

THE CIVIL WAR DIARY OF JAMES REED

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PRINCIPAL EVENTS OF MY EXPERIENCE IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION TAKEN FROM DIARY KEPT DURING 2 YEARS OF SERVICE

ENLISTED AT LANSINGBURGH APRIL 25TH 1861 CO. A.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL KING, 1ST LIEUT. JOHN H. CAMPBELL, 2ND LIEUT. FRANCIS DARGEN, ORDERLY SGT WM. SHELLEY

SWORN INTO THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES JUNE 1ST 1861, 30TH REG. OF THE NYS INFANTRY,
2 YEARS COL FRISBIE OF ALBANY IN COMMAND.

LEFT CAMP IN ALBANY FOR THE SEAT OF WAR.

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June 26th 1861, Thursday. From NY at 5 PM for Amboy. Took car from there for Camden. Crossed the Delaware in boat for Philadelphia at 1 o'clock AM. Furnished supper by the Ladies at 2 o'clock. At the depot took a nap on soft side of a plank for one half hour, then took train for Baltimore. Slow traveling. Picked berries on the road. Stopped at Wilmington, and had some refreshments. Reg. was cheered all along the route. Arrived in Baltimore at 1 o'clock am. Stopped till 8. People more according than in NY. Colored ladies more plentiful than white and some of them as white as many Northern Women. Arrived at Washington Sunday morning 2 o'clock 29th of June. Quartered in the 5th story of a brick building. Slept on floor, Went to church at St. Matthew's.

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Rained all day. Dirty streets. Left 30th at 8 o'clock am. Left Washington for camp at Brightwood about 5 miles outside city, very hot. With heavy knapsacks. We got there around Noon. Pitched tents while it rained hard first night in camp 7 in a tent. Lay as close together as a lot of chickens under a hen. *July 1st, July 2nd:* Picket-Guards about 3 miles from camp. 3rd captured a rebel who proved to be the colonels steward, hot day. Ordered for review next day. *July 4th,* left camp at 6 am for Washington. Arrived at 9. Reviewed by President, Generals Scott, Wool and others. Marched back to camp again without stopping very hot day. Dropped out of line near camp. Took a bath at a creek off main road near Crystal Spring. After bathing took a good drink of good stuff at the Shakespeare Tavern, called as you like it, bent back to camp and felt fresh and good. *5th* very hot and had drill in forenoon. *6th* on guard on the road in the day in wood at night. Heard heavy firing in the distance. *7th* very hot. Washed my clothes in creek below Crystal spring. First washing in that line. *8th* nothing new. *9th* Barney Corrigan visited us in Camp. Came from Alexandria, Ellsworth Zouaves slept in the tent with us one night.

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[July]10th Barney left at 8 o'clock am myself and 2 other comrades went little way on road to see him off. Rained at night and next day. *11th and 12th* all quiet. *13th* double quick to Crystal Spring. Stacked arms on dancing platform where the officers bought Lager for us. *14th* July on Guard. *15th* practiced firing in evening. *16th* fired at target, *17th* thp mills, from home called at camp had several letters for the boys. Went away same afternoon. Under marching orders. *18th* letters from home. *19th* another, *20th* went to Washington to church, after church saw the Principal Buildings and parks in city. Arrived at camp in

evening found regt. in line ready to march left camp about 10 pm for the front. when near Washington orders countermanded returned back to camp. Great Battle at Bull Run reported. July 21st. Hospitals in the city filled with wounded. 22nd and 23rd wounded still arriving in city. 24th left camp for Virginia. Crossed the long bridge at night arrived at General Lee's estate Arlington Heights. Camped there 2 days. 28th, Camped at Hunter's Chapel. Our Regiment is the advanced Guard, went out on picket...

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in the woods, out skirmished on the road. 29th, after being on guard day before. Routed out every night and slept on our arms. 30th inspected by 2 United States officers with our knapsacks on. 31st. All quiet. Aug 1st hot rained hard at night. 2nd on Picket. 3rd sick very hot. 4th very sick all day and night-could not eat. 5th better but weak. Went at 6 am on picket. First County sign. Black jokes one. 10 from each co. 1 day's rations a loaf of bread and piece of salt junk, went towards Fairfax. Crossed enemy lines on Alexandria and Leesburgh R Road. Got a piece of telegraph cable, it was strung along road. 6th Relieved at 9 AM enemies cavalry seen close at hand by pickets. Reached camp felt sick all day. 7th better. Col. complimented Regt at dress parade. 8th officer at dress parade-their commission. 9th camp guard. Heavy thunder and lightning at night while on guard. Had rain storm, guards had a glowing spell about 27 sleeping in 1 tent. Col. let us sleep at his quarters 9th all quiet. 10th Paid off. 1 month. Felt very sick severe pains in head and vomiting. 11th little better went to church. Church close by had a priest from Washington officiated. Went to Gauhaldi's camp and from there...

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to Fort Albany saw J Leary, 1st Mass, Inf. 12th very tired and sick rain all day. 13th raining, 14th went with CO on scouting party with co. G and E. Capt. King in command were out 36 hours slept at night in a Methodist church about 4 miles from chain bridge 15th in evening back to camp unwell next 4 days Plenty of rain 20th on guard over the magazine. CO went to chop wood to Arlington, 21st wrote home 22nd on police digging up stumps had whiskey in afternoon. 22nd to 25th out of our co. on picket. Had trouble with rebels drove them back 23 all quiet fine day 24th ordered to be ready to leave camp at once. Role of drums and 3 taps tents all struck an attack expected lay on our arms all night, left camp at 10 PM for Arlington. 25th camped there. 26th whole brigade reviewed by our first brigadier gen. Keyes and Sherman brigade reviewed at same time President Lincoln sec, Maj. Gen. McClennan Gen. McDowall and several other officers. Grand site. Roads very dusty and very tired when got back to camp next 4 days nothing new very hot. 31st Ist inspected Gen. Keyes he paid our Company in particular.

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Our Brigade is 14th Brooklyn on right 24th 22nd and 30th on Regt. on left nothing new up to 5th. Sept on Picket about 5 miles to Hales House. Rained all day 6th relieved by 14th very tired when I got to camp. 7th had a walk with Rev. Father Scully chaplain 9th Mass. 8th. Went to his Regt. To mass, 9th all quiet. 10th Brigade drill by Gen. Keyes, surprised at how well we done for the short time, in service and best drilled on the side of Potomac. 11th got new clothes, full outfit jacket pants shirt drawers, shoes blanket cap of brigade. Dull afternoon in fair 12th another brigade drill rained hard at night. 13th another brigade drill 14th same drill 15th Sunday inspection, sermon by DR newsman of Albany smart talker ordered to be ready to move straight orders, against leaving camp. 16th left wing of Regt on picket. 17th paid off in gold and treasury notes. Heavy thunder and rain storm 18th plenty of whiskey in camp at night and some gambled all night by light of moon. 19th all still fun at night by some of our fellows and 14th concert Many drank in camp

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20th Sept 1861 on picket, pleasant time 21st back to camp very tired. 22nd inspection 23rd on guard 24th reviewed by Gen. McClelland and staff Prince De Joinville and suite and others, grand sight. 25th stick frill 12 from each CO with __, corn, officers, false alarm at night 26th Thanksgiving and fast read all day 27th went off to dig but rained so hard sent back to camp. 28th inspection and review by Gen. McDowell and staff, knapsacks on, after dress parade in evening ordered to march our whole division at dark by Ball cross roads. Cavalry and artillery rough March through woods to Munson's hill. Evacuated by the rebels. Halted at Uptons hill slept all night no covering, raining all night 29th felt very stiff, officers got us some whiskey from commissary went out chopping. Oct. 1st regt. Under Capt. King guarding men at work easy time under him. 2nd 3rd near Falls Church chopping trees, lost my jacket, but found it again still no tents and raining. 4th, digging on fort. 5th Picket at Falls Church at Dr. Harolds.

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A few books there easy time while there. 6th all quiet. 7th terrible Rainstorm all night still no tents, 8th chilly and wet had to on fort on 9th 10th tents came at last felt at home once more. 11th digging on fort ½ day. 12th same, 13th same dull all quiet. 14th 15th digging. 16th on guard, 17th out on a scout, Dunne, Dempsary Ferguson and myself went fear Fairfax hospital.all around. Country had a good time had Dinner with pickets of 25th. Got to camp about 9 at night. 18th nothing to do. 19th digging at fort soon came back and it rained hard. 20th, Sunday. Brigade inspection Ladies Prescut. 24th went beyond Fall Church with Dunn and Webster had to dodge Pickets coming back. Had hot Pumpkin Pie at a home at Falls Church. Got to camp after drill parade. 21st quiet on guard. 22nd rain day and night on guard miserable weather, 23rd right wing out digging, cold night 24th on police very cold. Lieut. Casey of Co b died, Diarrhea, 25th Reg brigade and knapsack drill 26th drill CO and battalion in afternoon Sunday 27th all quiet. Col left for Albany several officers went with him to Washington on horseback

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Uptons Hill *October 1861* 27, sergeant from 22nd buried at Fall Church. 28th skeleton Drill went digging. Potatoes. Co drill in afternoon and concert in evening by the NY Ethiopian minstrels and dedicated to Gen. Keys Brigade. The Gen. and staff and several ladies was present and well pleased. 30th on guard, Brigade Drill 31st. Brigade inspections and muster washed clothes in afternoon. Nov 1st on police 2nd heavy rain all day 3rd Sunday quiet all day writing. 4th went 2 miles away to brigade drill. 5th same. 6th brigade drill in mud after heavy rain on 5th at night 7th on Picket at falls church took our knapsacks along answered letters on picket. Was stationed at a house known as Dan Delaneys an old darky 80 years old was all left in the house went serenading at night when off picket beyond the lines with lieut. C and 5 or 6 comrades. Had to go through swamps and woods and cross over streams to avoid our pickets to get to the house after serenading, 4 young ladies invited us for refreshments. Declined as the hour was late and we were all mud from out tramp went back to our pickets to relieve them 8th relieved. 9th, Division Reviewed by Gen. McDowall Brigades.

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1st Keyes 2nd Wadsworth 3rd Wisconsin Regiments of Cavalry and 4 batteries of artillery of about 15000 men all told after passing in review. Rained hard and went back to camp. *Sunday* reg. inspection by Col. Washed clothes in afternoon. 11th on guard. Paid off in afternoon \$26, at 13 a month for 2 months. Off guard at night. Plenty whiskey don't know where it came from and did not care, some of our boys had a row with the hoe handles Co. no one hurt. Plenty noise. 12th considerable fun in camp, had a shake hands with Father Scully. Very nice man, he did not stay long. Ordered to all in for brigade. Drill was Munsons Hill only 30 of our CO to report, rest off some place after got to the Parade Ground ordered back, letter and pair of gloves from home. Gave Capt. King \$15.to send mother all in treasury notes. 13th Brig. Drill near railings Col. Phelps in command. Had fun in the afternoon selling apples for a Peddler. Plenty to drink. 14th on picket at r. road crossing, searched wagons stopped all without a Pass. Many drunk about camp. Rained hard in evening .

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A recruit for 7th Michigan left behind by his comrades stayed with us all night. Gave his breakfast next morning. 15th relieved on picket by 22nd very muddy, LADLIE BOX CAME EVERYTHING PERISHABLE SPOILED EXCEPT WHISKEY. GOT MY BOTTLE AND 3 LETTERS ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF MY STUFF. Company jovial all day. 2 big fellows of the 24th reg. Picked a row with myself and Dunn and another in defending Dunn biggest fellow gave me a black eye. Got satisfaction later, 16th. Battalion drill and blank cartridge firing. 50 men sent out on a foraging expedition under Capt. Lansing and 2nd Lieut. Andrews. 6 wagons 24 horses all told about 4 p.m. 2 of the party returned without their rifles and reported Keleher and Hunter shot and all the rest prisoners but soon after Keleher came in with his musket and later on Flynn without his cartridge box all our Co came in but Sgt. Webster was captured. Capt. Lansing, Lieut. Andrews 5 wagons, 20 horses and about 30 privates. Col. ordered every man in line in 5 minutes to go in pursuit but Col.Sullivan of the 24th

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The men were now very mad on account of it. They wanted vengeance on the REBS. *Sunday 17th* at noon got orders to fall in line at once all who wished to go under Capt. King and his Co and scour the woods in the neighborhood of the Capture. All our Co. not on duty went and several from the other companies numbering 110 in all. We came up to a large party and were about to fire on them 3 times our

numbers but discovered in time they were our own men the 8th NY Dutches. Could find no enemy but took old man Duliss prisoner. The man who betrayed our men. Found 4 of the muskets thrown away on our road back and 2 cartridge boxes . Got back to camp. Very tired. 18th On review left wing on picket Mcdowal sent after left wing. It was a grand sight to see Cavalry artillery and infantry. Col. Frisbie, acting brigades, as he was and Col. G. Keyes in command of a div on the other side of the river Potomac, after supper fell in line to go help 14 reported they were surrounded all in line, order countermanded, one 14th man came in reported one of his comrades shot after shooting a rebel Capt. All 14th in picket 8 or 10 prisoners taken.

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Nov 61. Relieved by 22nd, a Liuit Campbell 2 of 14 found dead in the woods, all mashed up. Reb lost several don't know how many as they carried their men off in a wagon. Rebs known as Stewards Cavalry. 22nd had a quick time. 20th Nov. Largest review was seen in the County at Baileys Cross roads. 70,000 men, 55,000 of their infantry, 100 pieces of artillery and the rest cavalry. Gen. McClellans now in command in Scotts Place with his staff. President sec. Cameron, sec of State and a Large number from Washington and other places. Our regt. was on picket could not attend review. We expected on attack on picket line all day. 21st got back from picket relieved by the 24th. Nov 22nd answered several letters on guard rain all night. 23rd. Nov, Lieut. Campbell gone home recruiting for the reg. Also Capt. Pruyn. 24th Sunday Regt inspection 25th. Battalion drill with blank cartridge. Corp. of Co. K died, said to be too much whiskey. 26th battalion drill and blank cartridge, attended the funeral of Corp his body sent home 27th Battalion and cartridge firing 28th no drill, Thanksgiving Day.

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Nov and Dec, Uptons hill. Proclamation of Gov. Morgan read and sermon from Chaplain very dull day rained hard at night. 29th very muddy no drill. Wrote letters. 30th went after Father Scully to camp of 9th Mass for Coleman who was very sick he was not at camp. I had a muddy walk several miles. Paid \$2.00 for a pair of leggins at 14th sutters had a good dinner when I got back of things we got from home. With Ferguson after dinner Father Scully called to see Coleman. Very muddy. Dec 1st Sunday Regt went on picket, I was on Camp guard. Very cold. Got letters from home all well. 2nd washed my clothes. Regt back from picket with a deserter. 3rd Battalion drill wrote letters 4th same drill 5th, on picket again, pickets not placed in good way too far apart and reserve too far back 6th relieved by 35th at dress parade. Abe Olin and several senators present. Coleman died and body sent home. 7th division reviewed, very muddy, foggy, Gov. Morgan present.

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Gen. McDowell and other generals. Very tired after I got back. Letter came. Sunday 8th wrote letters. 2 brothers Morrison and Finnegan. 9th raised tent with logo after dinner long role beat to fall in when in line orders countermanded. 10th div. drill at cross roads Baileys. 2 boxes came from home with quilts for the boys in co. 11th boxes opened on picket at the R. road, in box was vest tippet paper and envelopes for me. Very cold night on picket. Could get no sleep. 12th headache all day from want of sleep did not drill. 13th ordered out for inspection but no inspector came. Div drill in afternoon got more letters from home. Feel bad for the boys who have no loved ones at home to get letters from. They look so sad when the mail comes and no letters for them 14th div drill and sham battle. Sunday 15th wrote home and attended service at 10 AM 16th review near r.road in full marching orders, whole Brigade.

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Dec 61 In line at 8 ½ o'clock. Gen. McDowall and staff with our new brigade commander Gen. Augur. 17th arms stacked all day in Co strict ready to receive our new general. He did not come. 18th sent chopping forenoon in afternoon div drill at old grounds and another grand sham battle with a great many civilians snobs from the city of Washington they enjoyed the fun better than we did with our heavy load on back and double quick.. 19th no drill wrote letters, fixed up our streets with evergreens getting ready for Christmas. 20th Brigade inspection in afternoon with Knapsacks, 3 letters from home. Sat 21st at 8 ½ AM ordered on picket for 2 days to relieve 22nd. Took but 1 days rations as the rest was to be sent us cold night. Saw a party of the enemy a distance, suppose they were on same duty as ourselves. all quiet. Sunday 22nd rations was fixing for 24 hours more when were relieved by the 23rd NY one of Co.E men killed coming from picket by fooling with another. Same old story but he knew it was loaded and all ready to go off. One more fool gone. Felt very tired after I got back to camp.

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Rained all night 23^d, man that was shot, body sent home to Poughkeepsie. Rain all night wind very rough so I could not sleep.. expected our tents to blow away. 24th very cold heavy wind still blowing answered letters. Big case from home came with good things for our company, turkey, pie and other good things too numerous to name. A party of 12 of us messed together and we were all very happy and jovial if we were from home, eat drank and sang songs until 12 at night. 25th *Christmas Wednesday*, splendid nice day like summer rather lonesome thinking of home. Each man got a pie and every 4 men a turkey. All the boys from LANSINGBURGH in the other companies and there was several a man invited to spent the day with us. Big box came in the afternoon with good things in it, at night a party of us enjoyed ourselves...

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with hot stuff and had a good time 26th, guard at Railroad, first day for brigade guard. 27th regt. Out on a foraging Party 24th and 23rd and 2 other Regt with a party of cavalry got back all night they had about 90 wagons in the train. 28th division drill could not go out was lame. New recruits came to regt. Took Tommy Kent and Kennedy in our tent. Got letters and answered them. 29th *Sunday* fine day. Not many attended service. The chaplain hoped those who stayed sway would surely go to heaven. 30th no drill 31st Recruits sent to Co H. Hoorack inspected and mustered for next pay. Inspector complimented us for cleanliness of person and arms. Could not sleep at night for the firing New Year in at 12 o'clock. All the bands in the division struck up it was fine a good many of the boys finished the old year out in a noisy manner. Jan 1st 1862 unusually fine day felt lonesome, thinking of home although...

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plenty of fun afloat, foot races running in sacks, chasing a pig, greased and shared for prizes. No one outside the regiment allowed to enter the lists each Co won a prize the boys of 14th Brooklyn was in luck near all of them over the Bay in the afternoon washed my clothes. Got letters at night 2nd brigade drill. Wrote home. 3^d div drill and sham battle with 20 rounds of blank cartridge. Very nice and exciting and interesting to visitors to see the solid columns of infantry marching up to support the Batteries first on the right wing and again in the center we being in the center, we had a battery on each side of us to support the cavalry charge. Was exciting and was a grand sight-men pitched head first out of their saddles, while their horses kept in line same as if the rider was on his back at. Night. Rain and hail fell. 4th Jan. cold day and snowing no drill.

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5th fine but cold and snowed all day. 6th Brig. Drilled snowed all day and night cold 7th cold battalion drill 8th cold and sloppy Co..and Batt drill. Rained all-night and slippery hard walking. 9th wrote home rained all night. 10th on picket at the front whole Regt for 8 hours. Our Co. turned out 60 men rank and mile marching through mud like walking through fields of glue. Up to over our knees, also heavy fog. Our co. with G and K on the reserve first 24 hours. We amused ourselves around our Bivouac fires as best we could and at night by singing songs telling stories and the Col. Major doctor and other officers sat with us for some time and enjoyed it especially the Doc with his cough medicine, alias gin bottles. I was invited to try the medicine on the condition that I would sing but I politely declined and told him I did not use the article. No sleep all night. 11th Sat., after breakfast, the companies on reviewed relieved those on duty on outposts.

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Jan. 1862 Uptons hill. 12th pleasant. Relieved by the 20th NY of Wadsworth brigade very muddy and hot going back to camp. Civilians we met at Falls Church pitied our condition. After we got back to camp saw John Ames, and Cap Noyes, and Whipple and had a good shake hands with my old boss Jon Ames. Got a good deal of information from him on business and other matters of interest. Rained at night and on 13th co. and batt. drill. Ames and co. left camp. Cold at night and snow. 14th plenty of snow and very cold. No drill answered letters. Cold at night and Hail. 15th rain and very cold, no drill. Got letters. All well at home. 16th no drill. Charles Clark the tailor Mr. Writer and Shook arrived in camp. Had friendly talk with charley they came to see the sights of camp life. 17th wrote home paid in treasury notes for last 2 months.

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Bought paper 4 envelopes bought a stove for our tent 4 of us together. Our new comers were Fred Bauer and brother in law John Kirkpatrick. Stove and fixins cost \$3.50. Got letter from White Creek from Jas. Reilly stating my cousin John Flood was in the 6th Wisconsin Kings Brigade. Our Division. 18th on guard rain all day strict orders against any one leaving camp. Guard not allowed from guard house when on duty. Sunday 19th raining all day. Had sent home \$14. And wrote letters. 20th Still raining, very muddy. Got letters rain all night 21st still raining but light. 22nd Saw 6th Wisconsin return from picket did not see Flood as he passed before I got a chance they had it rough on picket.

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Plenty of mud nothing new. 24th on guard John G. McMurray left after anight. Orders strict very stormy. Lieut. Campbell got back Conroy Tom Kelly and 4 other recruits came with him got some things from home. Good time with the boys at night. Upton Hill, Tom Kelly staid with us all night. 25th unwell, too good a time night before. Sunday 26th muddy and lonesome wrote home. Forgot to state that John G. McMurry while visiting with us sat in our tent quite a while talked on various subjects. 27th Co. and Bat Drill. T.Kelly still with us, rain hard at night. 28th no drill Rain. Inspection by Gen.McDowell postponed on account of rain. 29th very muddy. 30th on guard, raining all day 3qst Regt on picket did not have to go as I was not off guard yet. Myself and t. Kelly lived pretty well on extras. Feb 1st on guard again all quiet. Sunday 2nd had a good dinner Regt. back from picket, Rescued Sergt Smith of Co. G. from being all burned up. I pulled him out of his tent and he was asleep whit it was all in a blaze and his clothes on fire. 3rd showering hard no drill. Got letter from East troy Wisconsin from sister. 4th all quiet. 5th Co drill and inspection. 6th RAINING AND FREEZING ALL DAY. 7th ON GUARD AT THE PICKET.

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Sunday 9th all quiet, 10th Co. drill and skirmish drill first time 11th Feb, fine day, 12th, dress parade at 9 am. Private of Co I. Named Thos..McDonald, alias Nickey the goat got drummed out for being a general nuisance and striking his Capt. He was sent to Georgetown penitentiary for 6 months. He did not seem to care. 13th all quiet. 14th wrote letters, very cold on Guard. 15th Plenty of snow volunteers asked to serve on Gunboats from our division for southwest. 60 wanted 5 from each company. Volunteers as they did not want any one except those who understood sailing and how to handle cannon. Roanoke Island reports taken on 13th with 3000 prisoners in the evening news of fort Donalson being taken with the evacuation of Bowling Green. 8000 prisoners. Great cheering Sunday, 16th fine day 17th Morrison left for Fort Louis to serve on gun boat only one from Regt. Ed Remington.

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Feb 1962. Upton Hill. Leave some time said he was captured outside our lines taken to Richmond and escaped at night from prison said he was on Roanoke Island when Gen. Burnside bombarded it. Escaped from a rebel gun boat-swam to Burnside's fleet and gave him news how to reach the Island. How much truth was in it he knew best however the Gen. He said gave him a pass and letters to Gen. McClellan who ordered him to join his regt. His name however did not appear in Gen. Orders and no report of his bravery mentioned. Great cheering on dress parade on report of Fort Donaldson taken and 15000 prisoners. Gen. Floyd and Gen. Pillow escaped at night 400 killed and 800 wounded reported on our side. 18th out practicing target shooting. Reported capture of Savanna Ga. 19th rain all day. 20th cold. 21st went on picket 48 hours a prisoner brought in to our line by cavalrymen while on scout near Fairfax. Very stubborn and well armed.

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Feb 62 Upton Hill The Col. sent him under guard to guard house. 22nd on Post great firing in honor of Washington's birthday. Jeff. Davis to be inaugurated today. Prisoners taken at Dulins House by the pickets of left wing. Nashville reported taken, rain all night Sunday 23rd Relieved by 20th NY very tired. 24th on guard at railroad very cold and rain wind high great damage reported in Wash. Steeples blown down and buildings tents torn in pieces at the camps and some cases trees torn up by the roots. 25th fine day. Co drill. Col. Wood of 14th Brooklyn back from Richmond was taken prisoner at Bull Run and now exchanged. Regt turned out to receive him in a speech he told the boys they would soon be home. Will they? Heard from J. Leary 1st Mass at Budds Ferry. Wrote letters 26th target shooting, orders to be all ready to march at a moments notice and all officers not to be absent from there.

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Feb 62 Orders read no baggage allowed with officers but a carpet bag. 4 wagons to each Regt. All women ordered from camp and all. Looks like a move. Heard firing at night 24th very windy and cold. Webster back after prisoner in Richmond Right wing of Army reported on advance. Very windy felt sick caught cold. 28th Muster and inspections, very windy and cold, got letters. Sat March 1st 1862 cold roads hard. Sunday 2nd forenoon fine. Afternoon snow. Packed up extra clothing to store away. Co. detailed as skirmish also Co. B., 3rd, rain at night, sloppy, target practice in forenoon. Skirmish drill in the afternoon at dress parade Washington's farewell address read. Regt formed in a square. Letter from Jersey City (A.K) Target practice and skirmish. 5th got light shelter tents to carry with us. 3 men together each man to carry his 2 pieces as they are bottomed together. Threw over a pole each end resting on crotch in ground and pegged down with a piece at the ends...

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completed the whole it could be made as long as you wanted to, by stretching out the pieces, but had to crawl on your knees to get in it was so low. Battalion drills in full marching orders with each man having his pieces of tent in knapsack. Skirmish drill in afternoon. 6th skirmish drill and target practice fine day. 7th on guard very cold, letters, 8th felt unwell. Brig drill in afternoon with knapsacks practiced pitching our new tent 4 and one half-hour drill. No fun for the money. 9th Sunday fine day knapsack inspection. Sent home letters by Mrs. Buck she came on to try to get her son Mike off but could not. All routed up at 12 at night orders to march at 5 am. Great excitement. 10th left at 8 am to Baileys Cross roads. Men kept dropping out on march, teamster from Jersey Brigade said his Brigade has camped 2 miles beyond Fairfax, had with him rebels horses one was mounted in a fight where 4 rebels was...

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killed and 12 taken prisoners all the troops on the move grand sight men very tired near Fairfax and was dropping out on the road. Some threw away some of their things. At Fairfax some rough earthworks was thrown up. It is a very ancient looking village with some large but miserable looking houses, saw some plain looking women there the men so tired some even threw away their knapsacks. It was a hard march for the first one the order to rest on the road was given after and about 5 minutes at a time when I first started the load was nothing, but at night it weighed a ton. When I sat down to rest and then tried to get up. Could hardly move my feet. PATRIOTISM IS VERY SELDOM APPRECIATED BY THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW THE HARDSHIP OF A CAMPAIGN THE FEELING AT THE TIME I CANNOT. After 18 or more miles halted for the night near Wadsworth Brigade.

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March 62 when the Regt halted for the night. I lay down exhausted and soon fell asleep. My 2 comrades after a while arrived and pitched the tent and after eating some hard tack all lay down for the night *11th* awoke feeling little better rained on the march at 10 am the whole brigade was in line Gen. McDowell and McClellan with staffs rode along, the men cheered McClellan he saluted the troops with hat off. Men have confidence in him, more in McDowell. Next camp near Centerville the place reported evacuated as also Bull Run and Manasses and Forts destroyed, no mail since *9th* a General order read in regard to stealing and killing pigs, hens, and provost guard posted at the houses to protect property. One of the Wadsworth men reported shot for stealing sheep. Batl drill in afternoon, nothing to eat for supper large force of cavalry went toward Manasses.

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12th nothing for breakfast. Orders read on dress parade forbidding the men leaving camp. Contrabands came in to camp from Wanneton, fine looking fellows. Reported they had to work on the forts at Centerville and Manasses. Brigade went to Centerville stacked arms on the fort and the men allowed 3 hours to look around. I went to Bull Run looked over the Battlefield Some of the Bodies only partly covered by a woman at a house nearby by where we had dinner. Said the Louisiana tigers dug some of the bodies up. Got back as the brigade was ready to move off the where we left, 5 miles back from Centerville to Battleground. *13th* Batt Drill. *14th* Skirmish drills in forenoon, Brig in afternoon. Jim Dargas was on and was to take some letters home. *15th* Sat. Went on the march with 2 days rations before we marched, Gen. McClellans order was read to the Brigade.

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Gen. McCLELLANS ADDRESS TO THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

MARCH 15th 1862 . Headquarters army of the Potomac. Fairfax court house Va. "Soldiers of the army of the Potomac for a long time I have kept you inactive, but not without a purpose. You were to be disciplined armed and instructed, the formidable artillery you now have had to be created. Other armies were to move and accomplish certain results I have held you back that you might give the deathblow to the Rebellion which has distracted our once happy country. The patience you have shown and your confidence in your general are worth a dozen of victories. These preliminary results are now accomplished(?) I feel that the patient labors of many months have produced their first the army of the Potomac is now a real army. "

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McCLELLAND ADDREESS CONTINUED: "Disciplined and excellently equipped and armed. Your commanders are all that I could wish. The moment for actions has arrived and I know that I can trust in you to save our Country. As I ride through your ranks, I see in your faces sure prestige of victory. I feel that you will do whatever I ask you the period of inaction has passed. I will bring you face to face with the Rebels and only pray that God may defend the right in what ever direction you may move, however strange my actions may seem to you, ever bear in mind that my fate is linked with yours, and all I so is to bring you where I know you wish to be, on the decisive Battlefield. It is my business to place you there. I am to watch over you as a parent over his children and you know that your general loves you from the depths of his heart>"

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"It shall be my care as it has ever been to gain success with the least possible loss. But I know you will willingly follow me to our graves for our righteous cause. God smiles upon us. Victory attends us; yet, I would not have you think that our aim is to be obtained without a manly struggle. I will not disguise it from you that you have foes to encounter. foe men well worthy of the steel that you will use so well. I shall demand of you great and heroic exertions rapid and long marches desperate combats and prinations, we will share all these together. And when this sad war is over, we will return to our homes and feel that we can ask no higher honor than the proud consciousness that we belonged to the Army of the Potomac." GEORGE B MCCLELLAN MAJOR Gen. COMMANDING. That order was received with enthusiasm.

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March 15th 1862. Started on march back for Alexandria about 23 miles, rained all the day. Had to cross several streams swollen by the rain above our knees, wet clean through within about 3 miles of

Alexandria. It rained in torrents at McCloud's Mills. Had to cross a stream that raised 10 feet in 2 or 3 hours. 2 men and 3 horses with wagon drowned. Myself and Dunn succeeded in crossing on a large tree felled so it crossed the stream like a bridge in the delay Regt. Got scattered. Felt almost dead, so exhausted reached Alexandria at dark all places ordered closed. Met a black man who conducted us to a place where we got whiskey. His own included. We also got supper and tried to dry our clothes. Hired a bed for the night, a sucker belonging to the provost guard who got his whiskey for nothing from the proprietor, went off and made a complaint that the man who sold whiskey to us provost Came could find no whiskey, stole 2 silver mounted revolvers from...

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The proprietor and took him off to the slave pen. He was fined 10 dollars next morning for selling liquor to soldiers 38 more arrested for same. Could not get our clothes dry as the rain poured through the roof on us in bed. Felt bad in the morning Sunday 16th woke up had to wring my pants before I put them on were as wet as when I took them off night before. Had a drink and some breakfast went to hunt up the regt. The proprietors son gave us a card with his address. It was no. 233 King Street. Found the Regt. After a while they were quartered in an Episcopal Church. The minister was arrested a week before for preaching secession. When we got there the Regt was all in line, orders to go back to old camp at Uptons Hill. Went back to King St. and got our traps old man back from jail swearing vengeance against spy who gave him away and stealing his revolver and cigars. When we reached Regt again they were in line at depot ready to take the train to old camp to Uptons Hill. Train very slow engine no good, 5 hours going 8 miles.

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Got to old camp about 9 pm very cold. 17th. Cold day. Jim Dargen went home no drill. 18th fine wash day ordered at 3pm to march 2-day rations. Packed up wet shirts as they were left at 3. Marched about 4 miles. Camped on side hill on Alexandria road about 3 miles from city. Felt cold. 19th cold and chilly rained all night. 20th. Ordered for review, order again countermanded on account of the rain. Rained all night. It poured through our tent down our necks and back, not pleasant. Grand night at night to see all the camp fires as far as the eyes could reach. 21st Dull wrote, rained again all night 22nd got letter from home with money in it, rained again all night 23rd Sunday quiet 24th Saw John Flood of Wisconsin, brigade, 25th went with J. Flood to Alexandria had a good time. Regt. was out on review when I got back. 26th cold role called 5 times and plenty drilling. Cold night drew a pair pants. 27th fine day out

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On review. Lord Lyons and several Europeans Nobles present. Gen. McDowell and McClellan. 28th Co and Batt drill. 29th Co. drill snowed all day rained all night. *Sunday 30th* went with J. Flood and sergeant Mangin of their Regt. 6th Wisconsin to Alexandria had a good time got back at dark. Letters from home. 31st. Co and Batt. drill. *April 1st 1862.* Went to old camp and washed clothes warm day. Brig. Drill in afternoon. 2nd no mail men about camp raising the devil with peddlers kicking over their wagons and co. brig drill 3rd very windy and dusty. Capt. Chrysler new Major treated the Regt. 4th on guard Adj. Bentley left camp to join 63 Regt, Irish Brigade as major. He was well liked by the men. His regt. to embark today, div inspection ordered countermanded. We had to fall in line at 3pm with 3 days rations, forward toward Manasses our brigade on right of div. Went by Caileys cross roads. Halted after going 9 miles for the night. 5th moved again at 7 am Rained hard on reaching Centerville took road to left had road...

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halted about 4 miles beyond Bull Run. Felt tired after marching 19 miles. Halted for the night, 6th Sunday, took a good wash before we started at 7 am crossed Manasses plains, saw several graves of Mississippi soldiers with inscription on boards at the head. Splendid place for a battle. Had to wade through a large and deep stream. Water up to our waist. A mile on the stream halted about 9 miles from our last nights stopping. Place very hot-day got letters with money and stamps. 7th Co. inspection at 8am. Snowed all day and night, had to sleep in my wet clothes. 8th felt miserable, snow and rain all day. Now at Bristoe. News came at night to the Col. from McDowell of capture on islands No. 10 with all their boats some Iron Clods large size guns ammunition and a large number of prisoners. Some escaped in the night. Slept another night in wet clothes. No chance to dry them. 9th woke up wet and miserable. Snowed all day and cold wind blowing hard and snowed all night.

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10th, cold and cleared up. some dress parade at 5pm orders read to us that Gen. McDowell takes charge of the dept. lying east of the Blue Ridge and west of the Potomac to the Rappahonack and apart from McClellans, forces known as the Grand Army. 11th fine, news of battle at Cornith with Beauregard and Johnson on the rebel side and Grant and Buel on the Union. Rebels defeated. Johnson killed and Beauregard reported lost an arm, but not confirmed, heavy loss on both, and ours said to be 18000 or 20000 men and the Rebs 28000 or 30000 but not authentic. Greatest battle of the campaign. Fight lasted 3 days. It was called BATTLE OF PITTSBURGH LANDING. News came of battle at Yorktown. Rebs defeated. Dress parade at 6 new move adopted sending for the colors while dress parade was going on. 12th fine no drill. Men allowed to wash and clean up. Reported surrender of Beauregard, not confirmed. Beautiful day. Franklins division of McDowell's Corps. went to Alexandria.

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April 62 Bristoe. And from there to join McClellan. 13th moved about 1 and ½ mile to a splendid grove to camp. Rumored we are on detached service to watch out for Guerrillas and guard R.Roads in Prince William County. 14th Co drill and batt. Some farmers came in and took the oath and asked for a guard to their premises. Some soldiers, ignorant ones, abused them. 15th Rain, batt. Drill at 2pm. Double quick orders at 4 to march left camp and went along the railroad. 2nd Wisconsin was on guard on R.Roads. Had marching at night in the dark. Went about 7 miles to Catlett station then to the left by McDowell's head quarters. Halted in a wood after going 8 miles. Wagons got left behind. 16th fine dress parade at 8am. Batt in afternoon very hot orders to leave at 6 next morning. 17th left at 8 am route to the left through fields and woods crossed several creeks, many threw away their knapsacks very hot day, after going about 9 or 10 miles.

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Came up with rebel pickets our cavalry drove them. Country about here looked fine after going about 15 miles halted very tired and pitched tents, but had to move in 2 hours while there I was on guard went 5 miles further in all 20 miles that day. Lay down to rest in wood routed up at 1 am got half on hour to cook coffee moved on slowly as the wagons was in our charge, had to be very cautious enemy retiring before our advance halted at 8 am for coffee and let all the wagons get up some were stuck in the mud. Myself and Dunn tried to buy some food at a house near by but could not get it they reported to us about the fight at Yorktown. 18th while waiting for the wagon train rest of the brigade got ahead about 4 ½ miles from the Rappahonock. Capt. Hodge rode back ordered us to hurry up and we would be soon up with the rest, next some cavalry came along and reported hot walk before us.

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Next came along ambulance wagons with wounded. Things began to look like work. Soon, a squad of cavalry past us on the fly. We soon reached the place where the brigade doctor stopped and the wounded was brought there as the fight took place a little farther on. Between some of the Harris Cavalry supported by a few of 1st Penn against a battalion of Rebs infantry and cavalry. We threw up our knapsacks before we reached this place left a guard over them and prepared for battle. Our men did not see the Rebs as they were behind breast works until they fired a volley from behind into our men 7 and a lieut. was killed. Lieut. Col. Kilpatrick had his horse shot we passed 3 of our men dead on the road and several horses ambulances busy. Saw one man burying his comrade, we followed the enemy double quick but they got over the bridge at Fredericksburgh and fired it before all their men got over,

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18 April 1862 at Falmouth, our cavalry close on their heels. Took 5 prisoners. Killed and wounded several of the enemy. Falmouth is quite a village. The bands played Yankee Doodle going through. We camped on the heights saw the enemy retreating over the hills on Fredericksburgh side, our knapsacks did not come slept in mud all night. No cover and it rained all night. 19th the Gen. notified the authorities of Fredericksburgh to surrender or he would shell the city. They did so. Knapsacks came fine day slept well all night. 20th Easter Sunday wet miserable day. Gen. Patrick's brigade arrived on 19th 12 hours or more behind he gave us the title of the IRON BRIGADE for making such good time. Dress parade and religious service afternoon, the Col. complimented us for doing well on our March. 21st wet a black man came in to camp and reported 40 of the enemy killed on the 18th from our shells, the battery done well. B.Battery Gibbons Regulars.

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at Falmouth, April 1862. Rained very hard all day, 22nd fine. Co. Lee reported to be in command of the Rebels hereabouts, his forces said to be a Battalion of infantry and 1 cavalry, 2 Batteries of Artillery, the wenchies flocked into camp to see the soldiers and listen to the Band. 23rd fine day, Wisconsin troops brought our mail were 3 days coming, cold night and heavy wind. 24th cold morning and snowing turned to rain and rained rest of day and all night. 25th wet morning and nothing to eat. Commissary empty, no crackers, sugar or anything else. 26th Paid off \$26.00 sent mother draft for \$20.00. Report that a mail carrier was lost with the mail and drowned but he turned up. 27th Sunday fine day, dried my clothes that I washed on day before. Service at dress parade. 28th Co. Drill and Batt. 29th New Orleans reported captured, dress parade at 9 am ordered to fix up for muster and inspection at 10 AM for 30th. 30th capture of New Orleans confirmed. Rained all night and felt sick last 4 days. May 1st Review at Gen. Kings headquarters.

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May 62, at Falmouth. Our brigade by Gen. McDowell and some English Nobles. Saw some held deserters in Uniform. Rain all night. 2nd Co. drill fine day Batt. at 4. 3rd hot day on guard, formed our camp into streets. Bought a knife, Sunday 4th hot day bought a pair suspenders had my hair cut and drew a pair of shoes. Dress parade and service at 5. Yorktown reported evacuated got news at noon from headquarters, felt unwell all night 5th got a powder from the doctor, rained some, whole Regt got leggins, rain all night. Tuesday 6th skirmish drill and Batt in afternoon all with leggins on. Number of NY troops in service so far reported by Washington Republican of May. 5th infantry, 105 Regts. Cavalry II artillery 5th Pennsylvania 68___?___?___?___ 7th Co. and Batt. Drill 8 on guard hot day. Joyful news reported McClellan drove the Rebs beyond Williamsburgh and Gen. Pope captured. 2000 Rebs near Framingham, saw John Flood.

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9th hot day the Col. Marched us beyond the battleground of the 18th APL, felt sick and tired back at dark. 10th washed my clothes and got medicine from doctor. Windy, report McClellan had the Rebs surrounded. Sunday 11th hot news at night McClellan 20 miles from Richmond and the Merimac blew up. Norfolk in our possession. News by telegraph, great cheering while at supper orders came to fall in at once, cross the river. Expected a fight but countermanded. A party was out reconnoitering and drove Rebs took a Lieut. And 18 prisoners. 12th hot Co. and Batt. Drill. No papers came. 13th very hot brigade drill in afternoon. Wrote letters, 14th raining, McClellan reported 26 miles from Richmond fell back(6) 15th on guard rained all day and night. McClellan now 15 miles from Richmond, 16th fine day Batt got papers and letters. 17th fine drew a pair of drawers and got 1 pair from C. Keleher.

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May 1862 at Falmouth. Gunboats Left Camp, reported repulsed, 7 miles from Richmond. 19th got cross belt and returned old one. Battalion drill by Lieut. Co C. blundered. Offers 70th to work at depot. 21st to 23rd sick, Co at the depot shields div arrived. 23rd sick Gen. Auguer and Gibbons Brigades received by old Abe and others; also Shields Div was reviewed. 24th washed wet day orders to be read to march by 10am on 25th. Sunday 25 one of the 23 NY killed in the city of Fredericksburgh by the explosion of a torpedo and torn to pieces by it. At 3 pm left camp went through Fredericksburg. It is a nice place. Went over the hill and camped for the night about 6 miles south, saw J.Flood Our company acted as rear Guard. Country looked beautiful as we passed. 26th reported repulse of banks in the valley, Shields ordered back to the Valley. 27th on guard, rained hard before daylight, but day fine. 28th Hot. 29th orders to march back to Catlett station left at 10am went 15miles halted for night. 7 miles beyond Falmouth.

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On March to Catlett May 62. 30th Resumed our march at 7 am. Very hot felt sick had to rest often, rained hard in evening, went about 22 miles and halted for the night about 11 miles from Cattlet. Wet night. 31st. Moved early to Catlett. Saw some of the 104th Regt. there took cars in evening for Manasses and then to White Plains going all night. Very close in the cars could hardly breathe, one man was killed and about 40 reported wounded from a collision, said to be the berdan sharpshooters. This happened before daylight on June 1st Sunday. It was the intention to capture Jackson, Stonewall, but it was delayed. Left White Plains for Point Royal, valley, nice place. 150 prisoners reported taken near there at a late fight and a lot of wagons captured. We had to stand up in the cars all night, no room to lay down. Gen. Sugur wanted the engineer of the train to run through, and over a Bridge to Strasburgh at night but he refused afraid of the bridges being tampered with. Went to...

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about 12 miles of Strasburgh at daylight 2nd Engineer examined Bridge, found it sawed half through on underside intending to kill all on board. Heard heavy firing in distance, supposed to be Tremont and Jackson at it. Little later heard he escaped to the mountains. Saw where Col. Ashby, (rebel) lived beyond Blue Ridge. Could not repair bridge in time to answer our purpose so we were ordered back, reached Haymarket at dark. After many narrow escapes halted for night. Rain all night. 3rd, fine went to camp formed it in streets, took a good wash. Our Co. on guard at night-rain all night. 4th rain all day streams flooded and rain all night. 5th regular detail for guard begins again. Men had no meat in 3 days. 6th ordered to march at 7 am to Manenton about 12 miles went as far as Broad Run, Gibbons Brigade took the right of us, had to cross several creeks,

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June 1862, at Cedar Run on march. Crossed Cedar Run on a single plank one man fell in and was nearly drowned it is the same creek we crossed before on our march near Catlett. Arrived at Waneuton 7pm Pitched tents, very tired. 7th hot day fixed up camp reported Capture of 50,000 of Beauregards Army including prisoners, deserters and ???. 8th Sunday, started for Waneuton to Church with Dunne went all over the town, pretty place. At 1 PM Met a Col. of Gibbons Brigade, told us to hurry up, as the order was issued to march, found boys all packed up left camp at 2pm. Through Warrenton to Catlett, a bad road to travel, went 12 miles halted at noon. Pitched our tents on the spot we halted at on the night of the 30th of May. Dress parade at 6pm. June 10th rained all day the runs all swelled to torrents. The Gibbons Brigade...

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left at 6am in rain toward Falmouth but could go only 4 or 5 miles on account of the roads. Hard for artillery. Memphis reported taken. 11th the Domince took the mail to Washington. Fine day dress parade at 6pm. 12th fine day. Jackson reported badly cut-up and Ashby killed battle between Shields and Jackson advance at Port Republic valley heavy loss both sides. 13th hot day moved camp about a mile further and while going got soaked heavy rain with thunder. Laid out camp in streets but orders came to march early next morning. 14th left early towards Falmouth hot went about 18 miles, I could not keep up had to drop out several times, all played out, but got to camp a little after the Regt. Camped about 8 miles from Falmouth got the first mail we had since we left Falmouth May 25th or Fredericksburgh 27th. Lots of letters from home, with paper and stamps heard from Leary near Richmond.

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Sunday June 62. Up at 4am felt sick went about 6 miles tired out. Put knapsack in doctor's wagon. Got to our old camp at noon. Fixed tents. Put on guard. 16th, 24th and 22nd NY got paid off. Took a walk to village in evening of 17th. The Brooklyn and Sharpshooters paid off. On Police. Officers all off, no drill. 18th our Regt got paid in morning. Our Co. relieved Co. B on guard at Fredericksburgh, had a good time with a few comrades at Mannix. Played on the accordin, got well used. Co. B. after they got paid relieved us again, left there about 5 pm. Rained hard going to camp a good many fights among G. Co. the hoe handles as they are nicknamed. They had it with the pioneers (cause whiskey.) 19th fine had a picture taken, very windy in evening and rainy. 20th sent home the likeness in Capts. Box. Saw John Flood Batt. At 5 PM small party went to village after supper. 21st. Fine day washed new shirts & drawers.

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Sunday 22nd. Hot, knapsack inspection went to Fredericksburg to church with John Flood and others of his co. (Wisconsin 6th) Saw the tomb of Washington's mother all defaced, said to be done by rebels. Lots to drink. Saw S.A. was glad to see me. Had dinner to the house, left at 4 pm late for dress parade. 23rd, on extra guard first since I enlisted. Very hot terrible thunderstorm with lightning, rain all night. Carried off the bridges across the Rappahonock. 24th fine 25th On Guard fine day. Batt. At 5 PM. Wrote home, festival mentioned in K.'s letter was to be on 24, 25, and 26, was 20 years old on 15th. 27th Note on police, my account with the US Government for clothes leaves me \$11.04 ahead of allowance. Spoke for a pass across the river 28th Got pass it was signed by Capt. King and the Col. but returned from Gen. Augers headquarters not signed as he was leaving to take the command of King's Division and promoted to Gen. Fremont Command, the latter said to have resigned. 55 June 62 at Falmouth Gen. Auger promoted.

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Pope takes the command of the 3 corps. McDowells, Banks and Fremonts call the department of Virginia all the officers went over the river. I myself and Valentine took chances on the pass went to Fredericksburgh. Had a good time and a present of a handkerchief from S.A.M. stayed to dinner. New potatoes and cabbage got well used? Left at 4 PM. Promised to call soon, again on our return the provost examined our pass at the Pontoon Bridge and found fault said they knew the Gen. Signed no passes that day. After some talk they let us go. (I signed the Gen. Name on that pass myself and they could not detect it.) Got back in time for dress parade, *Sunday 29th* wet morning, inspection afternoon, hot and in parade and preaching by Chaplain of 2nd Berdans sharpshooters. 30th Muster in and inspection at 9 am all looked well.

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Sunday. A man of Co E. drowned in the Rappahonock while bathing buried today at 1 pm. Batt drill at 5 a committee of 3 from each Regt in the Brigade appointed to arrange for a little time on the 4th of July and some fireworks from our Regt, Major Shyster and Capt. Landon. *July 1st* fine day drill and inspection at 8 am. The Gen. told the committee not to incur any expense, as we might not be here on the 4th. Saw J.Flood and took a walk to the Pontoon Bridge after supper. Went to the Village. 2nd Rain all day, went to Fredericksburgh with Valentine. Good time at S.A.M. and had tea there and a present of a gold ring. Left at 6 pm asked to call on 4th. Went on guard at 11 pm in Joe Boyce's place. Rained all night. 3rd. fine day heavy fighting reported before Richmond Magruder Rebel Gen. With 2000 prisoners reported taken. Continued fighting for 3 days, great excitement. Richmond reported taken but false, next came news.

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At. Falmouth, McClellans retreat to James River. McClellan fell back to James River, near 30 miles from Richmond fighting all the way, orders to us, no duty on the 4th except Guard. At Midnight bands in the vicinity struck up National An. And at sunrise salutes fired, 4th hot day on Police, in afternoon went with Valentine to Fredericksburgh, good time plenty to eat and drink got picture from S.A.M. Went to the quarters of the Construction corps good many. Tight in the city. Crossed the railroad bridge on return to camp, saw Baltimore Sun (paper) it stated McClellan had 7 day fight before Richmond, loss estimated at 20,000 and Rebs 25,000. Got to camp after dark saw some fire on the gunboat on river. 5th hot day washed clothes, got letters and answered them. 6th very hot 97 in the shade, no papers came. Had news from McClellans army, inspection at 8 am.

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July 62 at Falmouth. 7th very hot went to see dam above Falmouth. Saw where Washington used to mold cannons, time of Revolution. Splendid view along river. Stopped at the butchers headquarters and got some meat. Very hot 105 in shade. Back at noon. Vicksburgh reported taken, not confirmed also Fort Darling . Jackson reported killed our loss reported 15,000 in 7 days fight. Rebs 20,000. McClellan reported all right, he issues another address to his army. Orders read to us that Gen. Augur was to leave us and take Command of a division under Banks, late Siegel Div. Our men felt sorry to lose Gen. Augur, Col. Sullivan of 24th NY in command of the Brigade until a General is appointed. 8th hot Brigade in line to bid Gen. Augur goodbye. All wore white gloves. He rode down the line, hat off, followed by staff, all the men cheered and was soon dismissed. The Col.'s and all field officers of Brigade called on him.

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July 6. Very hot, 105 in shade McClellan reported advanced 7 mile since 4th. 9th very hot on guard. Nothing new. 10th very hot orders on dress parade to be ready to march at a moment's notice and wagons carry 10 days rations. Quartermaster ordered to pack up everything to be ready to leave. 11th no passes allowed. Went with Valentine to Fredericksburgh, crossed in a boat saw, S.A.M. Good time plenty to eat and drink. Came back in evening. Crossed in a boat Co.B of our Regt on Provost duty at city ,all the others sent to join their Regt. John Flood sent to Fredericksburgh to hospital. Cool night. 12th fine, wash day, after supper took a walk to the river, saw Mr. Arnold from Lansingburgh. Sunday 13th Regt. inspections at 8am. Hot day all sick in camp sent to hospital at Fredericksburgh all ready now to leave.

Page 60:**McClellans Address. #2 , Harrisons Landing July 4th 1862**

"Soldiers of the Army of the Potomac. Your achievements for the last 10 days have illustrated the valor and endurance of America Soldiers attacked by Superior Forces and without hope of Reinforcements you have succeeded in changing your base of operations by a flank movement regarded as the most hazardous of military exceptions. You have saved all your material.. All your trains and all your guns except a few lost in battle taking in return guns and colors from the enemy upon the march. Although you have been assailed with fury by men of your own race and nations skillfully masked and led under every disadvantage of numbers and positions, you have also in every conflict beaten back your foe with enormous slaughter. Your conduct ranks you with the celebrated armies of history. No one will question that..."

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" Each of you with pride say I belonged to the Army of the Potomac. You have reached the real base. Complete in organization and unimpaired in spirit the enemy may at any time attack you we are prepared to meet them. I have personally established your lives. Let them come and we will convert their repulse into a final defeat. Your government is strengthening you with the resources of a great people on this our Nations birth day we dedicate to our foes who are rebels against the best interest of mankind that this, our army shall enter the Capital of the so called Confederacy, that our National Constitution shall prevail and that the Union which alone can secure internal peace and external security to each state MUST AND SHALL BE PRESERVED COST WHAT IT MAY IN TIME TREASURE AND BLOOD "

George B McClellan. Commander.

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JULY 1862 AT FALMOUTH
NAME OF BATTLES FOUGHT BEFORE RICHMOND.

Thursday June 26 Battle of Mechanicsville
Friday June 27 Gaines Mills
Sat June 28 Chickahominy
Sunday 29 peach orchard and Savage's station
Monday 30th White Creek swamp & creek
July 1 Charles City Cross Roads and Turkey Bend.

Monday July 14th on Guard In Ladies Place. Hot day 15th washed clothes very hot. Officers packed their tents and sent them off ,but they came back again. Rain hard at night. 16th fine day on police. 17th fine

day went to Fredericksburgh with Valentine. Good time all day at ,M ____? They were all getting ready to go to Staunton to see friends. Would start at 4 AM on 18th rained all afternoon. Left at 6 pm got to camp at dark. 18th got letters from home, it rained some. 19th fine day washed. 20th Sunday fine day all quiet, wrote letters. 21st fine day all quiet. 22nd on guard, no news from Richmond, letters from home, times dull.

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July 62. July 23rd Capt. Mansfield of 2nd Wisconsin ordered under arrest while acting as provost Marshall, he granted passes to citizens through the line to the enemy. 4 or 5 prominent citizens also arrested. No more passes issued to cross the River. The Harris Light Cavalry made another bold dash beyond Beaver Dam destroyed a rebel camp, took 5 prisoners and killed 4 men. 2 companies of the 14th went about 12 or 14 miles with them a few days ago. Same cavalry destroyed part of the railroad near Beaver Dam and a depot captured. 300 barrels flour, a Capt. Sergt, and 3 privates. Gen. Pope at the City of Fredericksburgh today said to be popular with the Army. 24th on Police, ordered to start after dinner in light marching orders. 2 days rations on expedition to consist of Cavalry. The 4th Regulars Battery B infantry, 2nd Wisconsin 23rd NY & 30th Regt left at 3pm.

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Stopped at S.A.M. as we passed through Fredericksburgh. Went about 12 miles felt sick and very tired. Lay out all night in a field, no covering. It poured rain during the night. Woke up in the morning very stiff, hardly able to move, sharpshooters passed on ahead of us, 25th went as far as where the roads branched off near long woods. Our Regt halted, ordered to stay there until another Regt. relieved us. The others followed up the plank road our Co. was sent up a bye road about a mile to another sharpshooters wounded a Reb Lieut. And killed one. Man it looked like as if we were in for it red hot-scouts came in and reported the enemy in too strong a force to give theirs battle. Were within 2 or 3 miles of Grange Court House, distance about 40 miles from Fredericksburgh, as our instructions was to find out the enemy's strength not to bring on an engagement if there were too many for us.

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branch. Kept on the look out and threw up barricades in the road at Noon. 6th Wisconsin relieved us and we followed on main body. Marched on when at 8 PM Gen. Gibbons orderly met with our Adj. and told him to report to the Gen. The Col. told us how far we had to go about 8 miles farther and likely to have a fight in the morning. We felt in trim.

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Just then for it reached the halting place, for the night at 12 o'clock and we lay on the wet damp grass all night. 26th. Woke up at daylight wet and stiff. Hunted around for water to make coffee, but ordered to march at once. On the road after going about 2 miles the battery was halted and marked on the road side, left wing of our Regt. remained to support it and the 23rd NY little farther back, right wing of our regt. under Col. Searing went ahead to the support of 2nd Wisconsin, the Cavalry, and the Skirmishers. We halted a little way from them.

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Near Grainge & Court House. The pickets were called in we were allowed to make coffee and retreat ordered. The rebel cav. On our heels. I was taken with cramps in my stomach and had to lay down on the road, after going about 3 miles. then the Rebs Cav. made a dash on our rear guard, the artillery unlisted to give them a shot when they would skedaddle back each time. They halted. I would move along as best I could close behind the rear guard. The troops reached a place called Pedinoville or Wedinsville hotel, the rear halted and formed in line for battle. Artillery and skirmishes all reads but the enemy kept back. An artilleryman carried some of my traps, with my cartridge box. Our fellows got some bacon while the halt was called. For about an hour I lay on a stoop. The woman of the house very much scared sure we were going the fight. The march resumed, rain commenced. and I was not able to keep up

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I went in a house a little off the road to get something to eat, raining hard. Our men went on and left me in the enemy's lines. I was wet through and sick. Some 8 or 9 of our Regt. was at the house, dried my stockings and jacket and eat some supper. After that the woman made up a good fire in her best room and her daughter sang for us, but I was so sick could not enjoy it. About 9 o'clock the woman spread a bed on the floor for us 3 feather ticks. I went to bed and slept until 6 next morning *Sunday 27th*. I got up but would not wait for breakfast did not want to be captured. Some of the fellows waited and got captured. I went on with 3 Dutchmen of the party and some miles farther on halted at a house to make our coffee. While the colored woman got it ready a young girl in the house joked us, said Jackson was after us but the Dutchman got mad, could not take a joke...

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and started off. I fared better, the girl gave me 2 or 3 biscuits I told one Dutchman. She sent one to him but he swore and said it was poisoned and would not eat it. While we were at the house the wench was baking a hoe cake for On-Cav. near guard when they saw us coming they took us for Rebs and formed line of battle first but soon cleared off without the hoe cake. We soon came up to them and had a laugh on them. The Dutchmen halted, I went on alone the rest of the way and stopped at several houses after going about 18 miles I halted. One house a union man lived in when about 10 miles from Fredericksburgh. Left my guns outside the door, asked for dinner the man gave me my dinner but cursed some of our soldiers for trying to steal his horses. The family consisted of himself wife and 3 daughters all young ladies. He told me he had 2 sons drafted in the Rebel Army, the Family wished me well...

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and invited me to call if I ever came that way again. I thanked him and went on a few miles farther. Saw 2 men on horseback coming toward me, thinking them the enemy examined my rifle and found the cap gone, it must have been removed at that house and the artillery man had my cartridge box and caps. They asked me how far out our men was and how many was behind me. I judge they were Rebs and spies so I told them a whole brigade was behind me. (The there was only the few I left behind that was captured after I left the house way back where I slept all night) Near the city of Fredericksburgh about ½ a mile. I stopped at a house for a drink of water had a chat with on old soldier said his name was Reed who invited me to call on him stopped at Mannions, no one home waited about an hour, no one came. Crossed the river on RR.

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Back to camp at Falmouth. Could not find my cartridge box at the artillery camp. Some infantryman took it. Got to camp, my comrades was surprised to see me thought I was taken prisoner, Capt. Had sent an ambulance back several miles but could not find me. All glad to see me. Some writing home stating I was captured. Letters waiting for me. Slept well all night. 28th fine day, on guard, the boys all complaining of sore feet after the march. 29th took a good wash in afternoon. Got Jim Hickeys cartridge box and

bayonet. Rained hard all night. 30th fine day took a walk to the theater in village in afternoon. Wisconsin Regt moved their camp over the railroad. McClellan at Washington, 22nd regt. to pair off. July 31st all quiet wrote home. Aug 1st fine day not feeling well, dull, washed. Sunday 3rd got medicine from doctor. Knapsack inspection being sick did not go out.

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At Camp Falmouth.. Answered letters. 4th very hot all quiet. 5th moved our camp about a mile back on the right of Bend and Sharpshooters. Very hot, just got our tents up and orders came to go out on a foraging expedition. Whole brigade, Gen. Hatch our new brigadier arrived and took command. Left at 3pm Lieut. Col. In command of regt. Col. Frisby. Sick tough march. It was hard on me being sick last 3 or 4 days. Felt weak, the Lieut. told me not to go out but I preferred to go with the boys. Very hot our blankets carried in the wagons. A good many fell out in the march and was sent back to camp. While the Regt was in Fredericksburgh, I managed with a few more to drop out and call at Manonix's and got all they wanted to drink felt better and soon we caught up with the Regt 22nd and 24th Regts went one road our regt. 30th and 22nd another route by telegraph road south of Fredericksburgh when we halted for the night. Felt jovial.

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Forage Expedition South of Fredericksburgh. Lieut. Campbell in command of Co. B as rear guard, lay out in the field all night after going about 13 miles. Made coffee. 6th woke up at daylight, heavy dew after getting coffee went ahead of 22nd regt. about 4 or 5 miles halted. Gen. Gibbons and his men out towards Beaver dam. Jim Rooney of our Co. and another sent to Fredericksburgh with 2 men. Our co. took prisoners some of our Co sent through woods on our right about a mile skirmishing and if all right to come back ½ mile an establish a picket. After coming back the ½ mile heard commorading in our rear. The rebels had gotten in so we joined our regt. found them in line with the cavalry and artillery. Went back the road on the double quick, left our blankets behind.

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The doctor said he would take care of them and see them carried to camp about 4 miles back came up with the enemy they had come on the Bowling Green road and came across on Loaded wagons going back to camp. Captured them and started off with them. Our artillery banged sway at them but did no damage as they were on a steep hill and we in the hollow. Our wagons had no guard with them as no enemy was thought to be near. John Dargan in charge of the wagons was captured. Jim Hickey and other drivers captured and we learned they took them south about 70 miles and on to Richmond. Later Rooney while in charge of the prisoners was nearly captured he fired on some of the enemy and came back with his prisoners to the regt. We followed the Rebs for some distance but could not overtake them. They killed Gen. Hatch's orderly Gibbons, artillery fired several shots at them and it was reported 10 of theirs killed. They were of Stewarts Cavalry. The Gen. And staff being at Dr. Bullock's house for dinner our shells drove them off in a hurry with the doctor and wife. We stopped at the house and some of the men took several articles there.

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Aug, 1862. About dark, went back to where we stopped night before but no blankets. The doctor did not bring them so had to sleep without them all night. Went about a mile for some straw to lay on. 7th Started for Fredericksburgh early arrived at Noon. Called at Mannix had dinner there, got to camp at dark. Jovial. Some left in canteen slept well all night. 8th Fell tired, no rations everything looked blue. Went to our old camp for an old pair of pants, got a new Korsouth Hat and 2 dollars. 9th hot day marching orders for 10th at 3am for the front. 10th started at daylight. I was detailed as guard on wagon train with Khop. McClenahan. Went through Falmouth saw John Flood on the march. Went about 8 miles or more on the old Catlett Road. Turned to the left on the Culpepper Road. Quartermaster Sergent Gallager in one of the wagons. Filled 2 canteens and my own. Going down hill had to run to keep up with the wagons, very hot and tired, went about 11 miles before we halted to rest.

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Aug 11, 1862. Crossed the Rappanhonnack at 2 am. 11th. Crossing the road several teams got stuck in the water arrived where the Regt stopped. They were scattered all over the field and lay down to sleep. Stayed there until Gibbons train passed us. We left at noon and the Regts piled up their knapsacks here.

We put ours in the wagons myself and McGlenahan. Had a big hill to climb. Hard road and nothing to eat on the way but apples. Saw a wounded cavalry man shot in the leg accidentally. Was taken back to Fredericksburgh. Burnside was there with his whole forces. All our Div. Came on to get a cup of tea, at night on the road our wagons got behind so we had to run to catch up throwing in knapsacks in wagons. A gun fell out picked it up got a few drinks on the road crossing through a little village. We went on the fly, could not keep up. Saw the rebel signal lights on a mountain to our left, lots of stragglers on the road.

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Reported battle not far off. Got to where our Regt. halted for night, a few miles beyond Culpepper, about 40 miles since Sunday morning. Very hard road and very hot. About midnight found them asleep in a field on their arms. I slept none in 3 nights. 12th Gen. Augin drove the enemies pickets from here and had his horse shot under him while ahead of his men. Here where to Battle commenced of the Sunday before and about 3 miles further on was hotly contested at Cedar Mountains. About 6 or 7 miles from Culpepper. Rebels said to be about 40 or 50,000 strong. Gen. Banks in command of our forces. His corps about 3000 killed and wounded reported on each side. Banks had his horse killed, Gen. Augur got wounded and several other officers. The Regt who lost most was the 5th Connecticut, 28th NY 8th and 12th Regulars, 3rd Maryland, 27th Indiana. Crawford brigade being in the advance suffered most. Men fought nobly. We were ordered to be in readiness We packed and unpacked the wagons twice but did not start.

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Our division expected to go to the front. Gens Pope, McDowell, Banks and Sigel on the field. Rained hard in the afternoon. Saw the Regt. engaged in the late battle coming to the rear all cut up. Some Regts. Not having 200 men they went back to Culpepper all the wounded sent there. Jackson reported to have fell back 10 or 12 miles and Burnside in his rear said to have gone out by way of Fredericksburgh. Paper at night mentioned the late battle and the recent order issued in reg, and the drafting, and several getting ready to leave the states to avoid it. The government must have men, I myself and Tommy McClenahan slept in wagon all night. Regt. laid out in the woods close by. 13th. Hot day orders to let no one take anything from the wagons. All quiet. Trains going out all night, said to be Sigels. After dinner went out to the battlefield had job going...

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through the pickets. About 4 miles from where our troops halted. The scene of the battlefield looked dreadful, dead horses, broken caissons ambulances, and portions of rebel uniforms and union soldiers scattered about and all blood as torn from the wounded. Saw on oak tree 18 inches in diameter cut clean off. I suppose a solid shot. Saw where a lot of our men was buried in a big trench on the battlefield. The enemy was driven off the field 3 times and driven into the woods but returned a galling fire and drove our men back again. The Rebs retreated after it was over. I got back to the wagons about 5 PM tired. 14th up at daybreak. Moved the wagons mares to camp and gave men their knapsacks. The wagon guard was then relieved. Grand review ordered for 7 o'clock am. The whole division and the men looked well. Gens Pope, McDowell with their staffs and Brigadiers were on hand.

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Near Cedar Mountain. Got through before 11 am. Report in the papers, Gen. Winder and another rebel General killed. No mail came since we left Falmouth. James McCormick Lansingburgh, alias Crow of Co. H publicly disgraced on dress parade for stealing 4 dollars in rebel money from a sick nigger wench. Marching orders for 15th tomorrow at 9am. rain all night 15th answered letters mailed on 5th got them at Falmouth on 9th. Mail came got letters orders to march postponed for 16th Sat. left camp near Culpepper...over the late battlefield saw several graves and lots of dead horses. Went about 5 miles to the foot of Cedar Mountain. Halted put up our tents The Col. Took command being some time sick before this. Dress parade at 6 wet night 14th Sunday wrote letters to send home by Lieut. Dargen who has furlough to go home tomorrow recruiting.

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18th Muster at 10 am struck tents. Orders to move at a moment's notice, attack expected. Moved at 1am, Jackson reported at the Rapidan with a large force. We retreated towards Culpepper. The boys got lots of things at a sutters place there as the sutter did not want the Rebs to get it. Near all the Regt. got tight halted after a long march about 9 miles from Rappahonnock. crossed the bridge at the station the Rebs close on our heels. We halted little ways from the station. The artillery on both sided engaged across the

river. We changed our positions nearer to the river. 20th between the two fires all day supporting the batteries, the shells falling close by. We guarded a fort all night to prevent surprise. 21st had to support battery again, a shell fell close by my head where I lay. At 11 am on march to Warrenton, very tough march, left Rappahonock Station.

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Left Rappahonock Station. Nothing to eat for 40 hours. Halted at night in a swamp near Warrenton. Made a bed from 3 rails of a fence and slept and dreamed. I dwelt in a marble hall with vassals and a ___?___ by my side. 22nd Sat. Marched on a little farther. Sun 23rd at Warrenton all day. 24th left for Sulfur Springs here we were in line expecting an attack. Gen. Artillery and the Rebs had it all day small loss reported both sides. Staid here all night. I was on guard. 25th ordered back towards Warrenton enemy gone up the valley and around by the gap towards Manassas. They raided our wagons at Catlett and Bristoe station. We went through over old road to Haymarket halted at night. Stopped near Baltimore to make coffee and went to little Washington. Stopped there all night 26th. Left at daylight saw about 150 Rebel prisoners, went through Gainesville & Haymarket,

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the enemy now near Manassas in force. We kept moving about all day. 28th The Rebs shelled McCalls wagons. We followed them up, Rebs, all day and in the evening had a battle with them. We passed along the road with Gibbons, Wisconsin Brigade in our rear. When the enemy was discovered in Gibbon's front, in the woods we opened with his artillery then the carnage began. Jackson in our front with 30000 men with our little division in his front the Wisconsin Brigade lost very heavy...about 700 men. The musketry firing was the most rapid I ever heard. Our Regt about at dark was ordered up to their support. of our Co. Paddy Welsh was killed about 4 feet from me. His head blown off. We deployed in to line on the battlefield, yelling going in the firing. Suddenly it ceased. We staid on the field with 2 lines of skirmishes all night and...

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within range of the enemy who were in the woods. We could hear them plainly talking at their campfire, but the groans of the wounded I can never forget. One poor fellow calling for his mother, another for his wife, some for water and the dying calling for their comrades. WAR IS A SAD THING, BUT A NECESSARY EVIL. Aug 29th before daylight left the field on the quiet - our wounded behind what remained on the field and made a quick march to Manassas Junction. Water there very scarce and muddy. While halted to cook coffee McClellan's army passed us going to the front. About noon after drawing rations we again returned to the front. McCalls division engaged the enemy and drove them in the evening.

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Our Brigade was ordered to charge we did so while crossing Bull Run, McDowalls yells out. Now boys they are on the run give it to them. We followed them up about a mile or more when they took their positions on a hill with a wood on their right, our left, and a bull run a little to our rear. It was now too dark to tell friend from foe and when they opened on our right front. We thought it was our own men firing on us but soon found our mistake they had a masked battery in the woods on our left. When we engaged them they poured in a crossfire on us and made us retreat in haste. We lost heavily in killed and wounded. Our Co. lost heavy. Lieut. Dargan mortally wounded while trying to rally the men. 1st Sergt. Shelly and several others of our Co. wounded. Our Regt got scattered, so I could not find their headquarters all night. Woke up next morning all wet found the Reg., our Brigade formed in line.

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Aug 30th Battle of Bull Run. Brigade formed in line once more overlooking the battle field Col. Frisbie furious over the defeat of the night before and the men really eager for revenge. We kept changing positions until afternoon when we were ordered to the front. Had a cup of coffee on fire half made? A shell scattered the fire in all directions. We went on the Berdaus ahead skirmishing, Capt King being called in the morning to see Lieut. Dargan had not yet got back. Lieut. Cross in command as Lieut. Campbell had been ordered to hospital at Alexandria from Rappahannock station. After supporting a battery a little while we followed up to the edge of a wood. Capt King had arrived and reported Lieut. Dargan died. He promise d to take his body home but man proposes, and God disposes. While halted at the woods mentioned Fitz John Porter in command. At that point...

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ordered. Gen. Hatch to take our brigade through these woods the Gen. Told Porter there was troops in our advance in the woods, but he would pay no attention to him we then moved on Bendans ahead we had 2 lines the 24th NY on our right 14th Brooklyn NY supported the 24th and the 22nd our Regt. while Passing through the wood we crossed over 2 lines of troops laying in the woods. Think they were Butterfields or Martindales Brigade . In crossing a stone wall some of our men was shot down but could see no enemy. We charged across an open field and soon the enemy appeared on our right over the railroad. Made a left wheel and the fun began. I fired off all my ammunition, 50 rounds some had more. My gun got clogged up and I could hardly handle it it was so hot with the rapid fire. Capt King helped me to...

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get cartridges from the tins in the box. After throwing away the tin he told me I would not need them any more. He then went to the left of the Reg, for what purpose I could not say, but I never saw him again. While our brigade was engaged, we drove the Rebs several time over the embankment and a fresh lob would come out although several lines of troops who were lying sown in our rear was suppose to relieve us, no relief came. They fired a few shots over our heads towards the enemy. When our cartridges was all gone and we were obliged to fall back. the troops who ought to support us turned and went to the rear on the run. I stood it as long as I could, got a scratch in the forehead from I suppose a piece of shell or canister . the rebs had their whole or most of their Force on our right then left...

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and poured in a raking fire of shell and canister, mowing us down. Our company lost our camp. And about 24 men killed and wounded. Our Regt lost very heavy in going to the rear. Our brigade got scattered and I was trying to find them when I was ordered to fall in with the 12th NY and go back to the front. That was what I call fighting with 2 regts. in one day. After the 12th tried to rally the stragglers and finding it impossible we again retired and I found myself, as I may say alone on the road for a mile or two. I then got in with the Bucktails and got some cartridges from them we formed a line of battle across the road, to a charge bayonets to stop stragglers, the Duryes's 5th NY Zouaves came along, what was left of the poor fellows, badly cut up they lost heavy because they we to our left on the battlefield and exposed to a raking fire their red uniforms a good target.

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Aug 30th 1862 belonged to 3 Regts in same day 30NY 12NY and Penn Bucktails. After staying here about an hour we then fell back and I went with others to Centerville and there found our Brigade flag. Gen. Hatch was wounded in the head. We went in to the fight 400 men and next day had 100. For rations

all the stress killed or wounded. A few taken prisoners and a few stragglers came in later. We felt in our Co. like lost children after losing our officers, with Dargen and King killed and Col. Frisbee and several other of the officers. All felt sad, and we knew there would be great crying and lamenting in Lansingburgh over the news. *Sunday 31st* drew rations and moved back toward Fairfax on that road near Centerville.

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Aug 31 1862, on retreat, Kearney and others killed, saw James Leary, 1st Mass inf. We were there, mustered in, the Gen. Told our major we would be unfit for action, we were so badly cut up. Staid there near Centerville, all night the wounded and sick coming to the rear in ambulances very fast. *Sept 1st* left near Centerville toward Fairfax in the evening Gen. Kearney and Stevens was killed near there. at Chantilly the thunder and lightning and rain was the heaviest I ever witnessed BUT THE ROARS OF THE CANNON AND THE YELLS OF THE MEN COULD BE HEARD ABOVE ALL, IT WAS TERRIBLE. *Sept 2nd* left Fairfax for Uptons Hill our whole Corps got there at night to our old camp. Found it all weeds. *Sept 3rd* hot day washed, wrote home, after washing had to stand naked in sun while my clothes was drying at camp. That night felt sick terrible headache and passing blood. Very weak.

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4th very sick all day *5th* also very sick. *Sat. 6th* sick and passing blood. Could not eat very sick. Saw Jim Dargen, Alfred McMurray and Bob Dickson. They came over for the bodies of Dargen and Capt King. Marching orders at night I could not march with regt. The Capt. told me to go to the hospital at Alexandria or Washington. Lieut. Campbell now in command of our Co as captain.. Got back from hospital looking very bad. I left ahead of the regt toward Washington with O'NEIL DUNN VALENTINE AND THOS. MCCLLENAHAN they passed us on the road. We arrived in Washington the next morning sick and tired. Not able to follow the Regt through Maryland. I did no go to hospital as ordered. Stopped about 14 days at soldier's retreat-eager to join my Regt. While there.

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Sept 20th, 1862 Sandy Gillespie went home with the major. They had the colonel's, and Capt King's bodies with them. I went to the convalescent camp at Alexandria with others and staid there until orders came. *Nov 2nd* while at Alexandria drew 1 pants, dress coat, shirts, socks and drawers. Left *2nd* from there to Washington to join Regt. I forgot to mention on one trip from Washington to Alexandria in September on boat a collision occurred at midday a steamboat ran in to ours where the river is nearly 2 miles wide. One man killed. Both boats loaded with troops. I stripped all ready to jump and looked for a plank, but found our boat about safe, the other boat turned back to Alexandria and sunk at the dock just as the men got off, narrow escape.

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Nov 1862, Camp at Alexandria Convalescent. *Nov 3rd* Left Washington for Harpers Ferry. *5th* left Harpers Ferry. No rations except 1 days . Marched all the way to Washington on that one day's rations trusting to luck. Came across a sutter on the road going our route. They asked us to help them up hill and across streams but was very stringy..we halted at night in a church the sutter gave us a ham we found cabbage close by. We made a fire and had a good supper. All hands the 2 sutlers with me we took turns at night guarding their wagon. Next morning a squad of Cavalry came along and told us to get as fast as possible enemy's cavalry on our heels. We left our sutters and went on. They were captured with their load and 2 horses got to camp at Warrenton, *Nov 9th Sunday*.

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Sunday After a hard march and little to eat. *10th*. Review, McClellans farewell address read and to receive Gen. Augus, Burnside now in McClellans Place. Fine day *11th* Marching orders stopped about 3 miles from Sulfur Springs on the Rappahannock. On picket all night *12th* on picket reviewed at night by 20NY. *13th* dress parade morning wrote and got letters. *14th* inspection drill orders to march in afternoon, *15th* *Sat.* The rebels shelled the trains close by one man killed. *Sunday 16th* washed my clothes a letter from Valentine. *17th* marched on until late at night. *18th* marched beyond the Falmouth road towards Acqince creek. Halted at dark for night. *19th* marched on near Stafford Ct. House had a steep hill to go up. Rain at night. *20th* rain all day. Col Chrysler came and Adjutant Bentley, *21st* rained all day, answered letters.

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21st on March near Brooks Station. 22nd Marched on about noon to near Brooks station. I was on picket guard all night. *Sunday* 23rd wash day. *Monday* 24th, all quiet. 25th answered letters.. Capt. Campbell went for our overcoats. 26th saw John Dwyer he is in the signal corps. 27th inspection all quiet. 28th nothing new. 29th non commissioned officers appointed. Sergt Joe McKinney and Con Keleher, Corp. Hugh Sands and Renny Gaston. The clothes put away at Uptons hill arrived at Acquina creek. Cool day. Boxes came at night no overcoats. 30th got a blanket from box. *Dec 1st*. Wrote to Valentine, brigade drill 2nd afternoon, Presidents message in todays papers. He advocated gradual emancipation 37 years to free the slaves. 3rd cool day 4th orders to march but countermanded. Brigade, Review, paid off for 4 Months up to Nov 1st.

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Sent home 37 dollars, orders to move at moment's notice. Answered letters rain and snow all day. Cold. 5th did not move. 6th same orders to move. *Sunday* 7th cold day no move. 8th left camp at Brooks station towards Falmouth. 9th halted and our regt left as rear guard. 10th our Regt got up to the brigade opposite Fredericksburgh in afternoon, but will move again at night. Suppose to cross the river south of the city. 11th before daylight our guns opened up on the city. 141 cannon we left in that direction after sunrise took position on the extreme left of the army and near the river all day. 12th crossed pontoons 3 miles below the city and in mounting the hill the enemy opened on us killing 3 men. Got in position and lay on our arms all night. 13th an eventful day. Position on extreme left supporting battery, the Rebs tried several times to turn our left flanks but could not.

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Dec 13th 14th 15th, battle of Fredericksburgh. Kept on double quick up and down the line from extreme left to left center, changing position often. Men all played out all this time shells flying in all directions. 2 men of Co. h killed. 9 wounded. Jack Spicier of our Co. wounded. At night the regt on extreme left the rebus got range of us and poured in canister without much damage. 14th we did not have it so hard as day before the rebs tried there best on the center and right of our line heavy loss on both sides. Principally shelling in our front. In the afternoon a truce was held and our pickets met the enemies pickets half way in plain view of both sides. They shook hands cheered changed coffee for tobacco. This was to bring in the wounded. After the time was up pickets took their position again and relied on each other again, TERRIBLE WAR!

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great picket firing all night. 14th 15th our Batteries at daylight opened on the enemy but got no reply. Very hard fighting commenced on right and center. Another flag of truce and meeting of Pickets as day before saw several narrow escapes at night. This time the pickets agreed to cease the firing in each other at night. Letters arrived. 16th before daylight retreated across the river. Our Regt. the last to cross of the extreme left after we crossed we halted in woods not far from the Rappahannock. I was a little behind the Regt. Had to lay down very sick. Later on in the morning the Regt was close by, I got medicine from the doctor. 17th cold day but fine some snow in afternoon. 18th marching orders at daylight Col. paid us a compliment for bravery in action, did not march, did not move.

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Wrote to Father Galbury and enclosed a small present for Christmas to have him remember me by. (\$2.00) 20th Sat. Marched. Pitched tents in a wood after going about 12 miles near Belle Plain. *Sunday* 21st very tired on Picket at night. Changed position in the morning. 22nd relieved at dark by the sharpshooters had to go out of our way reached camp. Got there orders to march at 9am. *Thurs* 23rd went towards the Potomac about 4 miles camped near Belle Plain landing. 24th fine day on police. Letter from Valentine . 25th.. Christmas day very dull, short on rations, nothing to drink, officers had plenty, felt sick, got pills from doctor, day before paid \$2.00 towards something for Christmas. Felt very lonesome thinking of home. 26th all quiet, 27th Brigade inspection, nothing new 28th, fine heavy commorading heard in the distance. About noon feel sick, ordered to fix up tents and made ourselves as comfortable as possible.

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Dec 28, 1862 at Belle Plain. 30th, under marching orders. 31st. Muster in and inspection. *Jan 1st 1863* fine day logged up our tents. Dull day letter from Father Galberry. 2nd captain Campbell gone to

Washington 3rd sat around answered letters. 4th Sunday, helped T. Kelly to fix up drew a pair of shoes, socks and mittens. 5th orders for review at 1pm. Received by Gen. Wadsworth at the landing. After review boys had plenty whisky, .50 cts. Gallon, some of the lads had a row at night. 6th inspection by the Col. and in the afternoon by a Regular officer and a very saucy one at that. After inspection it rained hard, cold night 7th cold day parcels came for the Regt. I got a box from home the boys had a time over the things at night very cold. 8th very cold day, answered letters. 9th unloading clothing from boats at the landing, hard work for a little while

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Jan 1863 at Belle Plain camp. Lieut. Shelly arrived from hospital in Washington. 10th raining a lot of clothing arrived for Regt. Sunday 11th fine dull, Sergt Kennedy back from hospital, rumor of 24th Regt. leaving the brigade. 13th on guard at Div. Headquarters., 14th Relieved, wrote letters, 15th very windy talk of moving, rain hard at night. 16th very windy. 17th orders to march did not go washed clothes. Missed dress parade and had to stand extra guard. Sunday 18th went out chopping fine day. 19th marching orders for 9 am countermanded for 24 hours. Plenty of whiskey in camp all day and night. 20th marched at 12 pm weather gloomy went towards Falmouth, halted in a clearing all night, felt sick, rained also night hard. 21st woke up soaking marched through the mud toward towards Rappahannock river 3 miles above Falmouth, rain all day, sick from cramps.

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Jan 22, 1863 Burnside stuck in the Mud 22nd seas of mud. Wagons and artillery stuck 12 and 14 hours to pull an empty wagon stuck at that wagons had hard time to get up with rations. Soldiers had to pull the guns out of the mud with ropes near the river. The rebel pickets yelled across Burnside stuck in the mud 23rd detailed wagon guard ordered back to camp. Very sick with cramps and bleeding, had to fall out-gave a nigger 25 cents to spread my blanket for me in an old cellar. After laying a little while got some relief, went through Falmouth out on Belle Plain road halted near to Burnside's headquarters, lay in wind all night 24th started for camp, got there at noon. Roads awful. Sunday 25th on sick list cloudy day, wrote home. 26th nothing new. 27th Brigade inspection in rain wet night very windy. 28th snowing all day. Burnside, Franklin and Summer relieved of their commands and the command of the army turned over to Gen. Hooker.

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Hooker in command of army. Very cold night 29th plenty of snow and very muddy and sloppy. 30th letter from Valentine. 31st answered letter. Feb. 1st fine day. 2nd some snow very cold. 3rd. On guard very cold the coldest I felt since I came to Virginia, guard drew off at 9 pm very cold night. 4th clear but very cold. 5th plenty snow and rain all night and day, 22nd and 24th NY on pickets. 6th wet day several batteries passed our camp, rumored for North Carolina the 9th corps shipped on Sat. 7th fine day. 8th Sunday washed fine day 9th got a fife from David Ferguson. 10th no news. 11th fine on guard rain all night the guard taken off. Made ring from buttons sent one bent ring home in letter. 12th orders for picket rained at night. 13th brigade went on picket out about 5 miles. Our Regt. to the Potomac. The 14th marched to the Rappahannock,

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Sat 14th fine day on picket. Sunday 15th still on picket rained hard. Relieved by the 22nd and 30th NJ at noon. Reached camp all mud. 16th fine day. 17th snowing all day and night. 18th rain all day and night. 19th rain. 20th guard tents search by a sutler for stolen goods, found none. 21st brigade on picket. I was left on camp guard, snowed very hard at night. 22nd Washington's birthday, plenty of snow and very cold. Valentine arrived from convalescent camp. 23rd fine but cold. Brigade back from picket. 24th off guard fine day. Swore to the amt. of bill of clothes lost. 25th fine rain at night 26th Con Murphy, White and Longstaff got back to Regt. 27th inspection at 10am 28th Sat. Mustered in for pay. Sunday March 1st windy day. 2nd fine on guard rain hard at night. 3rd off guard. A Detachment under Col Philips acting Brigadier said to be about 5000 all told left here at 3pm.

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March 1863 75 miles from our Regt went on boats down the river Potomac, to be away 7 days. Rainy washed, cold night. 4th fine 5th went on picket for 2 days. Pleasant. 6th all quiet on picket line. 7th back from picket rained. The river detachment back, went down the river about 80 miles to the Cone River. Captured a Rebel Col., 2 men several mules and horses. Sunday very foggy and rain 9th fine general

inspection at 4pm 10th sick got powder from doctor, snowing in the morning rain hard all night. 11th feel sick, Capt. Campbell back from Washington 12th cold day on guard but felt sick 13th off guard sick very cold. 14th Lieut. Shelly gone to Lansingburgh on furlough. Sent 2 handkerchiefs a shirt and 2 pictures by him. *Sunday* 15th cold and snowing 16th Gen. Inspection wrote letters on picket.

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March 18, 1863, Camp at Belle Plain. 18th fine Co. drill orders for a party from our Regt for picket, 3 days about 70 men, 6 men and a sergt from our Co. 19th cold detachment went on picket at 7am worked on roads about 3 hours. 20th snowing day and night. 21st Wet day and muddy. 22nd sloppy. 23rd cloudy orders to pack away all extra clothes and officers baggage. Ready to send away. Lieut. Col Chrysler ordered to Washington. Washed, the articles we packed away at Falmouth came, my overcoat and vest not with them. 24th cloudy and rained all night 25th Inspection, Lieut Skelly got back from the Burgh. Rained in evening, orders read on parade about the different corps, the badges they are to wear on their hats to distinguish the corps from each other. Our corps 1st a red sphere on the cap of the 1st div, white on the 2nd Blue on the 3rd. 26th snow and rain orders for 3 years men in Regt. To be counted and Date of their enrollment and the 2 year men date of their enrollment and when their time expires all furloughs stopped.

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27th orders for review countermanded, day fine, 29th rain hard all day. Capt Williams of Co. E. arrived. *Sunday* 29th cold and windy 30th fine working on the road. 31st Plenty snow. Jas. Flynn and George Scott got back. *April 1st* furloughs again granted. Very cold. 2nd fine day but windy, reviewed by fighting Joe Hooker in afternoon on flats by the river, our brigade complimented by Gen. Reynolds. Very tired when I got back to camp. 3rd hot day wrote letters 4th cold day plenty snow 5th Easter Sunday cold day some juice and old whiskey. *Monday* 6th cold 7th fine batt drill 8th on guard, brigade inspection orders to march next day for review before the president and others. 9th reviewed by President and others,

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April 9th 1863 - Review by President. Gen. Hooker and staff. Were in light marching orders, very hot. 10th Gent minister, fine day 11th fine wash day a detachment of 89 men ordered for picket. *Sunday* 12th fine day pickets went out signs of a move the mules ordered shot, 13th fine marching orders with 2 days rations, at short notice, all got red badges for saps. 14th rain all day. 15th all ready to move. 16th Paid off for 4 months \$52.00 and \$10.65 for clothes lost. \$62.65 in all. Sent home \$50.00 dollars by Capt. All officers tents packed off and gone off. 17th Plenty of the boys tight, on guard. 18th felt sick. *Sunday* 19th Sick, washed, marching orders for next morning. 20th started to move countermanded, rain all day. pontoons train pass our camp at night. 21st Cloudy. 22nd fine, a private of Co. C. drummed out for desertion great excitement in camp. Many under the influence of whiskey

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Private Co. C drummed out at Bell Plain. Jack Laidley under arrest for striking a Lieut. of Co, C Yank, put in irons for giving the deserter money. Got letters. 23rd 8 NY mustered out day wet. 24th wet day. 25th Our 2 years Co. time up but will have to stay until *June 1st*. Orders came to hold all 2 years men from date of swearing in to the United States service. Wrote home. *Sunday* 26th fine all quiet. 27th fine day, Col. encourages us to reenlist. Marching orders 28th left early towards Fredericksburgh, halted near river after dark about 11pm. Ordered up at once and moved to the river. Helped to carry and lay the pontoons. 3 miles below the city about the place in occupied under Burnside in December 62, the rebs opened fire on us as the boats grazed on the gravel going in the water. Just before daylight on 29th. They killed and wounded about 150 of our division.

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April 29th, 1863, Battle below Fredericksburg under Hooker
The Wisconsin brigade orders up and crossed in boats while our pickets kept the rebs engaged during the time of the laying the pontoons. After this the Wisconsin men crossed they charged up the heights. Captured the pickets in the rifle pits and took about 180 prisoners. The pontoons were soon laid and our division crossed. We reoccupied the bank all day and threw up rifle pits. Rained at night 30th our company and two other went to the front. On picket stood in the rain, relieved at 8 am, our muster day, some heavy firing in the afternoon on the right. 5 men of the 2nd division killed on the east bank of the

river. May 1st all quiet in our front, until evening. Con Keleher back from furlough, brought some gin with him which was needed very much at the time as we were wet through.

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May 1st 1863, below Fredericksburgh, Battle under Hooker.

We had to dig rifle pits in a hurry. We were allowed whiskey while at work. Dug after dark. 2nd heavy firing in the morning. We crossed the pontoons under heavy fire. 2nd and 3rd division of our corps 1st left at day light for Chancellorsville by United States Ford. Before we crossed Major Perry threw away the mailbag, he got excited, and Capt. Campbell picked it up and carried it until we crossed the river and it was distributed. While crossing the pontoons the rebels got range of us and made it hot for us. Later in the day we followed up the 2nd and 3rd division by same route, halted at night in a wood near the ford. It rained hard I was so tired I could not sleep. My legs kept twitching, nerves all unstrung from the rapid and forced march, we lay about an hour when ordered up to move on before daylight till I couldn't hardly walk. I was so tired.

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May 3^d, 1863, Battle of Chancellorsville.

3rd crossed the river and took position in the woods. Heavy firing up to noon. Gen. Berry was reported killed. Troy 22nd Regt cut up. 6000 rebels prisoners reported taken. Most of them quite drunk. Our men took Fredericksburgh heights destroyed 6 miles of railroad. Enemy tried to break our line at night but got repulsed. Our troops retook cannon captured by the enemy day before. 4th fine day quiet in our front up to noon. 5th heavy firing in the evening. 11th corps broke at 1 am. 6th retreated back over the river in heavy rain enemy retreating at same time, Hooker had won but did not know it. We halted for the night near Falmouth. 7th arrived before Fredericksburgh in the evening, we suppose the intention is cross the river again. 8th lay still all quiet. 9th fine day moved to a nice grove Close by, washed answered letters.

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May 10, 1863, Camped below Falmouth.

10th very hot. Quiet, 11th hot day firing heard on our right toward the evening. 12th hot day answered letters. 13th 24th NY started for home time up. 14th thunder showers heavy in the evening. All quiet. 15th woke up before daylight orders to march, in an hour great excitement order unexpected by us as we were preparing to get ready for home. After we were packed up all ready orders countermanded, the gloom soon passed away. On guard, heard firing towards the river at night. I suppose by picket's alarm at 12 mid expected to be routed up as I was on guard. I was all ready but no orders all quiet 16th brigade inspection at 9am. Drew a pair pants on 15th felt sick 17th on police felt sick got medicine from doctor. 18th unwell had pants fixed fine day 19th tried to wash my clothes, 20th, hot day.

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May 21st 1863, on Picket at the Rappahannock, talked with Rebel Pickets. May 21st On picket at river for 2 days. Talked to rebel pickets in a friendly way. Some of them swam across to us. They were from the 6th and 8th Louisiana Regts. 22nd all quiet on picket. Our last it was a hot day. 23^d relieved from picket. Very hot Washed. The 3 years men left us for the 76th NY. Felt lonesome. 24th cleaning up. 25th inspected and transportation papers expected. 26th cool day expect to leave for home tomorrow. 27th great excitement, marching orders for the front all got in line, 14th, and 22nd and 30th regts. When transportation orders came to us and was read. there it was the men felt in marching off. We were cheered by 14th and 22nd. They felt lonesome after up we marched to a place called YU BE DAM LAUDINS. Took boat for Washington and bid goodbye to Virginia on arriving to Washington

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At Washington Few of the Regt was there. One of our Co wanted to join us but the Capt. would not allow him, as he did not come back to the Regt when ordered. We reached Albany about 29th or 30th. And was well received. When our Co. came to Lansingburgh we met with a grand acception. Did not get discharged until the 18th of June, when we were paid off. We got 100 dollars, each man who served 2 years.

THE END.

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