

Albert Underwood Civil War Diary

This is the Civil War diary of Albert Underwood of Annapolis, Park County, Indiana. He was a member of the 9th Indiana Light Artillery. It covers the period of the war from January 1, 1864 thru January 11, 1865. It is a very different account than the one we read in the history books. It tells what the war was like to a young man from Indiana as he moved around the country with his unit. It is so personal, at times you might imagine Albert Underwood is sitting across the table from you telling you his story.

The following manuscript is a copy of a diary, transcribed so you may enjoy and appreciate the life and hardships of one soldier, and of our country during the Civil War in the year 1864.

The assumption is that the diary was logged by Albert S. Underwood from Annapolis, Parke County, Indiana based on the discovery of a promissory note in a pocket of the diary. The promissory note was given by Hugh Sample to Albert Underwood for \$25.00, dated December 12, 1864.

Mr Underwood died on January 27, 1865 from injuries he received while returning home. He was one of seventy members of the 9th Indiana Light Artillery aboard the boat the ELIPSE, which exploded at 6 a.m. in the Tennessee river at Johnsonville, Tennessee. Of the seventy soldiers, their were forty survivors, one of whom was Captain George R. Brown, my great uncle.

The diary came into my family's possession when, in 1922, at Crawfordsville, Indiana my parents moved into the home place of Captain Brown. My father was administrator of his estate, and in sorting through an old foot locker, found the diary. My father kept the diary in his desk drawer for many years. The diary was written with pencil, in a distinctive style, making it difficult to read.

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The move from Huntington, TN, to Union City, TN.

Fri. Jan. 1: Clear and cold this morning. The thermometer stood at ten degrees above zero this morning. It continued cold all day. A quiet New Year's Day. We are camped for a few days at Huntington, County Seat of Huntington County and about 60 miles from Union City and 30 miles from Jackson.

Sat. Jan. 2: On guard today. Cold and a little cloudy this morning. Received marching orders this evening to be ready to march at 8 o'clock in the morning.

Sun. Jan. 3: Cloudy and snowing this morning. Left camp at 8 o'clock on the Paris road. The roads are frozen hard and are very rough. Went into camp about noon about 6 miles northeast of Huntington. (Huntingdon)

Mon. Jan. 4: Rained and sleeted last night. Remained in camp all day. Received orders to march at 7 o'clock in the morning, received a mail this evening.

Tues. Jan. 5: Clear and cold this morning. Left camp about 9 o'clock this morning. Roads very rough with a slick, sleet snow on the top. Quite cold and frosty all day. Camped on Dovor's Creek in 7 miles of Paris. We traveled 12 miles today.

Wed. Jan. 6: Left camp about sunrise had pretty good roads today. Reached Paris at 1 o'clock and the 1st Section of battery went into camp 1/4 of a mile west of the Court House. On guard tonight.

Thurs. Jan. 7: Cold and cloudy this morning. Received orders to go into town and tack quarters this morning. Moved in about noon and took quarters in a large brick building on the corner of the Court House. Took supper tonight at the McVeys.

Fri. Jan. 8: Clear, beautiful morning. Moderated a little this morning. Have got things pretty fixed here now. Distance to Union City 47 miles and to Ft. Hieran 28 miles.

Sat. Jan. 9: Beautiful morning moderating today. Commenced reading Don Quixote.

Sun. Jan. 10: Beautiful day. Went to Campbellite Church at 11 o'clock. The congregation consisted of 4 men and 5 women and about 20 soldiers. Our mess was presented with a baked turkey and other things for dinner by Mrs. Mearns.

Mon. Jan. 11: Beautiful weather. Thawed considerable here today. Nothing of interest has transpired yet.

Tues. Jan. 12: Delightful day. Mrs. Mearns brought us in some more chickens today. On guard today. Finished reading Don Quixote.

Wed. Jan. 13: Cloudy weather. Some of the 7th Tennessee Cavalry in today and brought some prisoners.

Thurs. Jan. 14: Rained some last night, had inspection today. Reading the life of Robert Burns.

Fri. Jan. 15: The weather still continues very delightful for the time of year.

Sat. Jan. 16: Citizens are getting quite numerous here now. Received marching orders about 7 o'clock tonight to be ready to march at 8 o'clock in the morning.

Sun. Jan. 17: Left camp about 8 o'clock. Mt. Holyoke and Koma had very bad roads. It rained all day, went into camp about 2 o'clock near Rays 10 miles east of Oresdon. Took breakfast this morning at Mr. Alexanders. Traveled 12 miles today.

Mon. Jan. 18: Snowed this morning. Left camp at 9 o'clock. Rained all last night. Bad roads, slavish traveling today. Snowed all day, stalled several times. Reached Oresdon about 2 o'clock and went into camp near town. Traveled 10 miles today.

Tues. Jan. 19: Clear beautiful day. Left camp at 10 o'clock, very slavish traveling again today. The roads are very bad. The wagon cut through in many places. Had very disagreeable time today. Reached Camp Yaredon on the Obson (Obion) river at 4 o'clock. On guard tonight. Traveled 14 miles today.

Wed. Jan. 20: Beautiful morning. Left camp at 8 o'clock, upset the baggage wagon at the start. The caisson run off the levee just across the Obson (Obion) river and upset in about four feet water. Had an awful time getting it out. Drowned one horse, got started at 10 o'clock. Started several times and came near upsetting. Finally reached Union City about 3 o'clock. Commenced loading on the cars at once.

The move from Columbia, TN, to Vicksburg, MS.

Thurs. Jan. 21: Started to Columbus about 2 o'clock this morning and reached there about 4 o'clock, unloaded. Same night commenced loading on the Platte Valley at 2 o'clock. Let our things down steep bank, got all our things loaded by dark.

Fri. Jan. 22: Left Columbus this morning about 11 o'clock. Passed Hickman Island No. 10 and New Meadrick before dark. Laid up part of the night.

Sat. Jan. 23: Passed Ft. Pillow about sunrise. Beautiful day. Reached Memphis about 1 o'clock and landed a few minutes. Then anchored in the middle of the river. Landed again and took on wood then landed on the Arkansas side about dark. Orders to cook 3 days rations. Very mixed up affairs. There are many rumors about what we will do or where we will go.

Sun. Jan. 24: Still remain tied up to the Arkansas shore. Signed the pay rolls this morning. Crossed over to the Memphis side to take on wood and remained all day and night.

Mon. Jan. 25: I and Wolverton went down in town. Visited the city park. Saw Gen. Jackson's Monument. Went into Ft. Pickering to see 7th Kansas. Saw Ples and he went down to the boat with me. Received our pay this evening. We remained till after midnight. The boys are having a great time on the boat tonight taking a general spree.

Tues. Jan. 26: Left Memphis at 2 o'clock this morning. Passed Helena about 10 o'clock. Passed Fryars Point, Horse Shoe Bend. Reached the mouth of White River at sundown and landed. Fine weather. Laid up about 2 hours and shoved out and run all night.

Wed. Jan. 27: Beautiful day. Passed Providence and Goodriches Landing. Here were a lot of contrabands camped on the river bank. Passed Miliken's Bend and reached Vicksburg about 5 o'clock and laid up at the landing all night. Nice spring weather here now.

Thurs. Jan. 28: Dropped down about one mile this morning and commenced and finished by 2 o'clock. Camped in the bottom near the bluff. Had to hand our guns up a steep bank with the prolongue. Took a ride up through town to the wharf. Weather quite warm. The sun is rather oppressive today. The shade feels quite comfortable. Today troops are strewn along the river bank for miles.

Fri. Jan. 29: Remained in camp all day. I worked all day and part of the night fixing up our wet ammunition and other things. Cloudy in the morning and quite warm today. I am very much wearied today having but two cannoneers present now, four being left at Memphis and have not come down yet.

The trip across Mississippi and back to Vicksburg.

Sat. Jan. 30: Received orders to move camp this morning. The battery left about 2 o'clock. I was left in charge of the baggage left behind. Rained a little today. Eight boat loads of troops came down the river today from Memphis. There is quite a stir here among the soldiers today. The country round here is about all hills and hollows. Vicksburg is in Warren, Co. State of Mississippi. Guard today.

Sun. Jan. 31: I am still at our old camp waiting for the baggage to be disposed of. It is 4 miles out to camp. The teams have been busy all day hauling forage, ammunition and other things. The 14th Indiana Battery came down today. Rained very hard about 10 o'clock tonight.

Mon. Feb. 1: Bockett and I went up town this morning to get our breakfast. Took a 50 cent breakfast at a restaurant. Returned by the captured artillery. Saw an orange stand, got about a half dozen. The teams were here again today but went back without baggage. Went to town again this evening and took a look at the caves in the bluffs about town. I still am here guarding the baggage and things.

Tues. Feb. 2: Rather cool here last night. Went up into town this morning. Moved the baggage to town and stored it away. Started out to camp, got out at dark and found the battery had gone ahead 8 miles. We moved on with baggage teams and had an awful dark and crooked road. Walked all the way. Reached the battery about midnight. Very rough country all the way out. Very tired and sleepy. 1st brigade, 3rd Division.

Wed. Feb. 3: Left camp about 8 o'clock had pretty good roads all day. The country is not so broken as it was yesterday. Crossed Little Black and reached Big Black River about 5 o'clock. Halted till the pontoon bridge was laid down. Crossed the river and went into camp just on the other side about 8 o'clock. Saw plum and other blossoms today but few houses on the road. Traveled 12 miles today.

Thurs. Feb. 4: Left camp at 8 o'clock. Traveled about 6 miles and came in sight of some Rebs. We formed in line of battle and throwed out skirmishers but the Rebs pushed on. We started on in about an hour and came in sight of them again and opened fire on them at once with two of our guns. They soon answered with four guns but soon fell back. We pushed our two guns forward and routed them again, several times on Joe Davis farm near Queens Hill. Traveled 9 miles.

Fri. Feb. 5: Left camp at 8 o'clock. The 2nd Brigade ahead today. Marched rather slow. Good roads till the last few miles. Passed Clinton at 4 o'clock. We heard cannonading at different times today. Saw the Rebs in line of battle on our left but out of range. Went into camp 5 1/2 miles of Jackson where our advance had a fight today. Several Rebs killed and two pieces of artillery captured. On guard tonight.

Sat. Feb. 6: Harness and ready to move by sunrise. The 4th Division came up about 9 o'clock. The 7th Army Corps camped in sight last night and the advance went into Jackson. They went in the advance up front today. We remained in camp all day.

Sun. Feb. 7: Left camp at 10 o'clock and crossed Iron Creek. Passed the 17th Army Corps at Moreton about dark. Had a wearisome march after night and went into camp about 2 o'clock in the morning. Very tired and sleepy and the Infantry nearly all give out. Stragglers strung along the road for miles. Horses really give out being without feed or water. Traveled 25 miles today.

Mon. Feb. 8: Left camp at 8 o'clock. Halted in sight of Brandon till confiscated a lot of meal, sweet potatoes, salt, sugar and molasses. Pretty good country today and good roads. Marched about 8 miles and went into camp at dark near Dows Creek. Beautiful day. Sandy roads today and through pretty good pine country with but little improvement.

Tues. Feb. 9: Left camp at 7 o'clock. Reached Jackson at 10 o'clock. Nearly all the buildings are burnt. The town is literally a heap of ruins. Met a lot of prisoners going to the rear. Crossed Pearl River on a pontoon the Rebs had left in their hurried retreat. Traveled 17 miles. Went into camp near Brandon at 8 o'clock. Nice weather. Brandon is the county seat of Rankin County. Good roads today.

Wed. Feb. 10: Left camp at 8 o'clock. Passed Hillsboro, county seat of Scott county. The cavalry had a skirmish here today. The town is in flame and will be ashes soon. Had tolerably good roads. Went ahead of the 17 Army Corp today. Very nice day. Crossed Tallabone (Tallabogue) Creek and went into camp nearby. Traveled 12 miles today.

Thurs. Feb. 11: Left camp at 7 o'clock. Marched slow waiting for bridges to be repaired. Had tolerably good roads. Crossed over Tuckola and Cooniatta creeks and some swampy bottom. The country here is more thickly settled than it was. Went into camp about 7 o'clock on Tuscaminga (Tuscolameta?) creek. Traveled about 15 miles today.

Fri. Feb. 12: Left camp about 7 o'clock. Report that we will have a fight at Docatur. We reached Docatur, the county seat of Newton County, about 11 o'clock, found no Rebs. Stopped about 2 hours for a bridge to be repaired. The roads are more hilly today. We left Docatur burning. Crossed Chunky creek and went into camp about 5 o'clock. Traveled about 14 miles today. Our supply train was attacked at Docatur and 19 mules killed. On guard tonight.

Sat. Feb. 13: Left camp at 9 o'clock. Had a bad place to cross at the start. Left the supply train at Chunky Creek this morning. Crossed Tallamta Creek and Tallasha. Passed over some very rough hilly roads in the evening. Found a good many obstructions in the road today. Skirmishing in front this evening. Six Rebs killed and a lot of arms captured. Traveled 16 miles. Camped about 10 o'clock in Rebel camp near Rose Mountain 9 miles of Maridian.

Sun. Feb. 14: Left camp at 7 o'clock made a forced march to the Oktibbeha river. Found the bridge destroyed were delayed three hours. Crossed and a double gate march to Maridian which we reached at 3 o'clock after the cavalry had thrown a few shells in Rebel camp with their mountain howitzers. We entered town with a perfect yell. The Rebels set fire to their commissary and skedaddled in every direction. Captured a major of Pok's staff. Went into camp about 5 o'clock in edge of town.

Mon. Feb. 15: Remained in camp till 3 o'clock this evening and went out about 2 miles east of town on the Selma road and went in to camp for the night. It rained pretty hard for about 3 hours this morning. The Rebs burnt their commissary as they left town, not having time to move their commissary and other articles.

Tues. Feb. 16: Went into town at 8 o'clock this morning and stopped near the Confederate Hospital Buildings, which are six in number about 30 by 140 foot in length beside many other buildings. Officers are moved out about 1/4 of a mile this evening along the Salma river. The infantry are all out tearing up the railroad, burning the ties and bending the iron to render it unserviceable.

Wed. Feb. 17: Quite cold last night. Remained in camp till 4 o'clock in the evening and then marched out in a northeast direction. Passed Marion Station on the M & O railroad and went into camp at about 1/2 mile of Marion county seat of Lauderdale. Marched 7 miles today and went into camp at dark. Rather cool weather this evening. Only the 16th Corp here.

Thurs. Feb. 18: I went up town this morning and called in at Doc. Ford's and had a long chat with the folks. Found them quite sociable and clever. Quite cool today it snowed nearly all day but disappeared as fast as it fell. I was at Dr. Ford's again this evening. Two wagon loads of ham and bacon and two trunks full of quilts and clothing were found in the woods a few miles from here.

Fri. Feb. 19: Beautiful weather. Remained in camp again all day today. I went up to Dr. Ford's again today and stayed about 2 hours and chatted with the folks. Went over to the 89th Regt. tonight and had a long chat with Capt. Gifford. Waiting for orders. Don't know whether we are to move forward or to make a rearguard movement from here. Received orders to start in the morning.

Sat. Feb. 20: Left camp about 7 1/2 o'clock. Passed through Marion Station traveled in a northwest direction. Had pretty good roads and a nice day. Went into camp at 4 o'clock on Pinder creek. Traveled 13 miles today. Rather poor country through considerable ground broke for oats and corn through here. We are out of rations and are 3 days march from the supply train. We got potatoes and meal yet.

Sun. Feb. 21: Left camp at 7 1/2 o'clock had tolerable good roads. Crossed the Oktibbeha river. George McKinsey, Doc Bockett and Jerry Bulyer were put under arrest today and I am acting sergeant of the detachment. Traveled 18 miles and went into camp about sundown 6 miles east of Union. About 40 of our supply teams came in about 2 o'clock tonight, beautiful weather.

Mon. Feb. 22: Left camp at 7 o'clock. Passed Union. The cavalry had a fight near here with some Rebel cavalry. Had some very rough roads today. Some of our men were captured today that were foraging. Went into camp about 5 o'clock in about 14 miles of Hillsborough, county seat of Scott county.

Tues. Feb. 23: Left camp about 7 o'clock. Crossed Cooniatta and Tuckalo had very bad hilly roads. Crossed Wallabone creek and some very bad bottom and corduroy bridges to cross. Came up with the provision train at 4 o'clock this evening and camped near Hillsborough. Traveled 14 miles today. Beautiful weather. Quite dusty this evening.

Wed. Feb. 24: Left camp about 7 o'clock. Passed Hillsborough or the place where it stood. Marching on the Canton road today in a northwest direction but little forage on this road. The advance has stripped the country along the road. Had pretty good roads today. Our Brigade is in the rear today. Some skirmishing in the advance. Camped about 5 o'clock in about 16 miles of Hillsborough. Mild weather.

Thurs. Feb. 25: Left camp at 7 o'clock. Halted in 4 miles of Pearl river about 4 hours for bridge to be built and the 17th Army Corp to cross over. Passed the 17th Army Corp. The bridge sunk when we were about 2 miles from the bridge. We halted till about 8 o'clock and went into camp all along the road the best we could. Crossed Syamore creek. Good roads nice weather, marched only about 7 miles today.

Fri. Feb. 26: Left camp at 7 o'clock crossed Pearl river. Passed through Canton about 2 o'clock. Had good but very dusty roads today. Fine weather, very nice country from Pearl river on this way. Went into camp about 4 o'clock just across the M&R RR, about 2 miles from Canton on the Yazoo City road. Some of the boys were out foraging and Livingston was shot and two others are missing. Madison county.

Sat. Feb. 27: Remained in camp all day. Livingston died at 10 o'clock this morning and was buried with military honors at 4 o'clock. Quite warm today. John Henry and Tucker have not made their appearance yet and it is pretty certain they have been captured and killed or run off as prisoners. A good many of the boys are going into Veteran Service this evening.

Sun. Feb. 28: Still in camp at noon today. 4th regiments, veterans started home this morning. A few hundred Rebel cavalry drove in a foraging party but fled when a few companies of infantry started out in double quick. We harnessed but did not move out. Canton is the county seat of Madison county. One new recruit came in this evening from the Rebel army, a native Mississippian.

Mon. Feb. 29: Still in camp. Cloudy and misting rain this morning. Remained in camp again this morning. Heard cannonading for three or four hours this afternoon out east of here. I went out about one mile but could not learn what it meant. The railroad is now completely destroyed here for miles. Considerable wild rose hedge fence in this section of country.

Tues. March 1: Left camp at 8 o'clock. Raining this morning and very disagreeable. The roads are quite muddy and sloppy. Passed back through Canton. 24 locomotives were burned here and the roads are up for miles. Passed through Livingston about 2 miles and went into camp. Traveled 16 miles today passed some nice plantations today. Quite cold and chilly today. We are marching on the Vicksburg Road.

Wed. March 2: Left camp at sunrise very bad and hilly roads. Heard cannonading in the rear for four or five hours today. Halted about 5 hours at Boyghiti creek for a bridge to be built. Had some very bad hills and some very tough mud to pull through. Went into camp about sundown traveled 10 miles today. The 17th Army Corp had a little fight today but it did not amount to much.

Thurs. March 3: Left camp at 7 o'clock, roads some better. Passed through Brownsville and reached Queen's Hill Church at noon, halted about an hour for Voaches Division to get out of the way. Beautiful day and good roads this evening. Reached the Big Black River at 5 o'clock, crossed and went into camp about sundown on the river bank. Traveled about 18 miles today. The 17 Army Corp is in our rear today.

Fri. March 4: Left camp about 9 o'clock, after the pontoon was taken up and loaded. Stopped for about an hour at Clear Creek, the camp of the 17th Army Corp. Passed the Small Pox Hospital here, I noticed several marked faces. Had very crooked and hilly roads today. Went into camp at the old starting point about (?) miles from town about 5 o'clock. Received a mail this evening. Beautiful weather.

Sat. March 5: Remained in camp today. Inspection at 2 o'clock today. Col. Moore and the Adjutant went home today. Col. Kinney commanding the Brigade now. We have been in the 1st Brigade and 3rd Division one month now. Gen. H. Y. Smith commands the Division and Gen. S. A. Hurlbut the 16th Army Corp. Several new recruits came in this evening. Very delightful weather now.

Sun. March 6: Beautiful weather. Still in camp making preparations for another expedition. I went over to the 89th camp to see the boys. Very rough broken country round here. It was near this place where Pemberton and Grant had their interview and agreed on terms of surrender. The large tree under which the terms of surrender was made out is all cut down and cut up and carried off.

Mon. March 7: We are still in camp and under marching orders. Cloudy today and has the appearance of rain. Our horses are considerably cut down so much hard marching and many times without food. The men are all very much worn and fatigued by continual marching and on short rations. The 17th Army Corp stayed out at Clear Creek camp near Blackwater bridge where they started from.

Tues. March 8: Left camp this evening at 1 o'clock for the landing and passed through town and went two miles below in the bottom and camped on the river bank about 4 o'clock. Quite warm today. Saw many graves along the road and along the hillsides near the enemies fortifications.

Wed. March 9: Commenced raining this morning about 10 o'clock. We commenced loading on the Chouteau about 11 o'clock, the rain pouring down very fast. Awful sloppy and slippery loading. Got our guns and baggage aboard before dark and took on our forage after dark. The veterans were mustered in tonight. The 89th Indiana is aboard with us.

Trip up the Red River and into Louisiana and back to the Mississippi River and Vicksburg.

Thurs. March 10: Still at the landing this morning and it is misting rain a little. Cleared off in the afternoon and quite pleasant. We are considerably crowded on board. Left the landing 2 miles below Vicksburg just at dark and ran all night. Nothing occurred to hinder us and we made very good time. Distance from Vicksburg to Natchez is 110 miles by river.

Fri. March 11: Passed Natchez this morning just after daylight. Quite cold last night and is cool this morning. Passed Ft. Adams and reached the mouth of Red river about 5 o'clock. Landed on the Louisiana shore and took all our horses ashore and left them till morning. There is a large plantation here (Carr's); the house was burnt down this evening. We found lots of corn here. The gun boats had a fight up Red river today.

Sat. March 12: Beautiful morning. Took our horses aboard this morning. Shoved out about noon and started up the Red river, as I thought, but it was only the old channel of the Mississippi river. Saw an alligator today. Run slow and tied up about 4 o'clock at Simsport Ferry on the Apaclalaya river, or bayou. There was a Rebel camp near here, the Rebs left their supper cooking. There are 19 transports here and 21 gun boats.

Sun. March 13: Beautiful weather. An infantry force and the 3rd Indiana Battalion was sent out this morning on a reconnoitering expedition, went out about 4 miles found no enemy and returned in the evening. Received orders to debark immediately. Were about an hour unloading our guns and were ready to start by dark. Left at nine o'clock, passed the Rebel fort, and went into camp about midnight on the bayou De George, or Yellow bayou, traveled 8 miles.

Mon. March 14: Left camp at daylight and marched along the levee of Yellow bayou. Close cannonading in front about 10 o'clock. Crossed the bayou and a very nice prairie and passed Mansura, ??Cocouville, and some nice country. Passed Markville and soon heard cannonading from Ft. Dernsy. Formed a line of battle, the infantry moved steadily forward, the firing was now pretty brisk. Our battery was called on to relieve the 3rd. Our gun stuck in mud right in range. The infantry made a charge and took the fort. Camped one mile south of fort.

Tues. March 15: Left camp at 9 o'clock and went down to the landing at about 10 o'clock, found all the transports there but ours. Waited till 9 o'clock when the old boat got down and got loaded by midnight and moved out up the river. I went round and took a good look at the forts which are the strongest I ever saw. Our boats were bothered by bars and an obstruction of skike works in coming up here. We had 5 killed and 27 wounded in taking the fort. Pretty much all the citizens here are French. 285 prisoners were taken.

Wed. March 16: Quite chilly morning, are running up the Red river. Reached Alexandria at 4 o'clock, very crooked river, narrow and deep. The infantry all went ashore, we took off all our horses and put them in a large stable. The Rebs evacuated at our approach leaving a lot of corn and other things behind. Lt Col. Cravens and I took a walk up town, quite nice place. There are no fortifications here of any importance at all. Town rather new.

Thurs. March 17: Beautiful day. Alexandria is a nice town and is the seat of Justice of Rapides Parish. The town is quite level. I walked up through town again today. Three pieces of artillery were found near here today and brought in. There is a large number of hogsheads of good sugar here, considerable cotton was found here and is being loaded on the marine and gunboats. The Rebs had a half dozen more transports here, they burnt their ferry boat.

Fri. March 18: Very pleasant today. Still laying up yet waiting for the river to rise, or something else, I don't know what. The river is rising slowly. Foraging parties are sent out every day, bringing in cattle, hogs, sheep and many other things of value. Gen. Smith and 5 boats came up this evening. They blowed up Ft. DeRusy before they left. Beautiful level country here. Pineville, where the military Academy was, is 2 miles from here.

Sat. March 19: Rather warm and has the appearance of rain today. Some of Bank's Cavalry advanced come in this morning. I took a ride through town today. Nothing of interest has transpired today other than the LAUREL HILL has arrived from New Orleans this evening bringing the most of Gen. Bank's staff officers, Gen. Leen, Chief of Cavalry, Gen. Arnold, Chief of Artillery, Gen Stone, Chief of Staff. Rained this evening, cavalry division arrived.

Sun. March 20: Rained this morning. I took a ride up town this morning and saw Bank's 1st Division of cavalry coming in. It has remained cloudy all day but has not rained but little. Feel unwell today. A mail was sent out today. We are expecting Bank's forces to arrive now every day. A brigade of the 16th Army Corp is on the other side of the river bayou Rapides north of town.

Mon. March 21: A reconnoitering force was ordered out this morning. We unloaded our battery before day. Rained this morning and quite disagreeable. We started out just after daylight up the bayou rapids in a northwest direction, made a forced march to Pino Hill. There was some skirmishing, formed in line of battle twice. Our cavalry surprised and captured four pieces of artillery and 250 prisoners about midnight with a lot of ammunition, horses and equipment.

Tues. March 22: Rained considerable and was very disagreeable last night. We went up this morning after the captured guns. Crossed the bayou, found a strong natural fortification on a high hill with a wide levee bottom on the south and east. Started back about 11 o'clock with 4 pieces captured artillery, 250 prisoners, about 200 horses and equipment. We went into camp at 5 o'clock in 9 miles of Alexandria. We were out about 28 miles, a beautiful country all the way out.

Wed. March 23: Left camp at 7 o'clock. Had good roads and reached Alexandria about 11 o'clock. Found a Negro Brigade had come in from Port Hudson. The LIMINARRY came up this morning from New Orleans. We took our old quarters on the CHOUTEAU. My knapsack and all my clothes, writing and other valuables were stolen while I was gone on the reconnaissance. River still on the rise. We have not put our Battery on the boat yet.

Thurs. March 24: Cloudy and cool this morning. Rained though the day and was very disagreeable, loaded our battery in the afternoon. The BLACKHAWK came up this evening, the MESTEAS yesterday and the LaUrel HILL came up about 10 o'clock in the night. We received orders to unload our battery about 10 o'clock in the night but the order was countermanded in an hour afterwards. Gen. Banks came up on the BLACKHAWK this evening.

Fri. March 25: The boats dropped down this morning to wood. Part of Gen Banks' force came in today. The 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery came with them. I saw Dan and the other boys. Boats returned in the evening and we unloaded after dark with orders to start at 6 o'clock in the morning and go up the river 30 miles to embark. The LaCrosse came up from Vicksburg this morning.

Sat. March 26: Left Alexandria about 9 o'clock. Gen. Banks' force is not going this morning. Very good roads and beautiful weather. Traveled through a beautiful level countryside all the way up the bayou Rapides. Turned off the road 1/2 mile to the left and camped along the bayou in about 18 miles of Alexandria, close by a nice plantation house, found plenty of forage for our horses tonight.

Sun. March 27: Left camp at 8 1/2 o'clock. Passed along where we were the night of the capture of Pine Hill. Passed up the bayou by a large dirt dam and down another bayou or creek and went into camp near the river about 1 o'clock. The boats were to come up here and we were to embark again and go up the river. The boats are not here yet. Gen. Banks' Cavalry Division is camped near here, also some artillery.

Mon. March 28: Rained last night and is very muddy and disagreeable this morning. I took a walk up the river to the cavalry camp this evening and saw my friend Christie, now in the 1st Mo. Battery. Some of the boats are getting up this evening, quite nice weather here this evening. The river banks are high and steep here and the river is very crooked. Very nice country round here.

Tues. March 29: The boats are nearly all here this morning. We harnessed and moved down to the boat about noon. Our boat dropped down about a mile to forage and got back about dark when we got orders to load our guns, but it was so dark and the banks so steep we abandoned the idea of loading till morning. Beautiful weather. The pine and bluffs set in here and extend up the river. Some swampy country here.

Wed. March 30: Commenced loading before daylight and finished soon after sunup. The 89th Regt. came aboard about 2 o'clock and we shoved off down the river about a mile for wood and some forage and remained all night. Banks' force camped 4 miles south of here last night, his transports have not arrived here yet. Beautiful weather. I am getting tired waiting for the expedition to move.

Thurs. March 31: Dropped down to our old landing this morning and all our infantry went ashore. We took our horses ashore this morning and have remained here all day. It would take a Philadelphia lawyer to tell what kind of maneuvers this expedition is making and what it is going to do. Foraging parties are sent out every day. We receive no news at this place.

Fri. Apr. 1: Cool and windy this morning. There are no sign of moving this morning yet. The LIMINARY and the MESTEAS came up this evening, brought some New Orleans papers but no letters. The LaCrosse was captured and burned below Alexandria. The WOODFORD sunk at the rapids. The ROB ROY came up about sundown with four of 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery guns on board, the other went by land.

Fri. Apr. 2: We brought our horses on board this morning. Some of the boats started about noon. The ROB ROY left at 5 o'clock this morning. We shoved off at 2 1/2 o'clock up the river. Passed a very narrow chain bridge of hard earth approaching to rock, also passed Calhoun. Quite crooked river and nice country along the river. Considerable pine along the river. We tied up for the night a little after dark a few miles below Montgomery. Warm today.

Sat. Apr. 3: Started about sunrise this morning. Progressed very slowly on account of the river being so narrow and crooked. We stuck several times, once a little after noon and did not get off until after near night. Several other boats stuck at the same bend. Passed Montgomery and tied up for the night a little after dark and received orders to unload at 6 o'clock in the morning.

Mon. Apr. 4: Reveille was sounded at 5 o'clock this morning. Commenced unloading about 6 o'clock. We got our horses all off and received orders to await further orders. Scouting parties of infantry and cavalry was sent out this morning and returned in the evening. We remained here all day waiting orders. The infantry are out drilling today. Quite nice country round here. The river is nice here and runs about due south for a mile or more.

Tues. Apr. 5: Beautiful morning, still waiting orders. Daniel and George Deveter came up this morning. They are camped near Natchitoches 5 miles from here. We are still lying here between Grand Ecote and Compti about 2 miles above Quantico. The transport UNIVERSE from New Orleans came up today, brought us no mail. A scout was sent out again today but found no enemy. Bank's cavalry has captured several prisoners.

Wed. Apr. 6: I was wakened up this morning at 5 o'clock with orders to feed and harness and move at 6 o'clock. We unloaded our guns and moved onto the bluff when the order was countermanded, but hold ourselves in readiness to move at any moment. So we had a little drill this morning. Our boat is going back to Alexandria with the sick. We have orders to move in the morning.

Thurs. Apr. 7: Left camp at 7 o'clock, passed Grandore and traveled south and west today. Rained considerable today. The roads were very bad and all the way through the pine timber. Stalled two or three times today and had other bad luck, also crossed no streams, but some small lakes. The richest that grows is along here. Went into camp 4 1/2 o'clock after marching about 14 miles. Passed no farms today.

Fri. Apr. 8: Rained considerable last night. Left camp at 4 1/2 o'clock. We march in the rear today. Had considerable trouble and bad luck getting along today till toward evening we had tolerable good roads. Pine woods all the way and but few houses on this road. Went into camp about 9 o'clock in 1/2 mile of Pleasant Hill. Heard cannonading this evening. Traveled 17 miles today, no streams or water near by.

Sat. Apr. 9: Reveille sounded at 2 o'clock and we were ready to move by 5 o'clock. Fighting a few miles ahead. We were ordered forward about 10 and stood in position near Pleasant Hill till 2 o'clock when we were ordered forward again, and formed in line of battle just in the edge of Pleasant Hill. About 5 o'clock the firing grew fearful and our force fell back to where our Battery stood. Then our men drove them back and the fighting ceased about 8 o'clock.

Sun. Apr. 10: Harnessed at midnight and left camp at 3 o'clock. We brought off 2 pieces with us. Our force is marching toward the river today. The Rebs are said to be retreating this morning. Had pretty good roads and got along well today, marched miles and went into camp on the Rio Honde. We took our horses and went about 2 miles after corn, found but little. Quite tired and sleepy, having slept but little for 2 nights.

Mon. Apr. 11: Left camp at 6 1/2 o'clock, marched pretty fast. Roads tolerable good but very dusty in places. Nice weather. Made a long halt in 3 miles of the river and reached the river about 5 o'clock but not get into camp until 8 o'clock with our horses very much worsted. We could not get forage and but little water for our horses. The boats are not here except a few gunboats. River falling.

Tues. Apr. 12: Beautiful morning. We are camped at the edge of a woods about a quarter of a mile from river. I went down to the river this morning and took a good wash. Daniel came up this evening. They are camped just below Grandcore. Cannonading heard all day up the river. Our gunboats and transports are up the river and the Rebs have probably got in their rear. A gunboat arrived from Nashville this evening received a mail.

Wed. Apr. 13: Quite warm today. Received marching orders about noon and to harness and be in readiness at once to move out. Our transports were to be down at noon. We stood in readiness until about 8 o'clock and unhitched and tied our horses to the picket rope with the harness on till morning. No boats came down yet. The cannonading has not been heard since noon. Some of the troops have crossed the river.

Thurs. Apr. 14: The SHREVEPORT came down this morning, also the ROB ROY and other boats. Goldsmith and I went down to Grandore (?) today. Saw the 21st boys, went into the hospital and saw Zena. He was wounded above here on the ROB ROY. They were engaged 2 days in the fight. Several boats riddled considerable by musketry, none seriously damaged. Nearly all the boats have now returned, also the infantry force that went up.

Fri. Apr. 15: Rained a little last night. Cleaned up our camp and put it in better order. Boats are still coming down yet but not much prospect of moving soon. The river is getting quite low now. Everything has been quiet today, no cannonading has been heard since last evening. Beautiful weather. Banks' has gone to New Orleans after reinforcements. Some of the 3rd Battery boys were captured across the river today.

Sat. Apr. 16: Beautiful morning. Received orders to load all camp and garrison equipment on the boats and in a few minutes we received orders to hold on till further orders. Daniel came up today again. Some talk this evening of our going through by land to Alexandria and then down the river. There is some talk that Gen. Bank's will go up to Shreveport, yet the river is still falling slowly.

Sun. Apr. 17: Everything is quiet this morning, more so than usual. I went out and heard the old priest of the 58th Illinois infantry Regt. officiate in the capacity of chaplain. We are expecting orders to march pretty soon but we do not know whether we will go up the river to Shreveport or down the river, or even whether the river is still falling yet. Quite warm today.

Mon. Apr. 18: Beautiful morning. Another quiet lonesome day. I worked all the forenoon putting in a new pole in the caisson and fixed up other things. We turned over the two captured guns this morning. The report is today that some of Gen. Steele's Cavalry have come in and it is also reported that the Rebs are coming to whip Banks again before he gets reinforcements or moves again.

Thurs. Apr. 19: We were awakened this morning at 4 o'clock with orders to harness and hitch up immediately. Remained in readiness till about 10 o'clock and got orders to unharness. I feel quite unwell today, a warm lonesome day. Received orders about 3 o'clock to pack up and be ready to move at once. As soon as we get ready, orders came to unharness again. Louder caught some very nice fish in Red River today.

Wed. Apr. 20: Everything is quiet this morning. Received orders to get ready to move at once. Left in half an hour at 1 o'clock. Made a long halt at Grand Ecore landing. Tolerable good roads, very dusty. Reached Natchitoches about sundown. Our pickets were skirmishing this evening. Formed a line of battle and had gone to bed when we were ordered to hitch up and we moved up in a new position and formed another line of battle for the night.

Thurs. Apr. 21: Harnessed this morning about 4 1/2 o'clock. We remained in position until 10 o'clock, then we moved about 200 yards further to the left and formed again and remained in line till about 10 o'clock in the night when we started out east across Cain River. Marched about 1 mile and made a long halt and remained till 3 o'clock and marched till about daylight and halted again. Heard skirmishing all day 3 miles out.

Fri. Apr. 22: Started forward again about sunrise after the 13th and 19th Corps passed from the Grand Ecore road. Marched till about noon and then halted till about 5 o'clock while some skirmishing was going on in the rear. Then we marched till about midnight and then halted till about 1 1/2 o'clock and then moved up to Cloterville. Camped about 2 hours. It was 4 o'clock before we laid down to sleep having marched two nights and one day right along without resting only by halts.

Sat. Apr. 23: Left Cloterville 6 o'clock and went out about 2 miles and formed a line of battle. Cannonading being heard a few miles further on and finally in our rear. Two of our Brigades were sent back and the 3rd Battery and drove them back again. Two o'clock and the train started forward and as soon as past we moved forward again. Rained a little early this morning. Went into camp about 7 o'clock. Beautiful weather. Unharnessed tonight, were harness 60 hours.

Sun. Apr. 24: We were wakened this morning at 3 o'clock by cannonading. Harnessed and ready to move by day. The firing grew pretty fierce and we were ordered to move forward. We took position about 7 1/2 o'clock but the Rebs got whipped by 8, so that we moved forward about 8 1/2 o'clock. Crossed the Cain river on pontoon, made several halts, took up pontoon. Rebs followed to river but kept under cover. Pine country all the way to Cotile Landing which we reached about 10 o'clock and went into camp.

Mon. Apr. 25: Left camp a 11 o'clock and went round by Henderson's Hill on account of a bridge being burnt on the road. A little skirmishing this morning. The gunboats and the 3rd Battery shelled the woods some just as we passed Cotile Landing Bridge. Beautiful weather. Road good but very dusty. Two squadrons of cavalry went down the river road. Went into camp at 5 o'clock on bayou rapides in about 15 miles of Alexandria.

Tues. Apr. 26: Left camp at 6 o'clock. Had only got about 3 miles when skirmishing commenced again in our rear. We turned off the road about 400 yards into the edge of the woods and masked our battery and forces and in about 2 hours the cavalry had drawn them on in range of our right flank when they raised and poured in a valley, but they had discovered the trap and skedaddled a little too soon for us. The 3rd Battery shelled them a little as they went. Reached Alexandria about 5 o'clock. Reinforcements came up today.

Wed. Apr. 27: Warm and cloudy this morning. There was an attack on this place while we were gone above. The Rebs came up on the other side of the river. Our men soon made them skedaddle. The river is full of boats now. Some of the gunboats are above the rapids and can't get below. Heard the gunboats firing all day and also at midnight. Went up to the 21st camp this morning.

Thurs. Apr. 28: Uncomfortably warm today. Received orders about 2 o'clock to get under arms immediately. Moved back about a quarter of a mile and formed a line of battle and remained in position all night. A strong line was formed resting on the river on our left flank and on the bayou above town on our right flank. Several buildings are to be seen burning along up the bayou tonight. Everything passed off quiet tonight.

Fri. Apr. 29: Remained in position till 8 o'clock and then went back to our respective camps. Quite warm today. Everything is quiet today with the exception of the 13th Army Corps moving their camp nearer town. I went up to the 1st Heavy Artillery camp this evening to see the boys. George Deverter came down with me. Wrote some letters today. Any amount of hucksters and bake shop in town now.

Sat. Apr. 30: Received orders to harness and put up one days rations. It was the intention to go across the river and assist in getting off some cotton that was over there. We stood harnessed all day but did not move. Got orders to unharness about dark. Very warm weather. The boats were ordered to coal up last evening. Rather still, lonesome times here. Just at the present time many of the boys are fishing for pastime.

Sun. May 1: Beautiful morning, a still, lonesome day. Went to Catholic Church twice today. George Lowe and Dan Thomas came down today. Levi Reed and I took a walk up town this evening and when we returned our battery was harnessing up. Just had time to saddle and get ready when we started out about 8 1/2 o'clock and went out about 4 miles and went into camp about midnight on Bayou Robert at forks of roads.

Mon. May 2: Clear beautiful morning. Harnessed about noon and moved one section on the road leading up the bayou and the other section on the road down the bayou. Harnessed again about 3 o'clock and moved down the road and waited till our men came in and then took position at the forks of the roads and went into camp about 5 o'clock. Some skirmishing today. About 200 teams were out after cotton, some loaded others returned empty.

Tues. May 3: Received a mail today. The most of our division passed here today going out about Gov. Moore's Plantation. A number of teams passed out this evening after forage. Remained all day at this forks of the roads. Skirmishing again today and some cannonading in the evening out south of here. The 17th Corps camped near here this evening. I went over to 1st Mo. battery to see my old friend Christie

Wed. May 4: Cannonading again this morning out south. The 17th Army Corps moved out at daylight this morning. We graze our horses twice a day now. A train of wagons went out today but could not get any forage for the Rebs'. Gen. Ja. Mower is fighting them pretty faithfully this evening. We remained at our same positions again today - awful dusty. The COTY BELL was captured and burnt today down near Ft. De Rusy, about (?) men were lost.

Thurs. May 5: Harnessed at 3 o'clock this morning and left at daylight and went out to Gov. Moore's Plantation and camped. Expected to get into a fight today sure. We put our horses in a good stable close by. Some skirmishing today but none on our picket line. I was just outside our picket line this morning to see if I could get a peek at the Rebel pickets. Quite beautiful day. Bayou Robert runs by here, also the railroad.

Fri. May 6: Harnessed about 5 o'clock this morning. Remained till noon and fed and moved out about 1 o'clock, formed several lines of battle. About 3 o'clock we got in range of a Reb battery and opened on it with two guns. It only replied twice. We then advanced the other two guns near a bridge on the bayou, but returned and our whole brigade went to the left flank and camped about dark, the firing having entirely ceased. Beautiful country, floods of dust flying.

Sat. May 7: Harnessed at 4 o'clock, moved out at 8 o'clock. Took several positions, about (?) o'clock we took position right on the north side of bayou Moray and opened a heavy fire on the Rebs on the other side. We drove them out of reach of our guns. Two of the 1st Mo. guns were brought up and opened fire on them about 3 o'clock. Part of our Brigade crossed over, also 2 Mo. guns. They answered with artillery. The 89th and 119th played on them pretty heavy. After dark we went back to our old camp at Bayou Robert. Reached at 11 o'clock.

Sun. May 8: We remained in camp today. The 89th lost 4 killed and 11 wounded. The 119th 1 killed and 1 wounded in the fight yesterday. A quiet and lonesome and is quite warm and dusty. The river is blockaded now below here and communication is cut off by way of river for the present. Part of the 17th Corps camped close here this evening. Forage is getting very scarce in reach of here now. Skirmishing again today by the cavalry in front.

Mon. May 9: A little sprinkle of rain this morning cloudy all day. I feel tired and drowsy today. We are making preparations to move down the river in a few days. Have heard of no skirmishing today. Everything is quiet and peaceable now this evening. Four gunboats have got over the falls. The 13th and 19th Corps are getting in readiness to move down the river from Alexandria.

Tues. May 10: Rained a little last night. Skirmishing this morning. Harnessed about 7 o'clock. A dash was made among our pickets and drove in to the infantry pickets when they checked them and drove them back. One section of artillery went out and threw a few shells and returned. We harnessed up but did not move. We unharnessed about 1 o'clock. I rode out about a mile this evening to a sugar plantation, saw some barley nearly ripe enough to cut. Harnessed at 10 o'clock tonight.

Wed. May 11: Hitched up at 4 o'clock and unhitched and unharnessed about 8 o'clock. Cool, windy today. One section of the 1st Mo. Battery went out on picket about 10 o'clock last night. Heidrick and I went out about 2 miles last evening and found plenty of dewberries. We are out of food for our horses and grazing has about give out near here. The cistern water has give out here.

Thurs. May 12: All is quiet this morning. There has been no skirmishing near here today. The pickets were fired on last night. The officer of the day reported that he could hear artillery moving across the northwest. Cannonading could be heard today down the river. The 13th Corp has left Alexandria. The gunboats not all over the falls yet. We graze our horses twice a day now. Beautiful weather.

Fri. May 13: Beautiful morning. The gunboats are all over the falls now and all the transports have left Alexandria and 13th and 19th Corps are moving down the river road towards Ft. De Rusy. Preparations are making for the 16th and 17th Corps to move in the morning. The 2nd Brigade has come out here this evening. Received orders about 8 o'clock to march at 4 1/2 o'clock in the morning.

Sat. May 14: Left camp at 5 o'clock. The boats were fired into soon after we reached the river. The gunboats shelled the woods at different times through the day. We passed the 13th Corps and Banks' supply train. The road crowded full of teams all day. The transports moved down as we did, the road leading along the river bank all the way. Camped at 8 o'clock near where the Rebs had their battery and captured the gunboat WARNER.

Sun. May 15: Left camp at 11 o'clock. Cannonading in front. We left the river about 2 o'clock. Skirmishing half mile to our right, marched pretty fast this evening. Reached a little prairie and made a long halt. Heavy cannonading to the southeast near Marksville by the 19th Army Corp. The 13th is in the rear. Reached Ft DeRusy about 11 o'clock and camped. Marched several miles through heavy timber after we left the river.

Mon. May 16: Harnessed and moved out on the Marksville Road about 3 o'clock. We reached the prairie where a heavy cannonading was going on about 8 o'clock. We maneuvered round considerable but never got a chance to fire any. The firing ceased about noon, the Rebs having skedaddled. We left the field about 1 o'clock for the Atchafalaya Bayou. Brough was shot this evening by a bushwhacker. We marched slow and camped about 9 o'clock.

Tues. May 17: Left camp at 11 o'clock. Skirmishing commenced early this morning. The 13th Corps passed us this morning. The 16th and 17th go in the rear today. Marched very slow. Heavy cannonading at different times today, very dusty. We reached the old Rebel fort about dusk and formed a very heavy line of battle and remained in position till daylight and crossed the bayou. Very hard, weary marching in the Inst. Rained a little today.

Wed. May 18: Left camp about 5 1/2 o'clock. Crossed the bayou and formed a line of battle. At 11 o'clock the skirmishing commenced. We crossed back over and formed in line of battle. We formed in the timber on our left flank and opened fire. They got the range of our battery, we changed our position 3 or 4 times. They made a desperate charge and nearly flanked us. We fell back into the open field and poured a heavy volley of cannister into them. Moved over the bayou and camped about midnight.

Thurs. May 19: Rained a little this morning. All is quiet today. The battle yesterday was a very severe one. The Rebs done some of the best Artillery shooting I ever witnessed. Brooksier was killed and Rayl wounded, lost one horse. The 89th lost (?) killed and (?) wounded. Captain Gifford was killed. We took prisoners. We fought about 4 men to our 1. Very warm and dusty and hard to get water while we were fighting. Fight over at 4 o'clock.

Fri. May 20: Hitched in at 2 o'clock. We could see the Rebs on the other side of the bayou about a mile off at 9 o'clock. The 1st Delaware Battery fired several shells into them and they skedaddled out of sight. We left at 9 1/2 o'clock and went to Atchafalaya River and crossed about 2 o'clock on a bridge made of boats. The troops all over and the bridge taken up by 5 o'clock. We went into camp just across the river about 6 o'clock. Rayl died this morning.

Sat. May 21: Left camp at 5 1/2 o'clock. Passed the head of Atchafalaya Bayou old river to the Mississippi proper which we reached about 10 1/2 o'clock. Remained till 11 o'clock and moved down to the ADRIATIC and commenced loading our battery and equipment. Finished loading about sunrise. It has been a very warm day. Felix Myers and Britler came down this morning, also the old 21st Mo. Regt. Cap Moore Brigade Commander.

Sun. May 22: Finished loading all the 16th and 17th Army Corp equipment and left for up river at (?) o'clock. Our Battery and the 58th Illinois Regt. is aboard the ADRIATIC. The river is very high, weather warm. I feel unwell to day and very tired and sleepy, were up all night loading and waiting for them to get ready to load. Gen Bank's force went on down the river by land beyond here, yet good news from the east.

Mon. May 23: Passed Natchez in the night, passed the town of Waterproof on the Louisiana side, and Readney on the Mississippi side, St Joseph, Brinsburg, and Grand Gulf, mouth of Black River, Mississippi. Made slow time, the river is very high. It is quite warm on the boat. Reached the city of Vicksburg about 11 o'clock p.m. and landed below town. Smith is new Maj. Gen. of Volunteers.

The time in Vicksburg before move up the Mississippi.

Tues. May 24: I started up to town early this morning to get some bread. Went all the way to the market house, got my breakfast but could find no bread. The troops all got off and we took all our horses off so that our boats could be cleaned up. I took another walk up town this evening. Quite warm this evening. Considerable change made here since we left here in March. Very dry and dusty.

Wed. May 25: We are still here yet. Some prospects of our going up the river in the evening. I went up to the market house this morning again. Quite a stir in town since the Red river Expedition returned. Everything sells very high here. The old CHOUTEAU is assigned to us and the 89th Indiana Regt. again. The sick has been put off and the boat cleaned up. Considerable sickness.

Thurs. May 26: I took a walk again up in town today. The boats are changing round considerable today but we will not get off today. We unloaded our Battery and equipment off the ADRIATIC this evening. I wrote some letters this evening. The river is falling slowly. The 1st Mo. Battery has gone into camp here. Waiting here to get paid off and draw clothing and arrange other things. No news.

Fri. May 27: Beautiful weather. I took another walk up through town this morning and round by the fortifications. The town is full of bakeries, saloons, settler shops and huckster shops and everything to make money. No prospects of leaving yet today. Our boats have gone across the river to lay in a supply of coal. I went down to the wharf this evening, saw my friend Christie.

Sat. May 28: Cool and pleasant this morning. The boats have coaled up and have come back on this side of the river. Will Gifford and I took a walk up through town this evening and round by the wharf. The 3rd Indiana Battery was paid off this morning. I feel rather lonesome now that I have been released from taking charge of a detachment. I have had no duty to perform since we have been here. Saw Caffeen at hospital.

Sun. May 29: Pleasant day again today. I went up town to church this morning, heard a good old Northern sermon. I heard the chaplain of the 8th Wisconsin, the Rev. Hebert, preached this evening, also the Rev. Mr Brown from Iowa, sent out as a representative for the western troops in his department of the Army. The news from Grant and the Eastern Army continues most cheering.

Mon. May 30: Cool and pleasant this morning. I went up in town again this morning in order to pass off the time a little better advantage than laying in the camp. I feel unwell today, quite still and lonesome times now. I went out again this evening to hear the Rev. Brown preach. Heard also an exhortation from Chaplain Smith of the 27th Iowa Regt. and also from ??????.

Tues. May 31: I took a walk up through town to the 8th and 26th Ohio Batteries this morning. Col. David Moore commands our Division now and Col Murray of the 89th Indiana Regt. is our brigade commander. The regiments and batteries are drawing clothing today. It rained a little this evening but not enough to lay the dust. We drew two new wagons this evening.

Wed. Jun. 01: Beautiful morning. Signed the pay rolls this morning. On guard today. Not much prospect of leaving here soon. Quite warm today. Everything is rather quiet today. No news has been received here today and no mail yet. Gen. Canby is here now with his headquarters on the Pierce. Gen. Mower went up the river with the 17th Army Corps a few days ago.

Thurs. Jun. 02: I took a long tramp around the fortifications of Vicksburg today hunting plums and blackberries. Was in town twice. Went to the Sanitary Commission to draw some sanitary stores. Loaded our guns this evening on the CHOUTLAU. A good refreshing shower fell this evening. The dust is layed and the air is quite pleasant this evening.

Fri. Jun. 03: Put our horses and other things aboard this morning and left at 3 o'clock or ready to leave at least but never got off. Rained pretty hard this evening. The soldiers are tired of this place and are anxious to get started up the river. The Paymaster has forgot to call on us it seems, we are ready to see him any time. No mail and but little news of any kind.

The stop off at Memphis, MS, and some fighting there. The burning of Oxford, MS, on August 22, 1864.

Sat. Jun. 04: Moved up to near the ordinance depot about 7 o'clock this morning and at 12 o'clock we started up the river, the whole fleet being in motion now. We run slowly up the father of waters. It is the report that a Rebel battery is on the Arkansas shore and been firing into our boats. We are ordered to prepare 2 days rations and be in readiness if they attack us.

Sun. Jun. 05: Passed quietly up the river without any disturbance at all from the Rebs. We made rather slow time and reached the Dunnyside Landing about 4 o'clock in the evening. All the boats landed and the troops disembarked. We also unloaded our battery and hitched up and moved a few rods and unhitched and unharnessed and camped for the night. The Rebs are in 4 miles of here. Musketry bad.

Mon. Jun. 06: Left the landing at 8 o'clock, and it rained hard all the time. We passed round long Old River Lake. Skirmishing commenced about 11 o'clock and quite a hard fight took place toward 1 or 2 o'clock. Our forces drove them across a slough and fought them till they drove them away. We then crossed over and marched on to Lake Village and camped for the night. The Rebs having left or got out of our way.

Tues. Jun. 07: Left Lake Village, Chicot county, Arkansas, about 8 o'clock. Passed on around Old River Lake. No disturbance from the enemy on the way. Traveled over some very bad slushy roads. Reached Rossmere Landing about noon, found all our boats here and we all embarked in the evening. Got a fine lot of blackberries. Some of the Rebs followed up this evening and one of the gunboats threw a few shells at them and they left.

Wed. Jun. 08: Started up the river at 4 o'clock this morning, made pretty good speed today. Nothing of interest occurred today. Passed Napoleon about 4 o'clock this evening. Went up to the mouth of White River and tied up till dark, then shoved out again up the river and run all night. It rained considerable today. Cool breeze most of the time, mosquitoes very bad.

Thurs. Jun. 09: Running quietly along this morning. We passed Helena about 10 o'clock this morning, passed several boats going down this morning. Nothing of interest occurred on the run up here. We reached Memphis about 11 o'clock tonight and landed. Some of our boats have gone on up the river. Pleasant weather, on guard today. Getting tired of this boat again.

Fri. Jun. 10: Commenced unloading our Battery about 11 o'clock and got it off and started put to camp about 1 o'clock. We went into camp on the Hormando Road in a nice grove about a mile from the main part of town. A good many troops are camped near here. Rained a little through the fore part of the night, very warm today.

Sat. Jun. 11: Remained cloudy all day and rained a little after noon. I took a walk out round looking for a pole for a tent, nothing of the kind to be found. Pleasant came over to the Battery and I went over to the 7th with him in the afternoon. Saw a good many of my old friends. I went through the city this evening quite lively time since Smith's command has come in.

Sun. Jun. 12: Cool and pleasant today. Considerable excitement is up this morning. It is the report that our forces were badly whipped out near Whitesville. The 21st Mo. Regt. of our Brigade was sent out to reinforce also several other regiments. I heard the Rev. ??? of Iowa preach in the evening at the camp of the 89th Indiana Regt. Very cool this evening. Lt. Hight in command.

Mon. Jun. 13: Beautiful morning with a pleasant breeze all day. I went down to the river today and round Ft. Pickering. I also visited Elwood Cemetery this evening which is only about a quarter of a mile east of our present camp and is very nice place. It contains some very nice vaults and monuments and beautiful shrubbery. No news of interest. Lt. Hight takes command.

Tues. Jun. 14: Pleasant weather. I took a walk round through country this morning and again in the evening. Were out to the outposts and the line on the west, very nice country out that way, a great many gardens and occasionally a dairy. The 21st Mo. Regt. came in this evening. The veterans of the 3rd Indiana Battery started home this evening.

Wed. Jun. 15: The weather still remains cool and pleasant. We had Battery inspection this evening. Lt. McClain of the 89th Indiana Regt. is our Brigade Inspector now and Lt. Sawyer of the 117th Illinois Brigade is Brigade Adjutant. Col. Murry of the 89th is commanding Brigade. Col. Moore of the 21st is commanding Division now.

Thurs. Jun. 16: On guard today. Received orders last evening to march at 2 o'clock today but the order was countermanded to march at 2 o'clock, but hold our- selves in readiness to march at a moments notice tomorrow. Ples came over this evening. Rained a little this evening, just enough to lay the dust cleverly. We are taking everything easy now.

Fri. Jun. 17: Beautiful morning. I took a walk this morning down to the market house and round back through the south part of town. Everything is quiet at the present time. We got but little news lately. We are waiting very patiently now for the Paymaster to come round and pay us off. Some hundred day men came in this evening.

Sat. Jun. 18: Beautiful weather. Rather lonesome times now. Orders were received to remain in camp for the paymaster would be out to pay us off, but he has not come. We have been disappointed every day for about 2 weeks now. It has been the talk ever since we have been here that we would get our pay tomorrow, but tomorrow never comes.

Sun. Jun. 19: Pleasant morning but very warm in the middle of the day. It is a very lonesome Sunday, nothing going on of interest here nor in the city. I remained in camp all day and passed the time in reading. I went over to preaching at night to the 119th Illinois Regt. also heard an exhortation at the 89th Indiana Regt.

Mon. Jun. 20: Raining this morning. Received our pay this morning up to the last of May. I went out to the 7th Kansas cavalry camp this evening, but the Regt. had gone out on a scout toward Moscow. Some of the Regt. had gone out with a flag of truce to take provisions to our wounded at Liberty. No news of any interest is going on here at the present.

Tues. Jun. 21: Considerable stir this morning among the veteran boys getting ready to go home. Rained this evening a little. Quite pleasant this evening since the rain. The veteran boys got started at 5 o'clock this evening. Some are putting on pretty heavy airs and some are on the tight and others go off like command soldiers. It looks quite lonesome now the veterans have left.

Wed. Jun. 22: Pleasant weather this morning. Nothing interesting or instructive has taken place today. It rained a little this evening. The 2nd Illinois Artillery Battery came in from Columbus this evening. I went down to the wharf this evening and passed up through the city. Quite a stir in the city this evening.

Thurs. Jun. 23: Pleasant morning. A detail of 20 men and 3 teams were detailed from our Battery this morning to go with the 3rd Indiana Battery on an expedition out along the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. The 89th Indiana Regt. went out this morning. I rode down to the river this evening, not many boats at the landing now. Quite warm today, quite lonesome now.

Fri. Jun. 24: The 119th Illinois Regt. left this morning. We moved our camp this evening way over near Poplar street, have a very nice shady camp now in a nice grove with nice grass, plants and water close by. Passed down Water street to the river this evening and back up Adams. A pretty good shower of rain fell this evening.

Sat. Jun. 25: Beautiful morning, but very warm and sultry in the middle of the day. We have got our camp fixed up quite comfortable now. I rode over to our old camp this morning and it was about vacant. All four brigades were gone except the sick and the veterans of the 58th Illinois Regt. I went up to the big spring this evening after water.

Sun. Jun. 26: Beautiful day. I rode over to the 7th Kansas Cavalry camp this morning and stayed till after dinner. Saw Ora (?) Vickery. The Regt. is out at Moscow. Very warm day. I took a walk down Poplar street this evening to the 14th Indiana Battery. Their veterans have just returned after spending their furloughs at their homes.

Mon. Jun. 27: Quite warm today. I went down to the mouth of Wolf River this morning and took a bath in the river. I spent most of the day in reading as it is too warm to stir around with any satisfaction. We have had no mail or but little news of any kind for a few days past. Just finished reading "THE MEMOIRS OF AN AMERICAN LADY".

Tues. Jun. 28: I took a ride for more than 2 miles along the picket lines this morning and round by our old camp. Very warm this evening. I have put in most of the day reading. It is rather dull times here at the present. No mail nor eastern papers received for some time now. Went to meeting at the 41st Wisconsin Vol. Regt. McCord died today.

Wed. Jun. 29: On guard today. Uncomfortably warm today. Taylor and Wendall returned from the 3th Indiana Battery today from Moscow on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. The expedition was moving on towards Lagrange when they left. There are but few old soldiers here now, but a good many 100 day men.

Thurs. Jun. 30: I made 2 trips down to the Adams street Hospital today, but failed to get in both times. Quite warm again today. A picnic is going off today in a nice shady grove close to our camp. I walked over 2 or 3 times to see the performance. Today is municipal election in the city. No news of interest yet.

Fri. Jul. 01: Another warm and sultry day. I went down in town this morning and back round the 7th Kansas Cavalry Regt. and took dinner. Ora Vickery came over to camp with me after noon. Rained a pretty good shower in the evening. I went down to the Beal Street Market this evening. They have a pretty good market now.

Sat. Jul. 02: This has been another warm and sultry day. Everything is going quite smoothly now. Rained a good refreshing shower this evening. I took a ride down to the city in the morning and also in the evening. Nothing of much interest going on here now. But little news has been received here for a few days.

Sun. Jul. 03: Beautiful day, but quite warm when the sun shines. I rode down to the river to water my horse this morning and spent the rest of the day in reading the Bible and Ancient Metaphysics. I and Joe Swearingen went down to the city to church this evening. Heard a good sermon and some very good singing.

Mon. Jul. 04: Fired a salute of 34 guns at 5 o'clock this morning. I rode down town this morning to see what was going on. We had a good dinner gotten up by ourselves for our own boys. Everything went off nice and smooth and everybody was satisfied with the dinner. I rode down town again this evening. The 44th Iowa had a grand illumination tonight.

Tues. Jul. 05: On guard today. I rode down to the city this evening and visited my old friend William Gifford at the Adams Street Hospital No. (?). It is uncomfortably warm again today. Saw Adjutant Winslow of the 89th Indiana Regt. this evening. The 7th Indiana and the 2nd Mo. Cavalry came in and have gone up the White River, Arkansas.

Wed. Jul. 06: I rode down to the city and wharf this morning, not many boats here now. The 44th Iowa 100 Day Regt. started out on the cars today for Lagrange this morning. Quite warm again this evening. I took a ride down to the city again this evening along Union Street and back by the Depot and then across to Poplar Street.

Thurs. Jul. 07: It is quite warm again today. I went down to the landing this morning and again in the evening to see if any New Orleans boats had come up. I am looking for the old 21st boys to pass about now or in a few days at least. A dance near here tonight. Several of the boys went over and took a part in it.

Fri. Jul. 08: Another very warm and sultry day. I went up to our old camp this morning and down by the Beal Street Market to the city and back. I rode down to the river to water my horse this evening and it came up a heavy shower and I got a good wetting going back. It did not lay the dust out here. The 7th Illinois Cavalry went out to Lagrange.

Sat. Jul. 09: I passed through town this morning and went out by Ft. Pickering and the contraband camp and the graveyard where many of our soldiers are buried. I was down to the Beal Street Market this morning. It is quite interesting to see the market men and women of all shades and colors crowding round the market making purchases and eating ice cream, cake, etc..

Sun. Jul. 10: It is a little cooler today or there is a little more air stirring at least, which makes it more comfortable. I remained in camp till evening and then went down to the Adams Street Hospital to see my friend Wm. B. Gifford of the 89th Indiana, and am enjoying myself very well these times. Am living at the top of the pot.

Mon. Jul. 11: I am on guard today. It is quite warm and looks like some rain this evening. I spent my time mostly in reading the newspapers and the Scriptures and riding round for exercise. We hear no news of late from the expedition. The cars are running daily to Lagrange and to Salsbury. I took a little exercise this evening in swimming.

Tues. Jul. 12: I rode down to the river this morning and across north of town to the 7th Kansas Cavalry Regt. Saw my friend Zimoson who just returned to the regiment from St Louis. Stubbins McCalla and I went down to the New Memphis Theater tonight. The performance was pretty good. The singing of the Star Spangled was excellent.

Wed. Jul. 13: Warm again today. The roads quite dusty now. It is very disagreeable going to the city and back. I went down to the river twice today but learned nothing of interest. The 41st Wisconsin Regt. moved their camp today south of town and the 143rd Illinois Regt. has moved near our camp.

Thurs. Jul. 14: Pleasant day. It is a little cooler today than usual. It is quite dry and dusty. The colored folks are having a big picnic close by in a nice grove. I went over to see them dance. They had a splendid dinner consisting of the best of everything. They also had some speaking, a motley crowd it was.

Fri. Jul. 15: Rode down to the river this morning to water my horse. Quite warm and dusty yet. The nights are cooler and more comfortable now than they were a few days ago. I have been engaged most of the day in reading the news and old ANCIENT METAPHYSICS. No further news from Gen. Smith's expedition. The guerrillas have quit firing on the cars.

Sat. Jul. 16: Remained warm and dry. Rather quiet times here now. We hear no news from Gen. A. J. Smith's expedition lately. I went down to Beal Street Market this evening. Saw watermelons, peaches, and pears and quite a variety of other articles in the market. I went back round by the Poplar Street Market which was also well supplied.

Sun. Jul. 17: On guard today. I rode down to the mouth of the Wolf River this morning to water my horse. Remained in camp the rest of the day and read the news and finished reading the works on old ANCIENT METAPHYSICS, containing 378 pages. It is very warm yet and dusty beyond measure. Quiet times here at the present time.

Mon. Jul. 18: Remains warm, dry and dusty. I went down to the Adams Street Hospital to see my friend Gifford again, his wound is getting along very slow this hot weather. The boys have put up another swing, it is considerable higher and swings much better than the first. Good news from Gen. Smith.

Tues. Jul. 19: The news is good now from nearly all points. Smith has whipped old Forest pretty badly. I rode down this morning, found all quiet. An attempt was made to burn the steamer CONTINENTAL last night, but it was discovered before it had made much headway. It still remains warm and dry here yet.

Wed. Jul. 20: Uncomfortably warm and dusty weather now. I went to the river by way of the Beal Street Market again this morning. There is quite a respectable market now in the way of fruits and vegetables of all descriptions, but every thing is very high. We live very well now with vegetables we buy.

Thurs. Jul. 21: Warm, dry and dusty weather now. I went down to the river but learned nothing of interest. John Healy returned from the expedition after old Forest. He reported the expedition near Davis Mills. Pat Neel was wounded in the thigh, a flesh wound, none of the rest of our boys were hurt. Have roasting ears today.

Fri. Jul. 22: Last night was quite cool and it is quite pleasant today. The 95th Ohio Regt. came in this morning. I went to Wolf River to water and came back by Adams Hospital. Some of our boys have returned from the expedition this evening. The 3rd Battery has got back and considerable Cavalry has come in through the day from the expedition.

Sat. Jul. 23: Pleasant weather now but it is still dry and dusty. I rode over by the 7th Kansas Cavalry camp this morning but they have not returned from the expedition. On guard today. The colored folks have another picnic party close here today. More of the expedition returning today, but they are not near all in yet. Received no mail.

Sun. Jul. 24: I rode over to the 7th Kansas this morning but they have not got in yet. The rest of our boys came in from the 3rd Battery this morning. Our Brigade has got in. I went over to see the 89th boys this evening. They had nairy man killed and had but a few wounded while out this time. The expedition had a pretty hard time.

Mon. Jul. 25: I went to the river to water this morning and rode back the Hormande Road by our Brigade and saw many of my old friends of the 89th Indiana, 21st Mo., and other regiments. I went down to the Adams Street Hospital again this evening. There is no news of particular interest at the present time. Received orders to get in readiness for another expedition.

Tues. Jul. 26: It is getting a little warmer now. I went down to the river this morning, there are not many boats at the landing now. The steamer Belle Runyan sunk down the river close to Greenville and about a hundred men were lost. We receive the dailies here regular from St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Chicago.

Wed. Jul. 27: Pleasant weather for a few days. I went round by the Beal Street Market to the river this morning. Jack Whitted and I went over to the 7th Kansas Cavalry camp this evening and round by Wolf River. The 143rd Regt. Ill. 100 day men left this evening for Helena. Some Smith regulars were arrested tonight.

Thurs. Jul. 28: I went over to the 89th Indiana Regt. early this morning and by the 58th and 117th Illinois Regt. The 3rd Illinois Cavalry left for Paducah today. The colored people had another picnic near here today. Jesse Cox, Hospital Steward of the 89th Indiana, and David Smallwood came over to the Battery this evening. Warm and dusty.

Fri. Jul. 29: I got up early this morning and went down to the Beal Street Market and got some onions and potatoes. On guard today. We are expecting the veterans back now every day. A Negro was caught stealing in a garden near here this evening and was turned over to me to guard till morning. It still remains warm and dusty.

Sat. Jul. 30: My prisoner made an attempt to escape about 4 oclock this morning but we overhauled him and brought him back. Warm, rained a little shower here this evening but hardly laid the dust. I went down to Beal Street Market this evening and to the river. Uncomfortably warm this evening.

Sun. Jul. 31: We are expecting marching orders soon again but are not certain where we will go to. We are expecting the veterans now every day, the 3rd Battery veterans have not returned yet. I went down to Adams Street Hospital to see my friend Will Gifford this evening. The veterans came in this evening looking quite fine and hearty.

Mon. Aug. 01: Received a good refreshing shower last night. It is very pleasant today. Charley Connerly, Cy Wilburn and Conner got back this evening. We drew four new guns this evening with full equipment. We are making preparations now for another expedition in a few days, after old Forest or some other cuss.

Tues. Aug. 02: Pleasant day. We have been busy today fixing up things for a march. We drew some horses and a lot of new ammunition for our new guns. Turned over our old guns, ammunition and equipment this evening. I commenced packing ammunition in my caisson this evening. I've been in camp all day.

Wed. Aug. 03: Pleasant weather. We are busily engaged in getting ready for a march. Got marching orders about 2 oclock and the Battery started out about 4 oclock on the Pigeon Roost Road. I and Will McCalment were left behind and it being too late to overtake the Battery, we went back to camp and stayed all night with Mrs. Bishop.

Thurs. Aug. 04: Rained a little last night. We went down to the depot early this morning and got on the cars and left about 8 oclock. Passed White Station, Germantown, Colliersville, Lafayette, Lagrange, Grand Junction and Lamar, had good luck and reached Holly Springs at 5 oclock in the evening and slept all night in the cars.

Fri. Aug. 05: We started out this morning to hunt the 7th Kansas Cavalry. After much inquiry and considerable running round we found them and stayed with them all day. The Battery came in about dusk and we passed through town to the dept, crossed the railroad and camped about 9 oclock. Rained very hard last night.

Sat. Aug. 06: We remained here till afternoon and moved out into a grove about 1/4 of a mile east of the depot, where we went into camp. No Rebs have been seen near here yet. The 1st Division has gone on to Waterford. The 3rd Brigade came in today and has camped near us. Pleasant came over this evening and stayed all night with me. Nice Weather now.

Sun. Aug. 07: On guard today. This looks quite desolate to what it did two years ago when we were camped here. Crops look tolerable fair here where there is any crop at all. Peaches are plenty. I have had some good ripe peaches and watermelons since we came here. The 6th Illinois Cavalry has gone out today. John A. Davis returned this evening.

Mon. Aug. 08: I went over to the 7th Kansas Cavalry Regt. this morning and found them gone out to the Tallahatchee River. I went to the Holly Springs, found them all in about as good condition as when here before. Orders to be ready to move at an hours notice. Report of a little fighting yesterday at the Tallahatchee River. Music by the band every morning and evening.

Tues. Aug. 09: Pleasant weather. I went over to the 89th Indiana Regt. early this morning to see the boys. Rained a good refreshing shower in the evening. Wolverton and I went out east about a mile and got some apples and cider and other things. The 178th New York Band plays at headquarters every morning and evening.

Wed. Aug. 10: The 3rd Brigade left this morning. Rained a little this morning. No train came in from Memphis today. We are left out here by ourselves. There is no regiment or battery near us now and the picket lines are close to our Battery. I went out and got some peaches to cook this evening. One man shot today out south of here.

Thurs. Aug. 11: I stood picket last night on an outpost. We received marching orders this morning and left camp at 10 o'clock. Marched about 3 miles from Holly Springs on the Waterford Road and got orders to come back here. The 113th and 89th went to Lagrange to garrison the place. The balance of our Brigade stopped near the depot this evening. Very warm today.

Fri. Aug. 12: Rained a good shower this morning. The ground is pretty well soaked through now. It has remained cloudy all day. I went out a foraging about 2 miles southeast of town, got a lot of roasting ears and peaches. Several regiments of Cavalry came in from Oxford today. No train today, the cars are off the track near Lamar.

Sat. Aug. 13: Cloudy all day and rained a little in the evening. Our teams were sent out after forage again this evening, I went out with them. We went 3 or 4 miles and got some corn, and I got some peaches and some watermelons and drove in some beef cattle. The train came in this evening.

Sun. Aug. 14: Quite pleasant day. Everything is quiet here now. Rained a little this evening. The train came up from the Tallahatchee River this evening and reports a fight between 2 regiments of our infantry and some of Gen. Chalmers' cavalry. A train came up from Memphis this evening but brought no papers. We are living quite well at present.

Mon. Aug. 15: On guard today. Sprinkled a little this evening and is quite pleasant weather now. Cars are running all the time now between here and Memphis and on the Tallahatchee River. The telegraph wires are put up as far as this place. Our Brigade teams went out foraging again today. All quiet here.

Tues. Aug. 16: Rather warm weather again today. Received marching orders about noon to be in readiness to march at 2 o'clock. We harnessed and pulled stakes ready to leave, but our Brigade failed to get ready. The 89th and 119th did not get in from Lagrange till about 11 o'clock in the night. We unharnessed to stay till morning. Rained a little.

Wed. Aug. 17: We were in readiness to move at 5 o'clock this morning. Left camp about 8 o'clock, started out on the Waterford road, had tolerable good roads and reached Waterford about noon and went into camp on Spring Creek west of town. Rained a little this evening. The Negro Brigade and train went on this morning.

Thurs. Aug. 18: Left camp about 8 o'clock, had pretty good roads in general. Crossed the Tallahatchee River and went into camp about 1 o'clock, close to Abbeyville. Saw Pleasant, the 7th Kansas is camped near here. It rained quite hard this evening. The Rebs are now at Oregon Creek 4 miles from here. The railroad is now abandoned.

Fri. Aug. 19: Left camp about 7 o'clock or were in readiness to leave, but the Cavalry went ahead and commenced skirmishing and drove the Rebs and it rained so much that it was almost impossible to move. We were ordered into camp till further orders. The 3rd Brigade went out this morning. It has rained all day and the roads are very disagreeable.

Sat. Aug. 20: Still raining this morning. The teams went a foraging today. The boys brought in a lot of peaches, apples and pork. We received marching orders about 4 o'clock but the orders for the Battery was countermanded, but the Brigade moved out towards Oregon Creek. It is very muddy, but the mud is a settling a little this evening.

Sun. Aug. 21: Left camp about 7 o'clock this morning. Very bad roads but we got along without any difficulty or without stalling or swamping. We crossed Haricane Creek about 11 o'clock and went into camp about noon in 5 miles of Oxford close to our Brigade. There was a little skirmishing here this morning.

Mon. Aug. 22: Left camp about 8 o'clock. Clear this morning. Moved up to the Brigade and I then went ahead and got to Oxford and remained there 3 or 4 hours and a dispatch came that Forest had taken Memphis. The torch was applied to the town, and when I left in the evening it bid fair to burn the hole town. The expedition returned about 8 o'clock and camped on Haricane Creek.

Tues. Aug. 23: Left camp about 7 o'clock. Passed Abbeyville and halted. The bridge across the river fell in, one mule team drowned. While we were waiting for the bridge to be repaired, a small forage party was sent out. The Rebs came up and attacked our rear and captured 2 of our teams. The boys all made their escape. A force was sent after them, they killed and captured a few. We camped in position tonight.

Wed. Aug. 24: All quiet this morning. I went down to the river this morning to see how the bridge was progressing. I went to the 7th Kansas Cavalry and to the 12th Mo. Cavalry, also saw my old friend Mr. Slade Vestal and Alf Brownson in the 12th Mo. Cavalry. There was a little skirmishing today. Short rations now. The bridge is nearly completed. Quite warm today.

Thurs. Aug. 25: Left camp about 7 o'clock this morning. Crossed the river without any accident. Passed Waterford and went into camp at 2 o'clock about a mile beyond and near Limpkin's Mills. Uncomfortable warm today. Got plenty good peaches this evening, also plenty fresh meat. The roads are pretty good. No fighting today.

Fri. Aug. 26: Left camp about 9 o'clock and got along very well, over the hilly and rough road and reached Holly Springs about 2 o'clock. Uncomfortably warm again today. A small force of our troops were left at Waterford. We hear no further news about the raid on Memphis, and in fact we get no news at all now. There are ten prisoners along with us.

Sat. Aug. 27: Remained all day in camp. Very pleasant weather. We went out about 2 miles southwest of the city and got 3 loads of corn. Pleasant came over this evening and took supper with me. There is another report that another raid has been made on Memphis and Gen Washburne captured. Received marching orders tonight.

Sun. Aug. 28: Left camp about 7 o'clock. Started out on the Pigeon Roost Road. Good roads but hilly. I went off the road about 2 miles and got some peaches. Saw a deer and saw our Cavalry make a charge on a house and commence firing like they were skirmishing with the Rebs. We reached camp at Coldwater at 6 o'clock and camped. Marched 16 miles today.

Mon. Aug. 29: Left camp about 7 o'clock this morning. Crossed Coldwater Creek, had good roads, got along well. One of the 89th boys was killed by someone shooting at hogs. Got a fine lot of nice peaches, found some ripe pawpaws today. Marched a good ways on the state line. Went into camp about 2 o'clock. Marched 13 miles today. Good weather.

Tues. Aug. 30: Left camp about daylight. Beautiful day. We had very good roads today and marched along quite brisk and crossed Von Conner Creek about 11 o'clock and stopped about 2 hours and fed and watered. I found a nice lot of pawpaws in the Von Conner bottom. We reached Memphis about 4 o'clock and went into camp at our old camp at the end of Adams Street. On guard today.

Wed. Aug. 31: Rained a little this morning but cleared off in the evening. The 1st and 2nd Brigades are camped near here and Col. Shaw's Headquarters are close to our Battery, also Col. Murry's are close by. I rode down to the river this evening, I can't see that the raid did any damage to the city. We mustered for pay this evening.

Thurs. Sept. 01: Pleasant weather. I remained in camp all day in expectation of an inspection, but no inspection came off today. The 1st Division crossed the river into Arkansas. We came near going but escaped this time for some reason or other. The cavalry have not come in yet from the expedition. Everything is quiet here at present.

Fri. Sept. 02: The weather is quite warm today. There is not much news of interest in the papers now, only a little excitement about the Chicago Convention. We get hardly any mail for some cause or other of late. It is the report there now that the cavalry have been fighting out on the railroad lately. Some of the Hundred Day men came in today.

Sat. Sept. 03: Rather warm today. We drew some more horses this evening. I went down to Adams Street Hospital this evening to see my old friend Sergeant Gifford. There are a good many in the hospital now that are pretty badly wounded. Some were wounded up Red River and others in the expedition of Gen Smith in Mississippi.

Sun. Sept. 04: Pleasant morning. I took a squad and went down town to the Episcopalian Church this morning and at 3 o'clock I went over to the 89th Indiana and heard the chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Hodson, preach a funeral sermon. I took a squad of 13 men down to church tonight and heard a good sermon preached. Received orders to march at daylight.

Mon. Sept. 05: Left camp at daylight and went down to the landing and loaded on the W. R. Arthur right away. The 21st Mo. Regt. go with us on the W. R. Arthur. I took my farewell tramp through Memphis today, in all probability for a long while. We left Memphis about 5 o'clock.

The stop at Cairo, IL, and the expedition to Missouri and back to St. Louis. November 22 saw the fat lady.

Tues. Sept. 06: We passed Ft. Pillow at 5 o'clock this morning and we passed New Madrid a little before dark and Island No. 10 a little after dark. We passed Hickman and Columbus after night and reached Cairo about midnight and tide up till morning. Rained a little here this evening. It is quite pleasant on the boat now.

Wed. Sept. 07: We are tied up this morning at Cairo. I passed myself off and took a walk up town this morning. On guard today. There is considerable business done here now. Rained a little this evening. Very pleasant today. Lt. Calfee started home this morning on leave of absence for a few days. The Monsoon came up with some of our division.

Thurs. Sept. 08: Still at Cairo this morning. I took a walk up through town this morning. The boat moved up the river about a mile and we took our horses off and the regiment got off. Our whole Brigade is here now. I went down to town this evening to the Negro minstrels and had a pretty good time. We signed our pay roll this evening.

Fri. Sept. 09: I took a walk this morning a way up towards Mound City and in the afternoon I went down to town and out to the dirt bank on the railroad, then on the Mississippi levee to about the Magazine and cross through the woods and got some pawpaws, and then down the Illinois Central Railroad to our boat. We got our pay this evening up to the first of September. The 89th and 58th came up today.

Sat. Sept. 10: I took a walk out to the Mississippi levee this morning, found some pawpaws and took a bath in the Mississippi River. I took a walk up the Ohio River this evening and took a bath in the Ohio River. We received orders this morning to be ready to leave at a moments notice. The soldiers here are going in heavy.

Sun. Sept. 11: I and Wolverton took a tramp up to Mound City, Pulaski county, this morning and went a pawpaw hunting down the Cash. Mound City is a nice place. It contains a splendid hospital, a Navy yard, and other important buildings. It is beautiful weather now. All is very quiet today. The river is rising quite rapidly.

Mon. Sept. 12: Several of us rode up back of Mound City this morning after pawpaws and found plenty of them, and in the afternoon I took a walk up the railroad and cross to the Mississippi River and down back across to the boat. I took a bath in the Mississippi which is low now. There was a fire in town last night and several buildings were burned.

Tues. Sept. 13: Beautiful weather. Everything is quiet this morning up here. There was more fire in town last night. I took a walk across to the Mississippi River this morning. I saw a couple of two-legged ducks dabbling in the Mississippi River. I took a bath and went out and got some pawpaws. We received marching orders this evening.

Wed. Sept. 14: We loaded on our horses and the 21st Mo. Regt. got aboard and we shoved off about 9 o'clock and fell down to opposite the St. Charles Hotel and unloaded for the purpose of loading on another boat, but none came this evening, so we lay here all night. I tramped round over town considerable today. Some of our division went on up the river.

Thurs. Sept. 15: Still here yet this morning. The 7th Kansas came up this morning. Ples and I took a tramp over town, and today I went aboard the John Raine and I took dinner with the 7th Kansas. We waited till about 3 o'clock for a boat when the WAR EAGLE dropped down and we loaded our Battery and shoved off about 4 o'clock up the Miss. River We run on several bars in the night. On guard today.

Fri. Sept. 16: We passed Cape Girardeau about 9 o'clock, stopped a little while. Run on a bar above a little ways, got off and came to another we could not get over. We fell back to a landing and took off our horses and took them up the river about 2 miles and loaded again. Our boat run over a log this evening and caused a big scare among the passengers aboard.

Sat. Sept. 17: We are still moving this morning. We passed Sulphur Springs this morning and reached Jefferson Barracks about 11 o'clock, disembarked and got into camp about 2 o'clock. Went up and took a look at the barracks this evening. They are quite nice and very beautifully arranged. The 7th Kansas Cavalry went on up the river. All the Division is not in yet.

Sun. Sept. 18: Pleasant weather. There is nothing of interest transpiring here yet. I remained in camp nearly all day and read the news and wrote some letters. I took a walk in the evening round the barracks which are quite extensive and very nice and well arranged. I went to the 52nd Indiana Regt. and heard a sermon.

Mon. Sept. 19: Very cool last night, almost frost. The country round here is quite rough and covered with a thick growth of timber and underbrush. I took a walk this morning out south about a mile and back, and in the evening I walked up the river about a mile. The country is rough any way a person can go. The cars are running constantly on this road.

Tues. Sept. 20: The 89th Indiana got up last night. I went over to the regiment this morning to see some of the boys. I attended a presentation of a fine sword and bolt and sash to Maj. Gen. A. J. Smith at 2 o'clock this evening. Maj. Gen. Rosecrans was present and made a short speech, also Gen. Ewing, Col. Baker and others. I went to meeting at the 52nd Indiana Regt. this evening.

Wed. Sept. 21: Beautiful weather. I took a walk out to the Murrumac Pike this evening. I went to meeting tonight to the 43rd Delaware Regiment and heard the agent of the Christian Commission speak, also the agent of the Sanitary Commission Rev. Mr. Bradloy and Rev. Johnson of Iowa, delegate to the Christian Commission, also the chaplain of the 43rd Illinois.

Thurs. Sept. 22: On guard today. I spent the most of the day reading the news and Bible. Rather windy today. It is very dry and dusty. There is plenty of marketing of every kind brought in here now, apples, cider, beer, watermelons and other things. There is considerable talk among the soldiers now about going home to vote. We received no mail yet.

Fri. Sept. 23: The weather is still dry and dusty yet, but look more like rain soon. There are a good many citizens here now, friends of the Missouri and Illinois regiments of our division. It commenced raining about 4 o'clock this evening and a good shower fell during the evening, rather cold and chilly. Watermelons are brought in now in abundance and sell high for this country.

Sat. Sept. 24: Cool and pleasant since the rain. Col. W. S. Shaw now commanding the 3rd Division of the 16th Army Corps was presented with a sword this evening at his headquarters near the barracks. We received orders to be in readiness to march by Monday. Cannonading is heard at St. Louis this evening. They are firing a salute in honor of another Sheridan victory.

Sun. Sept. 25: Pleasant morning. The 2nd and 3rd Brigades of the 3rd Division left for Pilot Knob today and the cars. I went to church this morning at the barracks and heard an Episcopalian sermon and in the afternoon I went to a German meeting at the same place. I went over to the 89th this evening and as I returned I stopped at the 113th and heard a sermon.

Mon. Sept. 26: The 21st Mo. and the 58th Ill. Regt. started out today on the cars to DeSoto. Report of fighting near Pilot Knob. Price or Shelby is making their way up this way. Tom Day and I went to meeting tonight at the 119th camp. We received orders at 11 o'clock to harness and hitch up immediately.

Tues. Sept. 27: We got down to the depot at midnight and remained till morning and loaded on the cars and left at 10 o'clock, reached DeSoto about 2 o'clock and kept moving round, up and down the tracks till after dark, when we unloaded our horses and stopped for the night. The Knob is now evacuated and government stores moved up here. Rained in the night.

Wed. Sept. 28: A rebel guerrilla was hung here this morning after he killed one man and wounded four. We remained on the cars all day, moving up and down the track at intervals all day. The 7th Kansas and 13th Mo. Cavalry came in this evening. DeSoto is 43 miles from St. Louis. Rough country all the way down. The citizens seem quite loyal here.

Thurs. Sept. 29: We got loaded on the cars by 7 1/2 o'clock and left immediately. Our Brigade stopped at the Merimac Bridge. The 3rd Brigade has come in this evening. Rained for an hour or two last night. We made Jefferson Barracks in 2 1/2 hours from DeSoto, from Sulphur Springs to the Barracks, 11 miles. We are under marching orders again to be in readiness to move at a moments notice.

Fri. Sept. 30: We remained in camp today and have orders to leave at 7 o'clock in the morning. The 3rd Brigade went out tonight on the cars to reinforce Gen. Ewing on the southwest branch of the Pacific R.R. Price is going in the direction of Jefferson City via Rolla. A scouting party was sent to DeSoto to day, report all safe there yet.

Sat. Oct. 01: Rained in the night and continued all day. We harnessed before day and hitched in and stood till dark waiting for orders to move out and were finally ordered to unharness and stay till morning. Our Brigade came in from the Merimac Bridge today. The 13th Mo. Cavalry passed this morning. Fighting on the South West Railroad, also reported Mower had a fight at the Knob.

Sun. Oct. 02: Left camp at 9 o'clock this morning. Went up the river as far as Carrondelet and turned off toward the Pacific R.R., traveled a little way on the turnpike and then went in the direction of Kirkwood, which we reached at 3 o'clock and went into camp 1 mile north of Kirkwood. Cloudy weather all day. We marched about 12 miles today.

Mon. Oct. 03: We left camp about 9 1/2 o'clock and took the Jefferson City rock road and traveled on it all day. We passed the town of Manchester and of Baldwin. I went into camp a little after dark in 10 miles of the town of Franklin, The junction of the Pacific and South West Rail Roads. It rained all day but the roads were good. It is chilly and disagreeable.

Tues. Oct. 04: Left camp at 7 1/2 o'clock. Rained a little in the night and it commenced again about noon and rained till nearly night. Quite a cold, disagreeable rain. We reached the end of the rock this morning and traveled on the earth roads several miles. Reached Grays Summit about noon and went into camp east of town on the railroad. On guard today.

Wed. Oct. 05: Cool last night. Clear and pleasant this morning. The cars came in this morning. The 3rd Brigade came in this morning. I went over to town this morning. The town is small, Only ten or a dozen houses. The depot is burnt, but no other buildings. Grays Summit is in Franklin County, 4 miles to the Missouri River. The country is very rough round here.

Thurs. Oct. 06: Still in camp, all quiet this morning. The locomotives come in here every day but bring no train hardly at all. We get no papers here at all and hear but little news of any kind. The weather is cool now. There were never any Rebel forces at all in this county before the raid of Price's, so citizens report. This is 41 miles from St. Louis.

Fri. Oct. 07: We are still here in camp this morning. The 2nd and 3rd Brigades are moving camp today. The 122 Regt. is transferred to the 2nd Brigade. Received marching orders at 1 o'clock and left camp at 2 1/2 o'clock. Passed through the town of Grays Summit, had very rough roads and reached a point on the Merimac River about 8 o'clock and went into camp 2 miles of Union. Traveled 12 miles today.

Sat. Oct. 08: Left camp at 7 1/2 o'clock. Passed through Union, county seat of Franklin county. Marched on the double quick and had very rough roads all day. I got some good ripe persimmons today. We went into camp about 7 1/2 o'clock on Beff Creek. Marched about 27 miles today. We left the militia a way in the rear.

Sun. Oct. 09: Hitched up and ready to move by 8 o'clock, but the order to march today was countermanded until further orders. The St. Louis militia got in today about a half a day behind us. Beautiful day. I went over to the 89th this evening. I started out after pawpaws this morning, went as far as the pickets and returned. The Rebs have been camped here. The citizens' women have been thick in camp today.

Mon. Oct. 10: Left camp about 7 o'clock and marched right along though the roads were very rough and muddy in places. We crossed the Gasconade River by fording, about knee deep at the deepest and clear as crystal. we went into camp on the river half a mile above the ford. Found plenty of pawpaws. On guard. Traveled 17 miles today.

Tues. Oct. 11: Left camp at 7 1/2 o'clock. We had better roads today with the exception of a few hills. The road runs on a divide ridge most all the way from the Gasconade River to here (Mary's Creek). We passed through Linn, the county seat of Gasconade county, very small town for a county seat. We went into camp just at dusk on Mary's Creek. We marched 17 miles today. Pleasant day.

Wed. Oct. 12: Rained last night. Left camp at 6 1/2 o'clock, had tolerable good roads today. It was a little slippery in the morning. We went up the river to near Castle Rock and forded the Osage river about noon. The river is about 2 feet deep now and a beautiful gravel bottom. We reached (?) Creek and went into camp about 5 o'clock. Marched 17 miles today.

Thurs. Oct. 13: Left camp about 9 o'clock this morning after a little delay in maneuvering round. We reached Jefferson City about 11 o'clock and passed right on though without stopping. Had good roads and went into camp about 3 1/2 o'clock on Gray's Creek, Coles county, about 10 miles west of Jefferson City. Tolerable good roads today. Beautiful weather. Marched about 13 miles today.

Fri. Oct. 14: Left camp about 7 1/2 o'clock this morning. Passed Lookout Station, crossed the railroad three or four times and reached California, county seat of Manitou county, about 3 o'clock and went into camp at 3 1/2 o'clock about 1/4 mile north of town. The 3rd Brigade is camped here now. The country is getting better as we go west. It is rather cool now. Marched 20 miles.

Sat. Oct. 15: Left camp about 8 1/2 o'clock. Passed back through town and went west and reached Tipton about 2 1/2 o'clock. Here the Rebs had not been. After resting a few minutes we started on again and passed through Syracuse. Had very good roads. There is only our Brigade along today. We crossed the LaMein River and made a stop close to Otterville. Stood hitched in all night. Marched 25 miles.

Sun. Oct. 16: Started ahead again at 3 o'clock this morning. Passed Otterville and Smithton and reached Farmers' Town just at sunrise and halted a little while, and reached Sedalia about 5 o'clock. The Infantry came up on the cars from Otterville this morning. Sedalia is in Pettis county. Georgetown is county seat. We marched 14 miles this morning. Am on guard today.

Mon. Oct. 17: This is a very nice town. About 1 o'clock we were aroused by the report that Rebs were near. We harnessed and were out at once. We went out about 2 miles in a few minutes and unlimbered for action when it was discovered that it was some men herding cattle. All quiet by night. This is a prairie town and there is more or less prairie all the way from California (Mo.) on this way. Beautiful day.

Tues. Oct. 18: It is getting quite cool now of nights. We harnessed up before day this morning but there was no enemy seen near and everything was quiet by 9 o'clock and we unharnessed. The remainder of our Division came in this evening and went into camp about 1 1/2 miles west of here. The next county west of here is Johnson, next Lafayette, and the next Jackson.

Wed. Oct. 19: Left camp at Sedalia about 8 1/2 o'clock and went out on the Georgetown Road in a mile of the town and halted about 3 hours and then passed through Georgetown. Crossed Muddy Creek and through some nice prairie country and crossed Blackwater and went into camp about 9 o'clock. Dark and raining and it is very disagreeable. Marched 17 miles today.

Thurs. Oct. 20: Left camp at 10 o'clock. Had good roads, marched at a good speed. Crossed Blackwater again, passed through very very good prairie again today. It snowed a little today and kind of misted rain a little in the evening. We turned off the Lexington Road about 2 miles and camped about 5 o'clock on Davis Creek. We marched 25 miles today.

Fri. Oct. 21: Left camp on Davis Creek about 8 o'clock. Crossed on to the Lexington Road. Passed through some good prairie country today. The country is more broken as we get nearer the river. We reached Lexington about 6 o'clock and went into camp about dusk just south of town. It has been cloudy and disagreeable today. Marched 22 miles today.

Sat. Oct. 22: Left camp at Lexington about 8 1/2 o'clock. I took a walk up town this morning. Had a invitation to breakfast, got some good sweet potatoes. We marched out on the Harrisonville Road. Passed through some good country, not much prairie to here. Beautiful day. We went into camp about dusk on the Little Blue, got some pawpaws. Marched 18 miles.

Sun. Oct. 23: Left camp about 8 o'clock. Turned off the Harrisonville Road and got on the Independence Road. Had tolerable good roads today. We passed over some good prairie but no large prairies. We marched the most of the day in a northwest direction. The country is made desolate and all of the houses are burnt along the road today. Marched 20 miles and camped in 8 miles of Independence tonight.

Mon. Oct. 24: Left camp about 12 1/2 o'clock. Passed through Independence before day and reached Big Blue Creek about 10 1/2 o'clock and went into camp just at the battle ground. I saw a good many killed and wounded over the ground and at the hospital, both of our men and of Rebs. Also we marched about 20 miles this morning. About 8 miles to Kansas City. Price skeddaddling south as fast as possible.

Tues. Oct. 25: Rained last night. Left camp about 8 1/2 o'clock. Marchen south on the Harrisonville Road a few miles beyond the Blue and turned off cross the prairie towards Kansas. Passed through Santa Fe on the line and went south on the Ft. Scott Road to the Big Blue and went into camp about 5 o'clock. The 1st Division came in on another road. We marched about 15 miles today.

Wed. Oct. 26: Left camp about 4 o'clock this morning. Went across the prairie and got into the Harrisonville Road. Had good smooth roads today. Marched in a southeast direction and passed through Harrisonville, County seat of Cass county, and went into camp about 3 1/2 o'clock about a mile southwest of town. I went to John Hardin's and got some bread baked. Marched 21 miles today. On guard tonight.

Thurs. Oct. 27: We remained in camp all day. It is quite pleasant weather now. A rebel prisoner was hung at Harrisonville today. This county, Jackson County, and Bates county are almost depopulated by the war. The most of the houses and farms are deserted or the houses burnt down. The country is very good in this locality. Price is out of our reach now.

Fri. Oct. 28: We are still in camp yet. Lt. Hight is relieved from command of the Battery now and Lt. Calfee taken command. Sergeants Goldsmith and Frier and Corp. Budel were reinstated. No news from the front or the whereabouts of Price now. The cavalry and Gen Blunt is supposed to be in pursuit of them yet. We are short of rations and are waiting supplies.

Sat. Oct. 29: Received mail this morning. The supply train has arrived. I finished reading the BIBLE the second time. I commenced reading ALONE by Marion Harland this evening. Report the Gen Marmaduke and two thousand prisoners are captured and are coming today. Very beautiful weather here now. Col. Shaw is relieved and Col. David Moore takes command of the 3rd Division.

Sun. Oct. 30: Left camp about 8 1/2 o'clock. Passed back through Harrisonville and took the Pleasant Hill Road. We passed through some nice prairie, had good roads, marched in a northeast direction. I had a little chat this morning with the Misses Hardens. Went into camp about 2 o'clock on Big Creek about 1 1/2 miles from Pleasant Hill. We marched 12 miles today.

Mon. Oct. 31: Left camp about 11 o'clock this morning. passed through Pleasant Hill, Lance Jack, and Chapel Hill. Lance Jack is entirely deserted and the place where Chapel Hill stood is now a ruined heap. We had some tolerable rough roads today and part of the time no road at all. Crossed the Sybaugh and went into camp on the Blue about 9 o'clock. We have marched 20 miles today.

Tues. Nov. 01: Left camp about 9 o'clock. Rained last night and is slippery and disagreeable this morning. Had some very rough roads part of the way. None but our Brigade is along with us now. We passed through Greenton and reached the city about sundown and went into camp just in the edge of town. Marched 20 miles.

Wed. Nov. 02: I went up into the city this morning. Found some clever Union ladies. One lady gave some cooked beef and nice apples. Left the city at 10 o'clock, marched west. Had good roads. Passed through Dover and then we had some big hills to go over. We reached camp at Waverly about 6 o'clock. Camped in the north part of town. We have marched 20 miles today. Lafayette county.

Thurs. Nov. 03: Snowed about an inch last night and continued till noon. We left camp about 9 o'clock. Had a very disagreeable day but level road. Marched through about a ten mile prairie. Passed Fairview, turned off the road about 2 miles to a creek and went into camp about 7 o'clock. We had a very dark and disagreeable time getting into camp. Marched 22 miles today.

Fri. Nov. 04: Left camp about 8 1/2 o'clock. Marched out onto the Lexington Road 6 miles west of Cambridge. Had level roads all day but a little muddy in places. Passed through some good prairie today. Marched about 4 miles on the Missouri bottom down the river through the timber all the way. Beautiful weather. We marched about 20 miles today and reached the ferry at 4 o'clock and went into camp. On guard tonight. Passed through Salina county.

Sat. Nov. 05: The 3rd Battery and the 2nd Illinois crossed last night and we commenced ferrying this morning and got the Battery over by 1 o'clock. I went up town a while, nothing much to be seen now. Tolerable broken around here. This is Howard County. We got everything across and got into camp by 5 o'clock, just southeast of town. The weather is beautiful.

Sun. Nov. 06: Beautiful day. The 3rd Brigade is out here in camp today and the 2nd is crossing the river. Goldsmith and I took a walk in the graveyard this evening. The country round here is broken but it looks very nice and is quite rich and productive. Fayette is the county seat of Howard County. It is 30 miles to the northwest railroad in nearest place. River runs south. Finished reading "A Lone".

Mon. Nov. 07: Left camp at Glasgow at 9 1/2 o'clock. Started out on the Fayette Road, had tolerable good roads. Passed through Fayette, County Seat of Howard County, a pretty nice town. The country along the road today is pretty thickly settled. We went into camp about 3 o'clock in a half mile of town. Commenced raining this evening. Marched 12 miles today. Camped on Boone Femme.

Tues. Nov. 08: Rained considerable last night and continued all day. Vote of 21st Mo. Regt. unanimous for Lincoln, vote of the 32nd Iowa, Lincoln 257, McClellan 28; vote of the 27th Iowa, Lincoln 299 and 36 for McClellan; vote of the 178th New York Regt. 175 voted for Lincoln and about 60 for McClellan. The 89th Indiana gave McClellan 80. The 3rd Indiana Battery gave 91 for Lincoln and 7 for McClellan.

Wed. Nov. 09: Still raining this morning. Moved our camp over to the fair ground about 11 o'clock. We have drowned out here. It snowed for an hour today. Cold and is very disagreeable today. The whole Division is out cutting wood for fires to keep from freezing. It has quit snowing and raining and is drying off very fast this evening.

Thurs. Nov. 10: Left camp about 9 3/4 o'clock. Crossed Boone Femme Creek. Roads tolerable bad. It was frozen hard enough to bear awhile in the morning. Nice weather above here. We crossed Manitou Creek just at Rocheport, passed through town and went into camp at 4 o'clock on the hill just below town. Ten or twelve guerrillas were captured today. Marched 12 miles today. Rocheport, Boone County, Missouri.

Fri. Nov. 11: Left camp at 9 1/2 o'clock and marched out on the Columbia Road in an east and north direction. Had very bad roads today. Marched through a timber country all the way from Glasgow. Passed through Columbia, County Seat of Boone County, a nice town, Contains state university and some nice seminaries. Camped 1/4 mile east of town. Marched 14 miles. On guard today. Crossed Pershu Creek.

Sat. Nov. 12: Left camp about 9 o'clock, marched east, crossed Kingston Creek in the morning and Big Cedar in the evening. Had tolerable good roads today. Came to the prairie about 2 miles beyond Cedar Creek and then passed through some nice country, turned off on the Fulton Road about 7 miles and went into camp about sundown. Marched 20 miles today. Snowed a little this morning. Cool and chilly. Passed through Calloway county.

Sun. Nov. 13: Left camp at 8 1/2 o'clock this morning from camp near David Judy's and marched back to the St. Louis road. Beautiful day. We had good roads most of the day and traveled most of the way through skirts of timber due east. Crossed Ox Voss Creek. Well improved country most of the way. Passed through Williamsburg and went into camp at 4 o'clock 1/4 miles east of town. Marched 18 miles today.

Mon. Nov. 14: Left camp about 8 3/4 o'clock. Marched in an east direction, crossed Lutro Creek and passed through Danville, county seat of Montgomery County. Town partly burned by Bill Anderson, Union Town. The roads were tolerable good today through timber to Danville. Reached the prairie and had good roads. Passed in about 1 mile of Florence. Reached High Hill at 4 o'clock and went into camp. Marched 18 miles. Rained a little this evening.

Tues. Nov. 15: Left camp at 8 1/2 o'clock, passed through High Hill, crossed the railroad and marched east and south through a timber country, but a little prairie and pretty well settled and improved country. Passed through Jonesburg 4 miles, had pretty good roads. Crossed the railroad again and passed through Warrenton, county seat of Warren County. Passed Warren Station, turned off the road 1/2 mile and into camp at 2 o'clock. Marched 16 miles.

Wed. Nov. 16: Left camp about 8 o'clock this morning. Went in front of the Division today. Had very good roads, mostly through skirts of timber. Passed through Pitch Town and Hickory Grove. Well improved country all day. We went into camp at 2 o'clock close to Mr Bailey's in 18 miles of St. Charles and 24 miles Ft. Warrenton. Drizzled rain a little today. We marched 23 miles today. Cloudy all day.

Thurs. Nov. 17: Still cloudy. Left camp at 9 o'clock in rear today. We had good roads today. Passed through a good position of county, well improved and good buildings. Passed Cottleville and reached St Charles about 4 o'clock. The 2nd Brigade has crossed over and the 3rd is crossing. We got our battery over by 10 1/2 o'clock. Marched 18 miles today. Camped 1/2 mile from the ferry near the pike. A little sign of snow.

Fri. Nov. 18: I went down to the ferry and saw the cars ferried across. Left camp about 8 1/2 o'clock. Had good level pike all the way. Got some good persimmons today. Beautiful day. It is clear now for the first time for a long while. We reached the city about 4 o'clock and went into camp at Camp Jackson. Distance from here to St. Charles 20 miles. Pleasant came up from the Barracks to see me this evening.

Sat. Nov. 19: Beautiful day. I went down to the Wedge House this morning with Ples and returned and remained in camp all day. Will Britler and several more of our furloughed boys returned to the battery this morning. Our horses are worn out and we are making preparations to draw new ones. I am on guard today. Captain Brown has gone home today.

Sun. Nov. 20: Beautiful morning. I went down in the city to church today. Rode down and back on the street car. I went over to Rock Springs this evening to get some bread. It is getting quite cold this evening and the wind has commenced blowing quite shrill. The Olive and Market street cars run within about 1/4 mile of our camp. The 1st Division is quartered in Benton Barracks.

Mon. Nov. 21: It is very cold and disagreeable this morning. Our camp is on a high divide ridge where the wind has a fair sweep. I went down to the U.S. Christian Commission rooms under the Lindel Hotel and wrote a letter and read the news. Ples came up and I went down with him to the Western Hotel and got supper and after dark I went back to camp.

Tues. Nov. 22: Quite cold this morning. I went down to the Lindel Hotel again today, walked down and rode back on the cars. Went in the Museum, saw Miss Kate Kiethley the giant, 675 pounds 22 years old, 6 feet round the waist, 2 foot round the arm and 6 feet 1 1/2 inches high. I went down to the U.S. Christian singing class this evening. We drew new horses today. It moderated a little this evening. The wind ceased blowing at sundown.

Wed. Nov. 23: I rode down to the city on the Market street car this morning and back on the Olive street. I went down on Front Street this morning. Took lunch at the Everett House. I went across to Franklin Avenue and rode to the city on the street car. The street cars are crowded this evening. The 1st Division is all aboard the boats this evening. I rode back on the Olive street car. Pleasant is here tonight.

Thurs. Nov. 24: Pleasant and I went down to the city this morning. I returned and ate Thanksgiving dinner at camp. Our Brigade left camp for the boats about 2 o'clock. Got our battery loaded on the Mars by dark. I and Ples took a tramp up through the city and he went back to Jefferson Barracks and I returned to the boat. The 1st Division has shoved out this evening. It has been a very pleasant day.

The trip from St. Louis to Nashville, TN.

Fri. Nov. 25: Left St. Louis about sunrise this morning. Rained a little last night and is raining a little this morning. We run down a few miles below Jefferson Barracks and run on a bar and stuck all day. The sparr was put out and the niger used to the best advantage, but we had to lay all night. The 21st Mo. is on board with us and we are very much crowded.

Sat. Nov. 26: We are still on the bar yet this morning. We finally got off about 9 o'clock and run back towards the barracks and wooded and started back down the river and passed the bar, this time without any difficulty. The Wm L. Ewing sunk to her deck. We tied up for the night, being too heavy loaded to run with safety at night. It is tolerable pleasant weather today.

Sun. Nov. 27: We started again at daylight this morning, stopped to coal at Chester. Cloudy weather. Passed Cape Girardeau at 2 1/2 o'clock. I am on guard today. It is very inconvenient and uncomfortable on board now on account of being so crowded and the wind blowing pretty hard most of the time. We tied up at dark. Had no bad luck today getting on bars.

Mon. Nov. 28: Started at daylight and stuck on a bar before we got 5 miles and never got off till about 2 1/4 in the evening. It still remains cloudy weather yet. We reached the Cairo Landing at 5 o'clock, moved up the coal boat and took on a lot of coal. The Ohio River is very high now. Our Brigade is going to Smithland at the mouth of the Cumberland.

Tues. Nov. 29: Started a little before daylight. Landed at Mound City, passed (???) and Metropolis City. We make very slow time. Several new boats are building at Metropolis. Passed Paducah about 3 o'clock and reached Smithland about 5 o'clock and tied up for the night. I took a walk up town but found all the stores closed. The fleet has moved up the river.

Wed. Nov. 30: Left Smithland at daylight up the Cumberland River for Nashville, Tennessee. Landed a few minutes at Eddyville, Castle Rock, Canton and Tobacco Point and reached Dover, or Ft. Donelson, about 8 1/2 o'clock and tied up for the night. The sun has shined about all day for the first for a long time. The river is in a nice boating stage now. We got along today without any troubles or difficulties.

Thurs. Dec. 01: I went ashore and went up to the fort this morning. Flood's Battery and part of the 83rd Illinois Infantry is here yet. We waited for other boats and left Ft. Donelson at 10 1/2 o'clock. Run very slow. Passed quite a number of boats today returning from Nashville. We reached Clarksville, Montgomery county, about 8 o'clock, landed a few minutes and run all night. Cloudy again.

Fri. Dec. 02: Drizzling rain this morning. Run all night and reached Nashville at 10 o'clock and commenced unloading immediately. We got off by 2 o'clock and started out to the front and took positions about 4 o'clock in the front line of battle on the Nashville Pike about 2 1/2 miles southwest of the statehouse. Our men are throwing up rifle pits in earnest tonight.

Sat. Dec. 03: Rained last night. I went on the top of a high hill nearby where I had a nice view of the city and the troops line of battle and the surrounding country. Saw Maj. Gen. Thomas and Schofield and Brigadier Gen. McArthur and Webster skirmishing all day and about 4 o'clock this evening cannonading opened on the left wing but did not last long. A squad of citizens were brought out and throwed us up breastworks. A pleasant day, saw Tom Man. Look some for night attack.

Sun. Dec. 04: The gunboats were heard firing below last night and firing has commenced on the left this morning and kept up all day. Our men are still strengthening their works. The Rebs have throwed up fortifications in front of the 4th Corps. Their works extend to within 1/4 of a mile of ours on the left. The 3rd Indiana Battery throwed several shells into the Rebs line up to 9 o'clock tonight, and heavy picket firing was kept up all night. Four prisoners were brought in this morning.

Mon. Dec. 05: Cannonading opened again this morning to our left and was kept up at intervals all day and skirmishing was kept up all along the lines most of the day. A detachment of the 4th Tennessee Cavalry made a charge on the Rebs pickets this evening but found them too strong for them and returned again with two or three wounded after killing six Rebs. Cannonading ceased this evening. On guard today. My time is out today.

Tues. Dec. 06: Cannonading and skirmishing again today. In the evening the 2nd Illinois and 2nd Iowa Batteries opened fire on the right at a Rebel column that was seen moving to the right, and throwed several shells among them. It rained a little last night, has been a pleasant day. The gunboats are firing below here this evening. I went over on the right this evening.

Wed. Dec. 07: Rained a little last night and is warm and cloudy this morning. There has been some skirmishing today but not as much as usual. Our guns were firing all along the lines again today. Our guns throwed several shells into the Rebel lines this evening. It has turned quite cold this evening. Rained a little this evening. Mike Wilkins, David Beeson, Enock Whitted and Jerry Ferman came over this evening.

Thurs. Dec. 08: It was quite cold last night and still continues cold all day. Cannonading again today. We fired a few rounds in the morning. Capt. Brown has returned. I took a walk round to the left along our lines this evening. I went about 2 miles. A charge was made on our picket line near the left center, the 31st Indiana was sent out and drove them back into their holes. We unharnessed this evening.

Fri. Dec. 09: Very cold disagreeable this morning. A cold sleeting snow is falling this morning. Ceased snowing about noon and I went down to the city and went into the U.S. Christian Commission and wrote a letter. Quite a crowd of soldiers in the city today. Cannonading and skirmishing has about ceased now as it is rather too cold and disagreeable to fight today.

Sat. Dec. 10: Quiet still this morning. I and R. C. Turner went to the city this morning. Visited the State House which is a splendid building, and after we run round over town till evening, we went back to the camp. There has been a little cannonading today. It is quite slippery getting round now. Everything is very high here in this market, but there is a large amount of business done here.

Sun. Dec. 11: Very cold here in camp. I went down to the city and went to the Baptist Church in the morning. I then took a walk out to the forts in the south part of the city. I went back through town, and Haines and I went to the St. Cloud Commercial and the City Hotel and remained till nearly night and then returned to camp. There has been no skirmishing along the line today.

Mon. Dec. 12: Cold and disagreeable all day. There was some cannonading today on the left. Most of the cavalry has crossed over to this side of the river this evening, and the indications are that a move will be made soon. I went down where the cavalry camped tonight and saw the 12th Mo. Cavalry, also the 11th Indiana and saw Burt Chapman and Capt. Woodard and Col. Mull.

Tues. Dec. 13: Still cold and disagreeable this morning and no move is being made yet for the enemy. I am on guard today and have been writing some letters. It moderated considerable this evening. The snow and sleet has all gone and it is misting rain a little. Skirmishing or picket firing is going on quite brisk up to 11 o'clock tonight.

Wed. Dec. 14: Misty and foggy this morning. There was a brisk firing kept up all night on the picket line. It is warm and cloudy and very muddy today. I wrote some letters again today. The cavalry is still in camp near here. There has been no cannonading here today I believe. There is a valley of from 2 to 3 miles width in front of our lines extending all around our lines between us and the enemy.

Thurs. Dec. 15: Still warm and foggy. Left camp at 7 1/2 o'clock, formed our lines in the valley in front of our works and begun to advance at 11 o'clock. The ball opened pretty heavy about 12 o'clock and was kept up till after dark. Our battery and the 2nd Illinois shelled one of their works for 3 or 4 hours, but the infantry charged and took it. 8 guns were captured and turned on the Rebs, also a lot of prisoners. Rained a little today. There was 33 pieces of artillery and 1500 prisoners captured today. We camped tonight where the Rebs camped last night.

Fri. Dec. 16: We were in readiness for action at an early hour and advanced 3/4 of a mile and the ball soon opened. We run our battery right up on the Rebel skirmish line and opened and fired all day from the position. We run out of ammunition for the Napoleons about 3 o'clock. The infantry advanced under a galling fire and scaled their walls and took possession of their works. We moved forward about 1 mile and camped for the night.

Sat. Dec. 17: Rained hard last night and continued all day. We captured 22 pieces of artillery and (??) prisoners today, also 3 generals. I went over the battle ground this morning of guns, ammunition, dead horses, wagons stuck in the mud and leaned against trees. It showed there had been a great panic. We hauled off 4 guns and some caisson and left about 4 o'clock on the Granny White Pike and then back to the Franklin Pike and into camp about 3 o'clock.

Sun. Dec. 18: Left camp at 7 1/2 o'clock. Very muddy and disagreeable. Marched along pretty well to within about 2 miles of the town of Franklin and halted about 4 hours. Met several hundred prisoners and 3 pieces of Rebel artillery. Moved up near town a while before night to camp, but got orders to cross the Harpeth River. Crossed over on pontoon, passed through town about a mile and went into camp at 7 1/2 o'clock. Marched 8 miles.

Mon. Dec. 19: Rained very hard last night. We have orders to march again today. Heard heavy cannonading this morning in the direction of Columbia. It rained hard all day, a cold disagreeable rain and very muddy. We have a solid pike to travel on today or we could not get on at all. Passed through Spring Hill about a mile and went into camp at 7 o'clock. Marched 12 miles, about 10 miles to Columbia.

Tues. Dec. 20: We have a tolerable good camp and there is some talk that we will remain here till morning and then go back. It is still cloudy but it is more pleasant today. We received orders to go to the front yet tonight. We harnessed and went to the ammunition train and filled up our chests about 2 o'clock and left about dark and went a few miles, but it rained and was so very disagreeable we went into camp. It is the most disagreeable I ever saw since the war.

Wed. Dec. 21: I never went to bed last night, rained till nearly day and then commenced snowing and continued all day. We can't cross a creek near here till a pontoon is laid down. The 23rd Army Corps is passing this evening. I am on guard today. This has been one of the most disagreeable times I ever saw in or out of the service. All the little creeks are booming full.

Thurs. Dec. 22: It froze last night and is cold and still snowing this morning. We received orders to move out this morning but the order was countermanded till evening. The 23rd Corps and train is still passing yet. We left camp about 2 o'clock and moved toward the front and crossed and went out about 1 1/2 miles and went into camp. The 4th Corps is in camp along here. The road was full of trains and wagons all the way out. Cleared off this evening.

Fri. Dec. 23: Very cold last night and is clear and cold today. The 4th Army Corps commenced moving out last night. The cavalry is crossing Duck River this evening. The 23rd Corps is camped all along the road from Spring Hill to Columbia. There is breastworks thrown up all along here. Gen Girard is commanding our division, and the 2nd, now. It is about 2 miles to Columbia.

Sat. Dec. 24: Left camp about 3 1/2 o'clock and went to the river and found the pontoon out of repair and the 4th Corps train to cross. We had to wait till about 1 o'clock before we commenced to cross. The pieces of Rebel artillery was snaked out of the river before we crossed. We got over by 2 o'clock and passed through Columbia which has been a very good town. We went out about 8 miles and went into camp about dark. We heard cannonading today.

Sun. Dec. 25: Rained a little this morning and turned off pretty fair day till about 4 o'clock and then commenced to rain a little again. The 4th Corps train has been passing all day and our train has come up, also the remainder of our artillery. About 25 Rebel prisoners passed here today on their way to Nashville. The boys are foraging in earnest today. Christmas.

Mon. Dec. 26: Cloudy damp morning, left camp at 12 o'clock. The 1st and 3rd Divisions march in front today. The pike is pretty muddy in places. Signs of fighting and skirmishing all along the road. Lt. Caffee started back this morning. We passed through Linwood, small town, partly burnt, marched 10 miles today and went into camp about dark about 1 mile beyond Linwood.

Tues. Dec. 27: Raining a little this morning. We left camp about 11 3/4 o'clock. The roads are pretty muddy. Cannoneers all have to walk in this department of the army. Crossed Big Creek and run down it for some ways and turned out and went into camp about 8 o'clock. There has been considerable skirmishing along here. A lot of Rebel prisoners passed here this evening on their way to Nashville.

Wed. Dec. 28: Received orders to remain in camp today. The boys are all out foraging near by. I remained in camp till evening and then I and Wilson McCallmont rode over to Pulaski, county seat of Girard county. The town is very much torn up now, but has been a very good town before the war. There are plenty good springs and small streams in this part of the country. 23rd Corps gone down Buck River.

Thurs. Dec. 29: Left camp at 8 1/4 o'clock. The roads are frozen so as to bear up this morning. Passed through Pulaski and turned west on the Florence road. Crossed Richlands creek near junction with Weekly's creek. Marched in a west direction, crossed several small streams, had bad hilly roads most of the way. We went into camp at sundown in about 8 miles of Lawrenceburg and 10 miles of Pulaski. Marched 14 miles. On guard.

Fri. Dec. 30: Left camp at 7 1/4 o'clock. On the Lawrenceburg road, had pretty good roads to Lawrenceburg, which we passed about 11 o'clock and had very bad roads this evening. Commenced raining before noon and rained a little all this evening. We went into camp about 2 o'clock on the Clifton road in about 4 miles west of Lawrenceburg, County seat of Lawrence county. We marched about 12 miles today.

Sat. Dec. 31: Rained very hard and then snowed last night. Clear and cold this morning. Left camp about 11 o'clock, had very bad roads all day, not hilly, but very deep, stiff mud. Country thinly settled. We marched in a northwest direction today and went into camp about 4 o'clock in about 10 miles of Waynesburg, county seat of Wayne county. Marched 8 miles today.

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Dec. 15, 1864: The artillery fighting today was very heavy for several hours and the infantry firing was very heavy in the charge on their first works. The 2nd works was taken in a charge but the enemy got off and took their artillery with them. 33 pieces and 1500 were captured today.

Dec. 16, 1864: We advanced our lines early this morning and commenced shelling their works with our battery, the 3rd Indiana, and the 2nd Illinois. The enemy had their batteries behind good fortifications. We kept up such heavy fire on them that they could not use their guns at times, but lay close behind their works. We ceased firing while the infantry were charging and they opened a heavy galling fire till our men got close to their works, scaled the wall and took their artillery and then swung the right and soon captured lot of prisoners. I stood on a high point and could see the whole thing. It was a grand scene indeed.

Dec. 17, 1864: It rained last night and is very disagreeable. We went over the battle ground this morning and hauled off a lot of artillery and caissons. a lot of ammunition wagons scattered over the ground. Some had stuck in the mud, some had run against trees, others had their horses shot down and had cut loose and left.

Dec. 24, 1864: We are at Buck River this morning, waiting for the 4th Corps train to get across out of our way. The Rebs have dumped some of their artillery in the river here in their hurried retreat. It has been a very disagreeable time since we started in pursuit of Hood. 3 pieces of artillery, a Bobman, a 10 lb. Parrott, and a 12 lb. Howitzer were hauled out of the river this morning.

Dec. 25, 1864: We laid over today.

Jan. 01, 1865: Left camp at 7 1/2 o'clock. Had very rough roads till we came to the pike and then we had some smooth roads. Clear most of the day, cold and the ground frozen in the morning, but it thawed a little today. We marched about 17 miles and went into camp at 4 o'clock today in about 1 mile of Waynesburg, county seat of Wayne county.

Jan 02, 1865: Left camp about 8 1/4 o'clock. Nice day. Had good roads all day. The road run for several miles down Eagle Creek. A large amount of (??) run along the road. We reached Clifton at 4 o'clock and camped for the night. Marched 16 miles. A lot of boats here, town nearly all burnt.

Jan. 03, 1865: Rained last night. Loaded about 8 o'clock. The 1st and 2nd Brigades of the 2nd Division loaded on boats and we started up the river at 3 o'clock. Our battery is on the barge RAPIDAN and the 2nd Illinois on the barge PEERLESS and both towed by the N. Y. Bigley. We tied up 20 miles up the river.

Jan. 04, 1865: Waited this morning for more boats to come up. We remained here all day in about 12 miles of Savannah. Read the Snow Flake. The boats came up at 9 o'clock tonight and we moved out soon after and run till about 3 o'clock. Clear and beautiful day.

Jan 05, 1865: We passed Crump's Landing just after daylight and Pittsburg Landing soon after. Run quite slow. The HUNTSMAN fired into one of the 89th boys wounded (?). Tied up at Chichasaw Landing, Alabama, and lay up till morning. Rained a little this evening.

Jan. 06, 1865: Raining and very disagreeable today. Remained here all day. Snowed a little this evening.

Jan. 07, 1865: We moved down to Eastport this morning and unloaded and went into camp in the old town of Eastport. Fine day. We are quartered in a house close to our battery. 3 or 4 families are living in here now.

Jan. 08, 1865: Nothing of interest today. I am on guard today. The Alabama line on this side of the river is a few hundred yards from here. Bear Creek is the line.

Jan. 09, 1865: Raining this morning and continued all day. It has been very disagreeable today. Our brigade is building winter quarters here.

Jan. 10, 1865: Raining yet this morning and continued all day. Quite disagreeable.

Jan. 11, 1865: Nice morning. I went outside the pickets today in charge of team and squad and got a load of lumber and have fitted up quarters nice here for our mess.