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**Abstract:**
The collection comprises a family Bible and a journal compiled between 1861 and 1864 by Griffin A. Stanton (1805-1889) while serving with what became the 15th Illinois Cavalry in Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama and Arkansas.

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Biographical information

Griffin Augustus Stanton was born in Barlow, Washington County, Ohio, on January 31, 1835, to William Griffin (1805-1889) and Eliza Olney Stanton (born 1814), both of whom were from New York state. Griffin’s siblings included Harriet Eliza (1842-1907), Mary Almeda (born 1847) and Laura Martha (born 1833). The family later moved to a farm in Johnson County in southern Illinois. In the 1860 census, Griffin Stanton is recorded as a carpenter. In 1860, Stanton was involved with the local Republican Party and supported the abolition of slavery. It is said that when he went to the city of Vienna to vote for Abraham Lincoln, the local citizens ran him out of town. On August 7, 1861, Stanton enlisted in the Union Army at Cairo, Illinois, as a wagoner and was mustered into Cavalry Company B (later E. Carmichael’s) with the 29th Infantry of the Illinois Volunteers on August 25. He remained in Company B throughout his service even as his unit changed names until it became the 15th Illinois Cavalry. Stanton saw service in Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and finally Arkansas before he was mustered out on August 25, 1864.

Returning to Johnson County, Stanton married Julia Ann(e) Levada Amburn (1842-1890) in Union County, Illinois, on May 1, 1866. Julia was originally from Lumpkin County in Georgia. The couple had six children: William (1868–1872), Charles Griffin (1870–1968), Laura Julia (born 1874), Cora Levada (1876–1920), and Myra Viola (1880–1966). It appears that soon after the birth of Myra, the family moved to Oregon, settling in East Portland, Multnomah County. Griffin died on September 13, 1889, and Julia died in 1890.

Scope and contents

The collection includes the diary Griffin Stanton kept during his Civil War service from 1861 to 1864. He seems to have written his diary on scraps of paper and then copied these notes into a journal, the pages of which were mailed to his family. He records that some entries (March and April 1863) are missing because he lost his notes. Stanton recorded his daily activities, including his financial accounts, and the actions of his unit. While he was a wagoner and responsible for hauling fuel and supplies, he also went on scout. Ed Frank, who transcribed the journal, notes Stanton’s account of Shiloh shows overexposure to the journalism of the day.

Also in the collection is a Bible presented to Stanton by his wife as a Christmas present in 1883. The volume contains photographs, tintypes and cartes de visite, of Stanton, his family and acquaintances, including a copy of a photograph taken during his Civil War service.

Subject terms

Stanton, Griffin A., 1835-1889.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives.
Inventory

Box 1
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unfolded The Holy Bible, Portland, Oregon: H.C. Shields, circa 1882. Christmas gift from Julia A. Stanton to Griffin A. Stanton, 1883 December 25. Includes 19 tintypes and cartes de visite with following names: William G. Stanton, Griffin A. Stanton and Julia A. Stanton, Charles G. Stanton, Alonzo Amburn, Ed and William Amburn, Clarence Amburn, Amburn family, Hattie Brock, Charles O. Brock, Orphee Houston, Mary Harris, Amelia Ackerman, Dollie Williams.

Box 2
1 Photographs: Stanton family.
2 Photographs: Amburn family, acquaintances.
3 Griffin A. Stanton diary, 1861-1864. See Appendix for transcription.
4 Photcopy.

Appendix. Transcription of Griffin A. Stanton diary, 1861-1864

The transcription below is the work of Special Collections staff member Ed Frank in 1987. The diary was written in a journal and many of the pages suffered some damage and loss on the edges over the years. Thus, some words are missing or incomplete and these are noted using brackets. The first page, for example, has missing words in the title. The spelling has not been corrected and in some cases the term “[sic]” has been inserted to make clear the word(s) are those as written by the author.
Aug 12th I joined Massac Cavalry co. Cap Eagleton Carmichael commanding

" 17th Left home about seven o'clock A.M. Reason McFarlin accompanied me as far as the Massac ponds to take horse home I walk the balance of the way. Got supper at Ahab Inmons. Reached H D Chase's in Metropolis half past 6 o'clock pm.

" 18 Went with Harriet to 11 o'clock meeting. Chase's little boy Earnest was baptised. The ladies of Metropolis presented a flag to our co. sang Red white & blue &c Went with Harriet & Miss Belle Jamison to hear John H. Watson Q.M.S. preach at night.

" 19th Company left Metropolis about 5 o'clock A.M. I boxed up the baggage. Had the baggage drayed to the wharf-boat And left with it (accompanied by Charles Hammond Eli Carlisle Arno Streit & one or two of others) on board the S.B. Thomas Scott at 11 A.M. Arrived at Cairo 3 p.m. We went to the Atlantic Hotel and got our suppers and night's lodging My partner Chas Hammonds drunk

" 20th Found Capt Carmichael and 1st Sergt Chase at Q. M. office We got our camp tricks and rations Got up to Camp Barker about 10 A.M. Had fine times getting first meal of grub Went downtown & saw thirty prisoners brought in

21st Bought 30 cts worth writing material Wrote letter home A Streit fell off his horse & dislocated his elbow & went to the hospital Capt rather unreasonable this morning

22nd We hired 2 negroes to cook They got breakfast and left I take care of three horses for Capt

24th Went to Birds point

25th Went to meeting with James Blakesley

26th Sprinkled rain Mustered horseback We received 9 tents I stood guard 2nd watch

28th J C Yarber left camp mad Mrs Carmichael and Mrs Chase came to camp Lyons & myself drew melons from patch

29th Went to Birds point Saw a regt landed there Helped John G. Hardy over the river and to Williamson's company 31st Ill

30th We were sworn into the US service by R.J. Oglesby Saw E P Curtis H.B. Wiley & others whom I knew at Williamson's Co.

31st Our company mustered for pay

Sept 1st Went to Sunday school & meeting Went up Mississippi river 2 1/2 miles & got a few apples

2nd Wrote a letter home. We received blankets Our negro cooks commence operations
3 Went to Williamson’s co. & saw P.S. Wiley & others Our flag came today it received 3 cheers
4th We dug potatoes and got some corn from a field bought by government
6th Our co. made bad work drilling near river Capt rather smart.
10th Got wagon
11th Drove about considerable Hauling wood Got wagon fast in quick sand while river after water Some of the men got shoes & socks
12th Received letter from home
15th My clothes so bad I cant go to sunday school
18th We were sworn into the service again by Captn Pitcher Horses appraised Received letter from home. Wrote letter home
20th Capt gave me pr pants In consideration for which I erased an account against him for the care of four horses twenty days
21st Received 2 shirts, 2 pr drawers, 1 pr shoes, 2 pr socks. Curry comb and brush
22nd Changed my clothes for Uncle Sam’s blue
23rd Found riding whip up in stable
24th Took Mr and Mrs Chase to Wharf boat We are attached to the 29th regt Ills V. Infy
25th Our co. have to furnish pickets up the Mississippi levy P Van norman cut my hair for five cents
26th Co. drew 20 muskets for guard duty John Carmichael drilled us a few minuets We got our first rations at regtl commissary to day The Capt and 20 men went on scout up Miss river
27th John Sidwell & others are in camp this morning they report all well at home
28th J C Cooper brought me a letter, and a package from containing 1 pr pants, 1 pr drawers, 2 shirts, 1 pr socks, grapes &c
29th Some of our boys killed a hog this morning I have missed my pocket inkstand
Oct 1st Traded pocket knives with J C Yarber
2 Jas peterson & I went fishing. No luck
5th Got horses shod John D. Edwards 2nd Ills Cav cal led on me today He had been at Fathers
7th Drew Caps this evening
10th The team ran away and hurt 3 or 4 men and one horse and broke wagon Drew Boots
11th Father and Harriet came to camps and brought me some sweet potatoes &c &c
12th Father Harriet Mrs Munson & myself went round town Father & Harriet start home
13th Read novel Washed clothes &c
14th Lent F Napper a prepaid envelop
17th Took W C Munson’s family to wharfboat hauled out 25 saddles & equipments Lent F Napper portman teaus to take home W F Alender resigned and John Luxemuburgher was elected 4th Corpl in his place
19th Co got ballance of saddles & horse equipments
20th Received a letter from Hattie Wrote a letter home Drilled on one of the team horses with Wm Musleman’s rig
21st Capt unusual gruff told the men I was the damndest man he ever saw &c
23rd Heard of the death of Gid. Sanders
25th Our regt (29th) moved into barracks
30th Changed wagons
Nov 1st Got black lead for wagon grease
3rd Drew jackets pants and some over coats went to meeting
5th Helped put Irishman in coffin & bury him. We have to haul water from river
7th Belmont battle. Waited at wharf till the boats brought up most of our men got back to camp about midnight
9th Wrote home, sent letter by Mr Williams. There is a petition circulating among the boys to have Lieut W C Munson removed. I oppose it. Co. got carbines I get my overcoat.
18th We received our first pay I got 39.20 I paid our negro cooks 2.50 in full for cooking up to yesterday. Paid Chas Hammond 50 cts for my hotel bill our first night in Cairo
19th Paid P. Vannorman 25 cts for cutting hair some time ago & doctoring horses
21st Bought 25 cts worth of paper & envelopes and 15 cts worth postage stamps
22nd Bought pr gloves for $1.00
23 Paid postage on letter for Nutty
[sic] Paid 10 cts for fine comb
28th Move from our tents into barracks
29th First snow or sleat. Team ran away and injured a cook stove of Capt's. We took it back to shop for repairs. I paid freight on Brainard's stove $1.25
Lent Richard Austin 50 cts
30th Richard Austin paid me 50 cts borrowed yesterday. Brainard paid 1.25 freight on stove. A rebel gunboat came up from Columbus and saluted Camp Holt.

Dec 2nd Team stalled at river. Contributed 1.00 towards cook stove. Lent H.D. Chase 25 cts
3rd Our mess got a stove for 12 dollars paid 7 dollars down. Took Jas Peterson to the hospital. We seceded from Co Mess. Our mess now are Lyon, Watson Dunbar, Myers, Napper, Venable & Stanton
4th Receive a letter from Mother & Harriet. Wrote letters to each enclosing to Mother 20 dollars and to Harriet 10 dollars
5th H.D. Chase paid the 25 cts borrowed Dec 2nd. Our mess contributed 85 cts to buy seasoning for grub.
6th Co drew another wagon and span of mules. Wm. Mussleman will drive. Co. ordered out this evening. They left about sundown leaving but eight men in camp. I wrote a letter to Father.
7th Co returned about 10 A.M. They had been to Belmont with 13 other companies of cavalry.
10th The first body I see in camp.
11th Copied part of journal and sent it to Mary. Ben Venable brought back my watch still out of repair. He took it to Metropolis some time ago.
12th Got watch fixed and new hands cost 50 cts.
14th Gave Lyon 25 cts for use of mess.
15th Copied journal and sent it to Mary.
17th Read novel (Prairie flower). Went to take Jas Peterson to depot but others had done it.
19th Lent C.C. McGee a one dollar gold piece.
20th Lent I P Lagare 50 cts.
22nd Received a letter from home.
24th Went to theatre this evening.
25th Christmas! Our mess got up a dinner. I went to hospital and hauled H.D. Chase out to camps to help eat it. Wrote a letter home.
28th Chase got back to Co. from hospital.
31st We were mustered for pay to-day

1862 January

1st Pleasant. Received a letter from home

2nd I.P. Lagore Cr. by 10 cts Wrote home Part of our co. received marching orders

3rd Capt & part of the co. started up Mississippi[sic] river H. Anderson and I had quite a time drawing rations Eat dinner with co K 29th regt played Domino till late bed time

4th Bought 3 prepaid envelops

7th Capt & Men returned from scout to Dogtooth bend

8th Brigade ordered to move Wrote home

9th Left camps 10-15 A.M. Went aboard the City of Memphis 4-15 P.M. Landed at Camp Holt and camped for night

10th Moved down to Fort Jefferson

11th Changed camp ground Our gun-boats went down and saluted Columbus I found a counterfit silver dollar Most of the co. scouting this evening

14th Moved out and camped near Blandville The weather is & has been for several days very cold

15th Camped in old field on Columbus road Burned lots of rails and found plenty of hay

16th Went through Millburn and camped near Lovelaceville Cramped plenty of corn

17 Drove back to Fort Jefferson

18th Hard storm last night Received a letter from Father Wrote home Drove back to Blandville (roads very bad) where we met the Brigade

19th Moved to O’neals mills west of Blandville

20th Moved from mills to Ft Jefferson Mills burned

21st Came back to Cairo on City of Memphis

22nd I am not well to-day

23rd Wrote a letter home

25th Cramped a whip

28th Received of C.C. McGee 15 cts

29th Wrote a letter to send home by L. McGowan Cold and sleating

31st Weather moderating Received a letter from Martha and Chas P Groves

February [sic]

1st Received orders to be ready to move at one hours notice

2nd Left camps after considerable delay we got aboard the Emerald Went up the Tenn. river Landed at Camp Halleck in Tenn. below Fort Henry Our army moved on to Fort Henry I volunteered to go with the co. and took a team horse with O.D. Vance’s horse rig When we got ‘round back and near the Fort news came that the fort had surrendered to the gun boats and the main rebel army were retreating We pushed on and found their camps deserted We pursued and captured six pieces of artillery a few prisoners A lot of trunks clothing &c &c

7th Reconnoitered in force near Ft Donelson

8th Wrote a letter home Bought an old watch of W.R. Honse for 2.50 Sold I.P. Lagore a pistol for .75 bought his gloves for .25

9th Sent Fathers portmanteaus home (by Capt Car michael) containing a coat pr of pants &c which I found in a pr of portmanteaus that appeared to have belonged to a Lieut Hamlet of Mississippi Sent a letter home by Capt.

10th Changed camp-ground went further from river

11th Orders to march at 4 P.M. Camped four miles south of Ft. Henry
12th Our army marched out to Ft Donelson. The ball opened this evening. Our ambulances are taking wounded men of both sides to the hospital.

13th Resumed fighting at 6 o'clock this morning. I am about one mile from the fort, with our wagon. Wounded men are being hauled past us to the hospital which is 1/2 mile further back. P.M. The firing is furious but occasionally ceases for a few minutes.

14th Still fighting. I hauled a load of wounded men to the steamboat landing on Cumberland river. Got back after dark. The 46th Ohio used our team in the night, to haul rations.

15th Still fighting.

16th Hauled commissaries for hospital &c &c. News came back that the fort had surrendered. "Cheers." We moved into Dover one mile above the fort. Camped in an old stable. Hauled things for a seshes surgeon. I am tired and 33 sick.

17th Moved into a house in town. Went to lower landing with team and hauled up the ballance of our sabres &c.

18th Went back to lower landing and got our other wagon and camp tricks &c which Chase & others had just brought from Cairo. We have 8 seshes mules here this evening. I wrote a letter to send home by F.J. Chapman but he had gone before I got it wrote.

19th Gave the letter I wrote yesterday to C. Sherley to take home for me. Rainy to-day. I am not well. 'Got Diarhea.'

20th 21st 22nd quite unwell. Took Dr's medincin.

23rd Changed camps. Went about 1 mile from town, still sick.

25th Wrote a letter home took it to Regt & got it franked. Bought of Sutler (on tick) 1 lb cheese, 20 cts, crackers 10 cts.

26th Lieut Munson & 10 men who went out day before yesterday returned with 6 C.S. Mules. I feel better than for a week past. Copied journal to date.

27th Mailed diary to Mary.

28th Mustered for pay.

March 2nd Drew a bible and preacher's text-book from a deserted bible society's office.

4th We turned over to U.S. 1 wagon & 2 horses. Struck tents and camped for the night seven miles out. We are in Gen. Ross's brigade. It is snowy and cold.

5th Got in sight of Tenn. river four miles above Ft. Henry.

6th Went aboard the Minehaha.

7th Went up the river about one mile where we laid up til dark. Cramped bran and fodder and then steamed five miles further up.

8th Went up a little further. Lent A. Kibbee a watch key.

9th 10th 11th 12th Still on board awfully crowded.

13th Landed at Savanah Tenn. Camped in an unfinished brick house 3/4 mile from river.

16th Went into the country for forage paid a little girl 5 cts for some potato soup. It is my last cent (I paid 5 cts for stationary to write home yesterday) Wrote a letter home.

17th Moved camps out side of the guard lines one and a half mile from the landing.
Sold C.O. Culver a pr of fine shoes for 1.50 next pay-day Started on a scout with the boys Went 9 or 10 miles and camped. Rain & lightning plenty. I got into a barn loft and my horse in a stable. It was a d-d tight squeeze. Went on out through pin-hook to Waterloo where we found a mill and store containing a lot of flour intended for the C.S.A. Gen Ross took care of it. The most of it was thrown into the creek and scattered over the ground. The balance was given to the citizens who will use it themselves. I cramped a small pr. of scissors from the store. Came back to last night's camp. Ground & stoped for night. I got hurt by my saddle before we reached Waterloo. Ex Gov. Wood of Illinois accompanied us.

Got into camps about noon

Struck tents early. Went to Regt. where we learned that we could not move till the transports arrive from below which will probably be tonight. Got aboard the New Uncle Sam about mid-night. Weather cold.

Landed at Pittsburg Landing. Moved about two miles back. Broke wagon tongue.

Cold. Snowed a little. Roads awful bad.

Wrote a letter for Ben Lyle. He gave me a postage stamp for envelop & paper.

Wrote a letter home.

We received pay for four months. I received 56 60/100.

Bought of Wm Lyon & co 50 packages of Union variety paper envelops for 8.00 peddled them nearly all out.

Gave Capt Carmichael forty dollars to be sent to Metropolis for Father. Took Capt's receipt for it. Wrote two letters to Father one to be sent with the money the other by mail. Finished selling my envelops cleared about 4.00 on them.

Our pickets were driven in this evening. The sesesh got a Lieut and 6 of our men prisoners and the Federals took 10 of their men in the skirmish. Our mess luckily got up and had breakfast earlier than common but before we got through with it an unprecedented amount of firing was heard in the direction of Shiloh meeting-house. As it was about time the pickets usually came off of guard and fired the loads out of their guns we thought nothing of it till it came closer and more of it. Our boys began to suspicion an attack. Capt ordered the men to saddle up and mount as soon as possible. I was ordered to gear up. Artillery began to play the base quite lively. The fighting gets uncomfortably near. Fanning horses rush by bearing excited orderlies with orders for back regiments. Cannon balls commenced clipping limbs of the trees in our camp while I was gearing. A few camp tricks was thrown into and onto the wagon and then I started with the promiscuous throng of wagons, soldiers, Horses, Ambulances &c for the river. Our co. formed a line near camps but soon had to face back to a more secure place which they soon had to leave also. The cavalry could not do much execution in the action. The [sic] were kept in line and ready a ll the time. Within 20 minutes after we left our camp the rebels were in it.
The Rebels had advanced upon our lines before their presence was known. They introduced themselves by musketry & cannon. Our men were instantly out & at it. Our lines kept falling back while the rebels advanced. Towards evening the rebels had got close to the river. Their shells went over our heads frequently. The gunboats began to chime in occasionally. About 4 or 5 o'clock pm the cannonading was almost deafening. Such fighting I believe was never heard before. At night all quiet except a broadside from the gunboats every 1/2 hour directed into the rebel lines.

7th General Buel and a large part of his force came last evening & night. And Gen Lew Wallace's command reached the field last night. Early our forces make the attack. The battle rages Hot, fierce, awful. The rebels fall back. Our boys drive them. Towards night the sesesh skedaddle. We went out and camped near our old camp ground. I have had a light touch of lung fever and been nearly sick myself for 3 or 4 days past. Dead and wounded men. Horses, shattered. Ambulances, Ammunition wagons, Artillery carriages, & Casions and every conceivable proof of destruction & ruins thick all over the country. I believe it to be the biggest fight ever on the Western Continent. It is humiliating to see the cowards and slinks in our army in time of danger.

8th 9th Raining. I am sick.
10 Received a letter from home.
11th Still raining.
12th Commences and.
13th finished writing a letter home sent it by way of Metropolis by Rev Mr Wm Hayes. Our Brigade all came out on Gen'l parade according to General order for prayer. Thanksgiving &c for our recent victory. Speaches were made by Gen John A. McClernand and Capt Bergis who also offered up a prayer. Chaplain Clifford of the 29th Ills offered prayer for the Brigade. Weather pleasant. Spent 15 cents for eatable tricks. I have spent over a dollar since we were paid off.

21st Rainy. I bought a pr of suspenders .50 Cakes & cheese .20 Mustard & pepper .30 Bought of Ben Venable one can of oysters .50 He sold 1/2 his interest in the oysters to Watson who paid me for his share .25.

23rd Lent Sam'l Ligget one dollar till pay-day next.
1st May We are moving towards Corinth a short distance at a time staying several days at a place. We are back in the reserve.

15th We are about 7 1/2 miles from Corinth. Bad chance for water.
16th Wrote a letter home.
20th There has been considerable cannonading in front yesterday and today. This morning Gen Sherman's division had an engagement. We were ordered out but before we had gone far we were ordered back again. Rainy. Thunder-showers.

21st Moved out to Sherman's division.
22nd Received two months pay. My pile is $28,60. I have 12.50 of my last pay yet. So I have got over 40 dollars.

23rd Gave Capt Carmichael 30 dollars to send to Metropolis for Father. Drew a hat & 2 pr drawers. A few days ago I drew 1 pr Boots 1 pr pants 1 shirt.
June 1st

2nd All kinds of rumors afloat. Some prisoners and rail-road stock captured.

3rd Sold Morris Myers a pr of Drawers for 50 cts.

4th Struck tents and started a little past 8 o'clock A.M. [p.16]

6th Passed through purdy and camped at Bethel on the rail-road. Good Water & plenty of it.

7th Company ordered on two days scout. I am not able to drive the team which is ordered along which is ordered along with rations, forage, cooking utensils &c.

10th Those who were left in camps were ordered to join the Battalion at Jackson Tenn. As it was mostly sick men left in camp the General sent a detail of Infantry to help pack up. The Brigade teams haul our Camp & Garrison equipage to the station. I bought a pie for 15 cts two little loves of very poor light bread for 20 cts. 1 lb. soda crackers 20 cts 3 lemons for 25 cts &c. Made lemonade.

11th Went up on the cars to Jackson the Co. seat of Madison Co. Tenn. Jackson is a pretty city but strongly sesesh.

14th Wrote a letter to Father.

19th Struck tents and started about noon (I am driving) I have had charge of the team again ever since I have been at Jackson. We also have a span of little sesesh mules & a wagon which was drawn here. Jones is driving it.

20th Reached Lexington about noon and camped in a grove in the eastern part of town. There are a good many union people here. Went into the country a short distance after forage. Got corn on Mrs. Taylor's plantation.

21st Went 4 miles into the country after corn. I went up town and bought dictionary .50 a watch guard .25.

22nd A delegation of Union Ladies & Gentlemen presented our Batt with a Union flag. An appropriate presentation speach was delivered by their spokesman. Capt O Harnett replied in a short but eloquent address which exactly suited the occasion. Loaned Wm Lyons 1.00 to pay his washer woman.

23rd Moved out to fair ground.

24th Lieut W.C. Munson addressed the natives in a first rate speach of about 2 hours length which suited the union people, but gave the sesesh some hard rubs.

28th Left Lexington. I am not able to drive I rode A. Nutty's horse & he drove about noon I gave out and couldn't ride. so I got M. Myers to lead the horse and I got aboard the wagon, and lay down on the load and went 20 miles.

29th Got into Jackson and camped near the 1st Batt. of 4th I.V.C. I got a dose of blue mass & five (quinine & Dovers powders) powders of Dr. Green. Our Batt Serg'n.
July 1st 2nd 3rd Quite unwell laying 'round in the coolest places I could find

4th Sent a letter home that I wrote the other day

5th Bought a 3 qt tin bucket and a 2 qt. tin basin for one dollar Tin ware is very high here on account of the blockade

6th Lent Frank Holmes 5.00 til next payday 40 of ours & O Harnett's cos. have gone to Lexington. Got a letter from home containing 4 p. stamps

7th Wrote and mailed a letter to Father. Several of us grunters stay in an old mill. Which passes as Hospital. Dr. Green keeps his medicines here. We cook, eat, sleep, and enjoy our-selves as we can here. It is a cool place a good spring of cold water about 200 yds off. Some of our mess caught a possum last night which would look to an unintiated eye like a domestic rooster; any way it made us a fine lot of meat, soup, and we had a fine lot of dumplings for supper, breakfast & dinner. The [sic]

8th I eat heartier than usual and feel better. I am taking some first rate bitters 3 times a day which is strengthening and giving me an appetite. Weather very hot. Copied day book to date. I have not been able for some months past to keep it posted as I could wish. My address GA Stanton care of Capt. E. Carmichael 1st Batt 4th Regt IIs. Vol. Cav. Jackson Tenn.

9th Mailed copy of day book to Mary. Wrote a letter to Reason Mcfarlin. Co got back from Lexington

12th Rode Welton's horse and went with W H Lyons to head quarters &c talked of buying Welton's horse & equipments for 140 dollars. Let John Watson take one dollar of mine into the country to buy vegetables for hospital. He bought 1/2 bu potatoes 1 bu apples

17 Got 1 qt brandy of Dr Gordon for Chas O'Harnett and myself some bitters made myself a phial of lineament. Rainy I am still quite unwell. Wrote a letter to send home by R.H. Brown

18 Received a letter from Harriet & Mary

20 Went back to old mess from hospital

21st I went out 10 or 12 miles with the wagon (Nutty driving) after forage. R.W. Brown & CC McGee started home today

24 Took charge of team again, find horses unfit for service, mules in tolerable good order. Chas Hammons is to help me if I need any help. Capt's wife came to camps to-day

25th Co. started on a scout with 2 days ration in their haversacks. We hear this evening that the Rebels under Bragg have taken Grand Junction.

26th Geared up the mules for the first time in a month and drove up to the Batt. after corn

27th Co got back about midnight & were ordered out at day light. We hear that our cavalry and the sesh are fighting 12 or 15 miles from here

29th Co. Got back about 10 o'clock pm. John Stokes was killed and Saml Ligget badly and Levi Peterson slightly wounded in the battle they fought yesterday. Morris Myers and Jno McDowel missing

30th J McDowel came in this morning. He narrowly escaped being taken part of the co. went out again this morning. The Division teams were sent down near our camps where they will be together and out of the way in case of an attack upon Jackson

31st Jayhawked a shoot this morning
Aug 1 Messers Armstrong & Golightly came to camps from Massac co.

2nd Lent R.H. Austin a postage stamp Wrote a letter to Harriet Commence Journal on new book

4th The Engineer Regt teamsters stole a halter from me, and tried to steal the mule which was run­ning [missing word]

5th We received orders to go to Astenaula to-morrow

6th Bought the NB Calvin horse of Hugh Wiley for 75 dollars I am to pay 25.00 next payday and the balance the next payday or as soon as I can

Bought an old sesesh saddle of Capt for 3.00 pay day Started with the boys to Astenaula ferry on the Hatchie river. Got there about dark where we were met by the rest of our men who

left Jackson 30th ult. Saddle hurt my horses back quite bad Horse got lame Eat first water melon to day

7th Moved camps out about 1/2 mile from the river I was detailed for picket guard for the first time since I have been in the service Three of us stood on the Jackson road Two of us went to a Mr Hays's & got dinner

8th Came off picket late was out about 24 hours

10th Set up 1/2 the night guarding Mr Pope a prisoner

11th Went out with foraging party went about ten miles south to a Mr Northern who had dared any yankee to go onto his plantation for forage or any thing else We got what cider and milk we could drink about 2 miles this side of Northern’s I pressed one of Mr Northern’s saddles into the service for my own use as my old one was unservicable My horse quite lame We got our dinners at Northern’s Got back after dark and after eating a hearty supper some 2 or 3 of us had to start right off on picket

12th Was relieved about 8 oclock this morning (Boys in camps blowing considerable about my saddle) Went into river swimming Helped two men over with their carriage and horse Swam the horse took carriage, men &c over in canoe

15th Went on picket this morning

16th Called off picket and we started to Jackson Reached there about 2 oclock p.m. Horse still lame

17th Wrote a letter to Mary I was appointed to help Q M S J.H. Watson issue feed which exemps me from camp and guard duty

18th Got some sulphur and saltpeter for my horse

19th Got some nerve and bone lineament for (Boliver) my horse Drew a pr of boots

21st Received pay I got twenty eight (28) dollars. Paid Hugh Wiley 25.00 towards horse paid Capt 3.00 for saddle Frank Holmes paid me the 5.00 he borrowed some time ago

23rd We moved our camps over to where the 1st Batt of the 4th Ills left this morning

24th Captain and Crippen start to Ills on a recruiting expedition I oiled up carbine a sabre. We hauled a load of saw dust and spread it in and around our tent Wrote a letter home

26th Got my horse shod We employ a negrow boy to cook

27th Bought girth and sirsingle of Sergt Pulese for 1.00 Went on dress parade where Genl McClernand delivered his farewell address
28 Bought bottle sweet oil .75 paper tripoli .25=
1.00 Our cook taken from us today Richard Aus-
tin very sick. He has been sick several days.

30th Another negro commenced cooking for our mess.
Got breakfast and quit.

31st Started on a scout. My horse got so lame when
about eight miles out on the Brownville road,
that I had to turn back. Considerable excite-
ment, pickets doubled. Rail road bridges burned
towards Bolivar. Received a letter from home.

Sept 1st At midnight it was reported that the pickets
were attacked. The boys were ordered out. It
proved a mistake. A company of sixteen citizens
came in from nere Astenaula for protection. A
squad of the 12th Ills. cav. came in and said
they had been cut off from their command. They
report the 30th and 20th regt's some ca[?v] and 2
pieces of artillery taken prisoners. The sesesh
are reported at from 8000 to 15000 strong. Ex-
citement in Jackson somewhat high. Fair prospect
of work, but no fear or doubt of the result if
they venture this far. Another negro commenced
cooking for us to-day.

2 Reported last night that Col. Dennis commanding
20th & 30th Regiments & had checked and held at
bay the rebels, while he sent inf reinforcements.
The bridgeburners near Medon were repulsed after
some fight with parts of the 18th, 29th, 31st
Ills., and 8th <?> Regiments. After which our boys
went <?> Medon to reinforce Dennis at Denmar[?k]
Some troops went from here to help De'nnis, but
but got there too late to do any good. M. Scroggins
& Jno. Pickens of Joh<?> came into camps. They
report all right in <?>.

3 Got one shoe put on my horse. They are <?>ing
some parts of town with cotton <?>. I bought 1/2
qr paper a pkg envelopes a box of ground mustard
for mess.

4th Got picture taken. Finished a letter commenced
yesterday. Sent letter to Harriet and picture to
Mary R.H. Austin cr by 2 postage stamps.

7 Moved camps out on the Mifflin road.

8th Shot a hog nere our old camp R S<?> and T.J.
Curry helped skin it. Washed 2 shirts and 1 pr
socks. Helped get and rig up a four mule team
for hospital. Staid all night in hospital.

9th Shaved. I guess for the last time this year.

10th Bought 50 cts worth of melons. Sold 30 cts worth
of them one for 10 cts on a credit to John Geor-
gia. Paid John Watson 10 cts which makes us sq-
are. Bought newspaper, lead pencil & ginger cake,
25

11th Wrote a letter for J.C. Cooper in regard to the
death of J.B. Horril.

12 Paid postage on Coopers letter. He being on
picket. Bought 3 postage stamps of R McGee.
Took 13 carbines to the gun shop. Saw and eat
for the first time some muscadines. Copied day-
book to send home. sent it to Mary.

13 Got 7 carbines from shop repaired.

14 Sold my shaving tools to J.H. Watson on time for
1.50 cts. Sold F.A.L. McGhee my brass watch for
1.50 one dollar of it on A.F. Holmes. Sold R.H.
Austin my dictionary for 50 cts. Helped dig a
mess of sweet potatoes which are my first. Paid
R.H. Austin a postage stamp.

17th
15th Went with Serg't Anderson and 7 others to search a plantation for arms. We found an old shot gun hid in stable
16th Took 6 more carbines to gun shop for repairs
Bought whet-stone for O.D. Vance 25 cts
17th Traided my citizens saddle for a government saddle with Dr. Green
18th O.D. Vance paid me 25 cts for whet-stone. I bought of T.J. Curry 7 postage stamps for 25 cts
Wrote a letter to Reason McFarlin
19th Wrote another letter to McFarlin
20th Bought a box of segars for 3.00 to retail
22nd Mark Welton Cr by 15 cts in melons and ten cents towards handkerchief
25th On picket guard on Trenton road
26th Lost blanket by leaving it where we stood guard
Received a letter from Harriet and Mary
27th Wrote a letter home
28th Felt an earthquake

Oct
1st Took my horse to Div. farrier and commenced doctoring him
2nd Reported horse unfit for service. Rainy. Played cards for past time
3rd False alarm this evening
4th Done up a big washing cramped a clothes line
5th They are fighting near Corinth. Oglesby wounded
6th Still fighting. Rebs routed and retreating
11th Bought of R.H. Austin his horse (John) for $72.50 cts to be paid next pay-day
23rd Started on a scout roads very dusty. Halted for the night at Denmark presbyterian church
24th Went through Brownsville. Captured one and run several sesesh cavalry out of Brownsville. Went the Trenton road crossed Fork a(?). and camped in a lane with plenty of corn and fodder on one side and sweet-potatoes on the other. We killed a lot of good hogs for fresh meat
25th Snowed to day. We went to Chestnut bluffs and counter marched camped for the night near gin. Cold night
26th Got back to camps. Recruits all here they came on the 23rd inst
28th Got old John (my Austin horse) shod
29th Went to the 31st Reg't with M. Jones
31st On picket on the Lexington road

Nov
1st A.Peters got certificat of election as 1st Lieut of a company in Neely's Reg't. He got a leave of absence and is going home to be mustered in
2nd Got a letter from Harriet and Father. We received marching orders for Nov 4th 6 o'clock A.M.
3rd I promise to pay for Richard Austin to Sylvester McCanley forty dollars and to August Quante five dollars and the ballance that I owe him (Austin) (twenty seven dollars and .75 cents to Lieut W. C. Munson I gave my notes and took Austin's receipt in full of all his demands on me
4th Struck tents and started towards Corinth
6th Got to Corinth
7th Went on picket on North Farmington road. Had a pants stolen. Co moved into the camps just vacated by the 11th Ills Cavalry
8th Lieut Munson and Mason Dunbar (went?) out of our mess to them.<(?)
9th Sold Bolivar (my horse) horse to George Carlisle for fifty five dollars to be paid next pay day.
25 Started on a scout this evening went to Shewalla where we camped for night
26th Started at 4 o'clock went by Neighbor's mill where we rifled a grocery Came by gravel hill to camps
27th Received a letter from Harriet and Mary wrote a letter home Sent recipe for D Munson's blue powders for ague &c

Dec 3 Finished chimney to our tent
4 Helped make a cook shed with Brainard's
5th Snowy and rainy
9th 150 of us from this Batt. left camps with five days rations and with some of the 5th Ohio cav. and parts of the 52nd Ills 2nd Iowa Infty Started on a scout went through Glendale where part of Al's co. joined us bivouced near Burnsville
10th Went on to near Alabama line
11th Crossed Bear river into Alabama had a running fight with the rebel(s) Followed them to Stinking Bear creek miles from Tuscumbia Our forces about 59 prisoners Our Co had two killed Started back after dark
13th At Glendale we met another five rations and an order for another scout
14th Passed through Jacinto went to Saltillo Cramped tobacco Went to deserted camps and burned their forage We off the country according to G orders Companies A C & D went to Tupelo ant took some prisoners
17 Left Saltillo & came back to Marietta where our co and some Mississippi scouts were detailed under Capt Adams to scout and pick up prisoners Arms horses &c
18 Still scouting Reached the train 2 miles north of Jacinto with 9 prisoners
19th Came back to Corinth Found Capt Carmichael in camp with an order for another four days scout Capt got back on the 12th inst my horses back sore Commenced a letter home
20th Finished and mailed letter home
29th Left camps with 6 days rations of salt and hard bread in haversacks stopped for night in Adamsville
30th Halted in Shady grove for supper and to feed horses Left Shady grove at eight oclock p.m. I pressed a horse in place of John (gave out) Halted for breakfast at 3 A.M. Chases horse fell in Owl creek Chase got wet
31st Didnt get much breakfast Had a carbine duel across the Tenn river at Clifton Came back and stopped for night at Akins where I helped cramp a good big lot of honey Got our supper at Akins

1863 Jan 1st New Year Got breakfast at Akins. The rebel (Forrest's) Brigade (which had just been whipped near Lexington and were retreating over the Tenn river) run in our pickets about 8 oclock A.M. We fell back by companies in in succession to the Decatureville road which we took and got further Co D lost in missing fifteen men The came around Forests rear and followed him about ten miles and picked up 14 prisoners came back to Dr. Lourays farm and stopped for night Cos A and C had each of man wounded
Came back to Shady grove. Our supper was brought to us at Saltillo (cornbread and meat in abundance)

Went with Col. Breckenridge to Decatur<ville?> in the night double quick

Still scouting

Rainy. We went through Decaturville and 6 of us guarded a bridge while the rest went to Perryville. We forage altogether on the country

Got back to camps this evening

Ordered out with Lieut. Richards of Co D. 30 men of us. We went to Pittsburgh Id’g where we found a steamer (James Means) loaded with commissary stores and forage

Started for Hamburg at daylight the boat beat us there. They saw six reb’s run at the sight of the boat. We followed them to a distillery 7 miles distant. Where we saw a company of about 40 men some in our uniform and some not. We fired into them after ordering them to surrender. They returned our fire wounding one of our company John Meshier over the temple severely. We afterwards learned that they were Mississippi Union scouts and had just captured the 6 men we had followed. A train of 176 teams from Corinth was loading nearly all night. Boat left at midnight

Started back with train a daylight reached camps at dusk

Capt. Carmichael who had been on a scout with about fifty men returned having lost 17 men taken prisoners and one man slightly wounded. We started out again with about 250 men went towards red sulphur springs where Capt. lost his men

Went to the late scene of action and some miles further. Raining my horse fazed I lag behind got to camps about bedtime tired and wet

Sleeting snowing raining

Frozen spitting snow. Copied journal. Wrote a letter to Harriet

Got my horse shod

Wrote a letter to H.S. Fairchilds

Guarding train with 3 days rations. Halted for night on Hamburg road

Went to Hamburg. On picket guard

Scouting up Chambers creek

Came back to Corinth. Orderly for Lieut Col. Phillips com’d’g train

Received a letter from home

Helped ditch camps

Received pay. I get 36.25. I paid Hugh Wiley towards Bolivar twenty five dollars paid Sylvester McCauley ten dollars towards the R Austin note he holds against me which note is lost and McCauley gave me a receipt for it and I gave him a new note for thirty dollars. Paid August Quante five dollars which redeemed the note he held against me. Received of George Carlisle towards old Bolivar ten dollars. Received of Levi Peterson 25 cts which squares us. Received of A. Quante 10 cts towards what he owes me. Got a pr of sturrup leathers from O.D. Vance. Paid negro cook Esquir for cooking 1.00 and for washing twenty five cents

Wrote a letter home. Bought a pr suspenders for 50 cts. Thread 10 needles 10 comb 10 paper 10 envelops 10 total 100
Went with lumber train guard to two miles the other side of Jacinto

Snouey, came back to camps

Wrote a letter to Mary enclosing 1.00 as a birthday gift Co left with 3 days rations some for Hamburg and some for Henderson's station

Went to Danville and returned to camps

Left with about 50 of our Batt. went to Shewalla and the other side Came back and staid all night at Shewalla

Went to near Hatchie We captured three guerrillas Stopped for the night at Boneyard

Went to Kosuth Then back to Shewalla and from there to Corinth

Captain and part of our Batt. brought in 16 prisoners from down in Mississippi

Started on a scout with 10th Mo. Cav. We were joined at Jacinto by part of the 5th O.V.C. and Ford's company and some Miss. scouts. making in all about 1100 men with 16 mountain howitzers

Our Batt left main column & took side scout on the left. Saw peach trees in full bloom first this season Stopped for night near big bear bridge. O. Brantly and I killed a hog

Rainy. I slept in a stable in the dry

Went into Tuscumbia. Had a skirmish with Baxter's Bath reb cav I am on picket to night on picket all day I employ O. Brantley to capture me a revolver I am to pay him five dollars for getting it

Went to South-port opposit Florence

Left Tuscumbia with large train Mules, niggers cotton &c and about one hundred and forty prisoners

Stopeed for night in Frankford. I slept in a good feather bed 3 of us Weather rainy roads muddy

About dark Co's B & D. with a a few Miss scouts went to burn a bridge 22 miles above where the train crosses Big Bear. We had to swim Little Bear to get there. Burned a large lot of manufactured cotton (cloth, thread &c) Burnt the bridge Rode all night. Captured about a dozen prisoners and horses

Rejoined main train Camped for night at Patersons

March 1st

Pleasant day

Came into Jacinto and camped for night with about 160 prisoners

Came into camps at Corinth Found a letter for me from Uncle Hiram M.J. & H.S. Fairchilds I trained eleven days out of the fourteen we were out. We had to forage our provisions off the country for several days

Bought 30 cts worth postage stamps paid Anderson boys the 2 stamp I owed them

Finished a letter to Harriet enclosing one from Chase. Wrote a letter to Uncle Hiram M.J. & H.S. Fairchilds

Bought bot gun lock oil 15 Sandpaper 5 blk pepper 15 making 35 cts Cleaned up arms

Arms &c inspected by Maj Lusk of 10th Mo. Records missing[sic]

Paid off for the months of Sept. & Oct. I received fifty dollars & 40 cts Finished paying Hugh Wiley for Bolli var twenty five dollars Paid S.D. McCauley ten dollars which reduces his note to twenty dollars. Paid Capt for R.H. Austin 7.00 Paid cook three dollars. Received of J.H. Anderson ten cents which squares us Received of E. Carlisle 05 cts which suares us Paic to mess through Chase a Munson debt of one dollar
Wrote to HE enclosing two dollars with which to treat her school on last day. Received of Sam'l Ligget two dollars for saddle I sold him at Jackson we are sq. Paid O Brantly for getting me a revolver at Tusculumbia five dollars. We are ordered out at 1 oclock P.M. with 4 days rations reinforced at Glendale. Went through Burnsville Halsted to feed at Capt. Dean C.S.A. at 2:30 A.M. Started at 4 oclock went down near Eastport Command seperated we went up Bear Creek

21 Went to where sesesh camped last night. Was fired at by their pickets and ambushed by a few rebs. Came back to Burnsville where we had several horses stolen from us during the night

22 Got back to Corinth with fourteen prisoners

23 took shoes off of Dan

24th Wrote a letter home

25 Got horse shod

26 Maj Gilbert took command of our Battalio n

Shot through the thigh by accidental discharge of rebel shot gun. Was taken to the hospital

April 9th Wrote a letter to H.S. & M.J. Fairchilds

15 Wrote a letter to Mr L. Madden and one home

18 Got a tooth plugged by Dr Durham for 1.00

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May 11th I rode into town in the ambulance bought light shoes 3.00 Fish hooks & lines 20cts Lead pencil 15. Dressed my leg myself for the first time

12 Went to the creek fishing caught one little sunfish made bate of that and caught no more with it. Got back to hospital this evening tired

13 Sold FAL McGe-e my fishing tricks for 20 cts Received a letter from J. & HS Fairchilds

14 Wrote a letter to J. & S. Fairchilds. Paid Thos J Currey 65 cts for postage stamps and stationery

15 Rode to town in ambulance & heard Adj Gen Thomas and R. Oglesby speak. We left before any one else took the stand

16 Wrote a letter for H Congers to his wife

17 Lent Jno Houchins two postage stamps

19th Got circular from a watch co no prices given

21st Opened Wm Steincamp’s letter through mistake Dunbar got my horse (Dan) from 10th Mo. cav.

22 Finished reading Life and Adventures of Don Qui-xot

23 Wrote another letter to Robbins & Appleton asking prices of Wm Elery watches

24 Received a letter from Harriet & Mary

25 Dan gone again. Wrote a letter to Harriet & Mary Our Batt. presented Dr R.H. Green with a saddle and horse equipments (cost in Memphis 85.00 as a token of respect and appreciation of his services and success as a surgeon

26 put stamp on letter and mailed it for H.D. Chase Co ordered out with seven days rations two in haversacks & 5 on pack mules. Started between 9& 10 A.M.
27 Paid Esquir 6.00 towards cooking, Washing, taking care of my horse &c
29 Contributed 25 cts towards lemons. Lent T.J. Currey 10 cts. Fine thunder shower this evening. Phillip Clemens Esqr from Golconda here to see Usher Houchins paid me the 2 postage stamps he had borrowed
30th Wrote a letter to Emily M Moore. Lent John Houchins two dollars cash. My throat & breast sore from a cold.
31st Co got back off scout.

June 4 Dr Robert H. Green & family started home this morning. I wrote a letter to Uncle Z. Collins, Ohio. Got a pass for Holmes & McGee to go outside our lines to hunt stray horses.
6 Wrote a letter home.
8th Wrote a letter to Uncle Hiram, Charles & HS Fairchilds and H.H. Powell.
11th Left hospital and came to quarters. Boys start out on a 3 days scout. Wrote a letter to H.E. enclosing my last Red bud letter. Received a reply from Robins & Appleton 182 Broadway N.Y. agts for A. watch Co stating prices.
12 Helped fix up in and about tent. Made table.
14th Wrote a letter to H.E. one to T.J. Utley and one to the editor of the Vienna paper enclosing 1.25 as subscription and postage for that paper.
17 Bought an earthen plate of Aunt Dinah (cook) for 15 cts paid Esquire 25 cts for bread.
19 Wrote a letter to James B. Blakesley, C.H. 12th Ills inf'ty. Boys got back off scout this evening.
21st Went with wagon after water 1 mile towards Danville. Too hard work, guess I won't go again soon.
22nd Copy journal.
23rd Head qrs. Brass band serenaded Lt Col Gilbert this evening.
25 Received two (Union Couriers) papers from H.E. Finish ed reading Sam Slick in search of a wife.
27 Received a letter from E.M. Moore & one from T.J. Utley.
28 Wrote a letter HE & Mary one to Nathan Moore 1 to H.B. Wiley and one to E.M. Moore.
30 Received a copy of the Union Courier dated June 27th/63 the first of my years subscription. Went out on parade for the first time since hurt this evening.

July 2 Wrote a letter to T.J. Utley.
4 Got Wm Steinkamp to shingle my hair paid him 10 cts.
6th Received a letter from Robbins and Appleton dated May 12th in answer to my first letter. Got my saddle & horse equipments appraised. Rode horse back for the first time since shot.
7 Went to hospital and told the surgeon to report me for light duty. Gen Rodgers rebel cav. captured about 500 head of horses and 30 men at our Govt Karral towards Farmington about day-break this morning. Our cav. were soon in pursuit. Over took and had a fight with them near Iuca.
8 Co got back at noon to-day. Received my 2nd Union Courier. Received letter from N O. More.

Helena Ark
9th  Co called out near midnight last night  Finished letter to H.E.  Wrote one to N.O.  More Received a letter from Aunt Harriet Collins Little Hocking Ohio and one from H S & M J Fairchilds & Harlow Powel  Co got back at noon

10  Wrote letter to Aunt Harriet & I to H.S. Fairchilds

11  Burnt up a lot of old letters  Jas B. Blakesley came to camps this evening  Went with Watson & Jas Copland my first ride since shot to Negro's camp to meeting  Watson preached

15  Sent 3 old letters to Mary to keep for me 1 from Aunt H Collins 1 from E.M. & 1 from N.O. Moore

17  Received a letter from and wrote one home

18  Went with Watson Anderson & Todd to Glendale horse hunting  Spent fifty cts for tobacco & pies  Got back sore & tired of riding

19  Went out to inspection of arms  Copied journal to date

20  Received letter from N.O. Moore

21st  Rode about Corinth in serch of Dan  Recvd letter from H.B. Wiley

23  Witnessed the execution of a deserter Alex. Johnson privt 1st Ala. Cav.  He was shot at 10 o'clock A.M.  Made bunk for Currey & Anderson  Finished & mailed a letter to H.B. Wiley

26th  Wrote a letter to Union Courier  Our Chaplain Walker preached for the first time

27th  Finished clothes press for our mess

31st  Took charge of T J Curry's horse while he is home on furlough  Sent letter by him to Ahab Inman  Mailed a letter to Moses (Deity) Jones Vienna Ills

August

4th  Went over to 120th camps  (They got here night before last) where I saw lots of acquaintincs  A lot of refugees (union bushwhackers) camped for the night near our Regt  They came from the other side of the Tenn river

5th  Copied journal to date

9th  Drew a Government horse

11th  Wrote letters to HS Fairchilds & N.O. Moore  Received a letter from HS Fairchilds  Ordered to be ready at noon tomorrow for scout  I went to Dodgers' head quarters and saw Nathan Williams for N.O. Moore

13  Lieut Chase & 25 of us with 75 other officers & men from this reg't and one hundred men from 10th Mo. cav. Started about 1 o'clock P.M. with 3 days rations  Went south traveled night and day

14  Routed a camp of rebels near Bay Springs in the Tombigbee bottoms 65 miles from Corinth

15  Got back as far as Jacinto I acted as corp'1 of picket guard on two roads  We captured today and yesterday 4 or 5 prisoners  several Horses Mules guns &c &c

16  Got back to camps found letter from H.E. Stanton

18  Finished letter to Harriet  We commenced getting timber for kitchen  Chase & squad who were out foraging brought in green corn apples &c

19th  Wrote a letter to E Moore Pella Iowa  We were ordered to saddle up and started to smiths Bridge  Were ordered back to prepare to move  We packed up most of our Camp and Garrison equipage and moved out to camps near Smiths bridge  Went into the barracks there  Went to a soldiers wedding one of Co. C. to a no account rebel girl with baby the couple were married by Lt Hogan Co. C. who pronounced them man & wife by god
20th On guard afoot Went in Tuscumbia swimming drank lots of butter milk
21st We move back to Corinth to prepare to move to Memphis Tenn
22nd Packed up our tricks for a move packed 4 boxes to go by rail I was one of 12 men selected to go down with the things on the cars moved boxes to depot
23rd Reg't start to Memphis our 12 men are left to guard the 3 cars loaded by our regiment
24 I spend my last cent for bread for breakfast for the mess (12). Came down to Memphis moved out south street to the ground being vacated by Smiths Battery
25 Smiths Battery finished moving out and we arranged our camps Opened our boxes to dry the things which were spoiling We are ordered to Helena Ark
26 Evers got back to co. Wrote a letter to T.J. Currey
27 Reg't got here I am on camp guard round camps Helped take one of Co. C. to Irvin-block
28th The paymaster is paying our Reg't
29th We receive pay for the 4 months of March April May and June I received one hundred dollars and eighty cents Paid Sutler 1.00 Received of John Houchins 2.00 of John H Watson 1.50 of AF Holmes 1.00 of August Quante .25 which squares my account with them Went to town bought a belt for 1.50 Went to Theater paid 75 cts for D.C. ticket
30 Helped take Usher F. Clemens in metallic case to the steam-boat to be sent home Drank a cock-tail at Chase’s expense spent some money with cake and apple peddlers
31 Went to town and bought an American lever watch (Wm Elery) for which I paid $27.10 two companies embark for down the river Bought Milk & eggs for breakfast We live fine here but it is rather costley Co C. gets transportation and move to the river this evening We have roll call several times a day for the purpose of keeping the men in camps and sober Copied journal Pedlers are almost as thick as soldiers in camps at times a good many of them have whiskey to sell on the sly Weather pleasant Received a letter from Martha J. Moore Cincinnati
Sept 2nd We got orders at 12 m to embark at 3 P.M. (It) was 5 o'clock when we got our things, horses [&] selves all aboard the Emerald We lay on board at Memphis until 4 o'clock A.M.
3rd when we shoved out Landed at Helena A[rk] at 12 M. We camp on river bank above town I went up to 3rd Iowa camps and saw Cornelius Stanton 1st Lt Co I of that regt
5 M. Dunbar & I bought catfish for which we paid (?) it would probably have weighed 20 lbs Jane commenced cooking for us Esquir takes care of horses
6  Bought 25 cts worth postage stamps Brainard <??>
    went up river & got pumpkins
7  I am on camp guard  Paid cook (Jane) 1.00 towards buying her a dress
8  Gave Esqr 1.00 with which to buy coffee for Mess
    Started on scout. We went down to Old Town bend 28 miles below here. Our road lay back in the
    country a piece. We came back about 3 miles &
    camped for the night
9th  Started a little after sunrise reached camps about 3 P.M.
16th  Bought looking glass & a deck of cards
19th  Regt started out with 8 days rations to guard a
    wagon train through to Clarenden on the White
    river. I was excused by Serg’n Moore
21st  The 3rd Iowa cau moved out and we hauled down a
    lot of lumber and boards
22nd  Wrote a letter to HB Wiley Bridgeport Tenn
23rd  Wrote a letter to K.C.W
26th  Wrote a letter to T.J. Currey Paid Minna 15 cts
    for washing. Jane quit cooking for us. Esqr is
    cook again
29th  Received a letter from Betsy Ann Yates. I am one
    of a guard for lumber train. Went to old camps
    on Little Rock road.
30th  Wrote a letter to Betsy A Yates. Rainy
      We move dcamps to a little nearer town & over
      the levee. Received a letter from H.B. Wiley
1 Oct  Worked some on stables. Wrote letter to H.B.
      Wiley
3  Worked on stables & cook house. T.J. Currey got
    back off furlough. Wrote letter home
4  Went on picket on Little Rock road.
5  Came off picket. Esqr sick. I helped get supper
6  We employ Amanda (colored) to cook for us. While
    Esqr is sick. Start on scout at 8 o’clock P.M.
    with one days rations. We went a few miles out
    on Little Rock road and turned to the right rode
    nearly all night.
7  We captured 6 prisoners & a negrow. Returned by
    way of St Francis river. I brought in 2 muscovia
    ducks, a canteen of melases and a china meatptale
    (plate?)
8  I went out and helped haul a load of brick for
    chimney to our cook house. Esqr was taken to the
    pest hospital. He has the small-pox
9th  Worked on cook-house-chimney.
10th  Wrote a letter to H.E. Stanton & sent her a ses-
      ehs newspaper (Mobile Tribune) for preservation
      received a letter from & wrote one to N.O. Moore
      went on picket guard this evening.
13th  Worked on stable. Went with Lt. Col. Gilbert &
      squad after two guns left by rebel deserter near
      Little rock road.
14th  Gilbert’s Carmichael’s & Steinburg’s horses were
      stolen. Review by Grants inspector gen’l. I bought
      tin saucer .20 for myself and a pepper box
      .15 cts for mess.
15th  Bought bot. ink. Copied journal. Received a letter
      from HE & MA dated oct 8th 1863 acknowledging
      receipt of the money. I sent to Metropolis
      last spring and also my last copy. Loaned Chase
      2.60 to buy commissary provisions. I bought news
      paper 10 cts 2 glasses beer 15 cts
18th  On picket up river or rather up slough.
19th  Came off picket. Loaned Chase 25 cts to pay for
      ax handle.
20 Chase gave me a duebill for $50.00 being the forty dollars he borrowed of me some time ago and the price of clothing he has drawn on my account, deducting eight dollars which I pay him for an over-coat which is at Father's. Received a letter from H.B. Wiley. Helped dig drain through levee to drain camps wrote to H.B. Wiley.

21st Rainy. I got breakfast. Bought a pair of watering bits & reins of T.J. Currey for .75 and a pair of saddle bags of R.E. McGee for 75 cts. Got breast strap mended. Took saddle bags to shop Ordered to be ready with 4 days rations at 7 A.M. tomorrow.

22nd Cos A.B.C. & D. with ten teams went down river by negro camps. Saw Guerillas across the river. Some of Co. E. (which is camped there) and about 150 negroes went with us. We camped for night at J. A. Craig's plantation. The night was cold & rainy. We slept in negro qrs.

23 We went below old town and turned to the right. Went to Mat. Ward's plantation. The nig's loaded the wagons with corn while we scouted the neighborhood. Our co. didn't get any fresh pork. I am with most of our co on picket guard.

24 Frost this morning, the first I have seen this season. I brought in a chair & a little bell. Had a big chase after horsetracks & negroes for Guerillas as we were coming in. Received a letter from H.E. Stanton.

25 Moved to cotton plantation 8 miles below town. We only took part of our camp and garrison equipment. The negroes commence fortifying here. Lt Col Gilbert in command.

26 Helped M Myers hunt for his horse. We sleep in a house tonight.

27 25 of us went up to town. I bought a box of segars for 3.00 Fish lines & 3 hooks for 50 cts. 3 apples 10 cts. Bottle ink 10 cts. Received letters from H.S. & M. Fairchild and Emily M. Moore.

28th Loaned T.J. Currey 1.00. Wrote a letter to H.E. Stanton enclosing one from EM Moore and one from N.O. More. Wrote a letter to E.M. More. Went fishing this evening caught (?).

29 Got and eat breakfast without waking Chase. Which has given him an uncommon long phiz. All day I wrote a letter to H.S. Fairchild. Choped & helped haul a load of wood. Our mess goes up stairs to sleep.

30 Wrote two letters for Peter Walker. Rainy.

31 Moved back to Helena. We all came in negroes & any. The privates of our reg't got mittens furnished by the ladies of Massachusetts.

Nov. 1st

3 Helped load 93 bales of hay for Reg't. Co. B. went out with adj't Gen. on L R (?) road. Brought in two rebel soldiers (?) Allen Pope. We were on guard for wood choppers till evening. When we went out on St Francis road and arrested Mr. Wy (?).

4 Thos J. Currey & I choped and hauled a load of wood from out on L R road. Chase tore down our cooking contraption and commenced building a fire place. I helped wheel dirt and raise the floor of our kitchen.

Cos B. & D. started at day-light (before breakfast) in a big hurry over the hills and through the wood paths to the left of the St F. road. Came into the road about 6 miles from town where 6 or 9 (?) rebels were this morning. Drew clothing I drew one Coat 2 pr. Drawers 2 Shirts & 2 pr. socks.
6 Helped load 93 bales of Hay for Reg’t. Helped Chase finish chimney to Kitchen. Currey brought John Lemley into our tent for a bed fellow.

8 Went on picket.

9th Came off picket. Heard Old Esquir died last Saturday. Bought 2 candles 10 cents.

10th 25 men and a com’dg officer of Co.B. and part of Co.D. under command of Capt Richards ordered to be ready with 3 days rations at 2 pm today. I wrote a letter home directed to Father. Embarked aboard the steam ferry boat Hamilton Belle went up 8 or 10 miles. landed on the Miss. side, rode through the woods to Austin. Reembarked at midnight a little above Austin where we lay til 4 AM.

11th Went up to Clarks plantation 26 miles above Helena in Ark. where we landed. Captured some arms and a prisoner. Rode up the river captured two prisoners. Stopped at Matt Woods. Got our breakfasts & fed. Had fresh venison and sweet potato (?) for breakfast. The boat came up & lies here while we scout. Went out 8 or 10 miles through the country capturing prisoners, arms &c. We camped for the night at Woods.

12 Went over to and down the St Francis river pick-up about 12 prisoners (Soldiers Ferry men &c.) Went back with the boat up St Francis about 4 miles to take aboard some cotton &c. I helped one of the firemen kill a hog and got him to smuggle my half to Helena on the boat for me.

13 I was one of 10 men who accompanied our guide Fisher to his plantation and helped take his trunks &c to boat. Crossed the St Francis and arrested two men. Went down on south side of river to porters mill at the mouth where we destroyed a flat and dugouts and embarked for Helena. Arrived here this evening with my fresh pork all right. Find 2 letters & 2 papers (Union Couriers). The letters from H.E. Stanton & B.A. Yates.

14 Wrote letter to Harriet.

15 Wrote letter to B.A. Yates.

16 20 of us called up about 3 AM we had but 3/4 of an hour to get into line with 3 days rations. Went up St Francis road rode all day without feeding. Stopped for night at Col. Oda’s I am on picket.

17 Scouted all day captured several prisoners. A guerrilla cannon Guns &c. Camped at Jists. Killed a lot of Chickens.

18th Came through Lagrange. Found Castile’s Order No 1. Our advance fired at flock of wild turkeys. Got into camps about 7 P.M. found 3 letters 1 from N.O. More 1 from E.M. Moore 1 from TCB. Wiley & H.B. Hardy.

19 Got pay. I received thirty nine dollars and 60 cents. Chase paid me fifty dollars & redeemed his due bill. I bought some paper, pens & holder. Wrote letter to E.M. Moore. Capt Leak & 25 men have crossed the river below here.

20th Bought myself a pocket handkerchief for 1.50 pocket knife 1.00 Erasing pencil .20
Received a letter from Harriet and one from H.B. Wiley. Wrote a letter to N. O. Moore and one to HB Wiley & HB Hardy. Wrote letter enclosing one dollar for postage &c to Ed. of Union Courier requesting him to change my address from Corinth to this place. On stable guard to night.

22nd

Chase has Krout to sell. Several of us go to Episcopal church to night. Bought 2 cups cider for Jas Evers & myself.

23rd


24th

Helped buy some apples for mess.

25th

Loaned FC Todd fifty dollars, took his due bill. Wrote a letter to Harriet enclosing letters from NO & Em Moore. Stood guard at Col's head qrs.

26th

Worked on kitchen. Rec'd letter from EM Moore.

27th

Start this A.M. at 10 o'clock with 3 days rations. Stopped for night at Mr. Slauthers. Very hard thunder shower to night.

28th

Went across Big creek captured six prisoners and Ben Lyles' horse which was stolen some time ago. Start back. The Weather turning cold. Got to camps about sundown.

29th

Cold as Greenland. Rec'd letter from EM Moore. Wrote to EM Moore. Bought a hat for 270 and a pr. boots for 5.50.

30th

Wrote to Harriet enclosing letters from N. O. & Em Moore.

December

1st

Received a letter from Mother & Harriet and one from H.S. Fairchilds. Got beard clipped cost 15.

2nd

Helped haul 100 bu. of coal from boat to hospital. Got Jas Durham to plug a tooth paid him 1.00.

3rd

Helped chop and haul wood. Finished letter to Mother and Harriet. Wrote to H.S. Fairchilds.

4th

Chase paid me balance (85 cts) for segars. Helped chop wood.

5th

Helped haul wood.

6th

150 of us under Maj Carmichael left with 3 days rations at 7 o'clock this morning. Took Old town road about 18 miles turned to the right. Captured rebel Lieut and two men. Stopped for night at Simms. A squat of us went to big creek & routed a rebel picket captured his horse.

7th

Ferried the wagons across. Swam some of the horses over. Went to Mr. Crisp and Mr. Rodgers (our guides) places with the teame part of the command helped pack up and load and get the families ready to move while the rest of us scouted and chased guerrillas through the neighborhood. Came back to about 6 miles from Trenton and stoped for night. Jas Copland & I slept in stable. Rainy.

8th

Our Co in the rear. Had charg of prisoners. Took a lot of cattle along. Ferried across Big Creek Co. L captured another prisoner. Reached camps after dark still raining.

9th

Thos Paterson paid me 100 for my pocket knife which he lost night before last. I helped take the captured horses down to Q M's. Bought another knife for 1.00.

10th

Sold T. J. Currey my watch for $30.00 twenty dollars down and ten to be paid next pay day. Bought 20 cts worth paper. Still rainy.

11th

Copied Journal this morning. Pay ten cents for envelopes.
I got supper this evening. H Anderson & myself called in at Nigs ball awhile Streets awful muddy. On Camp guard to night.

13th Still rainy. Received a letter from B.A. Yates. Amanda wrote my horse home. She sent the horse back by a boy.

14th Bought a pencil 10 cents.

15th My halter stolen last night & horse loose this morning. About 175 of us started at noon with 6 days rations of hard bread. Coffee Salt &c. Ferried over Big Creek. Staid all night at Wallas’s while at Big Creek a prisoner shot at one of Co L and escaped.

16th Went out through Trenton. Scouted through the country hunting gurillas in a hard rain all day. Captured Capt. Clendenen, Lieut Jack Thompson and thirteen men all of CSA. I help guard prisoners at Petersons to night.

17th We came back to camps. I helped guard the prisoners in. Still raining but turning cold.

18th Cold. Received a letter from Mother H.E. & M.A. and one from N.O. Moore.

19th Saw prisoners taken aboard boat.


21st Bought Gold pen & Silver penholder for two dollars. Wrote letter to T.J. Utley.

22nd Finished letter to Z Collins &c. Got Jas Durham to plug a tooth. 1.00. On camp guard tonight.

24th Helped dig ditch on north side of stables. Drew a pair pants. Bought a can of Oysters and fried them by Jonas’s fire. Received a letter from HS and MJ Fairchilds.

Christmas. Went to post hospital to see some of our boys there and to see about buying a horse. Got two Ambrotype pictures taken. Cost 1.50.

26th Wrote a letter to E.M. Moore and one to Mother enclosing a picture in each. Finished letter to H.S. Fairchilds.

27th Went on picket. Rainy.

28th Came off picket. Our mess got pr hand irons cost 1.00. Received letter from H.B. Wiley. Went to town. Bought Newspaper & apples.

30th Received a letter from Capt C.A. Stanton.

31st Cold. Snowed some. Emeline Cooks today. We have but two meals. Chase & Currey bought Oysters & Sardines and we had a supper about 11 oclock. Jno Lemley furnished apples.

1864 Jan 1st New Year. The thermometer indicates 4 deg above 0 at sunrise this morning. Very cold all day. On camp guard to night. Officers all drunk. Chase had to be helped home from town-- I got to bed at 3 o'clock this morning.

2nd Chase and Anderson get their commissions as 1st and 2nd Lieuts. Brainard detailed as A.C. Sergt.

3rd Still Cold & Rainy. Chase, Anderson and I went to meeting. Brainard came off picket and goes on duty as Comissary Sergt. I sent Amanda a few dried apples.

6th Amanda came back and got supper this evening.

7th Still Cold. I have a very bad cold. On Camp guard to night. Brainard had a hot stew ready for me when I came off guard.
8th Lt Anderson paid me twenty dollars which he had borrowed a few days ago. I bought an American lever W.E. watch Jeweled for 31 dollars and a guard for 25 cents. Lt Anderson treated the Company for Egg nog. Sergt Kibbee treated me at bar.

9th Helped roll hay off boat, up the river bank. Got letter from home.

10th Helped Chop and haul two loads of wood. Wrote a letter to Capt. C.A. Stanton.

11th Helped haul rations and hay for regt. Weather moderating a little.


13th Went on picket on Little Rock road.

14th Came off picket and found a letter from Ben F. Bridges (at Germantown).

15th Bought a pair Suspenders for 1.00. Loaned Jno. Houchins 1.00. Drew a Curry comb & Brush.


18th Went on picket.

19th Came off picket. Received letter from HE & MA. Cold as Greenland.

20th General inspection by Gen. Buford on parade ground.

21st Saw Capt. CA Stanton & Wm Frazier on board transport. They were going home on veteran furlough. Wrote a letter to HE & MA. Went on dress parade.

22nd Inspection of arms by Inspector General. Our horses and equipments inspected.

23rd Received a letter from & wrote one to H.S. Fairchilds.

24th We were aroused at 1/2 past one this morning. The rebels had attacked and burned a negro camp and wood yard on the island (60) a little above this. Cos E & B were ordered over immediately. We embarked on the Cheek and landed between 2 and 3 o'clock at the burning camp. The rebs had killed one old negro. Stolen some horses and mules. Captured and Carried off several negroes. They had also killed a lot of oxen. Threw wagons into the river &c &c. A great many of the Negroes had hid under river bank &c in only their night clothes and left their clothes & provisions to be burned up or carried off. They were badly scared and nearly froze. We waited until daylight -- meanwhile infantry reinforcements came. We followed the rebel trail about 8 miles and returned to camps. Which we reached about 2 o'clock p.m. awful tired and hungry.

25th Bought two of McGuffey's pictorial primers. Sent one to Emeline Wood and gave one to Harry. Got ready and Saddled up for scout at 6 o'clock, with one day's rations. Started at 6-30. Landed at Harbards Landing. Went up to Austin Miss where we waited till day light.

26th Scouted through the country. I captured a pair of Saddle bags, Bridle reins &c. Got to Boswicks at dark. Waited till moon up took Dr Boswicks mules and reached the boat at midnight. Got to camps about 1/2 past 1 o'clock.
27 Slept nearly all day
Wrote a letter to H.B. Wiley. A flag of truce came on St. Francis road. I go on picket. A flag of truce was sent out this evening by Genl. Bu ford. Our picket post was reinforced to 15 men 5 non com'd and a com'd officer. The flag of truce squad not getting back a squadron of Cav. and a lot of Nig infantry was sent out at midnight to see what was the matter. They met the flag and all got back about two o'clock. Ten boat loads of the 16th Army corps passed down in the night.

28 Our Co on picket all day.

29 Received a letter from NO Moore. I was witness in Jno. Houchin's court marshall case. On Camp guard to night. It began to rain at 7 p.m.

30th M. Myers rides my horse on scout to day. I am on guard at guard house nearly all day. The 25th Wis moved out today. I got Stove chair &c &c cost 25 cents. Rainy & windy this evening. Amanda sick.

Feb 1st Wrote a letter to NO Moore and one to Father.
Mother & Sisters enclosing NO Moors last and a copy of sesesh girls letter to her intended.

2nd Went to see how Amanda is getting along went to the Dr. and got her medicin for mouthwash. Co got in at 11 o'clock to night.

3rd 17 men and two Non Com'd officers were ordered out with five days rations & 3 days horsefeed to start at 7 oclock tomorrow morning.

4th The Squad started as pr order. H Anderson & I hauled a load of wood. Frederic Lisaback died last night & was sent home by Jas. Kitchell who has a furlough.

5th I drew Haversack 2 pr Socks & 2 pr of Drawers for Chase. About 100 of us started about 1 o'clock with 4 days rations. Captured 8 prisoners to night. Staid all night at Dades. I am on picket.

6th I help guard prisoners we went to near Moringo(?). turned to right and staid all night at Slaughterers. Helped guard prisoners till 10 oclock.

7th Coming back we fed at noon at Capt Slaughters. Reached camps about 8 oclock with Capt Martin and 11 men all of C.S.A. prisoners.

8th Went to town after my watch found shop closed so I couldn't get it. After dark we were ordered to prepare two days rations and be ready at 1/2 past 2 oclock tomorrow morning for Scout.

9th got aboard the boat about 3 oclock. Landed at day break at Old Town. A squad of men went out to slough afoot. We landed at the foot of 35 in Ark. and went out to McKees and fed. Thence through the mud and cain breaks to Simses plantation where we fed and got our dinners. I paid 5 cents & some coffee towards corn bread & butter. I found a musket & ammunition hid in an old shanty. We took two feeds of corn and went to the McGee place near Old Town lake where we found Co.s G.

10th Several of us fed (without leave) corn found on the place which the Maj don't like. A squad of us went with the Maj to the 3rd plantation below. Coming back some of the boys shot at a flock of wild geese and killed one. Reached camps about 2 p.m. Found a letter from Harriet. Date Jan 28th.

11th Saw Old Col Dunlap (Q M at Little Rock) in town to-day. Helped haul 2 loads of wood.
12 Finished letter to Harriet enclosing one to Ross & Martha Sanders
13th Copied journal to date Got my watch from the shop paid 1.00 owe 50 cts
14 Rainy Lt H Anderson & I went to meeting
15 Wrote a letter to EM Moore
17 Received a letter from Harriet Got horse shod
18th Received a letter from EM Moore On camp guard
19 Read Novel
20th Wrote letter to Harriet Got ready for scout left camps 1/2 past 4 pm Landed at mouth of White river Took horses off and fed them I am on forage guard aboard the boat
21st Start at sunrise up White river On Forage guard all day Landed 3 miles up Indian Bay Having first landed the negroes 3/4 miles below to surround the landing and plantation I voluntarily went on Sham guard at a rebel officers house to cramp meat &c Cramped a brass kettle
22nd Leave the landing and start out through the country past Capt Mayo's Stopped and fed at Dr ---- [sic]Brought along a wounded Ills soldier who we found at the Dr.s Staid all night at Lightfoots
23rd Scouted and Chased gurrillas all day Some of us start for Helena with the prisoners Crossed Big Creek at Wallas's ferry While crossing we heard firing up the creek which we afterwards learned from boys who got away and came to us was Capt Anderson's rebels firing into Lieut Campbells squad who were guarding a ford Stopped for night at first house this side 1/2 mile of the ferry We hear captured Mose Middleton Co's A. & C. were at the ferry
24 Start at 4 o'clock and reach camps about 10 o'clock A.M. We brought in a Maj a Capt a Lieut and nine men Received a letter from H.S. Fairchilds
25 The balance of the scout got in about noon put bail in brass kettle that I cramped on the scout On camp guard to night
27th Received letter from N.O. Moore containing two photographs of himself to be resent by me to Harriet It also contained a temperance advertisement and a tract Lead our horses on Gen parade this evening Wrote a letter to N.O. Moore & one to Harriet enclosing Moors photos and letter &c
28th Signed pay roll
29th Rainy & Cold
March 1st A.M. snowing P.M. Clear I sold the stove that I got of the 25th Wis for ($2.50) two dollars 50 cts
2nd Paid Amanda One dollar for cooking for the month of Feb paid Plout bal lance due for fixing watch fifty cents On camp guard tonight
3rd On camp guard all day Received letters from Mrs Isabelle A Talbot H.B. Wiley & from home
4 Wrote to HS Fairchilds and H.B. Wiley
5th Wrote to Mrs Isabelle A Talbot & to Mother & Harriet
6th Received pay I got twenty six dollars Start at 9 AM on scout with one days rations wend down Old Town lake road Stoped at Castile place about 1/2 past 4 & fed Waited til day light Wrote to Harriet enclosing Moors photos of himself &c
7th Went to Old town where we divided. Capt Oconel took one squad Chase another each taking a separate road and came up the island. Reached camps about sundown.

8th Our Mess got each a Ambrotype picture of the mess in group Cost 4.00 each paid Amanda for washing 90 cents.

9th TJ Curry & I went to town & mailed our mess pictures. Went to the picture gallery to get negatives taken for photographs but were sent for before we could get them taken. Twenty five men we detailed to go with Lieut Chase on a scout with 4 days rations & forage. Currey & I went back to the gallery and had our negatives taken. I paid for him & me (or rather I loaned Currey 2 dollars). Rainy on camp guard.

10th On Forage detail. Helped haul hay.

11th Got our 1/2 doz photo's each from the gallery. I loaned Sergt Currey two dollars more making 4.00 which our pictures cost each of us. Paid 30 cents postage on Lieut Andersons mess picture. Wrote a letter to EM Moore Enc photo. Went over and saw Capt Wm A Stewart and Lady Co D 1st Iowa AD. They are from Pella and are acquainted with my relatives there. Mrs Stewart left Pella but a few days ago. Capt S gave me Warren Olney address. A scouting party under Carmichael brought in from over in Miss 9 prisoners.

12th Received a letter from Harriet. Finished a letter to Harriet & Mary enclosing a descriptive list of our mess. Three photo's to be divided as directed and a two dollar bill for Harriet to buy stationary and pay postage on my letter from home. There were three horses sold at auction today but went so high I could not buy. Capt Oconel & Chase's scout got in at 2 p.m. from up St Francis river with 9 prisoners. Refugees &c. I bought 1/2 quire paper 20 cents.

13th Went to Catholic church. Finished letter to NO. Moore Enclosing photo for Isabelle Talbot On guard.

14th Wrote to HS Fairchilds enclosed a photo. On guard towards town. This is election day in Arkansas.

15th Went to Town. Chase bought beef steak. I subscribed and paid one dollar for Jno Stokes Sister who is poor and blind. Her brother & supporter John Stokes was one of our Co. and was killed in a fight with the rebs on Hatchie in Tenn.

16th Our Co. hauled wood. Currey & I got two loads.

17th Received letter from Harriet & Mary. Made Yoke for Boy Harry to fetch water with. Went with Chase and others to look for saw logs. Wrote to Capt W. Olney.

18th Helped Chase & others work hard all day and load one saw log which we could not haul & left it on the wagon. On Camp guard tonight and tomorrow.

19th On guard today. Got horse shod behind. Ordered to saddle up and get 2 days rations ready immediately but we didn't go this time.

20th Went to Meeting. Lots of women and Citizens there. On picket guard I stood nearly two vidette on Little Rock road when we were relieved to come to camps and get ready for a scout.

21st Start about Sunrise. Report to Capt Ford. We followed Guerrilla mule stealers trail down Longlake from Deadmans ford down through Cain breaks and across Old Town lake at an almost impassable ford, which we never knew of before. Fed and got our suppers at the Castle place. Went in the night to the old Simms place. Captured two prisoners just this side of there. Staid until about 7 o'clock AM of the [sic]
22nd When we followed the trail (a new path to us to a new ford on Big Creek) Our advance shot at the rebel pickets at Big Creek. Came back by way of Old town Richard Slater got sick and we had to get a buggy to bring him in. We got to camps about 8 o'clock I am tired and sore.

23rd Bought fish hooks & lines for 60 cents

24th Received letter from EM Moore. Wrote letter to Wm. Hardy at Keokuk Iowa. Cold and rainy this evening.

25th Wrote to E.M. Moore

26th Went to Comissary for Chase for Ham & Bacon. Bought with Chase’s money 2 1/2 doz eggs of Will– liky Co. A.

27th Easter Sunday Had Ham & Eggs for breakfast. Weather pleasant I went to Catholic church and to lecture this evening. Wrote to Harriet & Mary enclosing four old letters. Kibbee’s Cook fell off my horse to day.

28th Received letter from N.O. Moore

29th Helped fix sink for Co. Went to panorama show of the war. Cost 50 cents.

30th Paid Amanda for washing 25 cents. Ordered out instanter 1–30 p.m. went to head-quarters and after waiting awhile were ordered back to Camps. Dress parade at 1/2 past 5 this evening. An order was read to expel all the contrabands from Camps except Officers servants and those who have had the small pox. The men generally don’t like it.

31st On Scout. We were in a hard thunder shower and hail storm this evening. Stay all night at Ska– fes place.

April 1st Came in this evening from scout. Found letter from HE & M.A. Stanton.

2nd Helped bury Richard Slater.

3rd Start at 7 AM with 5 days rations. One of the 1st Ark. Cav. shot accidentally through his leg. We left him at Johnsons. Forded Big Creek at Mills. Camped for the night at Mrs Luckadoo’s on picket.

4th Captured the deserter Fred Hill and twelve other prisoners including Capt. Carr C.S.A. Went in six miles of Clarenden. Camped at Roberts. Messed with Capt Ford & others. Got wench to cook our supper and breakfast. I paid her 20 cents. Took along some corn bread.

5th Start at 7 o'clock. Hunted rebs about Mattocks bay and down near Indian bay. Camped for night at Mrs. Lamberts. I am on picket guard. The pickets on the Arkansians side of the camps were fired at. The pickets kept up considerable firing. Moved camps down to Wiggens about 1/2 mile and put out a chain guard with orders to fire without halting. An old ox that came near the pickets was badly wounded.

6th Went out about a mile to Mrs. _______ where we fed and got breakfast. Crossed Big Creek at Walla’s ferry after dark. Found Lt Col Gilbert with balance of our regt and one piece of Artillery and about a dozen wagons. Camped in the woods near the ferry. We camped with them.
Gilbert had three shots fired this morning. He has been here several days and has fired the cannon every morning. We start for Helena at noon. Got to Camp after dark. Found letters from H.S. Fairchilds & H.B. Wiley. We brought in 14 prisoners, 30 or 40 head of horses and mules—quite a number of contrabands &c &c. My horses back some sore.

Regt ordered out with 6 day rations. My horses back is sore so I stay in Camps. On Camp guard last night.

Wrote letters to N.O. Moore and to HE & MA Stanton. Went to negro Sunday school & to Church. On camp guard.

Wrote to H.B. Wiley.

Finished letter to HS Fairchilds. Received letter from Harriet & Mary. Bought fish hooks & lines for 2.00. Sent N.O. Moore's last letter to Capt. Stewart, the scout came in to night.

Sergt Currey & I hauled two loads of wood. Caught a fish that would weigh about 3 lbs. Saw William Neecamp thrown from a horse and killed. I helped dress and lay him out.

Went fishing up to the Byou. Caught nothing. Our horses reviewed by Genl. Buford this evening. Helped take metallic case containing Neecamp's remains to the wharfboat. A Wauhster will take him home.

Cleaned up about our shanty. Put rivet in pocket knife &c.

Went to meeting in Co L. Went to Catholic church and listened to a lecture on the confessional.

Wrote a letter to Belle Jameson and one to HE & MA. Stanton. Commenced copying journal.

Sign pay roll. Went fishing up to the Byou. Caught nothing. Finished copying journal to date. Wm. Lyons with two friends are here this evening.

Received pay this evening. I got 26 dollars. TJ Currey paid me 14 dollars which is balance due on watch and photographs. I let F.C. Todd keep the Fifty dollars he owes me until another pay day.

Got a new note from FC Todd. Worked nearly all the AM raising money by subscription to pay Jas. Kitchell for money expended by him in taking the remains of F Lizaback to Ills. I subscribe and pay 50 cts. Guarded Extra duty men and prisoners at guard house this evening.

Received a letter from Cousin Mary Scott enclosing one to Thos Scott which I remail to him at Little Rock. Called on Capt. Stewart & Lady. Read a letter from Capt. Warren Olney to Capt. Stewart. Borrowed 5.00 of TJ Currey.

Finished letter to Mrs. Mary Scott.

Chase & I went to meeting at post chapel. On camp guard tonight.

On guard at Guard house. TJ Currey sick.

Bought Amanda a pr scissors for 60 cts.

Read novel and fished.

Went up to the Byou fishing. Got a dugout and had a chain fixed for it and locked it up. Left camps at 1/2 past 6 p.m., with five days rations. Went aboard the Dove and started down the river. It was so dark and foggy that the boat could not run. We lay up all night 1 mile below town.
29th At day light we came back to camps. Start again at 8-30 A.M. Had to lay up awhile again on account of fog. Put off freight at 63 and 65. Landed below mouth of White river. Took off and fed horses and let them stand out all night.

Rainy.

30th Re embark and start at 8 o'clock up White river. Went down White river. Cut off into the Ark river. Turned up and landed near Rollins on South bank about 11 o'clock. Found 17 bales of cotton at Rollins. Set the negroes to hauling it to the river. Scouted out and up through the country.

Captured Col Turner and Adjt and others. Met the boat at Red fork landing about 4 p.m. Start down. Landed again at Rollins' and took aboard the cotton and two or three darkeys. Lay up all night. Let our horses stand out near bank all night.

May 1st Start out and down through the country. I was in the advance all day. We rode about "right smart." Met the boat again at Napoleon below or rather at the mouth of the Ark river. We got aboard and up to Laconia where we got off about 10 p.m. Rode all night.

2nd Scouted up the river. Chased guillas. Eaten corn bread milk &c. Col. Brooks who was with us shot at and thought he had killed a rebel and wounded another (so reported). Met the boat again at ----[sic] landing at Shirt Tail bend. Got aboard & came up to Island 63 where we lay till daylight.

3rd Reached Helena about 10 A.M. Found two letters for me one from E M Moore containing picture & one from H.B. Wiley. The river has run over the banks and filled up the ponds and low places so the boys keep my dugout busy.

4th Broke the key to Frank Holmes lock so I went to town and bought a new lock for dugout.

5th Helped catch skiff. My dugout and the skiff were both seized by provost guard I got permission from Co. Regt. and post commanders to keep and use the dugout while stationed at this post.

6th JB McDowell & I brought in a saw log. Currey & I fished awhile with dugout.

7th Currey & I were called up at 2 o'clock this morning to accompany Maj. Carmichael on Grand rounds. Got in after daylight. Watson Lemley & I went hunting with shot guns in dugout up the ponds. I killed a rabbit and four snakes. Bought 1 doz fishhooks for 25 cents. Received a letter from H. S. Fairchilds.

Cos B & D were ordered out at 4 o'clock this morning. We formed in line near Convent and remained there till about 7 o'clock when we came to camps.

Went up the bottoms with gig. Couldn't get any fish. On Camp guard to night.

9th On camp guard all day. Got horse shod before Start about two o'clock pm with two days rations. Went to Freeman's (a cotton planter) at sandy ford on long lake. It has rained hard all day. I go on picket wet. It stopped raining after dark and turned cold. I am wet and cold.

11th Scout through the country below. Went to Mr William's and fed. Searched his house found gun, pistols, and ammunition. Swam a bayou or two feet wet all day. Came back to Mr Freeman's where we stay all night.
12th Loaned my horse and carbine to one of 35th Mo who scouts in my place while I borrow his musket and go hunting with two or three of the boys I killed two ducks. Came back to Helena this evening.

13th Chaplain Simeon Walker AF Holmes and myself bought three 90 feet bed cords small lines and hooks for trot line. Fixed up line and put it out. Paid TJ Currey 5.00. Called in to get ready for scout immediately. Go aboard Hamilton Belle with two days rations. Go up the river land above the mouth of St Francis. Scout up the river rode all night saw no rebel soldiers.

14th Stopped at daylight to feed. I am on picket guard. Start out through the country. Up Alegator bayou and to Miss river at Council bend. Got aboard the boat after dark and start down the river. Arrested a trading boat near Austin Miss and brought it down.


17th Bought of Jno Lemley A.F. Holmes's share of trot line for 3.00.

18th Caught a lot of Crawfish for bait.

19th A Steamboat with five barges of stone coal lay on my line all night and caused drift to take off 100 feet of line and 30 hooks.

20th Wrote a letter home. Father Walker paid me 3.00 so as to make our shares even in trot line. We buy 180 feet plow line small line & hooks to add to our line. Co saddled up and went and witnessed the execution by hanging of two Guerillas (Brothers) on camp guard.

21st On guard. Bought 100 fish hooks for 2.00. Helped rig up and put out our new line. Helped get a drowned negro boy out of the river. Wrote to Mrs Mary Scott. Caught a lot of crawfish for bait.

22nd Wrote to Wm D. Hardy and H.S. Fairchild. Sold one fish for 1.00.

23rd Received letter from B.M.J.

24th Caught 7 fish.

25th Start at 5 oclock without breakfast with two days rations and forage. Went to Lagrange where we fed at noon. Stopped for night at Underwoods. I got supper at the house.

26th Cramped pillow case. Start at 6-30 AM. One of Tenn. boys accidentally shot in foot. We got a buggy for him to ride to Helena. Stopped about noon at Simpsons in Lagrange again. Eat strawberries. Reached Helena 5-30 pm. Bought 100 craw fish for 30 cents.

27th Wrote to B.M.J.

28th Sold fish to IP Lagare for 50 cents at next pay day. Bought bait. Received letters from NO Moore & HE Stanton went over to see Capt Stewart but didn't find him. On guard.

29th Sold two fish for 1.00. Wrote to H.E. Stanton.

30th Sold fish for 50 cents.

31st We went out about 4 miles and hauled in the lumber of a shanty. Had an awful time with the teams stalling &c. Bought 1/2 of a beef's liver for bait 25 cents.
June 1st
Hired Jane to cook while Amanda is sick. Put up frame for shanty & worked some on it.

2nd
Laid floor in shanty &c Rainy

3rd
Rainy Mason Dunbar & Morris Myers joined our mess

4th
Took trot line to day. Received letter from H.B. W. Capts Cook Jonas went to the hospital. He left with me his Money watch & notes. On guard tonight.

5th
Went over to Capt Stewarts. Read a letter from Capt Warren Olney to Capt Stewart.

6th

7th
Dug-out broke loose and gone this morning. Went with Palisades to see Capt Noble O.M. Paid Amanda for cooking during the month of May 1.00 & for washing 20 cents.

8th
Went on LR road with team after boards they not being made. We hauled a load of wood. Rainy.

9th
Rode out on LR road to see about boards. On guard.

10th
Rainy. Helped row skiff up from Wharf boat.

11th
Went out to see if boards were made they were but we can get no team to haul them as the teams are busy. Received letters from Father & H.E. Bought milk 15 cents.

12th
Still Rainy. Copy Journal to date.

13th
Loaned A.F. Holmes five dollars. Hauled boards. Had an awful time of it in mud and water. I paid 3.00 towards them.

14th
Covered shanty & made an entry between shanty & kitchen. Hung door &c. Received letter containing picture from H.S. Fairchilds.

15th
Tinkered some on house. Wrote letter to HS Fairchilds. On guard.

18th
Wrote letter home.

19th
Received letter from E.M. Moore.

21st
Received letter from Mother & HE.

22nd
Started with Lt Chase & squad to go up the river. The squad couldn't cross the bayou. Jas Copland & Rainey & I swam our horses across. Went to Gun boat on sand-bar. Went up the river to plumb orchard. Eat plums & dew berries. Grazed horses. While it rained. Swam bayou & Came back to Camps. Bought dugout of a Darkey for 1.00. Got the 100 from Mr Walker. Put out trot line. Leave dug out with Infty pickets. I promise to give them a fish once in a while. If successful for guarding it.

23rd
Bought of Jas Brown Co A 1100 ft line with 220 strung hooks for $15.00. Frank Lockaby comes in 1/3 share. I pay for the line & wait on my partners for their part of the money.

24th
With 1 hour 30 minutes notice we prepared 4 days rations and went aboard the Hamilton Belle. The expedition left Helena about 5 oclock pm. Wend down the river. Stopped about 2 oclock A.M.

25th
At mouth of White river. Start up White River at day light. Go down cut-off into Ark river. We were so crouded on boat that we couldn't sleep. Last night. Landed and found rebel pickets at Rollins's. They got away. Gen Buford took Rollins along. The Tyler came up and took the advant. Of. We now have two gun boats and two transports. Our tire rope broke & we got behind. Met the other boats coming back. They had been to near Red fork landing. Landed below Cut off where they let Dr Rollins go. We (the Cav) got off on the Island. Drank milk & sucked eggs at widow Griffins. Came across the island to mouth of White river. Found a dead rebel behind a log near the road. He had been killed in the fight last Thursday morning. I suppose. Hitched our horses in the shade & got our suppers at Richardsville. We were then ordered to unsaddle and stay all night.
26 Got aboard the H. Belle at 4 AM and started up
Landed on Ark bank & got dinner. I slept in pi­
lot house. Reached Helena at 3.30 MM[sic] of June

27th Found a letter from IMJ
29th Wrote letter home
30th Went on picket
31st Off Picket

July 1st I make out morning report
2nd Horses appraised. Jas Cooper & I rode to hos­
pital. Wrote letter to NO Moore & EM Moore
3rd Branded horses. Wrote letter to Mary Scott went
to hospital to see Currey & others. On packet
guard on LR road. Miss C Scott brought to the
picket some pies & cakes. Lieut left his post to
go out & court her. Capt Leek joins our mess.
Sold 1.50 worth of fish

4th Weather hot. Sold 100 worth of fish. On Co guard to­
night about 11-45 pm while I was on guard. Josh
Holstead was killed (stabed by a negro) near
sullahs. Caused by a drunken curse. Ackerman rais­
ing a row in a nigger w-house at 4th of July
dance.

5th Caught 2 drum fish. Sold one for 25 cts. Made bait
of the other. Received letter from H.B. Wiley
Paid Amanda for cooking for the month of June
1864. Cooks all ordered from camps again.

6th Received letter from H.E. Stanton

7th Weather very hot. Helped haul a barrel of water
from the river. Commenced hauling manure from
the stables. I gave out hire James Cup to haul
it out for me. I am to pay him 1.00 for it. He
did not haul it quite all out. I am sick this
evening. Boys dig a well for the company to day.
July 8

9th
Took up line for a few days.

10th
Went to meeting but didn't stay to see it out. Looked for refugee cook partially engaged Amanda Yarber.

11th
Co B patrolled in town from 3.30 to 6 A.M. Wrote letters to H.B. Wiley and HE Stanton. Our mess hired Amanda Yarber (Refugee) to cook for 12.00 a month. Left Helena aboard Dove at 3-30 p.m. went down river. Landed at Gilham's landing. Scouted through the country down. Slept awhile at D. Monrow.

12th
I am in the advance today. Ordered &c Stoped and fed at Mrs. Warrens. Get all the milk &c that I want. Confiscated 2.00 G.B. & 35.00 CS. Met the boat at Laconia. 25 of us started out again with Maj. Sherrer. Went down & back then up by Warfields and across to river & embarked. Landed at 63 about 10 oclock took horses off and lay up till morning.

13th
Reached Helena at 11 oclock. Found letter from H.S. Fairchilds. Sold Bridle reins to J. Campbell for 3.00.

14th
Loan Chase 300 until he can get some money which he says he will get in a day or two.

15th
Lockaby & I put out part of our line. Our dug-out has been split and boards nailed onto it.

16th
went on picket guard on L.R. road.

17th
Went and got Amanda Wood (Darkey) to agree to come back & cook.

18th
Paid Amanda Yarber 3.00 for 1 week's cooking. She went home. Our old cook Amanda came back to cook. She got dinner for us to day. Copied descriptive list of Co B. 15th IIs Cav for preservation.

19th
Found about 600 feet of our trot line with about 100 hooks has been stolen from us out of the river. Go on picket.

20th
Hear that Corpl. James Crippen was shot last night by Wm. Thompson of Co. C. (came off picket at 5 pm as usual) I set up all night until 12 oclock with refugee and after that till day light with Corpse which is in a metallic burial case boxed up.

21st
Helped take Jas Crippens remains and his wife's things to the wharf. Wm. Lyle is going home with them on sick furlough. I helped haul hay. Rainy this evening. Received letter from H.E. Stanton.

22nd
Went with Maj. E. Carmichael & squad into the country foraging. We got New potatoes, Green Corn & Apples. Received letter from N.O. Moore.
23 Received letter from EM Moore. At 11-30 AM we received orders to be ready at 1 o'clock with two days rations and 1 horse feed. Went over to hospital & took letters to TJ Currey. Settled clothing account with Lieut Chase. Left Camps according to orders. Went past Lieut Green's CSA Stopped about 10 pm at McCrews got supper and slept till day light.

24 Stopped fed and got breakfast at Slaughters. Coming towards town we lay up 5 hours where Miss Caroline Scott lives. One half the men were placed in ambush and lay there while Maj enjoyed himself with ["women" struck out] wine & chicken fixings. We captured one prisoner and two horses with Equipments. Reached Helena about 6 pm. James Copland handed me a note from Warren Olney as he passed up yesterday evening.

25 Went over to Capt Stewarts. Warren Olney had left there this morning at 3 AM. Scout started out this evening. I am excused on account of my horse being lame. On Camp guard to night.

26 Helped haul grain from boat. 250 US C.I. one Sec of Art and 132 of our Cav had a fight this side of Big creek. Our force had to fall back. Our loss is Col Brooks & the sargent of the 56 CI the Adjt of the 60th USC Infty and the Captn of the Battery was killed and about 50 Darkeys killed and wounded. One of our Co E F Lockaby taken prisoner. Every one who was able went out on L R road and met the forces coming in. I went over to post hospital to Enquire about Lockaby.

27 Went over to 56th C Infty to look for captured horses. The QM of the 56th gave every man of the 15th who had lost a hat and called on him a new one. Wrote to Warren Olney. On Camp guard.

28 Wrote letter home. Went on picket on LR road this evening.

29 Came off picket this evening. Chase & I road over to hospital to see Currey & J.M. McGee. Currey is worse than when I was there last. Col Bacon (old Nuisance) has ordered our cooks all off again. We will have to depend on Harrey's cooking in future.

30 Wrote home.

31st Aug 1st

Lost [sic]

Started out with Maj Carmichael & a few others foraging. On learning that the rebs had taken a lot of negroes horses mules teams &c off the plantations out there we gave chase but when about 7 miles out we learned that 1100 or 1200 rebs were about to get between us and Helena. So we fell back. The whole force at the post was called out but the Gen'l had them stay and not follow the rebs.
2nd They are appraising our horses to day Our horses will all have to be sold to the Q.M.D. Wrote to NO Moore & EM Moore Jas Cooper & I rode over to hospital to see sick

3rd I rode over to hospital to see T.J. Currey about selling his horse Horses branded today I have copied to date what I can find & remember of my journal Having filled my book I have used scraps of paper and have lost some of them

4th Turned over Arms saddles &c Kinder settled with Mr Walker He paid me 5.00 on trot line account Wrote to H.B. Wiley Begin to fix up things to move paid Amanda for Cooking & washing 1.00 paid Amanda for T.J. Currey Cooking & washing 3.50

5th Turned over horses paid for TJ Currey to Jas Cupp 1.25 packed up things and get nearly ready to start

6th Finished packing up things paid Amanda for Dunbar 50 cents due Dunbar on settlement paid Harry for Cooking 25 cents Chase sold shanty for 6.00 I receive my share 2.00 Receive for martingale 25 cents About 4 oclock the wagons commenced hauling our things to the boat I go with the ambulance to hospital and help T.J. Currey to the boat Leave Helena at 8-15 p.m. Very crowded on the boat Dove

7th Reached Memphis 2-30 PM Left Memphis 4-30 PM I spend for Lemonade apples & Cakes 45 cents Waked up at 11 oclock PM the boat was anchored out as there is but one pilot & engineer abord

8th Boat started at 3 A.M. T.J. Currey hands me a five dollar bill to pay out for him as he wants it Reach Chickasaw bluff at 9-30 After dark when running near the western bank one of the prisoners jumped over board from hurricane deck several shots were fired after him

9th Bathed behind wheel Changed clothes & washed clothes passed point pleasant at 10 AM passed New Madrid 11.40 Landed for late papers Got to Island 10 at 235 P.M. passed Hickman 6.15 pm Bought biscuits of cook 25 cents At Columbus at 10 oclock Reach Cairo Ills at 2-20 A.M. I went up along the front street then went back and slept til day

10th Gave Currey back his five dollars Got breakfast at saloon cost 60 cents paid 40 cents towards Curreys breakfast Bought water melon 25. Wrote letter home Left Cairo at 12 M on IC RR passed Anna at 2 They have a copperhead speaking at Desoto to day See plenty of prairie Stoped at Centralia about 6 P.M. Left Centralia 710 Stoped awhile about midnight

11th Start at day break Change cars at Decature Go aboard an old freight train & run down to springfield I have a chill and am very sick Lay down at the depot till the wagons came to haul our baggage to Camp Butler I rode on the wagon As we left town the Town Clock struck 11 While on the road it rained hard & I got as wet as I could be As soon as we got into the Barracks I changed clothes & lay down quite sick
Better but not well Went to Doctor and got 1 dose pills & 5 powders. Took the pills 9-40 A.M. Kept feeling worse until evening I left my watch clothes &c &c with Brainard and went to the hospital.

Had a Chill fever & sweat took a dose of medincin (Iron &c) to night.

Took another dose feel better. Took 2 more powders out noon & night. Had a light chill considerable fever & sweat.

Feel better use medincin on sore lips miss chill set up from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Sick the balance of the evening. Had a night sweat (stinking).

Feel better. Got up this morning and stired about a little. Went to the table for breakfast dinner and supper. Went up to Barracks & got my Blouse & handkerchief. Walked about considerable to day. Went to bed before 7 oclock. Weather turning cold.

Weather quite cold. I feel quite aguey this morning. Went up to Barracks hung clothes out to air &c &c. Borrowed 4 postage stamps of T.J. Currey. Got a sheat of paper & envelop at hospital and wrote a letter home. No medincin today.

No medincin to day. Weather still cool. I feel rather bad all day. There is a big copperhead convention in springfield to day causing lots of talk among the soldiers here.

Still cool. Feel a little aguey this morning. got a bottle of medincin to take table-spoonfull every 3 hours took first at 11-30.

Weather favors Indian summer in Nov. I am still better. Went & helped get oak brush for hospital. Helped carry hospital clothes from laundress. Saw Jeff Miller 29th IIns. Lost pocket knife by hole in pocket. Asked Dr. permission to go to Camps time deferred.

Weather warm today. I feel tolerably well. Read Novels walked a mile or so east on rail road track. After supper I went over to the stand where there was preaching too late to hear only part of the sermon. The preacher distributed some little hymn books after preaching I got one. Parker gave me my pocket knife which he had found.

Weather pleasant. I am tolerably well but weak. Walk about considerable to day. A little tired to night.
23 Windy. I am about well saw several of the 29th boys with whom I am partially acquainted. The 29th left for the front today. Loaned Jones my revolver awhile today some of the boys employ an attorney to collect horse claims &c for them.

24 Morning clear & warm. I have the diarrhea a little this morning. Capt Leek got back from St. Louis with Co horse money. TJ Currey paid me ten dollars being the amount of his indebtedness and four dollars which he makes me take for taking care of his horse &c. A.F. Holmes paid me five dollars being money borrowed of me in Helena. Received of F.C. Todd from Capt Leek $50.00. Fifty dollars I had Tods order on Leek for that amount which I gave to Leek on receipt of cash. Went with I.P. Lagore to Sangamon river and went in washing & swimming. Brainard handed me my watch back he has carried it while I was sick. Took my clothes from hospital. Signed receipt for them.

25th Got pass from Serg'n of post hospital for Lieut Anderson & 7 men (hospital pimps) to go out to town. We went to town in hack cost 50 cents. Was mustered out of the service of the United States by reason of expiration of term of service. I went to Hammerslough Bros & bought a coat for 1200 pants 8.50 vest 6.00 2 shirts 7.00 Hat 3.50 Bought of F Thomas & Son a pr of Boots 7.00 of Auctioneer a pr suspenders for 1.00. Went upon Cupelo of state house & saw the city with Chap S Walker. Met Mr Edwards of 2nd Ills. Got dinner at Carrigan house cash 40 cents. Bought lager beer apples &c 5 cts. Bought poncho of Peter Walker for 1.50 this morning. Started to walk to camps got into a wagon & road out of the way some. Walked acrost fields &c to camps. Tired. George Padget gave me 50 cents to bring his things to town to morrow.

26 Fixed up things and took them to the gate. Waited some time for a hack which finally came I paid 85 cents for myself & baggage to town. Got dinner a Carrigan house cost 40 cents. Went with some of the boys onto the statehouse to see the town. Bought trunk 7.00. Signed pay roll went & saw Mr Wm M Fowler Esqr in regard to collecting pay for the horse stolen from me at Corinth Miss. Engaged room in Carrigan house at 1.00 a day. Took a walk west with Kibbee. Tasted of port wine the first time in my life today at the expense of Kibbee. Slept in room 21.

27th Co G 15th Ills Cav are here to be mustered out. They say E.F. Lockaby got away from the rebels and had arrived in Helena safe.