

1998 Transcription by William E. Henry of a Civil War Diary
(all bold underlining added by transcriber)

UNTIL OTHERWISE NOTED, THE DIARY IS WRITTEN IN INK,
IN ELEGANT PENMANSHIP.

THE DIARY MEASURES 6"x3"x1/2", IS COVERED IN SOME SORT OF BLACK COMPOSITION
MATERIAL, CLOSED BY A TAB INSERTED IN THE SLOTTED FRONT, STAMPED IN GOLD
"DIARY 1863" ON THE TAB, AND A POCKET IN THE REAR CONTAINS A BLOTTER.

On First Flyleaf : "E.L. Tabler's Diary for 1863"

On Second Flyleaf : "Bridgeport August 15th 1863"

Next Several Pages Contain A Printed Almanac

THE HEAVY BOLD TEXT INDENTED TO THE MIDDLE OF THE PAGE, IS THE
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT. THE MAIN BODY OF TEXT IS THE
DIARY TEXT.

**"January, 1863 the wings and centre of the army
were designated as Fourteenth, Twentieth and
Twenty-first Army Corps, that of McCook being
Twentieth Army Corps."**

Page 1 : Thursday, January 1, 1863 : "**The Battle going on with great desperation. the Enemy repulsed,** the Weather cloudy cold & rainy, **now the conflict now Raging on the left, by Breckenridge's Div.. against Crittenden's Force.** Rain."

Friday 2 : "This cloudy & Rainy **Morning finds itself beaming amid the terrible roar of Battle. A whole Brigade of Rebs. charged on Our center only to be repulsed with desperate slaughter. never to regain. The Rebles being worsted** Rain."

Saturday 3 : "**The Pickts firing briskly while ever & anon Cannonading would brake forth in fearful tones of madness causing the whole Earth to quake, & feint on Our left to cover Their flight,** Cloudy & Rainy."

Page 2 : Sunday, January 4, 1863 : "**Murfreesboro evacuated. The Rebs left in the darkness of the Night. The Town taken possession of Our Troops, and all has flown, leaving the spoils in the hands of the Federals** cloudy & cold."

Monday 5 : "**All quiet at Murfreesboro. Cannonading heard in front on the Shelbyville Pike Our forced operating on Their Rear, but to no purpose. We are still behind Our Fortifications which We erected for defense.** Weather Cloudy.

Tuesday 6 : "Left Our Breastworks & marched through the isolated Town, too A place one mile south on the Pike, near **Stones River** where We pichet tents, and cleared away a place for a Camping Ground, Weather Cloudy & cold.

Page 3 : Wednesday, January 7, 1863 : "**Our Camp takes the name of Camp Bradly. Who is now commanding the Brigade. Our Old Commander, Robberts fell on the Battle Field of Stones River, while cheering forward his men. Our Col. was next in Command.** Raining.

Thursday 8 : "Camp is all quiet this Day, cleaning up around Our Tents; Our Camp gard has been done away with at present, which was for so long a time a drudgery & fatiguing part of Our duties; Weather cloudy & cold."

Friday 9 : "All quiet in Camp. **Murfreesboro** all quiet Indications of Rain, and a blustery day. My health is good at present I have been blessed with health and strength all along, thanks be to God from on High."

Page 4 : Saturday, January 10, 1863 : "All is peaceable along the Line in front, no indications of a Rebel to be found, All have fled and sought refuge into the mor Souther Regions of the South. Weather cloudy and Raining again."

Sunday 11 : "Cannonading is heard in front and We are drawn up in line of Battle, on Our Company Ground, but as nothing in the shap of a Reb made its appearance, We stacked Arms and went inside Our Tents. Cloudy."

Monday 12 : "Called up in line of Battle this morning at four A.M. preparitory for an attack. remaining her for about one hour, when no sight of the Enemy comeing We broke Ranks & made Ourselves comfortable once more Weather Cloudy."

Page 5 : Tuesday, January 13, 1863 : "**Camp Bradly** all quiet Our Camp is situated on **Stones River** called so in consequence of it rough & stony course; fixing up Our Tent to shelter us from the cold Damp winds of Spring Weather. Cloudy."

Wednesday 14 : "Went out on Picket to wach for the stealthy Enemy; all is quiet along the Line. **The Rain is falling in torrents all the Day long but We must grin & bare it** the River riseing rapidly two hours on Post & four off."

Thursday 15 : "**Came off Picket All cold & weat. hungry & mad, and partook . of a warm cup of Coffee which revived me up again.** All was silent on the line last Night, no appearance of the Enemy the day passed off quiet, so I lay in the tent."

Page 6 : Friday, January 16, 1863 : "**This morning as I rose to answer to my name at the calling of the Roll I beheld the Ground all covered with Snow, a rarity Here in these Parts this time of the year.** Weather cold & cloudy the Health of the Boys tolerable."

Saturday 17 : "Quietude prevails over the Camp this Day, **sitting in My Tent wileing away the long lonesome hours that accompany so many soldiers who are so far from Home.** Weather cold & Cloudy."

Sunday 18 : "**The Sabbath a Day that ther is so little regard for in the Army passed quiet** and respectably. Our Chaplain back in **Nashville** on duty therefore We have no preaching on the Sabbath Day. Weather Cloudy and cold."

Page 7 : Monday, January 19, 1863 : "All is quiet in Camp this Day of Our Lord 1863, the River going down the Boys drawing Army clothes: the Weather growing more mild and moderate, Cloudy this Day & some symtoms of Rain."

Tuesday 20 : "It fell Our lot to go on Picket this Day, when We picked up Duds & walked. No demonstrations made on the lines this Day: all was quiet. Raining slowly."

Wednesday 21 : "Came off Picket this Day, the greatest quietude prevailed along the Line last Night. My Health is very good, Our Company as well; th Rain has turned too Snow this Day & things begin to look gray."

Page 8 : Thursday, January 22, 1863 : "Camp Bradly all quiet, this Day has been devoted as a general thing to cleaning up Camp & fixing things comfortable, for the Weather's somewhat cold, makeing it unpleasant in Our Old **Sibley Tents** which are well worn."

Friday 23 : "The Camp is active this Day, thing are becomeing more lively as the Camp growed older and the Soldiers revive in Body & spirit. The sky has become clear once more and the sun shines out bright."

Saturday 24 : "Nothing of much impotence this Day. things are going on as usual, the Daily bustle of Camp is not abated; the old rotine of Camp life is going on as in Days thats past by & gone. Some indications of Rain."

Page 9 : Sunday, January 25, 1863 : "This is the Sabbath Day again & all is well -- nothing going on stall, no services; Our Chaplains have all been detailed or lef on furlows, that We dont hhave any Meetings and it is rather dry times. Weather clear."

Monday 26 : "All's quiet in Camp this Day of Our Lord 1863. Our Regiment went out on Battallion Drill and manuvered in splendid stile & true Battle like form; this was the most important feature of the Day, Weather cloudy."

Tuesday 27 : "I woke up and heard the Rain spattering on the Old Tent -- it continues to Rain all Day, no signs of any Rebs about here, Our Picket Lines are never molested, this Day passed off quiet in Camp."

Page 10 : Wednesday, January 28, 1863 : **“This Wednesday morning the cold Ground is covered with Snow; which makes thing rather unpleasant especially for us Who are unprepare, for the cold Neighbor;** the Camp has its usual performances of duty & Drill.”

Thursday 29 : **“This Day finds us most all froze up. the Ground is as hard as if it wer in the colder Regions of the North.** it makes my bothersome Nose cold, & my weary feet feel well their need of Their Shoes, W. Cloudy.”

Friday 30 : “Put on Our Accooterments this morning & went Foraging for the purpose of getting feed for Our Animals; **We met with some resistance 8 miles from here; We had an Artillery duel with them got Our forage & returned not haveing but one man hurt.”**

Page 11 : Saturday, January 31, 1863 : “No day of rest this time for this Day We go on Picket, to wach the live long **Night, the cold Ground for Our Bed;** All was quiet along the Line during the day, the Weather Cloudy, and haveing an appearance of Rain.”

Sunday, February 1 : “Came off Picket this morning at 8 A.M. all was quiet during the Night, was on Picket near the **Shelbyville Pike: Our men fixing the Bridge, that was Burned across Stones River** Weather Rainy.”

Monday 2 : **“Camp Bradly all quiet: nothing of impotence to Write Today, Rations comeing into Murfeesboro by the Car loads; There is there now a monstrous heap of hard Bread & more coming in Daily,** the Weather Cloudy.”

Page 12 : Tuesday, February 3, 1863 : “Picket again this Morning **We have but one Division to gard one quarter of the great Aera of Ground around the Town of Murfreesboro:** this being Our turn for Picket often; Weather Clear & Cold.”

Wednesday 4 : **“Came off Picket duty but no rest: went out 5 miles on the Shelbyville Pike, to help protect a forage Train. that that has been attact by the Rebbels, We went out on double quick time but the Rebs fled at Our approach.”**

Thursday 5 : “Nothing going on in Camp this Day; We are permitted to rest another Forage Train going out on the **Salem Pike** therse a Train going out Daily for Forage for the Mule Teams the Weather boisterous Cloudy and Snowing.”

Page 13 : Friday, February 6, 1863 : “Another Day of rest for the weary Soldier every thing een and about this Place is passing off with the utmost quietude no telling how long it will remain so, the Weather is clear & Cold this Day.”

Saturday 7 : “This Saturday nothing but the Old rotine of Camp is going on this Day **there is 8 men of us in one mess. We have A Debate this evening which is A pleasant past time as well as an intellectual improvement.** Weather clear.”

Sunday 8 : “Nothing going on this Day: but **strict dicipline is observed. We must turn out for roll call three times a Day, in a Sioldiery like manner if not extra duty will be the result.** Weather fine & clear.”

Page 14 : Monday, February 9, 1863 : “Nothing of impotence going on. I have nothing to say this Day but I must fill up with something if it is nothing nor any other man. the Heavens is overhanging with heavy Cloud promiseing Rain.”

Tuesday 10 : “This Day of Our Lord 1863 We went out on Picket on the **West Branch of Stone River** one mile & a half from Camp. no signes of any Rebbles to be seen all passed off quiet Weather Cloudy and some syptoms of Rain.”

Wednesday 11 : “Came off Picket & had a refreshing Breakfast; and lay myself wearily down in my Old straw Bed for to take a rest. all was quiet along the Picket line last Night: the Weather clear & pleasant.”

Page 15 : Thursday, February 12, 1863 : **“This Day We went out Forageing on the Salem Pike about ten miles from this place; the Roads very muddy & the Day Rainy, We got Our forage however & returned without molestation A very irksome task indeed.”**

Friday 13 : “This Day Our whole Brigade went out too **Salem** about four miles south East. her too remain and be on Piquet for seven Days off an on in turnes, then to be relived by another Brigade which will serve the same time & be relived Weather Cloudy.”

Saturday 14 : **“This morning We fixed up Our dog Tents: these tents are calculated for two men, they are very handy and cleaned up.** Our Bunk and Equipments ready for Inspection. the Weather clear & pleasant no trouble on the Line.”

Page 16 : Sunday, February 15, 1863 : “Our Camp all quiet at **Salem** cleaning off Our new Camp ground: **Mr Thompson Mr Burns** & myself took a stroll off through the Woods. was called out this afternoon for the purpose of Drilling. Raining.”

Monday 16 : **“Well. last Night it Rained so hard that the water flowed into Our little Tent We lay into it until We were compelled to evacuate the place and set up the remainder of the Night.** had Co. Drill.”

Tuesday 17 : **“This morning We moved Our Tent out of the mud & Water: but the Rain fell in torrents all Day. well mite We move Our Tent for last Night We were drowned out again & got got up & set on a log all the balence of the Night & my Old Pard put off to the Picket line too a fire.”**

Page 17 : Wednesday. February 18, 1863 : “This Morning the Sun rose clear and the ground soon began too dry off. and the Day was warm & pleasant. so **We went too work and mad a Bunk of Rails determined not to be drowned out again.** all quiet along the line.”

Thursday 19 : “Camp at **Salem** all quiet **the boys got hungry and went out in search of fresh meet They killed a fine fat two year old & brought in same for the satisfying of those of us who were entirely out of meet it went off like hot Cakes.**

Friday 20 : “Drilling is the order of the Day Company Drill in the forenoon an hour Batallion Drill in the afternoon two hours. this is a beatiful place to Drill. it is a nice clover Field covered with green Clover Weather Cloudy.”

Page 18 : Saturday, February 21, 1863 : “Every thing is passing off quietly at this place it commenced Raining again and **I was detailed for outpost duty. at the Old Bridge at stone River and got all weat, but only to dry of again; All for my beloved Country.”**

Sunday 22 : “The Day passed of quiet the Weather clear & cold **stood round the fire most all day, talking over matters & things, remembering this Day as the Aniversary of the Birth of Washing -- had a warm discussion or too and then lay down for the Night.”**

Monday 23 : “The sun rose clear this morning; Our Camp ground muddy and unpleasant, My Health is good thank God.. No molestation yet by the Rebs who have be threatening us for some time at this place. and others as well.

Page 19 : Tuesday, February 24, 1863 : **“Too day Our Regiment was calld upon to accompany a Forage train for forage and a rough time we had through the mud ankle deep , waiding streams & jumping Ditches & striding over logs We at last reached the place, & got forage without molestation.”**

Wednesday 25 : “We were this Day releived from Our Picket duty at **Salem** by a Brigad from **Davis’es Division**: We were glad to be releived and marched back to Our Old Camp near **Murfreesboro.** found it all right. the Weather cloudy.”

Thursday 26 : **“No rest for the Weary, Our Regiment is detailed for Picket duty again,** all is quiet along the line the Rebs not mad Their appearance yet: Our Station is on the west side of **Stones River** -- the Weather Rainy.”

Page 20 : Friday, February 27, 1863 : “Returned too Camp. All was quiet on the line during the Night. This may not be very interesting to my Readers but I am assured it will be to me. the Weather Cloudy and has the appearance of Rain.”

Saturday 28 : “General Inspection & Muster is the order of this Day. Our guns & Bodily appearence & Acooterments must be in perfect order and neatness. every thing passed off quietly. Weather Rainy & Disagreeable.”

Sunday, March 1 : “This Day March the first Our Regiment went Forageing again, out on the **salem Pike,** and pulled corn to fill the Wagons. **got the privilege of riding for the first time,** Weather cloudy.”

Page 21 : Monday, March 2, 1863 : “Now We was payed off four Months pay. I sent my money Home to **David & Nathaniel Tablers.** the amount of thirty Dollars this squares **Uncle sam** & I up to January first the Boy get tight & Camp gard is established.”

Tuesday 3 : “We received Marching orders this Day to go on a scout to a place called Eagleville to see if there were any Rebs there as We heard of Our election for the roll of honor men came off this Day.”

“March 4, moved to Eagleville -- Captain John G. McWilliams commanding Regiment. “

Wednesday 4 : “Started on Our march this morning at 8 A.M. went as far as Salem and halted a short time for the Cavetry and Artillery to come up, then went too within two miles of Eagleville where We camped for the Night.”

Page 22 : Thursday, March 5, 1863 : “Rose at four O.C. this morning and started Our Cavetry went ahead came in contact with some of the Enemy and routed Them taking 40 Prisoners & all Their Camp equipage no one hurt on Our side here We camped for the Night.”

Friday 6 : “We this Day marched 5 miles towards Franklin whare We halted and Our Regiment was detailed for Picket. and remained over Night, Raining very hard and the Roads Muddy, Cannonading at Spring Hill.”

Saturday 7 : “This Day, commenced moveing again at 12 O.C. and marched towards Franklin again 6 miles west of Triune where We Drew D. Rations & marched on a distance of Ten miles where We camped on top of a large Hill.”

Page 23 : Sunday, March 8, 1863 ; “Started at sunrise for Franklin to assist Generel Granger & His small force to operate against the Rebbel Generel Vandorn who has been making demonstrations on that place reached Franklin at 2 P.M. and remained for the Night.”

“On the 8th, moved to Spring Hill; 10th, reached Duck Creek; 11th, Van Dorn crossed Duck River, on pontoons, and Granger returned to Franklin.”

Monday 9 : “Rose this morning early and marched through the Town on Our way south routed a nest of Rebbels at Spring Hill & followed on Their track got into some Honey Beehives, upset them & eat some honey and got the Belly ache,

Tuesday 10 : “Rose and started after the Rebs, overtook Them within five miles of Columbia and halted and formed a line of Battle on a high Hill in sight of the Enemy Rained nearly all Day long very hard. was all weat & cold.

Page 24 : Wednesday, March 11, 1863 : “This morning Our Artillery commenced shelling the Enemy as They were crossing Duck River or Rutherford Creek but Our Generel was too slow and the Rebs made Their escape across the Creek. to Columbia. We lay here all Day long”

Thursday 12 : “Got up at five this morning and took the back track for Franklin again We reached here late in the Evening this was a march of 20 miles. We did not like it much D thing the Rebs got away”

Friday 13 : “We started forward again this morning for Murfreesboro, marched through Triune and Camped two miles south of Knowlsville Pike: haveing made a march of 12 miles. the Weather clear & pleasant.”

Page 25 : Saturday, March 14, 1863 : “Started early this morning for Murfreesboro passed through Eagleville on Our way & reached Our Old Camp late in the Evening tired & weary after a long march of 28 miles the Weather clear & pleasant.”

Sunday 15 : “this Morning the rose on us in the Old Camp Bradly. this scout was very hard on the Boy it being so weat & muddy. and marching on the Pike so far I wore out one Pr. of shoes. & pretty near My own carcass.”

Monday 16 : “All’s quiet on Our side this Day no signs of the Rebbels about this Place I dont know how They are getting along about this time but I suppose They are all right on the goose. so mate it -- be, the Weather Clear & pleasant.”

Page 26 : Tuesday, March 17, 1863 : “on Picket this Day of Our Lord My Co. and Co. H. We do duty together now. both Co.pany’s being so small that it renders their service unsificient for the position they occupy. but now We are about equal to an of the others.”

Wednesday 18 : "Came off Picket this morning tired & sleepy & fatigued & jaded out; took a warm cup of Coffee. lay down to take my ease; all was silent on the line during the Night. no Rebels too be see or heard tell of all have disapeared."

Thursday 19 : "Moved Camp about a mile down the River the whole Picket line drawn in in order that the line may be easily protected and the duty not so laborious. this Day was spent by fixing Our New Camp up in shape"

Page 27 : Friday, March 20, 1863 : "The sun rose clear this morning in this Camp We are rite on the Bank of the River: that is Our Regiment & **the 42nd** this is a pretty place for a Camp & much care is being taken to fit it up nicely. all was quiet during the Day."

Saturday 21 : "Now there is firing on the Picket line in front We are called out; the whole Division in line of Battle one Brigade crossed over on the Bridge in Double quick time & encountered the Enemy and drove Him back with but little loss on Our side Weather Clowdy"

Sunday 22 : "Yesterday after driveing back the Rebs, We returned to camp quietly & in order They fled in haste & were no more heard of. This Day We are on Picket again and a few shots are exchanged in Divers places but too no purpose Weather clear"

Page 28 : Monday, 23, 1863 : "We were reviewed today by **General Rosecrans** & Staff the scene was a delight the whole Div... was out on parade it took one half Day to accomplish this object, & it was to see that every Officer & Soldier was in the bes of trim."

Tuesday 24 : "All is quiet in Camp this Day. I lay myself down to Rest on my Bunk made of Barrel Staves; Raining steadily with the appearance of encreasing towards Night fall. My Health is generally good."

Wednesday 25 : "Camp Drill is the great feature of the Day Our Company now is commanded by **H. A. Buck** that in the first place was Orderly Sergeant. the Boys enjoy themselves very well playing at Ball & piching Horseshoes."

Page 29 : Thursday, March 26, 1863 : "Went out to **saalem** again this Day to take Our turn of Picket duty for five days Our Brigade this is. We piched Our Tents in a beautiful Grove, the two **Regiments 22nd & 27th** went out first on the line."

Friday 27 : "Nothing going on at this place today all quiet along the Picket Line. the Boys six in number went out to a House & Confiscated a Horse & a Mule for Our Services."

Saturday 28 : "This Morning the Sun rose bright & shining but soon became overshadowed by a dense fog which soon brought forth Rain; No symtoms of Rebels this side of **Eagleville** Ten miles from this place."

Page 30 : Sunday, March 29, 1863 : "Last Night there were a few shots fired on the Picket line in front; on the Pike. but the result not known not any cause or reason for it is the general opinion Weather Clowdy & Cold."

Monday 30 : "this Morning the **51st & 42nd** went on the Line to wach for the stealthy Enemy. the Day very cold for this time year in the south the Vegetation not much More forward here than in the North."

Tuesday 31 : "This Day We returned to Our Old camp on **Stone River**. releived by the **first Brigade of General Davis'es Division McCook's Corps: Army of the Cumberland** for a rarity it Snowed for us Today."

Page 31 : Wednesday, April 1, 1863 : "Called out for Batallion Drill this Morning **Capt McWilliams** commanding We had a good Drill and this is April fools Day Who would have thunked it April fool. hee hee .. April fool."

Thursday 2 : "today We had a grand Brigade skirmish Drill, across this Clover Field. Our Artillery was out too; it was a grand sight We performed without chargeing any thing. Weather clear."

Friday 3 : "Putting things through. this forenoon Batallion with Guns & Belts, leaveing the Cartrige'es & Box, in Camp. This afternoon is Dressparade and general Orders read, & Court Martiales & such like."

Page 32 : Saturday, April 4, 1863 : "The utmost tranquility reigns throughout this whole Camp this Day the Trees are beginning to put forth Their green leaves and every thing in Nature smiles. On Picket line again. all quiet along the line."

Sunday 5 : "This Day, the sabbath nothing going on but the usual rotine of Camp performance; this is: Inspection of Person, Arms & Acooterments & whomsomeever nevertheless notwithstanding."

Monday 6 : "Drill again: here is a beautiful place for Drilling & Our Generels are tetermined that We shal not be wanting in the Drilling line of Military disipline, it is good exarsise for the Boys: makes us eat harty."

Page 33 : Tuesday, April 7, 1863 : "Well if I Write nothing but Batallion Drill I will be telling untruth We have Batallion Drill whenever We are not doing any thing else. Batallion Drill this Day I have so much to say about Batallion Drill you may wish to know just what it is"

Wednesday 8 : "Batallion Drill again Batallion is when the Regiment is all Drilling together going through those movements that are most essential in Battle. today while We were out Drilling **Co. K.** graded up their street."

Thursday 9 : "This Thursday the 9th Day of Our Lord 1863 .. the **51st Ill. Vol.** went on Picket to wach as the Old Crane dose while the others are buisily engaged helping themselves or taking their ease unconcious of any thing that is going on about Them."

Page 34 : Friday, April 10, 1863 : "Came off Picket this morning at the usual hour nothing but the shrill noise of Insets & croaking sound of the monster Bull frog heard on the Line last Night. Weather clear warm & pleasant."

Saturday 11 : "Saturdays We do not Drill Sundays also this Day We are cleaning up the Camp of the durt and filth that is so common among the Camps. Dressparade this Evening the Air mild healthful."

Sunday 12 : "This Day sunday We had Company inspection as usual in the Morning then nothing to do the remaining portion of the Day but Reading and Writing & Eating and sleeping & heard a sermon Preached by Our Chaplain."

Page 35 : Monday, April 13, 1863 : "The Sun rose beautiful this Morning & the Drums soon beat to fall in for Batallion Drill. this takes up the forenoon in the afternoon is Dressparade then supper then go & lay down until further orders."

Tuesday 14 : "On Picket, **51st** My post was on the Bank of the Memorable **Stones River** near the **Shelbyville Pike**: there were a few shots exchanged during the Night, but I guess Who ever he was He shot at a mule casuelties not known."

Wednesday 15 : "Came off Picket of course, & I cant tell what all else. I beleive I will wait until tomorrow & see what will turn up. at any rate there is nothing transpireing worthy of note here today: the Weather is clear & cool."

Page 36 : Thursday, April 16, 1863 : "Well this is Our Day for Batallion Drill I tell you this Army is getting Drill enough if that is all They need this place will never will be forgotten by me. while I live, for its Batallion Brigade & Company Drills"

Friday 17 : "This Day We had something new, if I dont care what I say Batallion Drill: this afternoon Our Division **General Sheridan** was presented with a Beautiful Sword, Saddle & Pital's I was up to see it, Weather clear"

Saturday 18 : "All quiet on **Stone River**, had hard Tack & sow belle for breakfast and Batallion Drill for Dinner & Dressparade for supper, sautible for a soldier; or any other man Who cant help it Weather clear."

Page 37 : Sunday, April 19, 1863 : "This Sunday went to Meeting and heard a well preached sermon by the Col. of the **73rd Regt. Ill.** this is a smart man, and just the man for to command a Regiment had inspection also Weather warm & pleasant"

Monday 20 : "This Day is Our turn to go to **Salem** again off We go with bag & Baggage. this time to stay six Days instead of five We releived the **2nd Brigade of Gen.. Johnsons Division, the 22nd & 27th** went on Post first"

Tuesday 21 : "Today the **51st & 42nd** releive the other two. here We only have one Nights rest Each for six Days then We suppose We will be releived and return too Our Old Camp again We have two **Quaker Guns** on the Pike to scare the Rebs. They think they are cannons."

Page 38 : Wednesday, April 22, 1863 : "Quietude prevails through the vicinity of **Salem** and **Murfreesboro** A Brigade wen out scouting on this that We are doing garard on They have met with no risistence as yet heard from Weather cloudy."

Thursday 23 : "The Sun rose clear high over the Tree Tops and bid for a pleasant Day. all is quiet along the Line the Soldiers in good Health & fine spirits and ready for any emergency."

Friday 24 : "I dont know what to Write for this Days transaction. this is and old story but its new, all is quiet along Our Picket line at **Salem** came off the Line this Morning Weather warm & pleasant"

Page 39 : Saturday, 25, 1863 : "Packed up and left for Our Old **Stone River** Camp at 10 A.M. and arrived at the

same at a quarter past Eleven having marched 3 miles Our Same Old relief relieved us this time as heretofore.”

Sunday 26 : “Cleaning up the Old Camp which has been exposed so much sine Our absence. Washing Clothes & such lik soldiery nessaried Writing those Letter of which I should have Wrote only for the inconvenience of after Days”

Monday 27 : “This Day Our Sibly Tents were taken from us & in turn was given two halves of what They call when it is put together a Shelter Tent Its just large enough for two Persons Each takeing care of one half. We put it together & got into it but felt rather cheap.”

Page 40 : Tuesday, April 28, 1863 : “Last Night it Rained very heavy pelting down upon Our little Tent as if to sever it into peises but it withstood the Battle nobly & came of conquer in the end keeping the two lonesome weary subalterns free from the pelting Rain.”

Wednesday 29 : “Our Camp Field of little Tents look beautiful I and My Old Pard Edward Burns; are enjoying Ourselves with all the Boys here I almost forgot We had Batallion Drill Weather cloudy and symtoms of Rain.”

Thursday 30 : “Went on Picket this morning at 7 A.M. Met with no trouble thare. all quiet troughout the whole region, on Post under a large nice Peach Tree with no fruit on it waching for the Rebs, but none made their appearance.”

Page 41 : Friday, May 1, 1863 : “Last Night while on Picket post I heard a few shots fired out on the Pike then the fierce barking of Dogs and hurried scampering of Horses: but the result I am loth to make known. returned to Camp & found every thing in its place”

Saturday 2 : “This Day We must get ready for Inspection Brigade Inspection with Knapsacks on; well in short all harnessed up ready for show. Co. K was the most respectable looking Company in the Regiment. Weather cloudy.”

Sunday 3 : “This Day I heard two sermons Preached tended class meeting & the Bible Class I was also over to see the Boys in the 86th Ill Regt. first Brigade of Our Division. appeared out also on Our Company street for the usul weekly Inspection. Weather pleasant”

Page 42 : Monday, May 4, 1863 : “A warm Day this. My Pardner is on fatigue helping clear up the Regimental Color line while I am takeing My ease inside the Tent Reading & Writing; all is quiet on the Picket line Weather Rainy”

Tuesday 5 : “Heavy Rain last Night the Air cool & damp this morning; this is Brigade Drill this Day not Batallion; We kept in line beautiful while marching in Battle array across the 80 Acre Field.”

Wednesday 6 : “This morning cool with occational showers, Enclosed Our Camp with Cedars making things look green. last Nigh the was one of the Cavalry vedetts kill by the Enemy while on wach; on the Shelbyville Pike. Weather cold & Rainy.”

Page 43 : Thursday, May 7, 1863 : “Went this Morning out on the Picket line no disturbance out thare all passed of quietly two hours on Post and two on reserve Post and then four back at the main reserve; this Day I was Rained on again”

Friday 8 : “Came off Picket in good health & fine spirits there was some firing last Night on the Middleton Road. very dark, all Night very conflicting News from the Rapahannack & rather unsatisfactory W. cloudy.”

Saturday 9 : “This is the aniversary of Our defeat at Farmington I sent My Dress Coat to Nashville for storage Stiring news from the Army of the Potomac. Night cold & Days warm. Nothing interesting going on today Camp quiet my Health good.”

Page 44 : Sunday, May 10, 1863 : “This morning had Company inspection at 9 A.M. We heard that Richmond had fallen and gave three cheers for Generel Hooker & His Army. went to hear Our Chaplain this afternoon. He spoke well the Weather cloudy.”

Monday 11 : “Brigad Drill in the forenoon and Dress parade in the afternoon We were highly honored by the visitation of some Chicago Ladies; the first Ive saw of the fair sex (since I left Home:) of the North. Weather warm”

Tuesday 12 : “Nothing of impotence transpired this Day. going through same Old Camp performences such as Roll call three times a day Brigade Drill Dressparade & .. went to Class meeting this Evening had a pleasant

time Weather cloudy”

Page 45 : Wednesday, May 13, 1863 : “Got up in a hurry and got ready to go on Picket. My Post was in the same place as before under the Old barren Peach Tree here I spent another turn of Picket duty, in the utmost care it Rained on Me too.”

Thursday 14 : “Returned to Camp this morning weary worn with care & took a warm drink of coffee & felt better all was quiet along the line last Night. Dressparade this Evening Weather rather unpleasant I dont feel real well.”

Friday 15 : “This is a Day for all creation including the rest of Mankind: Brigade Drill for two hours then Dressparade in the Evening. I dont feel very well but able for my duty Weather warm”

Page 46 : Saturday, May 16, 1863 : “Well I guess We will have to Drill again. Drill the Officers I mean: since the great Battle there has been men promoted that did not know any thing about Military and They must be Drilled Weather warm & pleasant”

Sunday 17 : “We had inspection of Arms and equipment no news of impotence from the Army of the Potomac; all is quiet along Our lines. the Air is mild and pleasant the Sun beams out warm and pleasant.”

Monday 18 : “I was this Morning unable to go with the Regiment on Picket the first time for several months & I hope it will be the last time nothing the matter only I Eat too much I have taken a Doce of salts & I guess I will come all out straight.”

Page 47 : Tuesday, May 19, 1863 : “Returned to Camp this morning the Regiment did and all is quiet, My Health is mending, Murfreesboro is getting a buisness place, and why should it not be as the whole Army’s supplies casues too it for distribution”

Wednesday 20 : “Brigade Drill this pleasant Morning just to settle our Breakfast thats all. and it did that too for We wer drilled in the charging’s & double quicked it most all the time. We were through the exorcise.”

Thursday 21 : “Well I dont know who I will Write for today but any how We had to Drill three times Skirmish Drill Company Drill and Brigade Drill then the is some talk of marching orders Weather clear & helthy I am able for duty again.”

Page 48 : Friday, May 22, 1863 : “Going on Picket this pleasant morning all quiet along the Line but all Our Regiments of Our Division ready to march with three Days Rations in Harnesacks to reinforce Our Troops at Franklin if need be the Rebs attack Franklin but repulsed”

Saturday 23 : “All quiet along the whole line. Yesterday the fourth Regulare Cavalry surprised and captured almost a whole Rebbel Camp their Commander got away but fled in His Night clothes 200 men & 400 Horses captured”

Sunday 24 : “This morning I with others were detailed to go and work on the Fortifications the order was countermanded an We returned to Camp to do it some future Day. My Health is good again the Weather warm & dusty A rumor of a great Battle in Mississippi”

Page 49 : Monday, May 25, 1863 : “Went this Morning and worket hard all Day on the west side of Murfreesboro dishing the Convalescent Camp & cleaning up generally I sweat like a Pack Mule all Day and the ground being dusty the Wind swept the Dust over clouds all Day”

Tuesday 26 : “Went on Picket this morning as usual A few shots fired but not at the Enemy, good and reliable news from the Army of the Mississippi of Grant giveing Them Their cheese down there closing in on Vicksburg W. warm.

Wednesday 27 : “Came off Picket this Morning at the usual hour all was quiet on the line last Night the Weather Warm and pleasant: more glorious news from Generel Grants Army. got a Butter Cracker as my portion of a quantity sent to the Regt. by the Chicago Ladies.”

Page 50 : Thursday, May 28, 1863 : “This Day We were excused from Drill that We mite fix a shack over Our Tents too keep the sun of for it is getting warm: the Bombardment of Vicksburg going on. the Weather cloudy and some sytoms of Rain.

Friday 29 : “Last Night Rained this Morning We mmarched too Salem again and releived the Picket’s that were here, in good season: Nothing of impotence to Write today but all quiet along the Salem Picket line.”

Saturday 30 : “Went out on the line this Morning as 5 A.M. & releived Our other two Regiments, took Our

Old Post on the Pike by the Brick House Nothing strange transpired since Our former visit Raining today.”

Page 51 : Sunday, May 31, 1863 : “This is the Sabbath Day returned to camp behind the Breastworks made of logs. the Timber most all cut off here. had a pleasant meeting in the Woods. My Health is good, this a Rainy Day. all quiet @ Salem”

Monday, June 1 : “Went out on the line again My Post into a Wheatfield with no fence around it there’s deep feeling of anxiety among us here of the fate of Vicksburg all is quiet along the Picket line at Salem”

Tuesday 2 : “This Morning there rose a heavy Thunder shower in the southeast and passed over Weating us completely. We were relieved from Our Salem Picket today by the first Brigade of Our Division. We returned to Old Camp Shaeffer.”

Page 52 : Wednesday, June 3, 1863 : “This morning all commotion got orders to get ready to marched immediately with three Days Rations in Harversacks for in Knapsacks and five on the Waggons. but did not march this Day All is peaceable on the lines”

Thursday 4 : “Cannonading along this Morning We are all ready for the attack with twelve Days rations. Old Secesher whoever He was though He would draw off & wait a while no casuelties worthy of notation. Weather mild”

Friday 5 : “We rose bright & early this morning folded Our Blankets and got ready for the march & lay down on the Old Bunk. until the Dinner call was beat; the (?) waited & waited until Evening came on. and as We have learned, lay down night”

Page 53 : Saturday, June 6, 1863 : “Took charge of the Cooking and to serve one Week no marching yet; all is quiet today, the news from Vicksburg very encourageing The Rebbel Strong hold holds out heavily against unconditional surrender Grant all quiet on the line”

Sunday 7 : “All quiet on the Cumberland appeared on inspection with full uniform, The War news generally favorable and interesting, witnessed the earnest occation of the Baptism of 24 late converts that put on Christ’s Uniform in the Army.”

Monday 8 : “This pleasant Morning There is a death lik silence throughout the whole Camp as similar to a calm before a great storm Batallion Drill in the forenoon Dressparade in the afternoon and Meeting in the Evening Weather cloudy”

Page 54 : Tuesday, June 9, 1863 : “All quiet in Camp shaeffer this Day and all passed off very well but for some mismanagement of the Comisary Department I fell short of Bacon too cook for the We went without for two Days, then the twelve Days issue was run out and We Drew Rations again”

Wednesday 10 : “This Day was mostly spent in reviewing Our Brigade was reviewed by the Col. commanding Weather blustery & Rainy all quiet along the line War news from the South interesting and encourageing Bombardment of Vicksburg going on faverable.”

Thursday 11 : “We heard this Day that the Rebbel stronghold on the Mississippi. was in possession of Our Troops. Brigade Drill in the forenoon and Skirmish drill in the afternoon all quiet along the line my Health very good.”

Page 55 : Friday, June 12, 1863 : “All quiet on Stone River. all quiet in Camp Shaeffer. They on the East side of Murfreesboro are in good health Crittendens Corps; He is on the lef of the Army of the Cumberland. McCook on the right & Thomas the center.”

Saturday 13 : “This Day is a Day that will long be remembered by some. Twentyfive Christian Converts the River Bank was crowed with Hundreds of soldiers to witness the scene. No news of any impotence from the South all is quiet in Camp.”

Sunday 14 : “Packed Our kit and marched too Salem for Picket. We relieved the first Brigade of Our Division; & quit an accident hapened one of the Men of the 27th Ill. He was killed by a limb falling from the top of a large Tree. all quiet along the line at Salem.”

Page 56 : Monday, June 15, 1863 : “The Weather warm & pleasant nothing going on but the usual observance of a soldiers life last Night it Rained very heavy, all quiet in front Seargent Hills who was wounded, taken Prisoner & Parolled at the Battle of Stone River is to report to St louis.”

Tuesday 16 : “This morning We appeared in inspection Co. K had the best looking Arms & Equipments in

the Regiment: a report of **General Lee** moving north into the **State of Penn.** Nothing of importance to not down today. Weather moderately mild & helthful”

Wednesday 17 : “Some firing on the out Post but to no avail: nothing to tell you of today. no news from **Vixksburg** but the seige going on favorably **Lees Army** reported invading **Pennsylvania**; it Rained on **Edward L. Tabler Co. K 51st Ill. Vol.**.. but did’nt hurt Him as He has got ust to it.”

Page 57 : Thursday, June 18, 1863 : “All here and about **Salem** in perfect quietude: No Rebs within demonstrative distance of this Place and if They were it would be shear nonsense to undertake any thing for the Yankees have been groing too fat and saucy for the last four or five months W. clear.”

Friday 19 : “This Morning finds Me on Picket Post paceing back and forth waching for the stealthy Enemy; had a mess of **Dewberrys** A berry not known to Me before I came into the service of the **United States** Rained again in the afternoon all quiet on the line”

Saturday 20 : “We were releived this morning by the **88th Regiment Ill. Vol.** from the **first Brigade of Our Division** We are now releived from Our Picket duty at **salem** once more returned Old **Camp Shaeffer** on **Stones River**: the War News from the **Mississippi** favorable Weather fare.”

Page 58 : Sunday, June 21, 1863 : “All quiet in Camp I witnessed again the solemn occation of **Baptism**, sixteen new Converts Who had desired to be Baptised. the performance passed off quietly: Our Chaplain done the solemn duty as there was none other here; the Revival going on”

Monday 22 : “**Company K 51st** complimented by **General McCook** for their neatness and soldiery appearance while on parade. no War news of much importance this Day but what there is is favorable all quiet on **Stones River** Weather clear and warm.”

Tuesday 23 : “Got marching orders again but did not go and finally had Batallion Drill nothing transpireing worthy of note; all is quiet along the Pick line in front it is supposed We will move sout when We go & grive the Rebbels hoards from **Tennessee** Weather clear”

**“June 24, Twentieth Corps moved down the
Shelbyville Pike; 27th marched to Beach’s Grove.”**

Page 59 : Wednesday, June 24, 1863 : “The Army moveing at last southward Our Division & Our Brigade took the lead on the **Shelbyville Pike**, the Others followed on closely. after marching six miles We encountered the Rebs at **Liberty Gap** driveing Them slowly until We were releived. Raining all Day long”

Thursday 25 : “Marched across towards the **Manchester** as far as **Millersville**. Raining very heavy heavy firing in front the Enemy being being driven inch by inch all is quiet with us **Davises Division** **Johnsens** in the fight the Enemy driven from the Gap”

Friday 26 : “heavy Cannonading in front, with musketry prepared to march at nine in the forenoon and it commenced Raining very hard when We started in the midst of it in the mud and water ankle deep after a miles marching We halted for a short time and returned to the last nights camping ground”

Page 60 : Saturday, June 27, 1863 : “Marched East to the **Manchester Pike**, Passed through **hoovers Gap** where We had a pretty severe fight; I witnessing the Graves as I passed along went so far as **Beech grove** whare We halted to gard the Train (**51st**) and camped for the night fighting going on in front. Rained all Day.

Sunday 28 : “Rose early this morning & set out with the Wagon train for **Manchester** a distence of 13 miles this was a pretty wearisome march; We reach the Place at 4 P.M. and stack arms then fled like panting Cattle for the River, (**Duck Run**) the Rebs fleeing Rain most all Day”

Monday 29 : “Started for **Tulahamma** in the midst of a drenching Rain We waided creeks paddled through sloughs with almost no end Raining all the while; after a march of 6 or 7 miles We halted for the Night: pretty tired Cannonading in front the Rebbels **flanked** & getting away”

Page 61 : Tuesday, June 30, 1863 : “Our Division lay here most all Day, marched about a mile forward halted and made a nest of leaves for the Nights rest Our Regiment on Picket in the forenoon Raining again today the Enemy making Their way southery Our Boys chasing Them”

“July 1, enter Tullahoma, which had been evacuated

the night before. Joined in the pursuit of the enemy to Elk River, Winchester and Cowan, Bragg retreating over the Cumberland Mountains, and across the Tennessee River. Remained at Cowan until the 9th, then ascending the mountains, encamped on the summit on the site of 'Southern University.'

Wednesday, July 1 : "This weat & muddy Morning We marched into Tulahamma without resistance. the Place well fortified. and but for a flank movement We would not be here today the Rebbel force here 2500 Our rations have been taken to supply Those in front, We are on half Rations."

Thursday 2 : "This Morning We started in persuit of the Enemy towards the Winchester; went to Elk River and found the Bridge Burned. but off with Our Equipment & breasted Her through: it being Waist deep and camped for the Night. Prisoners comeing in & givinge Themselves up"

Page 62 : Friday, July 3, 1863 : "Up and off again this morning on the Rebbel track passed through Winchester about 10 A.M. and kept moveing until We brough up at a place on the Nashville & Chatanooga R.R. called Cowan here We halted for the night. tis Day I Waded two Rivers takeing Me most too the Waist, 12m Rainy & muddy"

Saturday 4 : "Here I celebrated the fourth of July on Picket duty Hoatlings Battery, & the eleventh Indiana Battery fired the National salute notwithstanding it Rained most of the Day: the Rebbels Deserters keep comeing in & surrendering up all."

Sunday 5 : "A funerel caused by the Death of a Lieutenant of the Kentucky Cavalry killed by the Enemy in front, in a brisk skermish: this is a Day of rest much called for. Raining again of which it seems there'se no end the Enemy just made Their escape and thats all."

Page 63: Monday, July 6, 1863 : "The 51st & 42nd went Forageing and run round all Day through the mud Rain & water for a distance of fifteen miles found nothing. came back halfway to Camp & halted for the Night I slept on a Rail: & got up in the morning none the worst here was a boiling spring"

Tuesday 7 : "This morning We loaded Our Train and returned too Cowan Station on the R. Road: it Rained very heavy again; the fall of Vixburg reported & fireing salutes for the glorious Victory acheived by Grant & His victors : Tired We were indeed this Evening and lay Down to rest"

Wednesday 8 : "I was detailed for Picket this morning the Regiment not going out but a detail. the news of Vixburg confirmed Rained on Me all Day again My Picket post was over the Arms liveing on half Rations yet all quiet at Cowan. War News generully encourageing."

Page 64: Thursday, July 9, 1863 : "Called off the Picket line this morning too get ready to march again. and it was a march too such as you dont red of. up onto the Cumberland Mountains to a Place called the University of the South for here was the corner stone already layed."

Friday 10 : "Pulled up my stakes & started again southward toward Bridgeport. went about 7m & halted for this Day Company R K got lost on the R.R. but came out all right in the end here is whare a Murrel killed Wood & threw Him over the Precipise"

Saturday 11 : "This Day was spent in picking Huckleberries and resting Our weary limbs ther is but Our Brigade on this Mountain the others being lef back at Cowan it is the opinion that We can go no further until the R.Road is fixed in consequence of Provisions"

Page 65 : Sunday, July 12, 1863 : "I spent this Day on Picket and a Rainy one it was to. the 22nd & 27th went forward 3 or 4 miles and cleared out the Road of fellen Trees We heard good news from the East, Generel Mead is routing the Rebbel Hoards. We wer releived at 8 P.M. from Picket"

Monday 13 : "All was quiet at this place on the Mountain. the Boys picking Berryies the Deserters are comeing in in squads: the Citizens here are very destitute of the nessaries of Life : this Day We find Ourselves in the Rain but warm and pleasant"

Tuesday 14 : "On account of bad Roads & no Forage to be found in the Country where whith to subsist. We returned to University Station and here We this Day got whole Rations for the first time for 20 days I was getting Poor. now get out of the way Rations Weather Rainy"

Page 66 : Wednesday, July 15, 1863 : "On Picket this Day on the Rail Road. had a mess of Berries: last Night some longfingered pilfering Thief or Thieves tore down or knocked down the corner Stone of the University of the South and took out the contents whatever was in it is dun gon up"

Thursday 16 : "All quiet on the mountain the Weather cold as the month of March would be down in the Valley. heard of the surrender of Port Hudson; I am enjoying myself well: the Health of the Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade very good

Friday 17 : "Nothing of impotence takeing place Today the Citizens coming in with Berries to barter for Coffee & sugar I had a mess of Black Berries no less desired tended conference Meeting and had a good time General Sheridans offers a sword for the mand that upset the corner stone."

Page 67 : Saturday, July 18, 1863 : "Reading & takeing My ease this Day; all quiet on the Cumberland Mountains the Cars came through too Cowan station bringing Rations for the Army War news very favorable and interesting: Weather warm and pleasant."

Sunday 19 : "This Morning the 51st & 42nd was detailed to go out scouting We wen south out the Bridgeport Road 8 miles; halted; formed a line of Battle. Co. K & H went on Picket from the left wing of the 51st the 42nd made a deatil for Picket and here We spent the Night."

Monday 20 : "Her'se your Mule. so We marched back to University & thowed off Our things for another part of a Days rest. We met with no resistance last Night, all was quiet along Our front; the Weather continues fine Health good"

Page 68 : Tuesday, July 21, 1863 : "All quiet on the mountains at University. got some soap for to was my Shirt for the first time since I left Camp Shaeffer at Murfreesboro. there are beautiful springs here called the Barchaebly Springs last night it Rained slightly"

Wednesday 22 : "All quiet on the Mountains a detail was taken from Our Regiment to go after the Paymaster when the gards came home in the Evening They brought to Me, told to Them by Mr Parks, the sad news of the death of My friend Mr Hunt of the 86th Ill."

Thursday 23 : "This Day all is quiet along the Picket line the corner stone being marble the Boys are pecking it all to peices, and makeing trophys of It: were Payed four months this Day. I sent my money Home by Mr Raymond Our Chaplain"

Page 69 : Friday, July 24, 1863 : "This Day the left of Our Regiment is detailed for Picket Our Knapsacks has not come from Murfreesboro yet consequently We are without tent and other nessary things that are much needed in Camp the Picket post changed had some Berries to concentrate to my hunger"

Saturday 25 : "Came off Picket this beautiful morning. all was quiet on the line during the Night Deserters keep comeing War news favorable: Weather cool and pleasant I dont know any further of any thing worthy note spending My time in Reading"

Sunday 26 : "This sabbath the 26th day of Our Lord 1863. Our Chaplain gave us a farewell adress before going North it was very interesting to hear We held this meeting under the great shed or work shop made for the purpose of working under while building the great southern University"

Page 70 : Monday, July 27, 1863 : "This is a lazy Day among the soldiers, nothing going on but the usual rotine of Camp life: the Chaplain started north I gave Him an half Dollar to defray His expenses as He said it costumary for the Boys to do."

Tuesday 28 : "The left wing of Our Regiment went on Picket enjoyed Myself finely I & Corporal Riley got permission to go Berrying I ate Berries until the hard Crackers & Bacon was no enticement f to Me for dinner. Weather clear."

Wednesday 29 : "Came off Picket in good health and fine spirits all was quiet along the line My post was under a great Chestnut Tree received marching orders with three Days Rations, Dressparade this Evening War news favorable"

"July 30, moved to Bridgeport, Alabama."

Page 71 : Thursday, July 30, 1863 : "The long roll beat this morning at 8 in the morning and next thing We were off for Bridgeport Alabamma went as far as Battle Creek & halted for the Night a distance of 18 miles. We came

through a great Valley between two mountains called the Lost Cove Raining.

Friday 31 : "Up and off for the town of Bridgeport and when We reached the place on the Tennessee River there was no place because the Rebs has burned It. also the Bridge over the River here the Rebs were in sight on the other side and We had a chat with them."

Saturday, August 1 : "All quiet at this Place Our Regiment went on Picket at 1 P.M. the country round here is free from Gurillas Our Boys & the secesh Pickets are talking backward & forward most at all times and bout a little of everything cleaning up Our Camp Ground"

Page 72 : Sunday, August 2, 1863 : "Nothing much transpireing today all quiet around the Camp: the Cars came through and excited great indignation the Rebbels on the other side the Rive came out from behind Their defenses to see what the Yankees were doing."

Monday 3 : "All was quiet during the Night. I was made to rejoice this Day because Our Knapsacks came too us I will have a Blanket to lie on once more; my thing were all safe and just as I packed them at Murfreesboro."

Tuesday 4 : "Fixing a Shade over Our Tents a very warm day I got two Teeth pulled that have been bothering for the last six months, went into the Wood & cut Poles to cover over Our Tents street; some Deserters swam the Rive & give Themselves up"

Page 73 : Wednesday, August 5, 1863 : "All is perfect quietude at this place on the Tennessee Our Camp here is situated on a high Bluff on the Bank of the River this is/was well fortified and prepared for resistance; but the Rebs as at other places, were scared out of it; then Burned the great Bridge 600 yds in length"

Thursday 6 : "I cannot Write any thing that will be interesting to read and how a death like silence reigns throughout the whole Camp; Our Boys trying to converse with the Rebbels but They refuse to talk They say They are afraid We will shoot Them"

Friday 7 : "The left of Our Regiment went on Picket all is quiet on the Picket line Major General Rosecranz came up here to see us for the first time on his little Dummie returned again in the Evening too Stevenson the Weather mild & pleasant"

Page 74 : Saturday, August 8, 1863 : "We are this Day reinforced by two Regiments of the first Brigade there is now here two Brigades of Sheridans Division the other is back at Stevenson 8 miles from here: Citizens bringing in Their Fruit for sale: Clear weather and warm"

Sunday 9 : "A flag of truce went over the River for the purpose of takeing over the Rebber General Andersons Mother all passed of quietly inspection of Arms had a conference meeting. enjoyed Myself well; good health the great Boon of a soldiers life."

Monday 10 : "This is another day that there was nothing transpired but the rotine of Camp life. We are takeing Our ease reading and Writing etc. all is absolute quietness alon the Picket lines the Weather clear and warm the Day well spent."

Page 75 : Tuesday, August 11, 1863 : "Went on Picket this Day all was quiet in and about this place Our Company & Company H take one Post on the stevenson Road with (?) out post's received marching orders with three Days Rations in Harvesacks for or five on the Wagon & two Pr. of shoes about the Person"

Wednesday 12 : "No marching yet no orders to go yet only to be ready all is quiet in Camp Roberts this Camp is named Camp Roberts in memory of Our brave General that fell at Stone River. had Dressparade this Evening every thing went of quiet"

Thursday 13 : "Camp all quiet on the Tennessee in Alabamma fired off Our guns that We mite clean them. & get ready for inspection. a change in the Weather it Rained a quiete a refreshing shower and laid the Dust the health of the Boys are good."

Page 76 : Friday, August 14, 1863 : "All quiet in Camp Roberts Our Lieutenant had his pants stolen with \$25.00 in them; an Officer of the Day of the Rebbels came over to Our side. Deserted the Rebs & run away said He was tired of Their skuldugery there was some men came with Him also."

Saturday 15 : "Last night the Rebs left Island & Burned the other Bridge across the south Branch between twelve & One Oclock at night Our Gard gave the alarm when the Artillery opened on them with great fury but They were gone & We got no reply."

Sunday 16 : "This morning the Bridge was stil smokeing and not a rebbel to be seen all is quiet again; why They burned the Bridge a Deserter told. They thought the Yanks were comeing and gave the alarm and the Tar &

Turpentine that was on the Bridge was touched off”

Page 77 : Monday, August 17, 1863 : “The Sun rose brilliant this Morning: and all is well in Camp. Commenced Writing up this Book. this Day the 17th 1863. (?); hope I may not be laboring in vain, I consider; in future it may be of some interest to me”

Tuesday 18 : “**Camp Robberts** is all quiet this Day Deserters still coming and report the Rebel Army as being in a destitute condition. an Old Veteran soldier Deserted Them yesterday the Weather quite warm.”

Wednesday 19 : “Went on Picket and received orders to pack up every thing preparatory to marching: two Prs. of shoes must be kept about Our Person: one on three feet, the other on the Back. with the expectation of a long march”

Page 78 : Thursday, August 20, 1863 : “Came off Piquet this Our Tents standing Our **Knapsacks** was not gone as We expected they would be. & no signs of moving yet. Our Quartermaster sent after a new lot of Clothes and I suppose We are waiting Their arrival.”

Friday 21 : “No go yet lay in here in perfect quietude. **Generels Rosecrans & Stanly & McCook** came up from **Stevenson**, and mounted Horses and went down the River about five miles to visit the place & plan out for a crossing.”

Saturday 22 : “This Day of Our Lord 1863 We had some Clothing come through to us. there was also some Lumber come to fix the Bridge the Sharpshooters went over & scoured the **Island** but nothing was to be found except a few deserters. Whom They brought over.”

Page 79 : Sunday, August 23, 1863 : “Last night there was a Rebel Train Burned on the Rail Road with some Cannonading, We the Battle impending had already commenced **General Rosecrans** came up to look out a crossing a place to lay the **Pontoons**; tended Divine Services.”

Monday 24 : “**Camp Roberts** all alive and in a whurry about Our Marching orders War news & rumors & reports generally. the first Brigade sent over four Companys onto the Island to scout about and the Rebel Picket fired at Them whe Our Cannons opened on Them causing great scatterment”

Tuesday 25 : “Stil here at **Camp Robberts** this is a cool day **General Rosecrans** came up again from **Stevenson His Headquarters** with a squad of Cavalry and went out towards **Jasper** to visit that portion of His Army: We are jubilent the Evening over the news of the fall of **Charleston S.C.**”

Page 80 : Wednesday, August 26, 1863 : “No go yet all is quiet on the **Tennessee Gen Rosecrans** Came up again to look around: Preparing to build the Bridge more Lumber came in on the Train; I was on guard last night over the field Officers Horses. Weather cool.”

Thursday 27 : “The left five Companys of Our Regiment on Picket. nothing going on unordinary or uncommon ther was 25 Deserters came in from the **Coal Mines** on the other side the River also the superintendent of the digings Who is a very intelligent man.”

Friday 28 : “All was quiet along the line last Night: two **Dummy's** came up today bringing three or four Major Generels: the whole **27th Regt.** was out choppin & gettin out Timbers for the Bridge, every thing going on lively: War news favorable Ect. Ect. Etc.”

Page 81 : Saturday, August 29, 1863 : “The **22nd Regiment** went chopping Timber to fix the Bridge; two Regiments of Cavalry c forded the River one above & one below this place; all is quiet in and about **Bridgeport**; I am taking it easy spending My time in Reading Weather cool.”

Sunday 30 : “Last Night there were 4 **Pontoons** came up from **Stevenson**; was on Picket this Day. all quiet along the line, sat on a large rotten Log & ate My Dinner; Weather clear **gave 15 cts for the Cincinnati Paper for one Week.**”

Monday 31 : “Last Night 28 **Pontoons** came through and are being launched in the River this Morning; Men very busy putting up the Bridge. A report afloat that **Chattanooga** is evacuated, **last Night while on Picket post I engaged a Possom, & came out victorious**”

Page 82 : Tuesday, September 1, 1863 : “Was detailed to go into the Woods to help load Bridge Timber, & got My hand hurt then was detailed as orderly for the **Courts Martial**. Cars bringing in Bridge Timber & Rations the Troops are coming in two men drowned in the River.”

“September 2, crossed Tennessee River, and moved to foot of Sand Mountain. September 4, ascended the mountain.”

Wednesday 2 : “Packed up & was off at 10 A.M. the Bridge after all the Troops had crossed and the heavy Baggage Wagons came on gave way letting them into the Water but no lives lost. We marched about 4 miles & halted for the Night.”

Thursday 3 : “Lay all Day waiting for the reparation of the Bridge and for Negley’s Division to get out the way up Raccoon Mountain there was 4 Horses killed by overheating Some Families very destitute A man thrown off His horse & near killed. some Deserters came in.”

Page 83 : Friday, September 4, 1863 : “This Morning We left Hog Jaw Valley. Our Brigade going ahead & marched up Raccoon Mt. a distance of one mile & a quarter this was uphill buisness, but did not check the progress of Our Infatry, but the Train was double teamed; the Bridge broke down again: We marched until Neglys Division was overtaking whare We halted for the Night.”

“5th, moved to Trenton, Georgia; 6th and 7th, marched down to Lookout Valley;”

Saturday 5 : “Marched forward today, Our Company was left in the rear to gard the Ambulence, and did not get into Camp until dark; & tired and weary We lay down for the Night: Our march to-day was on Raccoon Mt. until Night drew nigh and We decended the Mt. into the Valley whare We camped the Night Road very dusty.

Sunday 6 : “The 2nd Brigade on the lead We moved forward as far as Lookout Creek. in the Valley of Lookout Mountain & a distence of 9 m.; whare We camped for the Night. The Road very dusty: War news favorable We are marching toward Rome Georgia.”

Page 84 : Monday, September 7, 1863 ; “Moved forward again a distance of 5 miles, whare We halted for this Day The Citizens turning out to resist the Invaders: the Bridge burned in front; and the Enemy reported in force on the opisite side. Two Divisions moveing on this Road.”

Tuesday 8 : “Did not move this Day: lay still waiting orders and forageing something to eat, and had inspection in order that every mans Ammunition should be preserved and in good order: Poleiceing up Our Company Ground the Weather warm & dry

Wednesday 9 : “Was detailed to go to Stevenson as a gard with the supply Train I rode most all day over the rough & Dusty Road. and went on Picket at Night. did not reach Stevenson this Day made 25 m.

“10th, to Winston’s Gap;”

Page 85 : Thursday, September 10, 1863 : “Rose early and was off: reached the Town at 10 A.M. and loaded up and was off again for the Army; did not get up Sand Mt. this Evening on account of Our heavy load. was obliged to double team p this Mt.”

“11th, Alpine, Georgia;”

Friday 11 : “Got up the Mt. about Noon. today & made 10 m. and Camped for the Night. The Road very Dusty I walked all the way this day & carried My Arms. because most of the Boys got tight and did not attend to Their duty.”

Saturday 12 : “Decended the Mountain this morning on Our way to the front, the Army moveing towards Alpine We reached Valley Head at 4 P.M. and Camped for the Night. reports & rhumors of a fight in front.

Page 86 : Sunday, September 13, 1863 : “Went up Lookout Mountain on Our way to the front. went to within two miles of the foot of this Mt. and halted in consequence of the expectation of a Battle. We rested here for a while and went back two miles and Camped.”

“14th, marched up Lookout Valley; 15th, from

Stevens' Gap to McElmore's Cove.

Monday 14 : "Our Troops changing Their Position. this Day I joined the Regiment and We marched North: Decended the Mountain at 10 A.M. and ad a long march of 23 m. through the dust whare some places it was so Thick as to hid the Ground from my vew."

Tuesday 15 : "He We lay until 1 P.M. getting Rations & C wen We set out again in the direction of Chattanooga. and reached the foot of Lookout Mountain again whare We put up again for the Night. the whole Army moveing"

Page 87 : Wednesday, September 16, 1863 : "Climbed the Old Mountain again on Our way. also decended it and put up for the Night within 12 miles of Layfayette, here Generel Negley engaged the Enemy the other Day & was compelled to fall on account of superior numbers.

Thursday 17 : "Some Cannonading in front drawn up in line of Battle whare We lay all Day awaiting the approach of the Enemy. no Rebs came, and not moveing to the rear about half a mile We lay down for the Night"

Friday 18 : "This Morning We moved forward about 6 miles & pitched Our Camp. the left wing of Our Regt. went on Picket whare We remained for about one hour, when the long roll beat and We had to march again in the middle of the Night dust very thick & Night dark: made 6 miles."

"After some days' movements, entered the battle of Chickamauga, at 4 p.m.; 19th, losing that evening, 90 men out of 209 engaged. During the night erected barricades."

Page 88 : Saturday, September 19, 1863 : "This Morning the Battle commenced. & raged with great fury Our Division was called for and off We went to the support of Gen.. Crittendens, Corps., after going on the double quick for a number of miles Our Brigade mad a desperate charge on the Enemy & lost half Our number (the 51st Regt.)"

"On the 20th, went into position on extreme right: by noon were heavily engaged, and in the afternoon the whole Division fell back, in confusion, to Mission Ridge;"

Sunday 20 : "The 51st Regt. lay on the Battle Field all Night assisting the wounded. and waching the Rebs This morning We moved back one mile and formed a new line of Battle : at 12 O.C. the Enemy with overwhelming numbers drove us back towards Chattanooga with a loss of some Cannon, killed wounded and Prisoners, but the Enemy beaten on the left."

"21st, threw up works at Rossville;"

Monday 21 : "Here in Chattanooga Valley We went to building Baracade the Enemy following up Supposeing to drive us into the Tennessee. was beaten back hansomely and We kept on digging: the Army in fine spirits Our loss heavy and the Rebbel loss heavy"

"22d, crossed Chickamauga Creek."

Page 89 : Tuesday, September 22, 1863 : "Last Night We fell back to within one mile of the Town. and commenced to fortify again, the Enemy followed up closely and began to shell us but getting as good as They sent; They drew off again and began to manuver."

Wednesday 23 : "Days & Nights equal. All hands to work this day with Pick Ax & Spade. Cannonading going some skirmishing along the whole line. the Enemy kept off, Our signal on the top Lookout Mt. gives us warning of all the Rebbel movements."

Thursday 24 : "Very heavy Cannonading along the whole line of Fortifications and heavy Musket firing for some time the Rebs feeling Our position finds it to be a strong one, and draws off again with Bellys full.

Rosecrans visits his lines amidst loud cheering”

Page 90 : Friday, September 25, 1863 : “This Evening the Enemy made a desperate attack on Our lines, but was driven back handsomely one solid Shot struck on Our works scattering the newly laid Earth in every direction. the attack ceased as the Night came on casualties unknown.”

Saturday 26 : “Last Night Our Division Moved back one mile other Troops Taking Our place: this Day We was falling Trees & Building new works; on a very commanding position, a few shots fired on the line but to no avail”

Sunday 27 : “Occasional shots fired along the line; no heavy firing this day. the Enemy maneuvering His Troops preparatory to an attack General Rose. is getting ready to receive Them working Day and night Tended Divine service in the forenoon: the Regt. this Evening was detailed to work, but done nothing”

Page 91 : Monday, September 28, 1863 : “Last Night We were aroused by Musket firing at a brisk rate; for full half an hour when it Died away resulting nothing: We moved into Camp this afternoon and was very busy fixing up Our little Tents for the first time for a month”

Tuesday 29 : “Was detailed to work digging new Breastworks in front, worked all day on half Rations; at the rate of 13 Dollars a month. some Picket firing; Our Pickets obliged to keep Themselves secreted; and double quick while relieving; for safety.”

Wednesday 30 : “This a lucky Day for me, though many were detailed to work I was given a day of rest it not being My turn; Spent my time in Reading Writing resting & C. All was quiet last Night. and this Day My Health is good.”

Page 92 : Thursday, October 1, 1863 : “This Night at 9 P.M. I was detailed with eleven Others to go to Town and unload the Wounded Soldiers as They are just coming in We worked all Night, filled two Hospitals and unloaded three Trains remained in the Hospital all day taking care of the Wounded.”

Friday 2 : “Was relieved from My duty in the Hospital, and was glad of it: it was very tiresome & loathsome, as Our Wounded had been laying on the Battle field with little or no care for six days, and Our Dead yet unburied; Brag refusing us leave.”

Saturday 3 : “Done nothing this day but reading & Writing. All is quiet along the Picket line, a report that the Enemy is massing His force on Our Right preparatory to an assault; orders not to leave Camp but be ready to fall in at a moments notice.”

Page 93 : Sunday, October 4, 1863 : “A few Cannon shots fired at the Enemy but no reply; on fatigue and on half Rations because the supply was burned the other Day between here and Bridgeport. Chattanooga all quiet. the Enemy planting siege Guns on Lookout Mountain.”

Monday 5 : “Spread Brush along Our line of Breastworks to hide Them from the Enemy, then went to work building a Bumproof to protect us from the Enemys shells. About Noon the Cannonading commenced on both sides Brag ordering the Women & Children out of Town.

Tuesday 6 : “All quiet along the line last Night. there was a Brisk Cannonading on Both Sides. but no lives lost. We worked on Our Bumproof: on half Rations four Ch Crackers for two days: a rumor that reinforcements are coming.”

Page 94 : Wednesday, October 7, 1863 : “Went on Picket at half past three without any Breakfast; a few shots fired along the line but no One hurt some Artillery firing over Our heads, feeling the Enemy position; Stood six hours on Post; Weather cold and unpleasant.”

Thursday 8 : “Was relieved early this Morning and went to the rear about half a mile, where We lay on reserve all Day, Some Cannonading again We believe the Enemy to be drawing off His forces; as We receive no reply when Cannonading.”

Friday 9 : “Our Cannoneers firing at the Rebel Signal Flag on top Lookout Mt.. dropped a shell right on the point of rock where They were; cattering The signelers in every direction Drew full Rations of hard Bread, the first time for Eight Days.”

“October 10, the Twentieth and Twenty-first Corps being consolidated, formed Fourth Corps, under Major General

**Gordon Grainger. Regiment being in Third Brigade,
Colonel C.G. Harker; Second Division, Major General
Sheridan."**

Page 95 : Saturday, October 10, 1863 : "Suspecting an attack: two pieces of Artillery brought out ready for the fray Our Regt. went out to the immediate front again where We lay in an **Old Factory** all Day. Some Artillery firing again but no reply."

Sunday 11 : "Nothing going on worthy of note today: Some Artillery firing in the afternoon, but no reply from the Enemy: tended Divine service in the forenoon and went over to see the Boys in **the 36th** in the afternoon: All well."

Monday 12 : "The Rebel Sharpshooters trying to pick off Our General, but in a feeble manner. Our Artillery playing among Them with shot and shell: but not much success Details working on the Forts, in different places."

Page 96 : Tuesday, October 13, 1863 : "**Chattanooga** is all quiet but few shots fired on the line. Commenced raining last Night and rained all this day. A fatigue party to work on the Fort but not from Our Regiment. **The name of this Camp is Little the name of Our General that was killed here.**"

Wednesday 14 : "A wet Rainy Day. I am permitted to remain inside my little Tent in the dry. All was quiet along the Picket line. My Health good. wrote a letter to one of My Friends."

Thursday 15 : "Rained all day and last Night, the River rising rapidly. **the Rebs made large rafts and let them float down against Our Pontoon Bridge breaking it loose in several places:** all quiet along the line."

Page 97 : Friday, October 16, 1863 : "The Rain subsided. We to work on the Fort one half day. Had inspection in the afternoon. The Rebel sharpshooters to work again, but results not known; Our Pickets well prepared for the fray and keep off **the Rebel Tyrants.**"

Saturday 17 : "Some Cannonading but to what purpose is not known; the Sharpshooters also to work. Had Dressparade in the evening two of Our Co. Boy returned from a foraging expedition Fortifying going on rapidly. The Rebs prowling round."

Sunday 18 : "Our Brigade went on Picket. Our Regt. first on the line. The Rebs very Bold. and came up to the River Bank on which were Our Pickets; and **in the Night time, We threw sticks & stones at each other.**"

Page 98 : Monday, October 19, 1863 : "Moved back about 80 Rds. where We lay on the reserve: some few shots exchanged between the Boys, but no casualties. the time limited for us to stand is four hours off & four hours on."

Tuesday 20 : "This morning We were relieved by Troops from the **14th Army Corps.** Who are to take Our place. Moved Camp in the Evening, took Our place on the right of Our Corps, near the Center of the Army around **Chattanooga.**"

Wednesday 21 : "Did not get into position yesterday, consequently We did not pick Tents; therefore We made no Camp; and lay here all day awaiting orders to move, but no move this day. some firing on the lines."

Page 99: Thursday, October 22, 1863 : "This day about 10 P.M. received orders to move into position, Which We cheerfully done, and commenced arranging Our small Tents. Some Cannonading along Our lines, but no reply from the Enemy"

Friday 23 : "Heavy Cannonading in the Night but no reply the cause was supposed to be that the Enemy were planting Battery's near Our lines, Rained all day, nothing to eat but hard tack & salt meat, and half rations at that."

Saturday 24 : "Got orders to fix up a **scabnogs** large enough for eight or six Persons and to be put up immediately; so We worked at this all day. with great contention every Man being his own boss. All quiet along the line."

Page 100 : Sunday, October 25, 1863 : "All quiet at **Cha.** was detailed to get Brick to build Chimneys; worked all day hard without anything to Eat. the Roads being so bad, or the distance so far for which to obtain them"

Monday 26 : "This day I was among the detail that went on picket. did not go directly on post but was on reserve The Editors residence of **the notorious Sheet the Chattanooga Rebel** torn down. and one Man got His leg broke,"

Tuesday 27 : "Last Night Our Troops crossed the River at the point of **Lookout Mt.** and attack the Rebs.

routing Them and taking some Prisoners, and gaining a very important point of which They rapidly fortifying.”

Page 101 : Wednesday, October 28, 1863 : “Heavy Cannonading down the River Our Forces still contesting the Enemy for the important point on **Lookout Mountain** necessary for Our Supplies to come through. the Rebel Guns reply with great vigor from the top of the Mt.”

Thursday 29 : “Last Night I was startled by the loud booming of Cannons the sharp Cracking of Musketry on the point of **Lookout Mt.** and a desperate engagement ensued, lasting two hours The Rebel Guns on the Mt. keeping up a continual fire all day.”

Friday 30 : “The two **Richmond Guns** on the point of **Lookout Mt.** threw a few shells into Our Camps, but done no damage. in the Evening We had a short review by **acting Brigadier General Walworth.** every else passed off quietly”

Page 102 : Saturday, October 31, 1863 : “Among the detail this Morning I was one. All passed off quiet in front We were on reserve and did not stand sentinel but two hours. some few shells fired by the Rebs into Our Camp but no injuries.”

Sunday, November 1, 1863 : “After fixing One Bunk, I went over to **sheridans head quarters** to hear a **Mr Murdock** Reard and talk to the Boys, then appeared on general Muster. and in the Evening went to hear a **Sermoned Preached by a Catholic Minister.**”

Monday 2 : “Went on Picket again without any thing to eat until the next Morning when I got to Camp. The Rebels building fortifications near Our Picket line when Our Cannons opened upon Them making Them Scatter.

Page 103 : Tuesday, November 3, 1863 : “The Rebel Gun on **point lookout** threw some shell into the Town, but but done no injury. **Got a little something to eat, just enough to keep Me from Starving** A detail every other day for Picket”

Wednesday 4 : “Washed two shirts and hung them out to dry. All quiet in **Chattanooga.** This morning early two Houses burned down which allowed the Boys a chance to get some Boards.”

Thursday 5 : “This Morning raining hard **I was detailed to work on the Breastwork but haveing nothing to eat the C detail would not work, laying round all day in the rain** We went back to Our quarters with a weat back and an empty stomache.”

Page 104 : Friday, November 6, 1863 : “Was detailed again for Picket, all was quiet along the entire line, with the exception of some Cannonading from Old **point lookout,** a beautiful day & had a little something to eat. All quiet”

Saturday 7 : “Came off Picket this Morning, last Night was a very cool night. but all was quiet along Our line some Cannonading heard at a distance. The Old seige Gun on **lookout** to work, but accomplished nothing.”

Sunday 8 : “The Big Guns on **point lookout** replying at long intervals but **no casualties, but a Negro killed.** other than this all was quiet at **Chattanooga.** tended divine service. and **a meeting of the Black man:** the other the soldiers.”

Page 105 : Monday, November 9, 1863 : “A cold day. this. All is quiet on the **Tennessee, at Chattanooga,** Nothing but the old rutine of Camp life. **Chattanooga** is getting to be quiet, and **pretty well yankee’ed over.** the health of the Troops generally good. drew 3/4 Rations.

Tuesday 10 : “Was detailed for picket. had a good time. lay on reserve all day. All was quiet along the line. Our men building a Fort right near the picket line. with the expectation of taking a part in the Seige when it commences.”

Wednesday 11 : “Yesterday evening the shells burst around the point of **lookout Mt.** from Our Seige Guns from down the River. but the result is not All is quiet at this place. A quite heavy frost last Nigh. Drew some clothing. My health good.”

Page 106 : Thursday, November 12, 1863 : “Heavy Cannonading going on between Our seige Guns and those of the Enemy on **lookout,** some Shells burst near Our Camp, but done no damage. except this Artillery duel all was quiet, this day.”

Friday 13 : “Was detailed the day to work on the fortifications there were several details, here to work and **Our’s got the praise.** there is being great works being throwed up great works here All was quiet along the entire line”

Saturday 14 : “**Got payed four months pay \$52.00 kept 40 to send home. subscribed for the Nashville**

Weekly Press, some few shots fired by the Big Gun on the Mountain. but done no damage My health good.”

Page 107 : Sunday, November 15, 1863 : “The day passed of quiet with the exception of a few shots fired by the Batterys around lookout Mountain tended Meeting in the fournoon, and evening Wrote a long letter Home to My Brother.”

Monday 16 : “This morning a Pontoon Bridge was attempted to be laide by Our forces up the River (?) but the Enemy opened on the Yankees with heavy Artillery foiling the attempt, which was abandoned. casuelties as afr as heard from, is the Chaplain of the 125th Ill. killed”

Tuesday 17 : “Our Regt. went on picket this Day. The Rebels in plain view 40 rds. distant. All was quiet on the line. The Rebel Guns on point lookout reply at long intervals and do no damage sent My Money Home Yesterday.”

Page 108 : Wednesday, November 18, 1863 : “Came off Picket this Morning and left every thing quiet along the line.some few shots from the big Guns fired but to no avail. Let the Water Pail fall down in the well and went and got it. Our letter came back.”

Thursday 19 : “Was in a fatigue detail which went to work on Fort Wagner, worked all day on this F.T. an occational shot from the Rebel Gun on the Mt. All was quiet along the line. and in Chattanooga.”

Friday 20 : “Received marching orders with two days cooked rations in Our Haversacks and to March at 6 P.M. some indications of a fight. All quiet in the front. but Our cannons shelling the mountain from Mockeson Point Battery.”

Page 109 : Saturday, November 21, 1863 : “Got ordered to keep two days rations of meet on hand, and be ready for any immergency. Some Cannonading from the Mountain, and from Mockison Point Battery. all was quiet in Our immediate front”

Sunday 22 : “The Day passed of quiet. suspecting a fight. Our Regiment went out to the Picket line and releived the 27th. the Rebel Trains very active all Night. heavy cannonading at the Enemys Wagon trains moveing over Mission Ridge.”

Monday 23 : “The Battle commenced at 2 P.M. on the left and continued until Night We haveing gained much and driven the Enemy from His rifle pits and front lines of Breastworks capturing a whole Regt. Built Baracades and held the position, During the night”

“November 24, at Mission Ridge, was engaged, losing 39 out of 150 men engaged, including Major Davis wounded, and Captain George L. Billows killed. Captain A.M. Tilton commanding Regiment.”

Page 110 : Tuesday, November 24, 1863 : “General Hooker this morning commenced the attack on the right on lookout Mt. which raged with fury all day and until late in the Night. gaining this point and takeing a large number of Prisoners, while We strengthened Our works.”

Wednesday 25 : “This day the Battle raged with great fury all along the left & center and at 4 P.M. Sheridans Division charged Mission Ridge capturing many Prisoners. A large number of heavy Guns this charge lasted one half hour up a steep Mountain 400 ft. high.”

Thursday 26 : “After drawing Ammunition & Rations, We started in persuit of the fleeing Rebels, at one O.C. at Night, and followed Them as far as Chickamauga Creek, whare the Bridge was burned & prevented any further advance. then got orders to go to Knoxville after Longstreet”

Page 111 : Friday, November 27, 1863 : “Did not go today, but make ready to march in the Morning of the morrow some Cannonading was heard in the vicinity of Ckickamauga Creek. Prisoners keep comeing in and various reports of Our great Victory.”

“November 28, 1863, marched to the relief of General Burnside at Knoxville.”

Saturday 28 : “Started for Knoxville this Morning through mud & rain. A distance of 12 miles. not getting into Camp until 1 O.C. at Night. All quiet in front.”

Sunday 29 : “Commenced Our march this Morning and continued all day a distance of 16 m. passing through Harison and camped in between two large hills; All quiet in front.”

Page 112 : Monday, November 30, 1863 : “This morning I was detailed with some Others to go ahead as Pioneers to clear out the Road; Made 22 m. and camped at Hiawassa Landing on the Hiawassa River.”

Tuesday, December 1 : “The Colum moved forward to Decatur a distance of 12 m. whare We camped for the Night on a side hill: and I was detailed to draw Beef.”

Wednesday 2 : “Marched this day 18 m. commencing at day break : the weather being cold and the Ground froze, Captured 500 lbs. Bacon which did not go hard as We were short of Rations. All quiet.

Page 113 : Thursday, December 3, 1863 : “The 51st took the lead this Morning and after marching some length of time We came to a small called Philadelphia, passing through here a distance of 4 m; which mad in all 20 miles. A hard march.”

Friday 4 : “I Lay still all day and had nothing to eat but some fresh Sheep meet which We (Co. K) kiled Ourselves: and a few little frozen Potatoes which I scratched out the ground with My fingers.”

Saturday 5 : “Moved forward to-day and crossed what is called the little Tennessee and on a distance of 14 m. and camped for the Night. All being quiet in front. Longstreet reported falling back”

Page 114 : Sunday, December 6, 1863 : “Moved forward again rowards Knoxville, and Made 17 m. Camped by a grist mill whare We drew some meal being within 14 m. of the once el beseiged, All quiet so far,

Monday 7 : “Moved forward this day passing through Rockford on Our rout, and reached Knoxville at dark, when Our Company was detailed to go on Picket. All was quiet during the Night.”

Tuesday 8 : “Lay still all day. drew a Pint cup full of Flour for Our days Rations. Weather cold and chilly and some symptoms of Rain.”

Page 115 : Wednesday. December 9, 1863 : “Marched across the river Through town and camped a mile North west of the same near the Rebel Barricades & Rifle Pits. they are midling good work but not so good as ours”

Thursday 10 : “Lay Still to-day: The orders for Marching were counter manded We went to town and got some flour Baked This Place is Larger than Chatanooga and Much better for the health”

Friday 11 : “Went to Town and got a good meals victuals for which payed 50 cts of a good Union man Whose name is Colburn, returned to Camp all well All quiet at Knoxville.”

Page 116 : Saturday, December 12, 1863 : “Fixing up Our Shebang. Liveing on a pint of meal and 4 lbs of fresh Meet a day with little or no salt. All quiet at Knoxville Boys visiting Fort Saunders whare the Rebs. made the Charge with such disperate fury”

Sunday 13 : “The right of the Regt. went on Picket. the Weather Rainy and cold; the 3rd Ky. went to Louden to work on a Bridge. All quiet at Knoxville, the place beginning to assume its former position.”

Monday 14 : “Took My Shirt; over to the Negro Washerman to get it washed. Chopping Wood to pass away the time. My health good”

Page 117 : Tuesday, December 15, 1863 : “Got marching orders with 2 days rations. was detailed to go for Beef; No mail no rations no nothing nor much of any thing. yet good Health, the boon of life.”

“December 16, moved, by rail, to Blain’s Cross Roads.”

Wednesday 16 : “Moved out last night and took the cars for Strawberry Plainse, the East Tenn. & Va. R.R. here We rode 18 m. and then footed the remainder of the way, a distance of 10 m whare We halted for the Night - (?)”

Thursday 17 : “Some fighting going on in front at cross roads but- the result - is not known. We lay Still all Day and listened to the firing that was going on in our front”

Page 118 : Friday, December 18, 1863 : “Was Detailed to go a foraging got- My Meal Baked. And came Back with a pig at four O.Clock P.M. went about five miles Shot at 4 or 5 Pigs and got only one of them”

Saturday 19 : “Longstreet reported falling back. Rations scarce, Weather cold. All quiet near Blanes cross

roads, laying out in the Night. with little or no shelter.”

Sunday 20 : “All quiet near Blanes cross roads the health of the Troops tolerable good Co. K reported 5 men for duty. Companys G. H. & K. commanded by one Officer and also duty together,”

Page 119 : “Monday, December 21, 1863 : “Moved Camp on account of a scarcity of Wood and fixed up a shebang the best We thought proper and drew a few hard tack just enough to make My mouth water. All quiet in front.”

Tuesday 22 : “Trees falling rapidly and as fast are consumed in warming the poor Soldier & cooking His scanty meal, all quiet near Blanes Crossroads Weather Cold.”

Wednesday 23 : “Fixing Our Shebang for winter. other Regiments moveing Camp, for Wood. all quiet in Camp. Cold west wind. blowing rapidly. Ground freezing. My health good”

Page 120 : Thursday, December 24, 1863 ; “Myself and two other Boys went forageing on Our own hook. out in the Country and got nothing but one Chicken and some Corn. All quiet in camp, Weather Cool.”

Friday 25 : “The Boys, three of Them went out in the Country and killed a hog for Cristmas. Spent the day in the Old shebang, reading My Paper.”

Saturday 26 : “Had some dead Hog for dinner. detailed to go for Beef. All quiet in front. Roll call three times a day.”

Page 121 : Sunday, December 27, 1863 : “The 42nd detailed to gard a Mill out in the Country. that We might obtain meal. I commenced Cooking with an old Oven. for six Men. All quiet in Camp”

Monday 28 : “Cooked a mess of Hommony for dinner. recruiting for veterans. A rumor that We will soon return to Chattanooga the Weather Cold. My health good. All quiet in Camp”

Tuesday 29 : “Nothing going on in Camp Had some Corn for dinner again. All quiet near Blanes cross roads Weather cold and freezing. Pretty rough times.”

Page 122 : Wednesday, December 30, 1863 : “No picket duty in this Camp. This day is the anniversary of the great Battle of Stone River. Nothing going on to-day worthy of note All quiet in Camp”

Thursday 31 : “Drew three fourths Rations for three days All quiet 15 miles Northeast of Knoxville at a place called Blanes cross roads, recruiting for Veterans. My health good”

AT THIS POINT, THE PRINTED DATES IN THE DIARY CEASED, AND THE DIARIST WROTE HIS OWN DATES AS SHOWN BELOW. THE NEXT SEVERAL PAGES ARE HEADED BY THE PRINTED WORD “MEMORANDA”

“1864 Jan 1st Came in Cold and found Our Army lying out in the thick Woods at Blanes cross roads All was quiet this day.”

“ 2nd Weather cold. All quiet in Camp”

Page 123 : “3rd Nothing doing yet Wood getting scarce.”

“4th No move yet. recruiting for Veterans.”

“5th Got marching orders. No move to-day.”

“6th A great excitement raised about the Veterans Co. K all depending on Me. and after much persuasion, and many promises I enrolled as a Veteran being promised light duty during my time of enlistment.”

“7th All quiet Weather cold.”

“8th Snowing and cold all quiet in camp”

“January 9, 1864, Colonel Bradley returned.”

Page 124 : **January 9, 1864 was apparently missed by the diarist, the page beginning with “10th”.**

“10th All quiet in camp”

“11th The Brigade went forageing and was fired on by the Enemy from the oposite bank of the Holston River wounding one man & killing on Horse.”

“12th Cooks at home nothing going on in camp. the Brigad still out forageing Weather Cold.”
“13th The Brigade not returned. all quiet. near the cross roads.”
“14th Foragers got back last night. Marching orders to-day. go Home as a Veteran Regiment to recruit up some.”

“January 15, moved toward Chattanooga”

Page 125 : “15th Started for Knoxville on Our way Home: marched to within 2 m. of the place and camped 15 m.”
“16th This morning We started on the road for Kingston and made 8 m. & drew rations.”
“17th Rose early this morning and marched 23 miles through the mud & water getting Our feet all weat, at which distance We halted and Camped for the Night.”
“18th Being within 7 m. of Kingston We made this easily by Noon; Crossed the River and marched a distance of 6 m. whar We Camped for the Night.”

Page 126 : “19th An Orderly came last night and reported the Enemy being in Our front in force. awaiting Our coming: also with orders for us to return to the North side of the River which We did by 12 O.C. and camped & Drew rations.”
“20th Lay here all day long what for I know not. all was quiet at Kingston,”
“21st Orders to move by Noon. across the Clinch River and go down on the north side the Tennessee River. Moved to a distince of 10 m. and camped for the night.”
“22nd Moved by day light and made 18 m. this day all quiet along the road.”

Page 127 : “23rd Made 16 miles this day all quiet along the road”
“24th Moved again by day light this day and mad 16 miles. all being quiet along the road.”
“25th Off again for Chattanooga and arrived to within 7 m. of the place a distance of 18 m.”
“26th Arrived at Chattanooga by 10 A.M. all being quiet and marched to Our old Camping place in good order.”
“27th This day passed off quietly. and pleasant cleaning and washing. Blasting rocks on lookout Mt. distinctly heard.”

Page 128 : “28th All quiet in Chattanooga the Officers fixing up the Papers preparitory to going north.”
“29th Washing and cleaning Regiments going North every day”
“30th All quiet at Chattanooga.”
“31st All quiet in Camp. in Chattanooga”
“February 1st 1864 Nothing doing but the old rotine of Camp life”

Page 129 : “2nd The Co. was examined for the Veteran service several rejected, and I withe the rest.”
“3rd All quiet in Camp”
“4th Went upon Lookout Mountain and was well pleased with the Scenery which presented it self.”
“5th Camp all quiet Weather fine”
“6th Nothing going on in camp Weather rainy.”

THE NEXT 24 PAGES ARE HEADED WITH THE PRINTED WORDS, “CASH ACCOUNT. JANUARY”
“CASH ACCOUNT FEBRUARY” ETC. ETC.

Page 130 : “7th Getting ready to go north. My lot cast here.”
“8th The Regiment Mustered into the Veteran service.”
“9th All quiet in Camp the Weather fine.”

**“February 10, Regiment mustered as veterans,
and started for Chicago, where, 17th, the men
received veteran furlough.”**

“10th The Regiment started North.”
“11th All quiet in **Chatt.**”
“12th Nothing doing to-day.”
“13th All quiet in camp.”

Page 131 : “14th Troops marching towards **Knoxville**”
“15th All quiet, Weather cold”
“16th all quiet. weather cold”
“17th Nothing going on to-day”
“18th All quiet in camp”
“19th Weather cold, All quiet.”
“20th My health good, all quiet.”
“21st Rain all last Night.”
“22nd Troops marching to the front”
“23rd All quiet in **Chatt.**”
“24th Some skermishing near **Tunnel hill G.A.**”
“25th The Enemy being driven towards **Dalten G.A.**”
“26th Heavy skermishing at **Tunnel hill** the Enemy driven beyond & Our Troops occupy **Ringold, G.A.**”

Page 132 : “27th Moved camp to-day. The Federal forces in **Ringold**”
“28th The Rebs driven beyond **Ringold**, & Our forces returning to **Chattanooga.**”
“29th Nothing going on to-day”
“March 1st All quiet this day.”
“2nd Rain all day, all quiet”
“3rd Weather cold. all quiet”
“4th Nothing worthy of note to-day”
“5th All quiet in camp”
“6th”
“7th All quiet in camp.”
“8th Nothing transpireing worthy of note.”
“9th Moved to the **U.S. Sanitary Garden** and put up camp and commenced Gardening”

Page 133 : “10th All quiet at the **U.S. Garden.** Weather warm”
“11th Veterans going to the front”
“12th All quiet in camp”
“13th Buisy in the **U.S. Garden**”
“14th Veterans going to the front at the rate of a thousand pr. day.”
“15th Weather cold & unpleasant.”
“16th All quiet in camp”
“17th Nothing going on in the **U.S. Garden** but work.”
“18th Weather cold and disagreeable”
“19th All quiet in Camp”
“20th Weather fare.”
“21st Weather cloudy & cold”
“22nd **Snowed about a foot deep very strange.**”

Page 134 : “23rd All quiet. Snow going off”
“24th Veterans going to the front.”
“25th Mudily under foot. All quiet in the Garden.”
“26th Pleasant weather again No news yet heard of.”
“27th All quiet at the **Garden**”

“Regiment left for the front March 28, 1864,

**via Louisville, Nashville and Chattanooga,
to Cleaveland, Tennessee.”**

“28th A pleasant day”
“29th Weather growing cold not doing much this day”
“30th Weather continues cold with some signs of Snow”
“31st All quiet in the **Gard**”
“April 1st 1864 No news as yet.”
“2nd Heard from the Regiment”
“3rd My health good.”
“4th All quiet.”

Page 135 : “5th Sewing seed.”
“6th sewing Garden seed”
“7th Setting out cabbage plants”
“8th All quiet to-day.”
“9th setting out sweet Potatoes”
“10th This day of Our Lord passed off quiet.”
“11th Sewing Radish seed”
“12th Marking out Onion Beds”
“13th Marking again, this day for **the Negroed detailed**”
“14th Worked on the Mound”
“15th To work laying off Garden Ground for Planting”
“16th Watering the Plants.”
“17th All quiet at the **Garden.**”

Page 136 : “18th Putting up the Garden’s Tent and returned to the Regiment.”
“19th Promised a position in the comisary department”
“20th All quiet at **Chatt.**”
“21st Left this Morning for **Cleveland.**”
“22nd Arrived at **Cleveland** at 2 P.M. and camped.”
“23rd All quiet at camp ~(~)”
“24th Carried the mail to and from Brigade Headquarters”
“25th Went and returned with the mail again.”
“26th Some talk of marching the Boys are drilling.”
“27th Drilling the recruits.”
“28th All quiet at **Cleveland**”

Page 137 : “29 Orders to send the Baggage to the rear.”
“30 Issued five days Rations to the Regiment.”
“May 1st/64,” **FROM THIS POINT THE DIARY IS IN PENCIL** “Packing up Our Baggage to send to the rear.”
“2nd Sent the Baggage to the Depot at **Cleveland.**”

**“May 3, commenced the Atlanta campaign. Was
engaged at Rocky Face Ridge,”**

“3rd Commenced Our forward movement on **Dalton.** went 15 m. with any resistance.”
“4th Moved on about 8 m. and halted on a hill and fell Trees and commenced Building Forts when orders came to move to the rear where We moved to the rear about (?) mile and camped for the Night.”
“5th No move to-day but building Fortifications”
“6th Laying behind Our Fortifications and all quiet”

Page 138 : “7th Moved to the front in line of Battle. but did not Meet with any opposition. Some firing

at Tunnel hill which resulted in the occupation of that place by Our Troops”
“8th Moved forward and occupied Buzzard roost with 4 Men killed and 14 wounded. some brisk firing in the center which resulted in defeat of the Rebels. Camped on Buzz.”

“May 9, losing two men wounded.”

“9th Cannonading commenced in Our front. and some wounded coming in. An unsuccessful attempt to take The Point. the loss on Our side not heavy Cannonading on Our right. and left. advanced the lines about a half Mile.”
“10th We still hold Our position on Rocky face.”

Page 139 : “Genirel Wood fighting at the on the right. but not severe the Army occupies the same position.”

“11th The 23rd Army Corps advanced upon the Reb Breastworks back in order to draw them on. but Mr Reb new better. drawing Rations. And distributeing the Mail.”
“12th A change in the lines the 4th army corps stationed on the left and the 23rd to tak Ours and act as reserve. Moved down of Rocky face early this Morning and took a position on extreme left. where We build Breastworks while the Cavalry was fighting on the left. and gaining ground. but driven back by Our Infantry when the fighting ceased.”

Page 140 : “13th Dalton evacuated last Night. Our Troops acupied the place soon after. and marched 8 m. beyond and camped. some skermishing with the Enemy rear gard.”

“Resaca, 14th, losing Captain Lester killed, and 20 men wounded.”

“14th The Battle commenced at 1 P.M. by the 23rd Army Corps with incesent fury. when they were releived by the 4th having gained about one quarter of a mile. the 4th Corps went in with great fury driveing the Enemy from His works (?) to fall back for with such fury did the Enemy work his His Artillery. at this moment the fighting became furious Our men fell back slowly and took up a strong position in front if the Rebel works which They during the day”

Page 141 : “15th The Yankees hold Their position unimpaired. and the fighting is going on The Battle raged fiercely until 4 P.M. when the fight became general. all along the line. takeing the seckond line of works. silencing the Enemy’s Batterys.”

“16 Last Nigh just after drawing rations the Rebs mad a feint on Our lines to cover Their retreat and in the Morning They were on the retreat and We after Them. 6 dead Horses in Their fort reached Resaca at 12 in the middle of the day and moved on to Calhoun Skernishing all the way where We camped for the Night”

“17 Went in pursuit of the Rebs Skermishing on the way with some men killed and wounded and Night closed quite a contest.”

Page 142 : “18 Our Brigade led off after the Enemy and came as far as”

“19 The Enemy abandoned His strong hold which We held last Night And We persued Him to-day Adair V. without much oposition.”

“20th Set out to day the 15th Corps in advance. the Rebs were overtaken one mile beyond Kingston when a brisk fight ensued and was kept up until night put an end to the contest”

“21st Moved to the River and camped on the Bank when the Soldiers took to washing and cleaning and thus passed of this day.”

“22nd The Army being still near Kingston and recruiting.”

“23 This Day We made a forward move again towards Atlanta. crossing Etway River and Marched until eleven O.C. at night.”

Page 143 : “24th Moved again forward about ten miles Meeting with no opposition and went into camp about dark.”

**“At Dallas, May 25, found the enemy in position,
and were engaged 11 days, losing one officer, and
11 men wounded.”**

“25th Moved to-day **Gen. Hookers Corps** in front. when the Enemy was overtaken and a severe engagement took place in which We were victorious and lasted about one hour & Rain put an end to the contest and Our Division got fast in the No...”

“26th The Rebs still in the front. and fighting going on, Mostly heavy skirmishing building Breastworks and Moveing Troops and considerable Cannonading.”

“27th The Battle commenced this Morning with heavy cannonading on Our side and all goes well. The firing kept up until late in the Night. Another line of work thrown up by the Yankees in front of the previous ones.”

Page 144 : “28th Fireing kept up along the line all day. with some cannonading when about eleven in the forenoon the Rebs attempted to take a Battery but wer repulsed very hansomely and diven back in confusion to Their work. Skirmishing kept up most all last night”

“29th Heavy Skirmishing all day and some Cannonading Casuelties light. heavy firing in the middle of the night”

“30th A general attack by the Rebs on Our right & Center. which was bravely met with very heavy Cannonading for some length of time in the Night. A brisk Skirmish was kept up all day. with an occational cannon shot.”

“51st The Union hold the same position as formerly; and heavy Skirmishing and Cannonading. and kept up all day keeping us well behind Our works.”

Page 145 : “May 1st The Brigade moved to the left about 40 rds. whare They are now supporting a Battery. and have heavy Skirmishing . I distributed the Mail to the Boys on the front line.

The **15th Corps** relived the **20th** and They to move the left heavy firing last Night but to no...”

“2nd Fireing Cannonading very brisk on the line last Night but did not amount to anything Skirmishing and heavy firing on the left about sundown then all was quiet at night fall.”

“3rd Heavy Skirmishing going on in front, and the Bullets falling around Our Tent. The Rebs made a charge and drove in Our Skirmishers but were driven back by the **51st** Who deployed in fine order”

Page 146 : “A heavy fire and lost 2 men killed & five wounded. So ended This days work.”

“4th Skirmishing Cannonading this Morning very heavy and three men wounded in the... one **Lieutenant Co. K.** One sally on Our lines in the evening but was repulsed Heavy firing on the left late in the Night.”

Page 147 : “5th This Morning the Yankees woke up and found the Rebs gone. leaveing the field in Their possession Troops were moveing all day but Our Div. did not. Cannonading in front and”

“6th We moved to-day to within 3 miles of **Acworth** on the **Railroad** and camped for the N. all was quiet.

“7th Lay in Camp all day recruiting, washing and cleaning near **Acworth**. All quiet **Acworth**.”

Page 148 : “8th All quiet in camp near **Acworth**. orders to move in the morning”

“9th Drew one days rations and was ordered to be ready to move in the morning not haveing went yesterday.”

“10th Moved out this Morning at ... and marched 11 m. and camped Some Cannonading in front Our forces haveing overtaken the Enemy”

“11th Lay in line of Battle all day because it Rained so hard it was an utter impossibility”

“12th Rained all day and the roads in a dreaded condition Skermishing along the line.”
“13th Quit Raining to-day about 12 O.C. when all was quiet along the lines.”
“14th Advanced Our lines today without much difficulty.”

**“June 15, in a skirmish, lost Captain Tilton
wounded, and 12 killed and wounded.”**

“15th The Rebs gone from Our front. heavy Cannonading on the right & left.”

Page 149 : “Overtook the Enemy about 2 P.M. when the **51st** supported by the rest of the Division was ordered to make a charge which They executed promptly driveing the Enemy beyond His main line of works.”
“16th Heavy cannonading all day. Building Fortifications and considerable skirmishing on the left.”
“17th Last Night the Yankees fortified and planted twelve Guns on the Picket line which caused the Rebs to be gone this morning Heavy Skermishing on the left. A charge by the Rebs on Our left but was hansomely foiled.”
“18th Heavy fighting commenced and a heavy Rain set in. and the Rain fell in torrents and the fighting in the same ratio. The **Yankees** carried the first line of works and are pushing on. Held the ground and camped.”
“19 Woke up and found the **Johnny’s** gone again from Our front.”

Page 150 : “but did not go far before overtakeing Them again. when a great Artillery duel took place and a **Shell from the Rebs went through my tent..**”
“20th Heavy Cannonading most all day from both sides but not much accomplished by Either. and at night We were releived by the **4th Corps.**”
“21st Moved to the right and releived one division of **Gen Hookers men.** all was quiet except skirmishing.”
“22nd The Enemy opened on us today with their Artillery from different points causing some excitement, but no damage advanced Our lines some with not much loss.”
“23rd At 4 P.M. fighting all along the line the right gaining some advantage **Stanly** repulsed the Enemy.”

Page 151 : “Sent to **N.H. Tabler** \$106.00 dollars.”
“Sent to **D.C. & N.L. Tabler** \$30 dollars”
“sent to **J.H. Tabler** \$65. Dollars”
“sent **Ezra Tabler** \$20. Dollars”
“27th”

AT THIS POINT THE DIARIST HAS JUMPED AHEAD SIX PAGES, AND BEGUN TO WRITE THE DATES IN REVERSE ORDER FROM JANUARY 1, 1864, THE TEXT READING RIGHT-TO-LEFT, BOTTOM OF THE PAGE TO THE TOP, AS SHOWN BELOW FOR TWO PAGES AS EXAMPLES. BUT TO AVOID AS MUCH CONFUSION AS POSSIBLE, I WILL GIVE A SUMMARY OF THE TEXT IN THE NORMAL ORDER, AFTER THE EXAMPLES.

Page 152 : “Health good All quiet about 10 O.C. this Morning Arrived at Chattanooga”
“26th place within 6 miles of the ... and around to for Chattanooga. and off again All quiet in front.”
“25th Towards Chattanooga. Made this day 16 m.”
“24th A distance of 16 m. point of ... started for the”
“23rd”

Page 153 : “Night. and camped for the Tennessee River north side of the made 18 miles on the Moved as ordered and”
“22nd towards Chattanooga and continue Our march across the little Tennessee Middle of the

day Orders to move by the”

“21st day: drawing rations. Lay in Camp all”

“20th and went into camp A distance of a mile marched out through”

**MY TRANSCRIPTION OF THE TEXT, IN PROPER ORDER, FROM JANUARY 1, 1864 TO
JANUARY 27th, BEGINS HERE:**

“ 1864, 1st of January The Morning came in cold. Nothing going on in camp. 2nd Weather cold. All quiet near the **Crossroads**. Wood getting scarce. 3rd All quiet near the **cross Roads**. recruiting for the Veterans. 4th All quiet at **New Market**. 5th Got marching orders 6th A great cry about Veteran troops **Co. K** all went in but myself and after some persuasion and promises enrolled my name as a Veteran. 7th All quiet at **Blanes Cross roads**. Weather cold. 8th An inch of **snow** on the Ground All quiet in front rhumors of going north 9th All quiet in camp 10th the Brigade went out forageing. 11th All quiet in Camp. the Brigade has not got back yet 12th All quiet in camp the Brigade got back 13th Nothing going on near the **cross roads**. 14th Marching orders Talk of us going Home on a furlow as a Regiment of veterans. Our Convalescents came up. Two New Flags. 15th Started for Home by the way of **Knoxville**. Camped within too miles of the place. 16th Started at day break. and Marched in the direction of **Kingston** a distance of 18 miles. 17th Marched at day light this Morning & made 23 miles over a very muddy road & undulated Ground at which distance we halted and camped for the Night. 18th Being within 7 miles of **Kingston** We made this by the middle of the day; crossed the River on an old two horse Ferry Boat and Marched a distance 5 miles and camped for the Night. 19th A Messenger came within Our lines and reported the Enemy in force in Our front & with orders for us to recross the River which We did by noon Marched out through a distance of a mile and went into camp. 20th Lay in Camp all day: drawing rations. 21st Orders to Move by the Middle of the day across the **little Tennessee** and continue Our march towards **Chattanooga**. 22nd Moved as orderd and made 18 miles on the north side of the **Tennessee River** and camped for the Night. 23rd Started for the point of destination a distance of 16 m. 24th Made this day 16 m. towards **Chattanooga**. 25th All quiet in front and off again for **Chattanooga**. and around to within 6 miles of the place 26th Arrived at **Chattanooga** this Morning about 10 O.C. All quiet. Health good. 27th”

HERE THE BACKWARD WRITTEN TEXT ENDS.

Page 158 : **THIS PAGE DEVOTED TO A LEDGER ACCOUNT OF PAPERS SOLD TO CAPTAIN
TILTON, APPARENTLY FOR TEN CENTS PER PAPER.**

Page 159 : **THIS PAGE DEVOTED TO ITEMS OF CLOTHING PURCHASED**

“Dec 19 Price of each article of clothing Overcoat 9.50 Dresscoat 7.21 Blouse 2.40
Shirt 1.46 Drawers .95 Cap .56 Bootees, Peged 1.48 Bootees, sawed 2.05 Socks .32
Hats 2.02 Trousers 3.55 Wolen Blanket 3.60 Gum Blanket 2.55 Boots 3.38

Page 160 : **THIS PAGE IS BLANK.**

Page 161 : “The words of **Major General Rosecrans**. to the Boys of the **first & third Brigade** of **Sheridans** Div. ~ ~ Boys soldiers dont make speeches. only Polititians make speeches; it is Our duty to lay aside all Politics for the present: and use all Our energies to put down this Rebellion. then spoke of Our Post Commander and His Chief of Staff: both as being opisite in Political strife but had layed aside party prejudices & were united heart and hand for the suppression of the Rebellion: then He said ever One thought **John A. Logan** would be a regular **Butternut**; but He has shown Himself to be a man & a ... Patriot; Boys We must wade through this cruel then We will go Home and vote the way We please; and with the help of God We will do it: good by Boys.”

Page 162 : “ **Wm Tilton W.M. Tilton**”

Page 163 : **THIS PAGE IS BLANK.**

Page 164 : “Edward Lery Com. Daniel. Tabler Edward”

THE DIARY ENDS HERE, FOLLOWED BY A BLOTTER IN A POCKET.