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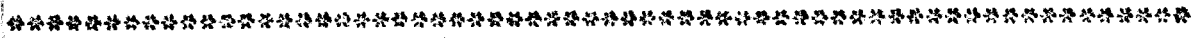
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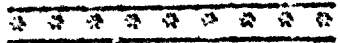
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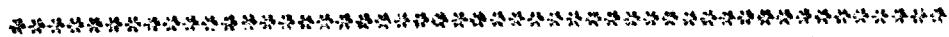


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Thursday, January 1, 1863.

Left Mr James Luttrell for Oak Shade thence to Mr. L. Strigfellow where I staid all night. Heard that the Yankees were at Warrenton, also at Waterloo whick proved not to be so. Quite a warm day.

Friday 2.

Left Mr. Strigfellow for camp whick I found 6 miles of Fredericksburg.

Saturday 3.

Went out on drill-

Sunday 4.

Moved camp some 2 miles up the plank road, found our tents on an eminence has some singing at night. Our Chaplan did not preach.

Monday 5.

Went on drill for 2 hrs Captain Hill came in but went to Culpeper again Ed Luttrell also got 4 days furlough. Arrived at home about 4 oclock that nigh and found Richie sleep but soon awoke to feed his horse (Thomas)

Tuesday 6.

Went on Regimental drill Heard that Genl Bragg was falling back from Murfrisboro. Horse feed quite scarce. Camped in a piece of woods near the plank road by the Hopewell nursury

Wednesday 7.

Went on drill, Had during the day a jovial topic concerning Mr Hamilton Coons who it was that Interrupted him in his bed it finally enden on A I Gates. some though it was I.

Thursday 8.

Mitck Luttrell went to Genl Fitz Lees Brigade looks like snow quite cool. Mitch heard that Fran<sup>co</sup> had recoginized the Southern Confederacy

Friday 9.

Went on drill, had some 6 charges in preperation for the service Ed Luttrell returned about 11 oclock tonight and Bill & John went to Culpeper Saturday morning

Saturday, January 10, 1863

Went to the review A rainy day but on the field the Genl made us pull off our overcoats. ~~Saw~~ Genl Robt E Lee and returned to camp that night, Had our band to play for us

Sunday 11.

Came on picket some 7 miles above Fredericksburg Our Horses fared better than while in camp Had preaching in camp so I learned text. Marvel not that I say & c Os was on the reserve with some 14 of our boys

Monday 12.

Still on picket. went to Mr Wm Tabs to breakfast Nothing has occurred during the day worth recording. Only R D Luttrell was caught half way across the river with the Yankees hencefore was arrested W. W Parr came from camp with some bread

Tuesday 13.

Still on picket went with Ed Luttrell to Tabs to dinner (A great English Family) Ed made a remark that only 4 horses were in the Co this day that went in with one Co May 25 1861. (John Brown) that noble horse was one above the rest and the only one wounded.

Wednesday 14.

Came to camp from picket found a letter for me from H.B.H

Thursday 15.

Did not go on picket on account of making off the Pay rolls. wrote home by Smith Bywaters who went up with our Co wagon also wrote to R F Bywaters to send some provisions- I woke up in my tent during the night and found it raining

Friday 16.

No drill on account of rain quite a stir in camp on account of some fighting Gant one of the wagoners and a sentinel was struck In consequence of which 12 more guard were added to be on original number Had dreams about a certain one

Saturday 17.

Went on drill very cold G. B Miller J E B went home on 10 days furlough. to obtain horses. Heard a rumor that 6 mos armistice could commence 1st monday in February. Received the pay rolls

Sunday 18.

Spend this day quite different from what I usually Do Hear two sermons from our chaplain (Merideth) 14 ch Luke 22 verse Yet these s room Evening sermon 3 ch 11v of 1st Corinthians. Billy Corbin came in today

Monday 19.

Work on the pay Rolls all day But troubles very much in mind on account of a sum given by R D Luttrell AB 8 BC 9 AC 10 days what time can each man do it by himself

Tuesday, January 20, 1863

At last finish this sum Finish the pay rolls and drew the money Had not washed my face for three days on account of being busy on these rolls.

Wednesday 21.

Spent the day in settling off accounts amongst the boys Heard that Smuth Bywaters was going to start for the Co Walshe received a commission for 2nd Lieut

Thursday 22.

Sent in our muster roll for Nov & Dec spen most of the day in making off details & memorandrums blankets and clothes in preparation for picket. Great anxiety for our Co wagon to come from Culp

Friday 23.

Came on picket quite a rainy spell I took one post on the river in charge for a short time. Had many puzzling question to give to Lieuts Murray & Hobson. Heard from Camp that Silas Embury had arrived

Saturday 24.

Went down to Genl Wilcox's infantry pickets saw many Yankee posts besides wagon stand and tents. Genl Robt E Lee came to our reserve also Genl. Stuart. I went to Decker to supper heard fine Piano Music also I came to camp that night to see Wolskoff.

Sunday 25.

Went to Preaching and heard a sermon from Mat 8 ch 2v I opened my boxes and found nice eatings. Also received a letter from HBH. Heard that she was going to Yankeedom to purchase good. (wrong) Came back to the reserve. Had many questions to give which time could have been spent better.

Monday 26.

Came off Picket. Heard rumors of being relieved from picket duty and to return to the brigade Heard rumors of peace when I arrived at camp found enough provisions Saw Major Fitzhugh before coming to camp-

Tuesday 27

Nothing of much interest to communicate quite a dam- day Jno Ed & Bru came in from Culpeper to night. Bru brought me a letter announcing that HBH had returned from Lovdon purchasing goods from the Yankees.

Wednesday 28.

Awoke this morning and found it snowing and still snowing quite damp. I feel for my noble horse (John Brown) Snowed all day about 10 inches deep and water & mud under it

Thursday 29.

I could hardly get out of my small tent this morning, but still I slept quite comfortable during the night. I finished my letter to HBH-

Friday, January 30, 1863.

quite cold interrupted during night by A. M. McCommick's Mess on account of Drunkenness. C. B. Payne came in camp who has been absent without leave for 4 days- I sent my letter to H B H by Mr. James Lear.

Saturday 31.

Had quite an extensive battle between Cos E. D. & I on our side and Cos A. G. & B. on the enemy side. The first named Cos whipped Lieut O M Corburn came in from culpeper. I desired very much to read a paper as Genl Hooker is place in command of the Yankees.

Sunday, February 1, 1863.

Had no preaching. Sorry to learn of moving the Camp. Wrote to Uncle C. S. for 2 Holsters. Did not feel well as usual. Snow melted quite fast.

Monday 2.

Sorry to learn of moving but in the evening agreeable disappointed. Our Com wagons came in having been without grain for 4 days. The usual occurrences taking place in Camp Commenced a letter to H B H

Tuesday 3.

Awake this morning and found it quite cold and snowing. Sent to the office for a paper. Had orders about night to prepare to move camp- by 8½ o'clock to morrow No food for our horses

Wednesday 4

We moved our camps near Mt. Pleasants quite a cold day. we camp in a better place than we did before. Had orders to build chinneys to our tents No food for our horses-

Thursday 5.

Awoke an found it snowing. I sent off a letter to H. B. H. by Lieut Gibsom. Ben Tates also got a furlough of 4 D. Commence raining about night and rained all night No food for horses

Friday 6.

Awoke and found it still raining all the snow gone quite a damp day no food scarcely for our horses Little feed came in the evening Many parties near our old camp near Chancelors.

7.

Saturday

Came on picket at the upper post awful bad riding bad to come about 25 miles. Glorious news to some before arriving at our post. rather a pretty day over head. Above all this night James Wayman went to one of these parties

Sunday 8.

Sent out our pickets this morning- Brother expects to go home this evening and I must write- He went and I sent my letter. No corn came to us or rations except Crakers Loss on the reserve train formerly. Maj Utterback came to our reserve & Lieut Freeman

Monday, February 9, 1863.

Slept in an old house by a saw mill. Maj Utterback & Lieut Freeman & Jud Armstrong left for camp. Dennis Kelly brought me a letter Jas Corbin & Mr Spicer was robbed near Chanclorsville.

Tuesday 10.

A. L. Stallar & G.H. Ludduch left this morning for home. Three of our boys came in Some went out to a party tonight Feel quite unwell Weather very fine

Wednesday 11.

Quite Hazy this morning some left for home this morning O.K.C Came in but Metck did not- Heard that my spurs were done Commenced raining late in the eve

Thursday 12.

Mr Calvin & Mr Lawler left for home this morning Metck came in and brought me a letter from H B H also a pr of spurs made by Napoleon Nicol at Washington It rained a little during the day also at night

Friday 13.

Quite a fine day I sent off a letter by J Armstrong to E. B. H. I made a ball & chain during the day Captain Hill left for home this day. O u I had my boot mended to day I also put on my S. for the first time

Saturday 14.

We are looking for relief- Not as warm as it was yesterday. The relief came in. James Wayman a Great Fellow went to another party And other boys who had no permission

Sunday 15

We were releaved and went to camp our Co was scatter all over the country. We were lost. It rained and road very muddy. I sent in an application for a furlough, also Ed Luttrell.

Monday 16.

A beautiful day very warm, Heard that Indiana, Illinois Ohio & Kent was about to secede We stretched our tent today many applicancet for furlough- Jud Armstrong again came down to get his horse

Tuesday 17.

Awoke this morning and found snow on the ground and still snowing Snowed all day Sam Doyle & J. S. left for Culpe for cattle. Drawing no beef Our men seceded this day.

Wednesday 18.

Rained all day dreadful weather I was sick this day we built our chimney to our tents and rather more comfortable to night in our tent although raining quite quite hard

Thursday, February 19, 1863.

Quite damp in the morning. Finished our chimney. Still suffering from my Dw-hoe- Cap Hill came in Bru Miller also came from Culp Ct House saw our brigade.

Friday 20.

Quite a beautiful morning. Ed Lustrell went to the picket post Quite an alarm in camp (Saddle up) but turn out to be. The whole camp fell in line and were examined who stole some whiskey- great cheering.

Saturday 21.

Quite a beautiful day Another weather breeder Ed Luttrell came in from the picketline. It so happened that he fell in with one of those dancing parties. Commenced getting cold about night. We nominated Mr Coons for the Va Legir

Sunday 22.

Awoke this morning and found a deep snow on the ground. The deepest we have had this winter. Still snowing. I sent off a copy of the meeting to the Euquiry for publication. Spent the day more jovial then ought to have been done.

Monday 23.

Quite a beautiful day over head but quite cold- Heard that our Regt would go to Culp as soon as the weather would admit. More reliable source on this subject since Col W. came back. Sent John out after some fodder

Tuesday 24.

A beautiful day with the exception of snow Dined out to Day at Mr Wright Had a nice dinner A very lively time in our tent tonight about R T Luttrell and the Men. Drew saddles Bridle Folders Overcoats Boots & socks

wednesday 25.

The day spent as usual Still speaking of moving to Culpeper- but the wagons have not come and so we have one feed for our horses. Shame Heard that Genl Stewart had gone to Fairfax on a Scout with our brigade

Thursday 26.

Raining all day, road dreadful and snow still on the ground Cous Wm & J R S came in today. Orders have been received to prepare to move camp to Culpeper I presume. Recd a letter from H B F warm but quite damp stream rising fast.

Friday 27.

In consequence of corn coming we will not leave today. I wrote a letter today to H B F. Jos. & Wm left again with the cattle to go to Culpeper. A. W. Farr will be left in Consequence of being sick.



Saturday, February 28, 1863.

We are now preparing to leave. Looks like snow or rain, travelled all day and camped near orange springs. Had plenty of hay for our horses. Bought one dozen of Eggs. 100 Stretched our tent it rained some little-

Sunday, March 1.

We expect to leave for Culp Ct House. Left and a time we had in crossing the Rapid Ann at Summeville ford. J. E. B. horse fell in the river, Passed through the Ct House many of our boys halted. We camp 2 miles below the Ct H

Monday 2.

A beautiful day indeed Uncle Dick & A. Corbin came to see us in our camp I sent a note to (H B H.) Many of our Regt went to a concert at Culp. Ct H. No feed for our horses at all. I can make out to get some for myself at Aunt S-----

Tuesday 3.

Came to Culpeper Ct H to make off the pay rolls went to Uncle. Thort to write. John went over home for H. B. H. Think some thing of going to the concert tonight. Met with Mr Mitchell at Uncle S. A real march day. Snow rain & wind.

Wednesday 4.

I spent the night at Uncle S got up rather late. Colder this morning than usual. P Green came here to day still working on the pay rolls. (H B H) came as desired Her father came also and spent the night with us- Metch came from camp

Thursday 5.

A beautiful March day I went over with H B H to Uncle Joe Armstrong and spent the day and night with him I went also with H B H to the concert and returned about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past ten. An amusing thing it was I finished the pay rolls

Friday 6.

I went to the reg this morning with the pay rolls I found my men finishing the chimney- Not very warm today I went back to the Ct H and spent the night at Uncle Joe I rode up on the cars to the Ct H

Saturday 7.

Awoke this morning and found it raining I am going back to the Regt this morning Things as usual in camp Walked back to the Ct House and staid at Uncle Joe Thinking there is a scout on hand

Sunday 8.

Had preaching by our chaplain today a very good sermon from the 32 nd Psalms quite a damp day. Rode up on the cars to the Ct House and staid all night at Uncle S--- rained hard at night.

Monday 9.

Came to camp a beautiful day look like Spring- Came back to the Ct House at night Plenty of hay in camp. Cars did not come down to camp

Tuesday, March 10, 1863.

Snowed a little to day- Came back to the Ct House Met with Cousin Ed Miller Most of the time in Camp spent in playing 9 men morris

Wednesday 11.

Came back to the Regt and I got Colonel Wickham home to my pass lucky Ed got a furlough for 15 days Genl. Stewart came to our Brigade today and went to the concert. Colonel Payne came in.

Thursday 12.

Colonel Wickham gone home, went to the concert again with F B H also Mr Jos Settle & Wife Billy Corbins WIFE came to Ct H- today. Also Uncle Dick---- Quite a change weather.

Friday 13.

A cold day-- Met with Root Whitescover at uncle. S. also Ben Cartlow Saw for the first time the nomination of Mr G H Coons in the Sentinel Rode up in the cars.-

Saturday 14.

Quite a cold day Two of our Co sent to Rapid Ann Sta to build breast works. I saw Genls Jeb S. at the Ct House I sent in my furlough again signed by Col- Payne but not sent off yet

Sunday 15.

Preaching this morning by our Chaplain Luke 14 ch 172 Come Ye also had a sermon in the evening by Rev Mr Pollock. The evectnal & Capt Hill came to Ct House from Richmond

Monday 16.

Ct day at the Ct House. Some speaking. Jr J. W. Euttrell came over and staid all night at Uncle Joes. I saw Mr Woodford Settle for the first time- I staid all night at the Ct House at Uncle Joe.

Tuesday 17.

A memorable day in my life especially as it relates to my camp life and the war--- We fought most of the day near Kelly's & Wheatley's Had many changes- Hetch's horse was killed dead on the field B. F. Settle's wounded. G. D. Coons wounded in the shoulder

Wednesday 18.

A cloudy day, quite calm in camps many of the Co's friends coming to see the boys. Our tents cooking Utensils &c came back on the cars. I went up on the cars to the Ct House and staid all night at Uncle Joes.

Thursday 19.

Uncle Martin Withers came to see me in camp today Still quiet along the line. I saw the account of the fight at Rilly's in the papers. I had my pass to the Ct House renewed.

Friday 20.

I was summoned as a witness on the Ct Mor- I saw James Brown was taken prison at Washington City. I awoke this morning and found it snowing. It snowed most of the day.

Saturday, March 21, 1863.

I awoke this morning and found it still snowing. Went back to the Ct House and staid all night at Un Short M C L bought a horse from J. W. B. B. F. Settle went home after a horse his being wounded.

Sunday 22.

A beautiful day over head. My furlough came back signed by Genl Fitz Lee No go. Went to the Ct House and staid all night nothing traspering worth attention.

Monday 23.

Had order to move, it was countermanded-- we baked up our bread preparing for marching. Supposed to be going to Fauquier. I went to the Ct House late rode John Brown.

Tuesday 24.

Came back early this morning and found we were not going to leave only keep yourself in readiness. Out of horse food unless the cars bring in some. Went to see Genl Lee about a furlough. Rained hard about night

Wednesday 25.

A beautiful day. I rode up on the cars to th Ct House. amusing myself part of the time in camp playing chess. Drew the money for E C L horse which was killed on the 17th at Rellyville.--

Thursday 26.

Rather a damp day Rode up to the Ct House on a Passenger car saw bm the Dispatch as bit of the killed & wounded in fight we had near Kellys Do nothing in camp Some prisoners about 30 came in taken by our scouts.

Friday 27.

A beartiful morning This is the day for fasting and prayer appointed by our President Our Chaplain preached for us From this text. St. James 4ch 10 v- Mort came down to the Ct H after salt---

Saturday 28.

Still trying to get a leave of absence- And sent in an application for a detail of five days I went up on the cars again to the Ct H late at night very rainy weather-

Sunday 29.

Quite windy today Preaching in the morning by our Chaplain Also in the evening at our Com from this text. John 3ch 14 verse As Moses lifted &c I went up to the Ct H on the cars.

Monday 30.

Camp duty as usual Looking throught the day for my leave of absence went up to the Ct H and left word with Em B C to bring it up if it came It did come and he brought it up to the Ct H---

Tuesday, March 31, 1863.

Awoke this morning and found it snowing. I went back to camp to get my horse I came back to the Ct H and thence home River quite deep Mr Wayman came with us E B H rode his horse----

Wednesday, April 1, 1863.

I went over to the factory to have my boots mended. Saw my old school house. What a change in the looks of that place. A very cold day windy Sallie & Mort came back having started to the Ct House.

Thursday 2.

I went to A. J. C today I took Billy with me down to Silas McD I then went by a long route home After getting home I went to the factory after my boots. Rather warm today Played several games of dominos---

Friday 3.

Spent the day at home Warm where the wind does not blow- Heard of 85 prisoners being taken to Mosby. They passed throug Amisville today. Making preparation to start in the morning to the Ct Fouse.

Saturday 4.

A very rainy day I went by Laurels Mills to Woodsville The Carriage went by Washington We went to cous Jame B. and staid all night. Though at the same time had notions of going to the Ct House.

Sunday 5.

Awoke this morning and found it snowing. Started for the Ct H & I got to the camp and found all things quiet. They have been drilling some I have gone. Much warmer this evening than usual-

Monday 6.

I came from the Ct H in time for sick call. Had order to drill but countermanded Had some games at checkers Col Payne's Minstrels opened today E A D J W S. Rained quite hard during the night.

Tuesday 7.

Went to camp as usual. Recruits had a drill Rec'd orders to be ready to march Thureday morning came up to the Ct H on the cars Wore a home made hat of Jas Waymans- Found H B H sewing in a soldiers pr of pants.

Wednesday 8.

Came from the Ct House had orders to cook three days rations waited for the cars but did not come So I walked up to Ct H. Joe Wagman came to the Ct H with the buggy. I expect E B H will home in the buggy.

Thursday 9.

I came to the Regt this morning- we did not leave. Beautiful day had a Regt Drill-- I went to the Ct H. and staid all night for the last time. Bought 5 lbs. of tobacco at \$2 per lb.

Friday, April 10, 1863.

We left the Ct House this morning for Salem Faug We staid all night at the Glenn Mills I went over home and staid all night H B H was not at home. I wish she had come in the buggy I saw many of the Neighbors--

Saturday 11.

We left the Glen Mills and went by Orlean Mr Luttrell came over to Salem (Riding Salem) with us we are now in camp near Salem Beautiful Weather Our tents did not get up in consequence of the wagon breaking down.

Sunday 12.

A beautiful day preaching twice in camp by our Chaplain Excellent sermons. Felt serious under the sound of the Gospel Had orders to prepare for picket Mr R. McCormick was at our camps.

Monday 13.

Left for Picket the reserve is stationed at Salem. I took supper with Mr Liptine (?) and staid in the church. All quiet along the line. Plenty of food for our horses. Heard amusing incident relative to the service.

Tuesday 14.

Found this morning a beautiful one, Took breakfast at the same place. we had orders to fall back to Amisville on consequence of an attack at Kelleyville- We Camped for the night near Mr Wm Bakers-

Wednesday 15.

Rained hard all day A dreadful day it was We had orders to march along night to Rappohannock bridge we did not get any farther than Amisville before order back. I staid all night at Mr Wm Baker and good luck it was.

Thursday 16.

we have orders to go to Sperryville and camped for the night. About 4 oclock in the morning we had orders to saddle as the pickets had been driven in

Friday 17.

It was all a false alarm about the Pickets being driven in by the Yankees Mort Luttrell pass by here going to the Ct House after H B H- I went to Cous Jas Brown to dinner today- I had my horse well fed and brought some fodder (?)

Saturday 19.

I finished the pay rolls today and drew the money. H B H passed by today on her way home She stopped and ate her dinner. Had drill squadrom. Gell solemn this evening. No feed for our horses scarcely.

Sunday 19.

Had preaching by our chaplain My father came up to see me and I went home with him and brought back some corn and hay for my horse. I stopped and took supper with Cous Sid millers I found my tent down by some Drunkard

Monday, April 20, 1863.

We left this morning for the Ct. House and camped on the Rixeyville road about 1 mile from town. Rained some during the day had corn and straw for our horses at night. Had a damp sleep of it the ground very damp. Aunt Fanny gave me a snack.

Tuesday 21.

Still damp this morning all quiet in Camp Read. Almost every day a chapter in the bible. feel how sinful I am and how far short I come of serving God as I ought. May he give me grace to help me in time of need.

Wednesday 22

Heard that the Yankees were at Omissville. Sent out 6 men from Co on a Scout to Amisville Dress parade this evening at 5 oclock Been reading some valuable tracts Lt. Jennings come to see us to day-(Clean clothes)

Thursday 23

Awoke this morning and found it raining. Rained most of the day. Our Scouts come. The Yankees have been to Washington & Amisville. Now camp near Waterloo Drew Six Bridles for the co- quite damp-

Friday 24

Rained most of the day stayed all day in the tent. Mitch carried out the horses in the evening to graze. We were ordered to turn over our tents and send all the extra baggage back. All quiet along the line. Ed Luttrell left this eve for some where

Saturday 25

Awoke this morning and found the sun shining brightly. Dress parade & inspection at 10 o'clock After inspection had drill in the evening we had a dress parade. Ed Luttrell come in he found the Yankees at Carters Run Church--Jno Mc. D.C.C. E.A.D. & F.J.J.

Sunday 26

A beautiful Sabbath day. Had preaching by our Chaplain from this text ( I set before you life & Death ) We had dress parade in the evening I received my hat from Mr. Sudduth this day- I wrote a letter to H B H-

Monday 27

We left camp this morning for our old camp below the Ct H Uncle O<sup>s</sup> left for home. I sent a letter M. B. Nicholson was brought into camp under guard married yesterday (What a circumstance) Had dress parade this evening.

Tuesday 28

I rec'd a letter from H B H I drew up charges against H B Nicholson. Sent all the horses out today to graze Had a little rain and dress parade again this evening Had some pitching with horses hoes Also we got some hay.

April 29, 1863. Wednesday.

I was aroused this morning by the sound of the Bugle to saddle Horses- We are now near Brandy Station in line. 11 oclock we moved off for Stevensburg and thence to Willis Madden where we found the Yankees we crossed this night at Raccoon Ford and camped

Thursday 30.

Found it Raining this morning. We went towards Wilderness tavern but could not get to it as the Yankees were ther so we went around the plank road and now are on it near Chancelorsvill 4 oclock Been 2 days with scarcely nothing to eat Had a fight below Todds Tavern

Friday, May 1, 1863.

On picket where we had the charge about 10 oclock last night. Nothing to eat yet either for self or horse. Found and took many prisoners arms & horses. Killed a Lt Conel- and 6 to 7 Yakees. Had very brisk skirmishing on plank & Turn pike road. drive them back some 4 miles. We camped near McGee. Slept on the battlefield with the dead

Saturday 2.

Aroused early this morning and moving in the direction of United States ford. Almost nothing to eat horse or man. We stoppe near Tabs and staid all day. whilst the infrantry was fighting They fought until night and most of the night often and on Indications good fine weather.

Sunday 3.

Aroused early this morning by the opening of the fight Hard fight- up to this hour ( 0'clock Genl Stewart took Chancellorsville and had Hookers army on the retreat. Fredericksburg was taken by the Yankees. Genl Jackson lost his left arm. The fourth cav Va. occupies the ex- trem right

Monday 4.

Skirmishing on the right this morning by Genl Anderson toward V. S. ford. we are on picket. Genl A was releaved by Genl Heath - An attack was made at Chancellerville about 5 oclock., Fighting at Fred- erickburg- Success up to this time good.

Tuesday 5.

Aroused in the night by heaving firing in the night It was amusing to see the men jumping up and saddling. rather quiet along the line today. Reenforced at our point by a brigade Kerse h--. It seems both armies are building Breast-works

wednesday 6.

This morning we found the Yankee Army across the river, Rained hard luring the day. In the evening I visted their breast works and the battle field. Scenes extra ordinary. I came then to camp and found them on the Railroad.

Thursday, May 7, 1863.

Camped at the same place our pickets occupy the same position they did last winter. Quiet all day in camp. Many of our boys went to the battlefield. Still the weather is damp think of making off the payrolls again

Friday 8.

At work on the pay rolls this morning.- Rather damp still Heard nothing definite about Stoneman (Hard thing indeed) All quiet in camp. More prisoners still coming in. Anxious about hearing of the capture of Genl Stoneman.

Saturday 9.

Working most of the day on the payrolls. I wrote a letter to F B H. by Mr I Rector. Heard news from Stringfellow & Mosby's fight at Warrenton Junction. A beautiful day Genl Stoneman had escaped by the same route he went.

Sunday 10.

Had preaching this morning by our Chaplain To Him that overcometh &c Many of our friends came down to see us today Wm Dudley James Brown Ran McCormick. I wrote another letter to my F B H also to my sister. Very pleasant weather.

Monday 11.

Our Co left for picket this morning. I sent off a bottle of oil this morning and also a letter to F B H. I was left in camp this time. Still working on the payrolls quite a warm day Colonel Hill came to see his son Genl Jackson I heard today was dead. (Quite Serious)

Tuesday 12.

Another warm day. Finished the payrolls. Sent all the horses out to graze. Had a foot & sabre drill Camped at the same place where we were 1st day Jan 1863. all quiet along the line the Co still on picket.

Wednesday 13.

Another very warm day. Had two hrs drill in sabre exercise this morning, none this evening on account of rain. Co still on picket. Had a shoe put on my horse Got some milk from the country for breakfast dinner & SUPPER. Had my hair trimmed by Swiney.

Thursday 14.

The Co came in from picket. Had quite a hard shower to-day Red Stalland came up to see us from the 49th Va and spent the day I heard from Mork- was disappointed in getting a letter from F B H See no news much in the papers-

Friday 15.

Had drill twice today Rev A. M. Grimsley came to our camp today and preached to us this evening. A large crowd in attendance. A fine sermon from The Text, Be ye therefore Ready 6 of our boys left to get horses James Wayman one he carried a letter for F B H-



Saturday, May 16, 1863.

A warm day. Hard morning drill. Cap Ould (mad) We had a political speech from Dabney. Powhatan Co S. S. Bywater left with our wagon for Culpeper I sent some things by him Home. Dull time in camp- Mr Rector came to come Black Horse

Sunday 17.

Went out on Horse back this morning to Wal's (?) and got some milk had preaching by Rev A. M. Grinsley from this Text. And they all began to make excuses. Had a little rain in the evening. Weather quite warm. Heard that 3 Brig- of cavalry at Culp Ct House

Monday 18.

Scenes as usual in camp- drill among camp duties. I have some nice rice and milk for dinner. The black Horse Coy came in today saw many of my acquaintances I made up my mind to visit Frederickburg tomorrow

Tuesday 19.

Went on drill this morning and I for the first time carried my horse out to graze I am now seated on Morgs Hill in full view of Fredericksburg and the opposite shore looks like a place of Starvation Yankee Camps Troop drilling roads running in every direction-- $\frac{1}{2}$  past 11 o'clock.---

Wednesday 20.

Went on drill as usual And played marbles part of the day J. Stallord came in today. Read on long letter from F B H a welcome one indeed. Read Jas Barboors Circular. Had a short drill in the evening. Policed camp also the Horse men did not come in

Thursday 21.

Had mounted drill this morning Lt Coroin went out with the gorses to graze drill this evening on foot very short drill disappoint very much in James Wayman & Mort not coming. Quite warm day Looked over the pay rolls again.

Friday 22.

Did not drill they all went out to graze their horses. I wrote a letter to F B H. Mort came in just as I finished with an interesting letter from F B H I also received some cloths Quite an pleasant evening Spent with Mort. Preparation being made for Picket--

Saturday 23.

The Co left this morning for picket I was left in charge of the camp. Mort left for Home with my clothes and a letter for F B H. Excessively warm did nothing much in camp but lie down and read I took a nice bath in the eve. Jane Wayman came a Letter to me from F B H--

Sunday 24.

Had inspection of arms and then I rode down to Morye's heights to graze It was as warm today as ever I was it was exceedingly disagreeable. I camp to camp and spent ~~gloomy~~ the day in the shade. Lt Gibson came in from Culpeper. Quite gloomy about Vicksburg--

Monday, May 25, 1863.

Lt. Gibson rode my horse down to the 49th Regt Va Vol. I had had two bags of grass for him when he came back. Billy Corbin came in from the picket post very sick. He was very sick through the night. I wrote a letter to H B H and copied a Yankee letter- I got a paper. Vicksburg not taken.

Tuesday 26

I went to Fredericksburg heights and saw the Yankee below and heard their bands- I wrote a letter to H B H while there I found the Co off Picket. Uncle Dic and Arm. C. come down to see us. rec a note from C.S. concerning the election.

Wednesday 27

Some 8 of our boys left for home this morning to get fresh horses- I sent a letter to H B H- also my dress coat having drawn a pocket- We went on drill Uncle Dick was present. Some excitement in consequence of the election.

Thursday 28

An exciting time in camp as it is election. No drill in consequence thereof. Bill Corbin sick left this morning in the wagon also Uncle Dick. No news much yet but cheering from Vicksburg Men-voters crat-Flourney.-Price.-Barbour. Patterson & Freeman

Friday 29

Quite a warm day although not very disagreeable. Had several game of marbles and had a drill in the evening on Horse back. Wm Car got back with the wagon from carrying Billy to the Ct House Vicksburg still safe from newspaper accounts.

Saturday 30

Very busy in camp cleaning up and hauling out the litter. I did not drill in the eve- cleaned up arms for inspection. Not much news from Vicksburg yet still hold it by the news from the paper.

Sunday 31

I went down to the 49th Va Regt and met with many of my old acquaintances. I had a long and interesting conversation with Friend Jas. Hoffman. I witness a most solemn scene the baptizing of a person to be shot to morrow.

Monday, June 1, 1863.

I finishing hauling out from camp. I received a letter from cousin Wm. D. I took a good nap during the day. Rev. A.M. Grinley left this morning after Preaching for us. Eskiel. Can thy heart endure or thy hands be strong &c. The Enemy have fallen back from Vicksburg.

Tuesday 2

Most of the troops received marching orders I went to Fredericksburg to graze to day and carried a spy glass to view the enemy. I wrote a letter to my father Lt. A C D come into camp to join our Co today-

wednesday June 3

Had a Regimental Drill this morning and a squadron drill in the evening. Quite warm Had several game at Marbles we tried some Yeast bread but failed. No news much from Vicksburg Artillery & Troop- moving here up toward Culpeper.

Thursday 4

I was busy all day in fixing and paying off the Co. Had a Reg. Drill in the morning and Squadron Drill in the evening. The boys come in to day with fresh R T L brought me a letter from F B H I read it with pleasure.

Friday 5

Went out on drill regt Our army seems to be in motion some way encouraging news from Vicksburg. I wrote a letter to F B H Artillery roaring in the direction of Fredericksburg. The Yankees supposed to be crossing Had some nice yeast bread.

Saturday 6

No drill or grazing this morning we are now saddle up to march I sent off my letter & money We kept saddled up until 12 In the evening we went down to graze. with arms on Had a fine shower in the evening. Genl. R.E.Lee went up the road towards Culpeper-

Sunday 7

We were ordered again to Culpeper but countermanded again We went to graze as we did the day before. Had order in the evening to prepare to march in the morning at six- Baked up some yeast bread for the march and making preparations generally.

Monday 8

Left this morning for Culpeper crossed at Elie's ford and went to Brandy where we met all the way of Stewart Div- Grand scene. we are now grazing at Brandy We camped for the night near Brandy Had a nice place weather rather cool

June Tuesday 9

Saddled up early with the expectation of going to Oak Shade to the Brigade. But for different the Yankees had crossed below Brandy and we moved in the direction thence to Stevensburg where we met with the Yankees and they chase us. ( Disgraceful to L F R Hard cavalry fighting all day.

Wednesday 10

Left Picket this morning and grazed awhile near Stevensburg. Then we marched for Oak Shade where we camped for the night near Jas. Doyle. All the talk about the great Cavalry fight at and near Brandy. The Yankees fell back across the river. We had 5 Bridges of Cavalry engaged in the fight.

Thursday 11

All quiet in camp this morning some preparation being made for marching. Some of our Lady friends came to see, us to day. Wort and Sallie two of the number. Went and grazed in the evening at Km L Browning then we had Inspection some Ladies present- S. A. S. C.A. F.B.C. B.B-

Friday, June 12

Nothing done in camp only grazing our horses and keeping rations on hand to march. Some friends came to see us in camp I took up a subscription in our Co (D) for Jackson's Monument- raise \$100 Mitch went home to this eve and good many of the boys-

Saturday 13

We went out in the morning to graze I came back to camp and found H B H at Jas. Doyle. We had orders to saddle up in the evening and moved towards Jeffersonton and found all the rumors false so we came back and camped at the same place. I staid at J.D.

Sunday 14

Saddled up early this morning but only went out to graze & inspection. Came back to camp and kept saddled up. The Regt. moved off in the evening to Gaines # Roads. I stayed all night at Lt. Torbens- with H B H. Very disagreeable situation on sun of no (?)

Monday 15

I arrived at camp near Gaines # Roades about 8 oclock and found Lt all right without Permission) We moved to Flint Hill and camped for the night we grazed our horses. We heard that Milroy & his whole force was captured.

Tuesday 16

We saddled up this morning and went to Rock Ford where we met with Genl Longstreet forces. thence to Orlean where we met with Genl Robinson & his cov- thence to or near Salem thence to Piedmont. near which place we camped-

Wednesday 17.

We started off early this morning for Paris we halted and I went to the top of the ridge to have my horse shod I came then toward Middleburg- our Brigade had a hard fight with the Yankees- The fourth L F R. fought Gallantly, Lt Corbin wounded.

Thursday 18.

We had a large feed of corn this morning- then we went into camp but soon ordered out- we went by Union & Snickersville - where we formed battle line but the Yankees did not come so. we moved down the pike to the Union Road and we camped at Union.

Friday 19.

We moved for the pike again and halted on the pike at Phillemont. where we staid all day but did not have a fight on our Brigade line but they fought near Middleburg. Longstreet- corps in near us we camped near Singersville. Hard rain this evening.

Saturday 20.

Still raining a little we are still in camp this morning Various rumors concerning Genl Ewell where he is he capture about 5000 of Milroys force We remained in camp all night but kept saddled up all night. and I slept on an oil cloth and covered with one

Sunday, June 21, 1863.

We marched out early this morning all the Cavalry did it Look like a raid But the Yankees made an attack and we moved back to old camp at Snickersville. and that night we fell back to the top of the ridge and there camped Hard cav fighting today.

Monday 22.

We moved out early this morning and went on Picket near Bloomfield The Yankees fell Back and one of our Regt (15th) pursued and had a fight at Phillemont they lost their Major E E L we moved down to their aid but the Yankees fell back and we camped near Snickersville at our old camp--

Tuesday 23.

We remained quiet in our camp most of the day Tray & Jr Ed came in to day from Culpeper. A Bert came over to look for Lt Corbin. I still prepare my letter for sending. I heard that Un Os. had gone home through Mr Baker We camped near Union in a beautiful spot.

Wednesday 24.

Remained quiet in camp until 9 o-c thence we marched through Bloomfield thence near ~~??~~ Upperville and on to Salem Fauquier where we camped until 12 oclock in the night and marched out at six (?) Uncle Joe Armstrong staid with me. Heaned my blank-

Thursday 25.

We passed near Thoughtfare Gap took possession Genl Hampton div. Then our Brigade came to Buckland thence to Gainville where we took some prisoners we grazed our horses but little today and camped at Bulktaws

Friday 26.

We marched out early towards Greenwich thence to Bristoe Station thence to Brenthsville and then in the direction of Occoquan- we camped near Wolf Run Shoals for the night Had our horses inspected and sent back. some 5 or six

Saturday 27.

We marched to Runkes Station thence to Anandale where we took some prisoners and Subtlers waggons thence toward Vienna- thence toward Dranesville below which place we crossed over the potomac river about 12 oclock in the night and arrived at the canal about day-

Sunday 28.

This morning we burned about 10 Tow Boats loaded with an amount of stores ( Great Excitemen) thence we marched to Rockville 12 miles of Washington we there paroled 500 prisoners thence toward Brookville and traveled all night and prepared to surprise a Yankees camp

Monday 29.

We marched on to the Bal & O R R thence to westminster where our Co (D) (4th) & B had a fight with about 120 Yankees. Lt Gibson was killed also Lt Muray we took some 35 prisoners we also have a train of 120 wagons and 1000 mules. we bought many things in West.

Tuesday, June 30, 1863.

We had about 4 hrs sleep this morning and then marched for Hanover Penn. But we came in contact with the enemy and took some 500 Prisoners thence we turned our course to Jeffersonton thence to Dover- We marched all night. Amusing time to see the boys lose their Horses & Hats.

Wednesday, July 1.

We continued our march towards \_\_\_\_\_ thence towards Carlisle passing through. We arrived at Carlisle about one hr by the Sun. We sent in a flag to Surrender but we fought and Shelled the place most of the night we burnt the U S Barracks and left about day- 9th day of Raid.

Thursday 2.

This makes the fifth night without sleep with the exception of 4 hr. Travelling all the time We passed through Paper Town and thence to Petersburg and thence towards Gettysburg we met with the Emy near Gettysburg and drove them back. Genl Ewell is fighting them hard. 3 days Awful at Gettysburg

Friday 3.

We are on picket now near Huntersville. only some 20men with Co D of 56 when started Our raid is at an end. It makes 10 days- We had a right sharp Cavalry fight on our left today but we were not repulsed Very Hard infantry fighting today on the line. We camped near the battlefield Huntersville.

Saturday 4.

All seems to be quiet this morning the first night 1/2 sleep to our Div for 8 nights We kept in line all day and our pickets were attacked in the evening but we did not have any fighting We fell back all night. Our Infantry could not take the Enemis strong position.

Sunday 5.

We are now near Cashtown and we are crossing over the South Mountain and going towards Chamberburg We turned off at Greenwood and going off to the direction of Hagertown. We had some skirmishing at Greenwood But did not have any Gen Engagement. We camped near Funkstown.

Monday 6.

We marched out early this morning and marched for Williamsport We passed through Greencastle. We had a severe engagement with the Enemy at Williamsport. Trying to cut off our wagon train. Co Q and stragglers were engaged. The river pass fording.

Tuesday 7.

We remained quiet until about one oclock and then moved from place to place until we were ordered to Funstown where we camped for the night. Good deal of rain during the day we passed good deal of infantry and about 5000 prisoners x x x

Wednesday 8.

I got wet to the skin in the night and still raining we had our wagons captured and all our clothes we are now moving towards Boonsboro Had a severe cavalry fight which lasted the balance of the day. Our Regt was left on picket near the battlefield.

Thursday, July 9, 1863.

We remained quiet in reserve until about one hr by sun when the enemy made an advance and drove us back about one mile where we camped and pulled off our saddles for the first time for 10 days Had a good rest at night.

Friday 10.

We marched out early this morning to meet the Enemy we fell back to Funktowns where our infantry war they skirmished the balance of the day with them and drove them back 2 miles we had 2 horses Killed in our Co and 4 to 5 men wounded in our Regt. We camped on the Sharpsburg pike-

Saturday 11.

We went back about 1/2 mile into a meadow and grazed nearly all day. The Infantry was a little in front on building Breastwks all day. Some little skirmishing along the line Near night we went back a mile and camped. Band of Music

Sunday 12.

We remained quiet all day nearly in camp- It is quite warm I wrote some on my letter. In the evening we marched out and found the Brigade and had orders read to us. Very discouraging to me Report that Vicksburg has fallen

Monday 13.

We remained quiet part of the day in the cloverfield and in the evening we marched towards Hagerstown then countermanded dow to Genl Longstreets army to cover the retreat across the Potomac we remained in the field by our Horses all night. Rained.

Tuesday 14.

Early this morning we marched off to Williamsport and then crossed over My horse had to swim some We moved to Martinsburg and thence to Newmans(?) Mill and camped near there. Close to our old camp where we camped last fall. Oct. 1862 I saw Billy Dudley

Wednesday 15.

We remained in camp Our Horses grazing- Until evening thence we marched to Lee Town thence towards Berrysville. We camped some 4 mile above Charlestown I sent off my first letter to ABH. By Tully (2 sheets) I tried to wash my clothes today. We got no grain for Horses

Thursday 16.

We moved out early this morning back to Lectown and watered our Horses- We then marched towards Shepherdstown and encountered the enemy below Dr Logis. About 11oclock and fought until dark a very hard Cavalry fight heavy loss on both side

Friday 17.

We left the battle field the enemy having fallen back We went to Ripley and camped. We grazed our horses and rested in camp. I continued writing my letter- Nothin to eat scarcely no bread at all. only a little beef It was quite a damp day. I built a little shelter.

Saturday, July 18, 1863.

We remained quiet in camp most of the day examing the horses Drew enough flour for one meal. In the evening we moved camp near to Leetown. I am still writing on my letter Adj Fontaine came in today Many horses condemned-

Sunday 19.

Our Sunadron went out this morning to duffield to guard some wagons I had some trouble this morning to make off the morning report. Quite a warm day. I am still writing on my letter I made application for the men to go after horses

Monday 20.

Remained in camp quiet all day. With the exception of the usual camp duties. Some stir amongst the boys in consequence of the election of a 3rd Lt. I finished another sheet on my letter. I at last succeeded in getting my clothes washed

Tuesday 21.

Battle Manassas July 21, 1861 Remained quiet in camp all day except a sabre drill in the morning. In the evening we had order to cook three days rations we did so I sent off my long letter this morning by F James to HHH. A pleasant breeze

Wednesday 22.

We marched out at 3 this morning going a wandering direction towards Berryville thence to Millwood. I came by Mr Wm Kerfoot. I got a snack. I foun Genl Lee & Corpral (?) Wickham came thence we went towards Houchville(?) and camped

Thursday 23.

We crossed over the River this morning at a very Rocky ford and kept on the flank in the mountains all the way to Chester Gap. Where I saw Ed L he brought me a letter. We then marched to Keysville where we camped-

Friday 24.

We marched out this morning to Hackley's X Road and thence towards Amisville. Fighting going on at Newby's X Roads. in that direction we moved thence Gourdvine thence to Rixeyville near which place we camped The Yankees at Amisville Also at my home.

Saturday 25.

We moved down near Brandy Station and grazed our horses along while. Quite warm Had some corn for our horses at night for the first time for 15 days. I wrote a letter to HHH. some of our boys coming in-

Sunday 26.

Remained in camp all the morning went out in the evening to graze our horses. Drew corn Many of our boys still coming in Culpeper at Amisville I hear of many depredation committed there. I sent my letter to HHH

Monday 27.

Quiet in camp today grazing horses and eating ourselves Occasional-ly one of our Co coming in. ANP took two yankees at his father. Three of our boys had to carry rocks on act of going home. Had some honey today to eat-



Tuesday, July 28, 1863.

Still quiet in camp many of our boys coming in among whom the 8 scouts from near. Lt Corbin. They saw many a yankee but did not succeed in taking any prisoners or taking any horses quite a hard shower this even

Wednesday 29.

I breakfasted at Mr Reuben Hill this morning and then grazed. Our boys still coming in. All quiet in camp. Genl Jones Brig is at Rixeyville. Still raining and damp. The 12 days furlough for horses came in. but our Co is out on acct of the Yankees

Thursday 30.

Still quiet in camp with the exception of the usual camp duties. Ed & Jas. S. went home this eve I have heard nothing of from HPH yet I still write with the hope of soon sending it. Still Rains. All quiet in camp and along the lines No election of 3rd Lt.

Friday 31.

Quiet in camp until evening we had orders to march. We marched to Brandy thence to Maddens thence to Chancellorsville and then towards Fredericksburg We marched all night I gave HBH letter to Mr Jno Wayman Held an election for 3rd Lt I was temporary.

Saturday, August 1.

We went temporarily into camp and grazed our horses. I for the first time lost my horses and was sometime finding him. The Yankees crossed over at Kelly's and advanced on Brandy where they had a fight. Jas S. went 23 days with out washing his face & hands

Sunday 2.

We remained in camp until Evening then our Squadron went on Picket near the U.S. Ford. We were aroused in the night by the Yankees having placed pickets then we marched down near the ford in the night. Still an excitement about the election

Monday 3.

Remained on picket The Yankees quiet on the river talk with us and our boys went over to the other side. A very warm day indeed. We staid in an old barn at Maj Foushee. Still a conversation about the Election.

Tuesday 4.

We were relieved this morning by the B.H. I had some clothes washed. I thought it too warm to ride in the morning so we left for Camp in the eve. Found some who were just from Culpeper. Our Army fallen back beyond the Rapid Ann. Had an election. I was elected J.A.H.

Wednesday 5.

In camp all day All quiet More of our Co coming in Another warm day. Heard of a fight near Brandy with Genl Hamptons Brigade All of our Infantry fell back across the Rapid Ann It seems that an advance on the Yankee Army will be made that way-

Thursday 6.

Genl Hood's Division passed us today for Hamilton's Crossing. All quiet along the line Heavy picketing in our brigade. Have not succeeded in getting any pay rolls yet. Resting in camp and grazing Horses-

Friday, August 7, 1863.

We moved camp today nearer to Fredericksburg. 3 or four of our Co came in today They report the Yankees still in the little Fork. Our Pickets on the Hazel had some wheat for our horses today.

Saturday 8.

All quiet in camp with the usual camp duties grazing &c. Excessively warm. I went down in the evening to bathe. Pulled some grass for my horse. 59 of our Co present- Had orders for three roll calls a day one at 8 or 9 at night

Sunday 9.

I heard two sermons in camp today by our Chaplain the Text (Jesus Wept) We made an appointment for prayer meeting every evening after Roll call. G H Coons came in this evening with many Rumors concerning the Yankees. And the Depredation upon Civilizers ladies

Monday 10.

I went out this morning to graze and then I went to work on the Pay rolls on a tomb stone Near Fredericksburg. All still quiet in camp in the line. Had prayer meeting at night and our Chaplain converse with us some time after Prayer meeting.

Tuesday 11.

I finished the pay rolls and drew the money and payed the Co off Mr Jack Shaw came down today from Homeland. I sent off a letter today by mail to HBH. Had prayer meeting this evening. Maj Utterback came in this evening. It is excessively warm weather.

Wednesday 12.

I remained in camp most of the day. S M N related an account of his visit to Fredericksburg we are camped near this place I sent down for some crackers. Capt Hill went to Fredericksburg and left me alone in command of the Co the first time since Lt.

Thursday 13.

Rained here this morning I carried the horses out to graze. I went down and took a bath and put on clean clothes. I was made officer of the day for the first. Our Prayer meeting is still going on We are looking for Uncle Os & Lt Freeman.

Friday 14.

I long to hear from HBH who is at this time in the enemies line. A beautiful morning. Orders for inspection today but in consequence of rain did not have it Lt G T Freeman & Uncle Os came in today. Joyful times I was relieved this evening as off. of Day.

Saturday 15.

I crossed over the canal and grazed today. Many of the boys bathes in the old Lock. Quite a pleasant day. The Yankees came into Fal-mouth also down opposite Fredericksburg. We had corn & beans for dinner O. Strother was at dinner.

Sunday 16.

Had preaching this morning after inspection. I staid in camp until our dinner then I went to the Canal and grazed until near night. We received orders about bed time to march early in the morning

Monday, August 17, 1863.

We moved Camp below Fredericksburg some 2 miles in an awful Hot place Left my horse out in the field all day under a guard of 36 men. Without any thing to eat all day. All quiet around Fredericksburg. The Yankees came in sight across the river today

Tuesday 18.

I spent the day in camp grazing my horse in sight a good deal of Marketing going on between Hamiltons X ing & Fred- I this day for the first time had a watermelon & some peaches. G. A. Sudduth came in last night. Also A J Yates today Heard that the Yankees had left Culp

Wednesday 19.

Joyous day to me above many days passed I received a letter from HBH well and harty and little disturbed by the Yankees. Mic & Wm E Smith came in this evening I wrote a letter and sent it to HBH by Maj Utterback. Plenty of horse feed at present.

Thursday 20.

I ate a nice water melon this morning. Uncl Os & Lt Fre went to Fredericksburg. I assisted in eating 5 Water melons. Lt Jennings came in today with some news concerning the Yankees I wrote a letter to HBH and sent it off by Dallas Coons. All quiet in camp

Friday 21.

Fast day. We are now situated in a grove near the river for purpose of hearing a sermon by our Chaplain. Tried to spend the day in sober thought & reflection of the conditon of our country Held prayer meeting in the evening. Anxious to hear from HBH. MCS came

Saturday 22.

Mr Jno Wayman came down today very warm remained in camp all day In the evening we were reviewed by Genl Fitz Lee a band of music present as well as some ladies We made a charge. Regt a full turn out

Sunday 23.

We started out early this morning on picket We went to. Ely's ford Uncle Os went with 30 men to Germanna. The Yankees cross at Elisie We sent two men over in that direction on a scout. But the Yankees went back had a bathe this eve

Monday 24.

On Picket. went over the river and grazed Saw Mr Ben Miller. Mr Pemberton desired us to leave One certain field. and graze else where. In the evening I went up to Wilderness tavern to assist Uncle Os. One furlough of 15 days came for one of the Co.

Tuesday 25.

Still on picket on the plank road plenty of Vegetable to eat and a nice place to bathe. Uncle Os rode off this morning to some tannery. I am very anxious to hear from HBH I bought a knife today and pd \$10. Hard rain we went up to the old Foundry

Wednesday 26.

Very cold this morning on account of hard rain last night. No bathing today We were releaved today on picket by some Marlanders. Uncle Ran came down today with the Tamen table news of the Yankees in the Little Fork again I came to camp about 8

Thursday, August 27, 1863.

I am quiet in camp again and grazing my horse Mid came in and brought Ed a letter which brought me the Gians of news daughter Uncle Ran came to camp this evening. I ate several water melon today I wrote a letter to HBH-

Friday 28.

I went down to Hamiltons Crossing and ate several water melon and heard that the Yankoes were in 8 miles of Richmond. I went to camp and soon we were under marching orders Towards night we moved off for Bowling Green We arrived there about 11. Supper

Saturday 29.

Our Co had some 60 Water melons to eat while at Bowling Green We remained here until 10 oclock and then started for camp as the Yankees went back We arrived at camp late in the evening. I got some nice peaches. Very disagreeable riding so dusty

Sunday 30.

Had preaching by our Chaplain twice today Had some serious im-pressions today. But I done something wrong I went to the crossing and bought some water melons. Very anxious indeed to hear from HBH I hope to hear from Culpeper soon something different.

Monday 31.

I have been looking every day for a letter from HBH ever anxious to hear from her The Yankees still in the L. F. May they soon leave. I expect every day to be on. Detail. as Horse Guard or other duty. Had an interesting prayer meeting this evening. Notion of having a pr of Boots made

Tuesday, September 1, 1863.

For future History I this day paid \$1.50 a dozen for onions \$16 per bushel for potatoes \$1.50 a gal for Tomatoes 5.00 apiece for water melon Trav came in today but brought little news from Culpeper. I commenced a letter to H.B.H. Still exceedly anxious to hear from her.

Wednesday 2.

Mitch received a letter today from S. A. L. I was glad to read it and find HBH well. Mr Green a Candidate came to our Co today. Good deal of Cannonading at Port Royal this morning. All quiet this evening. A Yankee horse swam the river this morning.

Thursday 3.

I was today officer of the Horse Guard. About 12 we were ordered to get up horses and saddle up to move in the direction of Port Royal but we did not get 300 yds from Camp before ordered back also we had an election for Senator I voted for Thos Hill Esq

Friday 4.

A cool day but plessent all quiet in camp but very dusty. Had nice peach dumpling for dinner today also Tomatoes & Potatoes Nothing transpiring in camp only the usual routine of duty. Colonel Wickham is absent at this time. Horse saddle Pistol & Bri

Saturday, September 5, 1863.

I awoke this morning and found my Saddle Bridle Uncle Os horse & Capt Hill's Pistol Stolen. All valued at 1100 dollars. I went down to Hamilton's Crossing and saw Colporter M D Anderson he gave me some tracts Hymns books which I distributed at Prayer Meeting

Sunday 6.

Had preaching by our Chaplain twice today from this Text. Heb. It is a fearful thing &c. Very dusty in our camp rain wanting very badly Some interest manifested in our Prayer Meeting. Cheering from the whole Army of many Conversions

Monday 7.

I was again Officer of Horse guard today Had a nice dinner on Peach Dumpling. I heard from IBH that she was harty. John (Black) went in to the Yankees lines and came out. The whole army still quiet.

Tuesday 8.

Found some 3 or 4 boys gone this morning to A M Grinsley wedding. Genl Hood div moved off this morning Heard by S. Carter that the Yankees had left the L. Fork but can't believe it. Rain wanting very badly Prayer Meeting becoming very largely attended interest Manifested

Wednesday 9.

Ed Luttrell Rec his furlough this morning for 15 days also some 7 more in Regt. Great rejoicing over them. Prayer Meeting in the morning No paper today by the cars busy carrying off Troops towards Richmond Capt Hill got his furlough this evening for five days

Thursday 10.

Our Chaplain left this morning after morning service Feel interested in our meeting. I desire that some Minister should come and assist us. Marshall came in this evening and brot Capt H's & Lt Corbins Horses. Heard from Culpeper that the Yankees had left the upper part of L. Fork Did not hear through Ed's letter from IBH

Friday 11.

Awoke this morning and found Capt Hill horse gone. Uncle Os left on horse furlough for eight days. Marshall also went back to Culpeper after finding the Capt horse, Still looks like rain but seems hard to get at it. broke open Ed letter from Rickie

Saturday 12.

All quiet in camp today Nothing Transpiring more than usual Colonel Wickham our Colonel is made Gen(Brigade) and left us today. 1.2 3 4 I understand are the Regt Composing his Brig- Maj Utterback has resigned

Sunday 13.

Awoke this morning and found it raining. Very pleasant on account of the dusk being settled. Did not have any preaching in consequence of our Caplain Absence. Drew some Bridles Hoeters & saddles today. Recd marching orders. Heard the Yankees were advancing in Culpeper. at Kelly's ford

Monday, September 14, 1863.

Expecting to march every moment towards the Rapid Ann as the Yankees have taken possession of Culpeper Ct House and moving in that direction About one hour by sun we marched off for Vidiersville where we arrived about 1 hr by sun

Tuesday 15.

We marched all night Very much fatigued indeed. Sleep wanting. I turned my horse out to graze after drinking a cup of coffee and I laid down and slept most Day We camped at Vidiersville for the night. Hear nothing from the Yankees.

Wednesday 16.

Remained quiet in camp all day grazing horses &c J Dulin & several of our boys came in run out of Culpeper. Bought some peaches. Water very scarce Heard nothing from the Yankees today some skirmishing on the Rapid Ann Bob McDonald who has been Prisoner came in today Looking badly

Thursday 17.

Very foggy this morning Finished my breakfast. Had Sweet Potatoes & butter for dinner also ham and Biscuit Capt Hill came in today. Left Lt Corbin & ed Luttrell at home although the Yankees are at Culpeper Ct House No Yankees in Little Fork

Friday 18.

Awoke and found it raining this morning. Very hard rain today water at least 4 inches deep in my tent after the first shower We moved our tent. Found a man riding Lt Corbin Mare. bought her in Richmond. Suspicious arising

Saturday 19.

Talk of moving camp today about 12 but we were ordered out to meet the Enemy crossing at Germanna ford We went about one mile into camp as the enemy went back. Major Utterback came into camp today and staid with us

Sunday 20.

Rather cool this morning Very slight grazing here for our horses. Looking for Lt Corbin. Had preaching in the evening by Mr Clarke, J.S. Also prayer meeting at night I am writing a letter to HBH. The Yankees thick around Culpeper Ct House

Monday 21.

Remained quiet in camp all day finishing my letter to HBH Officer of the day (1) Lt Corbin came in today and brought me a letter from HBH 16th Inst Oh how Joyful I was not hearing for so long a while from her

Tuesday 22.

We turned out our horses this morning to graze but we were soon ordered to get them up to march to Madison as they were fighting near Jack shop. We halted a while at Orange Ct House and then marched for Barbersville where we camped for the night

Wednesday, September 23, 1863.

We left Barbersville early and went in 7 miles of Standardsville and then moved toward Madison Ct House following the Yankees on towards Mt Zion Church where we charged them and they broke and crossed the Robinson River into Culpeper.

Thursday 24.

We camped last night at Orange Ct House I went into town this morning and I saw Capt Grinsley Gid Crigler and other of my acquaintance we camp to camp today and had something to eat Glorious Victory of Genl Brag in Tennessee

Friday 25.

Remained quiet in camp all day grazing horses and the usual duties of camp. Ed L & W.B.C came in today and brought me a letter from HBH. Which I was glad to received. Oh had much pleasure it gives to hear of HBH being well

Saturday 26 .

Remained in camp hearing the news of Ed & the boys. Cos Wm Doyle came to see us today I was also finding out something about the stolen horses & saddles I wrote a letter to G P. Hill concerning it. Evenings quite chilly.

Sunday 27.

Had prayer Meeting at 10 oclock no preaching as our Chaplain was absent Several exhortation by P. Coward & pegrum. Had inspection in the morning also I heard from Billie Dudley. he is well had meeting also this evening

Monday 28.

We have been busy making preparation to go on picket some 20 miles from camp I had command of some 40 men between Foster's ford & Gormanana. I remained at Wyckoff's Gold mines Heavy Yankee pickets opposite ours. Graze our horses a little before night

Tuesday 29.

I went to all the posts today and found the Yankee Pickets opposite ours. And found Jennings holding conversation with a Lt on the other side of River Found them all quite friendly. A Yankee Lt Smith sent over 1/2 quire paper to me. I spent \$3 for some fodder & corn.

Wednesday 30.

I got my breakfast at Mr Wyckoffs. this morning all quiet along the line I remained at Wyckoff mine all day looking at some of the novelties. Imade some preserves out of grapes Lt Freeman staid with us all night

Thursday, October 1, 1863

I went over and had my horse shod and returned to Wykoff's ford, Think of being relieved today My first disturbance and trouble with the men Jas Stallard disobedience of orders. No relieve today Sorry that this circumstance has occurred

Friday 2.

Quite a raining day indeed Took breakfast with Mr Wyekoff Relieved about 2 oclock by the 1st Regt. and started in the rain for camp We staid all night at the Wilderness (in Mr Lacy's barn) on account of it being dark and raining.

Saturday 3.

Started quite early this morning for Camp We found it near Orange Springs. I soon had something to eat after having fasted for two days nearly. Rather wet grounds for camping. Still writing on my letter to H.B.H.

Sunday 4.

I went to hear Rev Landstreet twice today once at the 1st Regt and once at the 3rd Regt. It reminded me so much of old times at my Old School house. S Embry & W S R came back from Port Royal. Mr Thos Hill came to see us and brought the news that our army was about to march on Meade.

Monday 5.

Had drill this morning also Dress Parade in the evening. I finished my letter to HBH and sent it by Mr Hill. Looking for a move soon Sent Yesterday after a blanket recd it this morning pd  $\frac{1}{2}$  10. Reading in Samuel to find the text. Gound it in 1st Sam 2nd Ch & 9 Verse

Tuesday 6.

Rather cool this morning although pleasant. Did not drill today in consequence of our Squadron being shod up. Had for drill in the ever commenced by D Kelley. Also dress parade in the eve. Scout Doggett came in I am reading the life of Genl Jackson.

Wednesday 7.

Had Mounted Drill this morning also foot Drill and dress parade in the eve. Sent out and bought some Irish & Sweet Potatoes also some eggs. Looks very much like rain. Had prayer meeting in the Co last night Good many attended. Very little feed for horses

Thursday 8.

Rather damp this morning had little rain in the night No drill on horse back this morning foot drill & dress parade in the evening Lt Corbin went out today as Provost Guard. but came in about night. After lying down I was aroused by Uncle Jas. T. R Mc & Jno. W. coming from Culpeper Anxious Mind

Friday 9.

We were aroused early this morning by the bugle to saddle up A great move seems to be on hand in our troop. We took the line of March at six and moved in the direction of Raccoon ford. We halted for the night in 3 miles of the rivers found the infantry movg.

Saturday 10.

Still quiet in camp the boys with myself amusing themselves catching rabbits Caught about 40 in all-singular. We camped in the same place but were disturbed during the night by various rumors concerning the whereabouts of the Yankees-



Sunday, October 11, 1863.

We marched early this morning to meet Buford's Div Cav at Mortonsford we crossed at Racecon ford and found them in line to receive us. I dismounted and fought them through Ste and to Brandy walking. Captain Newton & Williams was killed I came near being when at Brandy Jas Doyle was badly wounded and several other We camped at J. M. Botts Very tired-

Monday 12.

We moved out in the direction of Brandy thence to Oak Shade thence to Jeffersonston where we prepared to charge. We then went to Fox Mills and crossed and kept in saddle until 12. and built our fires near Great Run Very cold night. Saw Bob Harris

Tuesday 13.

We moved up to the Springs where we found Genl Ewells Corps marching in to Warrenton where we had a small fight. and fell back a little and camped I saw Mr Spillman The Infantry came up in the night

Wednesday 14.

We marched out this morning towards the Warrenton pike we fed on the way then we marched down the pike to Gainsville where our Regt was left on picket and camped for the night The balance of the Div went in the direction of Bristoe Sta. The Infantry fighting often on through the day

Thursday 15

We were quiet until 10 when we were suddenly aroused by the Yankees but we drove them back. Then we went to Manassas and found Genl Stuart fighting them on Bull Run We were ordered back to Gainsville where we camped for the night, Being on picket

Friday 16.

It rained very hard today We were ordered out in the morning under a false report but we were again ordered out about night and went down the turnpike but we did not see any Yankkes Billy Corbin was wounded Genl Stewart with Hampton Div was on a secret move somewhere.

Saturday 17.

I went out to Breakfast this morning and then I went down to relieve Lt Corbin on picket but when I got there he was fighting the Yankees and we fought them all day and established our picket post before night but they run us in again as we were being relieved.

Sunday 18.

I received two letter from HSH this morning. She stated that the name might be Better Lee H. We have been in camp quiet all day an unusal thing. Genl Stewart with Hampton's Div arrived here today from a scout towards Falls Church We almost had a surprise about night by the Yankees moving up so suddenly hot time

Monday 19.

Our Co on picket early this morning We put out our sharp shooters and engaged the enemy and fell back We joined our Brigade at Auburn. Also Div. Genl Stewart with Hampton Div fell back about New Baltimore And we came in behind Such a fight & rout I never saw in Kilpatrick cavalry Buckland\*

\* This word written on margin.

Tuesday, October 20, 1863.

We moved out early this towards New Baltimore then to Auburn thence toward Bealton and then to Beverly Ford's and crossed into Culpeper and camped about 11 o'clock above Mr Reuben Hitts River very full I got very wet only 6 of the Co in Camp

Wednesday 21, 1863.

Beautiful morning after our trip to Manassas B \_\_\_\_\_ Several of our boys coming in. I took breakfast at Mr R Hitts this morning. Remained in camp until late and moved about 400 yds. Heard the Yankees were at the Springs Have not been home yet. going on 7 mos since I was there - V Stallard came to see us today

Thursday 22.

Had a good night rest all quiet this morning. Have saddled up to move camp. We camped near Green Mill I got a pass to go home for 36 hrs. I got there about night But did not find HBH at home So I went to Uncle Os and staid all night I arrived there about 1 o'clock Saw B.M.H for the first time

Friday 23.

We went over to Uncle Dick's to spend the day found Jno S there. We remained all night Rained quite hard about night, spent a happy day with the children away from camp and war scenes Jim S. went to the Co. All quiet along the line

Saturday 24.

Rather cool and damp this morning I went over to Mr Newby Shop and had a shoe nailed on my horse and came back to Uncle Dick's gave out the idea of going to the Regt. Turned much colder during the day I staid all night nothing from the Yankees yet.

Sunday 25.

I started for the Regt this morning got there about 12 found them in the same place Feeling different than before I left. Camp life as usual. Lt Freeman came in Had plenty to eat as we are near home Camp near Green Mill. Many of the boys at home

Monday 26.

Lt Freeman got 30 days furlough this morning. Cool but pleasant. Grazed my horse all day. Quiet in camp Lt Corbin came in today and brought something to eat also brought me a letter from H.B.H. wishing to name B.M.H. M.E.H Some little fighting near Bealton

Tuesday 27.

Cool this morning Some still coming in to the Co camp duty as usual Settled with Lt OMC due him \$40 Remained in camp during the day Genl Stewart's Hd Quarters near by Get some Horse feed. Expecting to go on picket soon

Wednesday 28.

Had drill this morning also dress parade. Capt Hill went up home this evening. Genl Stewart & Staff met at Mr. Jas Wager to take tea B Music aboard some of our Co present. Recd a letter of HBH Ves & Mid came in (in statu quo)

Thursday, October 29, 1863

I went over to the funeral of Cole McDonald of our Co Preaching by our Chaplain Meredith. I then went up to Uncke Frank and staid all night H.B.H was there. I heard all the Yankees had left Waterloo and up the river Oc Jefferies came home tonight (Lizzie Lee H)

Friday 30.

I came back to the Co this morning and found that the whole Regiment did not go on picket only 2 Squadrons No drill as the arms were to be cleaned up Mitch came from home and brought me something to eat. Uncl Os went home this evening John J W was to see us today

Saturday 31.

Raining this morning I went up and settled with Cap Heath with receipts of the Co Remained in camp all day After retiring an order came for 2 capt & 200 men to report to Hd. Q at 11 oc tomorrow. All thoughts abut what are being done

Sunday, November 1, 1863.

Preparation made for our move we went to Hd Q with 2 days rations Lt Corbin came in today we went to Kellyville \_\_\_\_\_ and camp for the night as it turned out our move did not succeed in consequence of our move being found out I suppose

Monday 2

We started back to camp early with joy to every one Capt Hill was put on Court Martial this day. I rec'd a letter from H.B.H. All quiet in camp once move Scenes in camp as usual.

Tuesday 3

I was on a board to Appraise horses some 100 or more. Drill and dress parade today I got a pass to go to Jeffersonton to have my horse shod but did not go on account of it being too late Capt Hill came in aout night. Some singing in camp.

Wednesday 4.

I went to Jeffersonton to have my horse shod and then I went up home and spent the balance of the Day and started for camp. I stopped at Mr Robinson and saw Jas Doyle who was wounded I got tk camp about 8 in the night.

Thursday 5

A grand review today of a Corp of Cavalry Magnificent scene. Robt E. Lee A P Hill & Ewell present Many Ladies of Culpeper present. Some from the Little Forl. A large No of Spectators We came to camp after review and received marching orders.

Friday 6.

All day expecting to march Rec orders to cool up three days rations Understood that Kilpatrick was moving towards Fredericksburg with his cavalry Lt Corbin came in early this morning from home with provisions

Saturday, November 7, 1863.

Still expecting to march but not so much so Rumored that we will move camp soon. Looking over the pa rolls with the expectation of pay. Van Stal came to see us today also Joe Gee & Mr Cunningham. Very Windy

Sunday 8.

The enemy have crossed at Kelleyville & Rappa Station I went on a scout with 15 men into the Little Fork saw none I then joined the Regt at Brandy The enemy advanced and we fell back to the Ct House We were action as videttes and we did not find the Regt. We camp near the Ct House

Monday 9.

We found the Brigade on the Turnpike leading to Sperryville We were detached as scouts in the Co. We fell back towards Rapid Ann Station I saw the enemy coming into the Ct House. But did not advance this side far. That night we camped with Hampton Div 2 mile from Mitchells Station (my birthday)

Tuesday 10.

We came on and met the Div near Major's and then we went on a scout to Calvin Tavern and then to Griffensburg we heard of no Enemy and we scattered out. The enemy came on a scout to Griffensburg and went back I camped in a piece of pines

Wednesday 11.

I came over to the neighborhood of Mr Yates and fed our horses then I went on a scout to Stone House Mt. there I met with the enemy I then came by Eldorado some 14 had been up there I came to Mr Grinsley and staid all night

Thursday 12.

I went to Homeland according to Appointment and found that we were going to lay over. So I went to Uncle Os to dinner Then I went to Uncle Jims L and left my horse and walked down home and stayed all night. I saw HBH Good many of our boys stayed home also as we had rest

Friday 13.

We all met this morning near Gourd Vine 35 of us and went in the direction of Eldorado thence towards Griffensburg. Where we halted for some time thence we marched towards Boston We Grazed our horses & fed near Rudasil and camped in the woods above there and sent out scouts.

Saturday 14.

We met at Boston according to Appointment and heard from our scouts also heard that our prisoners got away We came on down towards Castleton and dismissed the Co. I went home raining and very dark

Sunday 15.

Raining very hard the morning I went to Gourd Vine to preaching No Preacher had prayer meeting I went to Uncle Frank to dinner. Then in the evening I went home River high and still rising-

Monday, November 16, 1863.

Met at the Camp Ground and took the Co to the Wood's Mountain took three prisoners & three the day before Remained on the Mt all day. Su Doyle died last night about 11. The Yankees still remain in their position near Welfords & Brandy.

Tuesday 17

Nothing to be done today Went to the Funeral at Uncle Dicks. Heard Grinsley preach. Timothy Ich 10 ve Went to Uncle Os to dinner and then went home in the evening and staid all night The Yankees were at Boston today

Wednesday 18.

Met according to Appointment & disbanded on act of marching orders. I went home & staid one hour and returned to Waterloo and staid all night. Heard the Yankees were at Sperryville Various rumors about them. Making preparation to leave for the Regt

Thursday 19.

Met according to Appointment and shelled some corn. We went by Laurel Mills then we understood the Div had gone back so we went above Boston thence to Slate Mills and made for Criglersville we camped near J miller I got my supper.

Friday 20

We left early this morning and went by Madison Ct House and thence down to the Regt near Lyman's Mill It felt unusual for to be in camp we had to stretch a tent in the night on account of rain We are busy on the pay rolls

Saturday 21.

I was paid upwards of \$9000 for the Co. All anxious to be paid Also anxious to get off to Culpeper again Rec orders to go back to Culpeper again with the Co Rained all day Drew some rations but found little use as we were going to leave.

Sunday 22.

Started for Culpeper this morning We went by Madison Cth then towards Slate Mills I was put in command of 20 men to the left of the Turnpike I camped in the pines near Hamilton Coons for the night

Monday 23.

Remained in camp all day until evening and then moved some 400yds to the left. I sent out scout all to the front We kept the horses in camp Got something to eat from the neighborhood also food for our horses

Tuesday 24.

Awoke this morning and found it raining After the scout came in we moved to Mr Brown shed Barn I went out a Scout towards Browns Store saw some Yankees also saw Billie Carter & wife I took supper with them

Wednesday, November 25, 1863.

I took the men down near Brown Store to Ambush the Yankees but they did not come out. In the evening we scattered out I went to Mr Porters & net one prisoner and a dispatch for Genl Lee I added some and sent it on

Thursday 26.

I came over this morning this side of the pike at Boston and came down to Uncle Os and staid all night But he had gone on a raid with Maj Mosby to Brandy They took some 25 prisoners and 120 mules The Yankee army in motion.

Friday 27.

Met but disbanded on account of other orders from Capt Hill to meet in the morning at day break at Eldorado I went home and staid all night Saw some of our boys from the raid Fighting foing on between both armies

Saturday 28.

Got up at three this morning and left for Eldorado I did not get there in time and they were disbanded to meet in the morning at 8. I went home again. At home I arrived and spent the night

Sunday 29.

I started from home at 4 to go to Eldorado I got there and only 28 of the Co met and went on toward the Ct H I was sent back after the balance I ordered them to meet me at Homeland at 9 I went home and spent the night Fighting still going on

Monday 30.

I met at Homeland according to appointment and started with 13 to the Ct H. The Yankees were at the Ct H when I got there so I bore off the right and staid all night at Mr Utterbacks Plenty of horse feed and enough for ourselves.

Tuesday, December 1, 1863.

We left for the Regt we passed Wayland's Mill and crossed at Rapid Ann Station and went over Clar's Mt and found The Regt at Racconford and behold it was our Squadrons time to go on picket but I fared very well by a good fire-

Wednesday 2.

All quiet along the line with both armies Genl Wickham is back with his brigade Two of our Cannon opened on the Yankees this evening and as soon as they replied we ceased. We were releaved on picket and went to camp

Thursday 3.

We went back to Madison to our old camp. drew little oats & corn on the way Saw Judson Miller for the first time today Had quite a nice place for camp Some 10 of our Co came in Heard that some of them had taken some prisoners an adjutant

Friday 4.

Went down today to look for Jennings' horse Saw Capt Grinsley & Thomas as well as many of my old acquaintances of the 6th Va Cav Found the horse but did not get it for want of proof Got my dinner with Amon. Good news from the west. Genl Longstreet

Saturday, December 5, 1863.

Remained in camp all day I appraised some horses We had little rain The Co still expecting to go to Culpeper again The Black horse is going to Fauquier- Capt Hill is going to the Court Martial

Sunday 6.

No preaching in camp today as our Chaplain is gone home. Mid McCormick came in today with D Coons & S M Newton They got a detail to go back to Culpeper. Officers opposed We had praye meeting in the Powhatan Co at night.

Monday 7.

Had drill H dress parade today I carried the Co out as Lt Corbin was officer day Walter S R Came in today. The usual camp duties going on Had prayer meeting again in the Powhatan Co.

Tuesday 8.

Had drill & dress parade today Few officers on either on account of whiskey being in camp I settled up all receipt shoeing & Forage Lt Corbin lost his horse today. Frank Stringfellow came today and wanted two men to go on a scout

Wednesday 9.

Had drill today but I was excused as I was officer day No dress parade Expecting to go on picket but there seems to be a move in hand amongst the cavalry and we did not go we drew 4 days ration for self-

Thursday 10.

We saddled up to go on picket but did not go The cavalry is going back to Albemarle to winter and leave one brigade in Madison to picket. Four Companies of the fourth is going to the front with Maj Randolph. D.C.A.&H.

Friday 11.

We left this morning for Culpeper We fed near the Robinson River and traveled the night I got home about 2 very weary and cold The enemy have scouted the whole country Great rejoicing in Co D-

Saturday 12.

I went over to Uncle Dick today to arrange different parties I ate dinner at Uncle J. Luttrell I got home while after dark. No Scouting in the Little Fork Today by the enemy. Raining a little today-

Sunday 13.

Remained at home most of the day In the evening I went to the Glinn Mills to see some of my old acquaintances. It was a most beautiful day very warm all quiet today with the Yankees

Monday 14.

I went up to John H Settle this morning to get me a hat but did not succeed I went to Washington and met with Pa & uncle Wm F. Nicol Then I went home and staid all night.

Tuesday 15.

I started for Culpeper this morning and before arriving to Uncle Ran I met with the Yankee and had a race They took many things from the Citizens Lt. C.J.B. R.C. I went home that night after the Yankees all left.

Wednesday, December 16, 1863.

I went up to Lt Corgin's and found him gone I then went to Uncle Dick's and got my dinner and went out and ran a rabbit a short while and then went to Uncle Frank. Where I met with Lt Corbin I went home that night.

Thursday 17.

It rained quite hard most of the day So I remained at home in the evening. Some 5 of the Little Fork came and frightened us to some extent thinking they were Yankees-

Friday 18.

Aunt Bert came down today We all went Rabbit hunting and saw great deal fun. Caught six John Ed & Trar came down in evening Lt Corbin came from Salem and staid all night.

Saturday 19.

The boys all left this morning for other field of operation. I went home with Lt Corbin & Wife After dinner I rode over to Homeland and came by Uncle Dick and found Ed at home with news from Madison. (This day 3 yrs ago)\*

Sunday 20.

I went down home today and staid all night. No preaching at Gourd Vine found Miss L Wayman at home and heard from Jim that he was sick

Monday 21.

I went out this morning with Mr Luttrell Towards Lt Corbin Various reports this evening about the Yankees They came near our house to-night Bill came out and brought mitch horse I bought one today I staid all night at Uncle Frank

Tuesday 22.

The Yankees went up by Amisville early this morning and moving to Washington I was near Perry's Mt. We then went Battle Mt And saw Another Party Yankees at Amisville but they went back I staid all night at Uncle Zachary B (?)

Wednesday 23.

I went to Homeland according to Appointment The Yankees went to Luray So we disbanded and I got one bus corn and carried it to Uncle Frank and then I went home after staying a short while at Uncle Dick Bywaters-

Thursday 24.

I went down to Mr Wayman's and spent a portion of the day Whilst there (unknown) The Yankees went down the road. Mitch came home in the evening I staid all night at home. Had my boots half sole-

Friday 25.

I spent the day at home. I went out and took a rabbit hunt. Had a Christmas dinner. All quiet as to Yankees moving out from Camp Turned John Brown out thinking that would be safer

Saturday 26.

I went out to see Lt Corbin about Taking my mare He did take her. I went back home with the expectation of coming out tomorrow and bring HBH so that Lt Corbin could go up to Uncle Jesses

\* Written on margin.



Sunday, December 27, 1863.

I came with HBH & ACH to Uncle Jn L and staid all night It rained all day & night The Yankees came to Rixeyville today Geo Sheads & Wm L B came to Uncle J S Today Ginnie was not at home

Monday 28.

I went over to Lt Corbin and found him sick I staid until Evening and went back to Uncle Jim and spent the night I brought my horse over to Lt Corbin and left him. A large party gathered at Uncle Ran McCormick

Tuesday 29.

I came to Uncle Os and staid until evening And he & Aunt Bert went home with us to the Party. There were 16. Ladies & some 15 Little Fork present They saw a playing time I slept little after Breakfast.

Wednesday 30.

After Breakfast two Deserters (so said) came to our house and I with R.T.L. brought them ou t to Homeland and I turned them over to Jno Adam & H McVaigh I staid all night at Uncle Franks

Thursday 31.

It rained hard all day I spent all the day at Uncle Frank Jno McD came in today from the Yankee lines near Rappahannoe Station I spent the night at Uncle Frank The Yankees all quiet Aunt Fanny & Children came out of Culpeper Ct House