

1998 Transcription by William E. Henry of a Civil War Diary
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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.

"The Fifty-first Infantry Illinois Volunteers was organized at Camp Douglas, Chicago, Illinois, December, 24, 1861, by Colonel Gilbert W. Cumming."

- 1/1/1862 **"Commenced being a Soldier in the Baracks at Chicago.** All is quiet now, the first day of
January
- 1/2 Drilling today I spent some of My time in which I improved some what
- 1/3 Had a Prayer Meeting in which Spent My time in the Baracks at **Camp Douglas.**
- 1/4 Drilling again today as usual. & **learning to be a Soldier.**
- 1/5 Went to Sunday School this day it being the Sabbath & tended Meeting in the Evening.
- 1/6 **Drilling this day again which is the duty of a Soldier.**
- 1/7 this is the 7th & I've A Bad cold all is quiet in Camp.
- 1/8 The Soldiers Payed of but did not get My Pay as They only Paid to the first of January.
- 1/9 Drilled again at the usual hour & done well.
- 1/10 Drilling again & have a Bad Cold.
- 1/11 I still have A **Cold Sleepin on these Boards.** Drilling again
- 1/12 Tended Sunday school again of which there was quite a number.
- 1/13 Stayed in Baracks all Day. **the Boys dancin & raining the old Scratch.** Roll call at 9 Oclock
- 1/14 Had A Genel review **Col. Tucker rode around on his fancy Horse** all the soldiers in Camp was out I with the rest.
- 1/15 Escorted the **Leadmine Regt.** down to town I did not go All the soldiers went but those that was sick.
- 1/16 Stayed Baracks this day. I still have a Bad cold but eat My rations which takes great skill & crowding us
- 1/17 Drill a little while again but dont feel very well.
- 1/18 Drilling again today. feel about as well as usual. still able to be about.
- 1/19 This Morning the **Boys went to the Lake Shore & Fired Their Guns at a target.** I did not go. had a Genel review in the Afternoon
- 1/20 All is quiet. **the Col. talked to us A while.** still have a bad Cold & Cough.
- 1/21 Drill again today & have **Dress Parad in which We all have to look neat.**
- 1/22 Review again in the afternoon. **Col. Tucker thrown off His horse but not hurt.** My health the same as usual.
- 1/23 Nothing much going on in Camp today.
- 1/24 The Boys Drilling by themselves today. We done well.
- 1/25 **had a fight & much noise in which I took no part.**
- 1/26 Went to Sunday school & Meeting had a good time still feel unwell.
- 1/27 Very cold today the cold I feel very much.

1/28 Rained all day dont feel any better but still able to be about thank to God.
1/29 Nothing much going on feel as well as usual
1/30 Increasing cold.
1/31 Nothing much today This is one month spent in soldiering & I am still alive & well. I find it requires much to be A good soldier but by the Grace of God assisting Im determined do all I can towards the cause is first Im shure & We are confident of Victory & the reorganizing of the Government on a better basis than ever was before.”

2/1/1862“Drilling again as usual.

2/2 All quiet today went to Sunday School. Still have a cold.
2/3 Drilled in the Fournoon **Some fuss at the guard house.**
2/4 I am sick with A swelling in the face. some think it to be the **Erasipalis.** I call on the Surgeon for Furlow & accomplishing object.
2/5 Am on My way Home led by Mr. Parks with **my head all tied up so I cant see.** but feel to rejoice to feel I am goin home.
2/6 Arrived safe sound & under the care of **Mr. Crany.**

“February 14, 1862, ordered to Cairo, Illinois”

2/7 feel pretty sick but under the tender care of My friends.
2/8 The Doctor thinks I will recover.
2/9 Under the kind care of My Brothers & Sister in law & Sister in Laws sister
2/10 Getting some better guess I will recover.
2/11 Father has been very sick but is getting better Im so I can be about
2/12 Walking around to see Father & the family & got to school to the school house.
2/13 Went to **Morris** received A letter from Capt. to return & report at Headquarters. started righ of to night feeling pretty Weak was helped on the Cars.
2/14 Started for **Chicago** at 3 AM arrived in time to go of with the Boys left Camp at 5P on rout for **Cairo** feel some better.
2/15 **Got a little coffee at Centralia they would not let us out the Cars.** arrived at **Cairo** tonight.
2/16 Went to Meeting the **Mud 6 inches deep** saw sights already
2/17 Some **Prisoners came from Fort Donalson** Stayed A little while & then went **St Louis.**
2/18 I’m gaining slowly. **More Prisoners from the Front.**
2/19 **Received Our arms & Equipments.**

“Moved to Camp Cullum, on the Kentucky Shore on the 27th.”

2/20 Doing little or nothing today plenty of mud here.
2/21 Got March ing orders Cleared A place for Our Camp on the **Kentuckey Shore** its A Nice place.
2/22 **Was ferrved over & pitched Our tents.**
2/23 **Was call out last Nigh under arms & stood till Morning**
2/24 **Marched Back to Camp & shot off Our guns at A tree.**
2/25 All quiet today Im still getting better thank God.
2/26 Drilling today again have the **Diaerea** some.
2/27 **Sleep in the Tent on the ground is the way I sleep.** My health is gaining still.
2/29 Drilling today. get along pretty well Considering the chance I got Musterin for Pay Another Month is gone & all is well.”

3/1/1862“Spring opens with high winds. **the cold drives right through Me**

3/2 Drill is the action of the day. I am still gaining strength.
3/3 Received Marching orders but dont know when Weel go

**“On the 4th of March moved to Bertrand,
Missouri,”**

- 3/4 Orders to move at 11 AM Cross over the River to Birds Point & started on the R.R. & arrived at Burtram Missouri
- 3/5 Laid on the ground & nearly froze last Night Picked Our Tents in the afternoon.
- 3/6 Detailed for gard but unwell to go was excused.
- 3/7 Battalion Drill about 9 Hours I stood it pretty well.

**“and on the 7th moved to Sykeston, and to
New Madrid,”**

- 3/8 Drilled nearly all day again. I feel Better arrived at 6 PM Pouring down Rain A forced March of 8 miles.
- 3/9 inspection of arms & started for Saxton at 8 PM
- 3/10 I stood up all Night it rained all the time. started for Newmadrid on A force march of 20 miles at 7 PM Arrived at 5 AM very tired.
- 3/11 Advanced this Morning a mile & Camped within & A half of mile of Newmadrid tired but feel pretty well

**“and 10th, assigned to the Division of Brigadier
General E.A. Paine, and Second Brigade, consisting
of Twenty-second Illinois Infantry, and Fifty-first,
Colonel Cumming commanding. On the 13th, made
a reconnaissance in force, and 14th, New Madrid
was evacuated by the enemy.”**

- 3/12 All thing quiet yet. have the Diaerea.
- 3/13 Expectation of a Battle. Detailed for Picket.
- 3/14 The cannonading comenced this Morning Im on Picket the Boys went & attack the Rebbels at 6 AM Cannonading ensued & We returned to Camp.
- 3/15 Newmadrid Evacuated at 11 PM the Stars & Stripes wer floating over it
- 3/16 Went down to the Fort at 3 PM hauled A 32 Pounder A mile & a half got back at 9 AM having Marched 10 miles
- 3/17 have the Diaerea Dont feel very well
- 3/18 Skirmish Drill in which I took A Part.
- 3/19 Skermish Drill
- 3/20 Drill
- 3/21 Went on Picket Dont feel well Diaerea.
- 3/22 Gone to the Surgeon took some Medicine.
- 3/23 Generel Inspection by Generel Pope.
- 3/24 Layed down all day felt better by Night
- 3/25 feel some better
- 3/26 Still feel better & trust in God that I may get well again.
- 3/27 ordered by the Surgeon to be as quiet as possible.
- 3/28 Getting better thank God
- 3/29 All quiet today fel better
- 3/30 Drill A little
- 3/31 Went on Camp gard. feel pretty well. think I will get along now. another Month gone & My life is still spared I have stood the times about as well as any of them”
- 4/1/1862“Went on Picket rained in torents all Night.
- 4/2 Came of Picket feel pretty well
- 4/3 Rest awhile & Drill a little
- 4/4 Nothing Doing. Rest.

4/5 Gunboat Korondalet run the Blockade last Night
4/6 Cannonading between the Gunboats & the Rebbels As ther was another run the Blockad last Night.

“April 7, moved against Island No. 10; 8th, pursued the enemy, compelling the surrender of General Mackall, and 4000 prisoners; 9th returned to New Madrid; 11th embarked and proceeded down Mississippi to Oceola, Arkansas;”

4/7 Ordered up at 4 AM with 2 days & a half rations Marched to the River at 12 AM
Crossed the River Marched 5 miles in Pursuit
4/8 Rebbels surrendered was on gard. spent A most A Miserable Night her. helped gard
1000 Prisoners was in A cold Rain all Night,
4/9 Brought them to Newmadrid & returned to camp.
4/10 Payed off

“17th, moved toward Hamburg Landing, Tennessee, disembarking 22d.”

4/11 All quiet in Camp today. I feel able to do my duty
4/12 Nothing very important has transpired.
4/13 Expecting an attack all drawn up in line of Battle.
4/14 All quiet My health getting pretty good
4/15 Went on Picket all quiet during the Night
4/16 All quiet in Camp.
4/17 After going down the River & cruising awhile We started to reinforce at Corrinth
4/18 Still making our way up Stream.
4/19 Arrived at Cairo at 6 AM wher We stoped awhile then started for Pitsburg Landing
4/20 Still going up Stream.
4/21 Going up the Tennessee River
4/22 Arrived at the Landing at 1 AM got off the Boat at 9 AM
4/23 Encamped 3 miles from the River

“April 24, the Brigade of Brigadier General John M. Palmer, Twenty-second, Twenty-seventh, Forty-second and Fifty-first Illinois, and Company C, First Illinois Artillery, Captain Hightailing, known as the ‘Illinois Brigade’, was assigned to Brigadier General Paine’s Division. Engaged in the battle at Farmington, and siege of Corinth.”

4/24 Grubbed Brush to give range for the Cannon.
4/25 Here We pitched Our tents
4/26 Every thing is quiet yet I am well at Present.
4/27 Advanced 6 miles.
4/28 Picked tents again. All is well.
4/29 Skermishing going on
4/30 Advanced again 5 miles Every thing quiet.”

5/1/1862“Advanced for 11 miles. My health is pretty good
5/2 Came off Picket at 11 AM all is quiet.
5/3 Marched to Farmington whare there was 1400 Rebbels camped routed them killing 150 & 20 wounding 20 of Our men returned to Camp

5/4 All things quiet round about.

5/5 Nothing of any importance has transpired today Im still well

5/6 Alls quiet.

5/7 **Went out at 7 AM marched within 1/2 Mile of Corinth Skermishes ensued in which both sides lost 7 men. returned at 12 PM haveing Marched 10 Miles**

5/8 **Went back at 1 AM the Enemy attack Us drove us back A mile lost napsacks. Blankets. loss about 100 men A very narro escape for Me.**

5/9 Staied in Camp today. My health is good

5/10 All quiet

5/11 **Went on Picket Brisk firing between the Pickets**

5/12 Came off Picket alls well

5/13 **Expecting an attack all drawn up in line of battle.**

5/14 No attack yet all quiet in Camp

5/15 Went on Picket All quiet during the Night.

5/16 All quiet in Camp.

5/17 Started to March at sunup and dug trenches all Night

5/18 **Planted Cannon all day.**

5/19 **Brisk Picket firing** All well.

5/20 **Brisk Picket firing.**

5/21 **Made A Reconicence in force went within 1 mile of Corinth**

5/22 All quiet in Camp My Health is good.

5/23 **Went on Picket stood behind a tree which during the time the Enemy shot two shots that hit the tree Rained all Night**

5/24 **Came of Picket & had A good time sleeping**

5/25 Tended Church this day all quiet.

5/26 Silence Reigns throughout the Camp.

5/27 All is well.

5/28 **Started from Farming Camp at 8 AM & advanced about A mile the Rebbels driven back Brisk cannonading on both sides & considerable Musketry.**

5/29 **Brisk Firing between the pickets Entrenched Our selves lost severel men killed**

5/30 **Corinth Evacuated this Night the 30th of May** all is well.

5/31 **In persuit of the enemy Camped on the bank of the Tuscumbia where the Rebbels burned the Bridges This is the last ... May I am still alive & well. I feel to thank God for his kind protection. The Battle of fair oaks the 31 of May & the 1st of June”**

“Just previous to the evacuation of Corinth, the Army of the Mississippi was organized into two wings and centre. The Division of Paine and Stanley, constituting Right Wing, under Brigadier General W.S. Rosecrans.”

“June 4, advanced near Baldwin, Mississippi, and fell back to Booneville. Colonel F.A. Harrington, Twenty-seventh Illinois, took command of the Brigade.”

6/1/1862 **Carried Rails to bridge the River** Crossed over Passed through **Danville** 5 miles beyond pased through **Rienna** & Camped on the hill.

6/2 Commenced Our March in the Morning Marched 8 miles to **Boonville whare the Cars was burned** Camped here over Night.

6/3 **Made a reconnoicence of 8 miles routed the enemy got Back to camp at 10 AM**

6/4 All quiet in Camp at **Boonville.**

6/5 Went on Picket one mile East of **Boonville** My health is good

6/6 **Drawn up in line of Battle then marched North west of town 9 miles & Camped Memphis Surrendered.**

“On the 11th, moved from Booneville, and again

encamped at Corinth, 14th;”

- 6/7 We are quietly encamped here in the woods.
- 6/8 Meeting at 4 AM & I on Camp guard. but Near enough to hear the services.
- 6/9 All quiet in Camp today with acceptions of troops marching two & fro.
- 6/10 Marching Orders some place
- 6/11 Commenced to march at 11 AM went 10 miles & halted for the Night. the **Dust 6 inches Deep Total Eclipse of the moon.**
- 6/12 Commenced Our March in the Morning at 7 AM went about 18 miles where We are now Camped for the Night.
- 6/13 Cleaning up Our Camp ground. All is well, I believe.
- 6/14 Nothing but Camp business going on I am still enjoying good health In the afternoon moved a little ways & Camped again
- 6/15 All quiet in Camp Im on gard & feel well I believe.
- 6/16 All quiet. **Shubert Smokes his Pipe** after a long Dusty spell it has the appearance of rain All well I believe. High Winds this Evening.
- 6/17 All quiet in Camp I have beene Cleaning off the Camp. My health is still good & Im still hopes that a Better day is Comeing.
- 6/18 All quiet a nice cool day. Brigad Drill at 5 PM **Diaerea** bothers me some. Cool Nights.
- 6/19 Nothing of impotence going on. Batallion Drill in the Evening. **Diaerea** bothers me some. Cool Nights.
- 6/20 Picket the day all quiet troubled with the **Diarea**
- 6/21 All quiet in Camp Still Camped near **Corrinth** in the State of **Mississippi**.
- 6/22 Some what unwell today. tended Church today & was much Comforted thereby. nothing much going on.
- 6/23 All quiet before **Corrinth** I feel better today excused from gard **Diarea ceased.**
- 6/24 Quiet prevails throughout the Camp. I am well this day of Our Lord 1862
- 6/25 All quiet in Camp near **Corrinth** My health is tolerable good this day.
- 6/26 Made A Trip down the Railroad to **Rienna** to see the Boys in the **36th Ill.** got some Berys & brought to Camp A few. **Battle of Mechanicsville** in **Virginia.**
- “28th General Pope being transferred to Virginia,
General Rosecrans assumed command of the Army of
the Mississippi, and Brigadier General David S. Stanley, of Right
Wing, July 9, army organized into five Divisions, under Brigadier
Generals Paine, Stanley, Schuyler, Hamilton, Jeff C. Davis and Asboth, the
Fifty-first being in the First Brigade, First Division.”**
- 6/27 On gard this day All quiet in Camp **fight at Richmond Battle of Ganesmilles**
- 6/28 It has the appearance of A Rainy day My Health is still spared **fighting before Richmond Battle of Chickehoning.**
- 6/29 Sunday & Alls well All is quiet in Camp. **Big Springs** in **Tishimingo Co. Mississippi fighting before Richmond Peach Orchard & Savage Station.**
- 6/30 General Inspection Weather Cloudy & cool **fighting before Richmond White Oak swamp & White oak Creek & Charles City Cross roads.**”
- 7/1/1862 “On Picket in the Rain good health **fighting before Richmond Turkey Bend Battle.**
- 7/2 Came off Picket & all is well **fighting before Richmond.**
- 7/3 All quiet in Camp **fighting before Richmond**
- 7/4 The 4 day of July & I am on gard in the state of **Mississippi Tishimingo Co.** In the Army. all is quiet.
- 7/5 Camp is quiet
- 7/6 all quiet in Camp got Marching orders but did not go
- 7/7 all quiet Battalion Drill in the Evening. My health is good.
- 7/8 Nothing going on yet only Camp doings.

7/9 all quiet in Camp. **I have the toothache.**
 7/10 All quiet in Camp and feel some better lazing on my **bed made of Coffee sacks.**
 7/11 **Was Detailed to help in the Hospital this day & I was unwell my self** all quiet in Camp.
 7/12 Twelve men on gard today all quiet feel about the same as usual
 7/13 Camp all quiet No better this day but still trusting in God for my recovery.
 7/14 All quiet in Camp **On gard at the Well.**
 7/15 Camp all quiet this day of Our Lord 1862
 7/16 **Uncle Sam is not doing much at present here only drilling his Boys** My health is about as it has been for the last Week.

“July 20, the division left Big Spring, and marched to Tuscumbia, Alabama. The Regiment was assigned to guard the railroad from Hillsboro to Decatur.”

7/17 Rained all Night has the appearance of a Rainy day.
 7/18 All quiet in Camp I feel better.
 7/19 Camp quiet.
 7/20 **Getting ready to move to East Port** I'm getting pretty well again
 7/21 Commenced Our march at 6 AM Marched about 10 miles & halted. marched again 4 miles & halted for the Night.
 7/22 Commenced Our march this Morning 9 AM halted at **Burnsville** until 4 PM when we commenced Our march again it rained all Night.
 7/23 Commenced Our March at 6 PM marched to **Daica** & halted A while when We commenced Our march again
 7/24 Commenced Our March this Morning at 7 AM Marched 15 miles & Camped.
 7/25 Commenced marching this Morning 7 AM Marched to **Tuscumbra** & halted.
 7/26 Rose at 12 Oclock & commenced marching Marched 11 miles & took Breakfast. Marched 6 miles further & halted at the **Big Bridge** for the day.
 7/27 Commenced marching this Morning at 5 AM & marched to **the next town 8 miles** & halted **Cortland**
 7/28 Started on Our march this Morning at half past 4 in the Morning Arrived at Camp on the **R.R.** at 12 Oclock this is Our Camp at present.
 7/29 **After a march of 8 days of near 120 miles** We camp on the **R.R.** garding a **Bridge** My health is good again on gard
 7/30 **Building Breastworks of Cotton Bales Eat stewd Peaches for Dinner.** I am well at present.
 7/31 The 31st day of July **two Companys of Us. H&K** are camped on the **Railroad**, garding A **Bridge.** got Breastworks built of Cotton Bales. **God knows how long We will remain here** the month of July has passed by and I am still alive, thanks be to God. I have been 7 months in the Army. I have endured A great many hardships learned a great deal about Military matters seen Considerable of the World & the People that inhabit it and I feel that I must live and learn.”

8/1/1862“All quiet in Our Camp this day. on gard My health is good at present.
 8/2 All quiet in Camp Cleanin up Our Camp
 8/3 All inside Our Breastworks is peacebly situated Im on gard this day of the Lord.
 8/4 All quiet in Our little fortification My health is still good
 8/5 All quiet in **Camp Rose.**
 8/6 on gard this day All quiet in Camp My health is good **One of our men badly wounded by the Enemy while fixing the Telegraph Wire.**
 8/7 Camp quiet today I am still alive & well
 8/8 All quiet in Our small fort Tending on the wounded soldier in good health
 8/9 The Weather is mild **Fort Rose** is quiet My health is good on gard **Bridges Burned again.**
 8/10 The Lords day and all is alive & well **Bridges repaired again.**
 8/11 All quiet in **fort Rose** on gard My health is generelly good
 8/12 Nothing going on today.
 8/13 Fort quiet this day I am well at present

8/14 On gard this day
 8/15 Fort quiet this day My health still good
 8/16 All is quiet this day of Our Lord 1862 On gard Dont feel very well
 8/17 **Fort Rose** all quiet I feel better
 8/18 Fort all quiet I am tolerable well and **A set of Rowdeys are on my Bunk.**
 8/19 on the 19th day of Aug 1862 Fort is all quiet On gard
 8/20 Fort all quiet **I am getting stout again**

“August 24, Regiment concentrated at Decatur.”

8/21 I am alive and well fort all ... no disturbance Yet
 8/22 Pulling down Our Breastworks & getting ready to move On gard today.
 8/23 Left **Fort Rose** this Morning at 10 AM Marched 7 miles and halted for the day on the **R.R.**
 8/24 Started for **Decatur** this Morning at 6 AM reached **Decatur** at 11 PM all safe
 8/25 All quiet in **Decatur.**
 8/26 **Decatur** all quiet on gard.
 8/27 **Decatur** all quiet My health is good
 8/28 All quiet in **Decatur** I am well this Morning thanks be to God
 8/29 All quiet in **Decatur** went out a forageing in the Evening.
 8/30 **got shot Last Night near the Eye with a shot from a shot gun** All quiet this Day.
 8/31 All quiet in **Decatur.** Mustered in for Pay. Another has expired and I am still alive and well”

9/1/1862“**Decatur** is all quiet on gard the **Camp aroused tonight by an accident a man shot himself in the foot & then hollered**

“September 4, crossed the Tennessee River, and moved via Athens, Alabama, to Nashville, Tennessee. Here the Division of Negley and Palmer remained as garrison, while the army moved to Louisville, under Buell.”

9/2 All quiet in **Decatur.**
 9/3 All is well in **Decatur** I am still alive and well
 9/4 **The Troops Moveing through Decatur** All is quiet getting ready to march
 9/5 **Burning Camp fuel Niggers Comeing in** Crossed over the River at 9 PM & commenced Our
 March up the River **Burned the ferry boat.**
 9/6 Rose at 4 in the Morning and commenced Marching at day light
 9/7 Commenced marching marched 15 miles & **waded the Elk River** & going on made 25 miles.
 9/8 Commenced marching this Morning at half past 4 all quiet made 20 miles
 9/9 Rose at half past 3 started to march at 5 now at **Columbia** **Our rear attacked**
 9/10 **Shelled Columbia & marched 18 miles secesh all along & ... a while firing on Us.**
 9/11 Marched until 4 PM was very tired. Made 23 1/2 miles within 3 miles of **Nashville**
 9/12 **Lying still within 3 miles of the City this day came within 12 hours of being cut of at hollow tree gap**
 9/13 Laying still here within 5 miles of **Nashville** Nothing going on the **prospect of the War looks gloomy.** I am still alive and well
 9/14 All quiet before **Nashville** had Battalion Drill **Marched out & shot off Our guns.**
 9/15 Moved up to the City went on Picket
 9/16 Picked Our tents in **Nashville** All quiet
 9/17 **Nashville** all quiet rather A blustery day today
 9/18 All quiet went out forageing.
 9/19 The Regt on picket All quiet
 9/20 **Nashville** all quiet My health is not so good. **A good deal of business going on in town** A **Death in the Regt.** frost last night.
 9/21 this day sunday and **my Birthday** I with a bout one hundred others worked on the Breastworks in **Nashville.**

9/22 On gard this day all quiet in Nashville thank God My health is good once more
9/23 All quiet this day had a day of rest
9/24 Nothing going on today.
9/25 All quiet this day my health is genelally good.
9/26 **Went out forageing this day with a train of one hundred & 24 waggons seen some armed Rebbels but they dare not attack.**
9/27 On gard this day thank God my health is good.
9/28 this day the 28th all is well & **have'nt heard from home yet.**
9/29 All quiet yet Now work on the entrenchments didnt feel very well & got excused.
9/30 **Nashville** all quiet I feel better today not bad enough to go to the Surgeon.”

10/1/1862 “On picket this Day.
10/2 all quiet in Nashville no word from Home yet
10/3 Rain this morning all quiet as yet
10/4 Alls well in Nashville My health is getting good again **the gurillas getting used up by the 1st team.**
10/5 **Nashville** all quiet as yet I am well thank God heard two Sermons Preached this day.
10/6 This day the 6th of Oct all is quiet. on picket & A beautiful night.
10/7 **had a skermish with the Enemy. Nashville all quiet Our troops encountered a nest of Rebbels 12 miles from this city at a place called Myrta & Routed them.**
10/8 Nothing this day but Old Camp duties going on My health is good
10/9 On gard this day & all is well Nashville all quiet
10/10 A rainy day All quiet yet **from Bowling Green by Wagon reached here consisting of 1700 Waggons. with supplies**
10/11 **Started to go forageing but returned bare Nashville all quiet this morning went on a stove hunt this evening.**
10/12 Went forageing 16 miles there & back & was very tired.
10/13 Went on picket this day & was ordered on light duty by the surgeon All quiet in Nashville to day.
10/14 Came off Picket this Morning all was quiet During the 24 hours I feel better this Morning thank God
10/15 All quiet in Nashville **no news from home yet** went to meeting this evening.
10/17 My health is good nothing of much impotence going on today only camp duty.
10/18 7 PM & **no Rebbels yet as was reported. Moved into Our winter quarters this afternoon.**
10/19 On gard this day all quiet my health is good. Living on half rations yet.
10/20 All quiet in Nashville the **Regiment fell in under arms this morning preparitary to an attack.**
10/21 On Picket this day Alls quiet frost this night.
10/22 **Nashville** all quiet came off Picket this Morning all was quiet during the Night
10/23 On Picket again Met with no accident all quiet a long the line.
10/24 Came off Picket I am well thank the Lord No News from home.
10/25 All quiet in the Barrax. this Morning Snowed last Night.
10/26 **Nashville** quiet **Snow on the ground.**
10/27 On Picket All quiet on the line **Froze Ice last Night.**
10/28 Came off Picket this morning and marched out & fired at a Mark.
10/29 All quiet went forageing marched 15 miles No resistance on the road.
10/30 All quiet on fatigue **cutting down trees.**
10/31 On Cotton gard this day all quiet here my health is good
/4 **1/4 lbs fresh Beef or: 3/4 of A lb. of Bacon one Mans rations”**

“November 6, engaged in repelling the attack of Breckenridge, Morgan and Forrest. From September 11 to November 6, Nashville was cut off from communication with the North, the troops being on half rations. September 30,

**Colonel Cumming having resigned, Lieutenant
Colonel Bradley was commissioned Colonel.”**

11/1/1862 “All quiet this day of Our Lord 1862
11/2 Nashville all quiet I am well no news from home the War progressing as usual
11/3 Nothing transpired today still in the Barax at Nashville waiting the progression of the war.
11/4 Nashville all quiet as yet mail expected soon My health is good thanks the giver of all good
on picket
11/5 A skermish on the picket line this Morning the Rebbels driven back with the loss of 10
men killed & Severel wounded.
11/6 Called up at 2 AM in the Morning Stacked Our guns and was ready for an attack but all was
silent.
11/7 Went after supplies to Mitchelville 40 miles distant. General Rosecranse Army coming into
Nashville all quiet.
11/8 Lying at Mitchelville getting supplies ready to go to Nashville detailed to gard A waggon
A general illumination of Troops here today.
11/9 Commenced Our march for Nashville this Morning at 2 AM with a train of over 400
Waggonns camped 10 miles from town
11/10 Came in the city this morning all safe with our train all safe.
11/11 All quiet in this place nothing going on today but the duties of camp
11/12 A rainy day on camp gard all quiet here received ten letters this day
11/13 Writing letters today all quiet on the Cumberland.
11/14 All quiet on the Cumberland.
11/15 All quiet this day Writing Letters this of Our Lord 1862
11/16 On Picket all quiet on ... but a skermish ... shelled the Rebbels
11/17 All quiet on the line.
11/18 All quiet on the Cumberland
11/19 Moved Back to Our Old Camp on the hill on camp gard
11/20 All quiet this morning in Nashville The Regiment on Picket went on Picket this Evening
11/21 Came off Picket this morning all quiet on the line
11/22 Nashville all quiet troops Marching through the City.
11/23 Alls well this Morning in Nashville Thust (?) lilaggarding(?)
11/24 On Picket All quiet along the line.
11/25 Nashville all quiet My health is good.
11/26 All quiet this day.
11/27 On Picket All quiet on the Cumberland.
11/28 All quiet on the Cumberland today.
11/29 On Picket All quiet on the line.
11/30 All is well went to meeting.”

12/1/1862 “All quiet on the Cumberland heavy rain last Night went to meeting
12/2 Went Forageing rose at 3 AM & returned at 8 PM in the evening Nothing of impotence
transpired.
12/3 Alls well this Morning, thank God.
12/4 On Picket all quiet on the line.
12/5 Nashville this Morning Snow Storm this Morning.
12/6 All quiet on the Cumberland Mr. Parks probably taken Prisoner.

**“December 10, the Brigade was transferred to the
Division of Brigadier General Phillip H. Sheridan,
and designated as Third Brigade, Third Division,
Right Wing, Fourteenth Army Corps, and marched
7 miles on Nolensville Pike.”**

12/7 All quiet on the Cumberland on Camp gard

12/8 Nashville quiet my health is ... good.
 12/9 On gard this Morning the Brigade all fell in to go on A Scout but the order was countermanded
 12/10 Our thing all Packed Ready to March & Marched out 6 miles & camped
 12/11 Camped on A hill 6 miles from town South. All quiet
 12/12 All quiet in Camp South of Nashville I payed a visit to the Boys in the 36 Ill. Reg. All well.
 12/13 this is A warm morning, symtoms of Rain all quiet here
 12/14 Brigad Inspection All quiet along the line My health is good
 12/15 On Picket this Day. A few shots fired but done no harm

“December 26, moved against the enemy, under Bragg. December 30, the Brigade met the enemy and was engaged during the day, losing 7 wounded. December 31, the Regiment was in the thickest of the fight at Stone River, losing 57 killed, wounded and prisoners. The Division lost its three Brigade commands, Colonel Harrington being wounded and taken prisoner, and died a few days afterward. Colonel Bradley took command of the Brigade, and Major Davis of the Regiment, and upon Major Davis being wounded and carried from the field, Captain H.F. Wescott took command.”

12/16 All quiet this Morning. Rained all last Night.
 12/17 things quiet in camp on gard.
 12/18 the 18th day of the month all is well no fighting
 12/19 all quiet on the Cumberland had A Skirmish drill Alls well
 12/20 All quiet on the Cumberland Went forageing no Rebbels seen.
 12/21 the Army all quiet this day My health good.
 12/22 On Picket all quiet along the line
 12/23 All is well in Camp All quiet last Night on the Picket lines
 12/24 had an order to march at day light this morning but the order was countermanded.
 12/25 did not march Piched tents and Camp gard this day
 12/26 left camp this morning marched to meet the Enemy Skirmishing & cannonading took one gun Rained on Us al night
 12/27 the Troops marching by some skirmishing & cannonading camped at Tupello Rained all day
 12/28 The sun rose bright this morning No move today All quiet Clear weather
 12/29 Marched across to the Murphysborough Pike 5 m this is nice day. hills & valleys here
 Closeing on to Murphysborough
 12/30 Skirmishing all day 16 of Our Co with myself skirmish 4 hours in the face of the Enemy 4 wounded.
 12/31 A great fight this day. Our Brigad surrounded but managed to get ... made too or three successful charges. drove 5 Tenn Right out of A crest of rockes with 2 Regt 51st & 27th Ill. the Battle still goin on to what result is not vet known.”

“January the 1st

2.95 built breastworks
 7.50 held our
 12.12 position
 6.04 beat back the
 5.82 Enemy once
 1.03
 1.20

7.89
1.10
46.42

2nd

was out skirmishing all day the Enemy
did not show him self nothing but his
Pickets was seen.

3rd A great deal of skirmishing goin on Raining

22 oz of Flour one Mans Rations or three Meal

Quite a Battle on the left between sundown & dark Murfreesborough Evacuated.

Clothing List.	1 Blanket	2.95
	1 Overcoat	7.50
	1 Pair Pants	3.09
	1 Shirt	1.14
	1 Shoes	1.94
	1 Drawers	.50
	1 Caps	1.30
	1 Dresscoat	6.50
	1 Blouse	2.63
	1 Socks	<u>.25</u>
		27.74

	1 Blanket	2.95
	1 Overcoat	7.50
	2 Pair Pants	6.06
	3 Shirts	3.42
	2 P. Shoes	3.88
	2 P. Drawers	1.00
	2 Caps	2.60
	1 Dresscoat	6.50
	2 Bloces	4.66
	2 P. Socks	<u>.50</u>
		39.07”

“Co. K. Muster Roll

1. Anthony	Detailed	33. Pain	For duty
2. Bortal	Deserted	<u>34. Parks</u>	<u>For duty</u>
3. Baker	Died	35. Peterson	For duty
4. Burns	For duty	36. Phillips	Clerk
5. Clark	For duty	37. Cochrane	Clerk
6. Cochran	For duty	38. Davenport	Drummer
7. Cook	For duty	39. Woolfer	Drummer
8. Cole	For duty	40. Riley	For duty
9. Campbell	Died	41. Raymond	Deserted
10. Campbell	Deserted	42. Robertson	Teamster
11. Duffie	For duty	43. Redington	Telegraph Operator
12. Dietz	sick furlough	44. Gosnel	sick furlough

13. Dennison	Died	45. Stack	For duty
14. Ebbert	For duty	46. Stubenbeck	For duty
15. Edwards	For duty	47. Spring	For duty
16. Gale	For duty	48. Service	Discharged
17. Gowdy	For duty	49. Thompson	For duty
18. Gesher	For duty	50. Trust	For duty
19. Galhager	Died	51. Tabler	For duty
20. Hommes	For duty	52. Hill	For duty
28. Holms	Discharged	53. Bullock	For duty
21. Holbert	For duty	54. White	For duty
22. Holbert	Wounded	55. Wagner	For duty
23. May	sick furlough	56. Wagoner	For duty
24. Morland	Deserted	57. Widger	For duty
25. Merandy	Discharged	58. Wagener	For duty
26. Murry	Deserted	59. White	sick furlough
27. Neal	Died	60. Zering	For duty
29. Owens	Discharged	61. Stoel	For duty
30. Monroe	Aid in hospital	62. Swisher	sick furlough
31. Orr	Aid in hospital	63. Wix	Discharged
32. Patterson	For duty	64. Wix	Ambulance driver”

“List of Clothing

Pr Boots	3.33
“ Socks	.25
one Blouce	2.63
pr. Drawers	.50
one Dresscoat	6.80
“ Shirt	1.14

4th

A few shots fired but to no purpose. still behind the breastworks. **Rosecranse** went over the Battle ground **the 27th & 51st Regt highly complimented by Rosecranse.**

5th

all quiet this day gone for fresh meet A great deal of fresh meet consumed

6th

all quiet **Moved about 6 miles south & camped Discharging Our Muskets burying the Dead & now camped on the Bank of Stone River.**

7th

Camped on Stone River 3 miles of **Murfreesborough.**

January 8th

8th

all quiet in Camp 3 miles south of **Murfreesborough** Cleaning of Our Camp grounds. I feel better this Morning the **Wagon train went to Nashville**

9th

Went Forageing helped pull a load of Corn returned without meeting any oposition

10th

Raining and no prospect of clear weather All quiet on **Stone River.**

Jan 11th

Clear Weather. All quiet in **Camp Stone River fell in under arms expecting an attack.**

12th

the sun rose bright this morning Nothing but camp duty going on

13th

Nothing going on in Camp today

14th
on Picket this day on the Bank of **Stone River** Commenced Raining at 4 PM and rained steady for 16 hours

15th
quit raining & commenced snowing.

January 16th
Nothing doing. all quiet Cold Weather

17
Cold and quiet nothin much but chopping wood

18th
All quiet on Stone River

19th
Camp quiet _____ Weather blustery.

20th
Went on Picket All quiet & Rainy

21st
Camp quiet this day

22nd
All quiet in camp

23
On picket this day A nice time all quiet

24
camp quiet Raining

25
Camp quiet saw a fight with the Boys of 26 All quiet in Camp

26 All quiet in Camp

27 Snowing & Raining

28 All quiet in camp

29 Camp quiet

30 Went foraging walked 14 m had A skirmish

31 Camp all quiet on Picket

Nov 1st nothing going on in camp

2 camp quiet

3 On Picket No hinderence

4 Camp quiet

5 On Picket all quiet

6 All quiet

7 Camp quiet

8 Camp quiet

9 Camp quiet

Edward L. Tabler
on the Memphis & Charleston Railroad
Camp Big Spring
Tishamingo Mississippi

Edward Leroy Tabler Born
in the year 1840 of Our Lord”

