

INTRODUCTION

Henry Jacob Fell of Tiffin, Ohio, was 22 years old when he joined Company B, 55th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Union Army, on 30 April 1863. The following diary begins on the 14th of March, 1864. Although H.J.'s activities in the war prior this date are unknown, his regiment fought during Gen. Hooker's defeat at Chancellorsville (27 April to 6 May, 1863) and probably in other battles. Verbal family history states that H.J. fought in the battle to take Lookout Mt. Tenn (23-24 November, 1863).

The diary opens at a camp in Lookout Valley where H.J. and Co. B are going through drills and dress parades while they await marching orders. These arrived 1 May, and H.J. was an active part of Gen. Sherman's attack on Atlanta. He describes the many battles—the cannonading, skirmishes, the taking of the towns of Kingston and Cassville and his near capture by the Confederate Army (the "Rebs"). He continued fighting until mid-July when he was taken ill and was put in a front-line hospital. He remained there until the end of July (28 July, 1864—"there is a great fire in Atlanta"), when he moved to a hospital in Chattanooga and then, in October, to a hospital in Nashville. Disease and other illnesses were rampant during the Civil War, causing approximately 70% of the casualties.

In November 1864, H.J. had a furlough to his home in Tiffin, after which he returned to the hospital in Nashville. By the 4th of December, he was out of the hospital and ordered to march to the rear of the State House, Nashville. During the 15th and 16th of December, he took part in the successful defense of Nashville against Gen. Hood's attack. H.J. then took a train to Chattanooga and marched toward Dalton, Ga. for a several day battle at Tunnel Hill (Feb, 1865), during which his Company was attacked from the rear by the Reb Mounted Bushwhackers. After this battle, H.J. went to Nashville where he took a steamer on the Cumberland and Ohio Rivers to Parkersburg, W.V. The river was flooded and rough; the boat ran aground in a corn field and got tangled in the trees. From Parkersburg, he took a train to the vicinity of Washington, D.C., went by boat to Wilmington, N.C., and took a train to Goldsboro, N.C. In April 1865, he and his company joined the fight at Raleigh, N.C.

On 30 April 1865, H.J. and his Company started marching north, arriving in Washington, D.C. for a review parade 29 May. From there he went to a Camp in Ohio, where he was discharged 16 June 1865.

In reading H.J.'s diary, one obtains the sense of misery, hardship, horror and boredom of the war. H.J. writes briefly, yet descriptively, of the daily battles. "June 22nd, 1864. Our brigade started about 5 AM. Marched close to the edge of the field. Formed line of battle. Doubled the skirmish and charged across the field and woods. During the afternoon the enemy made a charge but was repelled with a heavy loss. Built breastworks and laid there till dark. Moved to the right of the second division and left of the 23rd. Laid in the woods over night. Cpl J.A. Jones was wounded." Somehow, during all of this fighting, H.J. was able to write his diary and keep it intact. Boredom

was obvious during periods between battles and in the hospital (“Nothing much of importance going on”).

We do not learn much about H.J.’s personal actions in the war- we don’t even know his rank. He writes, concerning the battles, about the actions of the Company or Regiment. We do know from his poems that he is sensitive and possibly homesick. He is loyal to the cause (“Death or the Union” in Song of the Chickamanga), although he may have had little enthusiasm for the killing (“News of John Morgan, The Rebel General being killed which seems to please most everyone.”). His personal feeling regarding the war may have been expressed in an earlier diary or in his many letters to his friends and relatives. Certainly there was an 1863 diary, as the 1864/65 diary opens as a continuum. H.J.’s perseverance in maintaining a diary and his meticulous lists of letters, sent and received, indicate that a 1863 diary was written. The addition of that diary and his letters would be a welcome contribution to this 1864/65 diary.

This diary was in the possession of Egbert H. Fell, who probably obtained it from his father Egbert E. Fell. Pictures were also in the E. H. F. collection. The transcription of the diary was initiated by Florence W. Fell (Lacey, Wash), wife of E.H.F., and was completed with assistance from her son, Jack W. Fell, his daughter Anne Elizabeth Fell and his wife R. Pamela Reid (Miami, Fla.). The diary was not always easy to read; some pages were entirely blurred and many words were hard to read and decipher. In many instances we left blanks or wrote what we saw, or thought we saw. As a result, some words seem meaningless. Also, we maintained, as much as possible, the original spelling (there=their) and wording. Some errors and omissions undoubtedly exist.

In addition to the above mentioned Fells, copies of this manuscript have been distributed to the following descendents of E. E. Fell: Thomas E Fell, Elizabeth F Fell, Catherine J. Fell (Olympia, Wash), Jane Fell Pintner (Tenafly, N.J.), Robert T. Fell (N.Y. City), Barbara Fell Gilmore (Grand Rapids, Mich). Location of other descendents of H.J. Fell are unknown to us.

We hope that in reading this diary, you learn more about the Civil War and H.J. Fell, without whose survival many of us wouldn’t be. This manuscript was prepared during Thanksgiving week; on that occasion in 1864, H.J. had “an extra dinner”.

24 November 1995
Lacey, Washington

TRANSCRIPT

Clothing account in 1864
Camp 186th N.Y.

1 pair pants	3.33
1 shirt	1.25

3 socks	.50
1 drawers	.95
camp 55th O.V.V.J,	
1 haversack	
April 7th	
1 pare drawers	.95
1 pare socks	.50
April 23rd	
1 pare boots	3.00
1 shirt	1.25
1 blouse	2.50
May 27th	
1 socks	.50
July 1st	
1 haversack	
1 pare socks	.50
July 2nd	
1 pare pants	3.08
	\$18.26

U.S.General Hospital No.2 Chattanooga Tennessee
 October 7th. 1 dress coat, 1 shirt, 2 drawers, 1 socks, 1 pr. shoes.

March 14th 1864, The 55th OVVI had the first battalion drill in this year. The wether was tolerable cool. F. Heyler was drawing Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge on drawing paper. Aberham and Morgan Snyder are on Guard.

15th The wether tolerable cool. Had Brigade drill in the forenoon, General review by Gen. Hooker in the afternoon.

16th Wether cool. We had squad drill.

17th. The wether fair. Our Regiment had Monthly inspection. I washed clothing.

18th. Wrote a letter and received one. Had brigade drill.

19th Had brigade drill.

Tender lines

I will not wish thee grandeur
I will not wish thee wealth
Only a contented mind
Peace, competence and health
For a friend to love thee dearly
and honest ones to chide
And faithful ones to cling to thee
Whatever maybe tide
Remember me when far away
When those around you they are gay
Remember me and sometimes spend
A thought
upon an absent friend
Bright be thy future wherever you thou roam
From thy heart each cloud be driven
May earth be to thee a sweet peaceful home
A brighter one award thee in heaven
Forget me not though you should roam
In other lands should find a home
Forget me not though you should stay
In other lands far, far away
Forget me not, forget me never
Till yonder sun shall set forever
Though you shall find another friend
Forget me not till time shall end.

The End

(Written by H.J. Fell, March 1864)

20th Sunday All quiet. I went to Lookout Station on a pass.

21st Went on Guard. Recd a letter. During the night there was a deep snow fall.

22nd. Our Regiment went on Picket. Snowed most all day. I wrote a letter.

23rd. I went on camp guard. Wether warm.

24th Relieved from guard duty. Rec.d a letter.

25th There was snow on the ground in the morning. It rained during the day. It being

Good Friday.

March 26th 1864 I went on Guard..

27th Was relieved from Guard. Wrote a letter.

28th Company drill in the forenoon. Rained in the afternoon A tree smashed our shanty.

29th Built up our tent and chimney.

30th Had Company drill 3 times. Also dress parade.

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March 31st Had company drill in the forenoon and brigade drill in the afternoon. It rained during the night.

April 1st A.D. 1864 The wether unpleasant. No drill, No dress parade.

April 2nd. I went on battle guard. The Regt. had dress parade.

3rd. I wrote a letter. Our Regt had dress para
@de Lt Col. Conding. I am still on battle guard. Wether pleasant.

4th On guard yet.

5th Was relieved from guard

6th. Had Company, Battalion and Brigade Drills.

Dr. to robert Nisewander for washing in 1864

March - 1 shirt, 1 drawers

April 6th 1 shirt, 1 drawers

Dr. to Aberham Snyder for washing 1 shirt, 1 socks,
1 shirt, 1 socks, 1 drawers.

Song of Oragon

When first I parted away from you
Through grief and sorrow and to trouble
I gave to you my parting hand
And wished you safe to Oragon.

Over hills and mountains we did stare

Over hills and valleys and waters clear
From a distant land to a wholesome soil
With milk and wine both corn and oil.

Ten thousand Indians graves we found
Walled up with rock all round and round
Which made us think some Christian race
When days of old they passed this place.

So I have moved to write to you
Since religion low and preaching too.
The wars are o'er and peace is done
We are with the troupes of Oregon.

My love to you I cannot unfold
My love to you is like a ring of gold
Its round and wide and has no end
So is my love to you my friend.

(Written by H.J. Fell, March 1864)

Song

Some time ago I left my home
And left in peace and pleasure
And here I left a handsome girl
I thought she was a treasure.

She said she loved me and I guess she did
For often she so told me
But since a soldier I have been
I find that she has sold me.

Perhaps that she has sold me cheap
But some have been sold cheaper
And when I meet her in the street
I must be sure to greet her.

Yes greet her with a holy kiss

As the Good Book says in its teaching
And go and come with her beside
All to and from the meeting.

But Me thinks I know what she would say
Go away you ugly fellow
For since you are a soldier boy
Your face has grown so yellow

I wrote and wrote to her again
But Oh! not yet a letter
And here I find it is my luck
And by this I have learned better.

There's many a good boy in this war
And brave men there to lead them
And many a girl that loves the boy
That's fighting for there country or freedom

The wages are thirteen a month
And we'll manage how to spend it
And as the wages are so good
We feel quite independent.

Writin by H.J. Fell
Lookout Valley Tennessee March 28th 1864
If I should fall

It is of Susanah I speek you see I hold
Closely to my brest
Protection she shall find in me
With me be ever blessed

But all looks very dark and dreary
For I am far away
And can but drop a silent tear
When down to sleep I lay

If on the field I should fall
And you
You could but be near
The last words you would hear me call
Would be a name most dear

If I should fall Oh do not weep
Remember that to me is given

The bright thought, as in death I sleep
That we will meet in heaven

(Written by H.J. Fell, April 1864)

Names of Company Commanding officers

Co. A Capt. Pool and 1st Lt. Smith

Co.B. Capt. Osbern and 1st Lt. Case

Co.C. Capt. Miller and 1st Lt. Low

Co. D. Capt. Bold

Co.E. Capt Mares and 1st. Lt. More

Co.F. 1st Lt. Bonshere

Co.G 1st Lt Stone

Co H Capt. Peck and 1st Lt.Beeves

Co.I Capt. Wickham

Co.K Capt.Powers and 1st Lt. Wermley

Ist Lt. Gool, 1st Lt. Wicham are not known where need to assign

April 7th Had Company and Battalion drills. Wether warm. Rec'd a letter.

8th. All quieted

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h Meartino Nighswander and I went to Chattanooga. We expressed our great coats home.

10th Wether pretty fare. Nothing going on in camp. Had dress parade and Sunday morning inspection.

11th Was on Corps Commissary Guard. Rec'd 4 letters. The Reg had Booth Co. and Brital and Brigade Drills.

12th Wether fare. Had squad drill. Drew guns in the afternoon. Wrote two letters.

13th Had Company Drill and Bt. Drill. Dress parade. Wether fare. Capt. Morse was put under arrest for being intoxicated.

14th Wether fare. General review by Maj. Gen. Tomis. Dress parade. Sarg. Roth was promoted to 2nd. Lieut. and Orderly Gallop to Sgt.

17th. Sheller and I went on a pass to the station. Lt.B.Case went home.

18th Had Brigade drill. Maj. Robeson Condge.

19th Went on Picket.

20th. Was relieved in the evening.

April 21st 1864 Received enclosed in a letter from Foster Olmsted and Co. \$5.00 for which he has my note.

Laid out April 21st for pair suspenders \$1.25. For paper. Tobacco .20, For paper .15. For paper April 23 .05

Had Division drill by Gen. Butterfield. Weather warm and clear. Wrote a letter.

22nd. Brigade drill

23rd. Dress parade. Drew clothing.

24th Dress parade.

25 Brigade Drill

26th I was excused from drill.

27th Brigade Drill and Co Drill

28th Fought a sham battle. Both infantry and artillery

29th Brigade Drill

30th Dress Parade and Muster

May 1st. Brigade Sunday morning inspection. Received marching order.

May 2nd. Left Lookout Valley in the morning at 6 arrived at Gordens Mills at 8 p.m.

May 3rd 1864 Gordens Mills Moved camp in the afternoon. Pitched tents. Drew the full amount of 60 rounds cartridges

4th Left Gordens Mills at 6 a.m. Co.B. was flankers. Arrived at Edwards Mills at 3 p.m. Dressparade.

5th Remained at Edwards Mills.

6th

Left at 6 a.m. Arrived on Lotts farm at 11 a.m. Pitched tents. Dress parade at retreat roll call.

7th. Left Lotts farm at 5 a.m. Crossed Taylors Ridge and marched through Gordon Springs. Camped to the right of the road in the woods.

8th Went to Buzzards Roost. Was engaged with the Rebs. Crossed the hill across the creek. Philip Beck was killed. Marched back to camp the same night.

9 Went out again. One wounded in Co. K. Went back over the mountain in the evening. Received mail in the Regiment.

10th. Went back to camp in Brier Field.

11th Marched to Slate River Gap. Laid there over night.

12th Marched beyond the Gap. Dressparade. Music was stopt.

13th Marched about 8 miles. Battle commenced at 3.p.m. 55th marched in the line of battle to the top of the hill in the woods at dusk. Laid there all night.

14th At daylight skirmishing commenced.

REQUEST-----Fellow soldiers. Should I fall a victim in the defense of my country, I would request my messmates or company members to send my body home to my friend if possible. Send this book to my father, Jacob Fell to Foster Ohio. I am a soldier to my country and also a soldier of my God and Jesus Christ who died at the cross on Mt. Calvary for Sinners, whom I claim as my preserver and my protector. May the Lord be with me and guide me safely through and lead me on to victory . These favors I ask in the name of Christ Jesus.

H.J. Fell Co B 55th OVVI

I have received no pay since the 1st of September 1863 to which date I was paid up. I was mustered in on the 30th of April for 8 months Pay. Clothing money due me \$44.16. This is a true statement of my pay and my company office will account for it. Henry J Fell

I am indebted to Foster Olmsted Co. in cash \$5.00 which was sent to me while in Lookout Valley Tennessee.

Cannonading was very light in the forenoon. 12 noon the cannonading commenced. Rebs falling towards the right. The 11th A.C. 23 commenced on their right flank and our left flank. At 1 O'clock p.m. a boy was wounded at our battery. Was heard screaming. Very heavy musketry on the left. Lasted about an hour before ceasing. At 4:30 p.m. musketry and cannonading as heavy as ever. We remained still in our old position which

we took last night. Very heavy firing until dark. 12 o'clock in the night we marched close to division Headquarters in an open field. There remained till daylight. There was good news received from the Army of Virginia

15th Left the open field at 6.30 a.m. Marched to the left and rear of the 4 A.C. Got into battle 12:30 p.m. Wounded in Company B., F.H. Heyler, Charles Beckwith, leg. Charles Beckwith, leg. Sgt. Neighswander, thy, Andrew Neighswander leg, Jacob Brewbecker, hand, Col. C.B. Cambee killed. Maj. R. Robins, killed. Captain Peck, Co. H, killed. Corp C. Peck, Co. E, killed. Capt. Miller, wounded Co. C. Lt. Smith Co. A wounded, Lt. More Co. E wounded.

16th Left the battle field in the forenoon. Passed and seen the 101st O.V.I. I seen Capt. Ebersole and H. Joseph Leonard. We marched about 5 miles. Got our dinner, then crossed the river on a bridge. It afterwards broke down. Stopped about 5 miles this side of the river and got our supper. Then marched about 5 miles further and crossed the river, a branch of the Alabama River, on a ferry boat. Camped close on the other side off side the mill to a branch of the Alabama River.

17th. Started from the river at 1:30 p.m. Marched to the right of Calhoun. Distance about 11 miles. A.S. Cramer and the band caught up. Drew rations. During the night I was on guard.

18th. Left camp at sunrise marched through Adairsville. I was in the ambulance being sick. Laid on picket. Marched a distance about 16 miles.

19th Started at daylight. Did not go far till we ran on the enemy. Our brigade came pretty near getting captured. Fight began about 11 a.m. We took Kingston and Cassville. Rebs loss heavy Our loss small. Went back across the creek and camped.

20th. Laid in camp. Washed our clothing and person.

21st. I went to see the 101st. O.V.I. P.A. Willson came to see me. Also Rollet. We still remain in camp.

22nd. Had Sunday morning inspection.

23rd. Left camp near Cassville at daylight. Marched about 6 miles then stopped and got dinner. Weather very hot. Marched to the Ogeechee River. Stopped till the pontoons were laid then crossed the river and marched 2 miles. Stopped in the woods for the night.

24th Left the woods at 8 a.m. Marched and stopped at Burned Hickory. Built breast work. weather very hot during the day. Rained at night. Distance 8 miles.

25th Left Burned Hickory at 8:30 a.m. Marched 3 miles. Stopped and got dinner. Crossed

the river. Was engaged with the Rebs. About 4 p.m. laid in line of battle til 12:30 in the night We built brest work with old logs. It rained during the night.

26th Marched back in the woods. Stayed there all day. Drew rations. Old man Snyder and Johna Jones went to the hospital. Remained all night. A continual fire is kept up.

27th Drew clothing. We stayed in the same place til the night. Before noon we moved to the right. A continual fire is kept up. Cannonading was heavy in the morning on our side . We moved about 11AM marched to the right of where they built brest works. Laid there over night.

28th In the morning they (Rebs) shelled us pretty free. We moved to the brest work. Stayed there all day and all night. Skirmishing was going all the time. Heavy firing during the night.

29th. Still in the brest works. Drew rations. CO.B and C went on picket. Heavy firing all night both on our left and right. We were relieved at 7 in the morning.

30th. Stayed in the brest works till 8 in the evening. Then we were relieved by E. Division. We moved in the reserved brest works. Firing kept up. Wether was still, firing kept up.

May 31st. 1864. Firing very brisk, remained in reserve brestworks. Drew cartridges.

June 1st. Left the brest works at 1 p.m. Marched to the left of the 23rd.A.C. Received mail at noon. Laid in the woods all night. I was on horse guard.

2nd. Left the woods at 2 p.m. marched about 3 miles still on the left of 23rd.A.C. Rained very hard. The Rebs threw several shells at us one passing over us and killing a man in the rear close by the signal corps. Morgan and I slept together on rails.

3rd. At 3 p.m. started and marched towards the left. Our company was thrown out and flanked on the right. Distance 2 miles. It commenced rain about sundown and continued so most all night. Firing is still heard on the right One division of the 28th A.C. lays in front of us.

4th. 9 A.M. We are yet in at rest. It rained. Stayed in camp all day waiting for further orders. Rained during the night.

5th. 8 a.m. Still in camp waiting for further orders Firing keeps up in front most all the time. 9 a.m. Received orders to go on picket. The biggest part of the Regt went on Picket. Staid all night Was --- by Lt Beeves

6th. I was called in from picket soon ordered back which order was promptly obeyed. In ten minutes we were ordered to move. Marched about 3 miles til 10 a.m.. Then at 11:30 moved and changed our front. At 4 p.m. moved and changed our front again and mostly finished our brest works when we were ordered to the right in the woods to where we moved at dark. Laid in rear of our gun stocks all night.

7th. Built brest works. Had general inspection. Received our mail. I got 3 letters and 2 paper. Our regiment was ordered march. fell in. Stacked army then stayed in place all night. John Jones was reduced in rank and A. Stearns appointed Corporal.

8th. Moved camp in the rear of the 3rd OVVI. John Jones was reinstated. I wrote a letter to Andrew. Corp.Stearns sent home.

9th Still in camp. Nothing going on of importance.
Only Company inspection of guns and acutaments. I wrote 2 letters.

10th Had marching orders but did not move. It rained pretty hard. I went to the 9th OVVI

11th Was to march at 9 p.m. but did not move.

12th. Still in the same place. Nothing going on.

13th. All quiet. Wrote a letter to my sister. It had rained every day and most every night since the second of June.

14th. Still in the same place. Had inspection of arms. Nothing is going on in camp. Heavy firing and cannonading in front. Received a letter from Phillip (brother).

14th. Marched at about 2:30 went about 4 miles then marched in column by regiment. Skirmishing in front all the time.

15th. 4 PM Heavy firing in front. 5 p.m. Moved forward. The 1 Division charged the enemy brest work. The Rebs opened a mass battery. We laid under heavy artillery fire. At dark we build temporary brest work. John Webb was struck by a piece of shell on the head. Another one wounded in the head.
d. At one Oclock in the night we moved to the left in rear of where they were building brest works.

16th. We laid in the rear of the 1st Brigade. Firing brisk all day. Merely skirmishing in the forenoon. At 1 p.m. our batteries which numbered 12 guns opened on the Rebs.in volies. We moved after dark to the left, Company B and C went on the skirmish line about 2 oclock in the night. The Rebs evacuated their brestworks. I forgot to mention that before we moved just at dark the Rebs opened a mass battery on us having however but little affect on us. We build rifel pits with our bayonets and hands.

17th. At noon we advanced. At one o'clock there was heavy cannonading on both sides. Our artillery got a cross fire on the Rebs and soon severed the enemies batteries. Our batteries passed volley after volley into them. Kept it up till after dark. We put up tents in the rear of the batteries. At about midnight the Rebs tried our entire line. But was repulsed and driven back. We drew rations.

18th. This morning our men had a fair sight at the rebel Train (?). They were unable to take it away. Our men would open on them whenever they would attempt to take it away. At 11 o'clock AM. musketeering and cannonading brisk. The firing was pretty heavy all day. Principally cannonading. We are still in reserve. Weather pretty wet.

Sunday 19th. June. Weather wet. Very little skirmishing going on in front. We left the camp where we laid in reserve at 9 a.m. Marched through the enemies breast work. Advanced about 3 miles. Then our brigade was engaged with the Rebs. Major Hofens of the 78th Ohio had command of the skirmish line. At dark we went in the rear of our breast works. There were 4 or 5 wounded during the day out of our regiment.

20th At 3 AM we was sent on picket. Co. B and C skirmishing pretty sharp. Was out all day. Was relieved in the night. There was heavy firing on our left. I read a letter from Col. Obj

June 21st 1864. Our regiment and the 136th NJ went out under Lt. Col. Fogner. Our boys was out skirmishing. Abbramer was wounded through the right arm near the hand. Our company shot over 1100 rounds. We were drawn in after dark.

22nd. Our brigade started about 5 a.m. Marched close to the edge of the field. Formed line of battle. Doubled the skirmish and charged across the field and woods. Built breast works and laid there till dark was relieved by the 4th AC then marched to the right of the 2 Division and left of the 23 AC. Laid in the woods over night. Cpl. J.A.C Jones wounded. During the afternoon the enemy made a charge but was repelled with a heavy loss

23rd. At about 9 a.m. we was fallen in line and marched to the right finding lots of dead Rebels, The effect of their charge. We built breast works in the woods. The 27th Ky of the 23d A.C. lay on our right. 3 p.m. Heavy cannonading is heard on our left. 5:30 p.m. P. Taylor took sick and was sent back. Laid in our breast works all night.

24th. 4 Pm We laid in our breast works all day. Nothing more than skirmishing was going on in hearing distance. Heavy skirmishing was heard on the left while our men straightened our line. Still in our breast works

25th. Laid in our breast works all day and night. Nothing more than heavy skirmishing. We received the notice of Frank Taylor's death.

26th. Sunday. Nothing of importance going on in front. We threw dirt over our breast

works and left them at 2 in the night. Moved back to the rear breastwork.

27th There was very heavy firing on both the right and the left. The 4th Co. advanced their line. Heavy cannonading all day up to 4 p.m.. Remained in our breast works all night.

28th Cannonading commenced about day break and kept up till 8a.m. with very little reply from the enemy. Nothing more than skirmishing going on until after dark when there was heavy firing that did not last long. I recd a letter from SR

29th. We laid in our breast works until dark then we went to the front line. At about 1 a.m. in the night there was very heavy fighting on our left. Cannonading very heavy We could plainly see the flash of the guns. We went on picket at 3 a.m. This post are relieved and took 5 prisoners during the night. They came and gave themselves up.

30th We was on picket all day. There was nothing more than picket firing going on during the day. We was relieved at dark. It was reported that 30 Rebs came in our lines and gave themselves up during the night.

July 1st. 1864 Wether very nice and warm. We are still in front line in breast works. Nothing more than little skirmishing until 7 p.m. when our batteries opened on the Rebs line. First on the left- 10 minutes later on the right.

2nd Our batteries opened on the enemy lines at 4a.m. first on the left then along the middle of the line. Nothing more than skirmishing was heard until about dusk when the Rebs opened there firing. Our batteries opened on theirs in reply. The enemy commenced to retreat at 10 P.m.

3rd Our cooks fetched up coffee at 3 o'clock in the morning. At about sunrise we moved forward. We marched about 2 miles when our men found their rear guard. They opened their batteries on our men But our guns soon silenced their guns. 7 a.m. We now lay in the rear of the 38th. M. in line Our company lays in the edge of the woods. While passing along we saw their crude breast work. They had stakes drove in the ground and sharpened at the top. At 1 p.m. the enemy shelled our advance. We formed in line of battle and built a temporary breastwork. On our march we left Marietta on our left and marched southward till we got to the place where they shelled us as above stated. At about 4:30 p.m. we marched in a western direction. Marched about 7 miles. There were between 900 and 1000 deserters came in our lines and gave themselves up. We camped for the night in a wheat field.

July 4th. Cannonading is heavy on our front and to our left. The 73th OVVI went out on an expedition and returned 2 hours later. At 2:30 we moved to the right about 2 miles. Then halted as we could see the Rebs breast works plain.

We built breast works quicker than ever before Staid behind our breastworks all night.

Tuesday July 5th. We left at about 9A.M. Marched about 8 miles till noon. The

2nd. Division is ahead of our Division. Capt. Wickham and Powers received their promotions. Also Lt Low as Capt. At 1 p.m. we moved on and marched to a creek where we laid about an hour and a half then marched about 2 miles further. Camped on a hill in the woods. We marched about 10 miles. Cannonading could plainly be heard on our front. During the day we marched through --- breast works which were strongly built. We arrived in camp after dark. The weather was very hot. We moved over a nice space of land. Plenty brooks and springs could be found all the way. Very rolling land covered the country in a splendid view. We were marching in a south eastward direction.

July 6th 1864. 7 a.m. We are yet lying. Still cannonading and muskets can be heard on our front. This is a pitiful morning and indicates a hot day for the sun is already breathing hot through the tree tops. After dinner we fell in and marched about 3 miles in a north eastern direction. Relieved the 14 A.C. I recd 2 letters.

7th We came here last night about sundown put up tents in regular order. Today we were lying still. Little skirmishing was heard. Heavy cannonading was heard on our right at dusk. Ed Williams was on a pass to the 4 AC He said they rested on the river on the left.

8th In camp nothing going on of importance. I received 4 letters
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9th Nothing going on. Our company went on picket I was relieved from guard

Sunday 10th. We rec'd marching orders to march at daylight. Marching orders was countermanded.

11th. We are still in camp. Nothing of importance going on. Weather hot.

12th. weather hot. I was on extra duty. William Sabers came back from home

13th Relieved from guard being sick. Nothing of importance going on.

14th. Weather very hot. Thompson and myself are in camp. Excused by the doctor. Our regiment went on picket last night. They came in at sundown.

15th. Nothing of importance going on in front only several Cannon shots were heard on the left. In the afternoon on the right. Weather was very hot. I was on the sick list.

Sunday 17th. This morning there was heard cannonading on our left supposing to have been the 14th AC. We received orders to be ready to march at PM. Orders was rescinded. Soon afterwards we was ordered to be ready to march at a moments notice. The 33rd went on wagon guard. The weather very hot. It is about 3 p.m. and we are yet in camp. Our brigade drawing 1 days rations. We moved at about 4 p.m. crossed the Chattahonga (ed: Chattoohoochee?) about dark. We marched about 8 miles.

Laid in camp over night in the woods. The 14 AC this side of the river on our right and the 4 A.C. on our left.

18th They took me in the ambulance being sick. Our division moved. I stayed over night close by where the ambulance stopped. Our brigade being ahead 2 miles.

19th. We moved up at 9 a.m. close to our brigade. Stayed there all day. In the evening we were taken to the brigade hospital. There was little cannonading heard in front. The 4 AC was said to have been in front.

20th. I am in hospital. Wing and A.P.Smith are nursing. The doctor came around at 9 a.m. Not much firing going on until after 4 o'clock p.m. when heavy musketeering and cannonading was heard in our front and right. Weather very hot. Our whole division was engaged. 20 wounded and 8 killed out of our 55 OVVI. It was reported 300 wounded in our division.

21st. Nothing of importance going on in front. The Rebs are said to have fallen back. There was cannonading. The hospital was moved in the evening. Part of us was not moved till morning of the 22nd.

22nd. Was moved to the General Hospital where the wounded were. A horrible sight. About 600 wounded among which are many Rebs. 3 p.m.. Our men are said to be within 1 and a half miles from Atlanta. About dark the Rebs. made an attack on McPherson which was reported killed.

23rd. I went to pick berries. Keckler and Warner were with me. I picked about a gallon. The Rebs made an attack on our entire line at 11 a.m. but was repulsed. Gen. McPherson was killed. The Rebel Gen Harbor is said to have been captured and since died. They are moving the wounded from this hospital across the river.

24th. Cannonading and musket firing very heavy. At about 10 p.m. the Rebs tried to drive through our picket. They moved many wounded.

25th. They are moving the wounded and part of the hospital to the front. Cannonading can be heard at all times of day.

26th. We were moved from the hospital where the wounded were to the front. Cannonading can be heard at all times of day. Rebs are throwing shells all around us. Sargent Warren John Taylor and Capt C. Lowe are with me.

27th. Cannonading and skirmishing can be heard most all the time. One of the 26th volunteers died having disease chronic diarrhea. A great fire was seen after dark in the direction of Atlanta. The 16th and 17th AC moved on the right. They were seen by Sgt. David Warren. I recd 2 letters.

28th I was moved to another ward. There was a great fire in Atlanta.

29th Nothing more than common going on.

30th. Our men took about 100 of the Reb. pickets by surprise.

August 2nd. We was moved from the hospital closet at the front to the hospital across the river. I went in the ward with J.M. Rumble.

3rd. We were sent from the general field hospital of the army of the Cumberland at 9:30a.m. Names of stations and towns passed through- Marietta, Big Shanty, Deckhart, Ackwith, Cartersville, Kingston, Daresville, Calhoun, Rasacca, Tilton, Tunnelhill, Ringold, Dolton, Chattanooga, Tenn. We arrived at Chattanooga the third night. Remained in the cars all night. In the morning was taken to the general field hospital, Ward L, Tent No. 4. There was several sent to Nashville. It rained during the night.

5th. I feel no better if anything worse than when I came here.

6th. I am still in hospital at Chattanooga The weather is very hot. I wrote a letter to Capt. Osborn, Delegate of the Christian Community. He visits the hospital daily.

7th. I still remain in hospital. Nothing of importance going on. The weather very hot. There has more been transferred to Nashville since I came here. There were some names taken but they have not been sent.

The Christian Commission. The above is one of the best and most comfortable institutions that has been established by the Union people during this war. Friends at home can scarcely realize the real value of its good works which is so freely distributed through out the enemy's armies. Go to the front and you will find it an aid of the sick, wounded and dying soldiers. Go to the hospitals and you will find its good works there. And the most and best of all is that it can be found in almost every town between Chattahoochee and the Ohio Rivers by the sick and wounded soldiers that are moved to the Gen Hospitals.

On the 3rd. of August 1864 a large number of sick and wounded were moved from the General Field Hospital near the Chattahoochee River to Chattanooga (of which I was one of the number) At Kingston Ga. we were fed and treated with great respect by the Christian Community (for dinner). At night we were again received by the U.S.C.C. at Dalton where we were likewise treated. I never knew of a happier set of diseased soldiers in my life before. They all blessed and prayed for its continuance. And I really hope and trust that each member that is interested in that cause may continue in their good work and they will receive the soldiers blessing.

8th.

1864, The weather very warm. a small shower of rain. A man died in Ward L tent 4. He belonged to Co.F.29th Pa. His arm was amputated. He was wounded on the 25th of May at Burned Hickory. Ga. I wrote a letter home. Nothing of importance going on in this

hospital.

9th. I am still in the same place. Nothing going on of importance. Lookout Mountain is in plain sight from my bed.

14th. William Martin of Co. E. 73rd Ill. went to the convalescent camp. It is rumored the Rebs. made a raid on Calhoun. Troops were sent out from Chattanooga. I am still in the hospital.

15th. All quiet.

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August 17th, 1864 I am still in hospital. I was over to the river this morning. Went and got some peaches.

18th. Nothing of importance going on. The hospital train came from Nashville and went back. The mail came in about dark.

Chattanooga Tennessee Hospital Saturday August 20th 1864. The wether was very hot in the morning at about ten oclock in the morning a shour of rain. About 3 oclock another and a heavy storm at dark, John Triffet- a friend of Ev.-103-- who was wounded near Atlanta Ga by a shell in the head died about midnight.

Song of the Chickamanga

I am sitting in our camp, Sister,

Beneath the shady trees.

Upon the rough and rugged banks of the Chickamanga

It is the day of rest with me

It being the Sabbath day for men

to rest their weary limbs.

Around in groups they lay.

I am looking at the River, Sister,

Tha

(t is running fast below

At those rough and foaming waves

As they toss too and fro.

Reminding me of many a one

Who to the war have gone.

But like those foaming waves have gone,

Never to return.

There has been sadness in our camp

Since the second day of May,

For many of our comrades brave fell on the field that day.
All fighting for the stars and stripes
Mid cannons deadly rattle
But now they sleep the sleep of dead
Upon the field of battle.

It fills my heart with sorrow, Sister
When I look around and see
So many missing from our ranks
That left there homes with me
----to defend their country and cause
and our union for to save
But death has claimed them from our ranks
We have laid them in their graves

Many are the hardships, Sister
We have to unterga (?)
But still we hand those hardships not
B
But on our way persue
Yes put down this rebellion
We will forward chierefully home
And it will be our motto now
Death or the Union

If I should never reach you Sister
My native home again
But on the field of Battle
Should be numbered with the slain
I hope you won't for me lament
Nor shed a tear for me
For I could not die for a better cause
Than to defend my country.

Coppied by Henry J. Fell August 11, 1864

Sunday August 21st 1864 Moved to tent No.4. The wether is very wet this morning. A train of sick and wounded came in this morning In addition of 9 came in tent no.4 In the evening I went to see George Smith Co. K 55 OVVI. He was wounded near Atlanta, Georgia on the 5th of August.

Monday August 22nd 1864. The wether was pretty nice this morning it is cool and the sun shines bright The c
ars are running steady. I was to see Henry Spear 186th N.Y. Co. and Taylor Felsan Co. I
55th OVVI

Tuesday August 23rd. All quiet nothing of importance going on.

Wednesday August 24th. I was sent to exchange barrax Chattanooga Tennessee. We drew rations in the afternoon. I seen the orderly of Co.A, he was on his way home.

Thursday August 25th. Exchange barrax Chattanooga. I was sick all night. This A.M. I reported to the doctor. Another squad came in from the General Field Hospital to the barrax. Drew ration

*s. The wether was very hot all day a lot of sick and wounded came in from the front.

August 26th. Convelesent Barracks Chattanooga Tennessee. The wether was trementious hot, alot of sick and wounded came in from the front.

August 27th 1864 We are still in the barracks. I reported to the doctor being sick.

August 28th 1864. I did not report to the doctor not feeling able. I still remained at the barracks.

August 29th 1864 I went to see Abraham Dichl. At noon we was transferred to the convalescent camp.

August 30 1864. We was examined for the front. I was excused and sent to my quarters.

September 2nd 1864. I was sent to the hospital No.2 from the convalescent camp. Adam Loudes was sent to Lookout Mountain as guard. I found B.B. Coun in hospital.

September 3rd. All quiet in camp. Atlant
a reported to be in our hands and occupied by 20th Corps. The wether was pretty hot.
Rain during the night.

Sept.4 The wether was very cool in the morning. But very hot in the middle of the day. I was put on light diet. No medicine today. I started to go the General Field Hospital but was compelled to return back.

5th. Nothing of importance going on at this Hospital nor much any whereelse. News pretty good and confirmed. I got a pair of moccasins from John Green.

6th, Wether pretty warm. News variable.

7th. The wether is very hot. Nothing going on of importance. Only the News of John Morgan, The Rebel General being killed which seems to please most everyone. It is said that a train of cars came in this morning from Nashville.

September 8th, 1864. Wether tolerable cool. I went to see Aberham Diehl. also met with Henry Chambers of the 1st.Ohio Volunteer. I got back to the Hospital for dinner. John Green distributed watermelon among the sick. The news tolerable good today.

September 9t

h. I went to the convalescent commissary and got a hat from John W Rinkart. Henry Chambers came to the hospital to see us. On this day I received a Government hat from John W, Rinkart of Co K 55th Regt OVI which he drew at the Converlesent commesary. For which I agreed to pay him at ---- him for the same amount - Clothing. It cost him as he said \$1.75

Sept 10th All quiet.

Sept 11th I went to nursing. Taylor Tilson fetched me a letter from the Gen Field Hospital. It was from E.M.

September 12th 1864. Lewis Williams of the 25 Co.came to see Ben P.Conn and me.

13th Nothing of importance going on. Only one of the Christian Commission gave us some papers and books.

14th Nothing of importance going on about the hospital. I wrote two letters. The wether very hot. I was on treatment.

15th All quiet

16th. I went to the General Field Hospital. I saw Wm. Granlden and Speat and James Dorn. Wether very hot.

17th All quiet. Wether being hot.

Sunday Sept 18th. The paymaster paid off this hospital. I recd no pay not having been here long enough and not having my Descriptive roll.

Monday Sept 19th The wether very smothersome. B.P.Conn and Anthony Beach were sent to Nashville. Also a number more from the hospital.

Tues Sept 20th. Nothing of importance transpired only the doctor of this ward went home on the expiration of his time.

Wednesday Sept 21st. The section doctor took charge of this ward.

Thursday Sept 22nd .All quiet. comended to rain at night. Went to the dining room for my meals.

Friday September 23rd. Sylvestor Smith left this hospital at the expiration of his time.

Sept 24th. I went over to town got Joseph Boren a loaf of bread. The wether tolerable cool. It rained some around noon. I seen John Rinehart o ne of the Company B Boys.

Sept.25th I was to have Preaching. The wether fare nothing of much imporance going on. I took the fever after dark.

26th. We received a new doctor in this ward. He used to belong to the Rebel Army. The medical steward refused to fill his Px. It is reported that the R.R. between here and Nashville is cut. Also between here and the front.

Sept 27th.1864 Wether tolerable cool in the morning.Warm and windy after 9oclock AM. News comes to the Hospital that all Indiana soldiers here in this Hospt were to be furloughed home to vote.

Sept 28th. I wrote a letter to Phillip and Catherine. Everything quiet. Swaney got a letter form Peltoso

Sept. 29th. The doctor sent for my description list. It is raining.

Sept. 30th. Wether warm.
Received two letters. Answered one. Still on treatment.

October 1st. 1864 All quiet. Wether fare. I wrote a letter to sister Eva but did not send it yet.

Oct 2nd. I went to preaching at the Christian Commission. The wether favorable.

Oct 3rd. Wether wet. Reported that General Grants forces taken Richmond. Rain most of the night.

Oct 4th . The wether very rainy and drisely. The Indiana boys started home at 9:30 in the evening. I received 2 letters.

5th. Rain the greatest of the day. The Indiana Batteries men did not get to go home yet. W. Swaney to Nashville.

6th. I was marked for Nashville. The Indiana Batteries boys came in our tent waiting for there furloughs being dayted.

U.S. General Hospital No.2 Chattanooga Tenn.

Oct. 7.1864 Wether tolerable cool but very hot in the middle of the day. Drew clothing.

8th. We was transferred to Nashville and sent. Our Ward Doctor gave me a recommend for a furlough. We arrived at Stevenson at 5 p.m. Laid over all night.

9th. We laid over Stevenson all day and all night. It was Sunday. I bought loaf of bread at the bakery.

10th. The hospital train left Stevenson Ala. for Nashville at 12 o'clock noon. Laid in the train all night.

11th. Arrived at Nashville at 12 hrs. We got within 3 miles of Nashville when there was a train of cars run off the track and smashed the cars.

Extry- We left the Hospital No.2 in Chattanooga Tenn. at Saturday noon and arrived at the Hospital No 3 Branch 1 Nashville on Tuesday noon Ward 5 Room B.

Oct 13th. An order came for all soldiers disabled for further service to be discharged. I was discharged out of the ward. Nothing else has transpired since the above date. I wrote a letter.

14th. I wrote a letter
to my sister. Wether tolerable cool.

15th. There was a fire in this place about dark.

16th All quiet.

17th. Another fire. Nothing of importance.

18th. I wrote a letter to Andrew

19th All quiet. Only commissioners took the names of Illinois soldiers for furlough to vote for president.

I received a letter from James W. Swaney but he did not state where he was only in Nashville Nor did he date his letter.

20th. 20 men were transferred to Louisville this morning, and two this afternoon ordered to be mustered out. Booth Kys, the Christian Commission delegate, distributed papers in the ward. I wrote 1 letter. The wether warm and comfortable. The papers of this morning report the Rebel General Hood moving southwestward of the Rocky Face Ridge supposing to go to Alabama. General Sherman close on his tracks. Miller and several of the boys are busy making rings.

21st. I went up town this forenoon and to the Ohio State Agent . He gave me a piece tobacco. The Sargent in charge of this hospit
al and the General ward master was threw this ward hunting men to go out in the country for save guards. They requested me to go but found me not able. The wether is tolerable pleasant. This mornings paper state a late victory of Shearadons in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. Said to have captured 40 pieces of Canon wih a large number of prisoners. Nothing of importance can be said of General Sherman. Only that he is close after Hood. Millers and Dresses papers or furlough papers have come. They both belong to Room 3 Ward 5 Branch 1, Hospital B. The 9th Indiana Cavelry are in town waiting for transportation for Louisville Ky.

A Cure for Piles

Buckeyes one in each pocket of your pantaloons and carry them there and it will relieve it.

Oct 22nd Gen. hospital No 3 Branch 1 Ward 5 Nashville Tennessee. Nothing of importance from Gen Sherman. It is said that the Louisville and Nashville R.R. cut and a train captured at Bolding green. Sapsed to be Fastest. I was in town today. Wrote a letter to S. Received a book at the Christian Commission. 2 men transferred to Louisville from this Room.

23rd I went to see the Ohio state Agent. Also the Medicle director.

24th. Nothing of importance going on. Miller and Drew started for there homes today.

25th. I went to town and received a letter from home. The Ind. Boys went home on furlough. Also the old man belonging to the 45 Ohio. His bed was close by the stove.

26th/64 The wether looks drousey but comfortable warm. Papers this morning complied Sheradon victory in the volly. Breckfest Splendid. 8 oclock AM Raining. The Clury of No3 HdQts made out furlough for Illinois soldiers here.

27th The deligate of the C.C. paid us a Visit and left us writing paper and envelops. I had a good chat with him. The wether wet. Several Illinois men where admited in this room this forenoon.

28th. I went to town Sun. Charles Streeter of CoH and Green of Co. C. I wrote a letter to my sister E. The wether warm and clear. A squad of substitutes was brought in from Ohio. Splendid dinner. Milk and punch my medicine today. As I passed the Post Office the streets were crowed with officers. The Christian Commission Room was crowded with Soldiers writing to their friends. I wrote a letter at the U.S.C.C. Two of the Michigan soldiers went home on furlough from this room. I returned a book to the library at the Christian Commission room this afternoon. The doctor took all of the Ohio soldiers names for furlough. Also the Pa. soldiers. At 11 oclock Pm. there was about a dozen shots in the direction of the river. Supposed to have been the guards on picket.

29th. All looks pleasant. The wether warm and beautiful. Everything looks promising. I went up to town to see the Ohio State Agent. There were a lot of sick soldiers came from Chattanooga. Started from Atlanta about a week ago. 2 of the 55th said to have been coming. The Sargents Sikes and Lee. Bund a corporal of the 73rd OVVI in this room (No3). I seen Brownell in town of the 10th Ohio Cavelry. My treatment is D & H. The Christian Commission Delegate was here through the ward distributing papers and writing paper and evelops. I wrote two letters, 1 to Phillip and one to Magdalena, recd 1

30th. Sunday I was out in town on a Rep. The Illinois soldiers received their furloughs, (those of the first squad) I seen Spear of Company B 136 N.Y. Vol. He stayed in No 8 hospital.

31st. The Illinois soldiers went home today, all except Bratt. He concluded to wait for draw clothing. This afternoon they filled and made out our furloughs (Ohio soldiers). I was elected to dress wounded men. All the nurses and ward masters in this ward are Ohio Soldiers. I made a pocket in my Dref coat. The wether favorable. We were mustered for pay.

November 1st. I went uptown. Bratt went home on his furlough. Splendid dinner. Wether pretty warm and dry in the forenoon. Little rain afternoon.

Nov 2nd Weather wet. The last squad of Illinois soldiers started for home at 1.p.m. The carpenter filled out the broken window in this room. News dull.

Nov 3rd 1864 Nashville, Tenn. Rain today. Our wardmaster started for Ohio this morning. I went up to the state agents office to see about the easiest route home. Our furloughs came this evening before supper. My route was from Nashville to Jeffersonville to Indianapolis to Bellefountain to Tiffin on Sandusky, Dayton and Cincinnati R.R.

November 4th, 1864 I started from Nashville, Tennessee at 6oclock A.M. Arrived at Louisvil le Ky. at 6 P.M. Sunday, I got transportation and crossed the river at 8 oclock P.m.

November 5th Started from Jeffersonville, Indiana at 1 AM, arrived at Indianapolis at 10AM. Started from Indianapolis at 8 20/60PM and arrived at Bellefountaine at about 8AM the next day.

Bellefountaine, Ohio November 6, 1864. Sunday morning we arrived at the above named town. Weather was cold. We was received by the Soldiers Aid Society.

7th Left Befontaine, Ohio at 6AM and arrived at Tiffin, Ohio at 11 oclock AM. Seen sister Eve Magdalena. Ate dinner with her. Arrived home at sundown.

November 12 1864. Articles purchased by me. A paper tube, A memorandum book, paper, evelope and stamps, led pencil, a B pin and finger ring \$5.50. A picture 0.50, colar and neckty 0.75, tobeca 0.30, cherry (?) 0.05. Total \$7.10

(Editor's note; it appears that during this furloughat home, he left his diary there and purchased another 4 memorandum book for the remainder of the war. Pieces of this new book were inserted with the original diary.)

H.J. Fell's Book bought at Fostoria, Ohio Nov 15 1864 at James Micekeys

Nov 15th 1864 The weather was very muddy. I was to Fostoria, O

November 16th Phillip took me to Tiffin on return to the hospital and left home at 9oclock AM

November 17th Left Mr. Wm.----- this morning where I had staid overnight. Took the cars for Bellfountaine at 8 in morning.

(Ed. note: Unable to read diary until 20 Nov)

November 20,1864 U.S. Hospital No 8 Branch 1 Ward 5 Room 3
This morning I reported in the above hospital I seen Charley Mitch. He was on guard.

21st. I was transferred to the guard room. Slept with Sargent Field Co, H 136 N.Y.

22nd Was in guard room, Nothing of importance heard.

23rd Still i
Yn same place. The Doctor wrote a Px for me.

24th Thanksgiving Day Had an extra dinner.

25th There was an examination took place by the Major Doctor. A Squat of about 27 was sent to their Regiments.

Clothing list

November 22 1864

Drew at hospital No.P Nashville Tennessee

1 U.S Blanket

1 shirt

January 14th 1965 At Chattanooga

2 Pare socks

1 poncho Blanket

Dolton Co. February 6th 1865

1 pare pants

2 pare socks

1 haversack

Chattanooga, Tennessee, March 3rd 1865

1 pare shoes

1 socks

1 drawers

1 hat, 1 Blouse

1 shirt

Guard Quarters Hospital No.8 Branch 1. Nashville Tennessee

Nov. 26 Rain this morning. Orderly of Co.B 73 OV was sent to his Regiment

Nov 30 Signed Pay Roll.

Dec 2nd, was transferred to Zollecoffer House

Dec.3rd Last night we came here from Hospital No.8 Branch 1

4th Sunday We was ordered out of the Zollecoffer House with guns and marched to the rear of the State House. David Smith was with me. I received \$2.00 of David Smith

Dec, 6th We was organized in Companies and a Regt. We was sent out on the line in front of first Nagley. Was transferred to the 8th Division. We got in Company G with Samuel Disinger. Went on Picket.

7th Was relieved from Picket.

8th. Built a tent.

10th A man in Company C 3rd D shot himself threw the breast. I was detailed in the evening for Picket went to a house as Save Guard. 2 men beside me was with me. Snow on the ground and wether very cold.

Dec 11th 1864 On save Guard, I got breakfast at the table of the family of the house.

Dec 12th I was to town on a pass In the afternoon we drew ammunition.

Dec,13th The Darkies made a charge on the Rebs. Also some white soldiers was engaged in the fight. The result inparticular unknown.

Dec. 14th All quiet

Dec 15th We received marching orders at 3 A.M. and started at 5 A.M. We went to the right of Fort Wood. Was detached for Picket At 12 o'clock our troop made a charge on the right and drove the Rebs about 2 mile. Heavy Cannonading and charging kept up to this 4 p.m. they are at it yet - on the right firing ceased at dusk. The Rebs were driven at every point. We moved the picket lines about 10 O'clock in the evening. Most of the fighting occurred on the Crunnywhite Pike.

16th. Cannonading commenced about daylight very heavy fighting all day. Sick to have taken about ---- Lt Priest of ---was relieved from Picket. Laid in the rain all night.

17th Moved Company G in an old camp. Pitched tent.

18th Sunday Went to town.

19th Started on the march. Stayed overnight in Lavern, Tennessee. Marched near

Murfreesboro, Tenn

20th Marched near Murfreesboro. Went on picket.

21st Started and took the cars near Merfersborow. Stayed over night with the 12th Independent, Ohio Battery. Lost my blanket

22nd Took the cars, Arrived at Stevenson the evening of the 28th.

24th Arrived at Huntsville Alabama about dark. Laid overnight

(Ed. note: unable to read 25-28 Dec., on 28 Dec they were apparently 2 miles from Decatur)

Dec 29th Marched about 15 miles.

Dec. 30th I was detailed to build a bridge. Capt, Mase with 50 men were detailed on skirmish line. Marched about 4 miles. Camp overnight.

31st We was in camp near Cortland Alabama all day. The weather tolerable cool. The Niger Brigade crossed the river and went in camp. The boys went in for chicken and forage. Sam Dessinger --- a mule. This is a cool New Years day.

January, 1st. 1865, Cortland Alabama. We moved camp only a short distance from the former. It was a pleasant day. We drew rations.

Jan 2nd. Wrote 2 letters. Mail went out about 11 a.m. Wether tolerable cool. However the sun shines bright. Little rain in the night.

Jan 3rd. Weather fair.

I went to town. I got some milk and corn bread. Traded coffee and sugar for dried apples and washing clothes. Was detached on picket.

4th Killed a pig this morning on picket. The weather fare. was received at 1 p.m.& started back at 2 Marched about 4 miles.

5th Marched about 12 miles.

6th Started about 8 a.m. marched and crossed the Tennessee River at Decatur and took the cars and came 2 miles beyond Charlottesville Camped over night. Rained.

7th. We are in camp this morning 2 miles from Huntsville Ala. To the left of the railroad. Weather tolerable cool.

January 7th. 1865 Saturday, Noon We are still in camp. The 4th. A.E. lays around----. They sent a forage party out. George Wing and John W. Vincent joined me yesterday

and are with me today. Took the train about 3 p.m. Was aboard the cars all night
Arrived at Larkensville Ala. at daylight.

8th. Slept there till 3 p.

m. Took the cars and came about 12 miles station. formed in line of Batteries. which ---
we remained till 3 A.M.. when the Det. marched to the stockade where all ---
reported.

9th In the stockade. Rain all day

10th. Samuel Disenger and myself built a bed of planks and staid all night.

11th Started back on the cars toward Stevenson and Chattanooga about 3 p.m. and arrived
at the later about 1 oclock that night.

12th We laid in camp all day till toward sunset. The Bital. was moved and I was sent
with several other boys. I was sick. John Vincent was detailed at No. 2 Hospital.

15th Still in the camp. I had been very sick. William Woods is with me. I wrote 1 letter.

16th Chattanooga, Tennessee. We was in camp. Was excused by the Doctor. Had
another spell of ague. I wrote 2 letters. One for myself and one for Willlson Woods. The
wether was tolerable.

cool last night. Benjamin Vanhorn went to the hospital.

17th On treatment. Nothing of importance going on. Had to steel five wood

18th. Fort Fisher is reported taken by Gen Buttlers force. Nothing of importance going
on. We received wood. I seen Christian Sherman of Co.G 55th O.V.V.I. I was excused
from duty.

Thursday January 19th 1865 The wether tolerable fare. No exciting. Rhummy a flood.

20th We left Chattanooga Tenn. at 8 A.M.. and arrived at Dolton, Ga at dark.
Willson Woods and I reported to Co.G. last.

Sat. 21st. We fixed up our quarters. It was raining most all day. There was another man
came in our tent.

Sun. 22nd. Dolton Ga. Wilson Woods and I was detailed for Provost Guards. I stood 8
hours out of 24. It rained most all afternoon and all night.

Jan. 23rd. Monday Dolton Ga. We was off duty. There was a large fire occurred in this
town. It commenced in the Barber shop. Burned the Bakery and our quarters. It
commenced about 11 oclock p.m.

Tuesday Jan 24th We was on duty and went in the guard

house for quarters

Wed Jan 25th we was relieved from Provost guard. We came back to our Company. The 3rd Battalion had a consolidation, 8 companies into 5. Ours is Co -.

Dolton Ga. Jan 25th Thursday We was in Camp all day Had inspection at 2 O'clock in the afternoon Wether very cool.

Jan 27 Friday Was in camp all day. Our battalion had company drill. I washed my clothing and Willson Woods Clothing. Wether moderate cool.

Sat. 28th Wether very cold. We was in camp. I fixed up my fireplace. I sent a letter to Andrew. Drew hard bread and beef. Fixed up an axe. Made a handle for it.

Dolton Ga. Jan 29th 1865 Sun. Wether moderate. I was on the sick list. Was to have inspection, but was countermanded.

Jan 30th 1865 Wether very pleasant and warm. I was on battle guard. Wills Woods was taken ---. One company of B Georgia Reble Soldiers came in to Dolton and joined our army 100 men. We drew some extra hardtack 2 to the man.

Tues Jan 31st 1865 Wether warm. There was five men det ailed out of the 3rd Battalion for scouts 40 out of the 20 Corps in all. They went out on a search of Rebels and several of them were captured. Col. McManis was among the captured and they kept him.

Dalton, Ga Feb.1st 1865 Wednesday. I was detached on Picket. Wether warm. We had a good dinner and supper.

Thursday Feb.2nd I was relieved from picket. One hundred men was sent to Tunnel Hill to stop the Rebels. One of our men seriously wounded. Had Gen inspection at 3 p.m.

Feb 4th L.W. Doolittle,P.O. Address, Greenspring Seneca Co. Ohio.

Dolton Friday Feb.3rd 1865 I was on --- duty. Wether wet.

Sat. 4th. I was on a scout after a wounded man.. We went as far as the mill 5 miles from here. Capt. Mace was in command.

Sunday 5th I received a letter from home and received \$5.00 from Father. They report Father and Catherine was unwell (?)

Dolton, Ga. Monday Feb.6th 1865 Wether Pleasant. I bought a peck of Corn Meal. Paid .75 Had plenty to eat. I wrote a letter to A. J. Maurer.
Drew clothing 1 pare pants, 2 pare socks, 1 haversack

Tuesday Feb. 7th I went on a scout to Tunnel Hill. 250 men out of 1st and 3rd Batt's. Capt. J. C. Mace in Command. We were attacked in our rear about sunset in the gap, by the Reb Mounted Bushwackers. They soon fled. We camped about 1 mile beyond the gap. I was on picket in command of ten men. Rained and snowed.

Dolton Feb. 8 We returned from the scout about daylight and arrived in camp about 5 p.m. in safety.

Feb. 9th. I was in camp all day.

Feb. 10th Went on picket. Weather tolerable cool.

Feb. 11th I was relieved from picket. Had general inspection. General Gruff was present Willson Woods received a box from home. An order soon issued by McMannis forbidding soldiers to go to town without a pass.

Sunday Feb. 12th 1865. Dolton Ga. Weather cool. Had a good breakfast. I was to meeting. Wrote 2 letters.

Monday Feb. 13th I was in camp all day Wrote a letter for W. Woods Rained very heavy during night.

Tues. Feb. 14th I was in camp all day. Wrote a letter for W. Woods. Rained very heavy during the night.

Wed. Feb. 15 I am on picket. Weather wet and disagreeable.

Feb. 16th 1865 Weather nice and warm. We rebuilt our fireplace.

Feb. 17th Weather windy I was in camp. Drilled. Wrote a letter.

Dolton Ga. Feb. 18th 1865, I was in camp all day. I washed my clothes. Weather was warm.

Sunday Feb. 19th On picket. The weather nice and warm. I am on post No. 5 There was a statement in the Nashville paper that all men enlisted in 1862 understanding that they should be discharged where their Regiments were. Discharged should now be mustered out of the service on the U.S.

Monday 20th. I was relieved from picket. Weather warm. Drew rations. Only pork.

Tuesday 21 All quiet in camp.

Dolton Ga. Feb. 22nd. 1865. I received a letter from my sister E.M. and brother Andrew. There was a salute fired on the capture of Fort Sumter and Charleston S.C. I was detached to go on picket for the night. The officers had a dance.

Thursday 23 Was relieved from picket. Rain all day.

Friday 24th Rain all day. Received marching orders. Also received 2 letters, 1 from Phillip and one from Andrew.

Sat 25th Rain all day. We have not moved yet up to this 1 p.m. I wrote Andrew and Phillip each. George Walker came in our mess. the 145th Reg came to relieve us at this place, Dolton Ga. We started for the cars at 1 but did not go. Went back to our quarters and remained there until this 4 p.m.

Feb. 26th We was in our old camp all day. Wether nice.

Monday 27th. Started about 11 a.m and arrived at Chattanooga after dark. Staid overnight in the convalescent camp. Woods Walker and I are together.

Feb 28/65. Chattanooga. Went in camp. Drew rations.

March 1st. Wether looks fo
r rain. I was in town. Seen the Ohio State Agent.

2nd I was detailed for ---- and was sent on the train to Charleston Tennessee after 10 car loads wood. Got back to camp about 8 oclock in the night. Wether wet.

Friday March 3rd 1865. Wether cloudy, all quiet.

Saturday 4th I had a pass to town. Wether cool and cloudy. Drew a blouse and 1 shirt.

Sunday March 5th. I was in camp. I wrote a letter to E.M.

Monday 6th In camp all day, only on a pass to Town.

Tues 7th Had company drill in the forenoon. I went over to No 2 Hospt. The Tenn River was higher than ever known. The wether fair.

Wednesday 8th. Rain this morning. George Walker ent my ---.

Chattanooga. Tenn. Thursday March 9. Rained today only by spells. Drew wood. Cooked beans for dinner.

Friday March 10 1865 All quiet in camp. Had batty drill

Sat. March 11th I received an order from Lt. Sanders for 16 loaves of bread . Got it. Recd 3 letters, 1 from Phillip and 2 from Andrew.

Sunday March 12th/65 I was in town. Wrote a letter to sister E.M. Wether nice.

Monday March 13th I was in town and inquired for my box. Not there.

Dolton Ga. Feb 4th 1865 L.W. Doolittle. I received from him \$2.00 borrowed money.

Chattanooga Tenn. March 13, 1865 All detachments of --- and army started from camp at 12 Noon for their respective commons.

14th. Nashville Tenn. Arrived here at 9.m. Got board of the steamer Woodmite and left Nashville at dark. She ran down the Cumberland River about 10 miles there laid ashore till about 3 a.m. then started out again.

15th. Wednesday Passed ----sville about 8 a.m. Passed Fort Donelson at 12 noon Fort Donelson lay on the left of Cumberland River coming down stream. Distance from F.D. to Nashville about 100 miles. This steamer ran in a corn field and got tangled among the flood water. Then after dark ran against a tree and broke the ---.

Thursday. March 16th. 11 a.m. Arrived at Smithsville at the mouth of the Cumberland and Ohio Rivers. Smithsville is in Ky on the otherside. Stopped to take on coal. Had a hard ---to get up the Ohio The steamer Atlantic hitched on it. The Atlantic was loaded with part of the 14th AC Detachment.

Fri. 17th Arrived at sunrise at Evansville Ind. Arrived at Hawsville Ky. Arrived at Eunanulton Ind. at sunset. 120 miles from Louisville Ky.

Sat. 18th. Arrived at Louisville, Ky about 8 p.m.

Sunday. 19th Passed Madison, Ind. about sunrise. Arrived at Covington Ky. & Newport across from Cincinnati.

Monday, March 20th 1865 I seen G.W. Wing. 20th I expressed a package home. containing a 'Great coat, 1 blouse, 1 shirt, 1 drawers. We left Newport at about 2 p.m.

21st. Arrived or rather passed Portsmouth O. at the mouth of the Scioto River at about 2 p.m.

Wednesday March 22nd 1865 The river was very wild and stormy in the afternoon. They S had to tye up the boat and repair it.

Thursday March 23. River calm this morning arrived at Parkersburg at dark.

(Ed. note: Only a few words could be read for the period through 6 April. From what could be discerned, H.J. took a train to or near Washington. D.C -possibly Harper's Ferry- then a boat or boats to Wilmington, N.C. and then a train to Goldsboro, N.C.)

April 9th 1865. Arrived at my Company this morning at Goldsburough (Goldsboro),

N.C.

Monday, April 10 1865 We left camp near Goldsborough about sunrise and marched about 12 miles till dark. Some skirmishing in front was heard. Went in camp about 10 PM. I was detailed on Picket. Distance we marched was 14 miles.

April 11. Started about sunrise and marched to Smithfield. Rebs evacuated the Place.

Smithfield, N.C. April 12. Left-about sunrise. The News came to our ears that the Reb Gen. Lee had surrendered his entire force.

April 13. Arrived near Raleigh, N.C. about - 3 PM. It was evacuated.

April 15. We was ordered out in line to march this morning and order was countermanded.

Sunday 16th. Nice morning weat her clouds off. I went on a pass to Raleigh. Report that Johnson had surrendered his army. Attended meeting in the English Presbyterian Church.

Near Raleigh, N.C. Wednesday April 19th. Weather favorable. A speech was delivered at 1st Brigade. By the officers of the 3rd Division. The cheerful sound Peace was Sounded on there Thongues. Also going home was pronounced.

Glorious April 20th. We changed camp just a little distance form the former and build good summer's quarters.

Friday 21st. Washed up our clothing in camp all day. Rain in the evening and night.

Sat 22 nd. Had Gen Review by Maj. Gen. Sherman

Raleigh, N.C. Monday April 24th 1865 Relieved from Camp Guard at 9 aclock AM

Tuesday April 25th. Left Camp near Raleigh about 9AM. Marched about 10 miles towards the front, a sothwestern cors. Camp in a woods near the road on the left-hand side.

Weds. April 26th. Laid in camp all day. Wether beautiful.

Thurs. 27th. Moved Camp

April 27 1865 1 letter from E.M. Fell, 2 letter from May 26

Friday 2

8th. Marching orders to go back to Raleigh, N.C. Arrived in our old camp near Raleigh

about 1/2 past 11AM.

Sunday April 30th. Took up our line of march for home towards Richmond, N.C. at about 8 AM. Marched 14 miles Camp near the Nuce (Neuse) River. Could not cross on arriving, the bridge being broken.

Mon. May 1st 1865. Marched at 8 AM went 19 miles. Crossed Tar River after dark. I was Rear Guard. Camp B & D

Tues May 2nd 1865 Marched about 14 miles. Went in Camp about 4PM. Camp to the right of the Road.

Wed. 3rd. Started about daylight- came 8 miles to 8 o'clock A.M. Crossed the Roanoke River about 4 PM

Thurs 4th. Marched about 24 miles. Crossed the Meherrin River, went to Camp one mile from river.

May 5 1865. Left Camp about 1/2 past -o'clock this morning. Marched one mile across the Notoway River. Stopt about 2 o'clock . Distance 22 miles.

Sat May 6th 1865. Started about 5 o'clock A.M. and Stopt to camp over night about 2PM. Distance of march 15 miles.

Sunday May 7th. Crossed the Appomattox River. Marched 19 miles. Was rear guard.

Monday May 8th. 1865. Marched about 17 miles. Got in Camp about 12 AM.

Tuesday May 9th. Marched about 8 miles. Went in Camp about 11 o'clock AM.

Wed 10th. Was in camp all day. Received sanitary goods. vegetables.

Thursday May 11th 1865. Left Camp about eleven A.M. and marched through Richmond in Review. Went beyond Richmond 2 miles about dark it rained very hard most of the night. Most of the boys had to move their tents.

Friday May 12th. March about 8 o'clock AM and went about 7 miles.

Sat May 13th 1865. Started at 6 oc. AM. Crossed the South Anna (Anna) River, The New Found River and went in camp about 5 oc. PM. Distance of march 16 miles. Drew rations.

Sunday May 14th 1865. Started at 6 AM, crossed the Little River early in the morning. Our Regt in the rear of the ? & Davis. Crossed the North Anna River on pontoons about 10:30 a.m

. Camped at dark Distance of March 18 miles.

May 15th Started about 6 a.m. Went through Spotsylvania Va. and got dinner 1 mile beyond Sun Haver fortification. Camped near the Chancellerville Battlefield, Shelter, Secrotus Brooks and John Faren went with me on the Battle ground where our regiment fought.

Tuesday May 16th. 1865 Started at 5 a.m. Marched to the Rappahannock River before we stopped. Passed through Forte Ridge. distance 21 miles.

Wed. May 17th, Marched about 16 miles. Camped at Brenceville.

May 18 1865. Started at 4:30 a.m. Marched 3 miles beyond Fairfax Station distance about 18 miles.

May 19th A.D.1865. Started at 5 a.m. Struck the Alexandra and Fairfax Pike about 2 miles from where we camped. Marched within 4 miles of Alexandra and camped.

Saturday, May 20th In camp all day.

Sunday May 21st Nothing of importance going on.

Monday May 22nd. Drew clothing. 1 pare pants, 1 lined blouse, 1 flannel shirt, 1 pare drawers.

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Qesday May 24th Started from camp at 5 a.m. Had our knapsacks hauled. Marched through Washington on Review and went in camp at dark 5 miles beyond Washington D.C. on the Maryland side.

Thursday May 25th Moved camp and put up regular camp.

Friday May 26th Near Washington D.C. Wether wet. Recd mail I got 3 letters, wrote 1. Drew soft bread for the first time.

Sunday May 28th Camp near Washington D.C. Letters to E.M. Fell 1 letter from her.

May 30th 1865 My papers was made out to be mustered out of the service of the U.S.

May 31st Wether clear. Nothing of importance going on. Only ordering from Brigade Hd are coming dispatching constantly. I am indebted to the following names. J.W. Doolittle \$2.25 David Smith \$2.00, Owen Storms \$.35 cents George Wolken \$.25 cents G.W. Vincent \$.50 Foster and Co. \$25.00

1 ounce Extra

ct Logwood 5 cts with blue Vitriol.

June 9th 1865 Camp near Washington Left this camp at 4.30 a.m. Joined the 79th Ohio. Went aboard the cars at 8 a.m. The cars left at 1:30 p.m. Arrived at Resky House Md. at 3:45 p.m. There took the Baltimore and O.R.R. Distance from Washington about 40 miles. Passed through Harpers ferry about midnight.

June 10th Stopped at Cumberland at 12 noon Got Hot coffee. Passed through Piedmont at 2:15 p.m.

11th Arrived at Grafton at 5 a.m. Recd. Coffee Stoppt at Salem from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Arrived at Parkinsburg at 9 p.m. Drew rations. Remained there for the night

12th. Moved to the shade in the woods in the morning. Started for the river at 11 and Crossed the Ohio river at Portsmouth at 12:30. Took the cars and started for Camp Denncen at 1 p.m. on the Marrietta and Cincinnati R.R.

13th Stopped at Manchester, Ohio at 6 a.m. Got some butter there. 8AM passed through Lauclin O RR. Arrived at Camp Denisen at 9 a.m. Was in camp all night

14th Wether warmer.

Camp Denison, Ohio. June 16th 1865 I was discharged. I received my pay in full this afternoon at 6 oclock \$467.70 Started on the cars at 11 p.m. and arrived at Henia at 1 in the night.

17th. Took the cars at Henia to Springfield at 8:30 a.m. Arrived at Tiffin at 4 p.m. Arrived at home at 11 in the night.

Clothing bought at Tiffin, Ohio June 17th 1865 Hat \$ 2.50, Boots \$8.50, A Linen coat \$3.50, A lot of stuff \$1.80, 1 pocket knife \$.90.

June 20th Father is indebted to me for paying his tax \$15.39, for plow pint and screw \$.85.

June 21st Paid Foster and Co. on note in full \$25.70. I lent E.M. Fell cash \$5.00 Bought her a trunk which I gave her as a present.

July 1865 bought a saddle, \$22.00 rope \$.62, Tobacco \$.35, Hat \$.50 For boots \$7.50, other stuff \$4.80, 1 shirt, \$1.00, Horse feed, \$25.

July 25th 1865, Laid out for coat and vest, \$25.00

July 27th 1865 Elizabeth and I were married at Arcadia Hancock Co. Ohio by Squire Jerdon. Went to Tiffin and stayed there over night at the Van Doran House. We went to theater. We went to Carry and slept at Egbert Syes.

July 1865 Laid out for a mare \$85.00, Harness \$34.00

September 2nd, 1865, Bought at the sale of Charles Grove

1 cook stove \$18.25

1 barrell .75

1 wash bowl .10

1 ax helf .35

2 single trees .50

2/3 of 6 acres of
corn at Ronings \$34.50

\$54.65 To be paid in nine months. This is my seal and signature

H.J.Fell

To be bought.

1 pail, 1 coffee pot, 2 br

3ead pans, 2 tin cups, 1 dipper, 1 ladle, 1 dish pan, large, 1 oil lamp, 6 milk crocks.

Bought--1 looking glass, 1 tin pail \$,.80 1 coffee pot,\$.60, 1 wash basin,.40, 1 oil can,

\$.45 1 dipper,\$.75 1 Rolling pin \$.20 1 1/2 gal. oil can,\$.45, 1 match box \$.15, 1

skimmer \$.10, clothes pins, \$.10, 1 Wash basin, \$ 1.00, 1 butter bowl, \$60, 1 stove

shovel \$.25, 1 lead pencil \$.10, i crochet needle \$.10 .1 lb. coffee \$.38, 4 lb. sugar \$.80,

1/4 lb. tea, \$.60, 1/4/lb. pepper, \$.13, 2 nutmeg, \$.06, 1 box bluing, \$.10, 2 spools

thread, \$.30, 1 clock \$10.00, 1 pare shoe shoe strings \$.05, cloves \$.05, 1 clothes brush

\$.40,

Left Fostoria Ohio October 23rd 1866 and arrived at Hawkins October 30 1866 in Gratiot
Mich

We moved on our own farm in Newark Township, Gratiot Co. Michigan February 11th,
1867