Henry E. Thompson.
Co. "A", 20th Wis. Vol.
Of
Jefferson, Vernon Co.
Wisconsin
Browsville, Texas
Dec. 29, 1862

Wed. Diary 1862 July 9th
Enlisted at ten a.m. at Frurzirs in the 20th Wis. Inft. Geo. S. Syms, recruiting officer return home at m. get ready and start for LaCrosse with Mr. S. Stop at Newton at dark. Hav a war meeting in the evening. Speeches by Mr. S and Hartwell Allen. No recruits. Go home with a friend, Mr. C. C. Baker, return at 11 p.m.

Thursday 10th
Started on to La Crosse at 8 a.m. in company of Mr. S. and Sutin Fletcher, a fellow recruit. Had a pleasant ride. Reached destination at m. Put up at State St. House. Dine p.m. Take a stroll about town. Am introduced to Capt. A. H. Pettibone. Give my description. Return to room tired, retire.

Friday 11th
This A.M. go with Mr. S. to ????? see some acquaintances, introduced to Mr. Rogers, return 4 p.m.

Sat. July 12th 1862
This a.m. furnished with a horse by Mr. S. Start home to recruit. Reach Newton at dark. Stop at Mr. Drandels on account of storm, remain all night.

Sunday, 13th
This morning is clear and sunny. Start on my way. Ride past the Poor House, meet Jno. McTees, Esqy. Held a short interview with him, arrive at home at 10 a.m. Remaining til one p.m. ride over to N. Springville to Sunday School. Return home at 4 p.m. Spend the evening in visiting.

Mon. 14
Start this morning to return to LaCrosse. Take Eli Harkens with me. Have some sport at the expense of Eles. Thompson. Dine at Nelsons. Arrive at Las Crosse sunset. Take the Prairie Du Chien packet at 12 night.

Tues. 15
Reach Pr. Due Chien this morn'. Take the cars arrive at Madison, Wis. 12 .m go into Camp Randall.

Wed. July 16 1862
Awake this morning rather sore having slept on the soft side of a plant. Go through a medical inspection, draw a suit of clothes with brass buttons and a blanket which I learn we are to use a la

Chipaway Brave.

Thus. 17
Receive our gun and accoutrements this am. This pm is spent in putting them together. We have the Austrian Rifle.

Frid. 18
Nothing occurred today worthy of note

Sat. 19
Have drill to day in which there is a great deal of Generalship displayed, by both officers and men.

Sun 20
AM go up town to church. Have to wear our Side arms. Sermon very interesting. Return to camp.

Mon. July 21 1862
Nothing occurred beyond the daily duties of a soldier.

Tues 22
Nothing of note to day

Wed 23
Nothing of note to day

Thur 24
Nothing note worthy

Frid. 25
Nothing interesting to day

Sat. 26
Nothing of note

Sun. 27
Go up town this a.m. to Church, arrive to late. Walked down to the shore of Lake. See a sail boat capsize with two men, one is drowned. Return to camp.

Mon 28
Nothing of note to day

Tues 29
Nothing of note to day
Wed 30
Rumor says we will be tomorrow

Thur July 31 1862
mustered for pay at 10 a.m. we are paid 25 dollars of our bounty at 12 m. get a furlough of 15 days. Take the 1 o'clock train for home. Write a Pr. Du Chien. Suset take the boat for Badeex City.

Frid. August 1
Arrive at Rad . Up at 6 a.m. stop at hotel for breakfast. Walk out as far as Mr. Greenman's. Take dinner with them and ride out home with the young ladies in the p.m. Reached home about 4 p.m.

Sat. 2
Pass this day in visiting

Sun. 3
Remain at home to day

Mon. 4
Go to Springville to see Mr. Satterlee, return home.

Tues. 5
Lay aside my uniform and commence harvesting like a citizen.

We. August 6 1862
Harvesting to day

Thur 7
Harvesting as usual

Frid. 8
Nothing beyond farming to day

Sat. 9
Nothing new to day

Sun. 10
Took a ramble over the hills and along the streams of Vernon

Mon 11
Harvesting to day

Tues. 12
Harvesting to day
Wed. 13
Harvesting as usual this a.m. This p.m. go to Springville call on Miss and return.

Thurs. 14
Go to Viroqua to war meeting. Get acquainted with Miss G. Return by way of Springville at dark. Call on Mr. Satterler, return home ten o'clock p.m.

Frid. August 15, 1862
Bid farewell to my parents, sister and brother and take up my line of march for my regt. At camp Randall. Arrive at Badox City at 12 m. Wait there til 12 o'clock night. Take Str. Northern Light down the river.

Sat. 16
Reach Pr du Chien this morning, take the cars for Madison. Reach camp at 12 m. The barracks take fire, a large share of them burned. I am detailed for guard.

Sun. 17
Have preaching in camp today.

Mon. 18
The Regt. Is mustered into the U.S. Service

Tues. 19
Nothing of note today

Wed. 20
Nothing new to day

Thur. 21 August 1862
Nothing of note today.

Frid. 22
No news

Satr. 23
Nothing new to day

Sunday 21
Nothing occurs today worthy of note

Mon. 25
Nothing new to day

Tues. 26
Nothing note worthy
Wed. 27
Nothing new to day

Thurs. 28

Nothing note worthy today

Frid. 29
Report that we are to leave for the seat of war tomorrow

Sat. 30
Strike tents before daylight, leave camp at sunrise, march through the city. Take the train for Chicago. Arrive there, take the cars for Alton.

Sun. Aug. 31, 1862
Pass through Springfield, Ill., arrive at Alton 4 p.m. Take the boat to St. Louis, Mo. Land at dark. March to Benton Barracks 5 miles. Awful dusty and hot.

Mon. Sept. 1
Mustered for pay to day

Tues. 2
One of the 20 shot while leaving camp, likely to recover.

Wed. 3
Walk round the barracks to day. Find some old acquaintances

Thus. 4
Start for Rolla, Mo. To day by rail, pass through two tunnels. Arrive at dark.

Frid. 5
Strike tents this a.m. March 3 miles west of Rolla. In camp.

Sat. 6
Nothing of note today

Sund. Sept. 7, 1862
Have preaching in the woods by Capt. of Co. F

Mon. 8
Nothing of note today

Tues. 9
Nothing important to day

Wed. 10
March back to Rolla. In camp.

Thurs. 11
Clean up camp to day

Friday 12
Nothing of note to day

Sat. 13
Receive orders to march to Sand Springs, 5 miles west of Rolla. Reach there at 2 a.m. In camp.

Sunday 14
Go out of camp today. Write to friends. Return to camp.

Mon. 15,
On guard to day. Receive marching orders. Rained. Liet. York, of my Co. is promoted to regimental quarter master.

Sat. Sept. 27, 1862
Battalion drill to day. Boys confiscated Secesh apples. Receive letter from home.

Sund. 28
Raining this a.m. P.m. preaching by Chaplin, text Heb's 41, 8. Prayer meeting at 7 p.m.

Mond. 29
On guard to day. 20th Iowa Inft. left for Wilson's Creek 20th Wis. And 14 Ill. Go to work on fort No. 7, quit at 12 m. on account of being short of rations.

Tues. 30
Get a pass this a.m. Go up town. 1st Bat. 2d Wis. Caval. came in. Saw several boys whom I new. Tidings of my brother.

Wedn. Oct. 1st
I commence to work on the fort. 2d Wis. leaves on scout. Rec'd two letters, one from M____ and one from Satterlee

Thus. 2d
Working on the fort today.

Frid. 3d Oct. 1862
Worked on fort to day. Regt. fires their guns. One of the rear ranks guns bursted close to my head.

Sat. 4
Raining this morning. Wrote to Mr. Satterlee, receive a letter from M.

Sun'y 5.
Detailed as escort to a funeral. The deceased name is Burel Sterne, Private, Co. "H", 1st Ark. Inft.

Mond. 6
Working on the fort, as usual. Refuse to go out on dress parade.

Tues. 7
Co. A. Detailed to guard college prison in town. Two prisoners over power one of the guards, take his gun, and escape.

Wedn. 8
Relieved at 9 a.m. Returned to camp. Have our guns exchanged. Co. A gets Enfield rifles, reg. draw Prussian muskets. Our Co. get no bayonets.

Thurs. Oct. 9th 1862
Raining to day. Go to a house. Got breakfast. Walked over the ground where Fremont's body guard charged the Rebels near Springfield.

Frid. 10th
Receive marching orders for Cassville. Packing up.

Sat. 11
Decamp at 7. Com. A advance guard. Cross Wilson's Creek and in camp near the battle ground. We have marched 10 miles. Left Capt. and 2nd Lieut. At Hq.

Sund 12
Was on guard last night. Go to the Brig'd train get behind regt. Help a sick comrade to get into camp. Met two families going north. Arrive at camp at dark. Camp on Crane Creek, march 17 miles.

Mond. 13
Decap at 7 a.m. March 13 miles to Flat Creek. In camp at 7 p.m. Go hunting with revolver, find nothing to shoot.

Tues. 14 Oct. 1862
D'cp at 7, marched 12 miles. In camp 12 m. Near Cassville, Mo. Forced march.

Wedn. 15
In camp today. Go to see the 2d Wis. Cav'l, which is camped three miles beyond town. Get some apples.

Thurs. 16
Drill, inspection at 2 p.m. Bat. drill at 4. 9 p.m. alarm fire in town. Long roll beat, fall into line. Sutler's stores burned.

Frid. 17
Decamp at 8 a.m. March 3 miles. In camp. Cook rations tonight for two days.

Sat. 18

Decamp at 6 a.m., pass through Keetsville, arrive at battle ground of Pea Ridge. Mo. State Militia refuse to cross the state line. Inft. fix bayonet, militia conclude to go. We cross the line at 3 p.m. In camp on Shugar Creek, Ark at dark. Lay on arms all night. Fell in line once in night. Marched 30 miles.

Sund. Oct. 19, 1862
Waked up at 3 a.m. Stand in line till day light, expecting an attack from rebs, who are 5 miles off. 8 a.m. firing in woods. False alarm. P.M. enemy in full retreat.

Monday 20
On guard. Decamp at 5 p.m. March in pursuit of enemy. Start at dark, march all night. Cross Pea Ridge. Nothing to eat.

Tues 21
No breakfast this morning. We are marching over the Ozark Mountain. The scenery among these rocky cliffs is grand and imposing. Halt at dark on the banks of White River and cook supper. After supper we cross the river by ford and bivouac. Cook rations for tomorrow, then sleep till morning.

Wedn. 22
Decamp at 5 a.m., road lays over mountains as yesterday. Cross a tributary of White River. Rest. A few minutes to rest at noon. Move on. Stop at dusk. Cook supper. Start off in another in another way at 8 pm. March all night.

Thus. Oct. 23, 1862
Fell out of the ranks at 2 a.m. completely exhausted. Lay down by a fire. Laid my head on a rock and went to sleep. Awake at sunrise. Start on. Came to White River. Got a ride of 5 miles
Walk on with a Cavalry man. He gave a ride of three miles. Pass through Mudtown, Ark. Reach camp at sunset. Encamped at Cross Hollows, Ark.

Frid. 24
In camp to day. Write home. Gen. Blunt has a fight with the enemy. Captures 8 pieces artillery and 500 prisoners.

Sat. 25
Two inches of snow today. Cold. Got tooth pulled. Broke jaw. Man in Co. E shot in leg by accident.

Sund. 26
Weather cold and disagreeable.

Mon. 27
Drill. Still cold.

Tues. 28

Warmer. On guard. Six rebels brought into camp.

Wed. 29 Oct. 1862
Have battalion drill. March 1 ½ miles. One wagon master shot by guerillas. Write letter home.

Thurs. 30
Alarm this morn at 4. Fell into line of battle. Pickets drove in. Stand in line till after daylight, no attack. Change over our guns for the Springfield rifle musket. Discharge the old guns.

Frid. 31
Muster for pay. Send several prisoners to Springfield by train. Weather fine.

Sat. Nov. 1
Commenced drill, heavy infantry. False alarm at 10 p.m. Fall into line.

Sun. 2
In camp as usual. Preaching by chaplain. Weather cold.

Mond. 3
On guard. Weather still cold. Several prisoners brought in.

Tues. 4 November 1862
Election da. Vote. Decamp at 10 a.m. March back in direction of Springfield. Bivouac at dark on Pea Ridge battle ground. Weather cold. Had to march back 1 ½ miles to camp ground. March 12 miles.

Wedn. 5
Decamp at 6 a.m. Weather cold and windy. Rheumatism trouble me. Fall out. Pass Kietsville at noon. It is burned down. Get into camp at Cassville at dark. March 22 miles. Receive a letter from home containing news of my twin brother's death in 2nd Wis. Cavalry. Leave camp, wander out alone in the night lamenting my great loss. Return to camp later in the night.

Thurs. 6
Decamp at 7 a.m. Make a forced march of 35 miles. In camp at Crane Creek 10 p.m. Tired and hungry. Train late in coming in. Leuit. Casel hurt by horse in a.m. The longest march we ever made in the same time.

Frid. Nov. 7, 1862
In camp today resting. Cold weather

Sat. 8
Still in camp. Weather cool. Kinny of Co. A died in camp hospital

Sund. 9

Still in camp. Gen. Inspection at 9 a.m. 11 a.m. discharge our guns. 2 p.m. preaching. 4 p.m. funeral, one of Wis., two of Iowa, all buried at one time. 6 p.m. dress parade.

Mond. 10
Decamp 9 a.m. March 18 miles to James(?) River. In camp. Weather cool. On guard. Rheumatism.

Tues. 11
Have some apple butter for breakfast. Something new for a soldier. Decamp 8 a.m. March 16 miles. In camp at Ozark. Saw a few prickly pears. Weather rainy.

Wedn. 12
Write home. Clear of hard ground. Have dress parade. Get some straw which is a fine thing in camp.

Thurs. Nov. 13, 1862
Drill. Orderly S. P. Jackson got his commission as 2nd Lieut. Regt. presents a sword to Col. Pinckny, presented by Lieut. Col. Burtram at dress parade.

Frid. 14
Decamp 10 a.m. March 16 miles to Sawyers Creek. In camp at sunset in a meadow. Weighed myself today. Weigh 152 lbs.

Sat. 15
Orders to march at 8 a.m. Cook breakfast before daylight. Strike tents. Ready to start at 10 a.m. order countermanded. Pitch tents. Remain in camp.

Sunday 16
One of guard is sick. I am called up at 2 a.m. to stand guard. Raining. Stand 2 hours and return to tent.

Mond. 17
Orders to march to the relief of Blunt at Cane Hill, Ark. Leave camp ground 11 a.m. Pass Ozark at dark. March all night. Rain and mud. Fall out 12 midnight on account of rheumatism in leg.

Tues. Nov. 18, 1862
Awake at daylight, wet through. Still raining. March on. Nothing to eat and Mud! Mud!! Mud!!! Overtook regt. Five miles further on. Waiting for train, which did not come up till noon. Cook coffee. Star on at one. March to James River. In camp a little before dark. The whole thing stuck in the mud! We got straw to make us beds or we would have all died as indeed a good number did.

Wedn. 19
News comes that Blunt has whipped the enemy at Cane Hill, Ark. Rains all day and we remain in camp. Get a mail with letters from home.

Thur. 20
Weather fine today. Have dress parade. Three corporals appointed in Co. A., Brown, Moore and Wilkenson.

Frid. 21
weather still pleasant. Co. Drill a.m. Battalion drill from 2-4 p.m. Ordered to move in morning.

Sat. Nov. 22, 1862
Decamp at 9 a.m. March 6 miles and in camp at Camp Curtis, Mo. at 2 p.m. Forded the rive on our march. Capt. Pettibone paid us a visit.

Sun. 23
The whole division (2nd) is encamped here. Co. inspection at 9 a.m. Go up to 2nd Wis. Cavalry, return to camp.

Mon 24
Drill commenced today. Examined by surgeon for vaccination. Get mail.

Tues. 25
On brigade guard. Formed an acquaint with Corp. Washburn of Co. K.

Wedn. 26
Went out to see Wilsons Creek battle ground. Visit the spot where Lion fell. Engrave my name on a stone and laid it upon the pile which had been gathered together by visitors. Saw the sink hole where sixty Iowa men were buried by the rebels. Could see bones bleaching in the sun. Return to camp too late to drill. On guard again.

Thursday, Nov. 27, 1862
While standing post before Gen. Herron's tent, I saw Gen. Totten. He, I am sorry to say, was rather too much under the influence of liquor to appear well in company. The weather was cold.

Frid. 28
Nothing beyond the common duties of camp.

Sat. 29
Drill as usual. Rec'd letters from home.

Sund. 30
Gen. inspection a.m. Travel out into woods. Dress pr'd. Get mail and a likeness of Mary.

Mond. December 1
Weather cold. On guard. Find some bosy from Penn. Rec'd more mail.

Tues. 2

Weather more pleasant. Drill as usual. Nothing further of note.

Wedn. Dec. 3rd 1862
Co. Drill this a.m. 12 m. rec'd orders to march to Gen. Blunt's division at Cane Hill, Ark., 125 miles distant where he had been attacked by overwhelming numbers of the enemy. Decamp at 1 p.m., march to Crane Creek in 18 miles. In camp at dark.

Thur. 4
Decamp at 5 a.m. March to near Cassville. In camp at sunset. March 25 miles. 30 men detailed in battery L 1 Mo.

Frid. 5
Decamp at 4 a.m. March to Pea Ridge, Ark. In camp at dark. March 25 m. Hard march, boys tired.

Sat. 6
Decamp at 4 a.m. March 35 miles. Arrive at Fayetteville at midnight. Rest 4 hours. Several houses on fire when we arrived. The town was full of soldiers. The roaring of the flames, the crash of falling timbers, the hum and noise of moving thousands, the glitter of bayonets, all presented an awful scene.

Sunday, December 7, 1862
Leave town at 4 a.m. March until sunrise toward Cane Hill, when we hear the boom of a cannon in front. We are now in a beautiful valley about one mile wide running nearly north and south. In this valley are several large plantations. On our left (the east side of the valley) is a high range of hills or mountains. On the west side they are not so high. This valley is watered by the Illinois Creek, a small stream. About 8 a.m., the 1st Arkansas Cavalry run into an ambuscade of the enemy in the thick timber on a ridge, over which the road ran, and are driven back on the main column.
We, as the 20th Wisconsin Infantry, meet them as they retreat with the enemy's cavalry in hot pursuit. Skirmishers were thrown out who drove the enemy's cavalry back on their main force. The Division was formed in a cornfield and the 20th Wisconsin commanded the road. On the right, the battery fired three shots from here and then waited for our scouts to come in. Here we laid down in line and I made out my journal up to that time. While listening to the skirmishes in front, I fell asleep.

I was awakened by the order "Forward!" and we moved by flank to the road and started double quick for the rebels' position which was on a ridge. Between them and our position, which was on the bank of the creek in a wood, was a broad field about 80 rods wide.(In case you don't know, a rod is sixteen and a half feet, or five and a half yards. After shelling the woods awhile, the 20th Wisconsin and the 19th Iowa infantry made a bayonet charge on the rebels' batteries on the hill. We streaked across the field into the woods up the hill in the face of the battery, drove the enemy from their guns and chased on after them. Suddenly the rebels, having massed several regiments of infantry against us, opened fire on us at close range. Nearly half of both the Wisconsin and Iowa regiments fell. Still, we closed up our broken ranks and held them in check for a few minutes, and the roar of battle was now awful. Our men were falling on every hand. The enemy was receiving reinforcements. No support came to us and the Now Glorious

20th and 19th fell back to our batteries at the creek, leaving me wounded and a prisoner among the enemy. It is now about noon. Totten has come up with his Division, and is now pouring shot and shell into the rebel ranks from his batteries on our right. I am a prisoner on the field. Herron's and Totten's division is sending death and destruction among the rebels from their first position. So continued the battle till 4 p.m., when General Blunt came up from Cane Hill and fell on the enemy's left flank. And now Herron's command charged the hill with the wildest cheers. The roar of battle became once more awfully grand and fearful along the whole line, and continued so till darkness came down upon the scene and found the enemy in full retreat, my friends victorious and me wounded and in a rebel hospital near the field. I will here record the names of the noble dead and wounded of my company and the loss of my reg't.

Killed of Co. A, 20th Wis.
Color Sergeant L. E. Teal
Private S. L. Bowen
" Peter Huntsinger
" Jno. B. Parr
" Frank Perrfall
" Wm. Riley
" R. C. Taylor
" John Weston
Marker Frank Rice

Wounded, Co. A
Sergeant Joseph Frame, mortally
Corporal Lewis Smith
Private Wm. Hines
" J. Brandon
" H. E. Thompson
" Robert Welshonce
" Jas Pasey
" Geo. Shafer
" Milton J. Paine
" C. D. Chandler
" Patrick Dean
" W. Heselroth
" E. W. Blake
" Geo. Petengale
" Wm. Brownlee
" Wm. Morison
" Moses Philmlee
" Anthony Hudelston

Total killed on field	10	
To. Wounded		18
" Loss to Co. A	28	

20th Wis. Inft. Lost Killed	51	
" wounded	145	
" missing	8	
total loss		204

Monday, Dec.8, 1862
General Blunt's ambulances came [to] the hospital and brought away the Union wounded. On our way back looked out of ambulance at the battleground as we pass. The dead strew the ground in every direction and the broken artillery and caissons lay on every side. I see rebel, Col. McDonald. Join my company, bury the dead. I found 7 of my company unhurt.

Tues Dec. 9, 1862
Still burying the dead. My wound is rather sore. It is a buckshot in my right shoulder near the neck. Three (3) bullets passed through my clothes cutting nine (9) holes, and one (1) struck my cartridge box.

Wedn. 10
Detailed as adjutant's orderly today. Dead not all yet buried. Write letters.

Thurs. 11
Co. inspection. Weather fine

Fri. 12
Tood a stroll over the field.

Sat. 13
Began to rain this morning. Rain all day. Promoted to corporal at sunset. Still raining, and as our camp is on a low piece of ground we are nearly drowned out of our tents. River so high the train from Springfield can not cross today.

Sund. 14
Remove camp to a drier place, wade through mud and water waist deep.

Mon. Dec. 15, 1862
Two wounded boys return to Co. from hospital. Comp. drill. Weather pleasant.

Tues. 16
Hines, Wm. comes back to camp. Comp. drill. Bayonet drill. Scouts bring in several prisoners. Dress parade at 6 p.m., first since the battle. Regt. looks small.

Wedn. 17
Drill as usual and dress parade.

Thurs. 18

Drill as usual. Weather fine, as usual.

Frid. 19
Drilling bayonet exercise as usual.

Sat. 20
On guard today, have first relief. Weather still pleasant.

Sun. 21
Regt. inspection. Nothing new in camp

Mond. 22
Nothing of note today.

Tues. 23
Rained all day and spoiled our grand review, which to have come of today.

Wedn. Dec. 22, 1862
Nothing of note today.

Thurs. 25
Spend Christmas playing tricks on each other. Have no drill today. Raining all day.

Frid. 26
Battalion drill. Practice street firing for the first time, for we are going to start for Van Buren tomorrow.

Sat. 27
Leave camp at daylight for Van Buren, Ark. March all day. Road rather muddy. Halt at sunset, cook some coffee, rest. Move on at dark. March till 1 o'clock. Bivouac on bank of a rapid river. Weather fine. Our road has been over a mountainous country.

Sund 28
Move on a daylight. Cross the river. The infantry are carried over on the cavalry horse. Co. A. thrown out as advance guard. Move on and join Blunt at the fork of the road at 10 a.m. Rest. Move on at 12 m. 3 p.m. halts to rest in mountain gorge. Fired on by bushwackers, no one hurt. One horse killed. Throw out skirmishers who drove the rebels off. Move on. 5 p.m. our advance attacks the enemy at Dripping Springs, ten miles from Van Buren and drove them back into town and across the Ark. River. Cannonading continues till 9 p.m. when we halt and bivouac within four miles of the place. Two cannons fired during the night by rebs from south side of river.

Mond. Dec. 29, 1862
Leave camp at 8 a.m. March into town to the tune of "Arkansaw Traveler." March through the principal street and stacked arms on the river bank. Returned to last night's camp ground, got supper, and start on our return at dark. Marched till 2 o'clock next morning. Halt. Bivouac.

Tues. 30
Move on at daylight. Crossed river as before. Bivouac on the summit of the Boston Mts. in the snow a la Napoleon Bonaparte this night. Weather cold.

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1862
Move on at daylight. Weather still cold. As we were passing a farm house a woman came to the gated and wanted to see the "Old flag once more." Capt. Brame of 94th Ill. was accidentally shot by one of his own men within a few miles of Prairie Grove. We arrive at camp at 3 p.m. Muster for pay. In the last five days we have crossed the Boston Mts. in the face of the enemy, have captured Van Buren, drove the enemy across the Arkansas River, captured and destroyed a large amount of army stores, three steam boats, and took a large no. of prisoners with a very small loss. Adieu to 1862.

Thurs. Jan. 1, 1863
Grand parade before Gen. Herron's Hd. Qtrs. Have rebel flag hoisted under the Stars and Stripes, union down. Salute from Battery "E" 1st Mo. L, A. The Gen. treats the divsn.

Frid. 2
Decamp this morning. March through Fayetteville. See some of the boys at hospital. In camp at 4 p.m. on King River. March 14 miles. Weather fine.

Saturday 3
In camp today. Receive letters from home. Not very well. Weather fine.

Sund. 4
Sergt. Brown starts for home. Send some letters by him. Weather fair.

Mond. 5
Grand review of this div'n by Gen. Schofield. Had a fine time marching through weeds. Weather fine.

Tues. 6
Ordered to Huntsville. Decamp this morning. Cross White River several times while building a bridge. I fall in. March 12 m. in camp.

Wed.7
Decamp at 9 a.m. Strict orders issued to boys about confiscating personal property. Gov. Soloman's praise for our conduct at Prairie Grove read to us. March to Huntsville. In camp 4 p.m. Distance ten miles.

Thus. 8
Whole regt. paraded under arms to hear orders. Orders of yesterday repeated. Cheers for Col. Burtram. Get straw for beds.

Friday 9

In camp. Unwell. Skirmish drill. George Petingale fires his gun. Mail.

Sat. 10
Marching orders. Strike tenst at 9 a.m. March 15 miles. Bivouac for the night in woods. Weather fine. Laid down on ground to sleep. Find place to study astronomy.

Sunday 11
Fall into line at daylight. March five miles. Scouts come back, report enemy in front. Halt. Draw up in line of battle. Expect an attack from Marmaduke, but he did not come, so we move on at noon. It proved to be a false alarm. March 10 miles. In camp at sunset.

Mond. Jan. 12, 1863
Decamp at 4 a.m., March Carrollton, 7 miles. In camp at 3 p.m. near place. The country has been mountainous today.

Tues. 13
On guard. Have 2nd relief.. Raining. Rather unpleasant time to be on guard, but then it is military.

Wedn. 14
Relieved from guard. Still raining. Write to friends. Turns cold this p.m. and begins to snow. Marmaduke has cut us short of rations.

Thursday 15
Still snowing. Buy a pair of gloves of sutler.

Frid. 16
Marching orders. Strike tents at 9 a.m. Get ready to march. Order countermanded. Pitch tents, remain in camp. Weather cold, rations short.

Saturday, Jan 17, 1863
Train comes in. Draw rations this a.m. Decamp at noon. March till dark. Ford a river. A little cold. Jayhawk some honey. Bivouac in woods.

Sunday 18
Move on at 8 a.m. March 18 miles over a mountainous country covered with pine timber. Bivouac at dark near saw mill. Get lumber to sleep on. Rained and snowed all night and we slept under the open sky with nothing but a blanket over us.

Mond. 19
Woke up this morning blanket covered with snow and ice. Some of the boys had their hair frozen to the boards. Detailed for camp guard. Had some corn mush (as the natives of this region calls it) for breakfast. Move on at 8 a.m. March 16 miles. Had ---------- from what was left from breakfast. In camp at dark on south bank of White River, opposite to Forsythe, Mo. Snowed all night, had a rough time on guard.

Tues. 20
Snowing today. My pardner Matthew Klinc and Eli Harkins goes to hospital, sick from exposure.

Wedn. 21
Walked down to ferry. Crossed river. Found Forsythe deserted and her courthouse riddled with cannon balls. The division commenced to cross river. Train comes in to Forsythe from Springfield with mail and supplies.

Thurs. 22
Ferry rope breaks, one man drowned. Another train brigs newspaper today and more supplies. Fix rope and continue to cross.

Frid. 23
Co.'s A and F of our reg't. cross river. Pitch at dark. Get letters from home.

Sat. 24
Build a bridge over Swan Creek. Cross and in camp on bank.

Sund. 25
Nothing of note today. There has been several drowned in crossing.

Mond. Jan. 26, 1863
Raining today. Get mail.

Tues 27
Forces all across the river. Receive news of death of Austin Fletcher at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, 26 November 1862. Weather turns cold.

Wedn. 28, 1863
Nothing of note today. Weather fine.

Thus. 29
In camp, as usual. Weather pleasant.

Frid. 30
Still in camp. Weather find. Write to friends.
Saturday 31
On guard, have 3rd relief. Rec'd letters. Weather fine.

February Sun. 1
Chaplain preaches. Write to friends.

Mond. 2
Drill today. Received letters. Write to A. B. Saxton.

Tues. 3d
Nothing of note today. Weather fine.

Feb. Wedn. 4, 1863
Sent out to haul rails for camp wood. Had nine teams, 20 men, hauled 15 loads. Pretty good days work for soldiers. Got into the creek, got wet. Snowed all day. Rather cold.

Thus. 5
Still snowing today. Mail comes into camp. Get news from home.

Frid. 6
There is six inches of snow this morning. Weather cold and rather unpleasant.

Sat. 7
Still cold. Clear the snow out of the streets. Make things as comfortable as possible.

Sund. 8
Weather warmer. Snow nearly all melts off. Sketch some and write a V__ to "E."

Mond. 9.
On guard today. Have 3rd relief. Rather muddy to be pleasant.

Tues. 10
Nothing of note today. Weather unpleasant.

Feb. Wedn. 11, 1863
We're paid two months pay. Rec'd letters from home.

Thur. 12
Skirmish drill. Go upon the bluff. Return to camp. Write home.

Frid. 13
Drill as usual. Corp. Niver and I are sent to haul wood for Co. Enjoyed the job as well as most soldiers relish work.

Sat. 14
Found Charlie Carpenter of Co. "K", 1st Iowa Cavalry, formerly of Vernon Co, Wis. Write to "M". Weather fine.

Sund. 15
Co. inspection a.m. Ride around camp with Chas. Carpenter. Write letters. Orders arrive to march tomorrow.

Mon. 16
Decamp at 8 ½ a.m. Weather rainy and road muddy. Ford Swan Creek several times. Meet a train. In camp at 5 p.m. Marched 10 miles.

Feb. Tues. 17, 1863
Decamp at 7 a.m. March 12. Ford stream several times. Boots run down at heel, have to throw them away and march into camp bare foot the distance of one mile over the sharp stones. Weather cold.

Wedn. 18
Decamp at 7 a.m. March 14 miles. Road muddy. Lame with rheumatism. Fall behind the Regt. Pass a large number of teams stuck in the mud. Fail to reach camp. Bivouac by roadside. Rained all night.

Thus. 19
Woke up well soaked with mud and water. Go to a farm house. Get breakfast. Start on, reach camp. Rec'd a letter from home.

Frid. 20
On guard, have 3rd relief. Snowing and raining all day.

Sat. 21
Cold and rainy. Nothing further of note.

Sunday 22 Feb. 1863
Com. inspection. Lieut. Com'ding summons all the noncoms to his hqs. Gave them a few instructions.

Mond. 23
Drill as usual. Mail comes in to camp. Go up to camp of 1st Iowa Cavalry to see boys. Return to camp. Dress parade.

Tues. 24
Drill. Receive papers and letters from Valparaiso. Dress parade as usual.

Wedn. 25
Drill bayonet exercise, nice thing to strengthen the arms. Weather turns rainy and cold.

Thurs 26
Drill as usual. Weather pleasant. After dark one of the 94 Ill. boys made a charge on our sutler and got his head bumped with a bottle, and then was arrested and put into our guard house.

Frid. 27
Drill this a.m.

Saturday 28
Mustered for pay. Sergt. Major F. J. Clawson received his commission as 2nd Lieut, Co. A.

March Sunday 1st
Co. inspection 9 a.m. Sermon by chaplain. Sketch camp at dress parade. Col. Burtram makes a speech. Weather fine.

Mond. 2
Decamp at 8 am. March 12 miles. In camp at 5 p.m. Road muddy. Weather unpleasant. High winds. Some snow. Battery unlimbers, ready for action.

Tues. 3
Decamp at 1 A.M. Co's A, F, D, and I left as rear guard and one co. of 2nd Wis. Cav. Marched 10. In camp at 2 p.m. Battery unlimbered. Weather fine.

Wedn. 4
Decamp at 7 a.m. March 18 miles. In camp at 2 p.m. at Mountain Grove. On guard. Have a talk with Sergt. Batton of Co. C. Weather fine.

Thursda, March 5, 1863
Finish couple of sketches. Boys clear of color line. Re'd letters from home.

Friday 6
Our foragers are driven in by the enemy. Col. Burtram goes in pursuit at the head of a co. of 2nd Wis. Cavalry. Fails to find them. Weather wet and rainy.

Saturday 7
Write home. Drill and dress parade p.m.

Sund 8
Scouts bring in six prisoners. Preaching by chaplain. Weather cold and wet.

Mond 9
Mr. Marble, our chaplain, leave us for his home. Drill and dress parade.

Tues. 10
Receive mail. Drill and dress parade.
Wedn 11
Drill and dress parade today. Weather fine.

Thurs 12
Drill and dress parade. Weather fine.

Friday, March 13, 1863
I am 23 years of age today. Drill and dress parade as usual. Weather fine.

Saturday 14
20th Wis. Inft. And 1st Bt'n of 2nd Wis. Cavalry passes resolutions against the Copperheads of the north. Col. Burtram is chairman.

Sund. 15
Inspection this morning. Receive mail. Write some letters, one to B. Baker.

Mond. 16
Decamp, leave Mountain Grove at 8 a.m. March 15 mile. Spring begins to assert her reign for I can see her scepter held forth in many a leafy bush as I pass, whose buds seem to have opened with the morning's light. In camp at 4 p.m. on Big Piney River. Weather extremely warm. In camp by a mill.

Tues. 17
Decamp at 7 a.m. March 23. In camp at 4 p.m. in a dry valley, little water. Weather hot. We have only rested twice today but we did not carry our knapsacks.

Wednesday 18
Decamp 7 a.m. March 10 miles. Weather wet and disagreeable. Road leads through a pine forest. In camp at 3 p.m. in pines. 94 Ill. tired out. Sketch camp.

Thusday 19
Decamp at 7 a.m. March 15 miles. Bushwhackers fire on the 2nd Wis. Cav. In camp at ____ Gladen Valley.

Frid 20th
Sent out to forage. Confiscate an old Secesh's stock of produce. The lady of the house thought it hard and her daughter gave me to understand that she thought very little of me, which declaration surprised me considerable as it was unexpected, and I think uncalled for. Return to camp at noon.

Saturday 21
While fence with Corp. Niven, I receive a wound by my opponent running his saber through my hand. One section of Battery L goes to Forsythe to reinforce the 11 Iowa.

Sund. 22
Writing today. Rec'd a letter from A. B. Payton, answered it. Wrote home. Weather rainy.
Mond. 23
On guard, have first relief. QM gets a supply of clothing. Draw a dress coat and a poncho. At night make the grand rounds with officer of the day. As the weather is cold and rainy we find the sentinels in a good condition to capture.

Thus. 24
Col. Orders co. drill a.m. Battalion drill p.m.

Wedns 25
Drill in accordance with orders. Rec'd mail.

Thurs. 26

Drill. Form circle by div'n against cavalry. 1st Battalion, 2 Wis. Cavalry charge upon us. Find sport for the boys. Dress parade. Sentences read to regt of Geo. Petingale. Lieut. Furguson of Co. B promoted Captain of Co. A.

Friday 27
Drill a.m. Finish sketch in pines. Sargt. Free prom'td commissary sergeant of regt. Weather fine.

Saturday 28
No drill today. Talk of marching tomorrow._____ dress parade. All the no com'd officers are promoted 3 to 4th Corp from 6th.

Sund. 29
Inspection this morning. Went out with Sgt. Wilkerson to sketch camp. Geo. Petingill paraded before the reg't with ball and chain.

Mond. 30
Decamp at 7 a.m. March 12 miles. In camp at 3 p.m. in a field. Weather fine.

Tues. 31
Decamp at 7 o'clock. March to Gap Springs, within 10 miles of Rolla, Mo. In camp at 3 p.m. Rec'd mail.

Wednesday, April 1
Clean up camp. Dress pr'd. Col Starr ____ by the right of companies the rear into quarters. Got a letter from Liet. Saxton.

Thursday April 2
Drill this day. Dress parade as usual. Write to Liet. Saxton. Weather fine.

Frid. 3
Cleaning camp. Dress parade as usual.

Sat. 4
Battalion drill a.m. P.M. practicing at the sword. Weather fine.

Sund. 5
Regimental inspection.

Mon. 6
Gen. Herron reviews the 3rd Div. of the Army of the Frontier. Gen. Herron rides through camp. I am on guard.

Tues. 7
Relieved from guard. Election day. Voted. Gen. Herron's address to the Army of the Frontier read at dress parade.

Wedns. 8
Borrowed a horse of 2nd Cavalry Corp'l Hankey and rode up to head quarters with Segt Free. Dress parade as usual

Thursday, April 9, 1863
Drill and dress parade as usual

Friday 10
Drill as usual

Sat. 11
Rode with Corp'l Hankey of 2nd Wis Cav west of camp. Came to a field where a boy was plowing. Tied my war horse to a tree and like Cincinnatus went to ploughing. Return in time for dress parade. Weather fine.

Sunday 12
Inspection. Charlie Carpenter pays me a visit. After dress parade we walk up to a seminary near camp to see the pictures.

Monday 13
Dreiss this a.m. Corp Van Warner in command. P.M. dress parade. Weather showery.

Tues 14
Burning indignation meeting at Cap. Stephens tent in reference to Dr. Masure, our a. surgeon.

Wednesday 15
Gen. Muster. Drill and dress parade as usual. Weather fine

Thursday 16
Rearranged our camp. Work hard all day. Weather fine.

Friday 17
Fatigue till 1 0'clock. At dress parade orders regulating drill and guard calls and other signals read to regiment. Brig. Gen. Orme com'ding Division. Weather hot

Sat. 18
Fatigue as usual, relieved at noon. Rainy. Walked out of camp.

Sunday 19
paid four months pay today. Dress parade

Monday 20
Battalion and dress parade. Write letters.

Tuesday 21

Drill and dress parade as usual. Weather fine. Brig. Gen. Herron has been promoted to Maj. Gen.

Wednesday 22
Went to Rolla on duty. Strolled round town. Sent Lord Byron home per express.

Thursday 23
Had a likeness taken, sent it home. One of my boys gets into a fight. Return to camp. Weather fine.

Friday 24
Drill and dress parade. Weather fine.

Saturday 25
No drill. Dress parade. Weather fine.

Sunday 26
Co. inspection. Dress parade. Weather

Monday 27
Dress and dress parade

Tuesday 28
Drill and dress parade. Weather fine.

Wednesday 29
Drill and dress parade.

Thursday 30
Division reviewed by Brig. Gen. Orme, commanding. Mustered for pay. 2nd Wis. Cavalry go out on a scout.

Friday, May 1, 1863
Rainy today. All quiet in camp.

Saturday 2
Showery weather. I gather flowers to make a wreath for the Col's table this evening.

Sunday 3
No inspection on account of the rain.

Monday 4
Turn over to Q.M. our extra baggage. A man shot in the leg by accident in Co. F

Tues. 5

Raining today. Go to the hospital tonight to watch with the sick.

Wednesday 6
Off duty today. Slept till noon.

Thursday 7
On picket today. All our cavalry gone on a scout.

Friday 8
I find a pocket knife with on battalion

Saturday 9
No drill today. Weather fine.

Sunday 10
On picket duty. Write home. Disturbance in Co. A, 2nd Wis. Cavalry. 20th goes up and takes them all prisoners. Iniated Gen Taffy.

Monday 11
Drill and dress parade. Get mail.

Tues. 12
Drill as usual. Writing today. Fine weather fine.

Wednesday 13
Drill and dress parade. Weather fine.

Thursday 14
1st Iowa Cavalry comes in from Cape Giradeau where they have had a fight with Marmaduke. Had several killed. Saw Charlie Carpenter.

Friday 15
Drill. Corporals Benett and Cooper return from furlough. Weather pleasant.

Saturday 16
On picket today.

Sunday 17
Off duty this a.m. Co. inspection.

Monday 18
Sergt. Wilkerson and Private M. Laughlin go home on furlough. Weather fine.

Tuesday 19
Put on style to receive Gov. Soloman of Wis and Gen. Gen. Herron does not come.

Wednesday 20
Drill and dress parade at the usual hours.

Thursday 21
Turn out again to receive the gov. and gen. They arrive at 12 m. We have the camp trimmed with triumphal arches and flowers. In the evening the Gov, Gen Herron, and Col. Butram made speeches to us and the first battalion of the 2nd Wis. Cavalry Vols, Maj. Miller commanding. Great excitement and enthusiasm of the troops.

Friday 22
This a.m. fall into line to see Gov. Soloman and Gen. Herron off to Salem, twelve miles distant. They go to see the 9th Wis. Vol. Inft. Which is in the first division camped at that place. Most of our officers go with him. P.M. we can hear the cannon as they salute the gov. at this distance.

Saturday 23
Gov. and Gen. Came back to lake springs. They were served with a supper in camp.

Sunday 24
Corp. Hankey of 2nd Wis. Cav. Vol. Comes to camp. Have a fine time. Gov. and Gen. Go back to Rolla, Ge. Herron's Headquarters.'

Monday 25
Drill as usual. Weather fine.

Tuesday 26
Drill as usual. Weather fine.

Wednesday 27
Charlie Carpenter comes down here. A fine time. Sign the pay roll and write letters. Weather fine.

Thusday 28
Drill as usual. Weather rainy.

Friday 29
Wet and disagreeable. We stay close in our tents. Nothing beyond camp duty occurs till

Tuesday June 2, 1862
We got marching today. Are to reinforce Grant at Vicksburg.

Wenesday 3
Decamp at 5 a.m. and march to Rolla, Mo. where we take the cars and star for St. Louis at 4 p.m. Run all night. Boys feel in the very best of spirits on getting out of camp and Mo. Herron's division is all in route for the doomed city.

Thusday, 4

Arrive at St. Louis at 3 a.m. At day break march on board Str. Empress together with Battery E, 1st Mo. L. A. (Light Artillery) Leave the wharf at 2 p.m. Stop at Harison's Landing, Ill. overnight.

Friday 5
Moved off at daylight at 10 a.m. run on a sand bar. Had to land the Regt. And horses of the battery and march below the bar. Gon on to the boat again at Liberty, Ill. The ladies of this place honored us by a large turn out and a great display of flags. Moved on down the river and tied up for the night.

Saturday 6
Laying by the shore this morning. Boys bathe. Make a prisoner of a matine for talking rebel. Move on at 10 a.m. Have to land regt. and march round a lake. Pass Cape Giradeu at dark. Arrive at Cario, Ill. Land for a few minutes and steam on down the river. Staid on deck a long time looking back at the city.

Sunday 7
Pas Island No. 10 this morning and New Madrid later in the day. After noon two col.s put on watch with loaded guns and the battery gets two cannons in position if bushwhackers fire on us they will some of them get hurt. The White Cloud with Gen. Herron on board passed us today. We pass a gunboat.

Monday 8
Arrive at Memphis, Tenn. Landed about three hours. Saw Adjutant Scott of the 2nd Wisc. Cav'l, also Mr. Struther and Sergt. Parmiter. Gov. Soloman of Wis. came on board, made a little speech.

Tuesday 9
Stop at Helena, Ark. For a few moments. When we move on down at night tie up as usual.

Wednesday 10
Move on at daylight. Two co.s kept on guard every day now. A fleed rounds to at dark and ties up to shore for night. Six new boats join, is all loaded with troops. Rains a little.
Thursday 11
Arriva at the mouth and run up the Yazoo River to Chickasaw Landing. Lay here some two or three hours and turn and run down the river and land at Louisiana Point, opposite to and in full sight of Vicksburg. Land and bivouac for the night. Watch our mortar fleed shell the city. Can hear the musketry plain as our pickets and the rebels are exchanging their compliments tomorrow and I will be doing the same.

Friday 12
The mortar fleet kept firing all night, rather spoiled my sleep. Orders to move to lower landing 2 ½ miles off. March at noon. The day is awful hot. March through a cypress swamp, no air at all. Arrive at landing nearly dead. Are put on the upper deck of a transport with no shade whatever. Coss the river and land below Vicksburg at Warrentown bivouac and shore.

Saturday 13
Went to river, had a bathe. At 12 m. moved forward. March three miles and halt. Co. A thrown out as skirmishers. Remain till dark and are relieved by Co. B. Return to camp. Draw shelter tents and pitch our camp. The firing along our front continues without intermission. Herron's
Div. is assigned to the 13th A.C.

Sunday 14
March at 7 a.m. Rest at noon on a hill in sight of field works which are about 1 ½ miles off. Are assigned a place on the extreme left, next to river south of the town. Pitch our camp in a valley under cover of a large hill. Rebels shell us a little but hurt no one.

Monday 15
Co.'s A, F, D and I of my regt. sent out as pickets. Our post is about 3/4 of a mile from the rebel works. The are on the crest of one hill and we are on another with a wide valley between. After dark I and one more go into the rifle pit and watch a turn. Fire at the rebs once in a while and get fired at in return. No harm done on other side. Some fo the boys held dialogue with the enemy, some of which is real mirth provoking.

Tuesday 16
Awoke from a sound sleep at daylight. Fall into line. The picket line is advanced to within a few hundred yards of the rebel works. We drive the rebel pickets into their works and hold our ground right under the enemy's guns for three hours when we were relieved by the 94 Ills. Infat. The bullets flew thick and fast, and shot and shells, but as we were in skirmish line there was no one hurt. That night there was rifle pits dug by our boys and then we were as well protected as the rebels. We were relieved by the 94 and we returned to camp, having no ammunition and being on duty the day before. The 94 lost one man wounded.

Wednesday 17
Regt. called out last night to support the men digging rifle pits and placing guns. Rebs shell our camp. We return to camp at daylight.

Thursday 18
Go up to 12 Wis. Inft. Saw _____ Tim and Winters of Vernon. The weather is warm. Rec'd mail.

Friday 10
Co. A is detailed for fatigue to mount a gun in one of our batteries. It is a 32 pound siege gun, Columbiad. We work all day and take our dinner under the shad of a beach, as cool as if we were at home in the hay field instead of being under the enemy's guns in the rear of Vickburg. A teamster upsets a wagon load of shells and powder into a creek. We fish them out all safe as they were water proof.

Saturday 20
Corp. Niven and I got out of camp for black berries. Return at noon. Get mail. Weather hot as usual. Firing is kept up along the line night and day.

Sunday 21
Sunday morning inspection. Receive and answer letters. Tyr to get a leave of absence for a day to see the 18th Wis. Failed.

Monday 22
Rebs charge our center at midnight and are repulsed after a sharp engagement of one hour. My col. Are on duty in the rifle pits and I had a fine view of the whole affair. It was a grand sight. The combatants were scarcely a mile off, we could distinctly hear the rebel yell and the union cheer. Capt. Gillet with his co. D of our regt. surprised a rebel rifle pit and captured 13 prisoners without losing a man. They killed one rebel who objected to being taken. He had been paroled and not exchanged.

Tuesday 23
Com. A at daylight retires to the relief post. Relieved at 7 and return to camp.

Wednesday 24
On camp guard. Put some boys on a barrel for shooting in camp. Siege goes on finely. Weather hot.

Thursday 25
Relieved at 7. Weather excessively hot. One of my co., Barber, sun struck. I take care of him until he recovers at 2 p.m. Co. A on picket. I go out with them. It is nearly sunset when we go to the trenches. Rebels shoot closer today than ever.

Friday 26
Last night at 1 o'clock the reels ally out and attack our rifle pits. We fall back on the reserves and then advance and retake our pits. The rebels shell us like fury but hurt no one. We remained in the trenches till we were relieved at 7 in the morning. I stood alone in the rifle pit for two hours before day.

Saturday 27
Rebels throw several shell into camp. No one hurt. Write letters. Weather hot as usual.
Sunday 28
Co. A is detailed at dark to work on our fort on the left. We work from 12 midnight till after daylight and this post is within short rifle range of the rebels works. 3 a.m. sent with several men to mask the fort holes with brush. Had to get upon the parapet of the fort and carry the brush some distance and lay them down in point blank range of the rebels and it broad daylight. None of my men would go there.

Monday 29
Relieved at 7. Go back to camp. Get letter from home. Write. Am badly fatigued with my duty last night.

Tuesday 30
Go up to 12th Wis to see Ova Linn. He is out on picket. Return to camp. Weather warm. I

do not feel very well. Boys plenty siege guns of heavy caliber. It is my opinion the rebels can not stand it much longer.

Wednesday, July 1, 1863
Co. A on picket. I choose a post on our extreme right and remain there from noon till dark when the co. went back to the reserve and we all laid down and slept all night. Today has been awful hot.

Thursday 2
We were relieved at 7 a.m. and return to camp. There is heavy cannonading along the whole line. The weather is hot as usual and the boys think they will pound away at the rebel's fort. The purpose of the divert their minds from the fact.

Friday 3
I am on camp guard today. At ten a.m. an order came down the line to cease firing. 11 a.m. there is a hundred reports in camp as to the cause of the cessation of hostilities. 12 m. I just hear that Gen. Grant and Gen. Pemberton of the rebel army are talking over the terms of surrender. Our boys and the rebels all along the line are over among each other talking and trading trinkets as friendly as if there had never been a war between them. At 1 p.m. each party were ordered into their respective trenches. Later, Gen. Grant has taken his segar out of his mouth and told Gen. Pemberton that nothing but an unconditional surrender with be satisfactory, to which the rebel gen has to consent. Hurrah! Vicksburg is ours.

Saturday 4
Everything is hurly burly in camp. Everyone is getting ready to see the inside of Vicksburg, which place makes a formal surrender to Uncle Sam at 10 o'clock today. 10 a.m. the rebels march out of their works and stack their arms and march back into the city, and we march in with bayonets fixed, colors flying, and bands playing national airs, while the fleet on the river are sending forth whole broadsides of naval thunder and wrapping themselves in flame and smoke. It is a proud day for me. It is now noon. We have taken formal possession of the place, 60,000 stand of arms, 30,000 prisoners of war. The day is extremely hot. P.M. we march back to camp, tired as I have been on 4th of July nights at home.

Sunday 5
Today move camp into the outer works of the city. At noon the rebels come up to camp and ask for bread as they have had no since yesterday. We give them all the surplus rations we had. They seem to relish Lincoln Chips first rate.

Monday 6
We are on picket outside of the works to keep the rebels in. A fire breaks out and runs over the ground outside the works, exploding several shells. No one is hurt. A fellow while trying to coak a loaded cannon discharged it, bursting a shell right over one of our old forts which surprised the garrison considerably.

Tues. 7
Relieved from duty this a.m. Return to camp. Weather extremely hot.

Wednesday 8
Six thousand prisoners sent in from Sherman at Jackson, Miss. Write letters. News from Helena, Ark. Price whipped good.

Thus. 9
Take a stroll down to river and through town. Find it a very pretty place, but our shells hurt its looks somewhat. As I pass the court house I see they are still at work paroling the prisoners. Returned to camp.

Friday 10
Receive marching orders. To be ready in 24 hours. Boys get up fire works. Don't know where we are to go to.

Saturday 11
Fall into line at 8 a.m. Our Col. Tells us that we are bound for Port Hudson. Move forward with a cheer! Boys in the best spirits. We go on board of the str. "Meteor" at the landing, remain on board all day. 5 p.m. news comes up the river that Port Hudson is ours. Three Cheers! And we have them. We sleep on board tonight. We did not break camp this morning, left our tents standing.

Sunday 12
Start for Yazoo City, Miss. this morning. Steam up the Yazoo River. Pass Chickasaw Landing. Stop a few moments at Snyder Bluff. Pass S____ Bluff at dark. Tie up to shore for night. I am on picket.

Monday 13
I come on board this morning with a fever. Report to serg. Am put on sick list. Start on up river. At 3 p.m. halt three miles below the city. Send out skirmishers on the opposite side of river. Gun boats open on the enemy's works near the town. Gunboat Dekalb sunk by torpedo. She was the first gunboat explode on western waters. The transports run tp to gun boats and then run back down one mile and send out the 19th Iowa Inft. and 94 Ills. Inft to attack the enemy in the rear. About one hour after dark, my regt. is sent out to support the other two. I go along [even] if I am sick. We reach the city at twelve o'clock at night.

Tuesday 14
Boats steam up to city and I return for breakfast. After breakfast go up town again. The boys took 100 prisoners last night. The enemy spiked several of their heavy guns. Our regt. encamps in the court house square. Yazoo City is the prettiest place I have seen in the south.

Wednesday 15
I am on guard today. Our headquarters are at a lawyer's office. Fine place. Negroes coming into our lines by hundreds. Some of the boys go out side to get cotton, negroes, and mules.

Thursday 16
Relieved from duty. Have a bath in river among the alligators. Darkies still coming in. Our

boys confiscate rebel property and give it to a Union widow. Gen Herron with 5,000 men goes out in the direction of Jackson to help Sherman. My regt. in town.

Friday 17
I am on duty again. We hear heavy firing in the direction of the Big Black River. No news reaches us today.

Saturday 18
Relieved from duty. Go up town and get some peaches. Form an acquaintance with Sergt. Walker of the 1st Mississippi Cavalry, Confederate Army, and his wife who is a very agreeable lady and not bad looking.

Sunday 19
Take a stroll around town. Boys go out to get mules, etc. Herron's Div. fighting out at Canton, 20 miles distant.

Monday 20
Take a walk down town. The streets are full of Negroes old and young, who cringe and bow to every Yankee they meet, like so many monkeys.

Tues. 21
Our boys publish a paper called the "Yazoo Daily Yankee." As we are to leave this place tomorrow morning there is a large patrol out tonight. I have charge of three streets with five men. The citizens of this place are nearly frightened out of their senses for fear we would burn their town. The night passed off very quietly with but one attack on the inhabitants which I settled pretty quick on terms perfectly satisfactory to the good people, but not to my satisfaction for the miserable villains who got away clear. Gen. Herron arrived in town at dark with his com'd. I had a long talk with the Judge of this county. He is a (rebel) very sensible.

Wednesday 22
Embark at sunrise after blowing up the rebel fort (all the guns have been removed before), run down the river, arrive at Vickburg after dark with 150 prisoners of war, 2,000 Negroes, 6,000 bales of cotton, 1,000 mules, and several heavy siege guns.

Thursday 23
Regt. returned to camp this morning. I remain on board by order of Capt. Meteor crossed the river to coal. Remained all day.

Friday 24
Str. recrosses the river and the Regt. comes on board. We drop down to Warenton and lay all night. Here the rest of the division joins us. Our fleet contains 14 transports all bound for Port Hudson.

Saturday 25
Move down the river at daylight. Pass Grand Gulf about sunset. Grand Gulf is a kind of an expansion of the river with a _____ _____ _____on one side with high banks where the

rebel batteries were planted. I am on guard tonight. 12 midnight we run into a monitor that was laying at the mouth of Red River. There was some hard words between the two pilots, but no damage done to our boat. As to the monitor , was an "iron clad." It is safe to say she was not hurt. This was about twelve o'clock night.

Sunday 26
Arrive at Port Hudson at daylight. Regt. goes on shore at 12 m. and pitch tents at dark. A heavy squall comes up and blows all the tents down and the regt. comes back on board and sleep tonight.

Monday 27
All go on shore again this morning and pitch tents. Weather warm.

Tuesday 28
Rec'd mail. Boys shot alligators which are numerous in this section. Regmtl inspection.

Wednesday 29
Rains today. William returns from hospital. Write letters. We are in camp on the bank of the river, just below the outer works of the rebs.

Thursday 30
A member of Co. G is drowned while bathing.

Friday 31
Moved camp today onto higher ground.

Saturday, Aug. 1
Two of my regt. died in hospital. Dress parade.

Sunday 2
A brigade band organized in our (Orme's) brigade, which is now the 2nd brigade of the 2nd division (Gen. Herron's0 of the 13th Army Corps.

Monday 3
I am on guard today. The monitor "Neosho" laying in the river at this point fire at a target. She is a pretty vessel.

Tuesday 4
Relieved from duty. Nothing of note occurred today. The boys are dying off fast here.

Wednesday 5
Try to obtains a furlough, no success. Others allowed to go. (Mark)

Thursday 6
Marching orders at 8. Three days rations. Fall into line at noon, bound for Baton Rouge, La. 20th Wis. Inft. and 91st Ill. move out of camp _____ their tents standing. March 14 miles.

Bivouac at dark. We are acting as escort for a battery of Gen. Banks siege guns. My company is on picket tonight.

Friday 7
Move on out at 5 a.m. Got some water melons and honey at plantation. March 14 miles. Arrive at Baton Rouge at 3 p.m. Go on board the boat and returned to camp at Port Hudson.

Saturday 8
In camp today. We lose about 5 men every day from disease. The weather is very warm.

Sunday 9
Inspection this morning. We are trying to pass the time as cool as possible.

Monday 10
Rather unwell this morning. Have a fever. Get letters.

Tuesday 11
Get quinine this morning. Break the fever. Gen. Hovey's division comes down the river, lands at this point.

Wednesday 12
Get ready to march . Go on board Str. Meteor at dark, bound for New Orleans, La. She has on board Gen Herron and Orme with their staff. We came near blowing up in the night as the ship was not trim. We have on board one regt. 2oth Wis.

Thursday 13
Alive at Carollton, four miles above New Orleans and disembark at 3 p.m. Bivouac in street. The 13th A.C. are all to rendezvous at this place.

Friday 14
Move out to camp De Mars, half way between the city and Carollton. Have a fine place. My tent is pitched under a large live oak. Rains.
Saturday 15
On fatigue duty. Send James a ring and clear up camp.

Sunday 16
Co. inspection as usual.

Monday 17
Nothing is begin done today that I note of.