

## William K. Watson Diary



*I recently purchased a transcribed copy of William K. Watson's diary from the Tennessee State Library.*

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*I, Mike Peets, Chairman of the 150<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment Historical Association, typed out the diary in a searchable electronic format and added some historical information from other sources that I have.*

*William K. Watson enlisted September 9, 1862 in Company C in Poughkeepsie. He was promoted to Sgt. October 11, 1862, he was returned to the ranks February 19, 1864. He was promoted to Cpl. November 22, 1864. William was wounded in action at Averasboro, NC on March 16, 1865. He was mustered out at Albany June 20, 1865 while in hospital at Troy, NY.*

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Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. {1864} Pleasant day, Tues. This is New Year. Half service year {not clear} Eleven since my marriage. Received a letter from Tillie with G. B. & Emmies Pictures.

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Pleasant day. h--- snowed last night.

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This is the first Sabbath of the New Year. At chapel I preached a thanksgiving service in the ---  
{Can't read the rest of the page.}

Jan 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sent a letter to Tillie, also one to mother.

6<sup>th</sup>

Very cold and wintry today.

7<sup>th</sup>

Snow, storm, three companies of the 1,45<sup>th</sup>. {145<sup>th</sup> } New York, Vol Inf. Attached to our Regt. most of their officers being dishonorably discharged, these three comps attached to 1,23<sup>rd</sup> {123<sup>rd</sup> } N. Y. Vol five to 1,17 N. Y. {117<sup>th</sup> } {not clear}

8<sup>th</sup>

Cold and cloudy. Received mittens from Tillie.

9<sup>th</sup>

Snowing, and quite cold. – Sergeant of Picket force.

10<sup>th</sup>

This is God's holy day. {Line not legible.} Very pleasant & warm.

11<sup>th</sup>

Ordily Sergeant {can't read} of Co. D. promoted to Lieut of Co. C. {I believe he is referring to Richard Germond 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Co. D. January 1<sup>st</sup> 1865. Commissioned, not mustered, Second Lieut. May 12, 1865, with rank from April 1, 1865}

12<sup>th</sup>

Sent a letter to Tillie.

13<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant & warm as may. Commenced Bal. & Co. drill today.

14<sup>th</sup>

Am acting Ordily, as our 1<sup>st</sup> Sergt. Being sick. Received a letter from Tillie. {He generally underlines her name.}

15<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant & warm. Ordily Story returned from Tullahoma, went to Sing Club this {can't read.}

16<sup>th</sup>

Capt. Thoms {sp?} appointed on Gen {can't read last line}

17<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy looks like rain. Ordily Story put under arrest for not attending guard, noon Service today, by our Chaplain. Funeral this morn, by death of a citizen's child, Received a letter from Dear Sister, Annie.

18<sup>th</sup>

Three of our camps ordered to march for Tullahoma at six this eve. Co. A. E. & C. The Snow & hail is flying thick. We arrived at Tullahoma at 8 P. M.

Tullahoma, 19<sup>th</sup>

Very pleasant today, two camps of 13<sup>th</sup> N. Jersey Vol. arrived to join us in our expedition to Lincoln, County, Tenn.

Lynchburg, Tenn. Jan 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sent a letter to Tillie, Dear, last night. Our Detachment left Tullahoma this \* A. M. arrived here at three marching 14 miles. Have good comfortable quarters in vacated houses of the village.

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Mullberry, Tenn.

We arrived here at 12 N. the whole force occupied the vacated Stores. Our Co. in Baptist church. March 8 miles today.

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Very fine day. Warm as summer. Our mission is to collect a fine of \$30 {not clear} of this county from the planters. {Difficult to read, bottom of page badly worn}

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Very warm and pleasant. Received a box of salve from Sister Emmer, sent 7 weeks since. Singing choir, meets tonight, to practice for the service tomorrow. One Comp. of 46<sup>th</sup> Penn Mounted Inf. arrived in our camp yesterday. Col Ketcham, one of Gen. Slocomb's Staff, and other offices arrived tonight accompanied by a squad of Cavalry.

24<sup>th</sup>

Very warm & pleasant, service this 11 A. M. by our chap in Methodist church in afternoon {word not clear} Baptist Clergyman of this ---- {Can't read last line.} eve, by our chaplain, Rebel Lieut, arrived in our camp this morn.

25<sup>th</sup>

Very warm & pleasant, sent out foraging train today, sent a letter to Tillie, Chap returned to Normandy.

26<sup>th</sup>

Quite warm, so much so that the sun is oppressive. Am Sergeant of Picket Guard. Rec a letter from Dear Tillie, also a ledger from Chaplain.

27<sup>th</sup>

Very pleasant & warm. Our detachment commenced building Brestworks.

28<sup>th</sup>

Weather still continues warm & pleasant, draw eight days rations of beans, flour, pork, pepes, sugar, coffee, & crackers.

29<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy, cleared away at noon, citizens coming in quite numerously to pay their tax.

30<sup>th</sup>

Rains this morn. Capt Cogswell of Co. A with a squad of cavalry go to Tullahoma.

31<sup>st</sup>

No service today as our Chaplain did not return from Normandy, O, {how} Gloomy and lonesome {Can't read last line}

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

Hard shower of hail & rain last night, very warm & pleasant.

2<sup>nd</sup>.

Weather is foggy this morn, cleared off at noon. Went on a foraging expedition to Fayetteville {Tenn}. Brought home over \$3,000 dol worth of cotton, found no Guerillas.

3<sup>rd</sup>.

Quite cool today. Lieut. Mabbit gone to Normandy.

4<sup>th</sup>

Received a letter from Tillie love. Also one from Edwin.

5<sup>th</sup>

Very pleasant but cool. Went out into country. Dined with Parson ---. Sent a letter to {page damaged, can't read}

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>

Rain this morn. Clody & cold, towards eve. Went up to Mr. Sebastian with Mr. Titsworth of the 13<sup>th</sup> N. Jersey, Vol to spend the eve. Drowned pants & shoes. {There is a Pvt. Howard Titsworth listed for the 13<sup>th</sup> NJ in Co. B in soldiers & sailors NPS data base}

7<sup>th</sup>

This is God's holy day warm today, foraging expedition, sent out this morn, had service in Methodist church by Parson Jones, good attendance.

8<sup>th</sup>

Very pleasant and warm. Sergeant Finleyson returned from Normandy. Fixed ---- pants, today. {Sgt. Finleyson was a Sgt in Co. D in the 145<sup>th</sup> NY transferred on Jan. 4, 1864 to Co. C 150<sup>th</sup> NY as a Cpl. And promoted to Sgt, Date unknown, note: 145<sup>th</sup> NY was disbanded}

9<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant, but cool. Am Sergeant of Picket.

10<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant, cool frosty mornings, finished my new State jacket.

11<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant, but cool, our Detachment left Mullberry this 8 A. M. Marched to Tullahoma, a distance of 22 miles, two of our men were shot to death by Guerillias while they were some ¾ miles distant from the Regt. sent our Cavalry & caught several Guerillias and hung them dead. {The 150<sup>th</sup> men killed were John Odell & George Lovelace}

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

Tullahoma. Friday noon, we leave here for Normandy this noon. Rc. A letter from Tillie dear last night.

13<sup>th</sup>

Normandy Head Quts. Of 150<sup>th</sup> N. Y Vol. How good it seems to get back to our old camp, as we are to hold the funeral of our late Brothers in arms who were killed on the return to this place. Sent a letter to Tillie, love.

14<sup>th</sup>

Rains this Sabbath day rather unpleasant for the funeral, but it was well attended, a solemn Sunday.

15<sup>th</sup>

Rains today, and rained all last night, sent a letter to Edwin.

16<sup>th</sup>

Cleared away, very cold & blustering. Paymaster is here to pay off the Regt. sent a package home by Col.

17<sup>th</sup>

Cold, but pleasant, Received a letter from Dear Tillie. Was paid off today.

18<sup>th</sup>

Went to Tullahoma for ---

19<sup>th</sup>

Battalion drill to commence on Thursday of this week to be repeated every Tuesday & Thursday & camp drill Mondays Wednesdays & Fridays. Non-commissioned officers drill in Bayonett exercise every day at 11 A. M. Sat & Sun excepted, very pleasant but not as cool.

20<sup>th</sup>

Weather warm & pleasant. Col returned from the front. Goes home on leave of absence tonight.

21<sup>st</sup>

This is Sunday, service this two P. M. Sent letter to Tillie, dear.

22<sup>nd</sup>.

Sent a package of two books to Sister Annie. Sent a letter to Sister Annie. also one two ? the gives of my present from Christian commission Order read on dress parade, relating to furlough & leave of absence. {Difficult to read.}

23<sup>rd</sup>

Ver pleasant & quite warm,

24<sup>th</sup>

Prayer meeting tonight. Received a letter from Edwin in which he wishes me to come & see him.

25<sup>th</sup>

Am Corporal of Guard in front of L. Col Quarters tonight. Very warm & pleasant, two companied of our Regt. A. E. went to Lincoln County again, left for Tullahoma yesterday, another smashup on th front, no letters yesterday or today.

26<sup>th</sup>

Very warm & pleasant. Singing club tonight.

27<sup>th</sup>

Quite cool last night very warm today. Rec a letter from Tillie.

28<sup>th</sup>

This is a beautiful Sabbath. Spent the day in reading Beecher's sermons and other news.

29<sup>th</sup>

Sent a letter to Tillie, Dear. It has rained all day with much wind, Regt. was mustered for pay, by Companies in this Respective, --

March 1<sup>st</sup>

I was Corporal of the Guard last night. In front of L. Col. Quarters and all day nearly. Cleared up towards night.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Warm and pleasant. Monthly Inspection by Liet Col. this aft at three in our street by Company.

3<sup>rd</sup>

Very warm but blustering. Received a letter from Tillie, Dearest. Fighting at Dalton, Georgia. Report the Rebels driven out of Dalton. 26<sup>th</sup> N. Y. Vol. Returned from their homes today.

4<sup>th</sup>

Warm & Blustering. Rain tonight. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Inauguration of President Lincoln.

5<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant & warm, this is S---, must clean up for Sunday for tomorrow ----.

6<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant & warm. This is God's holy day, no service today, sent a letter to Tillie, Dear.

7<sup>th</sup>

Very pleasant, wagon train gone to Tullahoma after rations.

8<sup>th</sup>

Very warn & pleasant. Regiment Review & Inspection this 3 P. M.

9<sup>th</sup>

Very warm & windy. 45<sup>th</sup> Regt. Ohio Vol. troops passed here today on their way home to re-{not clear}

10<sup>th</sup>

Rained last night, the weather very hot. Recd a leter from Tillie. Rained again tonight.

11<sup>th</sup>

Quite cool this morn but pleasant. A, E. & C. Comp. building breastworks around the fort.

12<sup>th</sup>

Very pleasant but cool.

13<sup>th</sup>

This is God's holy day service this aft at two, quite a large number present.

14<sup>th</sup>

Very pleasant but cool, sent a letter to Tillie, also two papers.

15<sup>th</sup>

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15<sup>th</sup>

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16<sup>th</sup>

Regimental Inspection at 8 A. M. by Lieut Col.

17<sup>th</sup>

Weather is cool & windy freight trains, attacked by Wheeler's Cavalry, two miles south of Tullahoma. Co. E. turned out to patrol the Road to T. for the night.

18<sup>th</sup>

Still cold & windy.

19<sup>th</sup>

Received a letter from Dear Tillie. She expects to go to Zanesville.

20<sup>th</sup>

Received a letter from Sister Annie, also a paper from Tillie, Dear, yesterday.

21<sup>st</sup>

This is another cool blustering day. 6 men of our Regt. received furloughs to go home.

22<sup>nd</sup>

Received a letter from Tillie, love. Regimental Inspection this two P.M. by Lieut. Col.

23<sup>rd</sup>

Col Ketcham & wife arrived from Dutchis County.

24<sup>th</sup>

Rains tonight, cool & windy.

25<sup>th</sup>

Rained all day, rains tonight. 8 men of our Regt. detailed on Detached duty, to go to Pokeepsie to recruit for the Regt. vis. Capt Cogswell of Co. A. 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut Chapman of Co. E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Hornison of Co. I, Sergeant Vankamon of Co. C. Sergeant of Co. I & Corporal of Co. B leave here tonight. {I believe it is really Sgt. Van Keuren & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Humeston}

26<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant today, 9<sup>th</sup> Army Corps, Gen Burnside, going to Annapolis, Maryland to organize for a secret expedition, have been passing here for a day or two. Sent a letter to Tillie, Love.

27<sup>th</sup>

Left Normandy this morn at 1 oclock for Woodville, Alabamma to see my Brother of the 26<sup>th</sup> Div 15<sup>th</sup> Army Corps commanded by Gen Logan, arrived at Stephenson Al 8. A. M. Stoped over, until next train left for Woodville. Attended Black Peoples [picknick] this P. M.

28<sup>th</sup>

Stephenson Al. 7 A. M. Left for Woodville. Al. this noon, pleasant but cool, cars loaded with returning troops from reenlisting, to rejoin their respective Regiments, arrived at Woodville 11 A. M. found that E. Regiment had gone to Vienna, near Tennessee River. Stopped over night with 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut Pierson of Col H. 26<sup>th</sup> Iowa, detached in Pioneer Corps as ade de camp on Gen Wood's Staff, was treated with much courtesy.

29<sup>th</sup>

Woodville Al. Rained all last night and yesterday afternoon. --- the wagons going to Viannia so I had to stay in Woodville another night.

30<sup>th</sup> Viannia, Al.

Arose early this morn got a horse from Quartermaster & in company with Quartermaster, Sergt. Started for Viannia. Met Bro Edwin half way coming to Woodville he returned to Viannia with me arrived at 1 P. M. This is my Birthday, 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

31<sup>st</sup> Viannia.

This is a fine day but cool, Edwin & I took a walk into the wood and had a good talk about old times, this is quite a pleasant town but is now nearly deserted. The Regt is quartered in the buildings, about the town.

April 1<sup>st</sup> Viannia.

Left Viannia at 9 A. M. arrived in Woodville at two P. M. E. Came to Woodville with me and returned to V. in afternoon.

2<sup>nd</sup> Woodville

Had to stop untill this noon as the trains did not leave for Stephenson that afternoon, rained all night, cleared off thsi morn, left W at --.

3<sup>rd</sup> Normandy, Tenn.

Home again, arrived in my old camp last night, at 11 oclock found a letter from Tillie, Dear, which arrived during my absence. This is Gods holy day, no service as C. is not here. Sent a letter to Dear Tillie.

4<sup>th</sup>

Rained all last night, clear & pleasant this morn. Order Received from Gen Stewart to send all surplus baggage & Soldiers wives to the Rear. Privately our Corps is to move in many days. Col --  
- returned from Gen Court Martial at Stephenson, All.

5<sup>th</sup>

Received a letter from Dearest Tillie, yesterday. Cool & damp today.

6<sup>th</sup>

Very pleasant & warm. Chap returned from Nashville yesterday gave me a pair of Drawers.

7<sup>th</sup>

Very warm & pleasant. Dined with ---- Geahmay ? 12 & 11 Corps consolidated commanded by Gen Hooker.

8<sup>th</sup>

Rumors in regard to our corps being consolidated remain unfounded. Very much rain & quite warm, singing – {Can't read}

9<sup>th</sup>

Quite pleasant, this morn cleared up, towards night.

10<sup>th</sup>

Chilly & damp, funeral this 5 P. M. of one of the Engineers Corps, sent letter to Tillie, Dear. Received one from Tillie, Love, this 10 P. M. Attended divine service this 2 P. M.

11<sup>th</sup>

Very pleasant. Inspection by Brigade Inspector.

12<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy & cool, another one of the Engineers Corps died tonight.

13<sup>th</sup>

On Camp Guard tonight. Very pleasant today.

14<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant but cool.

15<sup>th</sup>

G. Wood returned from his furlough tonight, did not bring my box. Cloudy & chilly today.

16<sup>th</sup>

Order issued against any more furloughs. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Corps was consolidated last week and are now the 1<sup>st</sup> Corps, Army of Mississippi.

17<sup>th</sup>

This is Gods holy day, no dinner. Service this P.M. as our Chaplain goes to Garrison's Ford to preach this P. M, rains tonight, sent a letter to Dearest Tillie. Brigade Band played at one oclock Parade last ---- & H Williams returned.

18<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant this morn but fog rises from the flats. Received a letter from Tillie, love.

19<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant & cool. Rumors afloat in regard to our moving to the front for active field service.

20<sup>th</sup>

Rains tonight, no mail this Eve.

21<sup>st</sup>

Pleasant but cool.

22<sup>nd</sup>

Very warm & pleasant.

23<sup>rd</sup>

Very warm & pleasant. Rained tonight. Batallion – {Can't read.}

24<sup>th</sup>

This is Gods holy day. Received a letter from Tillie this morn before Inspeccion. Rained most of morn cleared away towards noon. Service this two P. M. by our Chaplain, quite a large congregation present. Sent a letter to Tillie, Dear.

25<sup>th</sup>

Our Corps is again changed to 20<sup>th</sup> Army Corps. Major Gen Hooker, Commanding Corps, Gen Williams the Division, and Gen Ruger the Brigade. We are 1<sup>st</sup> Div. 2 Brig. Very pleasant this morn. Copper heads are again --- in the South part of the ----.

26<sup>th</sup>

Very warm & pleasant, Our Regt is ordered to break up Winter quarters and Report to Tullahoma, Tenn Left Normandy this noon arrived at Tullahoma at 12 m.

27<sup>th</sup> Tullahoma, Tenn.

Rained last night, our Brigade rendezvous here. Our Brigade ordered to leave here at nine o'clock tomorrow morn.

Tullahoma, Tenn. Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> .

Our Brigade left here this 8 A. M. Marched 15 miles, arrived Decherd, Tenn. At 6 P. M. Camped for the night.

Decherd, Tenn. Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>.

left this place this 8 A. M. arrived on top of the Cumberland Mountains at 6 P. M. where we camped for the night. Will march to the valley tomorrow, have had a rough march climbing the mountain pass only one house today. Several Stragglers in rear.

On the Height of the Cumberland Mountains, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Left camp this morn at 6.30 A. M. have marched 15 miles today camped for the night at 6.

May 1<sup>st</sup>

In the Valley. Left camp this pleasant Sabbath morn, marched 15 miles today. Passed through Bridgeport, All. Crossed Tenn. River arrived at Shellmound All. at 8 P. M. Had a beautiful view of the Tennessee River & Shellmound Cave. 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade of our Div. is camped here, will join us in the morn.

Shellmound, All. May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Left camp this 9 A. M. Sent a letter to Tillie, Dearest. Whiteside, Tenn. Marched 8 miles today, had a very easy march. Camped at Whiteside, Tenn. At 12 m. We lay here until tomorrow noon.

Chatanooga, Tenn. May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Left Camp this morn at 8 A. M. Marched 15 miles and camped near Lookout Mountain, this famous Mountain that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Div of our Corps charged on and took from the Rebels. This is a beautiful view of Tenn. River and charming mountain scenery. Received a letter from Tillie

Dearest. While taking dinner at Lookout Valley quite cool tonight. Fell very tired & foot sore tonight.

May 4<sup>th</sup>

Camp at 8 miles South of Lookout Mountain near Chicamauga Battlefield. Marched 8 miles today, have a very easy march. 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade joined our Div. today, have some of our troops with us. Passed over the great Chicamauga Battlefield. Dead Horses & remnants of army accoutrements, clothing, and large numbers of Soldiers graves, marked the field, a sad sight indeed.

May 5<sup>th</sup>

Camp near Riggold, Ga.

Left Camp this 6.30 A. M. marched 15 miles camped at three P. M. Am on Picket tonight. Weather very warm & it is dry and dusty.

May 6<sup>th</sup>

Regt remained in camp today. Sent a letter to my Dearest Tillie. Was relieved by new pickets this three P. M.

May 7<sup>th</sup>

Near Tunnel Hill

Regt left camp this morn at daylight, marched ten miles, just before crossing the mountains. Brigade was ordered to load their muskets, with expectations of encountering the enemy, encamped at three P. M near where the Rebel Pickets were driven in by our cavalry. This – large force of cavalry in ---.

May 8<sup>th</sup>

Camp near Tunnel Hill

This is Gods holy day, wish I could enjoy it, with my dear wife & children, will be thankful for the many blessings he bestows on me. Our Chaplain had divine service this morn at seven oclock, so as to make sure of having one session in worshipping, God, on this holy day, in case the Regt should be ordered to move. Weather is very warm, had a good bath in the creek near 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Camp. Rebels are said to be in full force at Tunnel Hill four miles from here. Divine Service this 3 P. M. by Chaplain of 13<sup>th</sup> N. Jersey Vol. Heard good news of Army of Patomac this afternoon. Divine Service again this Seven P. M. by our Chaplain. This has been a good & well spent Sabbath in Camp today. Prayer meeting after roll call until ten P. M.

May 9<sup>th</sup> Camp near Tunnel Hill

Weather is warm. Our Regt is on, as a Reserve Picket, today fighting still continues. Can see the Rebel guns from our positions, Can hear cannonadeing & musketry more or less all day, and can see the smoke & fire from the enemies guns. Several wounded from 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. of our Corps passed by here this P. M. They lost quite a number in yesterdays engagement. Gen Hook, Gen Siclell & Staff passed here this P. M. arrived from the right of our position. 3rd Wisconsin Regt. Joined our Brigade last night. 107 N. Y. Vol joined our Brigade today. Received a letter from my Dear Tillie.

Camp on the March near Dalton in Mountain Pass. May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Left Camp this morn at one oclock. Marched 18 miles. Stopped for Breakfast at 10 marched at 5 P. M. arrived in Camp at 8 P. M. Saw some Rebel Prisoners taken by our mounted Inf. Rained hard with much thunder & lightning. Got washed out of our tents this makes us think of our happy homes.

Camp on the March near Dalton. May 11<sup>th</sup>

Still continues to rain. Number of Refugees passing through our Camp this morning leaving their homes at the front. Cleared off this morn. Changed position this P. M.

May 12<sup>th</sup>

Still hold our position of yesterday. More troops arrived. Several wounded Cavalrymen and one dead brought into our Camp this morn. Sent a letter to Dear Tillie, also one to Sister Annie.

May 13<sup>th</sup> At the front.

Left Camp this 6 A. M. Marched 4 miles, rested five hours, Marched again to the Left of Battlefield. Sharp skirmishing going {can't read last line.} at 6 P. M. to the right by two miles, rested in front of the line of skirmishers. Our artillery drove the Rebs also shelled their R. Road today.

May 14<sup>th</sup>

On the Battlefield. Moved ¼ mile this morn are lying on the reserve this morn, ready for action. Moved 3 miles to the left. 4 P. M. General engagement commenced at one P. M. continued one continuous stream of musketry & cannonading for five hours when we arrived on the left. The wounded & dead were brought out by Regt. {can't read the last line.} At five P. M. our Div. moved one mile further to the left where the Rebs, were turning our left. We advanced in line of battle within 6 rods of the Rebs, who emerged from the woods, in massed in solid columns, our first line poured in a deadly fire together with the 5th Ohio battery who gave them a good charge of grape & canister, then the Rebs, broke & retreated unable to stand our fire, and all this took place, in less time than it takes to tell it. Engagement lasted one hour & a half, at dusk we moved to the Rebs Breastworks, who had been drove out, where we rested for the night.

Thus ended the 1<sup>st</sup> days fight, I was engaged in, and how thankful I feel that my life is still spared by an all wise ruler, to him I give all the praise as well will my Dear, wife.

May 15<sup>th</sup> On the Battlefield

This is Gods holy day, will O that the fighting might cease for today at least, and devote it to his cause. I will commence it by reading in the Bible, faithful wife, presented to me. Cannon are commencing to shell the Rebs. Weather is still, pleasant slightly clouded over, this morn. Our troops took 1000 Rebs prisoners, yesterday, took a few here on our left. Our Div Changed position at 1 P. M. to or near the Atlanta & Chattanooga R. Road. Here was the thickest of the fight, our Regt advanced in line of battle, from the woods to the crest of the hill overlooking the R. Road. Made Breastworks of Rails, Boards & logs, soon the Rebels advanced in front of us, only 20 rods from our line, here we all rose and gave them a full volley which scattered them in all direction, wounding & killed a great number. They made another stand in the verged of the woods and in the rear of R, Road but was unable to stand our deadly fire, some retreating others, coming into our lines to give themselves up. We went into the engagement at three came out at five, none killed some six or seven wounded together with our adjutant. Firing ceased until after dark, when there was heavy firing on our left. Skirmishing more or less all night. Our forces took the fort, at about midnight. Thus has ended the Sabbath day, with a very bloody battle. I will give God all the praise that our loss is so small and for the victory of today. How thankful I am, that my life, is spared, through another, day of sad scenes & danger.

May 16<sup>th</sup> Near R. Road

Slept on our arms last night on the ground near where we fought, a Sad sight is presented, just a few feet from us, here lies several wounded & some dead, that have been brought out from the Battlefield, also some wounded Rebels. Weather is still pleasant bur quite warm. Marched at 10 A. M. in persuit of the enemy, who have skedaddle for the south, we took the wrong road, and had to go back to the R. Road, and take the extreme left, passed a Rebel hospital which had been evacuated, leaving the wounded, and dead, a terrible sight for human eyes. We camped at 6 P. M. near the Branch of Alabama River. Rained some tonight. {two words nt clear} marched 12 miles today.

May 17<sup>th</sup> Near Branch of Allabama River

Rains this morn, marched at 6 A. M. Crossed the Branch of Alla River. Marched 12 miles today.

May 18<sup>th</sup> Near Kingston, Ga.

Marched 20 miles today left camp at 9 A. M. camped at 10 tonight, an awfull hard march for this day weather exceedingly warm. Sent a letter to Tillie, Dear.

May 19<sup>th</sup> Cassville, Ga.

Very pleasant, cool last night, but awfull hot through the day. Marched 8 miles, left Camp at 7 P. M. our Cavelry drove the Rebs out of this place 30 minutes before our Div arrived. We



formed into a line of Battle three miles from here, and advanced on the town, found the Rebs have retreated one mile and a half, the other side, we are now 7 or 8 miles from R. Road and south of Kingston. We threw up Breastworks last night, hoping to surround the Rebs, some skirmishing between our men and the Res. Slept on our arms last night.

May 20<sup>th</sup> Cassville, Ga.

Very pleasant this morn cool last night, corn is up two inches high, peas almost --, had some ripe Strawberries large enough to pick. I picked from a garden in this place. Green apples are quite good size already. Our skirmishers have advanced beyond the town, fourth & twenty third Corps have passed through here today, Our brigade left the Breastworks, and camped in the valley this 12 N. Received a letter from Tillie Dear this noon, took a good wash & washed my cloths.

May 21<sup>st</sup> Camp in Cassville, Ga.

Very pleasant this morn took a walk up to the court house where the Rebs held a Hospital for their sick. Sent a letter to Tillie, Dear.

Cassville, Ga. May 22<sup>nd</sup>

This is Gods holy day. how good it seems to be in camp and observe the Sabbath. Divine service by our Chaplain, this morn, very pleasant & hot. Sent a letter to Tillie, Dear, and one enclosed to Em. Divine Service by our Chaplain this 6 P. M. Brigade Band for the music.

Near Warhatchee River, On the March May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Left camp this 4 A. M. passed the 4<sup>th</sup> & 14 Corps near Cassville Station. Marched 16 miles today, camped at 3 P. M. Was the hottest and most tedious march. We have had as yet very few citizens to be seen in this State mostly in the R---.

May 24<sup>th</sup>

Camped near Stilesboro, Ga. At 6 P. M. marched 16 miles today, some skirmishing ahead on the advance. Rains tonight.

May 25<sup>th</sup>

Marched to within three miles of Dallas, Ga. Turned and went back two miles then took the road running in an easterly direction, Rebels in strong force two miles in front. Our Brigade was engaged, in advancing line of battle, when they were fired on by a powerful volley of musketry grape & canister from the Rebels massed batteries & line of Breastworks. Our Brigade was badly cut up, losing some 700 killed & wounded. Our Regt lost about 50 killed & wounded. Ordely Story & ? of our comp killed instantly, also three wounded. I was taken sick in the early part of the day & did not find the Regt. This day I walked as far as I could and camped for the night with

one of the 107 N. Y. Boys and one of the Illinois boys. Rained tonight, marched 10 miles today. Battle lasted from three until 8 in Eve. Our Regt engaged for two hours.

{My records show 5 men killed at Dallas, Ga.: 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Henry Story Co. C, Pvt James Elliott Co. E (originally from 145<sup>th</sup> NY), Pvt Samuel Myers Co. E (originally from 145<sup>th</sup> NY), Pvt John Grad Co. H, Pvt Charles LeClair Co I (originally from 145<sup>th</sup> NY)}

May 26<sup>th</sup> Near Battlefield. Cp Hospital of 1<sup>st</sup> Div 20<sup>th</sup> Corps.

I reported myself sick to Dr. Cook of our Regt. and Dr. Campbell our Brig Surgeon, am detailed to assist in caring for wounded, a great number of wounded being brought in today, an awful sight to witness the amputation of the poor fellows Shattered limbs, several died from their wounds. Not much fighting today.

May 27<sup>th</sup> Near Battlefield

In Hospital. Heavy cannonading this morn from Rebs, back a few miles, not much Infantry fighting today, feel somewhat tired & worn out waiting on the wounded, took a walk over to our Regt. ½ mile distant to the right, Returned to Regt. this eve. Gen Williams of our Div wounded by a spent ball in Camp tonight.

Near Battlefield May 28<sup>th</sup>

Our Regt. moved over to the right side of road about 40 rods to shield themselves from the Enemies Shell & scattering balls. Very warm & pleasant. Hope my Dear family will hear I am all right this ---. No opportunity of sending any mail yet, Rebels still retain their position, although they were badly cut up today in a charge on our Brestworks which Gen Geary Comd 2 Div of our Corps. Let them into, and then drove them back, by a powerful charge of grape, canister, shell & musketry.

May 29<sup>th</sup> Near Battlefield

This is Gods holy day, very pleasant and hot. I hear singing, guess this is divine service, near here, have been reading in the Bible my Dear Wife gave me. Considerable skirmishing going on this more, was quite heavy last night about 12 oclock heavy skirmishing again this afternoon, no Divine Service this P. M. Rebels tried another charge on our Brestworks, this 10 P. M. was repulsed, and must of lost heavy, they then tried our extreme left & right, met with a sad repulse. Skirmishing all night, and quite heavy at intervals. We lay on our arms all night, Sent a letter to my Dearest Wife this P. M.

May 30<sup>th</sup>. Near Battlefield

Very pleasant this morning. Skirmishing still continues. Hard firing for a few minutes this afternoon, all quiet this eve with the exception of a slight skirmishing. A Shell fell between the 27<sup>th</sup> Infant and 3<sup>rd</sup> – from the Rebels just in our ---. {27<sup>th</sup> Indiana & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin}

Near Battlefield, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Very pleasant this morn but very warm, day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sergt of Co. E died of his wound yesterday, how sad his poor wife will, feel, hope she may seek comfort & consolidation, to bear her up above the berevment, through the all atoning blood of our Dear Redeemer. Quite heavy skirmishing this morn some large guns at work also heavy artillery duel all day, took a walk up to Sergeant Story's grave this eve. 3<sup>rd</sup> -- -gg returned from Kingston.

{2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt of Co. E was Isaac I. Blauvelt}

June 1<sup>st</sup>. Near Battlefield on Allatoona Ridge.

This is the first day of Summer. Very pleasant but hot through the middle of the day, heavy musketry in our front this 1 A. M. Received a letter from my precious wife, this forenoon, how it did cheer my heart and do me as much good, as it is nearly three weeks since I received one. Changed our position from miles to the left, center, camped on a very high hill, am very tired & sleepy, drawing rations, kept me up untill nearly one at night. Brilliant cavalry charge made on our left today, drove the Rebs. 15<sup>th</sup> Corps took our positions that we left today.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Near Battlefield on Allatoona Ridge.

Pleasant and hot. Moved this morn at four to the Brestworks, ½ mile to the left but had a good cup of coffee & a god wash, after taking position, which makes me much better, hard thunder, shower this afternoon, 23<sup>rd</sup> Corps arrived on our left this P. M. formed in line of Battle, and advanced over our Brestworks. Some skirmishing ensued, but the Rebs retreated, our Battery shelled them also, Our Regt. rests behind the Brestworks tonight.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Near Battlefield on Altoona Ridge.

Cloudy & foggy this morn. Some skirmishing this morn, on our right. Sent a letter to Tillie, Dear this P. M. Showery this eve, Rained all night.

June 4<sup>th</sup>, Near Battlefield one mile to the left of Altoona Ridge.

Rains steady this morn, heavy skirmishing this morn in our front. Our artillery commenced shelling this morn, heavy musketry & cannonading this P. M. 24<sup>th</sup> Div, 4<sup>th</sup> Corps. Arrived in our rear this P. M. Raining again, sun shines some. Our regt. moved over to the left, still further to the left, pitched tents for the night in the woods, front line of Battle only 40 rods ahead, quite considerable firing on the skirmish line during fore part of the night.

June 5<sup>th</sup>. Near Battlefield five miles to the left of Altoona Ridge.

This is another sweet day of the holy Sabbath. Must try and make some advancement in his glorious cause this day and prepare & keep myself in the holy way. Rains this morn. Our Brigade moved four miles to the left, this A. M. Camped for the night at 4 A. M. On picket tonight, Rebs retreated five miles last night, no fighting today.

Near Marietta, June 6<sup>th</sup> on Burn Mills Creek.

Regt. marched four miles found Rebs in some force, formed and advanced in line of Battle, then built Brestworks. No fighting this morn, considerable this afternoon hard shower this afternoon. Rained tonight, sleep in rear of Brestworks tonight. Severable Reb Sharpshooters seen in a house across the field.

Burns Mill Creek June 7<sup>th</sup> Near Marietta on Burns Mill Creek.

Very pleasant & cool this morn all quiet in our front this morn. Pickets of each army, have agreed not to fire on each other's pickets. Received a letter from my Dearest, Tillie. Our Regt moved ¼ mile to the left this eve at 8.30. We pitched tents for the night behind the Brestworks.

June 8<sup>th</sup>. Near Marietta on Burns Mills Creek

Very pleasant, cool, this morning. All quiet in our front. Sent a letter to my Dearest Tillie.

June 9<sup>th</sup>, Near Marietta on Burns Mill Creek.

Mail came this morn. No letter for me. Four cavalry made a dash in the Rain.

Rained last night, cleared off this {morn}. Very pleasant & cool this morn.

June 10<sup>th</sup> Near Marietta on Burns Mills Creek.

Very pleasant, this morn. Gen. R--- 4<sup>th</sup> Div of our Corps. Arrived the other week, one Negro Brigade attached to his Div, 23<sup>rd</sup> Corps advanced to the front this P. M. Our Div. under orders to march in rear of 1<sup>st</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Corps. Heavy Cannonading on our left & right slight skirmishing in front most of this P. M. heavy thunder shower this P. M. Rec. orders to remain here for the night. Brother Lewis Slack of 19<sup>th</sup> Ohio Vol 3<sup>rd</sup> Brig, 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. 4<sup>th</sup> Corps, called at camp to see me this eve. Had a good long talk with him. It rained most all this afternoon.

June 11<sup>th</sup>. Acworth, Station Near R. Road.

Rains this A. M. We moved 3 miles to the left and built earthworks. Our line is almost right under the Rebs fortifications. They shelled us this eve, one shell burst & wounded & killed one of Company A. caused quite a sad condition in the Regt as we was not expecting any danger at the time. Received a letter from Tillie, Dear.

June 12<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Near R. Road, Acworth Sta.

This is Gods holy day but how little is it noticed today for nearby preparing our brestworks still. I will find time to read my Bible. Rains hard this morn. Recruits arrived from rear. Rained all day quite steady, and still continues considerable skirmishing going on, mostly sharpshooters, and cannonading. Worked on earthworks today, finished them about noon. Sent a letter to my Dear Wife.

June 13<sup>th</sup> Near R. Road, Acworth Sta.

Still continues to rain, rained hard all last night, cannonading most all night, Skirmishing quite briskly this morn. Good news from Grant. Went out on picket this 12 m. Cleared off at sundown. --- our picket line tonight. Cannonading briskly.

June 14<sup>th</sup> Near R. Road, Acworth Sta.

Very cool this morn so much so that I wear my blanket heavy canading on our left this morn, Gen Geary, Shelled the Rebs on the hill made them get out in a hurry, came off picket at 1 P. M. Canonading & musketry this P. M. Went to prayer meeting this eve.

June 15<sup>th</sup> Near R. Road Battlefield, Ackot Sta.

Very cool this morn & pleasant. Stars & stripes float on the hill that the Rebs occupied yesterday. Shelled the off last night. Our Regt moved at 3 this P. M. in rear of 2 Div. Drove the Rebs & flank them out of their Brestworks, they have used more artillery on us today than any time previous. We built breastworks this eve only a few rods from the Rebs front, laid down to sleep without supper, at 12 tonight. Received a letter from my Deaut. Wife this P. M.

June 16<sup>th</sup> Near R. R. Battlefield of Acworth Sta.

Went to work on Brestworks at four this morn, finished at 6 then cooked some Breakfast. Rebels shells are coming over this way considerable plenty this morn, took a walk {on} the Brestworks occupied by the Rebs yesterday found some pieces of their newspapers, which are quite interesting, hard fighting on our left & right today. 8 Men of our regt Killed & wounded some on the skirmish line one killed lying here in rear of Brestworks, Rebels Shelled us tremendously this P. M. Only one killed, out of the Batery, no one in our Regt injured, Shells bursted all around us. Our Corps has lost 450 killed and wounded in the past 24 hours, fighting. All quiet tonight save occasionally a few musket shot. Laid down to sleep for the night.

{I have 4 men listed as being killed in action here: William R. Phillip Co. I originally 145th NY, Cornelius Sparks Co. F, Daniel Glancey Co D, and Henry Sigler Co. F killed on picket line.}

June 17<sup>th</sup> On Battlefield Near New Hope

Feel thanful that God still gives me health & life. Pleasant this morn. Rebs have evacuated these Brestworks, cannonading on our left this morn, Rebs on the retreat. Rumors says we took Marietta yesterday, twice, held it the second taking. Some Jonnys came into our lines this morn five came in where our Regt is laying, Our Div persued the Rebs at 7 this A. M. found them again one mile distant, drove them from their breastworks. We made Brestworks and laid down for the night. Heavy skirmishing in our

front by E. Co. of our Regt together with a detachment from Brigade, hard fighting towards 9 this eve.

June 18<sup>th</sup> on Battlefield, Near New Hope.

Rains hard this morn heavy musketry this morn, a few yards in our front, the most heavy & awful cannonading ever was, took place today, from our Batteries, our Div supports them, hard fighting today. Two Reb Gen. killed Gen Claiborne & Hood, loss 73 considerable today. Firing ceased about midnight.

June 19<sup>th</sup> On Battlefield Near New Hope.

This is Gods holy day, sweet day of rest, if we do not move will devote it to reading in Bible & praying. Rains this morn, all quiet in our front. Moved two miles to the right at 8 A. M. Made breastworks tonight. Skirmishing 2 rods front of our Brestworks, all night.

June 20<sup>th</sup> On Battlefield Near New Hope.

Our Div moved two miles to the right at 5 this A. M. cleared off at 10 A. M. Sun shines very hot. Hard fighting this P. M. Our Div moved again a mile then rested until 4 P. M. Battle raged hard during this time, moved again three miles toward Atlanta. Camped for the night. All quiet. Rebs on the retreat to Atlanta. Sent a letter to my precious wife. Rained hard this P. M.

June 21<sup>st</sup> Near Marietta

Rained this morn. Hard fighting on our right. Rebels are divided and surrounded. We built Brestworks this A. M. near our camp. Rained most all day, on picket tonight, did not get over fighting until 11 at night. We relieved the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> On the Battlefield Near Marietta.

Cleared off last night. Pleasant this morn our Batteries shelling the Rebs on our right the A. M. My detail, Deployed as skirmishers this A. M. Our left & right of skirmishers was turned at 4 this P. M. when we was obliged to retreat, supplied ourselves with cartridges, and advanced under hot fire, gained our position again. Hard fighting all along our line this P. M. Rebels advance in three lines of Battle. Were repulsed & drove back with considerable loss. Our Batteries made sad havock with canister and grape, had an awfull time with my teeth while on the skirmish line this eve, suffered a great deal.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Near Marietta, In line of Battle.

Was relieved from skirmish line at three this morn. Sent a letter to Tillie Dear this A. M. feel somewhat tired out, being on skirmish two nights and one day. Heavy Canonading on our right

this P. M. Our canon shelling the Rebs off the mountain. Inspection of muskets and ammunition  
this P. M. Received a letter from Dearest Tillie. Skirmishing in our front tonight.

June 24<sup>th</sup> Near Marietta, In line of Battle

Very pleasant & cool breeze this morn, Skirmishing in our front this morn. Sergt Osborne of our  
Co under arrest for absent from roll call, have a severe time with my teeth this morn. Heavy  
skirmishing in our front tonight, cannonading at or about midnight.

June 25<sup>th</sup> Near Marietta.

Very pleasant, but hot. Just one year ago today since we left Baltimore for the War Campaign.  
All quiet this morn. How thankful & grateful, I ought to feel, for the preserviom of my lifr  
through a year of the most tedious time of my service thus far. This must be a day of  
Tanksgiving & praise for me. Slight skirmishing in our front this 8 A. M. Sharpshooter wounded  
one of Co G. men of our Regt. this 6 P. M.

June 26<sup>th</sup> Near Marietta, in line of Bat.

This another pleasant Sabbath day. Our Brigade moving this 9 A. M. 1 ½ miles to the left, to  
strengthening a weak point in our line. Capt Gildersleeve, of our Co. arrived this noon. No Divine  
Service today, have read in my Bible & praising God for his goodness towards my family &  
myself, So that I have passed the day very pleasantly. Over 200 prisoners gave themselves up to  
our 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade this A. M. Slight skirmishing in our front, some parts of the line have agreed not  
to fire on each others pickets. Wish they might form such an arrangement in front of our  
Brigade.

June 27<sup>th</sup> Near Marietta, In line of Battle.

Very pleasant & hot this morn. Our Regt. moved at 3.30 this morn. Gen Geary Div. of our Corps,  
advanced on the enemy in our front & drove their skirmish line in, erected Brestworks on their  
skir. Line. Our Regt camped for the night in ½ mile to the left of where we stoped last night and  
in the works built by Gen Geary's Div. On picket tonight. Built breastworks for the reserve, slight  
skirmishing between pickets tonight, heavy cannonading on our left most of the ---.

June 28<sup>th</sup> Near Marietta In Line of Battle.

Very hot, part of our pickets built Brestworks for reserve this morn back of where we built last  
night a portion of our pickets moved to the left this morn. Canonading this morn. Rebs made an  
attack on the right of our skirmish line this 10 P. M. were repulsed, Rec a letter from My  
Dearest Wife, this Eve.

June 29<sup>th</sup> Near Marietta On line of Battle.

Quite cool & cloudy this morn, Sent a letter to Dear Tillie. Rebs made an attack on our skirmish line and on the left of our Brestworks. M. Gurney & I took a walk up to the right of the 14 Corps had a fine view of Marietta & the Rebs Brestworks.

June 30<sup>th</sup> Near Marietta, In line of Battle.

Very warm, slight showers this 9 A. M., Our Regt moved this 10 P. M. ½ mile to the right. All quiet in front. 14 Corps relieved us. Hard showere this P. M.

July 1<sup>st</sup>, Near Marietta, In line of Bat.

This is the anniversary of our first engagement at Gettysburg one year ago. Pleasant & very hot this noon. Pitched tents and laid out our camp in order, all quiet in front.

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Near Marietta, In line of Battle.

Very hot, cannonading all along the entire right of line this A. M. Sent the shell in thick and fast directly in our front. One year ago today, our Regt was in a sharp engagement at Gettysburg, Penn. Rained this P. M. cannonading all day.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Near Big Shanty on Chattahoochee River.

Very hot, all quiet along the lines this morn. Our Corps moved and advanced at 5 A. M. found the Rebs had not got a great distance before we overtook them. They made a stand three miles this side of River. We marched 7 miles today an awful hot march, many was sunstrooks. We camped near the Rebs Brestworks at 7 P. M. Am on picket tonight.

July 4<sup>th</sup>. Near Chattahoochee River.

This is the aniversary of our National Independence. The Bands of our Corps are jubilant, this morn with the National airs and other music. Cloudy this morn. One year ago today we drove the Rebs out of Gettysburg, Penn, and followed them into Virginia. This day brought a large number of prisoners into our hands. Was relieved from picket this 5 P. M. by a detail from Gen Geary's Div. Our Regt moved 3 miles to the right this P. M.

July 5<sup>th</sup> Chattahoochee River.

Very hot, this noon. Div moved at 6 this morn. Camped at 6 P. M. Our Batteries shelling the Rebs & their wagon trains, from this side of the River, they are retreating to Atlanta. Musketry firing on this side of the River this P. M.

July 6<sup>th</sup>. Chattahoochee River.

Very hot this morn got up and cooked Breakfast at 3 A. M. Reg marched at 1 P. M. four miles to the left, took position in rear of Brestworks near the River, awfull hot march.



July 7<sup>th</sup>. Chattahoochee River.

Very hot, heavy skirmishing in front of our Brigade today. Received a letter from Tillie, Dear. Sent a letter to my Dear wife.

July 8<sup>th</sup>. Chattahoochee River.

Awfull hot. Gen muster at 9 A. M. All quiet in our front. Pickets of each army on friendly terms

July 9<sup>th</sup>. Chattahoochee River.

Very hot, rained slightly last night. On picket tonight. Battery of 14<sup>th</sup> Corps cannonaded the House occupied by Rebs from our Reserve, Picket firing quite heavy for part of the night, ceased at midnight. Rebs retreated this midnight.

July 10<sup>th</sup>. Chattahoochee River.

This is Gods holy day, but no opportunity of attending to divine service, as we have to advance, found Rebs strongly fortified on the oposite side of River this 12 N. Our Reserve resting, will devote a few minutes to Reading Bible {last line not clear}. Was relieved from Picket this 5 P. M. Rained most of the afternoon, arrived in camp about dusk. Received a letter from Dear Sister, Annie.

July 11<sup>th</sup>. Chattahoochee River.

Pleasant this morn, not quite so warm as usual, all quiet in our front today.

July 12<sup>th</sup>. Chattahoochee River.

Pleasant & cool this morn. Sent a letter to Sister Annie. July 13<sup>th</sup>. Chattahoochee River.

Comfortable, cool, this morn. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. Regt of our Brig changed their position. Received letter from Dear Tillie.

July 14<sup>th</sup>. Chattahoochee River.

Very hot, all quiet along the line this morn. Sent a letter to my Dear Wife. Our forces shelled the Rebs our of the fort on oposite side of River. Our troops are crossing the River, Rained with thunder & lightning this eve.

July 15<sup>th</sup>. Chattahoochee River.

Rained more or less all night. Pleasant & Comfortable this morn. Canonading on our left this morn.

July 16<sup>th</sup>. Chattahoochee River.

Very cool & Pleasant this morn. Canonading, still going on. Rained quite severly tonight. Order issued for Inspection.

July 17th. Chattahoochee River.

Another pleasant Sabbath morn this, Our Brigade turned out at 8 this morn for review by Gen Hooker, after drill it was announced Gen would not review the troops this morn, moved at 3 P. M. cross over River, marched 8 miles. On picket tonight.

July 18<sup>th</sup> South Side of Chattahoochee River.

Very hot, No Rebels seen in our front this morn, on picket skirmishing all day. We advanced five miles, joined our Regt. at 8, this eve. No one shot in skirmishing. Received a letter from my Dearest, Tillie.

July 19<sup>th</sup> South Side of Chattahoochee River.

Very hot, foggy & cloudy. Rained slightly last night. Downed rations this 5 A. M. Moved at 8 this eve near the Rebs in full force. Camped at 11 tonight.

July 20<sup>th</sup> Near Atlanta.

Moved this morn at 7. Crossed the creek and the fire of the Rebel Battery two of our Regt wounded. Also one Brought in wounded on the skirmish line. Battle commenced at three, with 14<sup>th</sup> of our Corps, Rebs made a {can't read rest of page} Our Reg in second line of Battle, three of our Comps sent to strengthen the front line, some 12 wounded & killed of our Regt. Rebs did not break our 1<sup>st</sup> line, Battle closed at dusk. We lay behind our breastworks all night.

{There were actually 18 wounded on July 20<sup>th</sup> 1864, two died that day: Bernard Connally of Co. E and Stephen Simmons of Co. B}

July 21<sup>st</sup>. Near Atlanta.

Behind Breastworks, no fighting this morn, very hot, heavy skirmishing this P. M. 14<sup>th</sup> Corps lost heavy. Sent a letter to My Dearest Tillie.

July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Near Atlanta

Rebels retreated last night. We advanced two miles this morn. Canonading & musketry on our left, a few shells Burst near us. Rained last night.

July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Near Atlanta.

Our forces shelled the city this morn, heavy skirmishing this morn. Weather cool & cloudy. Regt. advanced 30 rods and built breastworks in full view of the Rebs. Sharpshooters fired at us considerably.

July 24<sup>th</sup>. Near Atlanta.

This is Gods holy day, work on fortifications from sunrise, until nearly noon, cooked my breakfast and then I rested some time in Reading Bible and considering this day of rest. Quite

cool & pleasant. Our Corps made an advance tonight. Our Brigade remained, only advancing pickets. Canonading was one continuous roar.

July 25<sup>th</sup> Near Atlanta.

Very cool ^ pleasant, this morn. Canonading along our front this morn, Picket firing this eve.

July 26<sup>th</sup> Near Atlanta.

Cool & pleasant this morn, Received a letter from my Dear wife, hard cannonading this P. M.

July 27<sup>th</sup> Near Atlanta.

Rained last night, Cloudy & Rainy this morn, heavy cannonading on our extreme left this morn, Detail from our Brigade made a dash on the 3 buildings in front of our pickets, and Captured 36 Sharpshooters, burnt the buildings, 2 killed & 8 wounded on our side. Rains very hard this afternoon.

July 28<sup>th</sup> Near Atlanta.

Cloudy this morn & warm. Quiet in our front this morn. Canonading heavy, in our front sharp fighting between the pickets. On Camp Guard tonight, heard the Rebels running their cars all night.

July 29<sup>th</sup> N. Atlanta.

Cloudy, cool & foggy this morn quiet this morn. Sent a letter to Dearest, Tillie. Rains this eve.

July 30<sup>th</sup> Atlanta in front.

Very hot & pleasant. Our skirmishers took the hill in our front and captured about 100 Reb Pickets. Reinforcements are erecting precast works on the brow of the hill, heavy canonading and considerable musketry all day. {end of line not legible}

July 31<sup>st</sup> In front of Atlanta.

Very hot & pleasant. Another sweet Sabbath, day of rest, all quiet in our front. O that day might be consummated by all the army, to our God. been quiet all day, save slight skirmishing between pickets. (Rained hard most of afternoon.)

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> front of Atlanta.

Very damp & cloudy this morn heavy musketry, in front line of Brestworks, our Bat opened a heavy artillery fire on the Rebs forts this 5 A. M. Received a letter from loving wife. Rained slightly.

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> front of Atlanta.

Sun showers occasionally today. On picket tonight, not much firing tonight.

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> front of Atlanta.

Very pleasant this morn. Rained slightly last night. Rebs are firing at us quite briskly this morn, we don't return their fire, unless they advance. Was relieved from picket this 8 P. M. Showery this eve.

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Very hot & changeable, policeing the rear ground of camp this noon looks like remaining here a while.

Aug 5<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta

Hot, Regt moved this 1 A. M. and built breastworks, 200 feet in front of our former ones. Sent a letter to Dear, Tillie. Rebs made an attempt on our front line, this aft. And was drove back.

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Very hot & showery all day. Completed our new line of Brestworks today, on Picket tonight. Rains hard from 6 P. M. until 10 P. M. an unpleasant night to me, not much firing.

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Very comfortable & pleasant this Sabbath morn, have devoted the morn in reading my Bible. Sharp firing between pickets this P. M. Was relieved from picket this 8 P. M. Received a letter from my Dear Tillie on arriving in camp. Rained this afternoon.

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Pleasant this morn. Went over to the Ordinance train this morn, Rained most of the afternoon.

Aug 9<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta

Rained last night and most of this day, was hit by a bullet this noon while carrying dinner up to the skirmish line to Lumon Ploe?, no harm done, save a hole through my pants, and a mark on my left leg. Our Batteries are shelling the Rebels fort today. {most likely referring to Luman Place Co. C}

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Rains this morn, Our detail of pickets reduced from 50 to 33 yesterday. Went into Div Hospital to see Chaplain.

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Foggy & cloudy this morn some skirmishing this morn. Our Batteries, shelled the city all night all along the line. On picket tonight hard shower just as I went on for one hour.

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Pleasant this morn, was on as Vidette, only 30 feet from the enemy. Vidette stood one hour. Sent a letter to my Dear Tillie. Brother Lewis Slack was here today, stayed on the picket line with me nearly all day. Was relieved from picket this 7 P. M.

Aug 13 front of Atlanta.

Very hot & pleasant this morn. Received a letter from Sister Annie. Sick, excused from sore toe & tooth ache.

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Very pleasant, this Sabbath morn, excused from duty on account of my toe, teeth pain me most of the day. No Divine Service this day, Shower this P. M. have enjoyed this day very much.

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Pleasant & awfull hot as usual. Excused from duty, had my toe lanced. Showers this P. M. Received a letter from Dear Tillie.

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Very hot, excused from duty, toe is not much better. Order issued to hold ourselves in readiness to resist an attack. Report says that the Rebs are massing in force to make a charge on our Corps.

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Very hot, excused from duty. No mail since Monday.

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Very hot, excused from duty. Rebs shelled us early this A. M. Our Batteries soon silenced them.

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Very hot, our Surgeon is sick therefore no regular sick call this A. M. Sent a letter to Dear Tillie. Our Batteries bombarded the city this morn, splendid sight.

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Heavy shower last night, quite pleasant & cool this morn. Heavy shower this P. M.

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> front of Atlanta.

Another sweet day of rest. Cloudy & cool. Prayer this eve. {Can't read the last line.}

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> front of Atlanta.

Rained last night. Pleasant this morn, quite warm. D. R. Tuthill & Merk Wilber esk of Pokeepsie are in camp. No firing on pickets now.

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> front of Atlanta

Very hot, all quiet along the line. Received a letter from Dearest Tillie.

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Very hot, all quiet in front.

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> front of Atlanta.

Very hot, Our Corps moved back to the river this 8 P. M. so as to change the line on the left, not feeling able to keep up with the Regt started ahead with sick squad. Marched on the R. Road trac distance of – miles, was tired out.

Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Chattahoochee River Bridge.

Very hot, rose early and cooked my breakfast. Joined the Regt at 8 A. M. They was building breastworks. Right of our line rest on the River near Bridge. Our works are finished camp laid out, and my bunk made, ready for sleeping. No mail went out today. Rained hard tonight.

Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Chattahoochee River R. R. Bridge

Very cool pleasant, took a walk on the River. Rained this morn, my letter was to late for the mail this morn.

Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 1864 Chattahoochee R. R. R. Bridge.

Very cool last night, hot this morn. Sent a letter to Dear Wife this 7 A. M. This Sabbath morn Divine Service by our Chaplain this 3 P. M. at Col quarters.

C. R. R. R. Bridge Aug 29<sup>th</sup>.

Very hot days, but cool nights mail came this morn. Gen Clocomb takes command of our Corps, yesterday noon made a few remarks on Regt receiving him, Received a message from Edwin, he is stoping on the opposite side of River waiting for transportation to join his Regt on his return from furlough.

Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Chattahoochee R. R. R. Bridge.

Very hot and cool nights. Went over the river this morn saw Edwin. He came over to camp with me stoped here over night.

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> C R. R. R. Bridge.

Inspection & muster for making out pay rolls 9 A. M. Our Regt turned out at 9.30. Our Co gone on Reconnoissance towards Atlanta this 3 A. M. I was excused. Received a letter from my Dear Wife. Very hot today.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> C. R. R. R. Bridge

Very hot, Edwin went over the River last night. I went with him, returned to camp this morn, On picket first time since 12<sup>th</sup> of August.

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Chattahoochee R. R. R. Bridge.

Hot as usual, heavy canonading & musketry on our left last night. Picket line advanced their position 40 rods on Tuesday. Sent a letter to my Dearest Tillie. Rebels evacuated Atlanta last night, Sherman in full persuit of Hood. Our troops took possession of the city this 1 P. M. Our Brigade marched in at 8 P. M. When we was relieved from picket at 4 P. M. followed the Brigade into Atlanta, arrived at 10 P. M. occupied the fortifications. Rained tonight.

Atlanta, Ga. Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Rained all day and part of the night, moved to the north side of city, and laid out camp.

Atlanta, Sept 4<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy & cool, inspection this morn, this is the Sabboth but not much rest having to move test, clean musket, etc. Hot this afternoon, no divine service.

Atlanta, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant and cool. Policing camp & streets this morn. Rains hard tonight, heavy shower of hail & rain for 2 hours. Good news from Grant's Army. On fatigue duty tonight to assist in fixing up 4<sup>th</sup> Corps Hospital. did not go any further than Gen Ruger's Headquarters on account of the dark & rain. Went back to Regt & went to bed. Rained most of night.

Atlanta, 6<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

Pleasant this morn, showery & warm through the day. On Camp Guard tonight.

Atlanta, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy & cool. Co. drill this morn from 7.30 A. M. until 8.30 A. M. Order issued for the entire army to rest and recruit here for four weeks to be paid off and ready for a vigorous winters Campaign. Dress parade tonight.

Atlanta Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

Quite cool & cloudy. No mail received for three days. Went down to the city this forenoon, a sad sight to behold, where our shell have torn through the principle portions of the city and

destroyed the Depot. No dress Parade tonight. This has been a cloudy & cool damp day. Grounds in around camp policed tonight.

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Atlanta.

Pleasant & hot, no drill this morn, This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of my military service two years ago today. Dress parade tonight.

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Atlanta.

Pleasant & hot. Sent a letter to my dear wife. Orders read on Dress Parade this week relating to army resting & recruiting and Inspection of this Corps.

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Atlanta.

Pleasant & hot, another Sabbath day, but no rest, as we must move over to the next line of Brestworks nearer the city after inspection. Received two letter from Dearest Tillie.

Atlanta, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant nights & mornings, but scorching hot during day time. Building board tents today & laying out new camp, went down to city & to see Solmis in 3<sup>rd</sup> Div Hospital of 4<sup>th</sup> Corps.

Atlanta, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant. on picket this morn on South side of city in city fortifications. Gen Ruger passed our picket line this P. M.

Atlanta, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant, Gurney brought out rations to me this morn, was relieved from picket this ten P. M. Order issued for granted furloughs. Received a letter from my Dearest Tillie.

Atlanta, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant. Applied for a furlough. Col is to see I have one, if Gen Thomas only approves it. It will be all right, on fatigue duty this P. M.

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> Atlanta.

Pleasant. Sent a letter to Dearest Tillie, also one to Mr. Seward. Order read on Dress Parade, stoping leave of absenses & furloughs to officers and enlisted men cannot exceed over five percent at one time.

Atlanta, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant, Inspection by Inspector General this 3 P. M. Co drill from 4 until 6.30 P. M.



Atlanta, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>.

Co Inspection this 8 A. M. Rains this morn, this is Gods holy day of rest. Will try & make Sabbath day's journey towards heaven, order for Grand Div review countermanded, then at 9 A. M. it was again given as the weather looked more favorable, and at 9.30 A. M. we fell in line, marched  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile to the rear of our old breastworks in front of the city commenced raining before we had proceeded far & rained hard most all the day, in consequence of which we only pass around in review once and returned to camp at 3 P. M. wet through to the hide.

Atlanta, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy this morn & cool. The Flag of our Regt was raised in front of our camp this P. M. Received a letter from Dearest Tillie.

Atlanta, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy & quite warm. Our Div of this Corps is to be reviewed by Gen Slocumb this P. M. after review, we marched through the principle streets passed Gen Sherman's Headquarters, Gen Sherman & Gen Williams. Rained slightly this P. M. arrived in camp at 6 P. M.

Atlanta, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>.

Rainy this morn, was on camp guard last night. Heavy showers this afternoon.

Atlanta, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Cloudy this morn, citizens of the city, having relatives in Reb. Army, are ordered to leave here by the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month per order, Gen Sherman, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. Went over to se friend Galeway and took dinner with him.

Atlanta, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Cloudy & showery. Sent a letter to Tillie, Dear. Rains most of the time. 6 new recruits arrived for our camp & 45 in all for Regt.

Atlanta, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>

Rains by heavy showers, paymaster arrived in camp.

Atlanta, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>

Cleared off last night, very cool. Devine Service in camp this 2 P. M. also in evening by our Chaplain.

Atlanta, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant somewhat warm. Signed pay rolls yesterday morn. But not ready to pay today. Company drill from 2 to 4 P. M.

Atlanta, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant & not cool, on picket today, o grand guard mount this morn, received a letter from Dear Tillie.

Atlanta, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>

heavy shower this morn, soon cleared off pleasant, cloudy towards night, Received a letter from Brother Edwin yesterday.

Atlanta, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy & hot. Company Drill every day 9 to 10 A. M. and 2 to 3 P. M. furlough returnrd to me disaproved.

Atlanta, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant & very hot, Regt was paid off today, Received one hundred & twenty two dols & forty cents for eight months service, no drilling today.

Atlanta, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

Pleasant & hot.

Atlanta Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Cloudy, fine light rain. New recruits on picket for first time. No Divine Service today. Dress Parade tonight.

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Atlanta.

Blustering, cloudy. Detail out of our Regt. To work on fortifications down in the city. General Sherman commences the campaign for Autumn this day. Sent a letter to My Dear, Wife, with check enclosed for #120.00 dols.

Atlanta, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy & fine light rain am to go down in the city again today to work on the fortifications. Sent a letter to Bro Edwin, yesterday. Returned from city this 6 P. M. found our Regt. had gone to the fort on Marietta St. to stop for the night. Rebs are fighting in our rear.

Atlanta, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy, Regt has not returned yet, order for us to pack up and join the rest at the fort, camp near the fort.

Atlanta, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

Rained all day, was excused from duty, as did not feel well, feel better tonight.

Atlanta, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>

Cleared off pleasant this morn, excused from duty. Gen Sherman sends an order to issue full rations, to the men and the R. Road is cleared of Rebels, so trains will soon run through to Chattanooga. No mail has been received in over a week.

Atlanta, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>

Very cold & windy, the change of extreme cold from heat, was very sudden last night, good news from Sherman.

Atlanta, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>.

Very cool, but pleasant, exceedingly cold last night. No fatigue duty today, it being the Sabbath, no Divine Service, good news from Gen Grant, Richmond is taken.

Atlanta, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant, weather is moderating. Am excused from fatigue duty today. Arms from Grant not confirmed.

Atlanta, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>

Very pleasant, quite warm, two years ago today since our Regt left Pokeepsie.

Went on foraging expedition today.

Atlanta, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

Pleasant, camped at 7 P. M. yesterday, marched 15 miles. marched ten miles, crossed the South River, foraged all day recrossed the river this 7 P. M. Camped at 7.30.

Atlanta, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

Crossed the River again, foraged all day, recrossed the river this 6 P. M. Stopped for supper at 6.30 Marched at 9. Stopped for Breakfast at 4 oclock marching all night. Very warm & pleasant.

Atlanta, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

Marched this 8 A. M. arrived in Atlanta at 1 P. M. Received two letters and a package from Dear Tillie.

Atlanta, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant, sent two letters to Dear Wife, also one and package to children & wife, by Lieut Mabbitt. Col starts for home today on 30 days leave of absence. Lieut Mabbitt, received his discharge from Service and goes home with Col, returned to our old breastworks, defending the city today at 12.30 P. M.

Atlanta, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy & cool. Regt. Inspection by Major Smith this 9 A.M. Divine Service this 3 P. M. Dress Parade tonight. Dispatch from Gen Sherman received, good news.

Atlanta, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy & cool. Rail Road is cut at Dalton by the Rebs yesterday. No mail either way for a few days to come.

Atlanta, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.

Rained this morn. Cloudy & warm, Brigade Inspection this three P. M. No Dress Parade.

Atlanta, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>.

Very cold last night. Pleasant this morn, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brig returned from the raid.

Atlanta, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant & very cold last night, excitement in camp this morn from hearing the report of cannons supposed to be Rebs, 1<sup>st</sup> Brig go on foraging expedition today.

Atlanta, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.

Very cool & pleasant, Good news from Grant, dispatch from Gen Sherman read in Dress Parade tonight, that Hood has gone to Alabama. R. Road will be open by Sunday.

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, Atlanta.

Received a letter from Dear Tillie. Very cool & pleasant. Order received, to pack up, going out to reinforce the 1<sup>st</sup> Brig for fear they will be attacked by Reb Cavalry, on their return from foraging expedition. Marched at 1 P. M. camped at midnight near Stone Mount.

Atlanta, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Pleasant, marched at 7 A. M. camped at 12 midnight. {can't read last line.}

Atlanta, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant, on our way to Atlanta, marched at 6 A. M. rode in ambulance, yesterday and today on account of sore feet, arrived in camp this 10 A. M. Regt arrived at 4 P. M.

Atlanta, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>.

Very pleasant, one man from our camp missing, supposed to have been captured, by Rebs. Went down to the city, had my picture taken. {The soldier was Thomas Duffy of Co. C, captured while foraging, October 23, 1864; Sent to Camp Lawton, Millen, Georgia, November 11, 1864. Paroled, no date, Mustered out June 8, 1865 at Washington, D.C.}

Atlanta, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy & cool, sent a letter to Dear Tillie with picture, no Dress Parade today.

Atlanta, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>.

Rains hard. Continued in the night. Cleared off this afternoon, no mail.

Atlanta, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.

Very cool and pleasant. Our company changed position in Regimental on line of Battalion, from color, eg. To the extreme left of the line, mail came through today but no letter for me. Extra pickets, detailed tonight.

Atlanta, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>.

Very cool last night, warm and pleasant during the day. Order issued to prepare for a fifty days campaign. Dress Parade tonight.

Atlanta, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>.

Warm & cloudy. Inspection this 7 A. M. for making out ordinance requisitions. No Divine Service in camp today. Mail came thru.

Atlanta, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>.

Cloudy, mustered for pay & Inspection this 10 A. M. Mail arrived this 3 P. M.

Atlanta, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cloudy, small details for pickets this week rains tonight, mail came in no letter for me.

Atlanta, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Rains, very cold, mail came in, no letter for me.

Atlanta, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Rains & exceedingly cold. Order received to march countermanded.

Atlanta, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.

Cleared off, but awfull cold. Received a letter from Dear Tillie.

Atlanta, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant but very cold. Sent a letter to Dear Tillie with cash, six dollars enclosed. Received orders to hold ourselves in readiness to march at one hours notice. Marched at 4 P. M. Camped three miles south of the city on Macon Road.

Atlanta, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>.

Order countermanded. Sent a letter to wife, with 3 dols, enclosed. Returned to our old camp, this 5 P. M. found it occupied by some cavalry, Our pickets were attacked by the Rebel patrols on Macon R. Road. One Killed 2 wounded.

Atlanta, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>.

Rains, and has since yesterday morn, Reported that 7<sup>th</sup> Corps wagons, were burned by Guerillas and two men killed. Ordered a detail from our Reg to patrol the R. R. to the River but no sign of any Rebs.

Atlanta, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy & rainy, This is the Presidential Election day. Cleared off this afternoon.

Atlanta, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>.

Very warm & pleasant, heavy cannonading & musketry was heard on the south side of the city. We were ordered to pack up, in readiness for action. Regt returned to camp at dusk. Rains hard tonight.

Atlanta, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.

Very pleasant, cleared off cold. Sent a letter to Tillie. Went down to the city. Received a letter & papers from Dear, Wife, this P. M.

Atlanta, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>.

Very pleasant & cold. Sent a letter to Dear Tillie, with ten dollars enclosed. Commenced burning buildings this night, presents a grand sight.

Atlanta, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>.

Very windy & cold. Col leave of absence expires tonight.

Atlanta, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant, no Divine Service today, 13<sup>th</sup> Corps arrived tonight. Went over to their camp, stoped all night with Bro. Edwin on Macon R. Road.

Atlanta, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant, Edwin came over to camp with me, spent the day with me. 14<sup>th</sup> Corps arrived tonight. Went over with Edwin and returned tonight.

Atlanta, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant & cool, expedition started this morn, consisting of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Corps for left wing, 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for right wing, marched this morn at daylight. Camped at Stone Mount 16 miles from Atlanta.

Stone Mountain, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.

Very pleasant not so cool, our Brig on picket last night, rained slightly. Marched 20 miles today. Camped at Social Circle Sta.

On the march, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>.

Very pleasant, marched all day and night, camped at one in the morning.

On the march, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.

Passed through Covington, marched 24 miles, camped a midnight.

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> On the march. {Nov 18<sup>th</sup> crossed out}

Passed through Madison a town of some importance, many of the citizens fled on hearing of our {word can't read} great destruction of property, marched 11 miles today, camped at 3 P. M. near city of Madison. Rained some today.

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> on the march. {this should be Nov 20 since it is Sunday.}

Left camp this 7 A. M. Marched 10 miles today. This is Gods holy day. No rest today.

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. Near Eatonville.

Left camp at 6 A. M. Rained all day, mud very deep, hard marching, passed through Eatonville, camped 6 miles South of the village. Was very much fatigued.

Milledgeville, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Marched 15miles, arrived in camp at three oclock. Cleared off very cold last night.

State Capitol, Milledgeville, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Very cold, on safe guard at citizens house in city, went over to Regt this P. M. & returned.

On the March, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>

This is thanksgiving day. Very pleasant, left camp this 6 A. M. camped at 5 P. M. Cold tonight, marched 15 miles.

Camp Near Soundersville, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>.

Left camp this 8 A. M. Marched 10 miles, camped at 5 P. M. Our advance guard had some slight skirmishing with Rebel Cavelry, our 1<sup>st</sup>, Brig & 3<sup>rd</sup> was formed in line of Battle, no attack was

made. Burnt several cotton gins, and quite amount of property. Gen Sherman is with us this week.

Near Saundersville, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>.

Marched 10 miles had some skirmishing with Rebel Cavalry tore up R. Road this P. M. Camped at 6 P. M. had a hard day's work two or three were wounded.

Davisboro Station Nov 27.

This is Gods holy day, very pleasant not very cool, rose at four this morn marched 20 miles. Skirmishing in our front. Camped at Davisboro Sta. at 5 this P. M.

Spier's Sta. Nov 28<sup>th</sup>.

Marched 12 miles, camped at Spier's Sta. destroyed up 10 miles R. Road today.

Biamie Sta. Nov 29<sup>th</sup>

Left camp this 8 A. M. destroyed 8 miles R. Road, camped at Biamie Sta.

Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Near Louisville.

Left camp this ten A. M. Left the Savannah R. R. Marched to Louisville. Marched 10 miles, camped near Louisville. Crossed the Ocheche {Ogeechee} River.

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Near Ridgeville.

Very pleasant, Wheeler's Cavalry said to be skirmishing with 17<sup>th</sup> Corps, Killpatrick now at hand, Camped this 4 P. M. near Ridgeville. Marched 20 miles.

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Near Millen.

Camped this 8 P. M. Marched 15 miles today.

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. On the March.

Our company detailed to foraged, left camp, then we passed the Prison where our soldiers were held by Rebs, foraged sweet potatoes fresh pork & salt, sugar & syrup. left Milan off the road crossed the Agusra & Savannah R. Road, got into camp 7 P. M.

On the March, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday morn very pleasant. Marched 15 miles camped at three P. M. Passed several peanut & sweet potatoe plantations. Several negroes left their masters & followed our Army. Have several hundred marching with us, our Brigade on the advance today, country very swampy.



Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, On the March.

Quite cool last night heavy rain fell, remained in camp until 6 P. M. Marched four miles, went into camp at midnight. Road is very bad, leading through pine swamps, very cool tonight.

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> On the March.

Pleasant but cool, marched through swamps all day made about 12 miles.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, Springfield.

Rained all day, marched 10 miles through swamps. Camped at 10 tonight.

Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. On the march. Pleasant & very warm. Marched 15 miles, 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Div on the advance, no Rebs, were to be seen but a tough march hard work & no rations. Camped at dusk, portook of a few crumms hard tack & coffee for supper.

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> On the march.

Very cool nothing but meat issued last night. Marched 10 miles today on picket tonight. Our Brigade had a skirmish with the Rebs, took two forts & three prisoners.

Near Savannah, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.

Marched 10 miles today. Camped at three in swamp front of the city. Rains at night. Our company was out foraging all day. Captured a large amount of provisions. In front of Savannah and on the River we captured a steamboat and one Col. One private, and the crew together with a dispatch for Gen Beaureguard. Arrived in camp at 8 P. M.

In front of Savannah, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. Sunday.

Very pleasant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass & 107<sup>th</sup> N Y gone to take a fort, but did not succeed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin gone on the island. Divine Service this P. M. by the Chaplain of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin.

Front of Savannah, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>.

Very cold. Our Brigade changed position this morn. One of Co. F. wounded by shell on skirmish line.

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Front of Savannah.

Quite cool, in Camp Guard tonight. Warm & pleasant.

Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, Front of Savannah.

Very warm and pleasant. Fort McAllister, surrenders after 15 minutes fighting. Short of rations many men suffering with hunger. I have plenty for present.

Front of Savannah. Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

Very pleasant & warm. Rebs are shelling Gen Geary, while he is draining the swamp in his front.

Front of Sav. Island, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>.

Moved this 6 A. M. Rebs shelled us.

On Island in front of Savannah, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>.

Roll call this 4 A. M. Ordered to move early. C. Pond arrested & held to service in rice mill, by Gen Jackson, very foggy this morn. Received three letters & a package of paper & envelopes from Tillie, Dear.

On Island in front of S. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

Sunday morn, can hear the Rebs at Divine Worship. Sent a letter to Dear Wife. Received a letter & pater from her also. Our Bateriae are in position & shelled the Rebs today.

On Island in front of S. Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wis & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass moved over the river this 6 A. M. Our Regt & 107 N. Y. take their place by mill on picket tonight. Rained tonight.

On Island in front of S. Dec 20<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant this morning all of the Regt gone over the River but our company heavy canonading on the right this morn.

On Island in front of S. Dec 21<sup>st</sup>.

Savannah Evacuated by Rebs. Our Regt covered retreat of a Brigade from the Island, lost my knapsack & ---.

On the Island Front of S. Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Very cold last night. Col wounded & one man of our comp killed, one of Co H. also during our stay on the Island. {December 20, 1864, William A. Palmatier Pvt. Co. A killed in action buried in Beaufort National Cemetery, Noah Wixon Pvt. Co. H killed in action.}

Savanna, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>

Received a letter from Dearest Tillie. Are building winter quarters.

Savannah, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>.

Quite cold. Went up the River after boards, weather modulated tonight.

Savannah, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas, had yams, rice & syrup for dinner. Sent a letter to Dear, Wife.

Orderly Sergeant of or Comp promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut transferred to Co. D. Dress Parade tonight. Inspection this morn can hear church bells chiming this morn.

{1<sup>st</sup> Lieut mentioned is Henry J. Hicks & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut is James B. Furey}

Savannah, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>.

Very pleasant. Dress Parade tonight. 15<sup>th</sup> Corps reviewed today by Sherman.

Savannah, Dec 28<sup>th</sup>.

Quite Warm, 14<sup>th</sup> Corps reviewed by Gen Sherman.

Savannah, Dec 29<sup>th</sup>.

Edwin visited me today.

Savannah, Dec 30<sup>th</sup>.

Stopped with Edwin last night. 20<sup>th</sup> Corps reviewed today by Gen Sherman.

17<sup>th</sup> yesterday. Edwin Corps on south west side of city.

Savannah, Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

Very cloudy, cold rain storm at 10 A.M. Our Regt. Mustered for pay moved into new quarters this P.M., vacated by 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. Cleared off tonight very cold, mail came in tonight no letter for me. 3<sup>rd</sup> Div returned from rim.

New Years, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 1865 Savannah, Ga.

A very pleasant New Years, Sunday, not cold, have thought of the many blessings received the past year, but being busy in building new quartered, have no chance to celebrate the day, but will read Bible. 8 years married life, tonight, how fresh the festivities of our anniversary on New Years Eve.

Savannah, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Cool. Went to city called on Col Ketcham & Maj. Harry Dewey {sp. ?}

Savannah, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Went over to 15<sup>th</sup> Corps. Stayed with Bro. Edwin over night, heard from Sister Em. Important news from Wilmington, N. C.

Savannah, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.

Returned from 15<sup>th</sup> Corps. Called on Miss Denny at Pullaski, how to inform her as regards her fathers captivity. Promoted to corporal warrant dates from Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1864.

Savannah, Jan 5<sup>th</sup>.

On picket tonight. A Corporal of Guard.

Savannah, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.

Rained while on picket this morn. Relieved from picket this 11 A. M.

Savannah, Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.

Very pleasant today.

Savannah, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>.

Very pleasant, attended Lutheran Church at St. James Square. Sent a letter to Dear Tillie. Received a letter from Dear Tillie. Took dinner with Edwin. Returned to Camp for dress parade, stopped over night with Bro. E.

Savannah, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>.

15<sup>th</sup> Corps ordered to march tomorrow at 7 A. M. Also 14<sup>th</sup> Corps.

Savannah, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>.

Rained this P. M. Dress Parade omitted, non-commissioned officers drill this 10 A. M. 15<sup>th</sup> Corps left for Hiltonhead this morn.

Savannah, Jan 11<sup>th</sup>.

Cold & cloudy.

\*Savannah, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>.

Very pleasant & warm on fatigue duty today.

Savannah, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>.

Very pleasant & warm, on picket tonight as Sergeant of the Guard, quite cool.

Savannah, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant, Major Smith promoted to Lieut Col of our Regt, Col. Ketcham Breveted, Brig General of our Brigade, Capt Gildersleeve appointed on Gen. Jackson Staff, as provo Marshall, of Div provo Guard. Gen Williams & Gen Jackson present at Dress Parade tonight.

Savannah, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>.

This is Gods holy day. No divine service in camp. Received a letter from Dearest Tillie.

Savannah, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>.

Col went home today also Chaplain. Sent a letter to Dear Tillie. also three, Savannah, Re---  
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Savannah, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>.

Left Savannah this 8 A. M. marched 10 miles toward Hardeeville camped at 3 P. M. on Gen Hardee's Farm.

Savannah, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>.

Marched at 2 P. M. Camped four miles from R. Road.

Near Hardeeville, S. C. Jan 19<sup>th</sup>.

Left camp this 9 A. M. Rained at 10 A. M. and still continues, had to ford a large flood of water. Marched 8 miles, camped at Sister Ferry, this two P. M. Steamboat & Packet arrived from Savannah.

Sisters Ferry near Hardeeville, S. C. Jan 20<sup>th</sup>.

Still continues to rain very cold. Packet left for S.

Sisters Ferry, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>.

Still continues to rain. Most of Div & Corps wagons swept from island by flood, while crossing the river yesterday. Changed our quarters to order by Co street {not clear}.

Sisters Ferry, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Cloudy & disagreeable. Sunday morn. Inspection this 1 P. M. Transportation loaded with rations arrived from Savannah.

Sisters Ferry, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Very cold & blustering.

Sisters Ferry, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant & cold. Sent a letter to Dearest Wife, and Received one.

Sisters Ferry, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.

Pleasant & very cold. On fatigue duty today. Duty clean up parade grounds.

Sisters Ferry, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>.

Very windy & cold. Our brigade broke camp at 1 P. M. marched 5 miles and camped for the night.

On the March Jan 27<sup>th</sup>.

Marched at 7 A. M. Our Corps in advance to clear the way.

{The entries for Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Missing}

Near Wateree River, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Left camp this 6 A. M. for the Watree River on Pontoon Bridge. Camped this 12 N. Marched 6 miles. Rain this afternoon, have good camp ground, in a pine grove, with plenty of wood & water convenient. Our foragers came in loaded with ham & flour, etc.

On the March, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

Rains all day, Marched only two miles, as Right wing were crossing in our front. Were obliged to lay over one day. Rains very hard all night. Slept rather cold, water put fire out.

In Camp, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>.

Order to move a 9 this morn was countermanded, and order to lay over another day, Rains tonight, foraging party went out this morn, Jim brought me a piece of bacon. 2, Div. wagon train stuck in mud, a dismal cold cloudy day.

Near Hanging Rock, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy & warm, but damp. Ordered to move this 9 A. M. This is Gods holy day, have read in Bible, although we march today will try & commence the day in Worship to God, and thinking of the many blessings I have enjoyed at home with my Dear family and wife.

{The entries for Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - March 6<sup>th</sup> missing.}

Wilmington R. R. Rockingham & Laurell Hill, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Marched this 6.30 A. M. Very cool, 15<sup>th</sup> Corps marched at 4 A. M. Marched 15 miles camped at 4 P. M.

On the Fayetteville Road March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Marched at 9 A. M. Cloudy rains this afternoon, and night marched 10 miles camped at 9 P. M. Wagons stuck in mud.

On F. {Fayetteville} Road, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy, Rained this P. M. had to build corduroy Road in a hard rain marched at 7 A. M. Camp at 7 P. M.

On F. Road, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Marched this 6 A. M. Rain this morn, had to wade through water knee deep and make corduroy road all day, Marched 10 miles. Camped at 6 P. M.

On F. Road, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Revelie this 8 A. M. on picket. Our Div is Rear. Marched at 11 A. M. Camped at 7 P. M. Marched 17 miles. Very cool & pleasant. Rebs driven out of Fayetteville.

Near Fayetteville, N. Ca. In Camp. March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Very cold last night, hard frost this morn.

{End of Diary}