, Gum springs and near Drainsville, we had a chase after some Guerrillas without success, returned to Vienna at dark.

Wednesday 18.

In camp till noon, then started out on another Scout, we were 75 dismounted and 25 mounted. I was dismounted, we went as far as Thornton St. where we stopped all night, we suffered from cold we had no fires, the night was very cold.

Thursday 19.

We marched all day and till late at night, going through the woods as much as possible, we stopped near Broddrun all night. We are very tired, not being used to go on foot much, our feet are blistered. Weather pleasant, night cold, all quiet during the night.

Friday 20.

Started early in the morning, went a few miles, then laid by nearly all day a short distance from Goosecreek, about dark we started went near Aldie, crossed little river, water quite deep, then passed Mountville, back to a Mr. Thompson on Goosecreek, we searched several houses on our road, took 17 of Moseby's men before day light, at Thompsons we arrived about day light, and got four more of Moseby's men.

Saturday 21.

We stopped at Thompsons till nearly noon, we had a chase and a brush with some Guerrillas, killed one and captured three more, we went as far as Campels near the Aldie road, where we stopped till next morning. About dark we were attacked by Moseby's Gang, we scattered them, but could not overtake any in the chase, our horses were too much jaded and tired out. Weather bad, more or less rain all day. On picket during the night, all quiet.

Sunday 22.

Our Colonel with a good force arrived early in the morning, we started for Vienna, passed through Middelburg, Dover Mills and Aldie, we stopped at Church Zion till nearly midnight, then went 5 miles further. Stopped at Ivy's farm "a noted rebel" till morning. Night cold. There was some picket shooting, but no attack.

Monday 23.

On the march to Vienna, we passed by Gum Springs, Frying Pan church, we went very slow a good many of us had sore feet, after dark we arrived in our camp. We had 24 prisoners and over thirty horses.

Tuesday 24.

Went with a detail to take the prisoners to Washington per R.R. left the Prisoners at the old Capitol.

Wednesday 25.

Left Washington to return to Vienna, went per steamer to Alexandria, from there per R.R. to Vienna. One of our men "Richard Brikly" captured at Ashby's gap, returned to the Company, we all were very glad to see him. Weather cold. (*Transcriber's note: Private Richard T. Brickley had been wounded and captured during the fight at Ashby's Gap on July 12, 1863. After rejoining the regiment, he was apparently wounded again and was discharged for wounds on June 15, 1864.*)

Thursday 26.

Have a sore foot, not able to wear a boot, am on stableguard. Weather pleasant.

Friday 27.

Still on stableguard. Weather bad, raining nearly all day.

Saturday 28.

Detailed for picket at Lewensville. Weather bad.

Sunday 29

On picket till night all quiet, relieved at night, detailed for river patrol. Weather windy & cold.

Monday 30.

On patrol between the river and our camp, no signs of Guerrillas, relieved at night, we returned to Vienna. Weather cold.

Tuesday December 1. [1863]

In Camp all day, detailed for stableguard at night. Weather cold.

Wednesday 2.

About camp till noon, went with an escort for a Col. of Infantry to Falls church. Weather more mild.

Thursday 3.

Had a pass to go to Washington. Weather pleasant.

Friday 4.

In Washington, visited the Navy yard and the Smithsonian Institute, very interesting places.

Saturday 5.

Returned to Vienna. Weather cool & cloudy.

Sunday 6.

General Inspection. Weather more pleasant.

Monday 7.

With a detail to guard our wagon train, wich is hauling wood, saw some Guerrillas, but had no trouble with them. Weather windy & cold.

Tuesday 8.

Drill in the forenoon, doing fatigue duty in the afternoon, about dark we started out on a raid a foot, we marched all night, towards morning we stopped a few hours near Frying pan Church, on sharp look out for Guerrillas, dit not see any. Weather cold.

Wednesday 9.

Laid by nearly all day at Harrington Station had a chase after some Guerrillas. They had to much of a start, we could not overtake any, we returned to Vienna late in the evening.

Thursday 10.

Detailed for picket at Lewensville; during the night the Guerrillas attacked one of our picket posts and captured very near one of our men; the reserfe quickly turned out, the Guerrillas fled.

Friday 11.

On picket all day, all quiet. Weather cold & windy.

Saturday 12.

On patroll between Lewensville & Vienna, no signs of Guerrillas, we returned to Vienna in the evening. Weather bad, raining.

Sunday 13.

In camp all day, two men of the New Y. Cav. out on picket killed by the Guerrillas.

Monday 14.

Went out after some brick for the chimney of our kitchen. Weather bad, more or less rain most all day.

Tuesday 15.

Went with an escort for our Col. and his Lady to Chainbridge, returned to Vienna in the evening. Weather cool.

Wednesday 16.

Detailed for picket at Lewensville.

Thursday 17.

On picket at Ball Hill on the Georgetown & Leesburg pike, it is a lonesome, exposed and cold post. Weather bad.

Friday 18.

On patroll between the river and camp, all quiet, we returned to Vienna in the evening. Weather cold. Most of our men out on a raid.

Saturday 19.

In camp all day, cleaning up my arms and doing fatigue duty.

Sunday 20.

On camp guard, the regiment returned from their raid.

Monday 21.

Releived from guard. The Guerrillas attacked at night one of our picket posts near Hunters mill, two of our men got badly wounded. Oscar Burnap of our Co. and Cooper of Co. M. The patroll from Hunters mill to Flint hill was fired at and two men killed. *(Transcriber's note: Both troopers survived. Private Oscar Burnap of Co. E was discharged for wounds on June 15, 1864 at Muddy Branch. Seth Cooper of Co. M was wounded in the chest, and also survived. He was wounded again on June 11, 1864 and eventually transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps.)*

Tuesday 22.

Detailed for picket at Flint hill, stopped a few hours then went to Hunters mill, where we remained till morning, all quiet. Weather bad, snowing.

Wednesday 23.

In camp all day. Weather cold. Picket at Lewensville was attacked, one of our Co., Moris [*Maurice*] Joy, was chased, but made his escape.

Thursday 24.

Went to Chainbridge with an escort for our Col & his Lady; we returned to Vienna in the evening.  
Weather cold.

Friday 25.

Detailed for picket at Flint hill, all quiet, last night the Guerrillas attacked the Germantown picket, they took three men and five horses, surprised the picket at Ball hill and took two horses.

Saturday 26.

On picket till evening then relieved, all quiet on our post, the Guerrillas mad an attack on Freedom Hill picket without success.

Sunday 27.

In Camp all day. A party that had been out on a scout returned with 9 prisoners and some horses.

Monday 28.

Doing fatigue duty in the forenoon. P.M. detailed for Picket at Flint hill. Weather bad more or less rain all day and night, all quiet on our post. The Hunters mill picket attacked. The Guerrillas took three men and released them again after taking their arms from them.

Tuesday 29.

On patroll from Flint hill to Germantown, from there to Fairfax Station, then to Fairfax Courthouse and back to Flint hill; no signs of Guerrillas, we were relieved in the evening.

Wednesday 30.

In camp all day, cleaning up my arms and accouterments. Weather warm, quiet pleasant. At dark detailed to stand guard over some prisoners. Picket post at Lewensville attacked by the Guerrillas, they had one man wounded and retreated.

Thursday 31.

Detailed to go to Washington as guard with some prisoners. We went per R.R. arrived at Washington in the evening. We left the prisoners at the Provost Marshall Office. Weather bad rainy.

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Friday 1.

Remained at Washington till afternoon, then went to Alexandria per Steamer. Remained in Alexandria all night at the soldiers rest. Weather cold & windy.

Saturday 2.

Returned to our camp at Vienna. General inspection of arms and quarters. Weather clear & cold, night cold. One of our Co. Richard Brickly shot himself accidently trough his left hand, wound not bad.

Sunday 3.

Went out on picket to Lewensville all quiet. Night cold. A party of our men went out on a scout towards Drainsville, searched a house, found one of Moseby's Guerrillas, who made a desparate effort to escape, he wounded one of our men Barns of Co. M. The Guerrilla was wounded by one of our men and died a few hours afterwards. *(Transcriber's note: George L. Barnes, a 28-year-old carpenter died of wounds on March 14, 1864. He was buried at Arlington Cemetery, grave site #12,094)*

Monday 4.

On picket till evening, all quiet. Weather bad, snowing steady all day. Night not very cold.

Tuesday 5.

In Camp all day. Weather cold & windy.

Wednesday 6.

In camp till noon, then detailed for picket at Lewensville. All quiet on our post, no signs of Guerrillas. Weather cold.

Thursday 7.

Relieved from picket at night, all quiet on our post. The reserve at Flint Hill was attacked; most of the men were standing around the fire, when the Guerrillas opened a fire on them, no one was hurt. As soon as the news of the attack reached camp; my Co. and Co. H had to turn out, we got sight of the Guerrillas, but could not overtake any of them, they had to much of a start. Weather cold.

Friday 8.

In Camp all day, All quiet.

Saturday 9.

In camp till noon, then detailed for picket at Lewensville. On patrol to camp; every thing quiet, no attack made on any of the posts. Night very cold.

Sunday 10.

Relieved from picket at night. About seventy recruits arrived from Boston. A detail of men started out in the evening with two days rations. General inspection of arms and quarters. Weather cold.

Monday 11.

In Camp till noon. P.M. detailed for picket at Lewensville. Weather more mild. The party that had been out on a scout returned in the night, they brought back three prisoners.

Tuesday 12.

On patrol from our picket post to our camp. Every thing quiet, weather not very cold, returned to Vienna at night. A scouting party out of our regiment started out at 8 P.M. with two days rations and forage.

Wednesday 13.

Remained in camp all day. The scouting party which had been out returned with three prisoners. About sundown another party started out to reconnoitre the other side of the Orange R.R., we were fifty men strong. We passed through Fairfax Court house, Fairfax Station, we marched till about 11 o'clock at night, stopped in some pine woods for a few hours, we kept up good fires and made ourselves as comfortable as possible. Night cold, snow on the ground.

Thursday 14.

Before daylight we were in our saddles, we crossed the Occoquan at Wolfschoales crossing, then Nealsco Creek,. Went to Dumfries near the Potomac, from there towards Brentville and then returned to our camping ground of last night, we arrived there about midnight, we did not see any rebels, nor any signs of them. The country we passed through looks bad, it shows the consequences of the war, worse than any place I have seen yet. Dumfries a little village is deserted, there isn't hardly any men there, only some women & children. Weather quiet pleasant, not very cold.

Friday 15.

Left our camping ground in the morning, one party of twelve went up the Occoquan, another party of the same number went down to reconnoitre, we did not see any sign of the enemy, returned to our camping at noon. P.M. we went to Fairfax Station for forage, returned to our camp in the evening, detailed for picket at night, all quiet. Night cold.

Saturday 16.

Two parties twelve in each started out to reconnoitre, one party went towards Brentville, the other to Occoquan village near the Potomac. On our way there we surprised one rebel soldier, he took us for his own men, found out his mistake when it was too late. Occoquan was a thriving village, but is deserted now, there is only a few old men and some women & children in the village. There is a big mill and a landing place for Steamboats. Occoquan village is 9 miles from Dumfries. We arrived at our camping ground about sundown, rested ourselves a few hours, then started for Vienna, we arrived there about midnight, our horses had a hard time of it, we had not much feed for them, and rode them a good deal.

Sunday 17.

In Camp all day. No inspection. Weather pleasant.

Monday 18.

In camp till noon then detailed for picket at Lewensville. Weather bad raining and storming all day. The reserfe of Flinthill attackt in the night, their was several shots fired but no one hurt.

Tuesday 19.

Releived from picket at night. The post I was on is on a hill exposed to wind and weather, we had a rough time of it, the wind blowed hard & cold all day, the fire ditn do much good. Every thing quiet no sign of Guerrillas. Night not very cold but rainy.

Wednesday 20.

A.M. Drill, all of our regiment and part of the N.Y. 13<sup>th</sup>. Every thing quiet about the picket posts.

Thursday 21.

General inspection of quarters and equipments. P.M. detailed for dismounted camp guard. Last night some of Moseby's gang made their way into camp and took three horses of Co. B, the Guerrillas cut the line several places, intended to run of all the horses. The stable guard surprised them gave the alarm. Co. A & Co. L had to turn out, the Guerrillas got away with the stolen horses but left their own tied in the woods near our camp, where they was found by some of our men.

Friday 22.

Releived from guard at noon. A.M. regimental drill. All quiet about the picket posts. One of our prisoners made his escape out of the guardhouse, he worket it very cunning, he picked up a camp kettle, put on a soldiers overcoat and walked out bold. The sentinel stopped him, the prisoner made him believe he was one of our men and passed, and got away, he left the camp kettle and overcoat at the spring.

Saturday 23.

In camp all day. Weather pleasant. Saturday as a general thing we have to ourselves, to get ready for inspection. There was a false alarm last night at Freedomhill. One of the men saw a cow and a calf and imagined he saw some Guerrillas, he alarmed the other five men, that were with him, they all discharged their carabines, and afterwards found out their mistake.

Sunday 24.

A.M. mounted inspection. Our Col. gave the regiment credit for good marching and executing movements. P.M. detailed for picket at Lewensville, on patroll between the river and our post; all quiet. Weather pleasant.

Monday 25.

At Lewensville till evening all quiet on our post. One of our own men, "W. Ormsby" deserted in the night, he had'n been out of the guardhouse but a few days; he took with him two horses, about as good as their was in the regiment, one belonging to one of our Corporals, the other to Co. L he also took with him five pistols. Fifty men out of the regiment started after him, but he had two hours start and was not overtaken. Weather pleasant, like spring.

Tuesday 26.

A.M. detailed for wagon guard, the wood is about 3 miles from our camp, there is some eight or nine hundred cords already cut. 9 P.M. the news came into our camp Moseby with his men had attacked the contraband camp near Lewensville, some fifty of us were orderd out, we went to the camp every thing was quiet. Hundred horses for our regiment were on their way to our camp, we met them and acted as escort for them, arrived in camp about midnight.

Wednesday 27.

There was to be an inspection by Major General Auger, the General dit'n come. A party that had been out on a scout heard of Ormsby near Aldie, where he stopped a few hours last Monday, he said he was going to join Moseby. Detailed for stableguard at night.

Thursday 28.

A.M. dress parade, P.M. we held ourselves ready for an inspection by Major General Auger. The General with General Taylor from Fairfax arrived at our camp at 3 P.M. The inspection went of well, the General was pleased with our camp & etc. Weather very pleasant. Relieved from stableguard.

Friday 29.

A.M. Dress parade & drill. P.M. detailed for picket at Lewensville, stopped this side of Lewensville on the Georgetown & Drainsville pike. This picket post is a very good place for the men, there is a schoolhouse wich the men occupie day times and sometimes nights. This post had been attacked twice since our headquarters are established at Vienna. Weather still pleasant.

Saturday 30.

Relieved from picket at night, it was almost dark when we arrived in camp, fired of our pistols, some of our horses are still afraid of firing. All quiet on all the different picket posts. Night not very cold, change in the weather towards morning, foggy all day, a little rain part of the day. A party of the regiment started out on a foot raid, with three days rations. Two of our company went out with the party.

Sunday 31.

Inspection of quarters. One of our best men Robert Campbell was tied on hand & feet to a post for not obeying a little petty order given by one of our sargents, it created great indignation and dissatisfaction in our Company, if he had not been released in time, we would have cut him loose.

Monday 1. [February 1864]

Detailed for picket at Lewensville, my post was on Ball hill on the Georgetown and Drainsville pike. All quiet about the posts. Weather dissagreeable, quiet cold towards morning. The roads are very bad, some places it is almost impossible to get along. The party wich had been out on a scout towards Fallchurch and Anan Dale returned, they dit not see any thing of Guerrillas.

Tuesday 2.

Relieved from picket at night, all quiet on our post. Weather quite pleasant. We now fire of our carabines and pistols when we return from picket. The best shot get one day free from duty. Some of our horses are not much used to firing and there isn't very good shooting done yet.

Wednesday 3.

A.M. Dress parade & drill. Quite a change in the weather, it is geting colder, very windy all day. The party wich had been out on a scout towards Drainsville, returned in the afternoon, they had one prisoner. Heard of "Whites Command", a "Guerrilla Band", being near Drainsville. One of our Co. Junius Turner got kicked from a horse, at watering time, he is injured quite bad, broke his leg below the knee. On stableguard at night. *(Transcriber's note: Private Junius Turner, a 31-year-old bookkeeper seems to have suffered no long term effects from his kick by a horse. He was discharged for promotion two months later, and accepted an officer's commission in the newly formed 3<sup>rd</sup> Massachusetts Cavalry. He survived the war.)*

Thursday 4.

On hundred of our regiment started out on a raid in the afternoon. Nearly all of Co. E, Co. M, some of Co. H and Co. K. Travelled very steady all day, passed by Frying pan Church, stopped a few hours near Guilford Station, stopped about 7 P.M., near Mont Zions Church till morning. We had no fires, night cold, most of us suffered from cold as we had no blankets. Weather cold.

Friday 5.



Early in the morning party of us started out on a scout, the rest remained at the camping ground. We passed through Aldie, Dover Mills, went near Middleburg, returned to Aldie, where we remained one hour. After a short time a party of Guerrillas came down the pike, we had a skirmish with them, routed them & chased them for some distance, but only overtook one, who turned out to be Ormsby. We left Aldie went down the pike very slow, stopped the other side of Mount Zion Church till morning. Weather very pleasant. Night not very cold. We all feel sad, the hard fate of our poor comrade is before our eyes and mind. Ormsby poor fellow, knows what awaits him.

#### Saturday 6.

On the road to Vienna on the Pike till we got to Germantown where a road turns of to our Camp, we arrived in camp about 4 P.M. Weather cloudy, very little rain. In the skirmish of yesterday two of our men were slightly wounded, Sgt. Bishop in the shoulder, R. Mayers had a finger shot of, Johns of Co. L was burried to day, he died of small pox.

W. Ormsby was tried before a Court Martial and sentenced to be shot. *(Transcriber's note: Sergeant George Bishop of Co. E remained with the regiment, his wound not serious. However, he would be wounded again, in August 1864 while on picket near Halltown and eventually discharged because of his injuries. Private Randolph Myers of Co. E was an 18-year-old butcher. Ironically, he lost a finger, not to his cleaver, but to a rebel bullet. Private Cyrus Jones of Company L had been wounded while on picket at Lewinsville. He died in the brigade hospital at Vienna, whether as a result of his wound or due to small pox as noted by Bruher, the record is unclear.)*

#### Sunday 7.

A sad day and for ever remembered by all. Poor Ormsby had to suffer death, he was shot at twelf oclock, he was very firm to the last moment, he repented, spoke a few words to his old companions, told us to take warning by him, and never to leave the stars and stripes. For he took his place on his coffin, he told the firing party to aim at his heart, he fell quick two bullets pierced his heart and life fled from him after a few seconds. We all felt bad for Ormsby, it was a hard fate, but it was not in our power to release him, or it would have been done.

#### Monday 8.

A.M. Dress parade and drill. P.M. Detailed for picket at Lewensville, was on the reserfe post, all quiet about the picket posts, no signs of Guerrillas. Weather clear and cold. A detail went to Washington after some horses.

#### Tuesday 9.

On patroll between our camp and Lewensville, all quiet no signs of Guerrillas, returned to our camp in the evening. The detail that went to Washington returned with 108 horses. Fifty new recruits for our regiment arrived in camp from Boston. Weather clear, but cold.

#### Wednesday 10.

A.M. Dress parade and drill. P.M. dismounted drill with Sabre and Carabine. On stableguard at night.

#### Thursday 11.

A.M. Dress parade and drill; Battalion drill. We all enjoyed the drill, we made several shame charges with the sabre. P.M. dismounted drill. Releived from stableguard. False alarm in camp last night. A detail of mounted and some dismounted men went out, dit not see any enemy. Weather cold.

#### Friday 12.

A.M. Dress parade and drill mounted. P.M. dismounted drill; free from duty all day. We have more leisure times now, there is different arrangements made about standing picket. We now go out by Companies. Our Col. was ordered to report at the Cavalry Bureau in Washington, he perhaps will stay there permanently.

#### Saturday 13.

A.M. Dress parade & drill. No drill in the afternoon.

Sunday 14.

General inspection of arms & equipments by Major Crowninshield. Weather quite pleasant. Detailed for stableguard.

Monday 15.

A.M. Dress parade & drill. P.M. no drill. Commenced to snow in the afternoon, Relieved from stableguard at night. News came into camp about some rebell Calvary crossing the Potomac. Co. A & B was ordered out.

Tuesday 16.

A.M. Dress parade & drill, drill by Companies. It snowed for about an hour quiet hard, quite cold in the afternoon. Carabine drill, almost to cold to drill, we got cold fingers. Co. A & B returned from their scout, they dit not see any enemy, nor any signs of their crossing the Potomac.

Wednesday 17.

All of Co. E detailed for camp picket, there is nine posts, we had just enough men, my post was at the Guardhouse. Weather cold.

Thursday 18.

On picket till morning, all quiet about the camp. Weather cold & windy, night very cold, we had a big fire all night and day.

Friday 19.

General inspection, our Co. complimented for having our arms etc. in good order and our own soldierlike appearance. Detailed for stableguard. Night cold.

Saturday 20.

In Camp till P.M. Part of our regiment and part of the 16 & 13<sup>th</sup> N.Y. Calvary, started out on a raid. There was 28 of Co. E. nearly all of Co. M. all of Co. B, five men of Co. H and 25 of the 13<sup>th</sup> Nyk. Calvary in one party. We went passed Germantown, Centreville, travelled till late in the night, camped at the same camping ground where we camped Feb 5. Weather clear & cold. Night cold. The N.Y. 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> went to Leesburg.

Sunday 21

Early in our saddles, went through Aldie, Dover and Middelburg, there we chased three Guerrillas, but they made their escape, having to much of a start. From Middelburg we went towards Rectortown, stopped two miles from there about an hour, then went across to the Aldie & Upperville pike, to Rector Crossing; from there to Mountville on the Aldie & Snikerville pike, then to Leesburg, crossed Goos creek at Coles Mill, passed by Mount Gelent; in Leesburg we made halt for about two hours, and were joined by the N.Y. 13<sup>th</sup> & 16 Calvary, they had been at Snikerville and the surrounding country. We now took the pike towards Drainsville, crossed Goosecreek about 4 miles from Leesburg, about midnight we stopped at a place called Bellmount, till morning. The country we passed through seemed to be full of rebel soldiers. They had pickets on every cross road & hill, they kept of a good distance, but wached our movements very close, some of their men followed us up. Near Mountville five of the Guerrillas fired into our rearguard, we chased them, took one prisoner, killed two and wounded one. At Carters near Goosecreek, we surprised a picket, he took desparate chances to run, but we overtook him, he was wounded, we left the men at a house and took his horse a very fine one.

Monday 22.

The N.Y. Calvary left early in the morning, went by the way of Gum springs to Vienna, we left Belmont at 9 A.M., took the pike towards Drainsville, soon after we started we saw some rebel soldiers, but to far of to give chase, we dit not think much of danger. When within 2 miles of Drainsville in a very favorable place for a ambush, we were attacked, by three to four hundred

Guerrillas. The advance Guard 16 of us took desperate chances and charged through the Guerrillas, one of my comrades, Byron Grover was mortally wounded. Mossman, Wilcox, Wooster, Paris, Crawford, Sargent Turner and Fisher were taken prisoner. Corp. Wyatt had his leg broke below the knee. Smith, Griffen, Davis, Rodgers, How of Co. L [*Howe, John W.*], Sgt. Partridge got safe through the rebel Column, but were closely chased by the Guerrillas, we were separated I lost my horse, had a narrow escape. I started for Vienna a foot, found Griffin and Smith in the pines, then How Of Co. L, we went most all the way through the woods, arrived at Vienna about 8 P.M. The had the news of the disaster for we arrived a large party started out immediately, the enemy had left the ground. Our party looked up the dead & wounded. (*Transcriber's note: Byron H. Grover, Co. E and from San Francisco was twenty at the time of his death. Prisoners: Judson Mossman, a carpenter, was paroled in November and survived the war; George Wilcox, a Private in Co. E was released in April 1865; Arthur J. Wooster, age 19 at enlistment was from Sonoma, California. He died in May 1865 as a result of disease contracted during his incarceration; Frank Paris, Co. E died of scurvy at Andersonville in August 1864; Josiah Crawford of Co. E was released in April 1865; Sergeant Levi Turner was promoted two days prior to this attack. He was paroled the following October; Jackson Fisher, age 30, died six weeks later at Andersonville. Corporal Henry Wyatt returned to Vienna and healed from his broken leg, survived the war.*)

#### Tuesday 23.

In Camp all day. The party that had been out returned about noon. Had the remains of Capt. Reed, Privates McCameron, Ferrier & Dexter of Co. M and three of Co. B. One Lt. of the N.Y. 16<sup>th</sup> Calvary died on the way. One Corporal of Co. B Grover of our Co. and one of the N.Y. 16 had to be left in some houses. Of the 125 that was in our party were twenty five killed & wounded, 60 taken prisoner. Capt. Manning, Lt. Manning were taken prisoners. It was a heavy loss for our regiment, on men & horses. . (*Transcriber's note: Captain J. Sewall Reed played a significant role in founding the Cal Hundred, and served as Captain of Co. A until his death. James S.W. McCammon was a private in Co. M; Private George Ferrier of Co. M was one of the senior members of the regiment, enlisting at the age of 38; Private Henry H. Dexter, originally from Vermont, was a miner when he enlisted in Company M in California; Byron H. Grover was referred to in the previous day's account as having been killed in the melee. Seemingly, he lived for a few hours and was left in a farmhouse, only to die of his wounds.*)

#### Wednesday 24.

A party of our regiment, about 75 started out on a scout, we went to Drainsville, where we heard of a large party of rebels being close by. A few of us went to reconnoiter, we found the rebel force, they intended to cut us off but we took an other road and arrived in our camp 6 P.M. Weather quiet pleasant.

#### Thursday 25.

Nearly all of our regiment, the 13 & 16 N.Y. Calvary under Command of Major Crowninshield started from Camp early in the morning to reconnoiter. We passed through Drainsville, near Bellmount we halted about an hour then crossed the Leesburg R.R. at the Bellmount Station. From there to Gum springs, Bluesprings, Centreville, Germantown, we arrived in Camp about midnight. On our march we did not see any Guerrillas.

#### Friday 26.

In Camp all day; all that had been out on the scout exempt from duty. Weather cool & windy. On our scout of yesterday we were looking for a fight several times, when near Centreville, we formed a battleline, we heard of a rebel force being about there, we could see their fires plainly, a few of us went off to reconnoitre, found the enemy camp deserted, they had left about an hour before we got there.

#### Saturday 27.

A.M. Dress parade and drill. Pay day, there dit'n hardly any receive pay. We are allowed \$42 worth of clothing a year, the most of us had from \$60-70 and some as high as \$100 worth of clothing. My clothing bill was \$68 & 40 cent. I dit'n get any money, am \$4 behind, wich has to come out of my next pay. Detailed for stableguard at night. Weather pleasant.

Sunday 28.

Inspection of arms & quarters. My Co. on picket all quiet during the night. Weather cloudy & windy.

Monday February 29.

Releived from picket at 3 P.M. General mustering day, my Co. was mustered in the evening. We mustered 49 men, not half the number we had a year ago. The rumor came into camp about Moseby with 100 men being about Annan Dale. Some of our regiment and some of the 13<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> was ordered out, they started about noon.

Tuesday 1. [March 1864]

In Camp till noon. A party of 100 men went out to reconoiter under Maj. Forbes and Capt. Romery. We went to Germantown, a short distance up the pike, then towards Frying pan from there across to Chantilla, Vienna, back to Germantown. We dit not see any Guerrillas nor any signs of them. Weather very disagreeable, snowing and raining most all the time. We returned to our camp about 9 oclock at night.

Wednesday 2.

Detailed for camp guard, it took all of our Co. there is only 9 men able to do duty. I was on post near the depot, a easy place. A party that had been out returned about 7 oclock at night, they dit not see any Guerrillas. The picket at Lewensville was attacked, the enemy had some of his men wounded and fell back.

Thursday 3.

P.M. relieved from camp guard, all quiet about the camp.

Friday 4.

A.M. Dress parade and drill. P.M. exempt from duty.

Saturday 5.

A.M. Dress parade and drill. P.M. detailed for camp guard. Weather bad, more or less rain all day. A Corp. & a Private of the N.Y. 13 Calvary practised Sabre and gun exercise. The Corp. struck the hamer of the Privates Gun; it went of and shot the Corp. through the head, he died instantly.

Sunday 6.

Releived from camp guard in the afternoon, all quiet about the camp. There is orders in camp for the Califor. to report to Major Thompson at Muddy Branch.

Monday 7.

We got already to leave at 9 A.M. received orders to unsaddle and wait for further orders, we may not go at all; quite a disappointment for us. Major Thompson wants all the Californians, Major Crowninshield wants to keep two Companies of Calif. he went to Washington to see about it. Weather clear and pleasant.

Tuesday 8.

In Camp till noon, then ordered to leave for Muddy Branch, Co. E, Co. M. Co. B and D. We left Vienna at 1 P.M. and went to Chain Bridge, then up the river, arrived at Muddy Branch about 2 oclock in the night. The roads very bad, one of our wagons upset, we travelled very slow it is 25 miles from Vienna to Muddy Branch. Weather bad.

Wednesday 9.

Busy all day fixing our new quarters, they are not as good as those we left at Vienna. Situation of the camp in quite a pleasant place, it lay's very high. The most of the men homesick after Vienna. Weather pleasant not cold.

Thursday 10.

Went to Washington to see my old partner and Friend W.L. McEwen who has his discharge from the army on account of being deaf. We had been together for five years, crossed the Plains together, then went into business together in California, about a year ago we sold out and enlisted. My friend is going home to N.Y. State, from there to California. Weather unpleasant, more or less rain all day. We went to the Theater at night. L.G. Grant was to be there, but we were disappointed. President Lincoln and some of his cabinet were there. *(Transcriber's note: The friend referred to was Private Warren L. McEwen, who enlisted at age 24 in California and was mustered into Co. E. He was discharged two days earlier.)*

Friday 11.

Remained in the City till noon, then returned to Muddy Branch. Arrived about dark, roads very bad, weather very disagreeable, raining very hard some of the time. Our camp is twenty miles from Washington. I passed through Tanley Town, two miles from Georgetown. Our camp is 10 miles from Rockville, 12 from Poolsville, 3 from Darnstown and three from Seneca mills.

Saturday 12.

In Camp all day, fixed a bedstead and worked about our tent, the tents here are not as neat as those we had at Vienna, the stockades are very low and there is no floor inside. We are crowded, some of us have to sleep on the ground. The rest of our Co. & Co. M arrived in the evening.

Sunday 13.

Dress parade and inspection of quarters & arms. There is an inspection of quarters every day at 12 o'clock by the officer of the day & surgeon. Corporal Mitchel, Privates Sheldon, R. Campbell and I were detailed to guard some government property in a Warehouse on the canal a little ways from our camp. I think we will have easy times here. Weather bad.

Monday 14.

Busy nearly all day, fixing quarters and cleaning up a place for our horses. We have a good place to sleep inside the Warehouse. Our horses will have a good place under cover of a tent, and plenty to eat. Co. F, C & G left for Vienna and what was left of the Michigan Calvary went to Edwards Ferry to join their Co.

Tuesday 15.

Did not do anything all day. I did not feel very well, remained in our quarters nearly all day, passed my time away reading. The teams from camp were hauling corn all day. Corp. Mitchell left us in the morning, Corp. Russel took his place. Weather bad, some snow & rain,

Wednesday 16.

I feel very well again. Cut some poles to fix a hayrack for our horses. Teams are hauling corn, a boat loaded with hay arrived from Edwards Ferry.

Thursday 17.

Worked some about our stable. Teams are hauling hay, every thing quiet about camp. A boat load of empty barrels, some saks of salt and about 100 barrels of bonedust arrived for Capt. Dufeeft. Weather more pleasant.

Friday 18.

A.M. fixed up our quarters a little better. P.M. we had to take the canvas cover of our stable, the wind blew very hard. The loose cattle are troubling us some, we have some loose hay on the bank, there is no teams hauling any thing from here to day.

Saturday 19.

Dit'n do much of any thing, put the tent cover over our stable; teams are hauling hay & corn. Weather pleasant.

Sunday 20.

Passed my time reading & writing. Weather cold.

Monday 21.

Dit'n do much of any thing, went up to our camp twice, had a boat ride on the canal, we have a sciff here. P.M. a boat loaded with hay arrived.

Tuesday 22.

The day passed off as usual, we have not much to do, every night in, no guard nor picket. Weather windy & cold quite a snowstorm towards evening and fore part of the night.

Wednesday 23.

Day passed off as usual; at night relieved by Lund Am promoted to a Corporal also A. Davis. Weather cold. (*Transcriber's note: Lund is William P. Lunt of Co. E. A. Davis likely refers to Stephen A. Davis, also of Company E.*)

Thursday 24.

Returned to the warehouse, relieved Corp. Russell, who is promoted to a Sergeant, the day passed off as usual.

Friday 25.

Two boats loaded with hay arrived, I dit not feel very well, remained about quarters nearly all day. Weather bad.

Saturday 26.

Teams are hauling hay; two of our men, Oscar Burnop and Richard Brikly stopped with us all night, they came from Vienna to join our Co., they are not able to do any thing yet. (*Transcriber's note: "Burnop" is Private Oscar Burnap who, at this point, is still recovering from his wounds received on December 21 while on picket duty. Private Richard Brickley, captured at Ashby's Gap in July 1863, now has returned to his regiment.*)

Sunday 27.

Passed off the day reading & writing. P.M. A boat loaded with commissary & quarter master stores arrived from Washington. Weather quite pleasant.

Monday 28.

Worked some about the warehouse.

Tuesday 29.

Helped unloading some corn out of the boat "Hieston".

Wednesday 30.

Passed off the day reading & writing. Weather bad.

Thursday 31.

Writing some letters. A party of 25 men, went out on a scout.

Friday 1. [April 1864]

Teams are hauling corn to the camp, busy helping load. P.M. two boats loaded with hay arrived. Weather bad.

Saturday 2.

Passed off the day writing and reading. Weather very bad, snowing and raining most all day.

Sunday 3.

Reading & writing nearly all day. Weather cloudy & cold.

Monday 4.

We are relieved from the post at the warehouse; the post is taken off all together. Weather bad, rainy.

Tuesday 5.

In camp all day; weather bad.

Wednesday 6.

Election day in Maryland; most of the men of this camp detailed to go to different towns of this neighborhood, to quell disturbances if there should be any. Co. E went to Rockville, we left camp about day light, arrived in Rockville in good time, we stopped in the park of the town. Small disturbances in the morning between two citizens, very quiet the rest of the day. No voting the citizens would not take the oath. Rockville & vicinity is noted for sesesh feelings and actions.

Thursday 7.

A.M. detailed for guard, have nearly all day to myself, my time for duty commences at 9 P.M. Passed the day in reading of the life of Hedley Vicars, Capt. Of the 97<sup>th</sup> regiment of infantry of England. A good soldier, a noble, pious & good man, he fell March 22, 1855 leading on his gallant men to victory in the Crimea war. One of our Sergeants; John Mitchell was badly kicked by a horse on our way home last night. Pervuce of our Co. returned last night, he had been in Alexandria for some time back, his health being very poor. (*Transcriber's note: Purvuce is Lawrence G. Purvis of Co. E.*)

Friday 8.

Relieved from guard at 9 A.M. P.M. Drill, one of the men badly kicked, while out on drill. Weather fine.

Saturday 9.

No drill to day. Weather bad more or less rain all day.

Sunday 10.

A.M. detailed for guard; am about half sick. A detail of men went to Rockville to arrest a Mr. Field a printer & strong Sesesh. Weather pleasant.

Monday 11.

9 A.M. relieved from guard, exempt from duty have a bad sore trout. Sgt. Butcher came very near drowning crossing Jones Creek.

Tuesday 12.

Excused from duty, my trout is very sore. Weather fine.

Wednesday 13.

Still sick. Mr. Field and three more prisoners supposed to be deserters of our army were sent to Washington.

Thursday 14.

Not able to do duty yet, my trout is very sore.

Friday 15.

I am getting a little better. Every thing goes along as usual about camp. Weather fine.

Saturday 16.

9 A.M. detailed for guard. Weather bad.

Sunday 17.

Relieved from guard at 9 A.M. Inspection of arms at 1 P.M. Weather pleasant.

Monday 18.

Every men to work to improve the appearance of our Camp. We fixed our stables and cleaned up the streets between our stables, it is quite an improvement.

Tuesday 19.

9 A.M. detailed for guard. Most of the men to work about the camp, it will take a good deal of work to fix up our camp in order.

Wednesday 20.

9 A.M. relieved from guard; exempt from duty the rest of the day.

Thursday 21.

Working all day, loading up gravel to fill up the streets between the stables. Our camp looks a good deal better.

Friday 22.

Our Capt. & four of us went out on a scout; we passed by Seneca Mills, through Poolsville, by Monocesy Chapel, stopped at the mouth of the Monocasy for about two hours, returned to our camp by the way of the toepass, arrived in camp in the evening, am quite tired, had not had such a long ride for some time.

Saturday 23.

In camp, excused from duty, busy cleaning up my arms and equipments. Weather pleasant.

Sunday 24.

Received two month pay. P.M. Inspection of arms.

Monday 25.

9 A.M. detailed for guard we relieved Co. B. A party that had been out, brought in one prisoner, the man claims to be loyal, but he is no doubt a rebel.

Tuesday 26.

9 A.M. relieved from guard by Co. M. P.M. Sabre drill. Lt.B. Partridge instructing. (*Transcriber's note: Lieutenant Benjamin F. Partridge, mustered into Co. F at age of 26.*)

Wednesday 27.

Excused from duty, some of the men cleaning up about camp. Weather pleasant.

Thursday 28.

9 A.M. detailed for guard relieved Co. B. Heard from George Wilcox and the rest of the boys that were captured at Drainsville, they are at "Fort Sumter, Andersonville, Georgia". Oscar Blanchard is sick, poor fellow, he will never recover; it is a hard fate to die in a prison. [*Unbeknownst to Buhrer, Blanchard died March 23, 1864 at Andersonville.*]

Friday 29.

9 A.M. relieved from guard by Co. M. Exempt from duty the rest of the day. P.M. we recieved reinforcements. Co. A & B of the first Delaware Calvary, there is 125 men under command of a Major, two Capt. And two Lt.

Saturday 30.

Mustering and inspection A.M. weather pleasant. P.M. rainy. The Guerrillas show themselves along the river more then usual.

Sunday 1. [May 1864]

Inspection and Dress parade. Valtee, A. Sheldon, Burns, Lund, Geton & Poter left our Co. to go into the Navy. There is not many Californians left in the Co. Weather very pleasant. [*Edward Burns, William Lunt, Aurelius Sheldon, Frances Vultee, Luigi Gaetani & George Potter*].

Monday 2.

The Delaware Calvary left us this morning to go to Monroia on the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Our Co. detailed for guard A.M. weather pleasant. P.M. quite a change it commenced to rain hard till nearly midnight. At night detailed for guard.

Tuesday 3.



9 A.M. relieved from guard, exempt from duty for the rest of the day. Weather pleasant.

Wednesday 4.

Most all of the men went out on a scout dismounted. Major Thompson, Lt. Baldwin, Lt. Stone & Lt. Wilson in command. We went on a canal boat near Edwards Ferry, then crossed the river to Youngs Island, searched the Island and the Virginia Shore, then crossed over to two more Islands, we did not see any rebels nor any signs of them. We returned to camp at night. The country looks fine, everything begins to get green. Weather very pleasant, quite warm.

Thursday 5.

9 A.M. detailed for guard, relieved Co. B. Sgt. Buford, Corp Wescott and myself on guard. An other party started out to search more Islands, they found a large scow and destroyed it.

Friday 6.

Relieved from guard at 9 A.M. by Co. M.

Saturday 7.

A. Davis and myself out on a scout, returned to camp late at night, we did not see any thing.

Sunday 8.

Out again all day, heard of some Guerrillas about Gatesburg, we searched about the woods a good deal, but did not see any, we stopped in thick pine woods all night.

Monday 9.

On the look out for Guerrillas found a rendezvous of some horse thieves, but no one there, we returned to our camp at night. Weather pleasant.

Tuesday 10.

In camp took our horses out to graze. Our horses begin to look fine, we have plenty feed for them.

Wednesday 11.

Out on a scout, went to Rockville, Clarksburg, Darnstown, to the mouth of the Monocacy, remained there all night. Weather fine.

Thursday 12.

Early in my saddle. Went to Adamstown, near Frederick City, back to Clarksburg, returned to camp late at night.

Friday 13.

In camp all day. Exempt from duty. Most all the men doing fatigue duty.

Saturday 14.

Detailed for guard, relieved Co. B. Sgt. Bishop, Corp. Merrill and myself on guard. Weather fine.

Sunday 15.

Relieved from guard at 9 A.M. by Co. M. Weather bad raining hard nearly all day.

Monday 16.

Exempt from duty all day. Weather cloudy.

Tuesday 17.

Davis and myself out on a scout, stopped all night near Barnsville in some pine woods. Weather fine. No signs of Guerrillas.

Wednesday 18.

Early in our saddles, went to Clarksburg, towards Frederick City, back to the Mouth of the Monocacy, from there to our camp, where we arrived about dark.

Thursday 19.

In camp, no duty to do. Most of the men out on drill.

Friday 20.

In camp, cleaning up my arms & equipments.

Saturday 21.

Sgt. Hepburn, Corp. Merrell, Davis and I detailed for guard. All quiet, nothing going on.

Sunday 22.

9 A.M. relieved from guard by Co. D. Dress parade at 6 P.M. also divine service by our regimental Chaplan. Weather warm, about dark a party started out after some blockade runners, we did not find any, but took an other party of six men, who turned out to be deserters of our army, we returned to camp about midnight.

Monday 23.

A.M. in camp. P.M. a small party went out on a scout, three of us stopped above Seneca locks till morning; all quiet during the night.

Tuesday 24.

Crossed the Potomac to Youngs Island, no one on the Island, went on an other Island below, where we met a large party of our men, we worked all day, getting some pantoon boats afloat, nine in all, about dark we started for our camp, we floated the boats down the river, at Seneca locks we went with the boats into the canal, arrived in our camp after dark.

Wednesday 25.

9 A.M. detailed for guard we relieved Co. B.

Thursday 26.

Relieved from guard by Co. D. Sabre drill from 6 P.M. till 7 P.M. Lt. Partridge instructing.

Friday 27.

A.M. mounted drill. P.M. no duty. Detailed at night to visit the picket posts between here and the Monocacy, we started about midnight, found every thing quiet arrived at the mouth of the Monocacy early in the morning.

Saturday 28.

Left the Monocacy about noon to return to our camp. Two of the men on picket at Edwards Ferry were captured by the Guerrillas. One Guerrilla pretended to be a Refugee and begged of our men to bring him across. Two of Co. D started over after him, when about landing on the Virginia Side the Guerrillas dropped a white flag, wich they had raised, and fired, they wounded one of our men and took them both prisoners; this happened a short time for we got to Edwards Ferry. We arrived in camp about sundown are going out again to night.

Sunday 29.

We left camp at 1 oclock at night 150 strong, went in four pantoons up to Indian Ford, crossed the Potomac, went to Leesburg, a few Guerrillas left the town, just as we went in, we stopped till 1 P.M. went to Edwards Ferry, recrossed the Potomac, went in our pantoons back to our camp. The Guerrillas fired into us as we crossed the river, however with out any sucess, we returned their fire and drove them back. At Leesburg we took several prisoners. The two men of Co. D returned with us, the Guerrillas let them go, after taking their money, boots & hats.

Monday 30.

9 A.M. detailed for guard, relieved Co. B. All quiet about camp. Weather warm.

Tuesday, May 31.

Relieved from guard by Co. D. The rest of the day we had to ourselves. I took a bath in Muddy Branch.

Wednesday 1. [June 1864]

A.M. mounted drill. P.M. I took a bath. We started out on a raid in the evening, some mounted and some dismounted. We went in Pantoons up to Edwards Ferry then to Conrads, a mounted party stopped at Edwards Ferry.

Thursday 2.

We crossed the Potomac at daybreak, 50 men of the third Maryland Infantry joined us; we took two different roads to the town. A small party of us, searched a Mr. Jaksons house, Mr. Jakson is a noted Blackade Runer and Guerrilla, we dit not find him. We arrived in Leesburg 7 A.M. searched a number of houses, had a skirmish, one of our Co. Edward Straub was taken prisoner, but made his escape again. A Sgt. Of Co. D had his horse shot, we had a few slightly wounded. One guerrilla was badly wounded, we took one Lt. and a number of Citizens to be held as hostages for any depratations committet. We left Leesburg 2 P.M. arrived in camp after sundown.

Friday 3.

About camp, busy cleaning up our arms, took our horses out grasing, sabre drill after retreat. The prisoners were send to Washington this morning. Had a good bath.

Saturday 4.

Out on a scout with a small party, brought in seven prisoners, a few blockade runners and some deserters, the party with the prisoners went to our camp. I stayed out all night in some woods near Barnsville.

Sunday 5.

Scouting through the country along the Potomac above the Monocacy, returned to our camp late in the night.

Monday 6.

Capt. Eigenbrodt and 16 of our Co. went on a Scout. We passed through Seneca, went about the vicinity of Clarksburg to Barnsville, from there to the mouth of the Monocacy, where we arrived in the evening. We dit not come across any blokade runners or guerrillas. A.M. Weather pleasant, heavy thundershower in the evening. At midnight two men and myself were detailed to take a dispatch to our camp. There was a rumor that 300 Guerrillas were about Edwards Ferry with the intention to cross the river.

Tuesday 7.

We arrived in camp last night, stopped a few hours & then went back to the Monocacy by the toepath, arrived at the Monocacy about noon. Capt. Eigenbrodt with his little party was out scouting in the vicinity of Sugarloaf Mountain, they arrested a blockade runner, they returned about 4 P.M. We remained till 8 P.M. then started for our camp, went by the toe path, found every thing quiet about the blockhouses, we arrived in camp after midnight. Weather fine.

Wednesday 8.

In camp all day, busy cleaning up our arms. P.M. inspection and sabredrill, Capt. Eigenbrodt instructing.

Thursday 9.

Davis and I out on a scout, we went to Poolesville, Clarksburg, Hyattsville, round Sugarloaf mountain stopped near Barnsville all night. We dit not see anything.

Friday 10.

Early in our saddles, went to Greenfield Mills, Adamstown, to Nolans Ferry on the Potomac, we saw Guerrillas across the river, exchanged shots, the distance being to far, there was no one hurt, we went by the way of Poolesville back to our camp, where we arrived late at night.

Sunday 12.

A.M. Inspection of arms & equipments and quarters. P.M. Dress parade, sabre exercise Major Thompson instructing. Lt. Wilson and five men detailed to go to the Monocacy, we left at 9 P.M. went by the toe path, all quiet about the blockhouses arrived at the Monocacy about 2 at night. A party of our

men, teamsters, blacksmiths and some out of the Quartermasters department captured some blockade goods, salt, a barrel of whiskey, in all value of \$200.

Monday 13.

Stopped at the Monocacy till 10 A.M. then returned to our camp, we visited all the blockhouses. Lt. Wilson inspected the arms of the men, found every thing all right, we arrived in camp 4 P.M.

Tuesday 14.

In camp exempt from duty. Took a bath. Weather warm.

Wednesday 15.

In camp all day. P.M. Drill.

Thursday 16.

A.M. in camp recieved two months pay. Had a dispatch from our headquarters at Fallschurch, that 800 rebels were about Leesburg, with the intention to take our camp, all men under arms all night.

Friday 17.

Davis and I were out on a scout last night, we went across the Potomac at Muddy Branch Ford, then to Drainsville, towards Leesburg, recrossed the Potomac at Youngs Island about daylight, we heard of some small parties of Guerrillas, not much over a hundred all together, we arrived in our camp 8 A.M., in camp the rest of the day; took a bath and done some washing.

Saturday 18.

Most all the men of the camp started out on a raid early in the morning. We went in different squads. I was with the Major, Capt. Eigenbrodt, Lt. Richardson, Lt. Partridge, Lt. Makintosh [*MacIntosh*], Lt. Wilson had 8 - 12 men each. We went in the neighborhood of Clarksburg and Germantown, searched the woods well, found some of Moseby's men, captured two and a number of blockade runners, also twelf horses, we returned to our camp in the evening.

Sunday 19.

Busy cleaning our arms & equipments. Inspection at 6 P.M. Took a bath, weather warm.

Monday 20.

About camp all day. Some of the men busy building, we are going to build four blockhouses. Weather warm.

Tuesday 21.

About camp all day, some of the men to work on the blockhouses. Took a bath. A dispatch arrived in camp at night, that Moseby with a regiment of Calvary crossed the river to make a raid in Maryland or Pensilvania for a supply of horses. We are ordered to be ready to mount at any moment. Had a false alarm at night 10 oclock. My Co. first on the ground.

Wednesday 22.

Went with Capt. Eigenbrodt to visit the blockhouses at an Infantry camp at the mouth of the Monocacy. Found every thing quiet at all posts. We left Monocacy after dark, arrived in our camp about one oclock at night. There is a rumor that Moseby with two hundred men is about Leesburg. Weather warm, night very pleasant.

Thursday 23.

About camp all day, took a bath. One Co. of the 8 Ill. Calvary 90 men strong arrived about dark, an other Co. about 80 strong at midnight, they are to stopp here.

Friday 24.

Sgt. Mitchell and myself are ordered to go to Washington. Are witnesses on a courtmartial of two men, wich we captured the 18<sup>th</sup>. Stopped in Washington all night.

Saturday 25.

In Washington, the trial did not come off, it is put off till next Wednesday. We left Washington 2 P.M. arrived in camp after sundown. After an hours rest, I started with a party out on a raid, we crossed the river at Youngs Island, arrived in Leesburg 5 A.M.

Sunday 26.

Had a skirmish with some of Moseby's Calvary, we took 10 prisoners. We left Leesburg at 11 A.M., went to Drainsville, crossed the river at Muddy Branch Ford, arrived in camp about 7 P.M. Moseby with 300 men was after us, but we had to much of a start, there was only 75 men of us. Weather very warm, thundershower in the afternoon.

Monday 27.

About camp, on regimental duty, took a bath. P.M.

Tuesday 28.

On regimental duty, all quiet on the river.

Wednesday 29.

On picket a short distance from our camp, all quiet.

Thursday 30.

Mustering day and Inspection of arms and equipments, quarters & horses. All quiet on the river, weather warm. P.M. I took a bath.

Friday 1. [July 1864]

Out on a scout, went to Rockville & vicinity, returned to camp in the evening.

Saturday 2.

About camp all day, went out after some blackberries, there is plenty near the camp. Took a bath in the evening.

Sunday 3.

H. Wyatt my tentmate and I went to our blockhouse with some rations, we stopped about an hour with our comrades, then returned to our camp, we swam our horses across the canal, went passed Seneca & Darnstown arrived in our camp about 3 P.M. Weather fine.

Monday 4.

A great day, the 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, most of the men out in the country to spend the Fourth. I was about camp all day writing some letters. Some excitement about camp, there is a large rebel force about Harpers Ferry. I expect we leave our camp soon. We send some forage and rations to Monocacy Bridge about 11 o'clock at night. Two men and I were loading up some boats, it took us nearly two hours. All kind of rumors afloat about camp, about the rebel General Early & his army.

Tuesday 5.

Two of our Co. went with Major Thompson to Harpers Ferry, A.M. we heard sharp canonading. All quiet about camp, I took a bath. Harbeck of Co. M. Corporal Cook of Co. B. and three more men were captured at Monocacy Bridge, also the store at that place robbed of all the goods and \$400 cash, this happened about daylight.

Wednesday 6.

75 of us were out on a scout, we made a halt near Monocacy Bridge, skirmished with Mosebys Guerrillas, not much injury done on either side. The enemy had a piece of artillery, which they used, it had not much effect the shells busted over our heads or struck the ground fifty or more yards from us. There were about 300 rebels, we were forced to retreat.

Thursday 7.

Out on a scout, a large rebel force is on this side of the river, small parties of rebel Calvary are in the neighborhood of the Monocacy, Barnsville and Clarksburg. A party from our camp was sent out to

picket the Monocacy Bridge. I had a narrow escape from a party of rebel Calvary, they chased me three miles, I arrived in our camp about dark.

Friday 8.

Capt. Eigenbrodt and all of our Co. left camp early in the morning to reconnoiter, we went passed Seneca, Poolesville, Monocacy Chapel, to the mouth of the Monocacy where we halted. Three men went out as scouts, we struck rebel Infantry & Calvary, heard the rebell force to be 30000 strong. Corp. Wecott came very near geting captured. [*Westcott, William. Co. E*] We stopped near the Monocacy all night.

Saturday 9.

Started for our camp early in the morning. The men of the blockhouses were ordered to camp. We arrived in our camp about 10 A.M. Every body busy packing up and geting ready to go to the field, the report is we are going to Frederick City in the morning.

Sunday 10.

Co. M left Camp early in the morning, we left about noon, went passed Duffefs Mill to Darnstown, where we met Co. M., they had been at Germantown, had a skirmish with the flankers of a rebel Column, our men took 4 prisoners, wounded several, had one of their own men wounded. The rebel force is moving towards the Washington & Baltimore R.R. We evacuated our camp, & went towars Washington.

Monday 11.

Tanlytown and the Forts swarm of troops. Headquarters of our regiment near Battery Russel. Fighting going on about three miles from here. A.M. we had Spencers seven shooters issued to us; at noon we were ordered out on a skirmish line three miles from here. We took positions behind fences, bushes, stumps, rocks etc. Firing quite sharp not much damage done on either side. The rebels used some artillerie, not much firing after dark. On picket all night, all quiet on our line.

Tuesday 12.

Skirmishing commenced early in the morning very sharp, about noon we advanced on our line, drove the rebels for about three miles. We had three men killed and several wounded, my Comrade Davis was among the wounded, the rebels left several killed and wounded in our hands. In the evening we took our old position about 9 P.M. we were relieved, returned to our headquarters, under arms all night and ready to mount at any moment. There was heavy fighting on our right, the rebels attacked Fort Stevens several times, and each time repulsed with heavy loss, they left all their dead and wounded in our hands.

Wednesday 13.

Part of our regiment, some of the 2 Michigan & 8 Illinois Calvy in all 400 strong started out to reconnoiter. Capt. Eigenbrodt with Co. E had the advance, we commenced skirmishing with the enemy at Rockville, not more than 75 of us were in the engagement our column was three miles back. The most of us dismounted, we took positions behind trees and logs, and held a superior force of rebels back for some time, but at last we were drove back, we rallied three times, the last time in Rockville, the rebels at last held Rockville. We had a number of men killed and wounded and about 40 were taken prisoners. The rebels had a number of men killed & wounded, one Col. and a Capt. killed, two officers we took prisoners. I had a narrow escape from the rebels, received a slight scratch on my right arm. We went into camp a short distance from Rockville all quiet during the night. Weather very warm.

Thursday 14.

Capt. Eigenbrodt & Lt. Baldwin with 15 men ordered to reconnoiter. We went on the Frederick Road, to Gatesburg, Middelbrock, Rabits Tavern, Neelserlle, Clarksburg, had a skirmish near Barnsville, we

took several rebels, went on to Greenfield Mills, and Adamstown, stopped near Adamstown all night. Henry Wyatt "my Comrade" were in the advance. We rode over 50 miles.

Friday 15.

Early in our saddles, we passed Greenfield Mills arrived at the mouth of the Monocacy about 9 A.M. remained a short time, then started for Poolesville, where we joined our regiment, had a skirmish near Poolesville, the rebels nearly all across the Potomac. We witnessed the hanging of a spy, captured by the 6<sup>th</sup> Corps in front of Petersburg. Major Thompson with his Battalion ordered back to his old camp, we arrived there late at night.

Saturday 16.

Our camp is a hard looking place, the rebels burnt every thing. P.M. detailed for picket, my post is on the river ford about 2 miles from camp. All quiet. Had a miserable night, the musketos were thick it was impossible to keep them off.

Sunday 17.

Relieved from picket 9 A.M. am tired and sleepy P.M. took a good sleep and a bath.

Monday 18.

Five of us started out on a scout, my Comrade Wyatt was along, we went to Rockville, heard of some rebel stragglers being about there, hunted for them nearly all day without success. We returned to camp about sundown. Weather warm.

Tuesday 19.

P.M. detailed for picket, post at the ford of the river. No signs of an enemy, all quiet during the night. Musketos as bad as ever.

Wednesday 20.

2 P.M.. relieved from guard; took a bath in the evening.

Thursday 21.

We are preparing a new place for a camp, one mile from the old camp. It will be a nice and cool place, most all the men hard at work till late in the evening.

Friday 22.

Again at work on our new camping ground. At night orders to pack up and be ready for a move at any moment.

Saturday 23.

Detailed for daily duty, to take charge of the Warehouse.

Sunday 24.

About the Warehouse, I have three men with me, Robert Campbell of my Co., Foster of Co. M, and one man of Co. D, we have an easy time. Passed the day of reading.

Monday 25.

Took a ride up the canal, our blockhouses are burned down, took a bath in the forenoon.

Tuesday 26.

Teams are hauling hay to the new camp. Rumors in camp that we have to join the regiment. About 100 of Moseby's men crossed the river at Indian Ford surprised the picket, "Michigan men", killed two, wounded one, took 5 prisoners and ten horses.

Wednesday 27.

Our Battalion relieved from this post by the 8<sup>th</sup> Ill. Calvary. We are under marching orders are supplied with 12 days rations and forage; four days rations and one day forage we take on our horses. All sick men and Co. property was sent to Washington. Weather very warm.

Thursday 28.

Reveille at 4 A.M. left camp at 5, stopped one mile from Darnstown waiting for further orders; ordered to Poolesville arrived there at 2 P.M. camped in the woods near Town.

Friday 29.

In camp waiting for further orders. Moseby said to be about Leesburg with 500 men. Last night about sundown we received reinforcements; one Squadron of the 1th Mass Calvary, two of the 6 Ohio Calvary and some from the dismounted camp near Washington in all 400 men.

Saturday 30.

Ordered to Frederick City, left camp at 1 P.M. Heard of some rebel Calvary being about Barnsville and the Monocacy. We followed them up; struck them at Nolans Ferry, had a sharp Skirmish, the rebels got the worst of it, they had from thirty to forty in killed and wounded, we had a few wounded. One mile from the Ferry we went into camp. Weather very warm.

Sunday 31.

Early in our saddles, on the road to Frederick City. When near Bucket town we heard of rebel Calvary in our rear, we halted in a favorable place, got ready for a fight, we waited one hour no signs of an enemy. Started on again, passed through Bucket town arrived at Frederick at 4 P.M., remained a short time, took the road to Clarksburg, camped near Urbana on Col. McPhersons place. All quiet during the night.

Monday 1. [August 1864]

Early in our saddles on the road to Barnsville, went round Sugarloaf mountain, expected to meet Rebel Calvary arrived at Barnsville about noon. Detailed for picket, my post is at the schoolhouse on the road to Poolesville.

Tuesday 2.

All quiet during the night; relieved from picket at 2 P.M.

Wednesday 3.

On the march again, left Barnsville early in the morning, passed by Poolesville, went into camp near Darnstown on Seneca Creek.

Thursday 4.

About camp all day, Major Briggs with his Command left us in the evening. We are ordered to our regiment expect to leave in the morning. Our reg. At Point of Rocks.

Friday 5.

Early in our saddles, arrived at Point of Rocks 1 P.M. Our camp on the hillside. A good many troops are passing through here for Harpers Ferry.

Some disturbance about camp. Lt. Parker of Co. H. and one of his men had a fight, they fired several shots, the soldier got wounded. Capt. Romery struck one of the men of Co. L over the head making a serious wound, the Capt. Was intoxicated, dit'n know what he was about. *(Transcriber's note: Lt. William W. Parker was a 21-year-old Bostonian who enlisted as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. Parker wrote a newsy letter to a friend at home, W. Putnam Kuhn, on the same day, and made no mention of the encounter noted by Buhner. The Captain Romery noted is William M Rumery who rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment at war's end, but was not mustered.)*

Saturday 6.

About camp under marching orders. A good many troops passed through here per. R.R. for Harpers Ferry. We left Point of Rocks at midnight.

Sunday 7.

We arrived at Harpers Ferry at daylight, went to Sharpsburg, where we arrived at 10 A.M., we remained till 4 P.M. then started back for Harpers Ferry, passed through Sandyhook, went into camp on Maryland Heights in Pleasant Valley.



Monday 8.

Reveille before daylight, in fifteen minutes in our saddles, crossed the Potomac on a Pantoon Bridge at Harpers Ferry, passed through the City, went 4 miles further went into Camp near Halltown. A good many troops about here; we are now attached to Sheridans Calvary, are the first brigade in the first division, commanded by General Merrit. A small party went out to reconoiter found the enemy in large force about 5 miles from here.

Tuesday 9.

In camp geting ready for a five days march, inspection of arms, etc. Arrival of more troops.

Wednesday 10.

Reveille at 2 A.M. we left camp at 4 oclock. We passed through Charlestown, Sumittown, went to the Opequon, drove the Skirmishers of the enemy from Sumittown across the Opequon a distance of five miles. Our loss was two killed and a number of wounded. We took a number of prisoners. The rebel Army is 40000 strong in an around Winchester. On picket during the night.

Thursday 11.

Early in our Saddles, we are advancing towards Winchester, made a halt near Jordan Springs, "a very fine place." We marched till late at night, camped at White Post. Our advance had a skirmish with the enemy.

Friday 12.

Early on the march, advancing up the "Valley Shanandoah", we passed through Newtown, Middletown, are close on the enemy, skirmished with the enemy, heavy fighting at dark, the enemy attacked our lines three times, was repulsed with heavy lose. My Co. on picket during the night; all quiet on our line.

Saturday 13.

Relieved from picket, on the advance again, went a few miles, were ordered back again. Weather warm.

Sunday 14.

Fighting going on in Front, our troops took 500 prisoners.

Monday 15.

Inspection of arms of our brigade by an Aid of General Merritt. Fighting a short distance from here. The rebels are strongly fortified in front of us. They can hold their position easy.

Tuesday 16.

Our army falling back, we left our position early in the morning, we are on the right wing of the army; my regiment rear guard. About noon we camped near Cedar Springs, one of the best and largest springs I ever saw; we remained in camp till about midnight.

Wednesday 17.

Slowly falling back, burning all the hay and grain on our road. The enemy close on to us, we are skirmishing with their advance, found part of our Infantry and a good deal of Calvary in battle line at Winchester, we soon opnd a fight, desparate and hard fighting till after dark, we had to fall back, the rebels in possession of Winchester, we marched till after midnight, halted near Berryville. The lose of killed & wounded several hundred.

Thursday 18.

Our brigade advancing towards Winchester. Co. E & H in the advance. Our Capt., Henry Wyatt and myself went very near to Winchester, the enemy is there in strong force, we went back to the Opequon, our brigade was there in a good position on the banks of the river. we skirmished lively with the enemy, heavy fighting about dark, we fell back a few miles, were in battle line all night, no attack during the night.

Friday 19.

In the same position, skirmished some during the day, our wagons arrived at night, had rations and forage issued to us, about midnight we were ordered out on picket on the right Flank, all quiet on our line. Weather bad, rainy.

Saturday 20.

Skirmishing on our left, all quiet after dark. Weather bad, Sprague & Sheldon left us to drive team. Sgt. Manchester, Priv. Rhodes, Straub, Smith & four Recruits arrived.

Sunday 21.

Skirmishing commenced early in the morning we are falling back, fighting the enemy, till dark. After dark we went into camp near Charlestown, we were under arms all night, before daylight we were on our horses again, the rebels are in large force in front of us. Sgt. Bishop accidentally shot himself through the hand early in the morning. *(Transcriber's note: Sergeant George Bishop of Co. E had transplanted to California from Philadelphia. His accidental shooting occurred while on picket. He was discharged February 24, 1865 due to wounds.)*

Monday 22.

Skirmishing commenced early in the morning, we are falling back we had a stubborn & sharp fight in and about Charlestown, held the Town as long as possible, to give our infantry time to take a good position near Halltown; about noon we went into position on the left Flank of our army. My Co. and Co. H. were ordered out on the Skirmish line dismounted, we had lively skirmishing, drove the rebel skirmishers back; took a few prisoners; out all night, all quiet during the night. Heavy rain in the afternoon, some rain during the night.

Tuesday 23.

In camp till P.M. our brigade ordered out to reconnoiter, found the enemy in force, had a lively skirmish, returned to our old position at dark. We had four more recruits assigned to our Co., Miller, Kirsh, Shayer & Morrell; Weather warm.

Wednesday 24.

In camp till noon, then ordered out on the skirmish line, had a sharp fight, drove back the enemy's line, we took 24 prisoners, our lose light.

Thursday 25.

Made an other dash on the enemy's line. Lost our Capt., he fell like a Hero in a charge we made on the enemy's breastworks. "Capt. Charles S. Eigenbrodt" was truly one of the bravest of the brave, we all lamented his lose. A ball went through his heart, and several through his body, we were in a hot place, R. Campbell, R. Mayers, Flornoy and I were with our Capt. when he fell.

Friday 26.

In camp till noon, then on the Skirmish line, we drove the enemy, took 7 officers and 65 enlisted men, our lose several killed & wounded; one of our best Lt. "Meader a Californian" fell. *(Transcriber's note: Charles E. Meader, originally from Vassalboro, Maine, enlisted in California and was mustered into Co. M as a Sergeant. He had been promoted to Lieutenant in March.)*

Saturday 27.

The enemy falling back, we are advancing, skirmished with the enemy's rear guard near Charlestown. All quiet after dark, on the skirmish line during the night.

Sunday 28.

Our whole army advancing. Part of our regiment ordered out to reconnoiter, found the enemy in force on the road to Winchester, had a skirmish, fell back, went out on the Martinsburg pike. Our troops fighting near Smithfield, we went into camp near Charlestown.

Monday 29.

Left camp early in the morning, joined our regiment on the Berryville pike, we are ordered to Summittown, had s skirmish with the enemy. All quiet after dark. Weather warm.

Tuesday 30.

In camp till noon, then ordered out on the skirmish line, lively skirmishing till almost sundown, we took a number of prisoners. Our lose light. Our brigade ordered to Smithfield about 10 miles from here, we arrived there about midnight. Co. E & H detailed for picket. All quiet during the night; the enemy in Smithfield.

Wednesday 31.

On the skirmish line in front of Smithfield, all quiet in the forenoon, we carried on a conversation with the enemy. P.M. lively skirmishing.

Thursday 1. [September 1864]

Advanced on the enemy drove them across the Opequon Creek; about dark we fell back to our old position. All quiet during the night.

Friday 2.

Made an other advance on the enemy, drove them some distance. Our brigade ordered to Summittown, we arrived there late at night. Night rainy.

Saturday 3.

Advanced on the enemy drove them across the Opequon, they are fortified, and hold a good position, about dark we fell back to our old position, near Sumit Town. Heavy skirmishing on our left.

Sunday 4.

In camp till noon. P.M. out on the Skirmishline, we took a few prisoners. All quiet during the night.

Monday 5.

Light skirmishing in the forenoon, quite lifely in the afternoon.

Tuesday 6.

All quiet on our line, heavy skirmishing on our left, the enemy made several charges, but were each time repulsed, their lose heavy.

Wednesday 7.

P.M. ordered to reconnoiter, skirmished with the enemy near Opequon Creek, drove them into their breastworks. We went back to our camp after dark. On guard during the night.

Thursday 8.

Moved camp twice are now in camp between Summittown and Berryville pike. Our brigade with the first and second Regulars. Col. Lowell acting General. Our brigade, called Reserfe Brigade in the first Division of the Calvary Corps.

Friday 9.

Co. E detailed for headquarters guard. Provo guard. Lt. Pepunty, in command of the Co. Ordway, who had been sick returned to the Co. *(Transcriber's note: Augustus L. Papanti, age 19, enlisted early in the war with the 7<sup>th</sup> Rhode Island Cavalry. After 90 days, he mustered out, and reenlisted with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass Cavalry, mustering in as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Co. H. John H. Ordway, Co. E.)*

Saturday 10.

About camp, our camp is near Headquarters, our duty is light. Detailed for guard at noon. Weather bad. Joe Sarget, M. Joy, Jonnie Stephons & Flood returned to the Co.

Sunday 11.

P.M. relieved from guard, exempt from duty in the afternoon. Weather bad, raining.

Monday 12.

Ordered out to reconnoiter, had a sharp skirmish with the enemy at the Opequon, we returned to our camp late at night. Detailed for guard.

Tuesday 13.

About camp, on guard, all quiet on the line.

Wednesday 14.

On guard, relieved at 6 P.M. Weather bad; raining.

Thursday 15.

About camp all day.

Friday 16

Inspection of arms, by the inspecting General.

Saturday 17.

About camp; at 6 P.M. detailed for guard. We are under marching orders.

Sunday 18.

Inspection of arms, equipments, etc. by General Merritt and his staff. Relieved from guard at 6 P.M.

Monday 19.

Reveille at 2 A.M. the whole army on the advance, skirmishing commenced at day break, about noon the battle commenced in earnest, fighting very stubborn on both sides, the day is ours, but it was a bloody victory. Our lose in killed and wounded was large also the enemys, they left their wounded and killed in our hands, we took 6000 prisoners, a number of canons, wagons and horses and pursued the enemy till late in the night. Weather fine, night cool.

Tuesday 20.

Early in our saddles, we went through Newtown & Middletown, camped near Strasburg, on the extreme right of the army. P.M. we had a skirmish with the enemy.

Wednesday 21.

On the march, crossed the Shanandoah, nearly all the Calvary on the left wing of the army; we arrived at Front Royal at 4 P.M. we routed the enemy's Calvary, camped near Town till morning.

Thursday 22.

On the march towards Laury, we had an engagement near Millford, the enemy is in a strong position in a Mountain pass, about dark we fell back a few miles, all quiet during the night. Our lose a number of killed and wounded, it was hard to get our battery into position. Our inspecting General a fine and good officer was heavy wounded.

Friday 23.

Returned to Front Royal, had a skirmish with Moseby's Guerrillas, they attacked our ambulance train, shot some of the wounded, we pursued them hotly, took 17 prisoners, their fate was hard, they had to suffer death. P.M. we were ordered forward again, marched all night; camped in the enemys works in the morning.

Saturday 24.

After an hours rest, we were on the march again, had a hot skirmish near Laura Court house, routed the rebel Calvary and took a number of prisoners, we passed through Laury a fine Town, about dark we went into camp near the mountains. A.M. Weather fine. P.M. raining.

Sunday 25.

Went over the mountains via Mossonetten Pass, camped near Newmarket a few hours. Had four days rations and forage issued to us. P.M. on the march to Staunton marched till late at night, went into camp near Harrissonburg.

Monday 26.

Early in our saddles, we passed Mount Crawford & Mount City arrived at Staunton about sundown. We had a fight with the enemy, took Staunton in a short time.

Tuesday 27.

A.M. part of the Calvary destroying the R.R. P.M. commenced our march again, we passed through Fisselboro, went into camp near Waynesboro after dark, the enemy a short distance from here.

Wednesday 28.

Early in the morning we were attacked by the enemy, we routed them and drove them some distance back into the mountains. P.M. the enemy heavy reinforced, fighting very desparate, Lowell our General and a few of us were very near captured, we took desparate changes and cut as through, we are forced back, we fell back in good order, the enemy intended to cut us off, we marched all night halted near Springhill for a few hours. Sgt. of our Co. was killed, Butcher. Sgt. Manchester wounded in eye. General Lowell had his horse shot, also Lt. Crowninshield had his favorite horse shot, a shell struck him. One of Co. M. lost his arm. *(Transcriber's note: Sergeant William T. Butcher had enlisted in California with the 4<sup>th</sup> California Infantry. Apparently seeing no prospect of service in the East, he deserted and enlisted with the Cal Battalion in March 1863, mustering into Co. E. He was officially pardoned and transferred into the Company on February 16, 1864 by special order #76 from the War Department. ???)*

Thursday 29.

We are falling back, the enemy close on to us, we are skirmishing with his advance, passed through Bridgewater, about dark we went into camp on the left of the pike a few miles from Bridgewater.

Friday September 30.

Our infantry in camp about here, we are putting up our tents. All quiet on the line to day.

Saturday 1. [October 1864]

About camp, some skirmishing on the line. Weather bad.

Sunday 2.

A.M. broke up camp, fighting on our right, we skirmished with the enemy near Mount Crawford, till dark, went into camp a short distance from Mount Crawford; all quiet during the night. Detailed for guard at Headquarters, had 4 days rations issued to us.

Monday 3.

A.M. in camp. P.M. reconnoitering, had a skirmish with the enemy, drove their picket line across the Shanandoah, we took several prisoners, at dark we went to our camping ground of last night. Heavy rain during the night.

Tuesday 4.

Moved our camp a little further back from the road. Light skirmishing on the line. Lt. Meigs killed by a bushwaker, a citizen of Dayton. Orders from Headquarters to burn Dayton and all buildings within two miles of the Town. Weather fine.

Wednesday 5.

We are ordered on the left flank, all quiet on the line.

Thursday 6.

The army falling back, we are on the right flank again, passed through Harrissonburg, camped near Timberville all night. We have orders to burn and destroy all hay, grain and barns along our line of march.

Friday 7.

Left Timberville about sunrise, we passed through Forestville, there we burned two large mills, we stroke the pike near Edinburg, our infantry skirmishing with the enemy, we relieved them, skirmishing quite lively till after dark, we went into camp near Woodstock, all quiet during the night.

Saturday 8.

Early in our saddles, we passed through Woodstock, had a skirmish with the enemy near Fishers Hill. All quiet during the night.

Sunday 9.

Early in the morning skirmishing commenced, soon we had a regular & square Calvary fight, we routed the rebel Calvary, drove them 20 miles, we captured 23 canons, a number of wagons, horses and men; we camped near Woodstock all night.

Monday 10.

Early on our saddles, no signs of an enemy about here, we marched back to Fishers hill, on headquarters guard, all quiet during the night.

Tuesday 11.

A.M. in camp. P.M. on the march, we passed through Strasburg, crossed Cedar Creek, camped near the Shanandoah on the left of the pike.

Wednesday 12.

In camp all day, all quiet on the line. Weather fine.

Thursday 13.

In camp till P.M. marched to Middletown, went into camp one mile from Town. The enemy in strong force on Fishers hill, they attacked our line, but were repulsed.

Friday 14.

Reveille at 2 A.M. ready for an attack, in battle line till after daylight, no signs of the enemy.

Saturday 15.

In camp till 6 P.M. we are ordered to Front Royal, expected to have a fight with the rebel Calvary; no enemy there, we remained at Front Royal till about 9 A.M. Night cold.

Sunday 16.

On the march, passed through Middletown, we went into camp near our camping ground of yesterday.

Monday 17.

About camp, nearly all day. P.M. we went out after forage, we had to go three miles, it is getting scarce. All quiet on the line.

Tuesday 18.

About camp, out after forage, all quiet on the line.

Wednesday 19.

Reveille at 4 A.M. The enemy flanked our left, surprised the 8<sup>th</sup> Corps in their camp, routed them badly, took 1500 prisoners and 20 canons and a number of wagons. We were on the extreme right, had a sharp skirmish with the rebel Calvary, about 9 we were ordered on the picke, for over two miles we rode in front of the enemy's line, they poured shell and shot into us. In front of Middletown we took our position on the right & left of the picke, two hundred of the Brigade dismounted, took position behind a stonewall and fence, stubbornly we held our position against the attack of the rebel infantry. Every thing looked favorable for the enemy till 4 P.M. Our glorious General Phil. Sheridan arrived, he had been away, he gathered the fleeing infantry, soon our whole line made a desparate and furious attack, twice we were repulsed, but the third time we broke their line and routed the enemy badly, we pursued the rebels till about 10 oclock at night, we captured 63 pieces of artillerie, a number of wagons, Caissons, Ambulances, horses and men. We gained a great victory, but it was a bloody one, our lose in wounded & killed was heavy, many of our brave comrades fell. "Our brave Col. Lowell acting General was mortally wounded also Capt. Smith. Capt. Cools, Lt. Crocker, Lt. Hussey wounded. Off our Co. Corp. Davis was killed, Sgt. Russell lost his leg, died in the hospital next day. Sgt. Hepburn was slightly wounded, my Comrade H. Wyatt had his horse shot, also Rodgers, we all lament the lose of Russell & Davis, our Colonels, Capt. Smith, and all our comrades in arms.

Thursday 20.

The enemy in full retreat, we are pursuing them, our brigade went as far as Edinburg, P.M. we were ordered back again, we went into camp on the left of the pike near the mountains, we put up our tents. A large party of the infantry is picking up the wounded and burying the dead. Weather fine.

Friday 21.

A.M. Left camp passed by Strasburg, crossed Cedar Creek, went into camp on the left of the pike near Middletown, all quiet on the line. Night rainy, cold towards morning.

Saturday 22.

In camp all day; miserable place for a camp, water a forage scarce. All quiet in front, no signs of an enemy.

Sunday 23.

About camp, all quiet, no enemy about here.

Monday 24.

A.M. Off after forage, had to go three miles, weather windy & cold. Had two days rations issued to us.

Tuesday 25.

In camp; detailed for guard at 5 P.M. Weather cool.

Wednesday 26.

The regiment doing picket duty on Fishers Hill. A reconnoitering party went to Edinburg, found the enemy's picket across the Shanandoah.

Thursday 27.

In camp, time dull, our infantry fortifying at Strasburg. Weather bad, raining, heavy rain during the night.

Friday 28.

We moved our camp in the woods, it is a better place for a camp. A reconnoitering party of our regiment went to Edinburg, the pickets of the enemy in the same position. Detailed for guard. Weather cool.

Saturday 29.

Relieved from guard at 5 P.M. by Corp. Wyatt.

Sunday 30.

About camp all day, all quiet.

Monday 31.

About camp all day. Muster day.

Tuesday Nov. 1. [1864]

About camp all day, all quiet on the line. Detailed for guard at 5 P.M. Had a letter from our boys in prison. Wilcox, Wooster, Ost & Crawford are at Savannah, Georgia. Manker & Mossman are at Millian Georgia. Blanchard, Fisher, Spaulding, Paris & Milican died at camp Sumter. All but six men of Co. M, that were captured last February are dead.

Wednesday Nov 2.

Relieved from guard at 5 P.M. by Corp. Wyatt. Our brigade under marching orders, destination we don't know. Weather cold & wet.

Thursday 3.

Our brigade ordered to Halltown to picket the R.R. we left camp in the morning, we passed Newtown & Middletown, camped near Winchester all night. One of the first Regulars was shot by an Infantry Capt. for carrying of some boards for a fire. Our men came very near killing the Capt. he was put under arrest by our Col. to be tried by a Court Martial. Weather bad.

Friday 4.

Left Winchester early in the morning, went by Bunker hill & Smithfield arrived near Halltown before sunrise. We camped on the left of the pike. A detachment of the 6<sup>th</sup> Pensilvania Calvary in camp close by. Detailed for guard. Night cold & windy.

Saturday 5.

Moved our camp close to Charlestown, our camp is in a good place in the woods on the left of the pike. Relieved from guard at 5 P.M. by Corp. Wyatt. Weather windy & cold.

Sunday 6.

Nearly all day busy fixing our tents. Weather more mild; had four days rations issued. As yet we had no trouble with the Guerrillas.

Monday 7.

About camp. Detailed for guard over forage & commissary stores in Charlestown.

Tuesday 8.

On guard. Headquarters of the Construction Corps at Charlestown. The railroad completed two miles the other side of Charlestown. Weather rainy, but not cold.

Wednesday 9.

On guard, relieved at night by Corp. Rodgers.

Thursday 10.

We moved camp three miles from Town on the Smithfield pike, we have a good place for a camp. Moseby with his band is around here. Four days rations issued.

Friday 11.

Detailed for guard at 5 P.M. relieved Corp. Wyatt. Moseby's men took the mules of two teams, going to Harpers Ferry, killed one man and took 4 prisoners.

Saturday 12.

Relieved from guard at 5 P.M. by Corp. Rhodes. A brigade of infantry arrived here yesterday, 44<sup>th</sup> 103th and 10<sup>th</sup> N.Y. regiments, they are in camp near the R.R. about two miles from here.

Sunday 13.

We moved camp to Sumit Town. Railroad completed to that place. Construction Corps here. All quiet along the road. A cold & windy day.

Monday 14.

Busy fixing our tents, cold & windy. 4 days rations issued.

Tuesday 15.

Detailed for guard at 5 P.M. Relieved Corp. Wyatt. All quiet along the road.

Wednesday 16.

Relieved from guard at 5 P.M. by Corp. Wyatt. An accident happned about a mile from here. A train run of killing one man, wounding two severly and five slightly. Weather bad, raining.

Thursday 17.

Moved camp, near the bridge over the Opequon, we are camped in the woods, near Wades Station. Detailed for guard. Moseby's men about here. Heard of Jakob Whalters death, one of our Comrades a Californian. He died in a Hospital at Frederick City, Maryland. Jakob Walther was a good and brave soldier. *(Transcriber's note: Private Jacob Walther enlisted in California and was mustered into Co. E. Originally a carpenter from Cleveland, Ohio, he was 23-years-old at the time of his enlistment. He died of disease.)*

Friday 18.

Relieved from guard at 5 P.M. All quiet about camp. Weather bad, rainy.

Saturday 19.



About camp. Detailed for guard at night over Commissory Stores at the railroad. Brashers Scouts from fifty to seventy five men run into Mosebys gang at Cabletown near Front Royal, Moseby had between two & three hundred men with him. Brasher had 30 men killed, eight wounded, all but a few were taken prisoner.

*(Transcriber's note: Captain Richard Blazer's command was made up of 100 men, mostly from Ohio & West Virginia, authorized by General Sheridan in August of 1864, to "clean out Mosby's gang." They were armed with Spencer rifles.)*

Sunday 20.

Relieved from guard at 10 A.M. About camp all day, weather bad rainy.

Monday 21.

Detailed to go to Pleasant Valley with a dispatch arrived there about 3 P.M.; stopped at Pleasant Valley all night. Weather bad.

Tuesday 22.

Returned to our camp. Some excitement about Harpers Ferry. A party of Mosebys men attacked a Co. of the 12<sup>th</sup> Pensylvania Calvary between Charlestown & Halltown. A Sgt. was killed & a number wounded.

*(Transcriber's note: Sergeant Martin Shaffner, Co. E.)*

Wednesday 23.

Moved camp, within 4 miles of Winchester. Detailed for guard. Weather cold & windy, our camp is in the woods near Stevens Depot. Weather cold & windy.

Thursday 24.

On guard, relieved at 5 P.M. All quiet about camp.

Friday 25.

In camp fixing my tent etc. An infantry camp close by at the Depot. A number of trains arrived with forage & supplies for the army.

Saturday 26.

A.M. mounted drill, 4 days rations issued, all quiet about camp. Weather rainy. Detailed for guard.

Sunday 27.

Relieved from guard at 5 P.M. All quiet about camp. Weather very pleasant.

Monday 28.

A.M. mounted drill. P.M. Brigade ordered to get ready for a raid. Had two days rations & forage issued.

Tuesday 29.

Reveille at 3 A.M. left camp before daylight, we passed through Berryville, crossed the Shanandoah, passed through Snikers Gap, Snikerville, Bloomville, Union Town, Phillamount, camped near Snikerville at night. First Division in camp close by. Weather very pleasant, a good deal of picket firing during the night. A few men slightly wounded.

Wednesday 30.

Reveille at 5 A.M. Most of the Calvary ordered to destroy all hay, grain etc, and drive of all the horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, between here and Leesburg, Aldie etc. We had a chase after some of Moseby's Guerrillas, captured some of them. We had a large drove of cattle, sheep, hogs, and over hundred horses. We went into camp near Snikerville, a good deal of picket firing during the night.

Thursday, December 1. [1864]

On the march back to Winchester, we left Snickerville about noon, crossed the mountains and the Shanandoah, we are marching very slow, we had a great deal of trouble with the sheep & hogs, for we got them across the river, a good many drowned, we went into camp near the river; detailed for guard

a good deal of picket firing during the night; small parties of Guerrillas are troubling our outposts as much as they can, a man has to look out.

Friday 2.

Left camp at 10 A.M. we passed through Berryville, took the Front Royal Pike, had a chase after some of Moseby's gang near Berryville, the Guerrillas had to much of a start and made good their escape, we chased them a good distance, we went into camp a short distance from the pike. Weather rainy.

Saturday 3.

On the march again about 2 P.M., we went into camp three miles from Winchester. There is some talk of our staying here all winter. It is not the best kind of a place for a Calvary camp. Water is scarce and some distance of and the same wood.

Sunday 4.

About camp all day; had two days rations issued, rumors about camp that we will leave this place soon; had a letter of Garity. Mossman, Jenkins, Manker & Wooster arrived at the parole camp at Annapolis. Wooster is sick with the Scurfy. (*Transcriber's note: Arthur J. Wooster, age 19 at enlistment, was from Sonoma, California. He will die in May 1865 as a result of disease contracted during his incarceration.*)

Monday 5.

About camp all day, nothing going on, we are puting up our tents, and making them as comfortable as possible. Weather damp & cold.

Tuesday 6.

About camp all day, detailed for guard at 5 P.M.

Wednesday 7.

Returned from guard at 5 P.M. Night very windy & cold, had four days rations issued.

Thursday 8.

About camp, most of the men busy puting up winterquarters. We may perhaps remain here all winter.

Friday 9.

On regimental duty all day, had four days rations issued. Change in the weather, commenced to snow about dark, snowing nearly all day.

Saturday 10.

About camp all day. Snow about a foot deep.

Sunday 11.

About camp, my tent mate, H. Wyatt and I worked nearly all day puting up a more comfortable tent. Weather cold; detailed for guard.

Monday 12.

Again at work, relieved from guard at 5 P.M.

Tuesday 13.

Most every man to work, to fix bushes around our stables to breack of the wind. Weather more mild.

Wednesday 14.

In camp all day, worked on our tent, fixing the chimney, we dont get along very fast, we have to pack the stones on our horses for about 2 miles. Weather quiet pleasant. Col. Crowninshield relieved of the Command of the Brigade by General Gibbs.

Thursday 15.

Inspection of arms of our regiment by the Inspecting General. The inspection went of well. Weather cold.

Friday 16.

In camp, detailed for guard. Nothing going on.

Saturday 17.

Relieved from guard at 10 A.M. P.M. busy cleaning up in front and around our tent.

Sunday 18.

Detailed for guard. Weather damp & rainy.

Monday 19.

First and third Division of Calvary ordered on a raid, we left camp at 8 A.M. going as light as possible, with four days rations & two days forage. We passed through Front Royal, went through Chester Gap, camped near the Summit of the mountain; roads in a bad condition; weather rainy, night very cold & windy.

Tuesday 20.

Early in our saddles, we passed through Flinthill, Little Washington, Sperryville, camped near later place. Our advance skirmishing with the enemy, their pickets are stationed all along the Blue Ridge. Weather cold, snowing during the night.

Wednesday 21.

On our march, passed through Cratersville where we stopped one hour to feed, crossed Robinson river, had an engagement with the enemy drove them out of Madison Courthouse, camped all night near later place. Roads are very bad, it is almost impossible to get along. Weather very bad, raining and snowing during the day, night very cold.

Thursday 22.

Early in our saddles, we passed through Madison Courthouse, Rochelle, to the Rapidan, had an engagement with the enemy, routed the rebels, captured about 50 prisoners, 2 pieces of artillery, a number of horses and mules, our loss was light. We went into camp near the Rapidan, all quiet during the night. On guard. Weather, cold, we kept up good fires all night. We had a good place for our camp in the woods.

Friday 23.

Part of the Calvary crossed the Rapidan, made an advance on Gordonsville, found the enemy heavy reinforced, skirmished with them, we were forced to fall back, we marched towards Culpeper, on the march nearly all night, went into camp near Robinson river. Weather cold, bad going for the horses, not many are rough shot.

Saturday 24.

On our march, we passed through James City a few houses, struck the pike about 5 miles from Culpeper, camped near later place all night. Weather more moderate, night cold.

Sunday 25.

Early in our saddles, we crossed Hazelriver, had to cut a passage through the ice, water quite deep. We passed through Jefferson, crossed the Rapahanock near White Sulphur Springs (a fine watering place before the war broke out now in ruins). We camped about three miles from Warrentown. Weather cold & damp, night rainy.

Monday 26.

Early on the march, we passed through Warrenton, New Baltimore, where we left the pike, we passed over White Plains, through Salem on the Manasses R.R. camped near later place at night. Weather bad raining, detailed for guard at night.

Tuesday 27.

Early in our saddles, we passed through Middelburg, Upperville & Paris, went through Ashbys Gap, crossed the Shanandoah, water deep; we went into camp one mile from the river. The Guerrillas troubled us a good deal, small parties were in our front, rear and our flanks, we had a number of our

men wounded and some captured, we captured some Guerrillas. Weather very foggy & cold, night rainy. Roads in a bad condition.

Wednesday 28.

Left our camp early in the morning, we passed through Millwood, crossed the Opequon, water very deep; we arrived in our old camp at 3 P.M. Weather cold.

Thursday 29.

In camp, busy getting some wood etc, our horses and we are about tired out, it was a hard raid.

Friday 30.

On fatigue duty. Weather quiet pleasant, snowing during the night.

Saturday December 31.

Mustering day; detailed for guard at 10 A.M. Weather bad, A.M. snowing, P.M. Cleared up, cold during the night.

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Sunday January 1.

Relieved from guard at 10 A.M. Corp. Wyatt promoted to a Sergeant to date from the 1th of November 1864. W. Moore to be a Corp. from same date.

Monday 2.

About camp, cleaning up my Equipments etc. Weather quite pleasant.

Tuesday 3.

Passed the day of in writing and reading. Part of our brigade on picket duty. Weather cold, snowing.

Wednesday 4.

Detailed for guard at 10 A.M. Nothing going on

Thursday 5.

Co. E relieved from Provo duty, by Co. J. We are all busy moving to the regiment, are putting up stokade tents there is from four to five in a tent. Weather mild.

Friday 6.

We worked on our tent till about 10 A.M. Sargett, Moore, Stevenson and my comrade H. Wyatt, and myself are together. We put the cover on, build part of the fireplace and put up bedsteads, are quite comfortable. P.M. weather bad, raining hard.

Saturday 7.

Sgt. Wyatt left us to go on a furlough. Ten men out of Co. E detailed for picket duty. We could not do much work about our tent; weather too bad, snowing & storming nearly all day, turned cold towards night, night very cold. Had five days rations issued.

Sunday 8.

In camp all day, not doing anything about our tent. Wood is scarce about camp, we carried some on our backs about a half of a mile. Most of the men to work on their quarters. Weather cold.

Monday 9.

Worked some on our tent, fixed a door etc. One Sgt. and three men detailed for picket. Weather very cold, more mild towards night, rain & sleet during the night. It is hard to get wood, we have no teams to haul wood for us.

Tuesday 10.

Detailed for camp guard at 8 A.M. Fifteen men for guard, two of Co. E. Guard duty light, A.M. weather rainy. P.M. cleared up, cold at night.

Wednesday 11.

Relieved from guard at 8 A.M. Done a little work about our tent. Corp. Moore & five men detailed for picket. Some of the men busy getting brush to fix around our stable. Weather clear & cold.

Thursday 12.

Detailed to work on our stable; weather quite pleasant. P.M., Sgt. Turner and Private Garity returned to the Co; they are well and hearty considering they went in a southern prison.

Friday 13.

Worked on our tent A.M. P.M. on police duty. Three of our Co. for picket. Weather quite pleasant.

Saturday 14.

We finished our chimney etc. Our tent is now the most comfortable on the line; the most of the men are nearly done with their tents. A.M. weather mild, P.M. windy & getting very cold.

Sunday 15.

Cut & hauled some wood in the forenoon. P.M. reading & writing. Weather quite pleasant. Four of our Co. for picket. Death of the Hon. Edward Everett, one of the greatest Orator and Whriter of America.

Monday 16.

About camp, done some washing. Nothing going on about camp. Weather cold & windy.

Tuesday 17.

Grand Review of our Division by Major General Sheridan and Major General Merrit. P.M. inspection of our arms & quarters by Capt. Dean; all went of well. Fife men of our Co. for picket. Weather cloudy & cold.

Wednesday 18.

Detailed for camp guard at 9 A.M. Hauled some wood in the forenoon, had to go nearly a mile after it. A number of men still to work to build winter quarters. Weather cloudy & cold.

Thursday 19.

Relieved from guard at 9 A.M.; about camp all day. Was made a Sergeant to date from January 1th. Goodfellow was made a Corporal. One Corp & six men of our Co. detailed for picket. Weather cloudy & cold.

Friday 20.

On fatigue duty P.M. one hundred recruits arrived with them some of our old comrades that had been in prison. Corp. Mossman, Corp. Jenkins, Pr. Bucker who had been sick. Twelpe recruits were send to our Co.

Saturday 21

In camp, passed of the time reading, done some sewing. Four men of the Co. detailed for picket. Corp. Moore and two men on camp guard. Weather very bad, raining, sleet, snow and cold.

Sunday 22.

Cut and hauled some wood, a good day to haul. Weather thawing, rainy night.

Monday 23.

Detailed for fatigue duty, fixed a bridge on the road to Winchester, had twenty men to work. Weather very bad, raining and snowing nearly all day, cold towards night.

Tuesday 24.

A.M. hauled some wood, P.M. in camp. No signs of an enemy about here. News from other departments are very good, the war can not last much longer. Weather very cold.

Wednesday 25.

A.M. hauled some wood, went about a mile after it. Passed of the afternoon in reading and writing. Corp. Goodfellow and four men detailed for picket. Weather clear & cold.

Thursday 26.

In camp, all quiet about here. I have very easy times. Weather still cold, so far we had a good deal colder weather, then what we had last winter.

Friday 27.

In camp. H. Wyatt returned from his furlough.

Saturday 28.

A party was out to reconnoiter found the enemys picket at Woodstock, had an engagement, took some prisoners, a superior number attacked our men and retook their men; our party had seven men killed and some wounded, the enemys lose about the same. Weather cold.

Sunday 29.

In camp, nothing going on. Weather still cold.

Monday 30.

About camp, all quiet here. Weather more mild.

Tuesday 31.

Detailed for picket. Picket line about three miles from camp. Weather quite pleasant.

Wednesday 1. [February 1865]

Out on picket, in charge of the pickets, the Outpost is near Newtown, all quiet on the line, no sign of an enemy. Weather quite pleasant, all quiet during the night.

Thursday 2.

Relieved from picket at 10 A.M. returned to camp. Inspection of our horses. Weather quiet pleasant.

Friday 3.

In camp, done some washing. Weather bad, snowing & cold. Hood returned from his furlough.

Saturday 4.

A.M. Hauled some wood. P.M. drilled our recruits. Weather quite pleasant. Dissatisfaction in camp, our rations are short, forage short our horses dont get any hay.

Sunday 5.

In camp all day. Passed the day of in reading & writing. Weather cold & very windy. We had some hay for our horses, there is some prospects of getting hay every day.

Monday 6.

In camp A.M.; instructing recruits in Carabine drill P.M. Sabre drill. Weather cold.

Tuesday 7.

In camp, passed the time of in reading & writing. Weather very bad, snowing hard all day.

Wednesday 8.

In camp, snow a foot deep; three men for picket. Weather cold.

Thursday 9.

In camp. P.M. on Police duty; have to put more brush around our stable.

Friday 10.

In camp. Inspection of arms; weather cold.

Saturday 11.

About camp; men to work on the stable, nothing going on; weather still cold.

Sunday 12.

In camp all quiet about here; passed the day of in writing and reading. Weather still cold & very windy.

Monday 13.

Detailed for picket, went to the left of the line, am in the reserfe. Our posts about a half of a mile from the reserfe. All quiet on the line; weather cold.

Tuesday 14.

Relieved from picket at 10 A.M. Weather clear & cold. Recieved a letter from home.

Wednesday 15.

In camp, all quiet about here. Passed the day of in writing. Weather very bad, raining & snowing nearly all day.

Thursday 16.

In camp; monthly inspection by Capt. Dean; all went of well. A reconnoitring party went out. Weather more mild.

Friday 17.

In camp. A.M. Sabredrill, P.M. Sabredrill Lt. Papanty instructing. Weather cold, snowing before night. Our stables are in a awfull condition.

Saturday 18.

In camp. A.M. Carabine drill, P.M. Sabredrill. All quiet about here. Weather more mild.

Sunday 19.

In camp. Nothing going on. Weather warm, thawing.

Monday 20.

In camp. A.M. Sabredrill, P.M. a short drill. A party going out on a scout. Weather pleasant.

Tuesday 21.

In camp, Sabredrill as usual. Great rejoicing about the camps here, over the late Victories.

Wednesday 22.

On camp guard. Weather bad, raining during the night.

Thursday 23.

About camp. Some picket firing. Weather bad.

Friday 24.

In camp, all quiet about here. Drill as usual.

Saturday 25.

Mounted inspection of our regiment. Under marching orders. Weather bad, rainy.

Sunday 26.

Every men busy preparing for a march. We expect to leave to morrow. Weather pleasant.

Monday 27.

Reveille at 3 A.M.; we left camp at 6 A.M. we passed through Newtown, Middletown, Strasburg, Woodstock, camped near Edinburg. Our scouts captured 4 Confederates and killed one. Our brigade is in the advance.

Tuesday 28.

Early in our saddles, passed through Edinburg, Hogantown, Mount Jakson, there we were detained till late at night, had to build a Pantoon Bridge across the Shanandoah, we marched till almost morning, passed through Newmarket, camped about 5 miles from Harrissonburg. Major General Phillip Sheridan is with us, we are 8000 strong. Weather pleasant.

Wednesday 1. [March 1865]

We passed through Harrissonburg, Mount Crawford, Mount Sidney, camped near Staunton. Our regiment on picket. All quiet on our line. Our advance skirmishing with the enemy, routed them, capturing men, horses, mules and wagons. Weather cold.

Thursday 2.

Early on the march; we passed through Staunton, went into camp near Fisselboro on the Waynesboro road, it was the worst place for a camp we ever had, a new plowed field; mud was more then kneedeep. Weather bad, raining more or less nearly all day. At Waynesboro we had a fight with the enemy, capturing 2500 prisoners, 24 pieces of artillerie, 100 wagons, a number of horses and mules. General Early had a narrow escape, among the prisoners we had 87 commissioned officers.

Friday 3.

We passed through Waynesboro, crossed South river, quite deep & swift, we went over the mountain, through Rockfish Gap, roads are very bad, many horses are giving out. On brigade is going back with the prisoners also all dismounted men in all about 3000 men. Weather bad.

Saturday 4.

We are marching very slow, our brigade wagon guard, it is almost impossible to get along. The train is scattered for over five miles, we arrived at Ivey Station about noon, halted for a few hours, went on again went into camp about 5 miles from Charlottesville. Part of our regiment on picket.

Sunday 5.

Rear guard for the train, skirmished with the enemy, they trouble us a good deal, some of our men got captured, we arrived at Charlottesville 3 P.M., camped near the Town. Part of the Calvary is destroying the R.R., Depots, bridges etc. Weather quite pleasant.

Monday 6.

Early in our saddles on the road to Scottsville on the James river canal arrived there 3 P.M., camped near the Town all night. We destroyed some locks etc. below and above the Town, it was after midnight when we went into camp. Weather pleasant.

Tuesday 7.

Marching up the canal towards Lynchburg, passed through Howardsville, went into camp near Newmarket. We destroyed the canal as much as possible. Weather quite pleasant.

Wednesday 8.

Early in our saddles, my regiment in the advance and flank, we went to Bentcreek, skirmished with the enemy, returned to Newmarket, it was almost morning when we went into camp. Weather bad, raining nearly all afternoon and night. Many horses are giving out, we left over three hundred about Newmarket.

Thursday 9.

Left Newmarket about noon, marched back to Scottsville, toe path in a awful condition, it was morning when we arrived at Scottsville. Weather bad.

Friday 10.

We halted about one hour to feed our horses and cook our breakfast, then commenced our march again, part of the Calvary marched down the toe path, the rest through the country, about midnight we went into camp near Colombia, a small place. Roads very bad, weather more pleasant. A good many negroes leaving the Plantations are going with us.

Saturday 11.

The first Division in camp near Colombia, my regiment on picket, all quiet on the line. Ten days coffee and sugar issued. Weather pleasant.

Sunday 12.

Early on the march, we passed through Colombia, travelled till after midnight, camped near the Gordonsville R.R. and Cokooville, a little town. Our advance had a skirmish with the enemy, and took over two hundred Prisoners. Roads bad at some places. Weather pleasant.

Monday 13.

Marched a short distance, destroyed the R.R., burned Frederick Hall Depot; camped near there all night.

Tuesday 14.

Early in our saddles my regiment in the advance. Skirmished with the enemy, one of our scouts killed, we routed the enemy, had a running fight for about 12 miles, took a Fort at South Anna Bridge with 8



pieces of heavy artillery, three were loaded, we shelled the enemy as long as we could reach them. At night we camped near Taylorsville Station.

Wednesday 15.

We crossed the South Anna, laid there till night, we build some breastworks. G. Custer had an engagement with the enemy at Ashland, the Confederates have a heavy force, we are on the march again at dark, marched till almost morning, camped near North Anna.

Thursday 16.

On the march, out with a foraging party, like to got losed, had a skirmish with some guerrillas, they come very near capturing R. Campbell and two more men. It was about dark, when we joined our regiment, had to go out on picket. Weather bad, night very stormy & rainy; all quiet during the night.

Friday 17.

About daylight the guerrillas attacked our outposts, we gave them a warm reception, they did not trouble us any more, about 9 A.M. we were on the march again, we passed through Elliotsville, camped near King William Courthouse. Weather cool & windy.

Saturday 18.

We arrived at Whitehouse Landing at noon; camped near the river. There is a number of Transports & three Gunboats in the river. Had forage issued, took a bath in the river, it was quite cold. We put up our shelter tents. Weather fine.

Monday 19. (*Transcriber's note: Sunday*)

We crossed the Pamunkey, on a bridge, went into camp again near the river. Had five days rations issued also one day's forage. Weather fine.

Monday 20.

In camp. Inspection of arms & equipments & horses, half of the horses condemned & send to City Point. We have not the best place for a camp. Wood is scarce.

Tuesday 21.

In camp. Dismounted men send to the City Point. 19 of my Co. went, there is now 16 left in all. Some Co. have only a few men left, my regiment is 110 strong. Weather A.M. windy, P.M. rainy, some rain during the night.

Wednesday 22.

About camp all day, nothing going on. Weather cool.

Thursday 23.

In camp; the mailboat arrived, first mail we received since we left Camp Russell. I received five letters. Weather bad, very windy & cold.

Friday 24.

In camp, most all the Calvary was paid of. We had 5 days rations issued, no coffee. Weather cold.

Saturday 25.

Reveille at 4 A.M. left camp at 6. On our march to Petersburg, camped near Harrissons Landing. Weather cool & windy.

Sunday 26.

Early on the march, crossed James river, on a Pantoon at Deep Bottom Bridge, 4 P.M. we went into camp near Jones Landing. Weather cool & windy.

Monday 27.

On the march, passed by Rock City Hospitals, crossed the Appomatox at Broadway Landing, camped near Hancocks Station in front of Petersburg. The enemy's line is in sight and only a short distance from here, they shelled our Column as we marched along. Sharp picket firing during the night. Weather pleasant.

Tuesday 28.

In camp, we expect to move to morrow, had 15 days rations issued, 5 days to carry with us, ten days in the wagons. A good deal of artillery and infantry on the move. Sharp canonading going on during the day, sharp firing during the night.

Wednesday 29.

The effective force of all the Calvary was as follows: Gen. Merritts command, First & Third Divisions.....5,700. Gen. Crooks command Second Division.....3,300. Total effective force....9,000. Early in the morning we left our camp, we moved by the way of Reams Station, on the Weldon Railroad, and Malon's Crossing, on the Rowanty Creek, where we were obliged to construct a bridge. At this point our advance encountered a small picket of the Rebel cavalry, and drove it to the left across Stony Creek, capturing a few prisoners, from whom we heard that the enemy's cavalry was at or near Stony Creek Depot, on the Weldon R.R. on our left Flank & Rear. After dark we arrived at Dinwiddie Court House, my regiment went on picket, all quiet during the night. Weather bad, rainy.

Thursday 30.

Early in the morning we were send out to reconnoiter, we encountered the enemy on the White Oak Road in the vicinity of Fife Forks, we had some heavy skirmishing throughout the day, we captured a number of prisoners. Capt. Cools [*Henry Kuhls, Co. L*] and three of our men were captured. Corp. Moore [*William H., Co. E*] of my Co. was seriously wounded. Weather bad.

Friday 31.

On the advance towards Fife Forks, we meet considerable opposition, but drove the enemy, P.M. the enemy was heavy reinforced, they made several attacks, but were unable to drive five brigades dismounted Cavalry from an open plain in front of Dinwiddie Court House. The enemy's force was 2 divisions of infantry and some cavalry it was an obstinate fight. Lt. Monker was killed, Lt. Papanty was wounded twice, the lose of wounded & killed on both sides considerable. It was after dark when the firing ceased, and the enemy lay on their arms that night not more than one hundred yards from our line.

Saturday April 1. [1865]

Reveille at 2 A.M. we went back a few miles after some forage, then returned to Dinwiddie Court House, advanced towards Fife Forks. The first division had to dismount, we made an assault on the enemys works and soon carried them at several points. The enemy were driven from their strong line of works and completely routed, we captured the enemy's artillery and turned it upon them it so demoralized them, that they made no serious stand after their line was carried, but took to flight in disorder, between 5000 and 6000 prisoner fell into our hands. We pursued the enemy until long after dark for a distance of six miles. There was heavy firing during the night in the direction of Petersburg. Weather fine.

Sunday 2.

A.M. we destroyed the Petersburg R.R., skirmished some with the enemy's Cavalry. P.M. on the march again, we crossed Hatcher's Run, the enemys Cavalry were in considerable force north of the stream, but they would not stand to fight, about dusk we had a slight skirmish.

Monday 3.

Early in the morning we took up the pursuit, routed the enemy's cavalry and captured many prisoners, we had a severe fight with the enemys infantry; at night we encamped on Deep Creek. Weather warm, some rain during the night.

Tuesday 4.

On the march towards Amelia Court House, had a skirmish with the enemy; they had us nearly surrounded, we marched all night, joined our infantry about daylight.

Wednesday 5.

On the march, joined our infantry at Gettersville, where they were entrenched, we went into battle, remained in position till almost dark, Lee might have saved himself if he had promptly attacked and driven back the comparatively small force opposed to him. One division of cavalry struck a train of 180 wagons, which they took, also five pieces of artillery, and a large number of prisoners.

Thursday 6.

Early in our saddles, when near Dentonsville we discovered the enemy's trains moving in the direction of Burksville or Farmville, escorted by heavy masses of infantry and cavalry, we were ordered to attack the trains, at Sailors (Saylors) Creek we found a weak point, we burst on the enemy like a tornado took sixteen pieces of artillery, many prisoners and about 400 wagons. General Ewell and a number of other general officers fell in our hands and a very large number of prisoners, we were under arms all night.

Friday 7.

Early in our Saddles passed by Prince Edward Court House camped near Buffalo Creek. On picket at night, at night; all quiet during the night. Weather rainy.

Saturday 8.

On the march towards Lynchburg, at Prospect Station we encountered the enemy, we captured many prisoners twenty five pieces of artillery, a hospital train and a large park of wagons; the fighting continued till after dark, we drove the enemy to Appomattox court House. We were under arms all night, on picket during the night. Weather pleasant, night cold. Horses and men are about worn out.

Sunday 9.

Picket line a skirmish line, most all the cavalry dismounted, the enemy too strong for us, we are fighting desperate, but are compelled to fall back, at last our infantry came up about A.M. We drove the enemy back, about noon Gen. Lee surrendered his whole army, my regiment under the last fire. P.M. all quiet. We can't hardly realize the quietness, there is prospect that we don't have any more fighting. Our joy is great over the victory.

Monday 10.

On the march towards Richmond, we went into camp near Prospect Station. Weather bad.

Tuesday 11.

Early in our saddles, we passed Hampton Sidney College, Prince Edward Court House, camped near Farmerville. Weather unpleasant, rainy, roads bad, we are in the best of spirits, expect to be discharged soon.

Wednesday 12.

On the march passed a large wagon train of the Army of the Potomac, we arrived at Burks Station at 2 P.M. a good deal of infantry about here. We went into camp near the Station. Weather warm, a good deal of rain during the night.

Thursday 13.

We are marching very slow, roads bad, we went after forage, crossed Nottoway Creek a deep & narrow stream, camped near Nottoway Station. A very good place for a camp in the woods. Weather A.M. rainy. P.M. pleasant.

Friday 14.

In camp, put up tents, cleaned our arms and equipments, inspection of arms at retreat. Weather pleasant.

Saturday 15.

In camp; nothing going on, inspection of arms. Weather unpleasant, some rain.

Sunday 16.

None Dress Parade; Divine service. Hundred of our men from City Point arrived. Seventy five are at Major General Wilcox Headquarters under command of Capt. Manning. Had five days rations issued. Weather fine.

Monday 17.

On the march toward Petersburg, went into camp near the R.R. Had to go after some forage, it was nearly midnight for we got into camp. Weather fine.

Tuesday 18.

Left camp at 10 A.M. marched along the R.R.; went into camp about 3 miles from Petersburg.

Wednesday 19.

We put up our tents, we have a good place for a camp.

Thursday 20.

Broke up camp at noon; went into camp a short distance from Petersburg. Had five days ration issued.

Friday 21.

In camp; nothing going on. No one allowed to leave camp without a pass. A Squad of our men from City Point arrived, they had good horses.

Saturday 22.

In camp, inspection of arms. Weather fine.

Sunday 23.

In camp; we are under marching orders; had five days ration and three days forage issued. Weather fine.

Monday 24.

Reveille at 4 A.M. left camp at 6, took the Petersburg and Boydton plankroad; passed by Dinwiddie Court House, we marched 27 miles, went into camp about sundown. Weather warm, roads dusty.

Tuesday 25.

Early in our saddles, we marched 22 miles, were delayed at Maharon river, camped there all night. Appearance of the country fine, woods green, fruit trees in full blossom.

Wednesday 26.

Reveille before daylight, we crossed Maharon river, banks steep & bad about getting out, we marched 24 miles, camped near Boylton. On picket during the night, all quiet.

Thursday 27.

On the march, were delayed a long time crossing a creek, bridge burnt, we marched 17 miles, went into camp near Roanoke River. Weather warm; appearance of the country fine.

Friday 28.

Reveille at 3 A.M. crossed Roanoke river on a bridge build of Ferryboats, marched fifteen miles, crossed Bannister river, went into camp a short distance from it. Five days ration issued. G. Johnson surrendered his army, we are ordered back to Petersburg.

Saturday 29.

Reveille at daylight, we recrossed Banister river and Stanton river on a pantoon bridge, went into camp a short distance from the river. Weather warm, raining quiet hard at night.

Sunday 30.

In camp till 2 P.M. marched till late at night; went 32 miles, crossed the Maharon river. Weather cool; raining hard during the night.

Monday 1. [May 1865]

On the march, roads muddy, we marched 22 miles, went in camp near Black & White Station. Weather fine.

Tuesday 2.

Marched 21 miles, went into camp on the left of the R.R. Weather fine, night quite cold.

Wednesday 3.

On the march, passed through Petersburg, crossed the Appomatox river went into camp near the river.

Thursday 4.

In camp; nothing going on. Five days rations issued, our horses on small allowance, they only get from three to six quart of oats a day.

Friday 5.

About camp, nothing going on, inspection of arms.

Saturday 6.

About camp, part of Shermans Cavalry and Infantry arrived at Petersburg. Weather very warm.

Sunday 7.

In camp, dress parade & inspection. Not many citizens about camp, week days there is a good many about here, selling all kind of eatables, everything is very high. Weather very warm.

Monday 8.

In camp; nothing going on. G. Shermans Army passing by on their way to Washington. Had 5 days ration issued.

Tuesday 9

In camp. Clothing issued; received a letter from home.

Wednesday 10.

On the march to Washington, we passed through Manchester and Richmond, the most business part of the City burned. Had a good sight of Libby Prison, Belle Island, went into camp five miles from Richmond.

Thursday 11.

Reveille at 3 A.M. left camp at 5 A.M. we crossed South Anna, went into camp at 5 P.M. we had a good deal of rain during the night.

Friday 12.

Reveille at daylight, left camp at 10 A.M. roads are very bad and very muddy, we crossed the South Fork of the South Anna, went into camp after dark.

Saturday 13.

Reveille at 4 A.M. left camp at 7 we crossed the North Anna and the Rapidan at Racoon Ford went into camp a short distance from the river. Country fine. The country shows the effect of the war.

Sunday 14.

Early in our saddles, we marched till late at night, passed through Stevensburg, and a number of old camps occupied by our Army in 1862 & 63. We crossed the Rappahanok at Kelly's Ford. Many of our horses are giving out, the Citizens are picking them up. Weather fine.

Monday 15.

Reveille at 3 A.M. left camp at 5 we crossed Broad Run and Bull Run, passed over Bull Run Battlefield, by Manasses Junction & Centreville, went into camp near Fairfax Court House. Weather fine. Two days rations issued.

Tuesday 16.

On our march, passed through Fairfax Court House, Falls Church went into camp near the Long Bridge close to the Potomac. We have a good view of the City of Washington. There is a good many troops about here.

Wednesday 17.

In camp; all kind of rumors in camp, some say we are going to Mexico, an other rumor is, we are going to be discharged soon, wich we all wish. 5 days rations issued.

Thursday 18.

In camp, nothing going on. Weather warm, rainy night.

Friday 19.

In camp; we have easy times, no drill. Our horses have plenty of oats & hay. Inspection of arms at retreat.

Saturday 20.

Reveille before sunrise, ordered to be ready to move at 4 A.M. , order countermanded after we are all ready, remained in camp. Weather cool, night rainy.

Sunday 21.

Reveille before sunrise, left camp at 7 A.M., we marched through Washington, were reviewed by our "brave Commander Major General Sheridan", went into camp near Bladensburg on the right of the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Had our tents up before dark, were ordered to be ready to move. Order countermanded, we put up our tents the second time. Weather bad, roads very muddy. Night rainy. The most of our dismounted men arrived.

Monday 22.

Broke up camp. Moved across Duck Creek, pretty good place for a camp. E & H on a line. The rest of our dismounted men arrived also some recruits. 508 men in all. Our regiment is now 800 men strong. Inspection of arms at retreat. The creek very high, four mules were drowned. Weather warm.

Tuesday 23.

Grand Review. We left camp at 8 A.M. marched through Washington, passed the Capitol & Whitehouse, every thing went of well & pleasant, the City was thronged with Thousands of spectators. Weather fine.

Wednesday 24.

Went to Washington, remained till 5 P.M. saw part of General Shermans Army pass through. The soldiers are fine, stout and hardy looking men, they made a very good appearance. I visited W. Moore, he is getting well, but looks somewhat pale. Weather fine.

Thursday 25.

In camp, men busy cleaning up the camp. Dress Parade at 6 P.M. Five days rations issued. Weather fine.

Friday 26.

In camp; under marching orders; rumors we are going across the Potomac to Camp Windham. Weather bad.

Saturday 27.

Reveille before daylight, ordered to be ready to move at 6 A.M. Order countermanded. Dress parade at 6 P.M. General Gibbs and three of his staff officers present. A number of our regimental officers promoted. One promotion should have been a dishonorable discharge. Weather cool & rainy.

Sunday 28.

In camp under marching orders; we expect to leave to morrow. Dress parade in the evening. Weather more pleasant.

Monday 29.

Reveille before daylight, left camp at 7 A.M., marched through Washington, crossed the Potomac on the long Bridge, passed through Alexandria went into Camp about 5 miles from Alexandria; we have a very good place for a camp.

Tuesday 30.

Every men busy putting up a tent, from three to four to go in a tent. Corp. Charles Jenkins & Denis Hogan and myself are in a tent together; we have a very good tent. Our camp in a good place in the woods.

Wednesday 31.

In camp, nearly every men busy fixing tent or policing on the Co. streets. Our camp begins to look well, it is as good a place for a camp as we ever had. Capt. John Richards is in command of our Co. Five days rations issued. Weather warm.

Thursday June 1. [1865]

In camp fixed up my tent a little better; a number of men to work on the Co. streets and Parade ground, cookhouses etc. Our camp looks fine. Weather fine.

Friday 2.

About camp; copying some of my journal. Weather warm.

Saturday 3.

Inspection of the mounted & dismounted men by General Gibbs. Weather very warm. Vegetables etc. & some clothing sent to this Brigade by the Christian Sanitary Society. Our regiment received their share of it.

Sunday 4.

About camp; nothing going on. Rumors about camp that we are going to be discharged this week. Weather warm.

Monday 5.

Some disturbance in the third Division; a party robbed & killed a Sutler. First division was ordered to saddle up and be ready to mount any moment. In the disturbance were five men killed; one Lt. a Sutler & 5 soldiers. All quiet about noon, we were not ordered out.

Tuesday 6.

In camp. A.M. drill. Weather cool & cloudy.

Wednesday 7.

Had a pass, visited Mount Vernon, Estate of General George Washington. Mount Vernon is a very fine place. The Vault is a very plain structure. The remains of G. Washington and his lady rest in marble coffins.

Thursday 8.

In camp, passed the day writing & reading.

Friday 9.

In camp, writing nearly all day.

Saturday 10.

In camp, nothing going on. 5 days ration issued.

Sunday 11.

About camp; passed the day reading & writing.

Monday 12.

About camp; nothing going on.

Tuesday 13.

About camp.

Wednesday 14.

About camp; nothing going on. P.M. rainy.

Thursday 15.

In camp, rations issued.

Friday 16.

About camp; reading & writing. P.M. rainy.

Saturday 17.

In camp; rumors about camp of our going out west, men not fit for service are sent before a board of examination. A detail of men going out to patrol the roads of the surrounding country. Weather warm.

Sunday 18.

In camp; translating my journal.

Monday 19.

Monthly inspection, all went of well, great excitement in camp, there is a report we are going to be mustered out immediately; I hope it is so.

Tuesday 20.

An other report about camp, we will not be mustered out till the assassination trial is over. Our Colonel is going to leave us, we all regrett his going away. [*Col. Caspar Crowninshield*]. Fife days rations issued. Weather bad, raining hard at times.

Wednesday 21.

About camp, nothing going on.

Thursday 22.

In camp; rumors we are going into Washington to do Provo duty.

Friday 23.

About camp, nothing going on.

Saturday 24.

In camp; rumors we are going away.

Sunday 25.

In camp, expect to move to morrow, great dissatisfaction amongs the men. Weather warm.

Monday 26.

P.M. Struck tents, moved to Fairfax Court House, went into camp close by the Town. Weather bad.

Tuesday 27.

We are puting up our tents. Six by seven feet only two men allowed in a tent.

Wednesday 28.

Busy puting up tents. A good many men on guard, no one allowed outside of camp without a pass. Great dissatisfaction among the men; rations are: Pork, Hardbread and that short. Weather warm.

Thursday 29.

About camp; men busy hauling lumber and building Cookhouses & stables. Nearly all of the regiment went before Major McKendry to see about our rations.

Friday 30.

In camp; the most of the men to work; hard rain in the afternoon.

Saturday July 1. [1865]

In camp. 30 men of my Co. detailed as Orderlies at Brigade Headquarters, in Fairfax Court House. They have very easy times and good quarters to live in. Weather warm.

Sunday 2.

About camp, moved my tent. Edward Straub returned to the Co.

Monday 3.

General inspection of arms etc. Rumors in camp we will be mustered out of the service soon.



Tuesday 4.

Took a ride out in the country; went to Vienna, Sevensville, Falls Church, returned to camp in the evening.

Wednesday 5.

About camp; nothing going on.

Thursday 6.

In camp, fixed a bathing place a half of a mile from camp.

Friday 7.

About camp; took a bath and done some washing. Great rejoicing in camp, our regiment is to be mustered out immediately, we expect to leave in a few days.

Saturday 8.

About camp; nothing going on.

Sunday 9.

A.M. in camp. P.M. Dyer [*Andrew, Co. E*] & myself put a headboard on Ormsby's grave, also a railing around it.

Monday 10.

About camp; 5 days rations issued.

Tuesday 11.

In camp; weather bad.

Wednesday 12.

In camp. Capt. Richards Mare and three more horses were stolen during the night.

Thursday 13.

Went to Drainsville, put a head board on Byron H. Grovers grave. The noble and brave boy fell the 22 Febr. 1864.

Friday 14.

H. Wyatt and myself went to Leesburg to look for Capt. Richards horse, we found her; returned to our camp at night.

Saturday 15.

In camp; had five days rations issued.

Sunday 16.

About camp, writing and reading.

Monday 17.

H. Wyatt and myself went to Leesburg, we left camp about 10 oclock at night; arrived in Leesburg about 8 A.M. A Mr. Feedly had Capt. Richards mare, he gave her up. We met several of Moseby's men, talked over our scrapes we had together. Returned to our camp in the evening.

Tuesday 18.

About camp; nothing going on.

Wednesday 19.

Great excitement and rejoicing in camp. We were musterd out of the Service of the U. St. Army.

Thursday 20.

About camp; P.M. Dress parade.

Friday 21.

A.M. we struck Tents; we left our camp in the evening, arrived at Vienna after dark.

Saturday 22.

Went per R.R. to Washington, where we arrived at 8 A.M., left at noon, arrived in Baltimore at 5 P.M., took supper at the soldiers rest, left Baltimore about dark, travelled all night, the time passed of pleasantly.

Sunday 23.

We arrived in Philadelphia before daylight, had a good breakfast, left about 7 A.M. went per R.R. to Jersey City, then to New York City, where we arrived at 1 P.M. About 5 P.M. we left N.Y. City went on the Steamer Atlantic, wich brought us safely to Providence. We had a very pleasant time on the Steamer. Weather fine, night pleasant.

Monday 24.

We arrived at Providence 8 A.M. went per R.R. to Camp Meigs, near Readville, Mass we arrived there two P.M.

Tuesday 25.

About camp. We have barracks to live in, time passes of wearily.

Wednesday 26.

Had a pass to go to Boston, visited my cousin "Paul Neflon" an Artist, it is over thirteen years since we saw one an other.

Thursday 27.

About camp, we are tired of the camp.

Friday 28.

About camp, nothing going on.

Saturday 29.

In camp, we expect to be discharged Monday.

Sunday 30.

About camp. The days pass of wearily.

Monday 31.

We expected to be paid of, the Paymaster ditn come. Some more Mass. troops arrived, Artillerie, Infantry & Cavalry, they expect to be discharged soon. Weather warm.

Tuesday 1. [August 1865]

No Paymaster, some misunderstanding about our transportation, there is rumors we are not to receive it.

Wednesday 2.

Part of the regiment paid of.

Thursday 3.

In camp; two more Co. paid of.

Friday 4.

All of the Regiment paid of but the Californians.

Saturday 5.

Discharged out of the Service of the U.S. Our transportation and subsistence is not furnished. A number of the Californians have not money enough to go back to California. We went to Boston, stopped at the Hancock House, a good many of the Californians are stopping there.

Sunday 6.

Passed the day of in reading & writing. The day seemed very long to me. I visited Bunker Hill Monument, the old Elm Tree on Boston Comon. Boston Comon is a very fine place.

Monday 7

About Boston, had an interview with a Lawyer about my Transportation, he thinks he will get it for me.

Tuesday 8.

About the City, went to see my cousin, he is away. A good many of the Californians are leaving the City. Some are going to California, some to their homes in the different states. We are in hopes to get our transportation, we left the business in Lawyers hands.

Wednesday 9.

My cousin arrived in the afternoon. I went home with him he lives at Malden about 5 miles from Boston. I had a very pleasant evening. My cousins wife is a very interesting and amiable Lady.

Thursday 10.

Passed the biggest part of the day with my cousin in Boston. In the evening I went home with him, I had a very pleasant evening.

Friday 11.

Left for N.Y. City, arrived there late at night.

Saturday 12.

Left N.Y. City at 10 A.M. for Philadelphia arrived at 3 P.M. I intended to visit my Cousin Charles Lips, he is not here, he is at Cape May, I remained about an hour in Philadelphia, returned to N.Y. City, arrived there in the evening, met my friend Charles Jenkins.

Sunday 13.

Charles Jenkins and myself visited the Central Park, it is a very fine Park, the finest of the U. St. about noon we returned to the Hotel; passed of the afternoon writing.

Monday 14.

About the City, got my ticket for a Passage to Bremen on the St. Circassian to sail the 19<sup>th</sup>. 8 P.M. I took the Cars for Boston.

Tuesday 15.

Arrived in Boston about 6 A.M. went to Readville to see about my letters. P.M. I went home with my cousin, was very kindly received by his Lady. No news from Washington about our transportation.

Wednesday 16.

In the City, no news from Washington. I had a very pleasant evening, took a horse back ride with my Cousins wife, we enjoyed the ride very much.

Thursday 17.

About the City, spend the evening with my Cousin, made the acquaintance of Miss Julia Carey a very interesting Lady. Sister of my Cousins wife. No news from Washington about our Transportation, I intend to leave Boston to morrow.

Friday 18.

Left Boston 2 P.M. arrived in N.Y. City 11 P.M.

Saturday 19.

Went on board the Steamer Circassian about 11 A.M. We left the Wharf at 2 P.M. The Circassian seems to be a pretty good ship, it is not badly crowded with Passengers. Weather fine.

Sunday 20.

The Steamer rolls considerable; I felt somewhat sick. A number of Passengers seasick. Several ships passed us bound for New York City. Weather very pleasant.

Monday 21.

Quite foggy during the day, not much wind, we are not making much headway, two ships bound for N.Y. passed us; evening very lovely. I felt very well all day.

Tuesday 22.

A splendid day, wind very favorable, we are making about 12 miles an hour. The Steamer "Pensylvania from Liverpool passed us, her decks were crowded with Passengers. Two more ships passed us in the evening, P.M. rainy.

Wednesday 23.

A good day, wind favorable, weather cool, passed two sails in the afternoon; sea quite rough, I felt almost seasick.

Thursday 24.

A good day, weather cool, wind light, but favorable, we passed two sails. Sunset beautiful, evening lovely.

Friday 25.

A long day, raining, no wind. Sunset beautiful. Passed of the day reading.

Saturday 26.

A pleasant day, very little wind. A sail in sight in the evening. Sunset beautiful, evening lovely. The northern lights appeared, it was a grand & beautiful sight.

Sunday 27.

A good day, wind quite favorable, weather somewhat cool. How lonely I did feel to day.

Monday 28.

A good day, wind favorable, weather pleasant. A sail in sight.

Tuesday 29.

A good day for sailing, weather not very pleasant, foggy. P.M. Fire broke out in the kitchen, thank God it was stopped in time.

Wednesday 30.

An other good day for sailing, weather not very pleasant, foggy. P.M. A ship passed us; we expect to be in South Hampton by Friday.

Thursday 31.

A pleasant day, not much wind, a sail in sight in the afternoon.

Friday 1. [September 1866]

A pleasant day, foggy in the evening, no wind, we are not making much headway.

Saturday 2.

Had a breakdown last night, were detained about 2 hours, got in sight of Land about noon, weather quite foggy.

Sunday 3.

Arrived at Cowes opposite South Hampton at 10 A.M. Some of the Passengers left for Havre. We remained nearly two hours. We passed Portsmouth, Plymouth, all very fine places, also a number of very fine & elegant country Seats. Queen Victorias Country Seat. We passed a number of Forts apparently very strong. One Monitor, and several Iron Clads & Men of wars. Weather pleasant.

Monday 4.

A pleasant day, we are in the North Sea, a number of Sails in sight, also two Lighthouses. Sunset beautiful.

Tuesday 5.

Arrived in Bremerhaven 4 P.M. Went per R.R. to Bremen, where we safely arrived at 9 P.M. We put up in the Hotel du Nord, kept by "Wezstein". Accomodations good. I cant hardly realize, that I am so near home.

Wednesday 6.

Left Bremen at 4 A.M. for Frankfurt, arrived at Hanover about 9 A.M.; took the cars again at noon; arrived in Frankfurt 10 P.M. We passed through a fine looking country. At Frankfurt we took the cars for Stuttgart, we travelled all night.

Thursday 7.

Arrived in Stuttgart at 4 A.M. About 5 I was in my dear fathers house, the joy of my father, my sisters & my brother was great indeed, and of all my relations. I can never forget this morning, thank God at last my dear fathers, my sisters & my brothers and my wish is fulfilled. It is now more then thirteen years since I left home.

Wednesday 28. ???

Day of my departure from my dear home. Oh how sad and how hard it was for my dear noble father, my dear sisters and my brother and myself when the moment for parting arrived. What a happy and joyful time I had during my visit. How much pleasure and joy it gave to my dear noble father, my dears sisters and brother; how much kindness & love they bestowed on me. I can look back at the time as one of the happies of my life so far.

My traveling companions to the U. St. of America were Mr. Frank Thong, Alvis Trock & Ludwig Atmann. The first named are friends of my d brother Charles. We left Stuttgart at 11.45 A.M. 1.45 P.M. we arrived at Brucksal, changed cars arrived at Frankfurt 5.P.M. again changed cars, arrived at Cassel 11 at night, changed cars, arrived at Hannover 2.50 next morning.

Thursday 29.

Left Hannover at 6 A.M., arrived at Hamburg at 1. P.M. We put up at the Hotel Royal.

Friday 30.

We visited the Zoologishen Garten & Aquarium, it was very interesting. A.M. pleasant. P.M. rainy.

Saturday 31.

We took passage on the Steamer Saxonía for N.Y. City, left Hamburg at 11 A.M. passed Gluchstadt at 3. P.M.

Sunday 1. [April 1866]

My companiens, a Capt. of the U.S. Army, a preacher from Swissland myself room together, we have a good state room. We passed some fishing boats. The weather was somewhat rough, a number of passengers are already seasick, P.M. I felt the syntoms of it.

Monday 2.

A.M. we could see land, passed several ships A.M. windy and cold. P.M. pleasant, towards evening rainy, after midnight we arrived at Southhampton.

Tuesday 3.

We visited the City, the seaport is crowded with vessels from all parts of the world. Weather fine.

Wednesday 4.

2. P.M. we left Southhampton; after midnight we were on the high sea.

Thursday 5.

Sea rough, I am seasick, what a disaggreable sickness it is. We made 247 miles since we left Southhampton.

Friday 6.

I dont feel much better, Ludwig Atmann our young companion is seasick, he thinks he will be better in about two weeks. A.M. rainy. P.M. cold & windy, we made 337 miles since yesterday noon.

Saturday 7.

Feel some better, morning beautiful. P.M. windy & cold, made 302 miles in the last 24 hours.

Sunday 8.

We had divine service, a short but good sermon by a Mr. Kruse from Switzerland, every one seemed to be satisfied with the discourse. Weather bad, our noble ship made 311 miles in the last 24 hours.

Monday 9.

Morning somewhat cold had a view of a fine rainbow, I was on deck most all of the forenoon, P.M. cold & rainy, strong headwind, we made 272 miles since yesterday noon.

Tuesday 10.

All day very cold, was not much on deck, still a heavy wind against us, we only mad 260 miles.

Wednesday 11.

Weather still cold, scarcely any one on deck, early in the morning I had a view of an iceberg, we made 329 miles.

Thursday 12.

Weather more mild, early in the morning sea very calm, during the day wind strong & unfavorable, we made 292 miles.

Friday 13.

Sunrise beautiful sea very smoth, a sail in sight. P.M. very windy, we made 320 miles.

Saturday 14.

9 A.M. a Pilot came on board, we expect to be in New York to night; weather cloudy, we made 326 miles.

Sunday 15.

Landed at Hoboken 10 A.M. it was to foggy to run in during the night. P.M. I left the Steamer & went to Newark.

Monday 16.

About Newark, wrote some letters home, one to Montana Ty. Weather bad, rainy.

Tuesday 17.

A.M. I left Newark, went to New York City, left there at 3 P.M. for Boston, where I arrived after midnight.

Wednesday 18.

About Boston visited my cousin, had a very pleasant time.

Thursday 19.

Still in Boston, spend the afternoon with my cousin.

Friday 20.

Left Boston for Brattleboro Vt. Arrived there 9 P.M. remained till morning, had a very pleasant time with my cousin Paul Nefflen.

Saturday 21.

Left Brattleboro at 9 A.M. for St. Joseph Mo.

Sunday 22.

Arrived at Rochester 3.50 A.M., remained till next morning.

Monday 23.

Left Rochester at 5. A.M. arrived at the Susp. Bridge 10 A.M., went up to the Niagara Falls, saw all what was to be seen, weather very bad, got very wet, but I dit not like to loose the opportunity I had to see the Falls for all it rained so hard; 12.50 P.M. I left Susp. Bridge arrived at Detroit about midnight.

Tuesday 24.

2 A.M. I arrived at Ann Arbor during the day I made some visits had a very pleasant time.

Wednesday 25.

Left Ann Arbor at 12.15 P.M. arrived at Kalamazoo at 5 P.M., remained till 11 at night spend the few hours very pleasantly with a friend.

Thursday 26.

Arrived at Chicago 8 A.M. left 8.20. A.M. arrived at Quinzy 10. P.M. stopped all night.

Friday 27.

Left Quinzy 7. A.M. arrived at St. Joseph 10. P.M. R.R. very bad on this line, very rough.

Saturday 28.

About town, partly bought two mules. St. Joseph is quiet a place. The river is very high it is almost impossible for boats to go, the current being so strong.

Sunday 29.

In Town, the Steamer Luella arrived on her trip to Fort Benton; had some notion to take passage on her.

Monday 30.

Still in St. Joseph.

Tuesday May 1.

Bought two mules, wagon & harness.

Wednesday May 2.

Messrs Thorny & Koch arrived last night, around looking at mules, and general outfit for the Plains.

Thursday May 3.

Bought a mower, sulky rake and cultivator to take to Montana.

Friday May 4.

Bought my groceries etc.

Saturday 5.

Loaded up, intended to start, but it got to late.

Sunday 6.

Left St. Joseph, got across the river at 9 A.M. passed through Elliotville & Troy at night we went into Camp on Wolf river 20 miles from St. Joseph.

Monday 7.

Left camp at 8 A.M. passed through Highland for noon we halted on Cedar Creek, crossed the Omaha river, road over the botom very bad got stuck had a bad time of it night rainy.

Tuesday 8.

Got started at 8 A.M.; had a bad road for 4 miles got to a little town called Rolo about noon, remained till next morning.

Wednesday 9.

Left Rolo at 7 A.M. at noon we halted near little lake, we made 20 miles; for night we had a good camping place.

Thursday 10.

Left camp about seven A.M. had some trouble crossing a creek passed through Aspinwal, crossed the little Pemahace, passed through Pemahace City, halted near there for noon; at night we went into camp on Honey creek.

Friday 11.

Left camp 5 A.M. arrived at Nebraska City 5 P.M. rainy evening.

Saturday 12.

Bought an other pair of mules my load is to heavy for a long trip; raining during the day.

Sunday 13.

Left Nebraska City at 6 A.M., went about 9 miles halted for dinner then went 12 miles further camped at night on Wolf creek.

Monday 14.

Left camp at 6 A.M. at noon we halted on Stevens creek at night we camped on Salt creek, we made 30 miles. Weather cool & windy.

Tuesday 15.

Left camp at 6 A.M. at noon we halted on Middle creek, crossed Blue river at night, we camped on Walnut creek, we made 28 miles.

Wednesday 16.

Left camp at 6.50 A.M. crossed Beaver creek 7 miles from Walnut creek, at Beaver creek there is two stores for noon we halted at some springs 7 miles further, we went into camp near a small creek for the night, made 20 miles.

Thursday 17.

Left camp at 6 A.M., travelled 28 miles, had a good road.

Friday 18.

Left camp at 6 A.M., got to the Platte river at 9 A.M., there is Settlements along the Platte we made 28 miles.

Saturday 19.

Left camp at 5 A.M. got to Fort Kearny 3 P.M. went into camp about 2 miles from the Fort near Kearny City, a small place, a few stores and several saloons.

Sunday 20.

Laid by all day, organized a train of 15 wagons and 35 men; till now Messrs Thong & Koch and myself travelled alone, there was no danger of the Indians.

Monday 21.

Left camp at 5 A.M. made 25 miles, at night we camped near some waterholes, water not very good; after sundown we had a thunder shower.

Tuesday 22.

Left camp at 5 A.M. travelled only a short distance when an axl of a wagon broke, were detained a few hours, passed Plum creek; there is the graves of 11 men killed by the Indians in 64. We made 25 miles, found good grass for the night, but poor water.

Wednesday 24.

Left camp at 5 A.M. made 30 miles, at night we camped near the river, had plenty of grass & wood, to day we passed a grave of two men killed by the Indians.

Thursday 24.

Made 30 miles, passed Cottonwood springs, there is some troops, passed a camp of the 18 Regulars 1500 strong, they are on their way to Montana Ty. Weather bad, rainy.

Friday 25.

Left camp at 5 A.M., made 30 miles, passed Fort Keath where there is a few soldiers, road over the Bluffs, part of the way very sandy, at night we stopped near a stage station.

Saturday 26.

Left camp at usual time, made 28 miles, A.M. we had bad road very soft at places, P.M. road better, met several trains going back, saw some antilopes; they are very shy.

Sunday 27.

Left camp at 5 A.M. went into camp again at 10 A.M. intending to lay by but went on again at 2 P.M. travelled till 6 P.M. made 30 miles; are now 10 miles from Julesburg. Weather bad rainy & cold; passed a camp of Sioux indians.

Monday 28.

We made 25 miles, passed Julesburg City, a small place, two miles from it Fort Julesb. In February 63 it had been destroyed by the Indians, it is now build up again, at noon we halted where the Indians burned 100 hundred wagons a year ago, road bad from Julesburg out 10 miles.

Tuesday 29.

Left camp at 5 A.M. made 10 miles, halted near a station, P.M. we made 14 miles, halted at night near a Ranch destroyed by the Indians a year ago, at the Ranch are the graves of four men killed by the Indians. Road bad all day, very sandy.

Wednesday 30.



Left camp before 5. A.M. made 16 miles, halted near a stage station. P.M. we only made 5 miles one of the teams got stuck, wich detained us over an hour. Road bad, sandy & soft, the worst, a few miles from the station P.M. had a heavy rain; on guard for the night.

Thursday 31.

Left camp at 5 A.M. made 28 miles at noon we halted near a place called Fort Wicked camped at night 18 miles from the Junction. Had bad road part of the way; sandy & soft.

Friday 1. June.

Made 36 miles at noon we halted at the Junction a military Post, camped at night on Bishoo Creek not much grass.

Saturday 2.

Made 26 miles, A.M., saw a number of antilopes, at night we camped by the Living Springs, a fine place, good water and plenty of grass, but wood several miles of, there is two Ranches.

Sunday 3.

Laying by, the other wagons went on, several teams coming from Denver City. Weather cool had some rain P.M.

Monday 4.

Left camp at 5 A.M. made 33 miles, crossed Kaowa Creek, and Coal Creek passed Boxelder Ranch, at night I went into camp at the Tolls Gate 9 miles from Denver City.

Tuesday 5.

Arrived at Denver City 10 A.M. put up my mules at the Elephant Corral. Denver is quite a place, buildings are large & fine, mostly stone and brick, situation fine, near the South Platte, the mountains near by, present a fine view, the highest Peaks are covered with snow Messrs Thong & Koch intend to remain in Denver, to do business.

Wednesday 6.

Left Denver City 8.A.M. my travelling companion a Tyrolien a very good man; crossed Clear Creek 4 miles from Denver at noon I halted at a mail station, at night I went into camp on Coal Creek 18 miles from Denver. There is Settlers along the road. Late in the evening two wagons came up, 5 five men with them, they are bound for Montana Ty; we intend to travell together.

Thursday 7.

Left camp at 5 A.M., crossed Boulder a large creek St. Viains an other large creek, at the crossing of St. Viains is a settlement, two Hotels, wagon maker, blacksmith shop, two stores. At night I went into camp on little Thompson a good seized creek, one more wagon came up with two men bound for Montana, they intend to travell with us.

Friday 8.

Left camp at 5 A.M. crossed little Thompson big Thompson on a bridge, Spring creek, Cash La Pudre a swift mountain Stream on a bridge, at the crossing there is two stores, wagon maker, blacksmith shop, hotel & livery, two miles below the crossing is a military post. We went into camp three miles from the little Town, near a Sawmill on the Cash La Pudre. Appearance of the country fine, land good for farming & grassing. About dark it commenced to rain.

Saturday 9.

Left camp at 5 A.M. made 25 miles at noon we halted on Stonewall creek, went into camp at night on Dead man's creek; had bad road nearly all day, up hill and down hill, two very hard 7 rocky hills to go up, appearance of the country wild & rough, snow on the mountains, no settlers along here; commenced to rain about dark, raining hard during the night. Parties going with cattle, have to look out for poison weed about Virginia Dale & Willoecreek.

Sunday 10.

Remained in camp till 11 A.M.; made 22 miles, passed Virginia Dale Station, a romantic looking place, camped at night on Willoecreek, at a mail station, road to day up hill & down hill, not quite as rough as yesterday.

Monday 11.

We are now on the Laramie Plains at noon we halted on Big Laramie River, crossed it on a bridge at night we camped on Little Laramie, 15 miles from Big Laramie, we had good grass. On both Rivers there is a mail station and Ranchers, keeping stores, we made 30 miles, overtook four wagons going to Montana; a German with his family with two wagons 5 Americans with two wagons, we are quite a party now. Weather cool.

Tuesday 12.

Left camp at 5. Made 28 miles at noon we camped on Cooper creek, saw Jim Bakworth, a known traper & hunter, he was on his way to Denver, with two more trapers, they had a fine lot of Beaverskins. At night we camped near Rock creek, road part of the way bad very rocky, had several small creeks to cross. Weather bad cold & rainy.

Wednesday 13.

Made 27 miles, at noon we camped on Medecin Bow a mountain stream, at night we camped on Rattlesnake creek, P.M. we passed Fort Halleck, bad road part of the way, one steep & very rocky hill, about Fort Halleck it is very Springy & soft, road from there for three miles very bad miry, it must be almost impassable in wet weather; we passed an ox train loaded with machinery for Montana, near Halleck, in four days it did not make over four miles on account of the bad road.

Thursday 14.

Made 27 miles, crossed Pass river, at night we went into camp on the North Platte, no grass near the river; we expect to cross the river to morrow, on a ferry.

Friday 15.

In camp till 5. P.M; a large ox train and two mule trains were ahead of us to use the Ferry boat, after crossing we made 10 miles, we crossed Four mile creek, crossing not very good, for night we had a bad camp no water & not much grass.

Saturday 16.

Made 18 miles, went into camp near a place called Pine Grove. We are now in the Pass of the Sonora Range of mountains.

Sunday 17.

We intended to lay by, but there wasn't much grass, we made 28 miles, camped one mile from Sulphur Springs, there is a mail station and blacksmith shop. We are out of the Pass, went over the Sumit, and trough Bridgers Pass, at noon we camped on Muddy, a large creek.

Monday 18.

Laying by all day, our mules needed rest, we have excellent feed, wood & water. A train of 9. nine wagons bound for Montana camped with us last night.

Tuesday 19.

Left camp at 5. Made 33 miles, camped at night near Barrel Springs, water not the best to much alkalie, the country we passed over deslolate & barren, not much grass, no water for 33 miles.

Wednesday 20.

Made 32 miles, waterd at a spring 8 miles from Barrel Springs, water good, about noon we struck Bitter creek, two miles below the crossing is a good spring, we waterd our animals & filled up our kegs, at night we camped near Bitter creek had very good grass.

Thursday 21.

Made 27 miles A.M. we had good road, passed Point of Rocks, there is a good spring, sulphur water, P.M. road sandy, crossed Bitter creek 5. Miles from Point of Rocks, crossing good, went into camp near the crossing, feed good. Water of Bitter creek not as bad as it is some seasons.

Friday 22.

We made 32 miles, crossed North Bitter creek 18 miles from Greenriver, at night we camped 5 miles from Greenriver, had plenty of grass & water; heavy rain during the night.

Saturday 23.

We made 18 miles, crossed Greenriver on a Ferry boat, 12 miles from it Hams Fork on a Ferry, camped at night near the latter river, A.M. road slippery on account of the heavy rain, P.M. road good.

Sunday 24.

Made 33 miles, halted at noon, near the Junction of the old California & Denver road at night we camped on Black Fork, musketos almost eat us up during the night.

Monday 25.

Made 18 miles, arrived at Fort Bridger 1. P.M. went into camp near the Fort; from here is a road direct to Montana, an other by the way of Salt Lake City nearly 200 miles further, my travelling companions took the latter. I had been to Salt Lake City in 1858; I regretted to leave my companions, I could not find or wish for any better, P.M. they went on to Salt Lake City I remained in camp till next day noon. The man that started with me from Denver remained with me.

Tuesday 26.

Left Fort Bridger 1. P.M. made 12 miles, camped at night on Muddy a large creek, road good, had one steep hill to go up an other very steep to go down. The Party of nine wagons, that camped with us one night the 18<sup>th</sup> June, overtook me in the afternoon.

Wednesday 27.

Made 30 miles, crossed little Muddy, crossing bad, had a good camping place at night near a creek; was in camp two hours before my travelling companions, they are rather slow, about starting mornings.

Thursday 28.

Left camp at 4.30 A.M. made 30 miles, crossed a Mountain divide, a very long but not very steep mountain to go up, but steep to go down, camped at night near a creek, in Bear river valley. Had a heavy thunder shower about sundown.

Friday 29.

Made 25 miles, crossed two creeks, had some trouble about crossing one, was detained about an hour; passed Sucker Spring, a very large spring, crossed Smiths Fork a rapid stream, main branch bridged, went into camp two miles from the river; musketos thick.

Saturday 30.

Made 12 miles, crossed Thompsons Fork, very difficult to cross at the time, water being very high, had to unload and take my load across in a boat, about sundown I got started again, only went two miles, when a forward wheel of my wagon broke down. I was in a bad fix, all alone, my travelling companions had left me, fortunately there was a Settlement about 16 miles of.

Sunday 1. *[July]*

Went 10 miles, hired a team, got my wagon and load to the Settlement about sundown, we had a big long hill to go up, and a very steep and rocky one to go down, are now in the Bear river valley again.

Monday 2.

Had my load hauled 6 miles furthur, to a small Town, called Mountpelier, Settlers are Mormons. Got my wagon fixed, after some trouble about getting timber, at last I got some old spokes of a Mormon, paid \$1 one dollar a piece for them, was glad to get them at that price.

Tuesday 3.

Got started about noon, made 15 miles, had some trouble about getting over a miry place, was detained about two hours, it was after dark, when I went into camp.

Wednesday 4.

Went 15 miles, camped at a place called Soda Springs, formerly a military post, but now almost deserted, there is two stores, a blacksmith's shop and a few Ranchers.

Thursday 5.

Got the tires of my wagon reset, they need it very bad. Left Soda Springs 3 P.M. went 15 miles, made a dry camp for the night, had plenty of grass, road good. But rocky at places. Soda Springs appears to be a healthy place and pleasant during the summer, there is no flies or musquitos, Bear river affords plenty and the finest and largest Trout I ever saw. There is a number of Soda springs, the water tastes very much like Soda water.

Friday 6.

Made 30 miles, halted at noon on Porteneuf creek, A.M. road good, P.M. we had a number of short but steep hills to go up & down, and a few miry places to go over, was detained on one about an hour, had a good camp at night, plenty of grass, wood & water, it is somewhat lonesome we are all alone.

Saturday 7.

Made 32 miles at noon we camped on Blackfoot river, crossed it on a good bridge, at night we camped on Snake river, near Taylors Bridge.

Sunday 8.

Made 25 miles, intended to lay by, but there wasn't hardly any grass. We had bad road, the river was very high, road miry at places, got stuck in one was detained about two hours, at night we camped near a lake, not much grass, plenty musquitos.

Monday 9.

We made 32 miles, part of the road good for about 15 miles, more or less sand, crossed Camas Creek, halted at the crossing at noon, passed Camas Creek Ranch, road from there fore about two miles very heavy & deep sand, camped at night on Dry Creek. There is a number of teams and trains on the road, it isn't quite as lonesome.

Tuesday 10.

Made 33 miles had a good road, at noon we halted in Beaver Canyon about 90 miles from Nevada City; at night we went into camp near a mail station.

Wednesday 11.

Made 35 miles at noon we halted on Red Rock Creek, camped at night at the head of Blacktaildeer Canyon. Road good a good deal of uphill.

Thursday 12,

Made 35 miles, halted at noon in Cedar Canyon, camped at night on Stinking Water, or Pasamare river, 6 miles from Nevada City. We had up hill road for about 9 miles, not very steep, but very steep to go down to Cedar Creek.

Friday 13.

Arrived at Nevada City 8 A.M; how glad I was, but I was disappointed not to meet my d. brother Charles at my arrival, he was in a new mining camp 175 miles off; he was expected back after a week. His Friend and Partner Conrad Wagner received me very kindly.

Sunday 22.

P.M. My brother arrived at last how long the time dit seem to me; our joy was great, we had'n seen one an other for over 8 years. We remained together for nearly two weeks, made a trip to Helena City, a lively new mining Town, about 125 miles from Nevada City. The 6<sup>th</sup> of August we left Nevada City,

my brother went to Elk Creek, the mining Camp, where he had been at my arrival, Conrad Wagner and I went to our Ranch on Bighole river 40 miles from Nevada City.

Our Ranch is in a somewhat secluded & lonesome place, our nearest neighbor is about four miles from us; nearest public road about 5 miles, but it is one of the best stockranches of Montana Ty; we have a good large bottom, where we can cut over a hundred ton of hay every year; the hills afford a good pasture during the summer, bunch grass grows plenty fully; and there is a number of good springs in the hills. Big Hole river is one of the Headwaters of the Missouri river, a swift mountain stream.

The 9<sup>th</sup> of August we commenced haying, it was bad mowing, the old grass had'n been burned up, our machine troubled us considerable, we had several breackdowns. About the 20<sup>th</sup> of September we got done haying, had about 70, seventy tons put up in good stacks.

About the last of September my brother returned from Elk Creek. September and forepart of October we moved two houses from Nevada City to our Ranch, the house we lived in was small and in a bad place, during the highwater time. We selected a good place for building on high ground, some little distance from the bottom.

Sunday. November 4.

We moved in our new houses the 2<sup>th</sup>, they are comfortable, we have plenty of room, how much better they are, then the old house we lived in, situation is much pleasanter too, we can overlook nearly the whole bottom, near the house we have a good spring with plenty of water.

Sunday Dec. 30.

The passed two months, we have been busy building, a stable, chickenhouse & tool house, our place begins to look like home.

The 26 of December I was in Nevada City, had some letters from home, "sad news" my dear noble father is no more he died Nov. 6. 1866. I was somewhat prepared for such news; but alas they came to soon; I always had some hopes my dear father would live to see my brother Charles, how hard the news was for my brother; how grateful & and thankful I am I was at home.

Sunday May 26. 1867.

Fife months are gone since I wrote the last time in my journal, how fast time passes by; the winter was gone for I thought of it, it was not as hard as I expected, we had some cold & stormy weather, but in March, we had colder & and more stormy weather then during the winter. I was nearly all the time at home, we have been busy building, a smoke house, wagon shed, and a good yard, and prepared a piece of ground for a garden close by the house.

I am now alone on our Ranch, April 16, my brother went to Elk Creek, he intends to remain there till August. Conrad Wagner our partner is in Argenta, a young town about 18 miles from here; my brother & Conrad Wagner started a brewery there. It is somewhat lonesome, very seldom I see any one, but I am busy every day, and the days yes weeks pass away for I think of it, my garden keeps me busy, but after all I do not expect to realize much out of it, there is thousands of young grasshoppers they do great mischief.

We had very dry weather till a few days back we had som rain it is a great blessing; Every thing begins to look green, the woods along the river and the bottom, and hills present a fine view. The river is very high, not fordable, how glad I am, we dont have to live in the old house, water is all around it.

George William Buhner was born 24 April 1834 in Stuttgart, Germany.

*George Buhner married Anna Louise Schmid, Dec. 18, 1890 in Reichle, Montana. They had three daughters:*

*Mathilda Julia, March 31, 1892; died April 3, 1892*

*Julia Cristine, March 6, 1893.*

*Kate Mathilda, Feb. 12, 1895.*

*Anna Louise died Feb. 7, 1909 , Reichle, Montana.*

*George Buhner died Aug. 10, 1918. He is buried in Butte, Montana. He had been living with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Buhner, Reichle, Montana, at the time of his death.*

*Charles (Karl) Buhner, brother*

*Ernest Schmid, brother-in-law, held title to the "Tivoli Brewery" 2 miles S/W of Butte.*