The first Cambi County company under the nine months' service filled in Camp one day earlier for "Camp! Curtis" at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning, arriving in the afternoon at Camp Curtis by the foot surgeons. Sleep in a hotel.
Wednesday 6th Mon.

Our uniforms are distributed today and we are clothed in the paraphernalia of our country. It may be a very day to some of us when we donned "Uncle Sam's" uniform. 12,000 men in camp today.

The record of Johnston company arrive in camp today — I get "them portfolios" and come to the conclusion that it is a very useful institution. In town today.

Eldridge afterwards went to another mess.
Friday Aug. 8th 1862

We got the $50 bounty subscribed by the "patriotic" citizens of Johnston. Befallin on Capt. goes home.

Saturday 9th 1862

Marched to town for our "government bounty," which we don't get. Duncan and I illustrate the principle that there are more ways than one to escape a "provost guard."

Sunday 10th 1862

To church in town till evening in the burning.

August

Monday 11th 1862

The formation of regiments commenced. Befallin from Johnston.

Letter from home.

Tuesday 12th

Duncan, Specie,精细, & I get our photos.

Try the "citizen body" to get through town, succeeded admirably.

Wednesday 13th

Communicate concerning the first two Regiments in the arms.
Thursday, Aug. 16

The three month campaign is at an old overrunning fortresses, unbridled success in their first effort. A Regt. of Chestnut Co. arrived this evening.

Our Regt formed today 133rd.

Friday, Aug. 15

An election for field officers for our Regt. held—resulting in the election of our Captain to the position of 1st Lt. Commanding. Another Regt left today.

Sunday, Aug. 17

At church this morning, Capt. of the guard of the Rebel Prisoner. Came running out precipitately.

Thursday, Aug. 22

Orders to leave in the morning; all confusion.
Tuesday 19th Aug. 1862

6 o'clock - packed up and read for the march - leaped Harrige
at 9 - arrived at Baton at 4 and got supper - came at 8 and got
in Washington at 12.

 Slept in the 'Ville - left till 5 and leave for
Alexandrias Heights at 8 o'clock on

Wednesday 20th Aug.

Marched 8 miles - crossed the 'Long Bridge' and take one 'plunge' in
the stream of the river

July 19th 1862

August 9th

To the consideration that curing tobacco is neither a big thing
(remarks of last page)

Thursday 21st Aug. 1862

Go into camps on 'Sard Soil' - said soil proves
be dustier than common soil

Fort's 'Craig', 'Albany' treasurer

Richardson, and others in the

Friday 22nd

Commence drilling, 131 2/3 3-1/4

Regts. brigaded - seeing

7 of evolutions opening

Saturday 23rd

Row in No.1 near Kingston -
in the sandbar

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Sunday Aug. 26, 1862

Inspected by a regular army officer. Our guns are condoned. All quiet in the camp. The camp is called "Camp South." Monday 25th 1862

No Importe

Tuesday 26th

Condon pretty sick. Beginning to elect ross & Lieutenant in place of deering who will be Capt.

Wednesday 27th 1862

Orders at 6 P.M. to be ready to march in one hour and to report to Gen. Scott as soon as possible. About 8 o'clock we are on the move and after a very fatiguing march of nearly 10 hours we halt within a half mile of Alexandria. We lost two rives while coming here and instead of 4 1/2 miles we marched 9. Enjoyed a very refreshing and comfortable sleep on the ground.

Thursday Aug. 28th 1862

August

Three army are fighting
the rebel - orders
to be ready to retreat
at any moment
Encampment none safe
all night. Layert in camp.

Saturday 29th. 1862

Morning brings relief.
To terror. Stricken "greenies"
Heavy cannonading
heard in the direction
of Grimmeson. Supposed
to be another division
under Regiment. Engaged. "Stonecull
Jackson. At
2:00 clock the receive.
August

"40 rounds" and more in the direction of Manassas
- halt at "Fort Ward" near the heavy cannonading of
the contending armies
- a probability that
by running off too many "small points" as a
- lying on the road. The battle's playing fast
- two this five o'clock
- seven - battle appears
to be closing. Take up our
- the left of the road, and
- on the ground.

Sunday 31st Aug. 1862

Commenced raining about
2 o'clock this A.M. Dulin
woke up and got the "rubber
blanket" over us. The
brigade entrenched between
Fith, "Hard" & "Chiswick." Raining all day, hearing
no tents yet have got wet through. Few of our boys
think of the day, as with
- pick, shovels, and are we
- clear a dense undergrowth
as a site for our tents.
- a splendid "toothache"
- my pleasant companion.

- 4 o'clock.
Monday Sept. 1st 1862

Morning bright & beautiful; immemorial rumors of Saturday's battle are safe today. The country around our present camp is beautiful - a level stretch of table land. The white spire of "Fairfax Seminary" to the left. Fort "Ely's Hill" of "Hard to the right and an encampment dotted with the white tents on Munsorae hill" in the distance. 12 o'clock. Our tents pitched and an excellent dinner got up by our 

sneezes, Charles. 8 o'clock at night. Indian 
snow storms at night. It amuses themselves in snow 

ing - no sleep.
Wednesday 3rd Sept. 1862

Passed the night without sleep and feel correspondingly dull this morning. Each of our field officers appeared to think it his personal duty to give the most parasitical instruction imaginable to our men. The result of this morning an immense "boje" or disinfecting of a cart and tents by the band of quartermaster he was ordered to the men, attacked to fall back on Washington (very distant) and await further orders. Some reports the capture of one of "Whipple's stuff" as he is much given to lying on me be required to believe the above.

At 4 we are relieved by the 123rd - Banks army passes through our camp and take a position at "chain bridge" - a startling time anticipated, indeed as a picket, displays his admirable dignity and watchfulness, by sleeping comfortably all night.

Aorton, Maj. Gen. of a squad having entrenched himself made a reconnaissance from a tree top, but did not see any signs of activity, he has made every arrangement for their speedy evacuation hence the enemy appear - he brings front infantry to move in towards immediately.
Thursday 24th Sept 1862

We held our election to-day - results in the choice of Dowley for Capt. by a vote of 96, Leuven elected 1st Lt. over Blackmore, by a vote of 48 to 42 - for Capt. all passed off quietly, the election for Lt. created considerable excitement; might 8 o'clock visit to John Johnston - dinner and cotchin to. They come under the impression that we were in the late engagement that we suffered severely. We got supper for day of them & come to the conclusion that we were at mealtime are a bore.

Friday 5th Sept 1862

One month to-day since being mustered into service. 300 of the Regt. detailed to show up earthworks to the left of Mt. Herla.

Saturday 6th Sept

Nothing unusual - days quite warm. Mights very cool. "Penn. Reserve" about 5 miles form here - am told that Lieut. Bolander "shuffles" whenever an engagement comes off, or a little expected.

Sunday 7th Sept 1862

At division of the encampment takes place to-day. This is one of the most beautiful nights imaginable. Thoughts of my own distant home.
Monday Sept 8th 1862
Our mess was divided among
the following persons
Sergt. J. R. Kay
Capt. C. H. Early
J. Frank Gordon Capt. 4th Reg.
J. C. Hopewell 3rd Reg.
J. W. Porter 4th Reg.
David Davis 3rd Ambulance
John Eldridge 3rd Ambulance
Fred Colwell

An imprudent dig
I escaped not very creditably.
It came of this division.

At twelve last night
we were called up quietly
and drew in line behind
it new entrenchment.

was ordered that it
rebel Gen. Jackson was
going to make a move
in Alexandria, our whole
Brigade was in line
until four in the morn.

got my blanket folded
comfortably.

Tuesday Sept 9th 1862
Slept on our arms in the
entrenchments last night.

Inspected by a paymaster and
subsequently by Gen. Whipple. Ordered
on picket at 8 A.M. "Form between
Fort "Blenker" & "Ford" and then
march to "Bailey's Crossroads"
look back and establish
communication between
that point & our reserve.

As at 5 P.M. Dimen...
narrowly escape being shot.

Wednesday Sept. 10th 1862

4 o'clock - Ordered to march an hour, Move and encamp to the left of St. Austin. Go out on my picketing duty to "Batilose, Cross roads" and return at six m.

Thursday Sept. 11th 1862

Commence on a new line of fortifications and in a short time quit. Seen Hunter yesterday, 20 men. Hay Jones & I go on "line picket".

Friday Sept. 12th 1862

Rained - or rather poured all last night, I got soaked through and the consequence.

September 25th

I am very sick today.

Orders to march at 12 o'clock. For the first time since coming out I am unable to March with the company.

Hay, Kenly, myself and some others left as a "baggage guard." Joe Horton comes across an old acquaintance in the shape of an "Adjutant" of the 37th N.G. named Jim Henry. He takes Joe & I up and gives me "Spanish"

Saturday Sept. 3rd 1862

Morning - still guarding baggage. Expect to follow the company today.

Evening - Start early.

3 o'clock for the city, are taken cap at "Long Bridge."
Monday Sept 15th 1862

I tried this afternoon to get "transportation" for the commissary stores & baggage, but was informed that I would have to wait until tomorrow. They really and all but 12 men left this morning to rejoin the Regt. - leaving me in charge of the 12 men guards until all is restored. I made Horton & Swartwout and myself General - The Gen. & Gen. M. take a "run" through the city - the latter reporting a paper collar. Mean that the boys left this morning for Washington, Gen. & Gen. M. go to the theatre.

Tuesday Sept 16th 1862

I spent part of the baggage stored on 19th St. between 8th & 9th - Our tents...
September 28th 1862

Wednesday 17th 1862

Take 3 wagon to our old camp & bring in tents &c. My "squad" now numbers 25 persons. Said not return until 10 O'clock.

Thursday 18th Sept 1862

An order from the 3rd. Man. to report to Capt. Waldron, who will send us to our Reg't. Report to the latter who will send me to the "Straggler Camp" at Alexandria. The boys now much opposed to this arrangement. Our present position is on the coast of 13th & 5th, Sta.

Friday 19th Sept. 1862

Get the Receipts for stored goods and re-turning to camp find that the 3rd. Col. has been here & deemed transportation for me - Still leave by rail for Frederick in the morning 2 o'clock - visit at Patent Office and at Smithsonian Institute. In the former I see T. Harshman, Camp engine, & Mr. & Mrs. Jackson; Friend of 1. Oct. 1815 - at the latter I find a most beautiful collection of Birds &c. it was an joy
Saturday 20th Sept 1862
Left Frederickton at 6 A.M. arrive at Monocacy Bridge (burned) at 1 P.M. March into Frederick Md. and camp for the night having travelled 18 3/4 miles of land & 10 on fort - Frederick is a beautiful city of some 8,000 inhabitants.

Sunday Sept 21st 1862
Leave Frederick at 9 A.M. Taking the Sharpsburg Pike arrive in Reedsville at 6 in the evening having marched 17 3/4 miles and 14 1/2 miles beyond Sharpsburg - being 8 miles from here - will camp

Monday Sept 22nd 1862
Start at 6 A.M. Cross Wednesday's battlefield - a horrible &inhuman sight - come up with the Rept. about 9 A.M. All the houses, inc. schools, &c. in the neighborhood are all deserted - no inhabitants for relief or hospital. Too enough to make this sick, shudder over the most hardened, to look upon the butchered mass of humanity who occupy three places here. How can he found the realities of war
Tuesday Sept. 23rd 1862

In camp near the river above "Rappahenock"
12 mi. above "Restoration"

The army in "Porter Corps" "Humphrey's Division" "allebaugh's Brigade" It is said we are to be held as a Reserve Corps

A large amount of news which I forgot yesterday were hearing of the loss of "Darius Delany" He will have to go to his home - and hope for "better luck next time"

Our Regt goes in picket tonight along the banks of the Potomac Prof. Stone prepares to make a balloon us=

Sept. 24th 1862

Remained on picket

To-day of "Rappahenock" and 45th Brigade to the right of my battery in the hope practice the "charge limonete" on a dress & prof. result

unton for dinner

go off picket at 7

Thursday 25th Sept. 1862

Commenced moralizing this evening (to myself) and arrive to the sage conclusion that if there is a time when any man is not a marine it is
when he becomes a volunteer. Evenings getting quite cool.

Friday 26th Sept. 1862

Our first "battalion drill" yesterday—a sublime farce. A terrible change buggying.

Jones thinks we should be allowed to yell—all for practice, of course. Our mail 6 days behind—Keselius leaves for home.

Saturday 27th Sept. 1862

Durnan, McLaughlin, and I put up a Marquee with our "shelter." Of course it excites much envy among the lads—made another "brilliant change" this afternoon at battalion drill under the auspices of Major Shatt. Nights awful.

cold and days very warm

Sunday Sept 28th 1862

An inspection today. Religious services in all directions—Phil. Collins, Mrs. O'Neill, Judge Taylor & others in camp.

Monday Sept 29th 1862

On picket tonight along the banks of the Potomac. Several balloon reconnoissances made within the past few days.

Tuesday Sept 30th 1862

Morning—The Reb's did not disturb us last night. Start my "squad" at fishing in the river nowadays.
Wednesday October 1st

Our first skirmish drill today.

Commanding distinctly heard up the river. Receive orders to be ready to march to-night at a moments notice. Some of the men very much excited.

Thursday Oct 2nd 1862

Did not march last night. Rebel pickets seen on the opposite bank of the Potomac, fired on and I go to see just how the pickets did.

And we get a splendid dinner.

And are back in time for our first chessee严峻 since coming into this place.

Friday 3rd Oct 1862

A grand review of "Porter's Corps" by Lincoln & McClellan and the payment of our Bounty. The glittering pageant of war with all its pomp, and passion, pathos, splendor of sight created with a terrible reality, amid the wilddest cheering they ride through our ranks.

Saturday 4th Oct 1862

One month since leaving home nothing unusual.
Sunday 5th Oct. 1862

Two months since being mustered into the service of the United States.

Takes a swim in the Potomac. Inspection of arms &c. Corp's guard to night.

Monday 6th Oct. 1862

Nothing important. The most beautiful sky I ever seen. It was really magnificent.

Tuesday 7th October 1862

I forget to mention the arrival on Thursday last the arrival of 5th H. Lewdord. On the same day the 13th in which is one John Termp company. Frick 24 miles from here, 21

Wednesday October 8th 1862

On picket. Our mail came last night with dates to 27th Oct

Thursday 9th Oct. 1862

The heat of the last few days almost unbearable. Indication of moving. To build this after noon. The boys all gone to the woods. Jim & J talk the matter over seriously and come to the conclusion to re-enlist as soon as our term expires. The company we design enlisting in is the "Home Guard Cavalry Company." Jim to carry horses and myself to black boots.

On Thursday last Jim got about as mean a looking portfolio as it would be possible to imagine. He wanted me to notice it and methink I have Some just came over and the two go to the woods.
Friday Oct 10th, 1862
Skirmish drill by moonlight with the bugle last night, inspection at 4 P.M. since which it has been raining steadily (now 9) beautiful appearance of the camps to night.

Saturday Oct. 11th, 1862
Rained all last night, wind off this morning soon dried the mud. Evening very cool, nights very dark. Pete, Jim, Jo, & Sam, 40 out through camp, while alone I occupy our tent as "Lord of all I survey."

Sunday Oct 12th, 1862
Go on picket to our rear, rains heavy, Corporal of an outpost squad of nine on the "Antietam battle field."

Monday Oct. 13th, 1862
Sick and I go over the Antietam battle field. Scattered over an area of two miles some 6,000 graves there of the rebel in trenches of 41 & 31 bodies, arrangeable by friends they go to make up the "great unknown" who will "sleep in peace" until the last trumpet shall summon them with the generation gone before, to their final account in such is war. The horrible frights we saw I will not detail till off picket this evening.

Walters grave (in Cast pages)
Tuesday 13th, Oct. 1862

The 136th in camp to our left, about one mile away. Several of their "boys" called to see me, with home "things" - left about 11th. Dd.

Wednesday 14th, Oct. 1862

Move camp 1/2 mile to our left - our position an excellent one were it not for a scarcity of water, which is nearly two miles away. Put up our "marquee" in regal style. Ten ladies visit us.

Thursday 15th, Oct. 1862

Heavy firing in the direction of "Harpers Ferry" a continued and unceasing roar of artillery leads us to suppose that a battle is being fought. (This is 8 o'clock in the morning - Evening -

October

Firing continued at intervals all day. So early and I visit the camps of the other Johnston boys - while they receive orders to cook two days rations and be ready to march at a moments notice - a fearfully excited set of men.

Friday 16th, 1862

The firing yesterday occurred by a reconnoissance to Charlestown - go on picket this evening.

Saturday 17th, 1862

Co. A on the "Reserve" Somers and I return to camp and find McLaughlin safe in the mysteries of a box sent by Mr. Thos. C. 4. - Broad
All who came in contact with him his death have cast a gloom over the whole company.

Tuesday 21st Oct. 1862

Orders to cook two days provisions and be ready to march at a moment's notice. The Capt. Spencer and I go down to make arrangements for sending Samuel's body home. No coffin to be had so we buy $5.00 worth of lumber. Spencer & I commence the work under charge of H. M. Donald.

Finish the coffin and send her home in charge of Duncan.

Monday 20th Oct. 1862

Last night awful cold.

Dunk Wilson died at 8 o'clock this evening of typhoid fever.

With my friend came to receive his dying breath he passed from time to eternity.

Poor Lee a generous hearted and beloved by all who came in contact with him his death has cast a gloom over the whole company.

October 4th

to help draw pick out and classify the good things and then return to our post.

Made a night excursion on Thursday 16th Oct.

Return to camp at 6 a.m.

Sunday 19th Oct. 1862

Hartshock preached today.

Dunk W. down with typhoid fever.
Wednesday Oct. 22nd, 1862
An awful wind storm, weather getting colder.

Thursday Oct. 23rd, 1862
Passed a tribute of respect to the memory of our late commander, Major Post.

Friday Oct. 24th, 1862
An inspection of everything to-day. Weather very cool.

Saturday Oct. 25th, 1862
This morning beautiful. A dreamy "Indian Summer day." Evening cold.

Sunday Oct. 26th, 1862
Raining hard all day, more letters from home. Funeral sermon of Wilson & King by "Harwood" chaplain.

Monday Oct. 27th, 1862
Last night cold, wet & stormy. Turned - an awful night. To-day very cold. A letter from home. Photo.

Tuesday Oct. 28th, 1862
in the morning returned. All the boys glad to see him. A good day - the 136th left for St. J. Rocke yesterday.
"Wednesday Oct 29th 1862

Our first Brigade drill practiced today, Presentations of a Pistol and Small Ball to Capt John Loomery

"Thursday" 30 Oct 1862

While in Brigade drill and order to March Break Camp and at two am encounter. Cross the "Cohocton" or "South Mountain" and bivouac for the night at the mouth of "Pleasant Valley" (March 6 miles)

Friday 31st Oct 1862

Take up our line of march at 6am. On through "Pleasant Valley" via I

8 o'clock October 1862

We most beautiful landscape it was seen on the trip home. At present neither me nor lying by the road resting. About 4000 men in our line. - Pass Hayes Army at 12 (11) and get some of our stove pipe goods at (P M) black cross the "Shenandoah" and move along during day. Tent for the night about 12 miles from Hayes Army. Might cold seem done and I spread our blankets and with the sky for our "tent" in go to bed 8 o'clock

(S 0'Clock)

Virginia
Saturday Nov. 1st 1862

Mustard for pay this afternoon.
Rec'd three days rations and the probability of fighting soon. Jim and I shut up our shelter and now (7 o'clock P.M.) are enjoying our "evening smoke" and "talk" - The day has been a beautiful one and we can imagine how well we might enjoy ourselves if we were in the country. Some time evening Horton tries to persuade Hinkle that a bottle labeled "Brandy" was "molasses" and accuses Joe (very shrewdly) of breaking his pledge.

Sunday Nov. 2nd 1862

Rose again at 6 - at seven we hear heavy firing to our front - about half mile is a distance of 17 miles - very Business - Go on picket - The enemy near - prospects of a brush - Evening cool over 100,000 men in this vicinity - a living sea of humanity.

Monday Nov. 3rd 1862

"Stonewall Jackson's" grand army is not four miles away Rebel camps in full view from the hill, expect the "ball" to open every minute, Rebels from picket at 11 A.M. - will remain here to await developments.
Tuesday Nov. 28th 1862

3 months to day since leaving home — Commanding to-day

John R. Sears, another of our company died at Sharsburg, Md., on the 2nd inst. Of Suicid. We were Sought to be one of the strongest of the company.

Lancam bought (2) turkeys last night — and to-night I got two cans, and Jim one of Tomatoes. Inspect to-day — Stackhouse Sonny and I go up the mountain and get a magnificent view of "London Valley." Bartlett had prayer meeting — Jim attended and professed to be better — Cont'd the turkey speech a.
November 5th

Lare is no longer with us we have plenty of room to spread ourselves — we both begin to get good, Harrold thinks so at least,

"Friday Nov. 7th 1862"

First snow of the season — about 1½ inches (2 o'clock)
"Flying Cloud" instance in personal appearance, our new store a great institution.
Cold and disagreeable day

"Saturday Nov. 8th 1862"

Our store worked to a charm last night — Start at 7 1/2 and travel 10 miles in the direction of Warren — halt within 7 miles of that place and camp in the

the Alexandria pike to within a mile of Aldie (passing Philomen) where we take the Warren road — Camp for the night within 1/2 miles of Middleburg

Division Rear Guard

Thursday Nov. 6th 1862

Start at 6 a.m. — Pass through Middleburg a beautiful town of some 600 inhabitants
At 1 P.M. arrive at White Plains a distance of 20 miles and go in Camp. The grand army here, Jim & I replete an old horse — a splendid article to carry our knapsacks.

Name him "Flying Cloud". He has the "fly" very bad. Put up our tent and we
November 25th, 1862

November 27th, 1862

Sunday, Nov. 9th, 1862

At 10 A.M. again evacuate March three miles in the direction (and within one mile of) Warrenton—a picturesque village of 2,500 inhabitants.

Erect camp in the field.

Porter's whole Corp in the vicinity. Think I'll get religious and sing "Old Hundred" in honor of the dead day. Erect our store which comes near burning in house down—day quite cool.

Monday, Nov. 10th, 1862

Gen. Geo. B. McClellan takes leave of the Army.
$8, November
and Gen. Burnside as my command. Our division
in line to bid adieu
to our gallant young
leader. He appears
deepliy affected. He leaves
with the satisfaction of
knowing that he is beloved
by our entire army.
Healthy cool & bliesing

Tuesday 12th Nov. 1862
A beautiful Indian Submarninmig
Last night was very cold. No prospect of leaving here to-day

Wednesday 13th Nov. 1862
Porter bids adieu to his corps
- Thus the work of displacing
official gone on bravely - Evening
cool with prospect of rain

Thursday Nov. 13th. 1862
I have got a Commission
Yesterday as 2nd Lieut
Duncan goes a pipe
like mine, they are
Two of the prettiest
in Camp - both got
under very suspicious
circumstances.

Mrs. Taylor taken to
the hospital this evening
Inflamatory Rheumatism the
cause

Friday 14th Nov. 1862
Orders at half past two
to "Pack up" "Pack up" means
"move" - our move
this time is only move Camp
There comes across "soft tack" first
time in six weeks
Saturday 15th 1862
Pay the small sum of $1.50 for a piece of Navy Tobacco - 8 cent
loaves of bread sell for 25 cents
here. This morning decided
cool. Jim at "sergeant of the guard"
last night, displays his genius
by sleeping sound all night.
A letter from father this
morning - my first letter in two
weeks — Write to
Joe Early

Sunday 16th

Grand Review by Gen. Hooker
- a tall red-faced grey-haired
man - "Hunsehre's division in
line - terrible toothache
this night.

Monday 17th 1862
Orders to march — routed
out at 2 a.m. Start at seven
Pass through "Warrenton. It
is very pretty town of some
2,000 inhabitants. Some
of the prettiest private residences
I have yet seen in either
Md. or Va. At 4 p.m. arrive
at "Warrenton. June," having
marched 12 miles - find
"Hunsehre's Corps in this vicinity. We are now the
"Centre Grand division of
the Potomac Army." Our
march for the last 8 miles
was very tiresome - it is
now raining & the night
will be very disagreeable
Rebels reported in Warrenton one hour.
Tuesday 18th, 1862

Some got a "streak" on this morning and routed me out at 4. At 8½ resume the march, at 9 A.M. we halt within 12 miles of Fredericksburg — having marched 18 miles. The country we traveled through was a beautiful one, fine and get our blankets along by a new process. Each day brings us in closer proximity to the rebels and their stronghold — Richmond.

By the way I must not forget that the "burs" (if I get them home) were got near Warrenton — are from pitch pine. This country abounds in Cedar and Pine.

Wednesday 19th, 1862

En-route at 6, March till 2½ a distance of 8 miles and go in camp. Assert my rights as "Gen. Exide" and get knapsack hauled in "Staff Wagon." Of course some blankets go along — Then relieving us of very tiring load. A mail this evening but no letter for me.

Thursday 20th

Contrary to expectations we were not routed out at the usual hour. It is now 9 o'clock. A private of the 155th died in the ambulance, while on the march yesterday. 1 o'clock - We get some flour and are just now
Friday 21st 1862

Returned last night hard, mud-things but mud.
A chance to send mail, wrote 3 letters in a hurry.

Saturday 22nd

March at 8 am advance to Ammunition trains, made a
detour and arrive within 3 miles of Walmouth (3/4 of Fredericksburg).
Our march was about 24

mile & the day was beautiful. We passed the old camp that the "P. Receives," occupied prior to their leaving for the Peninsula (March 1st) it was finely decorated & must have been beautiful, arches of Cedar, decorations of Pine made it look splendid.

Got some white stones near here to send home also some Mistletoe, & the present camp a splendid location.
10 night up to this hour there has been an unceasing train of men, gun carriages, & artillery going past us. The daughter of the Regt of the Zouaves d'Afrique in her fanciful costume, good looking.
Sunday 23rd, 1862

The "Right" (Sumner's) & "Centre" (Brokers' ours) Grand Divisions of the army here. The surrender of Fredericksburg demanded. The rebel Gen. Longstreet there, gets one letter & 4 papers.

Monday 22nd, 1862

Company drills ordered. No news from the front to-day. Got two letters & two papers to-day. Got the mail yesterday afternoon. June & I very flush of mail. Day quite pleasant, nights very cold with heavy frost.

Wednesday 26th, 1862

"Wednesday 26th, 1862"

Cold rain last night. Very heavy to-day quite cool a little short of rations for the past few days. Yesterday some of the boys went to bed. I am supposed to be keeping 3 days ahead. Leave us. "By Strategy" we manage always to have plenty.

Thursday 27th, 1862

Tom Taylor & Frank Niblett left for home. Discharged ready & Fisher sick from taking a dose of what the Lt furnished Peppermint. Our Surgeon appears to think it their duty to make sick men worse. I think to-day is Thanksgiving in Penn.
Sunday 30th Nov.
Got new uniforms to day - pantaloons sky-blue Blouse dark blue - a letter from father & one from Fizz Regimental inspection to day.

December

Tuesday 2nd 1862
General inspection (knapskake & all) this morning.
This afternoon find 71 go over to the 136th New Striffi.
December 26th, 1862

"Wednesday"

Fix our tent in "we pleased ultra" style by digging it down 2 feet and adding a fireplace. The Colonel & nearly all the officers & men in the Regt. went our tent to admire its comfort & convenience.

Get a letter from Ann dated Nov. 22nd.

Thursday 27th

Regulation drill this afternoon.Letter from J. B. dated Oct. 24th. Weather very cold, take slack in our tent—dangerously ill with Dyspndia Fever. His infernal lazy mess can't take care of him.

Friday 5th, 1862

Sit up last night with Slack. Raining this A.M.

5 of our company go on picket for 3 days.

Slight cannonading to our front this morning 2 o'clock. Form in the morning and at 7 a.m. 5 inches of snow fell on the ground being wet it does not lay—Still snowing.

Saturday 6th, 1862

Ordered out for review but owing to inconstant weather it is not held. We help Slack's mess build their tent. Our Chef detailed as Provost Marshal.
Sunday, 1st. 1862
Keep Sunday by once more fixing our tent and this time we have got it. The weather cold.
Placard stuck up on opposite side of the river with "How are your winter quarters" in large capitals.

Monday, 2nd. 1862
A man of Company "B" (Leard Ream) died this evening - making the twelfth in the Reg't since coming out. Such is life and such is the service.
Weather cool - in fact too cool for comfort.

Tuesday, 9th. 1862
Witnesed the burial of the man in Co."B". Nothing new requiring. The occasional burning of a chimney being our only source of amusement.
Order for inspection tomorrow and prospects of a move soon.
Our "loafers" sign - Jim's model candlestick.

"Our Mess" is now as follows

- Lincan alias Burnside
- E. Eastly
- Jebel Cameron
- H. Beche
- Rosecrans
- Gen. Matzabon
- Hooken
- C. Koontz
- Sige

"We are the model mess"

Wednesday, 10th
Orders to move in the morning. Day quite pleasant.
Thursday 11th 1862.

Heavy firing commenced at 5 A.M. (to our front) at 6 we are in line and at 8 stat now within one mile of the river—continued and uncleasing fire to our front (10 o'clock) part of the way we came on double quick. A heavy battle in double ten being fought to we maybe in the thickest of it for many hours.

1/2 past eleven—The “arm” drawn up in line from the river to this point, an unceasing roar of artillery, we await with anxiety the developments of the next few hours.

Friday 12th 1863.

Arrived at 4 A.M., and at 6 are in line. March to the hill in front of Frederick'sburg. Our army crossing at two, the enemy lie in shelling but are silenced by our guns. Several of yesterday's killed are buried today—Night approaches. We go in camp and we nearly all are across we will likely cross early in the morning.
From a high point I witness the "shelling" and for the first time realize the "bombs bursting in air." We will doubtless "see the elephant" tomorrow.

Saturday 13th

Get up at 4 and in line at nine, march to the river and cross at two from battle line on the river street, shell meanwhile bursting overhead.

At 2 1/2 we form in next street and 15 minutes after we commence advancing - Halt for a moment on the brow of the hill, and then On! We charge up the hill 'mid a shower of shrapnel and deliver our maiden fire.

Our men fall fast - Noon.


John Williams shot through arm. Do not yet know the extent of our losses. The 131st and 155th came to relieve us but broke ran carrying away with them all of ours but Capt. A. This was at 4 1/2. We kept our position until 4 1/2 past six and then fell back on the Regt (in town).

We cannot ascertain our loss - our logs burned.
and Col. Osans of the 69th (acting Brig. Gen.) complimented our company highly, some few of our boys "shed adless with the other Regts."

**Sunday 12th 1862**

Sleep till 3 A.M. on our arms and then get our ammunition for to-day. March up to the field and take cover on the brow of the hill. The Rebs are about 200 yards ahead of us; an incessant firing has been kept up since we came here. It is now 10 o'clock and I am writing this in the battle-field with dead bodies their ghastly faces upturned lying thick around, and the whistle of bullets flying overhead. An occasional Reb sharp-shooter from some eminence making me duck occasionally.

I have not yet ascertained our loss. About 20 of our company are missing, the bodies of Capt. Jones, Noon & Scott have been recovered and are now in town. We may have a general engagement between this & night. If not we expect to catch it on the morrow. At 6 I go into town and see "Speer" Jones Taylor brig...
Brown & I took possession of a house (2? Story) It is a splendidly planned arrangement, and quite a curiosity to us, being our first house for some time - Hatcher & Gough were wounded yesterday in hand Monday 15th 1862

Wake up at nine and finding flour & "side arrangements" in our house we get to work and cook a splendid breakfast (hash, pork & coffee) on the parlor fire, Picquet firing & occasional "shelling" during the day. At nine o'clock to-night the right grand division begins evacuating, at seven

We are run out within 30 yards of picket line to the right of town and at eleven are marched away to the left and within a few hundred yards of the Rebel lines when the "Centre" begin evacuating the city at two we take the quick step and noiselessly cross the river the pickets following immediately after Fredericksburg is thus evacuated after the sacrifice of hundreds of lines. My impressions of a battlefield are anything but favorable. Noon, Jones & Scott buried in Fredericksburg.
The following are our wounded:

Lt. Hay paralyzed in bowels by shot
John Williams in arm
Moses Lewis
Anthony Carroll “ slight
S. Douglass a hand
Geo. B. Hickey

**Tuesday 16th, 1862**

The brigade after splashing through mud & rain for about three hours pull up in our camp occupied previous to crossing the river, after a halt of an hour we start for our old camp (3 1/2 mls from Fredericksburg). Thus ends our ill-starred expedition.

Our tents are full of mud and water, tents & blankets lost and altogether we are in bad condition. The number of men wounded in Co. B. are 16 – Capt. Jones of Co. B. was first wounded in the leg and dropping to the ground said to someone near him to “Keep the knowledge of this wound from the men.” His words were scarcely out of his mouth until a “grape” struck him in the head passing down through his under jaw and on through his stomach he died on Sunday night, in great agony. Capt. Lee Anschutz killed in Saturday’s battle. Hunter shot through the lung.

Must remember the captured wine from pillaging.
Wednesday 1st 1862
An inspection held and account taken of our stores, luckily my blanket and tent are safe.

Sleep until 10 this morning—slight fall of snow. London added to the "model press."

Thursday 18th
Day quite pleasant, letter & tobacco from Jimmie and letter & stamps from Ernest. I feel tired and worn out after the excitement of the past few days.

Friday 19th 1862
This day Mr. Jim Corbin came last night. "Our mess" takes charge of them—we had cold inspection again today.

Saturday 20th 1862
Our visitors leave to-day. I send articles home by Phil. The latter could not succeed in getting Jim's body yet.

Sunday 21st
Nothing important here, weather pleasant during the day but quite cold at night.

Monday 22nd
Papers &c by mail last night.

Tuesday 23rd, 1862
A canteen of "Eau de vie" procured. "Our mess" have a large time generally.
"Our mess" & "our mess"
December 24th, 1862

Phillips came to see us last night — preparations for —

Thursday, December 25th, 1862

Christmas Day.

Wake up this morning but the old familiar sounds of home do not greet my ears — instead of this the sound of bough & drum painfully remind me that this day of rejoicing over the whole Christian world will pass unobserved by me — not altogether unheeded either —

potatoes, steak, and an article to make "potent punch" with which we intend daily celebrating this, the anniversary of the birth of a Savior.

2, P.M. That momentous affair — our dinner — is over — Potatoes, boiled & fried — crackers, beef fried, crackers, boiled beef, crackers on "bill of fare" and I must say that I never enjoyed a "Christmas dinner" as I did this one. The weather today is beautiful, an "Indian summer day."

Friday 26th, 1862

Weather pleasant — not altogether unheeded either — the lead in the crockery —
Saturday 27th 1862

So my washing, a member of Co. "K" died today.

Saturday 27th 1862


Sunday 28th

"Rather beautiful.
Company inspection, letters from home.

Monday 29th

Skies very tight, rumors, vague & indistinct of a relief movement.

Tuesday 30th 1862

3 days ration & orders to be ready to march.

Wednesday 31st

Last night of the old year - Cold.

1863-1863.

NEW YEAR.

JANUARY 1st.

Thursday weather beautiful, don't see New Year's until night.

(A Division Review in the morning and all "shoulder bars" invited to the Gen's tent to take a cup of punch.) One early succeeds in getting a very large drink of whiskey and in the evening Harris comes with a box for County. The result is
we get up a New-Year dinner at 11 o'clock at night; we hold a "Council of war" and come to the conclusion that it will be the last New Year we will spend in this fashion—unanimously agreed to by the mess.

January 2nd 1863

Friday

Kenly gets furlough (20 days) and leaves for Johnstown to-night with A. J. Hanes.

Saturday 3rd 1863

Some of the 13th visited us. The "subscriber" sick for the past few days.

Sunday 4th 1863

Company inspection. Phil Noon came yesterday company now numbers 65 men for duty. Collins sends gloves as a sign.

Monday 5th 1863

Five months to-day since we were sworn into service of the U.S. Battalion drill this afternoon. Still a little sick. Early succeeds in getting another drink. Duncan & I send for a box. The box to contain butter and whiskey. 4 mos. yet.

Tuesday 6th 1863

Reported that Duncan & Early were "tightly drunk" last night. Brigade drill. Prospects of rain.
Wednesday 7th 1863

Weather cool. Brigade drill.
Still sick, Built an
accession made to our stock
of household & kitchen furniture:
For the night of the “fight” in
The shape of “stool” more pan &c.

Thursday 8th = 1863
Grand review of the Corps
by Burnside. Weather cool,
I am getting no better fast.
Our mess a hospital-bond
Made me weak myself sick.

"Friday 9th 1863"
The “model" begin the erection
of a log house. Reg & Brigade drills.

Saturday 10th 1863
Raining hard nearly all
day. Our log house not
quite finished but we move
into it. It decidedly the
most comfortable in the Regt.
and sustains the character
of the "model mess". To-night
the rain is almost pouring.
I must not forget that
when we built our first house
we dug down 2 feet. The other boys
all followed our example and to-night
they will all be flooded. Our log
house is not dug down.

Sunday 11th 1863
Company & Regimental inspection.
Weather again pleasant.
House finished.
Monday 12th, 1863

Weather pleasant, "Report for duty." Meeting in Tyree's brigade, our brigade kept in line to quell it.

Tuesday 13th, 1863

Leary monotony of camp, unbroken by even customary remark. Oh! what a life is this.

Wednesday 14th, 1863

Our Regt goes on picket to the rear, for 3 days. I remain in camp being unable to stand 3 days exposure.

Friday 16th, 1863

Orders to march at 11'o'clock — Countermanded for 24 hours.

Wednesday 12th, 1863

Will likely move in the morning. Regt still on picket.

Saturday 17th, 1863

Last night very cold. Boys still out. I write to Binnie — on picket.

Got up at 4 this morning and captured a great deal of "Co. 2's" Wood, boys come in at 7 tonight.

Sunday 18th, 1863

Drew three days' grub,
Monday 19th 1863

My 22nd birthday.

Marching orders—again postponed for 24 hours. April be 22—boyhood days.

Tuesday 20th 1863

Strike tents at ten o'clock.

March at 3 o'clock a distance of two miles, encamping at home.

Dark perentious clouds send through the sky. Go in camp in the woods, begin raining. I continue without interruption through the night. Stir up all night and get back through Union in command.

Wednesday 21st 1863

Start at seven and splash through mud up to the knees a distance of 8 1/2 miles, at the rate of about 7 miles per hour.

Encamp in the woods. Understand that the whole army (including digels) is to camp short of creek. 9 o'clock, drop off about a mile back having literally struck in the mud.

Raining still. No prospect of stopping. Penetronia in sight, river over half mile distant.
Thursday 22nd 1863
no signs of a forward move
the condition of the roads
beggarly description, dead
horses, ammunition wagons
cannon & caissons driven
along the road, Reb. batteries
in position on the opposite
side of the river (3 miles dist)

Our division (with others)
detailed to build cantonying
road, fences &c. was disappoint
edly, rain ceased.
The army returning
to their camps.

Near that the pontoon
are across. On inquiry I
found it it across the
road, not the river.

Friday 23rd 1863
Battled & nagone
with from 10 to 16 have
attached work their
way back to camp

Our Regt out of
rations, I go back
to our old camp

I must mention
here that 600 of the
sick of our enfe
were put on the boat
to be sent to Washington
when he started in the
morning, through neglect
were left out 18 hours
40 were carried off dead
one of Co. F of one of E. of
our Regt among the
number.
Saturday 24th 1863
Start at 8 o'clock on company of rear guard and get in camp at 2
Defense terminated our post advance by which we have the fact illustrated that Burnside is a fool. Halleck an idiot and Geo B. Mcclellan the only man capable to manage this army. Write to Birmann.

Sunday 25th 1863
Rain last night. To-day write Khey, Doubin and Jimmie Snyder in camp.

Monday 26th
Nothing important. Spend the day making a pipe of barrel.

Tuesday 27th 1863
Rain during the day. Capt. returns to the company yesterday. Sate for a new camp kicked out and the regt. marched out to put it in order.

Wednesday 28th 1863
Rain turned into snow last night - continue all day. An order issued by Gen. Ir. for the companies to turn out under arms at the approach of Trojpe. The 1st trial results in Coda (Domestic) being the only one put, Jones "see how ails they pass," R. "Turn out H., in case of an attack," Taylor. "Be firm as steel. God be one considerable messenger. Gen. Harker in command.
Thursday 29th 1863
Snow about 10 inches deep, begins to disappear rapidly under the rays of a warm sun, dresses were issued yesterday.

Friday 30th 1863
Get a "Whiskey ration" and Jones & I each eat in getting two - result fell pretty patriotic - in fact very patriotic.
Sign Pantry rolls - and are fed for the meal.

Saturday 31st
A "convivial" held over a canister of whiskey in the capts tent.

ARY 1863
White journey, Negro, Duncan, Jones & I take the leading parts.
About 13 if we have quite a lively time & pass a few hours very happily, Jim v I do our washing then "dress up.

Sunday February 1st 1863
Morning beautiful. Alm. order read informing us that Gen. Drezge has been assigned the defense of Baltimore. All aboard into town & see Gen. Now.

Evening - commence rain - write to Bloman.

FEBRUARY
Monday Feb. 2nd 1863
Move to our new camp, do.
We are now located within one mile of Palmetto House, pleasant today.
I am writing this by firelight on a beautiful moonlight night. Think of a few slick nights I used to have. Ah! days gone by.

Tuesday 3rd 1863
Cold as it get on house about half finished. This has been the coldest day of the season. Ration box sent some two weeks ago.

Wednesday 4th 1863
Another cold day. The "peaches" came to hand, present Singleton with a "few" result. Saving very tight.

Thursday 5th
Six months since we were cursed into the service. 3 more & then, hurrah for home. commenced snowing this morning but turned into rain. Now (8 P.M.) raining hard. 3 days, 2 hours & order to be ready to march at a moments notice, troops moving to the rear.
Friday 6th, 1863

Weir's cold by times, wrote to Bro. &
was also toailable

Must remember that I fell a
in with & a certain
letter if late date

Saturday 7th, 1863

London & Home were recie-
then the charges to day, dec.
30.75 home by the former who
free to morrow, heathen pleased
by day. North Corps embarked a fight may
write to Bowman

Sunday 8th, 1863

Company inspection &c. Con-
line for good by this morning.
heathen pleasant to day,
soft bread issued - first time in
4 months —

Monday 9th

Weather beautiful to day,
Regiment went on picket
at 8 a.m. To remain three
days. Brigade bucked

Ordered by Hooker that
we be furnished with bread 4 times
per week, potatoes & onions three
times and to be well fed.

generally, so write it be.

Tuesday 10th, 1863

day quite pleasant — passed
on account of transfer accounts.
Night got up a valentine for the
benefit of F.K. in hospital. Weather
cold to night. Reger still on
picket. On duty wrote an
at base camp. To 1st. M.
To be posted. This 10th.
Wednesday 11th 1863


Thursday 12th 1863

Morning cool, with high winds. Regt returns from picket. Night an awful mud-storm, a company of rain. But wood sent by morning.

Friday 13th Feb. 1863

Weather cool to-day. Got into the "Tract" business; an original kind of Valentine. A Brigade-Captain established.

Saturday 14th Feb. 1863

Until the 1st of May, two and one-half months. Jim, Jake, Boney and I send 26 Valentines today to the young ladies of Johnston.

The Valentines are in the shape of religious tracts and will contribute effect a great deal of good.

Weather pleasant.

Sunday 15th, 1863

Weather - raining.

Lenten gate, furlough for 9 days, starts to move on.

Monday 16th, 1863

Leaves leave for home. Lock Jones in camp.

Weather pleasant. Write to Branan.
Tuesday 19th, 1863
Commences snowing this morning, continues during the day, and by evening is 5 inches deep. Stacks were returned.

Wednesday 20th, Feb 1863
Nineteen of Reg Co. go on picket. Am told that Fisher's wound was terrible, a piece of skin as large as a 3 cent piece was actually knocked off his finger. Alas poor Fisher!
10 o'clock Commences raining and continues without intermission until now. When it commence snowing will doubtless rain all night.

Thursday 21st, 1863
Rained the greater part of the night. Weather pleasant today. Mud 2 feet deep.

Friday 22nd, 1863
Weather pleasant and also pleasant remarks on "the time" drawing to a close.

Saturday 23rd, 1863
Bill Eldridge in camp. Road drying up fast.

Sunday 24th, 1863
Washington's Birthday. Began snowing last night, over a foot deep now & still snowing. Rehearsed forth-day, but postponed on account of the weather.
Monday 23rd July 1863

Weather pleasant over head.
Snow thane done,
Good getting very scarce.
Letter from home.

Tuesday 24th July 1863

Farm to day.
Lever disappearing fast.
Lieutenant returned on the eve. of 21st.

Wednesday 25th July 1863

Our cavalry picquet driven in by 800 rebel cavalry,
One killed and wounded out but the relie returnt.
Dean of our cavalry wounded.

C. B. Rundell (a boy and private)
took a musquet ball in the arm.

Thursday 26th July 1863

Rained the greater part of last night.
Came home this evening.
Thick clouds.

Friday 27th July 1863

Regt. go on picquet this morning.
Evening, Fish.
H. returns to company.

Saturday 28th July 1863

Last day of February.
H. goes home on 10 days leave.
Weather pleasant to day.

Sunday 29th July

When other friends come.
And other letter are there.
MARCH.

Sunday 1st. 1863.
Morning—Slight rain—Evening—pleasant, mild.

Monday 2nd. 1863.
Co. return from picket. Weather to-day beautiful. Have been suffering with an awful cold for the past few days.

"Tuesday 3rd. 1863.
Inspection and muster for two months. To-day, Roads getting in good order. Major C. L. W. Schuck each get two kegs better and again commence suffering. Weather very stormy.

"Wednesday 4th. 1863.
Division review this afternoon. Weather cold and stormy. 15th anniversary of mother's death. Cold getting no better, past.

Thursday, 5th. 1863.
Battle
Battalion drill. First since Frederick'sburg fight. Weather clear but cold. Letter from London, tonight. "7 months to-day since we were "curse" into service.

Friday 6th. 1863.
High winds—cold. Received news a few days ago of the death of Pvt. M. L. Martin, late a member of this company.
Saturday, 7th, 1863
Rain & wind to-day
Private of Co. H. died yesterday. Write to London,

Sunday 8th, 1863
Regt goes on picket.
Rained last night—today dull & foggy
with occasional showers.
Listened (by special request) to a sermon by Hartsock;
luckily it was not a long one.

Monday 9th, 1863
Rained the greater part of last night. A most beautiful day. Write to Capt. Drennan.
March 1863

Friday 13th, 1863

Inspection of Ammunition

Saturday 12th 1863

Regimental Barracks. Fish & Elkbridge on the Rampage.

Sunday 15th 1863

Company inspection. Thunder & lightning, with hail & rain

to-night. Small colonels woodpile grew 4 ft. by degrees & beautifully.

Sunday, 17th 1863

St. Patrick's Day celebrated by the "Irish Brigade". The fare en camp was rich.

Our camp is in the vicinity of Washington, & the horse & cattle are to be found the site of the orchard, wherein the favorite tree was chopped by the Hatchet.
Wednesday 18th, 1863

Supplement in last page.

Leave camp at eleven A.M. Arrive at Aquia at 12 & at Washington at 5:30. Start for Philad. at 6:30 and arrive at 1 A.M. at 6 visit Buchanan at on

Thursday 19th

Depart at 10 A.M. for Johnston and arrive at Albemarle at 8 on

Friday 20th

Stop till evening and leave for home at 3 P.M. widow! home at

Thursday 19th, 1863

Saturday 21st, 1863

Commence "bobbing around," Generally

Sunday 22nd, 1863

Like a good Christian I go to Church, Weather Beautiful to-day "C" getting notorious on account of a late letter to 2rib!

Monday 23rd, 1863

Go to Evening this morning, Have a large time generally
Tuesday 21st, 1863
Return home, call on Duncan at 9 till night. Leave about eleven. Fell in with McClernand today.

Wednesday 25th, 1863
Holyday. Go to church. Go with A. Dinner at X's. Supper at Pete's.

Thursday, 26th, 1863
Jim X. & I go to Do's for dinner. Start at 8 P.M. for Camp. Arrive in Washington at 10 o'clock in "Friday Morning 27th" and remain there until 8 on the morning of...

Saturday 28th, 1863
Arrive at camp about 12 M. After an absence of 10 days find that boys are on picket. Rains hard.

Sunday 29th, 1863
Can hardly realize that I am again a "loser," try minds. Spoke with my mother and talk of a phone.

Monday 30th, 1863
Governor in camp.

Brigade Review and inspection to-day. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday 31st, 1863
APRIL 1863

Wednesday 1st, 1863

Routed out at 4 A.M. to prepare for the rebel, but they failed to make their appearance. Cold & windy today. Supposed to be "All Porte Day." Evening very pleasant.

Thursday 2nd, 1863

Grand division review, our division as seen by "Meade." Weather pleasant.

Friday 3rd, 1863

Battalion drill, weather fine. No incident Lincoln said to be in camp.

Francis Terry of 125 calls to see us. Good Friday.

SATURDAY 24th, 1863

Jo-day 8 months ago we left Johnstown. Some of the officers experience in the "art of war." 45 of company go on pocklet.

SUNDAY 5th, 1863

8 move, since we were "cursed" in. Moved this morning to the depth of thirteen, turned into rain; heavy wind the greater part of the night—Easter Sunday.

MONDAY 6th, 1863

Weather damp & heavy.

John Eldridge dies at 30. clock this evening at 11:30.
Tuesday 7th April 1863
Reviewed by Lincoln, Hooker, and others. Weather cool, with rain last night.

Wednesday 8th 1863
Review of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th Corps (70,000) by Hooker and Lincoln.
A grand and imposing sight. Weather pleasant.

Thursday 9th 1863
Came to and from Falmouth, and from there pass down along the river to opposite Fredericksburg.

Friday 10th 1863
Night beautiful. Such nights as this in days gone by asked me!
April, 1863

Saturday 11th

In our battalion drill
Bel. Lowman 2nd. Lt.
136th, in camp
Weather very warm

Sunday 12th, 1863

Major, etc., a Swiss
Officer reviewed me,
Parade Sunday inspection
Commenced raining this evening

Monday 13th, 1863

Ordered to be ready
to March after 8 o'clock
Weather damp, somber

Write "Me"

Tuesday 14th

8 days rations with
Order to picket until
Tomorrow and then more
Forward. Start at 10th
tightly, myself slight to night

Wednesday 15th

Commenced raining last
night, and at present (9 A.M.)
it is coming down in torrents.
An sick sent to R. H. Hospital
and to Washington.
2 P.M. Continues raining
Sick sent back to camp
Night - still raining
Another ration sent
To the men there.
Roping 8 days ahead.
"Thursday 16th April 1863
10 o'clock AM. Rain ceased last night. Sick and I together. Boys still on picket and another day's rations sent them. Letters from X. June 18, 1873.

"Friday 17th 1863
Return from picket and get a ration of fresh meat.

"Saturday 18th 1863
Weather to-day beautiful. Days rations still kept up.

Sunday 19th 1863

"Monday 20th 1863
Commoded rain this morning. An order read regulating the muster out. Co. A gone home on the 5th of May. Cloudy & Showery this evening.

"Tuesday 21st 1863
Weather pleasant this evening. Question asked who will re-enlist. Many one. Write alma, Town.

"Wednesday 22nd 1863
I walk to Stoneman's. Switch to-day. Weather fine. Write Mary to "Aren."
Thursday 23rd, 1863
Raining hard since midnigh.
Regt. goes on picket except Co. A., so detail of our Co. goes to "Stoneman's" to unload supp.
Evening - Gen. D. slightly obturicated.

Friday 24th, 1863
Raining very hard, wood awful scarce, 3 gts oysters (15c) and a half pound butter (33) for our breakfast.

Saturday 25th, 1863
7th N.Y. transferred out of service. Weather pleasant but wind.

Sunday 26th, 1863
Most of it goes to switch & unload cars. Weather pleasant.
Today, Regt comes off picket.

Monday 27th, 1863
Ordered to march at 12 M., got started at 3. At nine halt at Hartwood church (10 miles). The 11th, 12th & 15th Corps on the march. Camp for the night at Hartwood church. 11th Corps (Gen. Howard) in advance, 12th Corps (Gen. Sicklum) next, and one (Capt. Black of the 5th) brings up the rear. Our drive in the next.
**Tuesday 28th, 1863**

Start about 10 A.M. for the river, March 10 miles over a rough muddy road. The most tiresome I ever experienced. Now in camp 3 miles from the river. I go out to the 12th corps and find Gen. Mitchell, our division in front of the corps to-day. Expect fight to-morrow morning. 50 of Regt go on picket. Generals pass to the front. Drizzling rain.

**Wednesday 29th, 1863**

Start at 10 1/2 A.M. Rear-guard of Corps. Now 2 P.M. lying within 1/2 mile of the river, and close to church and village.

**Thursday 30th**

Knapsacks on all last night, more about daylight. About 10 we cross "Mountain Dew."
and at 2 arrive at the "Rapid Ann" after one of the most tiresome marches any of us ever experienced. No time for breakfast this morning so we eat it now and will again this afternoon.

Our crossing place is at "Rapid Ford," 17 miles from Fredericksburg. Our advance has met with but little opposition thus far, there being but slight skirmishing. Report is that Fredericksburg is evacuated. At three we cross the "Rapid Ann" by trading (next deep) and 7d three miles beyond, our Battalion in pursuit with Co. C to support. Marched about 13 miles to day and I was never so exhausted before.

Expect "the ball" to reach tomorrow. An issue of fresh beef this evening. Sketch Don'tI寻常 his whole body. This is supposed to be the President. Have Leary.

The troops at Kelly Ford by pontoons made of canvas. The pioneers of this Corps acting as pioneers, our line brought up the rear and the whole army is at a distance to here if about 40 miles.
May 1863

May 1st - Friday

Start at 6 o'clock. -
Now bivouacked in the
woods, will move soon
under orders from Horner and
congratulating the 5th, 11th,
and 12th Corps on their success
and predicting that
array and predicting that
the battle will "not with
impatient step or come out
their embankments and get
shelled. The 2nd Corps
lying here, having crossed
at..."

I will write this date
by house as I have
the opportunity.

8 1/2 o'clock

Band of the 2nd strikes up
"Hail to the Chief." We hold an
inspection of ammunition since
10 o'clock.

More forward, the "Big
dogs" begin to bark. Start
at the brick house, ten
miles from Frederick.

1 0'clock

Meade's Corps consisting
of Griffen, Sykes, and
other divisions commencing
advancing in the direction
of it to the left of Frederick's
Sykes in the advance
after marching.
May 1863

Saturday 2nd of May

Arise at 4½ and get our breakfast. At 7 o'clock our Battery went in position our regiment V, 131st as support left of 155th. Next on their right has been but little firing this morning. Our position now is on the extreme left - no rebel right. At 8½ o'clock firing commenced from front. We begin to fortify our position by throwing up earthworks. In effect our position to be attacked within the next hour. Part of our Brigade thrown out as skirmishers. At this hour by moonlight at 10 our division moves down a defile and in the vicinity of the river. Tomorrow there will be thunder. I am writing this by moonlight at our bivouac. Now 9 o'clock P.M.
The principal fight will be in this vicinity as they may attempt to drive us from our position to cut off our retreat at U.S. Crossing—but a short distance from here. The cannonading is quite heavy just now.

— The weather yesterday and today beautiful—lights moonlight.

11 o'clock

— Finish our earthworks. Shells sent by our battery at Rebe, who are throwing up an earthwork about 3/4 of a mile from here—not reflected on but Butternuts scatter our position is strong.

in fact impregnable. 4 o'clock

Heavy musketry to our right which does cease 5 o'clock

Nothing of consequence has occurred within the past two hours.

5 1/2 o'clock

Battle begins raging fiercely on the right on the Culpepper road, continues up till nine o'clock. Beautiful moonlight night. Co's "A" "V" "K" on picket to the front—the balance of Regt occupies the entrenchments.

The firing from terrible
Sunday 3rd May

Morning—6 o'clock firing begins in the night report is that our right was badly driven back last night. I am about moving to the right. I think heavy firing all forenoon our right driven back out of their rifle pit at our division corps taken out to the right Co's A, B, & K not relieved until 9 o'clock—in the meantime our division gets into an engagement several wounded in the result. The three companies move out—supporting Co's B and K then capturing the hill (my battery) and a prisoner submitted. Co's A, B, & K. Skirmishers in the left (our late position) begin firing—the 11th Corps relieved us. We know with (Whitehouse Rd. 2005) command, heavy firing, head in the direction of Falmouth, all afternoon. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 11th & 12th Boises here now.
Monday 4th 1863

About 4 this afternoon
the "Rebs" make slight
advance but are checked
by a sharp skirmish.
Tuesday May 5th  

8 o'clock A.M.

Our term of service expired last night. Boys say they will not do duty longer. More battle lines up to near entrenchments.

Gen. H. sends up a request that they be permitted out as their term has expired.

To-night we get orders to be ready to fall in at a moment's warning. Commences to rain terribly.

are near the river every precaution adopted to detain the enemy if the pursuit. Our Corps cover the retreat, which is successfully accomplished by 11 A.M. The grand army take up their line of march for their old camps - drenched - has been raining since last evening, so that the mud is actually knee deep. + + + + + + + + + +

The meantime Sedgewick with the 6th Corps advances in front driving the rebels - The next

"Wednesday 6th 1863"

Start at 2 A.M. to evacuate our position, the river rising. At daylight we
May 31st 1863

Saturday 9th May

Squad of the 1863 Co. stacked their arms.

Sunday 10th May 1863

Tuesday 8th May

Friday 8th May

Get mail of 10 days.

Lavoy released. 123d go home, our boys refused to do duty.

Weather quite warm.

Mustered for two months to-day.

Armament to-day, going to take walks during the day here.
May 1863.

Monday 10th May

Beachy the morning

beautiful. Regt. goes on

picket except Co. A

April warm during

the day.

Tuesday 11th May

Very warm. 2 Regts. of

infantry brigade came today for

home.

Wednesday 12th May

131st leaves to-morrow.

Leave goes to Washington to

hunt up articles.

Weather quite warm.

To-day, we are to leave on

Saturday.

Thursday 14th May

Thunder & Rain. The

131st leaves this morning.

P. Conner visits us. Regt.

comes off picket.

Friday 15th May

Stay quite pleasant. I get

a "pleacher" taken in camp.

It is presumed that we

leave for Washington tommorrow.

Saturday 16th May

Inspection of guns & ammunition.

today. Evening turn over

our ammunition & get orders.

to leave for Havelock in the morning.
MAY, 1863.  
Sunday 17th  

Left camp for Maryland at 12 o'clock.  Arrived in the city at 6 P.M.  took lodging for the night at the "Baracke"  

Monday 18th 1863  

Start about 10 o'clock for Baltimore, arrived there about 3 p.m.  Start at 5 for Harrison where we arrived at 5 p.m. in the morning of  

Tuesday May 19th 1863  

Take up our quarters near banks building  get tent etc.  Burn over own clothes this afternoon, Run through town promiscuous  

Wednesday May 20th  

10 Regts of 9 Mars men here!
On the 26th of May we are mustered out of service paid off on the 28th and depart for home. Arrive there in December.

And this is the end of the Nine Month Service.

May 1863
EASLY

Altebach
Col where is your Reg't – They run & left me, they are a d-d set of coward
Col. the 133d are just coming. you will find them on the field. in with the advance.

L. Swingle

20. 21. 22.

5th February 1861.
Particular to please
with "Baltimore", it
is a very pretty
and our keeper was

particularly treated
in a very bos-

sensible manner.

We arrived in
Washington late at
night, and were conducted
to the "Soldiers' Retreat"
where we were

fed with a breakfast

of bread, meat, coffee and
cheese had been given

next Baltimore but
at breakfast everything

was delicious, the pancakes
un BY drinkable. Coffee

was melted with

milk.
t drank and of
meat old enough
to speak for itself
and middling good
bread consisted of
our breakfast on
that breakfast room
—a visit to the Cape.
After breakfast Worth,
me at eleven of the
most splendid bought
and I see it. About
8 in the afternoon
"Camp Vinton" and
the day being very
hot other men wanted
of the Napanee & made
it went particularly
hard with us of

the boy

27th

Turned to a
new camp 3 1/4 miles
out from Alexandria

309. Again more
5 miles beyond Alexandria
in the Marshaleau pike
form a camp on
"Fort Ward" & "Fort
Jefferson," "Camp +
Demschan," erected a
New York capital. It
is the most beautiful
place of the kind I have
seen been—before the
bundal hand of man

placed it. Walked 6
miles it must have been
12 Sept
Again Break
Camp and March
to Washington —
14 Sept. For Cocktails.
15th " " Urbana

Vanderbilt left with
H. R. Simonds
"16th" between 13th + 14th Sts.
"W" Washington City.

6 Div. at 3 girls left with
Mrs. H. Bennett
Cor. N + 13th Sts.
Washington City.

The boys angle 2
Frank V. Han
Sunday Sept. 21st

Passed the battleground of last "Sunday" and "Monday" - the former near Middletown & latter in the outskirts of "Kendjefler" when dead relics yet the unburied & a horrible picture of the realities of war. From Kendjefler the line of battle extends nearly 12 miles to the right & left - & the slaughter was immense.

Sat. 3d Oct. Bank
Cpt. Johnnn, $15.00
paid, Field, 1663
The grave of M. E. Walker
on the Antietam
battlefield about
one mile from
Sharpsburg.
Poor fellow—little
I thought when joking,
telling him if he would enlist
he would “be blown through
the head by a bullet.”
There are many predictions
would be seer to the
letter—the was shot
through the head on the
17th day of Sept. 1862 and
died instantly. The above
is an imperfect sketch
of the place he was buried
at the foot of a gigantic
rock to his native Born State.

and Riggs inscribed to
the tree at his head
The remains were successively repositioned to his
home near Alexandria in
Blair (or Hunting) County.
I felt more than ordinary
friendship for Walker and
was with fulsome of the
deepest sorrow & heard of
his untimely fate.

20th Oct—Isaac Nelson died
21st.—William King died
30th—Break camp and cross Antietam River.
31st.—Cross the Potomac & Shenandoah
1st Nov.—1st day in this part of Va.
2nd.—March to Spottsylvania 17 mile
2nd.—John R. Acres died, Sharpsburg
5th.—March to Fredericksburg 14 mile
6th.—White Plains
Nov. 10th. 1862

McClellan bids adieu to the "Army of the Potomac."

It is supposed the object of our late rapid movement was to secure Gordonsville, and thus cut off R.R. communication with Richmond. We have failed in this & a new "base of operations" will no doubt be commenced. In the meantime we take things easy and reflect that there is but six months more to be fooled around.

Nov. 12th. Fitz John Porter (our Corp Commander) bids adieu to his Corp. Thus the work of decapilation goes on.
14th. From More Cane.
16th. Reviewed by the \textbf{Corporal}.
17th. March to Manassas Junction.

It is reported that the rebels occupied our camp at Manassas one hour after we left it.

18th. March to within 12 miles of Fredericksburg. 20th. Make a slight detour and after 8 miles march arrive within 6 miles of Fredericksburg. 20th. Beams go to Aquia Creek for forage and supplies.

21st. March in the direction of Aquia Creek & near Salomith.

\textbf{Franklin, Virginia, Dec. 8th, 1863.}

\textbf{Camp near Salomith, Virginia.}
Battle of Fredericksburg commenced 11th Dec.
Continued 12th
The "go in" on the afternoon of the 13th

Noon: Capt. Jones & Lieut. Scott killed
14th. In line on the battle-field—only heavy
shrieking today,
To be remembered—that
some of our boasters ran
at the first fire and
were gone—now
safe beyond the river
also—Blitzgen plays Sutler

After mature reflection I
come to the conclusion that we
seen the elephant—tailed & all on
the 13th-Dec-62.
Thursday, Dec. 25th,

Christmas Day in camp near Alexandria, Virginia. Forcibly convinced that camp is a poor substitute for the due observance of this great day. Heavier - morning double and dreary, mid-day glorious.

Thursday Jan. 1st.
1963

Played Out!

Chrisin
No. 2142, Christian St., Phila.

Tuesday 20th Jan
More forward Sat. 24th. Return to Camp having stuck in the mud 4 days.

Monday 19th January
My birthday! A beautiful day over the left.

Thursday 29th
Full deep snow of the season (about ten inches)

Friday 30th. Heavier decidedly winter - cold piercing blast VI
to a tongue to curse the slave
whose treason like a deadly blight
comes over the counsels of the Khan.
And blasts them in their hour of might
may life unblessed cope, for him
be dragged withunchase to the brine.
With hopes that but allure to fly
with joy that vanishes while he treads
like death the fruitful point to tempt the eye
But turn to america in the life
his country's curse, his children's shame.
Instead of virtue, sin and shame
may he at last with life of flame
and the parch'd desert, thirsting air
while takers that shine in morning high
are fading off, untouched, unattacked.

See the bright glorious hope he blazed
and when from earth his spirit flew
Just Prophet let the damned in dwell
full in sight of Paradise
Behold the Heaven, and feel their Hell!

EASLY
EASLY
EASLY!
Feb 18th, 1862

[Handwritten text]

A love all sacrifice, suffering, a slave
A love that gathers victory from the gloom of night
A martyr's fond idolatry, a faith
Beside in tears, to devotion consecrate

Wednesday night, Feb 18th, 1863

Raining very hard

Raswell, thiame, his father, and wife

[Handwritten text]

Small mem. that Raswell was last tried by immersion (near Danfay Seminary) on the night of Dec 2nd, 1862 by Brut, Blacker, (who) formerly a minister, [illegible]

April 3rd. Good Friday = 5th Easter Sunday
Friday 27th 1863

All quiet & old fashioned,

Saturday, 28th, 1863

Rains muchly & I get back to camp.

Locate in Co. A 1863

David A. Wilson, Shapley
William King Mapleton, Md.
John R. Arce Shapley, Md.
Frank D. Klelland, New Florence, Pa.

Killed at Frederick'sburg.

Daniel Bersat

Discharged
1 Fred. Coberthy, 52nd Reg. Taylor
2 J. B. Little, William Hopkins
3 J. T. Londent, E. W. Miller
4 John Williams & Spotts Lewis
of McClelland
Wednesday 14th April 1863

Rescued by the British
and Americans, on the
plains, near Fredericksburg,
and in full view of the
Reb. batteries.

Over 2000 drums &
60,000 rifles in line ahead
of corps. Turkey played
off-tune.

April 10 Visit "Falmouth, &
pass down the river
to opposite Fredericksburg.
See a rebel regiment
drilling battalion
drill. April 14th 8 days Thus
" orders " to move"
at U.S. Ford & along the route, on the 1st of May heavy shelling takes place on the left — sustained by Griffin Dye's regiment. Our Corps advance to within 7 miles of Frederickburg in a reconnaissance. The 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 21st Corps pass towards the rear of Frederickburg while ours goes on the extreme left. Our division takes their position on the right of the 1st on a hill near the river. On the next day we commence entrenching our position nearly 8

in the morning. This brings one down to date — he expects to be attacked here by every moment, every premonition is making for that event. It is supposed that they (the rebels) will try to drive this position and cut off the pontoon — thus flanking the army. Saturday — Engaged this afternoon in breaking a rifle-pit; 26 guns in position to the rear of pit. Our present position is about 1 mile below U.S. Ford — our left resting on the Rappahannock, extended to the right, about 2 miles.
Supreme

Get home on 18th March, arrived at home on 21st Thursday 19th 1863 saw heavy cannonading to the right.

Friday 20th March sawing all day. Our regt comes off picket.

Saturday 21st continue snowing.

Ordered to be ready to fall in at a moment's notice with overcoats & equipments.

Sunday 22nd March 1863 and the cry is "still more mud" Inspection etc.