

CIVIL WAR DIARY BOOKS
By SGT. GEORGE BAUM of Warrick Co., Ind.

INTRODUCTION

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George Baum enlisted as private, October 19th. 1861 and mustered with Company K of the 42nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry which consisted of all being from Warrick County except for two. Muster rolls show George incorrectly listed as George Bourn but reveals that his complexion was dark, hair light, 5 ft. 6 inches tall, and his home listed as Warrick County. Much could be said about his previous exploits with the regiment as brigaded with the 14th Army Corps that would eventually join in with Sherman's Army that fought their way down to Atlanta, Georgia. That's where George began writing this diary as we have in hand. The 14th Corps was sent to Jonesboro to engage Hood's confederate army and take control of the area south of Atlanta, which they did. After a short breather, they began the pursuit of Hood's Army headed north out of Georgia via Rome and into Alabama. Some of the Corps were ordered towards Nashville, but the 14th Corps was ordered back and began their return to Atlanta. Along the way, George purchased another book at Altoona Station so he could continue writing the diary. 14th Corps arrived just in time to join in Sherman's march to the sea and capture Savanna. After the first of the year, 1865, Sherman's Army began their journey and fight up through South Carolina into North Carolina. In late April, the war ended and they marched through Virginia into Washington City. While encamped there, Sherman's Army did a Grand Review march through the city and back. George received his promotion to Sergeant. Early June the 42nd Indiana regiment was ordered to an encampment at Louisville, Ky. Marched to Harper's Ferry, took a train to Parkersburg, West Virginia, and then boarded a riverboat to Louisville. They stayed camped there until their regiment was mustered out on July 21st, 1865. Hopefully this short overview will help orient the reader in following the journey through the two "log books".

The Foreword describes the diary books and the nature of the written script, plus how the transcript structure handles it. The Preface describes what George wrote about and in manner it was done. The Acknowledgments recognizes those who helped with the transcript process and getting it on this web-site. Following the transcript is a Glossary of the people encountered or mentioned with details identifying a good many of them as to who they were. Also listed are the riverboats that he mentioned boarding, plus my list of interesting places in the diary.

We hope you enjoy reading the adventure that he has painstakingly put down on paper, and wish to present this historical document in honor of George Baum and the 42nd Indiana Vol. Infantry Regt.

FOREWORD

The "Diary" consists of two books that appear to be lined ledgers. The first measures approx. 3 ½" X 7" with 20 pages, having 18 lines on each which are written on front and back. The second measures approx. 3 ½" X 6" with at least 55 pages, having 22 lines on each page and written on in the same manner. I found there are 2 diary pages missing in two different places from my photo copy of this book, either physically because they're missing from the original or by copying errors. This accounts for 7 full recorded days missing and are noted in the transcription.

It is notable that all entries have been written in script using pen and ink. All of the pages were found to be very readable, with no ink spills or drops, with no evidence that they had been rained on and with no bleeding through to the other side. Two pages were found to have a small piece torn out of the paper edge. Four pages were completely missing, unfortunately. At this time it is unknown if the missing pages in my photo copy came about because of a copying errors or were missing from the original book; I think it was the latter.

The nature of George's writing is that most of the sentences lack any punctuation allowing one thought to run into another. Some words are misspelled consistently but easily understood as to what there are. Some were first difficult to interpret because they are split without indication at the end of a line to the beginning of the next line, or letters written above the last word of a sentence because he ran short of space. Some misspelled names of people, towns, rivers etc. are usually found correctly spelled later on as though he must have inquired how to correctly spell them or read them later in a newspaper. Abbreviations were used to save space such as "Mrs. L" who is Mrs. Lucy Baum, his wife. Some of the capital letters like L or H, have a trailing swirl that looked like an "e" and was thus justified in disregarding them during the transcription of those words making them sensibly correct. Overall one could say that George had a nice readable handwriting, as I have seen much worst by census takers and lawyers.

For ease of reading the transcript, I have the beginning of each day starting at the beginning of a line and each day spaced apart. For reference to the original diary, the pages are noted as found including a page miss numbered by George found in the second book. It looks like pages are missing but isn't the case as that day entry continues on to the next numbered day without any gap. In the original script, most of the sentences or phases would end and start one after another without any intentional space between them or punctuation used. So to make it easy to read, large spaces were added to separate them. The only extra words added are those put in parenthesis () that clarify those words found misspelled that can't be sounded out or deserve a correction. Some words shown depicted as (?) were added to fill in as a "best guess" to those missing because of a small torn out piece in a couple of pages of Book #2. This transcript of the diary from script to type was done in a manner that reflects exactly what was written to the letter without destroying the ambiance of the piece. This allows someone to enjoy reading about this war time experience that might have encounter much difficulty trying to read the original written script, and thus eventually put it aside unread.

PREFACE

You will find that George describes the weather at the beginning of each and every day and narrates about what he, the Boys, or the army is doing during each day in such a way that it is obvious that he pulls out and puts away his diary book often. The subject matter recorded was kept soundly to what he did or saw as an infantry soldier marching with Sherman's Army. Generally speaking, George did not waste any space writing about political issues, long details of his tours of the towns or descriptions of any war carnage witnessed; not even a lavish description after receiving a letter about of his son (William Tecumseh Sherman Baum, my dad's dad) being born (18th of November, 1864) while he was camped outside of Savanna the day before Christmas. But he did on several occasions do some bragging of some "fine No.1 messes" cooked and declare the menu. He was discovered to be a company cook, as revealed in a letter he wrote home of which I had the privilege to hold and read the real thing. Only brief phrases were written during his furlough home in July of '65 as the matter was just not Civil War related. After the day of being mustered out of the Army, not another word was written in his "log book". You would think that he would have described the journey home. But hey, the war and soldiering experience was done, and so was the diary writing.

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I am happy and honored to share this step back in time as you read about the adventures of George Baum as a soldier of Sherman's Army by his daily entries recorded starting from the battle of Jonesboro, Georgia on September 1, 1864 to his muster out on July 21, 1865 at Louisville, Ky. We appreciate each one of you who have participated in this humble effort to authentically preserve and present one more piece of our Civil War history for all to examine.

Your Obedient Servant,
Captain Ken Baum

Transcript of George Baum's Diary Books
Enlisted Soldier of Co. K., 42nd Indiana Infantry Regt.

[Beginning of Book # 1. On the inside cover is written:]

George Baum('s
Log Book
Baught near
Atlanta Georgia
on the 9th of
September, 1864.
I was boren in 1840
August the 9th

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September the First 1864 a clear and pleasant morning had our breakfast. Heavy cannonading and musketry to our left on the Macon road now about 5 o'clock and our Brigade has maneuvered around Considerbell and now we are laying on an hill near Gen. Tomasses Headquarters as train guards. We have drawn two days Rations and they have to do us three I am not very well Cannonading has been heard all day and musketry we are laying behind works made out of rails and hear all kinds of rumors. This is the day the 14th A.C. went in on the rebels

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2nd a cool and cloudy morning had our breakfast and are still in our old position heavy cannonading most all night. This morning things seem very quiet I am now with my Brother in the 12th Ky and are going to march in a few moments our Brigade is marching

3^d a cloudy morning had our breakfast and are laying in the edge of Jonesboro 22 miles from Atlanta I came through the town this morning a fine looking place some fine looking dwellings, our corps is now laying in town, now about 5 o'clock and we still lay in

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our old position but we expect to go toward Atlanta to night or in the morning saw a lot of rebels prisoners coming from the front this evening. we had a big rain to day and have just drawn two days Rations for three

4th a rainy morning had our breakfast and are still laying in our old position yet but expect orders to march soon now after dinner and we are still hear this is the sabbath and we are going to have preaching very warm after noon this a very level looking country around hear after supper and we have just shoot of our guns

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times have been very quiet to day

5th a cloudy morning had our breakfast and are still in our position yet all very quiet this morning. after dinner and we have drawn tow days Rations nothing going on to day except we can hear a few cannon out in front severl milds of (off) some talk of us going home before long now almost dusk and we have had quite a shower of rain saw Gen Shearman this evning coming from the front I hear cannonading in front now it is supposed that we will start for Atlanta in the morning

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6th a cool and cloudy morning had our breakfast and are redy to march, most all the corps have fell back from the front I received three letters this morning tow from Mrs. L. and one from Jace Now about 5 o clock and I am on the road for Atlanta or some other place. the rebels are following us very closly this is quite a rainy evning I am now with the train

7th a cleir morning got up at 3 o clock and before daylight was on the road for Atlanta we have now stoped and parked the train in a big open field but will soon

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pull out again it is now cloudy and loocks very much like rain now dusk and we are in 5 milds of Atlanta with our train parked in an old field I had a beef hart for supper times have bin very quiet to day 4 months ago to day we started on this Campaign

8th a cool and cloudy morning had our breakfast and are on the road again for Atlanta about noon and I am siting on a log near a rebel fort but now the Yankes have posesion of them I can see 4 forts whare

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I am sitting this is a level Country on this side of town I think that I am south east of town now about dusk and our Corps has piched tents about 2 milds from the hart of town we have jest drawn tow days Rations, this seams like Sunday because I havent hurd a gun fired today of no kind

9th a cleir morning had our breakfast and are now fixing) up our Campes we jest drew our beef I was on garde at the Con'l (Colonel) tent last night hurd a few gun fire through the night on after dinner and times

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are very quiet I jest writen a letter to Mrs. L. now I am going to wash about dusk and I had had buisquet for supper and we drew potatoes all is quiet this evning

10th a plesant morning had our breakfast and are now going to fix our bunk we are all very buissey fixing up we have ours about compleat and a writing desk up after dinner and we drew sanitary about 3 o clock and we are going to draw Rations soon we jest had orders to move but the ordrs was counter

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manded again we have jest drawn 5 days Rations and I jest received a letter from Jace I have jest written a letter to Jace and now I am going to lie down and take my rest for the night

11th this is the Sabbath a pleasant morning we are going to have preaching but I am going to see Atlanta I saw Dock Davis from the 53^d I have jest returned from the City saw some fine looking buildings it is quite a town saw where our shot and shell has riddled some parts of the town I went and saw the rebel works and I never saw the like of gopher holes and there was

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Three rows of Stakes in front of the works jest received a letter from Mr Cornell I saw Doctor Johnson of the 65th in town we had preaching this evening I have jest written a letter to Mr Cornell we had roll call to night for the first time in a long time

12th a pleasant morning I am on detail this morning cleaning up Camp we are drawing some new clothing about noon and is very warm now after dinner and everything is going on very quiet I have jest written a letter to Mr Floyd

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Our Brigade has orders to march in the morning supposed to be a forage expedition Gen. Sherman has issued an order a few days ago to the citizens of Atlanta for all those who (who) had Brothers Fathers or connection in the rebel Army to go south and the rest to go either north or south I see some going south to day now about sunset.

13th a cool morning orders for marching this morning are countermanded I have jest written a letter to Mrs. L. I jest received a letter from Mrs. L. dated 5th of this Mon now about dusk and we all bin very busy clean

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ing up all day for inspection rumors all quiet to day was a pleasant one, we had praimeeting (pray meeting) this evening it is now roll call. and time to lie down and take our rest

14th a pleasant morning had our breakfast and are fixing for inspection everything seems cool and quiet after dinner and I have jest written a letter to my Brother I received a speech to day from some person unknown our inspection is now over Tree of the Boys from the 53 are hear to see us now Rollcall and this has bin a nice and beautiful day

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15th a nice and beautiful morning I am not very well Colonel Mc Intire has orders to report at Indianapolis we have jest drawn 5 days Rations and drew a mess of sault fish I feel very bad this evening this was another beautiful day

16th a cool and pleasant morning drum and bands are playing rumors are very quiet we have bin drawing some more clothing. It is now sun set we had meeting this evening

17th a cool and clear morning Some of our Boys came up to day that has bin in the rear for some time one man from the 53

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was hear to see us after dinner and is now cloudy 5 o'clock and we have Dressparade this evening for the first time Since we left Graysville I jest reci (received) a letter from Mrs. L.

18th a reiny Sabbath morning had our breckfast and the 42^d goes on picket this morning and I am going to take a big dose of salts. The 15th Ky. Has gon to the rear for train guards until their time expires 5 o'clock and it has stoped raining I have jest wrien a letter to Mrs. L.

19th a cool and foggy morning the Boys have jest come

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in of picket 3 boys from the 25th was hear to see us and one from the 53^d was hear now after dinner and the sun is shining clear after supper and we have had Dessparade and I have jest wrien a letter to my Uncle George

20th a plesant morning orders for us to drill 3 hours a day we are drawing 5 days Rations I have bin in the City to day came back and now I have bin on Dressparade this is a rainey evening one of the 53^d Boys was hear

21st a cool and rainey morning we had mush for breckfast

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now after dinner and I receiv tow letters one from Mrs.L. one from cousin Julia I have jest returned from the 53^d Ind we had qite a rain this evening now bead time and I have jest wrien a letter to cousin Julia

22nd a cool and cloudey morning had our breckfast and are reddy for action after dinner and I have wrien a letter to Mrs. L. Leieut Heeldar was hear to see us this is a rainney evening we had an awefull time getting supper

23^d a cool and cloudy morning loocks very much like rain I have wrien to Tom 3 o'clock and we was going to have Brigade

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Inspection but was all runnin (ruined) on the account of a shower of rain tow of the 53^d Boys was hear to see us another shower of rain coming up we had meeting this evening

24th a rainney morning now dinner time and we are going to have inspection at tow o'clock now our inspection is over and we hurd good news from Gen Sheridean in virginia

25th a cool and pleasant sabbath morning we are going to have Company inspection at 9 o'clock then we are going to have Preeching church is now over and we are drawing part of 5 days Rations the rumor is now that the rebels are tearing (tearing) the railroad up in our rear again

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I have just written a letter to Mr L. Fay this has been a beautiful day we are going to have meeting this evening by candle light

26th a pleasant morning the Inspector has been heard condemning some of our old traps now after dinner and I am through washing now after Dress parade and we have heard good news again from Gen. Sheridan I just received a letter from uncle George great excitement in camp and cheering about rumors of news

27th a cool and cloudy morning had our breakfast and two of the Boys are on detail for beef we have been out carrying us

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a load of lumber for our tent now after dinner and I have just written a letter to uncle George after supper and the rumor is now in camp that Gen Grant is killed we had a fair meeting this evening

28th a rainy morning had our breakfast I saw Solman Boyer from the 25th Ind. now about supper time and I and my partners have been hard at work fixing our house but now we have it about completed it is still raining some yet. The 2^d Brigade of our Division has gone to Chattanooga

29th a cool and cloudy morning I saw Samuel Stroud this morning of the 53^d Ind. part of the 2^d Division is gone some where unknown to us

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now after dinner and the rumor is now in camp that the rebels have possession of Stevenson Ala after dusk and the mail has come but not a letter for me

30th a foggy morning now 9 o'clock and the Boys are out drilling and I am through washing it has cleared of and the sun shines bright and beautiful after dinner and we have drawn 5 days Rations now about roll call and we have just had a big shower of rain which stopped our meeting for the evening good news from Gen Sheridan today again

October the first a cool and smoky morning we now have orders to drill 4 hours a day

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after dinner and there is no drill this evening one of the 120 (th Ind.) Boys is heard to see us this evening

2nd a cool and cloudy Sabbath morning. we are going to have Sunday Inspection and after Inspection we are going to have preaching after dinner and we are drawing clothing now

after Dress parade and is clear and beautiful I just have bin to the meeting had a good meeting it looks very much like rain the Chattahoochie Bridge has bin moved by high water

3^d a cloudy morning we got up at midnight and are getting ready to march we now have our breakfast. Now sun up and we have struck tents

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and are ready to march but where I cannot tell noon and I have bin in Atlanta carrying guns to the ordnance office and I have returned again our Regiment has gon on picket but are sent foragin the Brigade is ready to march except our Regt.. it is cloudy and very warm good news from Richmond gold 191 1/2 the report is that there was fighting at Sandtown yesterday and last night our Brigade is now marching and we are waiting for our Regt.. to com in now about dusk and we have marched several miles but haven't caught up with our Brigade yet we are now only a little ways from the Chattahoochie river a heavy cloud coming up

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4th a cloudy and rainy morning I crossed the Chattahoochie last night at midnight I got an awful drenching last night. This morning I am with the regiment again we are now laying in an open field near the rail road about noon and we have marched several miles, but now we have halted and stacked arms in an old field probably going to stay all day we are on the march started at 4 o'clock and marched until dusk then halted in a big open field about 4 miles from Marietta some rebel cavalry was seen and heard a few gun fire

5th a cool and cloudy morning we got up at 1 o'clock and drew 2 days rations. we now have our

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Breakfast and are ready to march 10 o'clock and we still lay in our old position and the 15th corps is passing us the 3^d Division of our corps has come up to take the lead to day. rumors of all sorts are afloat now 12 o'clock and our Corps is marching we marched around until 11 o'clock at night but I layed out and a lot of the Boys with me

6th a rainy morning I got up at daylight and started for the Brigade it lay in 2 miles of Marietta and as soon as I got in sight of it, it commenced marching and I don't without my breakfast. we are now near big shantey had an awful road to come muddy and rainy

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all the way. We are now drawing 2 days beef 5 o'clock and we are marching again we are now laying in 5 or 6 miles of Marietta we throwed up a little works before we layed down to rest..

7th a very foggy morning had our breakfast and everything seems cool and quiet now about 12 o'clock and we still lay behind our works it has now cleared of and the sun is

shining very warm I am sitting on the works and can see the top of Lone Mountain now about dusk and we have drawn 3 days Rations hord cannon in the direction of Lone Mountain I am now on picket for the night

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8th a clear and cool morning the wind is blowing very hard now about 10 o'clock and I am on post all very quiet 5 o'clock and our Brigade has orders to move and we are relieved of picket we marched back to where we lay day before yesterday evening and are getting our suppers and cooked our beef then taken up the line of march and marched until 10 o'clock

9th a clear and beautiful Sabbath morning we have our breakfast and are laying in 3 miles of Ackworth a very level country around here it seems a little like frost this morning after 3 o'clock and we still lay in our position yet have rumors of

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all kinds it is generally supposed that the rebels are getting out of here

10th a cool and foggy morning had our breakfast and still lay in our position yet I saw 6 women this morning now about 5 o'clock and we have drawn 3 days Rations now we have orders to march and we are all ready to go our Brigade band is playing this has been a very nice day and I think we will have a nice evening to march in but where we will go I can't tell

11th a smoky morning now we lay near Cartersville marched most all night came about 15 miles Crossed the railroad 4 times Came through Altoona gap had a very good road

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to march on we are laying just across the Etawa river I had my haversack stolen last night our corps is now marching we are now bound for Kingston the 15th corps has been passing us the 4th and 23^d corps is ahead we halted about 2 o'clock and are getting dinner but now we are going to march again we are now about 6 miles from Kingston about one hour by sun we passed Cass Station then Cassville and about half past 8 we passed through Kingston came on about a mile and went into camp awful tired and drew 2 days beef.

12th a very smoky morning. had our

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breakfast and just received our mail I got 2 letters one from Mrs. L. one from Adam we are now on the line of march again it is generally supposed that we are bound for Chattanooga rumors of all kinds are afloat (float) now about 2 o'clock and we have halted and are getting dinner going to stay here 1 1/2 hours we have been marching a bye road but now we have struck a big road again marched after sun set then went into camp for the night now we are within 3 miles of Roanoke hord a few cannon to day in about Roanoke we had a little sprinkling of rain this evening the roads have been excellent to march on this week

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13th a clear and pleasant morning had our breakfast and have no orders to march yet heard cannon a while ago a long distance of (off) we now have orders to draw beef 2 o'clock and still lay in our position yet but have orders to march at a moment's notice a fine looking country in through hear about sun set and we are drawing 3 days Rations expect to move before long I am not very well we are now halted after midnight came several miles but had fine moonlight

14th a cool and frosty morning about daylight and we are on the march again we have marched

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Several miles and have halted now 10 o'clock and we are in a few miles of Calhoun. I have got a mess of Sweetpotatoes this is a fine looking country around hear we now have halted in sight of Calhoun crossed a big creek close to a mill now after 1 o'clock and we are getting dinner we are again on the march I saw Gen. Shearman pass by we came through Calhoun about half past 3 now we are on the road for Recaca we have now halted about the half way place to rest a while, now we are moving again the rebels are reported to be at snake creek gap in force we are now in camp at Recaca.

15th a very foggy morning and are drawing beef and did not get

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time to cook it we have crossed the river we are now halted where the rebels destroyed the railroad day before yesterday evening 11 o'clock and we have halted for the second time this morning heard some musketry to our left we are now near the old rebels works between Recaca and Dalton we lay hear over an hour we have marched a few miles again and have halted for dinner now after 2 o'clock the orders are for every man to have 60 rounds rumors of all kinds afloat now sun set and our train is ordered back to Recaca it is now sprinkling a little 9 o'clock and we are in camp for the night

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16th a windy morning had our breakfast and the call is blown for marching we are in a place where the mountains are all around us I have not learned the name of this valley or cove we commenced crossing rocky mountain about 8 o'clock and about 9 1/2 we struck the road in snake creek gap we came to a halt at the mouth of the gap and taking our rest and getting dinner the rebels had the gap blockaded they are now reported to be at Missionary Ridge we are marching on the Chickamauga road we have marched several miles again have come to a halt for a few moments to rest the 15th and 17th Corps train is passing us I saw Geo Westfall of the 53^d to day is the Sabbath we are now in a fine corn country saw the signs of rebels near a large church. to night we are encamped in the woods most of all our Army is camped around hear I am now cooking a little pig for breakfast we have foraged a good deal to day on the account of being out of Rations

17th a clear and frosty morning our Rations haven't come up yet no order for marching yet after 11 o'clock and we still lay in our position yet and have just drawn 3 days Rations now dusk and we have pitched our tents for the night the Boys seem to be in fine glee this evening I have sent a letter to Mrs. L.

18th a cool and cloudy had our breakfast and have orders to march our nonveterans are starting

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for home we are now on the march came through Talors gap then wound around for some time and about 11 o'clock we crossed the mountain couled the range of whiteoak ridge we have very fine roads to travel on we are now in camp for the night near the mountains in an old field I think that we have come over 20 miles to day

19th a smoky morning we had our breakfast and are ready to march the 3^d Brigade is marching out we are cooking punkins we had a huge mess of them this morning we have marched about 4 miles and come to a halt we heard yesterday Gov Morton was elected by 20 thousand majority we saw the peak of Lookout mountain we have marched a few miles again

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and have come to a halt the rumors just came around that we was going to Bridge Port we have crossed Chattooga creek we are halted again in a big opening (opening) and are getting our dinner we that is (,) mess No 1 had a fine dinner the 15th Corps is passing us this is a beautiful day about 2 o'clock and we are going to march we have marched several miles again and come to a halt near Somersville after 4 o'clock and we have gone into camp for the night our mess has plenty to eat of most anything

20th a pleasant morning had our breakfast and just drawn 3 days Rations and have orders to be ready to march our mess have more than we can pack this is a fine country around Somersville we have

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Come to town and halted I saw Ed and the Boys of the 65th we have marched several miles again and halted but we are going again now about 12 o'clock we marched several miles again and have halted for dinner have one hour to get it in our mess that is (,) mess No 1 had a fine dinner and we got it up in order if you call sweetpotatoes chicken pork coffee and gravy anything we have marched some distance again and are now in camp for the night we came in about 11 o'clock we have come about 20 miles we are now laying near Coosey river now after 12 o'clock and I am going to lay down to rest to night we are on Alabama Soil we have been traveling on the Alabama state road to day

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21st a cool and smoky morning had our breakfast and are ready for orders Jacob R Mathews built a fire this morning I am on detail to go foreign to day and Callwell after 12 o

clock and we still lay in our position it is now clear and windy 1 o'clock and I am starting out to forage now sun set and I have returned to camp with some sweetpotatoes I saw a herd of cattle about 9 hundred head coming from Chattanooga

22^d a frosty morning have our breakfast and have orders to be ready to march Jones of Co. E, has just returned from home says Gov Morton is elected I received a letter from paw Fay now after 12 o'clock

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and we still lay in our position the forage party have just gone out now about sun set and we are going to change camps we are now in the woods I am now sitting by a very fine fire talking about politics

23^d a pleasant morning had our breakfast and still lay in our position in a few miles of Gaylesville our Division train went back to roam after Rations I am not very well most all of our Boys have gone a foraging this is the sabbath I went through Gaylesville and onto the 23^d Corps and saw the 120th 65th and 53^d Boys they all was fat and had plenty to eat I have now returned to camp and had a splendid supper now about sun set

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24th a pleasant morning our forage party have gone out saw a squad of rebels going to the rear after dinner and I have just written a letter to paw Fay now about sun set and our mess has a lot of potatoes we had a fine supper the third Brigade went some where today

25th a pleasant morning had my breakfast and I am detailed to go foraging today I am several miles from camp and haven't got anything yet now sun set and I have just returned to camp with a few potatoes had a very hard trip of it today all quiet we still lay in our position yet

26th a cloudy morning I am now going to wash my clothing now after dinner and times are all quiet [found written on inside of the back cover] it is now sprinkling rain sun set and we are going to have meeting

[End of Book # 1]

[Beginning Of Book #2 On the front cover is written :]

George Baum
Memorandum Book
Bought at Altoona
Station on the 7th of Nov.
1864 price 15 cents

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it is now sprinkling rain sun set and we are going to have meeting

27th a cloudy and rainy morning had our breakfast.. now after dinner and we still lay in our position the 4th corps has gone some where Som say they have gone to Chattanooga the 3^d Brigade has just returned from their scouting expedition the talk is that we are going to Atlanta in a day or two

28th a clear and pleasant morning I am on detail to get corn our forage party returned last night with a lot of Potatoes and meat we drew a little sugar and coffee we haven't drawn hardtack since the 20th about noon and we have orders to be ready to march and to draw Rations (we have?) drawn 1 ½ days hardtack

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coffee and sugar and salt we are now in line ready to march a pleasant evening (,) where we will (go?) I can't tell we are on the march came through Gaylesville crossed the Coocie river and struck the Roam road. We have come 4 or 5 miles sun set and we have come to a halt and stacked arms and are going to stay all night I suppose I am for guard at Headquarters to night.

29th a cool and pleasant morning had our breakfast and are going to march soon, we are now resting for the third time this morning have come 9 miles we are now about 13 miles from Roam this is a fine valley. Ranges of mountains all around us we came through a gap then carry (on?) through Coosaville and sing

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and I am a head of our Division it has now ceased raining and I am taking a rest sun set and we are going in to camp at Kingston we have now drawn 3 days Rations and is now bed time I just received 2 letters from Brother Adam

3^d a very windy morning had our breakfast and are going to stay here 2 days now 12 o'clock and our Regiment is detailed to go foraging I am left in camp on account of my sore foot now about dusk and the Regiment has come in I have written to Brother Adam

4th a cool and cloudy morning the regiment has gone out on a forage expedition again after dinner and this has been a very blustery morning now news of (any?) kind all quiet after roll call

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and the Boys have come in with a lot of forage

5th a cool and frosty morning I went about 2 miles for water this morning our Regiment going to move we are detailed as cattle guard now about 4 o'clock and I have just written a letter to Mrs. L. and am going to send my money in it dusk and we have drawn three days Rations

6th a cool and cloudy morning we had a fine breakfast now we are ordered to move we have come about 8 miles, we are now at camp getting our dinner we are going to Cartersville we are now near Cartersville came here about 5 o'clock and went into camp to night I am on guard this has been a very blustery day

7th a cool and cloudy morning had our breakfast and are going

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to march in a few moments we have now marched about 2 miles and crossed the Etawa river and now we are making for Altoona Gap we passed through Altoona Station about 3 o'clock and we have gone into camp near Acworth the sun half an hour high I saw 14 trains going to Chattanooga this evening now after roll call I just came from a citizen's house had a lot of fun a young lady nursing a goat or carrying it in her arms

8th a warm and cloudy morning had our breakfast and are starting on the march we have now passed through Acworth and are making for Big Shanty some of our cattle drivers are drunk 12 o'clock and we are in camp between Kennasaw and Marietta about dusk

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and it is raining a little we have drawn coffee sugar rice for 3 days

9th a warm and cloudy morning had our breakfast and are about ready to march we have now passed through Marietta and now we are about 6 miles from town halted and getting our dinner a train has just passed us it was from Atlanta we are laying where a train was burned sometime ago the reports is now that there is some cavalry fighting near Atlanta now dusk and drew 3 days hard tack and gone into camp and I am on guard it is raining a little.

10th a clear and pleasant morning had our breakfast and are about ready to march now 2 o'clock and we have just crossed the Chattahoochee river and arrived in

[Pages 10 & 11 are missing containing the latter part of Nov. 10th through the first part of Nov. 15th, possibly a copying error. The next page after 12 should be 13 but is found written as 22 and no day's information is missing from 12 to the next page. Truly a numbering error by the writer.]

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march our corps is coming in Atlanta is still a burning 10 o'clock and we still lay in our position yet but we soon will start on our expedition now dusk and we have come through town and gone into camp. Atlanta is burning fine some of the boys got a lot of new clothing which was about to burn almost midnight and we are drawing clothing

16th a pleasant morning had our breakfast and are now going to march the right wing has gone on and the left will soon start we have marched a few miles, now after 11 o'clock and we have been resting some time I now hear cannon in front. now dusk and have come

several milds had a tolerable bad road. several of our cattle have plaid out to day it is

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now cloudy and smoaky we are on the McDonnell road we are resting at a large dwelling 10 o'clock and we have just gone into camp I found 2 Dollars,,

17th a clear and pleasant morning had our breakfast now sun up and we are going to march in a few moments we have now come a few stopped at a house and got almost a barrel of molasses and the woman fought us with a chair now after 3 o'clock and we have stopped and getting a bite to eat we have had a great deal of trouble with our ox wagons to day after 8 o'clock and we have just gone into camp for the night

18th a cool and cloudy morning we soon will move out our train has already gone out after 1 o'clock and we have come several milds, we (are) now near a town we have just

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passed through McDonough all of the buildings are old frames saw some fine looking wimman we are on the move again after 4 o'clock and we have gone into camp and I am for guard to night

19th a warm and rainy morning we started this morning before daylight, we now have come about 4 milds and are resting we now are resting for the third time but it is on the account of the hills we have come through some fine farms this morning now 4 o'clock and we just passed through Jackson not much of a town came on about 3 milds and camped for the night.

20th a smoky and cloudy Sabbath morning, we are now about ready to march again we are now at Ocmulgee Mill and river, about 11 o'clock

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and we crossed the river. this is a very broken country around here after dusk and we have had an off time with our cattle and wagons, we are now in camp for the night.

21st a cloudy and rainy morning had our breakfast and are going to march. now about 3 o'clock and only came a few milds on the account of the road being so slippery and muddy. now 8 o'clock and we have just gone into camp. we traveled over a very rough country to day. We are camped on a big plantation and have spent fires out of rails. it is very cool and windy I am on cattle guard to night.

22^d a cold and windy morning some snow fell this morning. we now have our breakfast and are about ready to march. now after 2 o'clock and we have only come 2 milds. we are

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now in camp came in about 7 o'clock onley came 9 miles. we came through hillsorough about sun set drew 3 days Rations of sugar and coffee and one day hardtack and it has to last us 2.

23^d a clear and frosty morning had our breakfast and are going to march soon. After 6 o'clock and we are just in camp for the night came several miles to day came through some very large plantations saw some very poor land.

24th a clear and frosty morning we are now going to march after 12 o'clock and we have come a few miles and are taking a rest and a snack to eat. now after 8 o'clock and we have just gone into camp came several miles this evening and left the cattle strung out on the road for several miles. we came

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through some fine country.

25th a clear and frosty morning had our breakfast and are going to march soon. 12 o'clock and we have halted and taking a rest. now after 2 o'clock and we have stopped again we came through a pine and sandy country. we passed through Gordon and crossed the railroad it was all destroyed by our Boys after 6 o'clock and we have just gone into (camp) and I am for guard to night.

26th a clear and pleasant morning we are now going to march. we are now in camp for the night came in about 6 o'clock. came several miles to day we passed the 16th and 15th station

27th a cool and smoky Sabbath morning we have started out at sunrise came a few miles and are taking a rest we are now in a very level country and close to a river after 12

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o'clock and we just have crossed the Oconee river we went into camp about 5 o'clock came through some fine country this evening. we are close to the rear of our army to night.

28th a smoky morning had our breakfast and are going to start out in a few moments after 12 o'clock and we are getting along very slow. now after 5 o'clock and we are in camp came over some nice country some of the Boys saw rebels to day. we drew 3 days Rations of hardtack sugar and coffee and they have to last six days.

29th a cloudy and foggy morning had our breakfast and are on the march. we have come about 3 miles and are now taking a rest it looks very much like rain, we are still in the pine woods. this evening we went into camp

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about dusk and in the rear of the 17 (th) corps heard of some rebels in our rear again

30th a clear and pleasant morning had our breakfast and are going to march in a few moments. we are in camp came in about sun down came several miles today came through some very swampy country. we are still in the pine woods yet this has been a very warm day.

December the first a smoky morning had our breakfast and started at sun rise we are now taking a rest. We are now in Sommerville the troops have just gone out we are in camp again came in after dusk, we have not come very far to day on the account of the troops

2^d a very foggy morning had our breakfast and the right wing has started out now after 2 o'clock and we only have rested 3 times

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came several miles had a few very bad places to cross. we are now in camp came in about sun set I am on guard to night.

3^d a cool and smoky morning had our breakfast and the left wing has started out we passed one Division of the 15th corps then taken a rest came on again to the next Division and went into camp to rest for a day or two. I am detailed for a forger.

4th a clear and beautiful Sabbath morning had our breakfast and are going to march we have now marched a few miles and are hearing cannon to our left after dinner and we just struck the first and fourth Division of the 15th corps at a large plantation we went into camp before sun set on a big plantation everything seemed

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quiet this evening burned a lot of cotton on this plantation

5th a cool and foggy morning started out about sun rise I have now come about 2 miles and am sitting on a log. We are now in camp came in after sun set. came over some tolerable good country came about 12 miles got a lot of forage. saw a few good looking lads for this country the Boys killed a deer.

6th a cloudy morning started out at sun rise I have now come about 4 miles got 3 hours about 10 o'clock and we have just passed 2 Divisions of the 15th corps about 3 o'clock and we went into camp got plenty of forage had some skirmishing in front came about 12 miles today

7th a cool and cloudy morning had our breakfast and are going to

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start soon we have now come a few miles and have halted and is raining we are still in our old position and are going to camp for the night I was a few miles out a forger this country is very low and swampy

8th a warm and cloudy morning had our breakfast and still lay in our position some of the 15th Corps is passing us after dinner and I have just come in but got no forage now after dusk and we are still in our old position yet heard cannon in the direction of Savannah, we are now about 24 miles from the City.

9th a cool and cloudy morning had our breakfast and are now on the march again came a few miles and are halted heavy cannonading on our left now about noon and some of the 15th Corps is passing and a big train. we have crossed

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black creek and just saw a squad of our foragers that were run in by a squad of rebels. two of our prisoners are with us that have escaped from the rebels a few days ago we went into camp about dusk got plenty of forage to day. all quiet this evening but cloudy still

10th a cloudy and foggy morning had our breakfast and are on the march came a few miles and struck some of the 15th Corps they have now gone out. hear some cannon again. we have marched a few miles again and struck the Ogeechee river and are gone into camp and still hear cannon this is a very level country but very swampy not many dwellings houses around hear

11th a rainy Sabbath morning had our breakfast and are on the march again. we have

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now crossed the river on the pontoons and crossed a very bad swamp came to where the first Division of the 15th Corps threw up works then crossed the canal and now we are camped at the 12 mile post from Savannah and our forage wagon has gone out. this is a better country then we have traveled in for some days

12th a very cool and frosty morning had our breakfast and I am going for forage we crossed the Gulf Railroad and struck a very big plantation which had a lot of forage of all kinds as there has been heavy cannonading this morning at Savannah we have now returned to camp.

13th a very cool and frosty morning we are still in our old position some cannonading(,) very heavy fighting in the direction of fort

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McAlister now bread time and times have been very dry to day heard some cannon. we are going to move to morrow fort McAlister was taken this evening so the report is now in camp.

14th a calm and cloudy morning we are now on the large rice plantation all quiet this morning bread time and times have been very quiet all day now news of any kind, this is a beautiful night

15th a clear and beautiful morning we hear heavy cannonading this morning I am now sitting on the top of a house and can see a great way of (off) now after sun set and times are very

quiet our famley of wimmon left us this evening we hurd that Jeff C. Davis was under arrest for killing tow soldiers for foragin

16th a cleir and pleasent moring I have jest bin out over the

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plantation and to the ogeechee river saw tow boats and the smoake of some more I have now returned to camp it is very warm jest about now. hurd some cannon this moring. now bead time and times are very quiet. we hear that the mail has come to fort Mc alistor. we are going to turne over some of our cattel in the moring to the 20th corps

17th a smoakey moring we are now going to writing letters hurd Gen Thomas whiped the rebels in Tennessee after dinner and times are very quiet. we have hurd thare was 15 days mail for us I saw a ship at a distence to day after dusk and the mail has jest come in and I got one from my Brother I writen a letter to Mrs. L.

18th a very foggey; Sabbath moring had our breackfast and we

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are all going to write letters. now after sun set and I have writen a letter to Brother Adam I am now on guard for 4 dollars it is very foggey now. hurd som cannon this evening.

19th a cool and cloudy moring had our breackfast and are going to move on the next plantation now bead time and times havebin very quiet today, but very warm some talk of our cattel being turned over. we are drawing beef this evening

20th a warm and cloudy moring hear some cannon. we are turing our old horses over to Capt Daglas this moring. after dinner and thare hasbin considerbell cannonading now about dusk and we have hurd cannonading all day the talk is now that we will move to morrow.

21st a warm and cloudy moring had our breackfast and we are going to

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move we are now near Kings bridge Close to the 53^d hurd that Savannah was evacuated this moring now about sun set and we have jest drawn 3 day Rations of ground coffee and sugar.

22^d a very cool and windey moring the news about Savannah being evacuated is true. we will move again in the moring. now about beadtime an(d?) I am coocking beef I saw the 53^d Boys. this hasbin a very cool and windey day.

23^d a cool and windey moring hurd 2 cannon. we are still in our posish yet, we havent got much to eat, about now. now bead time and we have jest drawn flower some of our men are detailed to go to Savannah in the moring,

24th a cool and frostey moring we had flapjacks for breackfast and still lay in our posish some

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talk of us going to Hilton Head now about dusk Some of the Boys have bin full of commisary to day now news of any kind I jest rece(ived) a letter from Mrs. L. wich stated that she had a fine Boy.

25th a cloudy and rainey Sabbath moring this is christmas and we have inspection now supper time and I jest bin to Kings bridge and saw a boat and now I have returned to camp this has bin a very dry christmas to me I writen a letter to Mrs. L. it is now raining.

26th a warm and rainey moring had our breakfast and still in our posish yet now news of any kind all quiet after dinner and it loocks very dark some talk of us moving in the moring I and Perigo went out and killed a mess of squirls now bead time

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27th a warm and windey moring we are still in our posish yet now news of any kind about dusk and I have jest finished washing. the mail came in but I didnot get any letters

28th a warm and cloudy moring had our breackfast, and are now going to Savannah after 2 o clock and we have jest arrived in Savannah had a considerbell shower of rain. we are now pitching tents near the old rebel forts, this is a very fine loocking country around hear

29th a cleir and windey moring I am now going into the City I was on guard last night after 3 o clock and I have jest returned to camp from the City I went through a good porshen of the town saw 17th corps on refew saw Gen Shearmen and all the rest of them went to

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the Savannah River and loocked over into South Carolina Savannah is a beutifull town I think this hasbin a very raw day

30th a cool and windey moring we are ordered to cleen up our guns and camp. and have our pay and muster Rolls maid out I was on guard last night again now sun set and thare hasbin a salute fired for the 20th corps

31st a cleir and windey moring we are going to be musterd to day after dinner and we havent musterd on the account of it turing so rainey and coold. I jest received 3 letters one from Mrs. L. one from Adam one from Jacob about sun set and it is still cold and windey

January the first a cold and windey Sabbath moring this is news years hurd that

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Charlston was ours the 20th corps taken a lot of prisners yesterday. we was musterd this moring for pay after 4 o clock and we have hurd distend cannonading most all day hasbin a very dry newsyears to me

2^d a cleir and frostey moring had our breackfast and are going to write letters I have jest writen a letter to Mrs. L. and one to Adam now about sun set. newsyears has pased over again we are under Capt.. Douglas. Capt.. Kellams in command of the regiment One Devision of the 15th corps came in from fort Mc allister to day

3^d a cool and cloudy moring we are going to move our posish now after dinner and we have moved twice this moring no

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news of any kind all quiet it is now warm and pleasant we have had a mess of greens for supper

4th a cool and windey moring had my breackfast and now I am going to town now after dinner and I have jest returned from the City Saw a lot of ships no news of any kind all quiet I have jest writen a letter to Tomas

5th a cleir and cool moring after dinner and we are drawing 3 days Rations now about dusk and I have jest writen a letter to Jacob the band are playing very nice. we have drawn our beef.

6th a rainney and windey moring now after dinner and it hasbin very windey and rainey this moring we had a mess of greens for dinner I am going to send my Memrandom Boock to Mrs. L.

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I have jest writen a letter to Leuther we are now drawing clothing the news is now that the troops are leaving some of the troops are going on Dressperade now

7th a very cold and windey moring Capt Skimmahorne has jest came up he esscaped from the rebels sometime ago now dinner time and it is still cold and windey it is very uncomfertble to day. our Chaplin has jest returned from home. now sun set and some of the 15th corps are out on Dressperade and bands are playing nice

8th a cleir and cool Sabbath moring after dinner and I have jest returned from the City I was at church and hurd good Surmen preached at 2 o clock we had meeting in camp the Chaplain exsorted a few moments now Suppertime and it is still cool

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and windey we are now drawing 3 days half Rations

9th a cloudy morning had my breakfast and am going to wash about noon and it has commenced raining. Supper time and I am through washing. Some of the 15th corps have marching orders. various camp rumors

10th a warm cloudy and windy morning I am going to town after dinner and I have returned to where our camp was the Regiment moved while I was gone. we have now good quarters it commenced raining while I was in town and it is still raining yet. I saw 1 Division of 15th Corps marching off. the 17th corps is gone

11th a cold and windy morning. after dinner and there is nothing new with us to day. now about supper time and the wind is still blowing very hard. we just drawn 3 days Rations now bread time and the wind

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has laid(?) I have just written a letter (to) Uncle George

12th a clear and frosty morning the mail has come but no letter for me. now after sun set the cavalry was refuted to day. Some of the Boys went to town and saw them. they saw Secretary Stanton and others good news from Gen Thomas Arme they captured Hoods pontoons and mules. this hasbin a very fine day. we have orders to get ready to march.

13th a cool and frosty morning I have just sent a letter to Mrs Lucy now about sun set and all hasbin quiet to day hasbin a very fine day again

14th a cloudy and windy morning the rest of the 15th corps is gone after dinner and I am going to town now about sun set and I have just returned from the City this hasbin

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a very windy day.

15th a clear and cool Sabbath morning. we are going to have inspection and then we are going to church. after dinner and I have just returned from church and had a fine dish of potato soup. I received a letter from Mrs Lucy. we had meeting in camp at 3 o'clock now we are going to draw more clothing

16th a cool and cloudy morning I have just sent a letter to Mrs Lucy now about dinner time and we have drawn 5 days half Rations.

17th a clear and frosty morning had our breakfast and now I am going to cook a mess of beans and do some washing. after dinner and I am through washing. there is a rumor now in camp that we will go back to the Brigade in the morning. sun set and to day hasbin quite windy

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18th a cool and frosty morning I was on guard last night in a sick mans place. after dinner and we are drawing our Rations of caterages (cartridges) I have just written a letter to

Adam after sun set and we jest got the news that fort Fisher was ours it was taken on 15th
it is now bead time

19th a cool and foggy moring some troops are leaving we are still in our old posish yet
I am now going to the City after dinner and I have returned to camp. I gave 3 Dollers for a
pen knife it comenced raining while I was in town. I saw troopes crossing the river and
going into South Carolina now about supper time and thare has bin a Salute firred in town for
som good news I suppose it is still raining yet

20th a warm and rainney moring we now have orders to march at 10 o clock we now
have rejoined our Brigade

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again. we marched along slowley came about 7 milds and went into camp at 4 o clock and
it is still a raining the mail came but I did not get ary (any) letter we jest drawn 2 days
Rations

21st a foggy moring it has the apperance of rain. we are going to lay hear untill fother
orders after dinner and we are in our posish yet laying in a mud hool and probely we will
remain hear a few days it has seased raining

22^d a foggy and rainey Sabbath moring no orders of any kind after dinner and we have
drawn 3 days Rations dusk and it is still raining the mail came again but not a letter for
me

23^d a cloudy moring it rained most all night this moring the watter is all around us and the
mud almost knee deepe. we have now drawn one days beef the froges are still yelling for
more rain the mail came in this evening

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but no letter for me yet

24th a cleir and windey moring had our breackfast and are going to move our posish on a
littel drier ground now bead time no news of any kind to day a good fiddler in camp
we now have orders to draw 3 days Rations and be redy to march at 6 o clock in the moring
we now have 5 days Rations on hand

25th a cleir and cool moring had our breackfast and are redy to march about 7 o clock and
we are on the march we have now come about 8 milds and are halted for dinner now
half pased 4 o clock and we have jest gon into camp we came about 15 milds had a
tolerbell good road the land is very low and swompey hear

26th a cleir and frostey moring now sun rise an we have starded out now 11 o clock and
we are halted for dinner came about 8 mildes and through

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some very swompey country it is very windey and cold now sun set and we have jest gon into camp. we came about 12 mildes and over some very ruff ground this hasbin a very cold and windey day. we jest drew one days Rations of hardtack and tow of sugar and coffee this is extra for us

27th a cold and cloudy moring my pack horse is gon now noon and we are laying at Springfield had our dinner and I got my pack horse again now after 3 o clock and we are on the same ground wich we left this moring

28th a cleir and windey moring we have orders to be ready to march at 7 o clock we now have our breackfast and still lay in our posish yet 12 o clock and we are starded again came through Springfield and then crosed Eboneezar (Ebenezer) creek came over some swompey land we came about 8 or 9 mildes and

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went into camp at sun set we are now in 2 mildes of the river this hasbin a very cold and windey day

29th a cleir frostey Sabbath moring had our breackfast and we soon will move out of hear we came a littel ways and went into camp we probely will lay hear a few days. now sun set and we have considerbell forage no news of any kind all quiet..

30th a cleir and frostey moring we are now laying within 1 mild of sister Farrey. now roll call and all hasbin quiet to day. the bands have bin playing very nice. this hasbin a very nice day

31st a cleir and frostey moring I am now going to wash after dinner and I am through washing. Captin Duglas has come to see us. now roll call we had preeching this evening. one year ago to night I landed in Evansville Ind..

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beutifull moring I am now going to the boat landing after dinner and I have jest returned from the landing I saw severl Generals and a few boates. we jest had regimentel inspection our forage partey have jest returned with 30 head of cattel now sun set and we have drawn 4 days Rations.

2^d a cool and cloudy moring now after dinner and I have jest received a letter from Brother Adam now sun set and I have jest writen a letter to Adam and one to Mrs Lucy it is still cool and cloudy we had a meeting this evening the chaplin of the 38th Ind preeched for us

3^d a cool and rainney moring after dinner and it is still cool and cloudy we have jest drawn one day beef I sent for a boock worth 1 Doller and 50 cent

4th a cloudy and rainy morning had our breakfast and have orders to be

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ready to march at 7 o'clock about 9 o'clock we started out and crossed the river and now we are laying at the 2^d landing about 3 miles from the first one now we are on South Carolina soil after dusk and we are in camp probably to stay here for a few days there is a gun boat laying here

5th a clear and beautiful Sabbath morning the mail just came and I got a letter from Mrs. L. the rest of our Division is coming over the river after dinner and we are drawing 4 days rations and at 2 o'clock we had preaching it is now cool and cloudy now roll call and Gen Jeff C. Daves (Davis) and 79th Penn (Penn) band went over to the gun boat they are making some fine music we now have orders to be ready to march in the morning at sun rise we are going to draw some clothing to night yet

6th a cool and cloudy morning we are now

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ready to march about 11 o'clock we started out came through a little place called Robertsville or black swamp but it was all destroyed by our boys came on and after 10 o'clock we halted for dinner and it commenced raining came on again and at 4 o'clock we went into camp we came about 12 miles and over some tolerable good country

7th a rainy morning had our breakfast and are ready to march about 8 o'clock we started out and it was just pouring down the rain we marched on the Orangeburg road at 2 o'clock we halted for dinner and then it ceased raining we came on again and at dusk (we) went into camp at a little town but it is burned up we have plenty to night we came about 10 miles over some tolerable good land and over some very swampy we have struck another road and now we are in the rear of 20 (th) corps we have orders to be ready to march at 7 o'clock in the morning.

8th a clear and beautiful morning our marching orders

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are countermanded and we are going to remain here to day after dinner and the troops and wagons have been passing all day. we just drew 3 days of hardtack sugar and coffee it is now very windy and cool

9th a clear and beautiful morning at sun rise we pulled out and we are marching very fast now about noon and it has turned cold and windy and snowed a little now about 2 o'clock and we are halted for dinner now we are marching again came over some nice country at sun set we went into camp we came about 15 miles crossed some very bad places saw no citizens to day.

10th a clear and beautiful morning at sun rise we pulled out. we have now come a few miles and are halted and taking a rest we came through some very nice looking country came on again and at 12 o'clock we halted again got dinner and rested

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1 hour and a half then came on and about 4 o'clock we went into camp we came about 18 miles and over some very fine country. we have plenty of forage of all kinds in camp this has been a very nice day to travel in

11th a clear and pleasant morning it is now sunrise and we are ready to march out we have marched several miles and about 10 o'clock we struck a little town called Barnwell we marched through the town then halted for dinner the 3rd Division is now going and we shall start soon leaving plenty of fire behind us we have come a few miles again and went into camp after dark we came about 14 miles to day had a very nice day to travel in. we are now cooking chicken and dumplings for breakfast we have orders to be ready to march in the morning at 6 o'clock plenty of forage in camp to night.

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12th a clear and beautiful Sabbath morning we pulled out at sun rise we have now come a little ways and are now taking a rest after 10 o'clock and we have just struck the Augusta and Charleston rail road came to a mile post 32 to Augusta and 105 miles to Charleston I suppose it is now after dinner and the boys are just going in on the rail road and taring it up. we have now returned to white swamp station and went in to an old field at sun set

13th a very cold and windy morning had our breakfast and after 7 o'clock we started out now we have come several miles and are halted for dinner and are going to draw Rations we have now layed hear about 3 hours then started out crossed the South fork of addisto and crossed a very large swamp and traveled (traveled) on

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until sun set then went into camp in an old field now we are drawing Rations 3 day hardtack 5 of coffee 2 days of sugar and these Rations hafto last us 9 days we came about 12 miles to day.

14th a cold and cloudy morning had our breakfast and are ready to march we have now marched several miles and at 1 o'clock we halted for dinner one hour and it began to rain and freezing the rain froze as it fell we have now crossed the north fork of addisto river and went into camp after dusk we came about 20 miles to day and over some very scrubby country we are now with in 19 miles of columba to night. it is raining.

15th a foggy morning had our breakfast and have started on the march came a little ways and our foragers were drove in by the rebels the boys captured tow of

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the rebels we marched until after 3 o'clock and now we are in camp 11 miles from
Columbia now dusk and we have started out again. we have now come about 3 miles
and went into camp at Lexington one Brigade of the 20(th) corps is here

16th a warm and cloudy morning had our breakfast and have moved in the town as guards
after 10 o'clock we left the town and marched about 7 miles toward Columbia then halted
about 3 o'clock and got our dinner then about faced and taken another road and came to the
Soludia river now we are halted again until the pontoons are laid across the river now
about 9 o'clock and we are going across now 11 o'clock and we are just in camp for the
night.

17th a cloudy morning we started on the march about sun rise marched very hard and soon
struck the Maybinton and Columbia road

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and got in the rear of some of the retreating rebels we are now in a very rich country and we
have plenty of forage after 1 o'clock and we have just halted for dinner it is now very
windy we have again started came a little ways and are now in camp for the day I
suppose now about dusk and our mess had a splendid supper we had flapjacks sourcrot
and sagetee (spaghetti) and so on rumors are now afloat that Columbia is ours

18th a clear and beautiful morning now sun rise and we have no orders about marching yet
now sun set and we are still in our position this has been a fine day

19th a beautiful Sabbath morning we have no marching orders yet Columbia is ours. now
10 o'clock and we have orders to march we turned back on the Newberry road came a
little ways and then turned square of the (the) broad river now after 12 o'clock and we have
just crossed the

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river on the pontoons then came on several miles now about sun set and we have just gone
into camp we came over some very hilly country today but very rich a great many
horses and mules were captured today two soldiers were killed one by accident one
by order of a shoulder strap (an officer)

20th a clear and beautiful morning we marched before sun rise we have now come several
miles and are halted we crossed several different roads now 10 o'clock and we have just
crossed a creek and have gone into camp for the day now almost sun set and I have just come in
from foraging but did not get anything this is very broken country here. we just drawn 3
days Rations of coffee and 4 days of sugar

21st a clear and beautiful morning we started out at sun rise we have now marched very
hard and about noon

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we came in sight of Winnesboro our corps and the 20(th) corps runn a race for the town the 20(th) maid the trip but our forage party beat them we are now laying in sight of the town and gitting our dinners we got plenty of forage of all kind the town is on fire we came about 12 mildes and are again on the march we came a few mildes out on the rail road and went into campe about half an hour by sun I am now packing a gun again

22^d a cloudy moring I am going a foragin to day I starded out before sun rise now dinner time and our Devision struck the railroad at Blackstock Station I came in with a ham now after dinner and we are going to disstroy the railroad we are now through of disstroying our porsion of the road and now we are marching back to the chester

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road and went in campe about 6 o clock we are now 14 mildes from Winnesboro

23^d a warm and cloudy moring we starded out about sun rise and are marching very hard we are now taking a rest and the Col. (column) is passing us we came on again and passed the 2^d Devision of our corps at the cross roads came on and caught up with 2nd Devision of the 20th corps and then halted for dinner the 20th corps is now marching and we are redy now 3 o clock and we have jest gon into campe for the night I suppose it is now raining we are in a few mildes of a river and only 15 mildes from Winnesboro and traviled hard most all day

24th a rainney moring no orders about marching yet now after 12 o clock and we are still in our posish it is still raining a littel yet now bead time and it is still raining

25th a windey and rainney moring

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had our breakfast and have no orders to move yet now 4 o clock and we are still in our posish all of our corps is laying hear now dusk and our forage party has not returned yet. it is now thounding lightning and raining

26th a foggey Sabbath moring some of the troopes are marching now 11 o clock and I am detailed for picket was out about a half hour then we got orders to march we have now come a few mildes and at 3 o clock went into campe on the bank of the Watauby River and at the mouth of tow other littel streames this is now a very hilley country.

27th a cleir and windey moring no orders for marching yet after dinner and our forage partey have bin driven in by the rebels the rumers are that the rebels captured severl of our boys this moring in our rear and a few last evening

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28th a windey and rainney moring we now have orders to be redy to march after noon we starded out and about 3 o clock we got dinner now we can see a few rebels in our rear at 4 o clock we crossed the Watauby River thare is brisk skermishing in our rear our boys jest gave them a few cannon shoots about dusk we went into camp then I was detailed for

Headquarter garde or the wigons rather I hadto go about 1 milde and the mud was knee deep almost.

March the first a cloudy and rainy moring the wigons are pulling out and so is our Brigade but we are now at a halted and wating for the wigons to pass us the roades are very bad now about 1 o clock and we are going a gain we are guarding the train to day. we are now in camp came in after dark we came about

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13 mildes and over some very ruff roades we jest drew one dayes hardtack and tow of coffee:

2nd a cloudy and rainney moring I am detailed to go a foragin we starded out at 6 o clock and traviled very hard we found a littel meat and about 12 o clock we halted and got dinner then traviled on again and went to a mill whare some of our foragiers ware and got a lot of meal then came back and joined our Devision and after darke we went into campe we came over some tolerbell good country but the 20th corps being in front they cleened everything out as they went we came almost 20 mildes today.

3^d a cloudy and drizley moring we are now starding out to fix the road we are marching along with the train the roades are very bad and country is hilley

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now 12 o clock and we are halted for dinner we crosed three creakes to day we came over some very bad roads but this evening we struck a good road we marched on the Chesterfield road we pased hickery head came about 12 mildes and went into camp after 9 o clock saw the sun to day for the first time in a weeak

4th a warm and cloudy moring A F G and K are detailed to go a foragin we have starded went severl mildes of the road went to tow milles, but did not get any thing abut noon we struck out for our Brigade and found them gitting dinner after dinner we staid with the regiment and they sent annother detail about sun down we crosed a large creak and staped over into North Carolina and after 8 o clock we went into camp came over some very bad roads this evening the rebel col. (column) was seen hurd some cannon in our front

5th a cleir Sabbath moring

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had our breackfast and are going to stard out soon. we have come a few mildes and are now halted for dinner we are now on a good road again we pased Gen Killpadrick and his Col. (column) hurd some large guns. we Suppose that it is on the River we have now come a few mildes again and about 3 o clock we went into campe we pased the 20th corps. after dusk and we are drawing one days hardtack and one of beef

6th a cool and cloudy moring we marched out at daylight and now we are laying at big pedee river wating to get the pontoones laid so we can cross over after 2 o clock and we are still in our posish yet there is an awefull Smoak raising in the direction of the 15th and 17th corps

the pontoones are almost laid across there now after midnight we crossed the river and marched a littel ways and about 3 o clock went into campe

7th a cleir and beutiful moring we was

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orderd to be redy to march at daylight but we are still in our posish yet we are now in a good country for forage after 11 o clock and we are going to pull out and we hafto throw our fine mess of ternips away we are marching on the rockingham road and about 2 o clock we left the road and taken a littel bye road and pased through the turpine camp and about sun set we went into camp we came about 14 mildes to day

8th a warm and rainney moring we starded out about 6 o clock we have now come a few mildes and are halted and taking a rest this is a very poor country we are going again after 11o clock and we are halted for dinner then came on and about 2 o clock we struck an old planke road near the littel pedee River and stoped in the woodes untill our Devision end train pased then came on crosse the

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River and went into campe after dusk it hasbin raining most all evening we came about 20 mildes to day we are camped at blue bridge.

9th a warm and cloudy moring had our breackfast and I am detailed to go a foragin now after dinner and we have come about 12 mildes but havent got much forage yet it has commenced raining there is severl of our squad in an old house and I guess that we will stay all night.

10th a warm and cloudy moring we are still in our old house yet but we soon will move out we are now marching and about 8 o clock we hurd hevey cannonading on our left about 10 o clock I caught up with our brigade then I went a foragin again came in about 1 o clock but did not get anything we now have our dinner and I suppose that we will remain hear the rest of the day

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this is a very poor country for forage the houses are but few and scatteran it is still cloudy now bead time and the sky is cleir and the moon is shining we are now 13 mildes from Fayetteville

11th a cleir and beutifull moring we going to march at 7 o clock are marching and about 10 o clock we left the plank road and went to the left we marched very hard and afetr 12 o clock we came in sight of Fayetteville the rebels had jest left then we went for forage got plenty of everything except bread stuff we now have had our dinner and have moved our posish for a camping spot the 3^d Devision of our corps beet the 20(th) corps into town we are camped on the west side of town sun set and one of the 53^d Ind Boys is over to see us

12th a cleir and beutifull Sabbath moring we have sent a forage partey

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out now after 2 o'clock and I am through washing the Boys have sent out a mail for the first time in a month we are laying about 3 or 4 miles from Cape Fear river sun set(,) some of the boys was at the river and saw 3 boats there now roll call and we have meeting then the orders came for us to be ready to march at 7 o'clock in the morning then we was ordered to make out a list for clothing

13th a clear and beautiful morning about 7 o'clock we started marched through Fayetteville on the main street it was about two miles long then we crossed the Cape Fear River on our pontoons and passed the rebel works and are now halted heard cannonading in our front. we moved a little ways and went into Camp at 12 for the day this evening I was detailed to go a foraging we went out about 3 miles

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but did not get much of anything one man of the 2^d Brigad was killed and one wounded by the rebels they shield our foragers a little now after dusk and we are going to draw a little meal

14th a warm and cloudy morning we are all going to write letters I written a letter to Mrs. Lucy and sent it out at 10 o'clock. now about sun set(,) all quiet we got a few papers to day bearing date of Feb 25 and 28

15th a warm and cloudy morning. we have orders to march at 10 o'clock we came a few miles and about 2 o'clock we halted for dinner and it is thoudring and raining the 20th corps in front of us heard cannon to our right now about sun set and we have just gone into camp the ground is very wet we came about 10 miles to day

16th a cloudy and windy morning had our breakfast have no orders to march yet about 10 o'clock we started out came a few miles halted and rested heard heavy

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fighting in front. we came over a very bad road saw several of our wounded and several dead rebels about 4 o'clock we went on the line relieved some of the 20th corps after dusk and now we have good works are going to remain behind them to night we are now ordered to be ready to march at 5 o'clock in the morning

17th a clear and beautiful morning the rebels are gone and soon we will go. we have come a little ways and are halted to fix a bridge over black river now after dinner and we are still laying hear yet about 4 o'clock we started out and crossed south river traveled on through water and mud and went into camp after dark we only came about 6 miles we have tolerably plenty of forage tonight

18th a clear and pleasant morning had our breakfast and soon we shall start we have now come several miles heard some skirmishing to our left.

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after 10 o'clock we halted for dinner came over some very ruff road Saw Uncle billey
we came through a tolerbell good country for forage we have a plenty to night we went
into camp after 3 o'clock.

19th a cleir and butifull Sabbath moring we are now going to starde out. pased 2nd Devi..
of our corps came a littel ways and runn a cross the rebels then our brigade charged them
out of ther first posish and soon we got into a big fight the rebels came through the center of
our Brig and tuck us endways for a while but we got them checked our regiment lost severl
men our Devison was scatterd to som exstend but we most of all got together after night and
built woorks Gen. Jeff C. Davis is staying close to our reg(iment)

20th a cleir moring exspect a big fight to day after 12 o'clock and

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we have jest built a line of woorks the 3^d Devison of our corps has gon out in front of us.
about sun set and thare hasbin considerbell fighting don to day. I lost my Knapsack yesterday
we jest drew tow days hardtack and coffee. I was on Headquarter garde.

21st a warm and cloudy moring some skermishing in our front this moring the 2d
Devison has coverd our front after dinner had a shower of rain and brisk firing in front of
the 2^d Devison now we can hear cannonading almost in the rear of the rebels it is still
raining now about 8 o'clock and all has becom quiet. thar hasbin hevey cannonading on
our right this evening we inspect an attack from the rebels to night

22^d a cleir and windey moring

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the rebels have gon and we soon shal follow them we cam out from behind our woorks and
stacked armes and lay hear untill after 2 o'clock now we are marching after the 2^d Devison
on the Goldsboro road came a littel ways and pased the 15th and 17th corps the road is
prety good and a tolerbell good loocking country we are now in camp came in afer
darke we are laying in a big open field this hasbin a cleir but windey day.

23^d a cleir and windey moring we now have come about 3 milds and crosed the Nuse River
at Coxses bridge on the pontoones. and had uncle Billeys order read to us about resting
Came on about 12 o'clock we halted for dinner then we came on and marched through
Golds

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boro and pased Gen Sherman and 23^d corps now we are in campe in an old field.
it hasbin very windey to day we are laying on the bankes of a creek or a river the name I
havent learned

24th a cleir and windey moring I went foragin before breackfast I am now about 5 mildes
from camp and got my load of meat and am starding came in about 11 o'clock and now part

of our Brigade is going out the other part of our Brigade was out this forenoon it is now cloudy and roll call and all seames quiet had much for supper

25th a cleir and pleasent moring I am now going to see the 65th Boys after dinner And I have jest returned to camp the regiment ahs gon to town to fixup a hosptel. we jest drew some hardtack the rebels came in sight of the pickets to day

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26th a cleir and butifull Sabbath moring After dinner and we have jest received a big mail I got 2 letters from Mrs. L. and hers and Willeys likness one letter from Adam and one from Tomas and I got my Boock couled the soulder Boy about 3 o clock and I got 3 letters again 2 from Mrs. L. and one from Jacob I have jest writen a letter to Mrs. L. and sent it out we had meeting this evening

27th a pleasent moring after breackfast and we jest drew 3 days hardtack sugar and coffee and beanes after dinner and we have jest drawn some clothing and I am going to throw my veteran hat away today I jest received a letter from Adam

28th a cloudy and foggey moring I am now going to take a Generl wash after dinner and I am through

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I am now going to write letters dusk and I have jest writen a letter to Mrs. L. and one to Adam it is still foggey yet..

29th a drizzley moring I am now going to 53^d after dinner and I have bin to 53^d 65th and in town now I have returned to camp the orders are now to drill everyday now roll call and we are jest orderd to draw 7 days Rations but we onley drew hardtack rumers of all kindes in camp

30th a rainney moring we had our breackfast and now we are going to draw the rest of our rations I have jest received a letter from Mrs. L. after dinner and we had Leiut Hudson to dine with us it is still raining after 3 o clock and I have jest writen to Tomas and now I am detailed for picket suppertime and some of our Brigade are on Dressperaid rumers are plenty hurd that Grant had taken Richmond

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31st a cool and windey moring I am still on picket yet our regiment jest went a foragin in front they have gon a littel ways and now we hear cannon in that direction after dinner and our regiment came in with a littel forage they drove the rebels a littel ways now 4 o clock and I am releived of picket and the regiment is going on Inspection

April the first a butifull moring no drill to day. but it is geting very windey. after dinner and I have jest received a letter from Mrs. L. and now I have writen a letter to Jacob the word is now for us to be redy for annother campign in 5 days after 4 o clock and we have jest drawn some clothing

2^d a clear and beautiful Sabbath morning we are going to have inspection at 10 o'clock
after

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Inspection I received a note from Adam and now have written a letter to Mrs. L.
after dinner and I have written a letter to Adam we had preaching this evening we had a
Dressparade for the first time in a long time this has been a very fine day

3^d a smoky morning we are now going to drill I just sent Mrs. L. picture to her we
have we have now a new Gen to comm. (command) and our Division after dinner and
we have just had battalion drill after 4 o'clock and there has been Dressparade and playing of
bands going on it is cool and cloudy

4th a cloudy morning no drill this morning, on account of being reviewed this evening after
dinner and it has been very warm our review did not come off (off) this

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evening so I went to town. dusk and I have returned to camp we have drawn 5 days
Rations rumors of all kinds

5th a warm and cloudy morning we are now getting ready for our review I have learned our
Divis. General's name (is) Walcott of the 15th corps after dinner and we have just come of
our review(,) Brigade it was. had a very good time of it

6th a warm and cloudy morning I have just written a letter to Uncle George. now 12 o'clock
and we just got the news that Gen. Grant had taken Richmond with 25 thousand Prisoners and
Several hundred pieces of cannon and Lee was retreating toward Danville with the rest of his
Army 5 o'clock and we just came of battalion drill there has been great cheering

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among us boys over the news of Richmond being taken sun down I went to 65th and 9 o'clock
I returned to camp

7th a warm and cloudy morning I just received a letter from Mrs. L. as I was washing
after dinner and we are going to have Division drill after 5 o'clock and it is raining a little
I have just written a letter to Mrs. L.

8th a clear and windy morning I am detailed for picket our Division has been on review
now 12 o'clock and I have just come into camp for my dinner sun set and we have just
drawn 5 days Rations drew a little Sanitary I am now going out (to) the picket post

9th a clear and pleasant Sabbath morning the orders are now to be ready to march to morrow
9 o'clock

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and I am jest releived of picket and now we are going to have chirch about noon and I am going to town and then to 53rd Sun Set and I have jest returned to camp our drafted men came up at midnight

10th a warm and rainey moring we left our camp about 7 o clock but are now halted and stacked armes now going again came a few mildes then halted for dinner hevey firing in front after 12 o clock and we are going near hevey fighting in front the 2nd and 3^d Devision is in front of us now after 4 o clock and we have halted for the night and pitched tentes and it is raining a littel the rebels have distroid the rail road hear.

11th a warm and cloudy moring orders to march at 7

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o clock we are on the Raleigh road 11 o clock and we still in our old posish and are gitting dinner then we are going to stard out we are train guardes are going very slow roads are very bad. this is a tolerbell good country came by some fine loocking orchards. 10 o clock and we have jest gon into camp. we are about 3 milds from Smith Field I hear the first whiperwill this year to night.

12th a warm and cloudy moring Starded out about 7 o clock came through Smith field after 8 o clock. we pased the 2nd Devision of our corps Saw Gen Sherman now after 1 o clock. we are jest halted for dinner marched very hard this moring we crosed the Nuce River at Smith field on the pontoons

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we are going again very hoot after 4 o clock and we have jest gon into camp and drawn three days hardtack Gen Kilpadrick jest came from the front with a capture train with a flag of truce on it rumers of all kindes in camp

13th a cloudy moring we starded out at 4 o clock came about 7 mildes on the doubbel quick and struck Gen Kilpadrick cavalry and it commanced raining came on again and cut the 20(th) corps of (off) we marched into Raleigh about 10 o clock our regiment was the second one of Infantry that marched into town we are now laying around the State house(.) that is our Brigade this is a fine loocking country around hear. we have now moved out to the eage (edge) of town and gon

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into camp

14th a cleir and butifull moring Some talk of us moving to day about 8 o clock I went to the top of the State house and saw a great ways around our corps is moving out I have returned to camp at 12 o clock we now have maraching orders at 2 o clock the 23^d corps releived us from provose guarding. we are on the march Some of the 17th corps is marching beside us Saw 53^d Ind we marched very hard came over some very fine country and went into camp about dusk came about 10 milds.

15th a rainey moring we starded out after daylight crosed the old rail road and came to a new one and marched along it for severl miles and it rained very hard about 10 o clock we

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halted for dinner then came on and struck the 3^d Devison of our corps. we are now (at) hollow springs and the 3^d Devison has gon into camp this side. and we are gong on the rest of our Devison is wayhead of us about 4 o clock we went into camp the news is now that Johnson has Surrender to Gen Sheardon we came over some very muddy roads.

16th a butifull Sabbath moring we are going to stard out at 7 o clock to join our Devis(ion) we are now marching came through some tolerbell good country 11 o clock and we have reached Gen Jeff C. Davis Headquaters and are now in camp near the Cape Fear river and at Evens Fearry after dinner and we have jest drawn 2 days hardtack and 3 days of sugar and

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coffee 4 o clock and we jest had preeching in camp

17th a cleir and butifull moring I am now going to take a walk around and see the folks we are going to remain hear to day now about 12 and I have jest returned to camp we are still in our posish we have jest drilled a littel Sun Set and rumers of all kinds

18th a cloudy moring we now have orders to drill 12 o clock and we jest received the sad news that President Leicol (Lincoln) was killed. going to have battelion drill after drill and we have orders to write letters if we wish(.) for the mail will go out in the moring dusk and I have jest writen a letter to Mrs. L. it is now sprinklin rain

19th a cleir and warm moring had a very hard rain last night 10 o clock and I jest received a letter from Mrs. L. after dinner and we

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are going to have battalion drill now dusk and we have had a fine day we have had preeching this evening

20th a warm and cloudy moring we jest had an order read to us that all haustility will sease untill pease can be maid it was signed by Gen Sherman after 5 o clock and we have drawn 6 days Rations and have of big Stalion(?) drill: to day has bin very warm we are going to have meeting this evening again

21st a cool and cloudy moring our Brigade is moving around changing campes the 21st going to the river after dinner and we have changed our camp got a very nice place 5 o clock and we jest had a big sower (shower) of rain

22nd a cool and cloudy moring we are going to have regular guard mounting 12 o clock and our company is ordered

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to report to Captin Deacon I am on the sick list so I am not going sun set and our
company has returned rumers are now that rebel Jeff Davis is captured this hasbin a
very windey day

23^d a cool and windey Sabbath moring going to have inspection at 9 o clock then we are
going to have preeching 12 o clock and I have jest received a letter from T.W. Lacer sun
set and we jest had Dressperaid this hasbin a very cool day rumers of all kindes in camp

24th a cleir and frostey moring we are still in our old camp yet 12 o clock and all is quiet

25th a cleir and plesant moring we now have orders to march and are going to stard in a few
moments I am going to remain hear untill our mule comes back from foragin about 3 o
clock and I am going to

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stard for the Brigade I crosed the Cape Fear river Evens Fearry on the pontoones and am
now in camp about one mild from the river

26th a cleir and butifull moring we are redy to march 2 o clock and we are now in our old
camp again the word is now that Johnson surrenderd yesterday between 7 and 11 o
clock I taken a big walk with the boys to see the folks

27th a cleir and butifull moring after dinner and nothing new has exspired about dusk
and we jest got the order to be redy to march at 5 o clock in the moring

28th a warm and cloudy moring the news came last night about 3 o clock that peese was maid
and we was going home then we commenced firing and the cannons commenced roring and
we ceep

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up the firing untill daylight and now we have starded out and are going in the direction of
Mantown now 4 o clock in the evening and we have jest gon into camp came about 16
milds it was a very warm trip we are now about 14 milds from Raleigh

29th a cleir and warm moring we starded out about 5 o clock came about 8 milds and are
now in camp near a station on the rail road probely to stay hear a day or tow. now after
12 o clock and we have orders to march we fell in marched out into an old field and then
drawen 3 days Rations and the order was red to us about us going home by the way of Richmond
and about nomore forigin then we came on a few milds and went into camp about 4 o clock
we are now laying near the rail road

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the mail came but not a letter for me

30th a cleir and plesant Sabbath moring have orders to march at 7 o clock now 12 o
clock and we still lay in our posish yet and drawing 1 days Rations after dinner we starded

we marched very hard came about 17 miles and went into camp after dusk in an old field we came through a very thinley settled country

May the first a cloudy morning we are now going to start out we are marching very steady (steady) Crossed the the Neuse river and came about 16 miles and are now halted at the banks of the tar river and are getting dinner then came on and crossed tar river marched very hard and came to oxford about 5 o'clock and marched through town and went into camp before sun set

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we came 24 miles to day this was a very cool day to march in saw some tolerbell good looking woman to day.

2nd a cool and cloudy morning orders to march at 6 o'clock we have now started (and) are marching very hard about noon we went through a little town called Williamsboro and are now halted for dinner came about 13 miles and through a tolerbell good country about 1 o'clock we started out and about 4 o'clock we came into virginia and went into camp before sun down near the banks of the Roanoke River and drew two days rations we came about 24 miles to day came through some very fine country 58th is laying the pontoons across the river to night

3^d a clear and cool morning we have no orders to march yet we are laying

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at Talers ferry at 11 o'clock we started out crossed the river on the pontoons our regiment is behind the train we are marching very hard and about 4 o'clock we came through a little town called Buoydon our regiment went into camp after sun set we came about 13 miles saw some very fine wheat the country here is rather hilly

4th a clear morning going to march at 6 we are the second Brigade to day from the front are marching very hard crossed the hearren river and about 11 o'clock we crossed little ottoway river and at 12 we halted for dinner then came on and passed hannen court house and crossed big ottoway river at the falls and went into camp after sun set came about 31 miles and over some tolerbell hilly country

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5th a rainy morning we started out at 5 o'clock this morning are marching very hard about 10 o'clock we went through a little place called nottoway and crossed the danville rail road and passed some of the 6th corps after 11 o'clock we halted for dinner our Brigade is in front to day we are again marching and it is very hot we are now in camp came in before sun set came about 38 miles

6th a clear and warm morning we are starting out at 6 we drew 2 days Rations at midnight we are marching very fast we are now at the appomattick river are across after 12 we stopped for dinner going again passed Jeff. C. Davis Headquarters and are still going through some tolerbell fine looking plantations after sun set and we are

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jest going into camp close to a creeak came about 25 milds to day

7th a cool and cloudy Sabbath moring we are starding for richmond at daylight and before
8 o clock we came in sight of the town we have gon into camp on the bankes of the James
river have moved camp and now we are at the 4 mild post from Richmond and still on the
bankes of the river sun set and we are drawing 4 days Rations.

8th a warm moring after 12 and it is very hoot now dusk and I have bin in the edge of
Manchester and have jest returned to camp some talk of our corps having marching orders.

9th a warm and cloudy moring plenty of peddlers in camp after dinner and it is raining
to some extend all our

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talk is home we now have marching orders to be redy to march in the moring at 5 o clock

10th a cool and cloudy moring orders countermanded as to the marching after dinner
and all is quiet and the day is very cool and windey.

11th a cool and cloudy we are now redy to march we have marched through
Manchester and crosed the James river and came into Richmond and marched most all through
the town at a shoulder armes about 1 o clock we halted for dinner about 2 milds from town.
then we went on marched very fast and it was very hoot about dusk we went into camp
and then a big thounder storm came up so we didnot get our suppers we came about 16
milds and through som fine country

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12th a cool and cloudy moring we are going to stard out at 7. the orders are
countermanded as to marching and we are going to remain hear untill moring. now 4 o clock
and we have marching orders and have jest drawn 3 days rations we have now marched a
few milds and pased Hanover court house and after sun set we came to a hault near the bankes of
pamonka river and are gitting our suppers.

13th a cleir moring last night after midnight we starded out and crosed the pamonkey and
came to a hault and are gitting our breackfast. after 9 o clock and we still are in our posish yet
at 10 o clock we struck out and pased concord chirch built in 1857 at 1 o clock we halted for
dinner 1 hour then came on and at sun set we went

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into camp came very round about way and through some very fine country

14th a cleir and butifull Sabbath moring going to march at 6 we have now marched severl
milds came a crosed the 20(th) corps road and now we are resting at a large brick chirch
then came on and after 11 o clock we came to a halt and got dinner and about 1 o clock we struck

out again passed another church built in 1850, it was a large brick after 4 o'clock we
went into camp our Division is now laying on a large plantation

15th a clear and cool morning started out after 6 and are traveling very fast we passed 2
churches one was Good hope built in 1860 both were frame buildings about 1 we
stopped for dinner and now we are getting among the hills

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about 4 o'clock we went into camp and are drawing 2 days rations passed another old frame
church a scattered mail came but not a letter for me

16th a clear morning we are going to start out at 5 we have come a few miles passed
1 frame church and are now laying on a hill and taking a long rest here we can see old
breastworks and can see a great way round and can see mountains of all shapes we are near
the banks of the Rappahannock about 12 we crossed over at Raccoon Ford after 1 we halted for
dinner about 2 we struck out again and marched all day through Gen Meade's old camping
ground about 5 we crossed Mountain Creek and went into camp came through a fine
country

17th a clear morning orders to march at 6 we have come a few miles and are now laying
on the banks of the

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Rappahannock river after 8 we commenced crossing over on a small plank bridge our
brigade is in front of the Division and our regiment is leading the Division about 12 we
came to a halt and are getting dinner and have orders to remain here until 3 o'clock. we are
going again and it is very hot at sunset we went into camp and are laying at Seader Run
Creek and are drawing 2 days rations came about 16 miles and through some fine country.

18th a clear and cool morning orders to march at 5 we have come several miles crossed
two creeks and are marching along the rail road Co. K, G and D are train guards we
now have crossed Bull Run Creek and have halted for dinner and are going to rest until 3 o'clock.
we started again and about 5 o'clock went

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into camp near Centerville and now there is a big thunder storm coming up about dusk we
drew 2 days rations and it is raining lightning and thundering

19th a cool and rainy morning we started out after 5 we passed Fairfax Court House and
about 9 o'clock we came to a halt and are now laying a few miles from Alexandria about 1
o'clock we came in sight of Alexandria and went into camp on the Arlington Heights near Fort
Word about 7 miles from Washington City another big rain coming up..

20th a cool and cloudy morning the mail came and brought me a letter from Mrs. L. after
dinner and there has been considerable showers of rain now dusk and I have just written a letter
to Mrs. L. it is still cloudy and rainy rumors of

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all kinds about going home

21st a cool and rainy Sabbath morning after dinner and it has been raining all morning
we now have drawing 3 days rations sun set and we have had a big shower or rain
nothing of any interest going on to day all quiet

22nd a cool and cloudy morning after dinner and we have fixed up our house about sun set
we drew 1 days rations and our clothing

23^d a clear and windy morning going to move this afternoon at 2 o'clock orders
countermanded as to moving now sun set and we are still in our old camp to day has been
clear but windy nothing new going on..

24th a clear and cool morning we are now going on the grand review after 12 o'clock we
came to the Patomick river and crossed over on the long Bridge

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and came into Washington city and passed in review masked (massed) we marched around the
capitol at a right shoulder shift and part at a left shoulder shift and part at a shoulder arms
we marched out on the Pennsylvania avenue and into Georgetown and out and crossed the river
back again and came into our old camp after 6 o'clock and almost fagged out and sore.. we
passed thousands of people to day. the little boys and girls handing us water which made us
feel all right the citizens gave our old flag three cheers the stars and stripes hanging at
most every building..

25th a cool and cloudy morning the 3^d Division of our corps is marching the 2^d is going
at 12 o'clock

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after dinner and our Division has no orders to move yet we are now drawing 3 days rations
orders to move in the morning at 6. 8 o'clock and our camps are all illuminated to night

26th a cloudy and rainy morning we are marching came to the long bridge again and
crossed over into Washington city and marched through the town and went into camp 11 o'clock
about 3 miles from the city near Fort Bunker Hill on the Baltimore rail road we have a very
nice place for a camp 5 o'clock and it has been raining most all day and is very cool

27th a cool and rainy morning some talk of us being paid off (off) soon after dinner and
we are drawing 3 days rations I have just written a letter to Mrs. L.

28th a clear and beautiful Sabbath morning going to have inspection

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at 9 o'clock then we are going to have preeching after 5 o'clock and I have just returned from the city I went to the capitol and taken a view of things Generally I saw the Gold fishes there and many other nice things there

29th a clear and beautiful morning we now have a captain and two Lieut. after dinner and we are drawing Sanitary potatoes unions pickles dried apples and tobacco and writing paper I have just written a letter to uncle George.

30th a clear and beautiful morning I just went to the cemetery and at the Soldiers Rest everything looked very nice I have just written a letter to Mrs. L. am now going to the city about sunset and I have just returned to camp this has been a very nice day

31st a beautiful morning I am going

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to the city after dinner and I have just returned to camp after 5 o'clock and we have just drawn 5 days rations and are going to draw some clothing.

June the first a cool morning we are going to fix our big house after dinner and there has been nothing unusual expired yet now bed time and I have just written a letter to Mrs. L.

2nd a warm morning orders for all the western troops to go to Louisville:

3^d a warm and cloudy morning after dinner(.) Gen Thomas going to visit us this evening after 5 o'clock and our Division formed then Gen Thomas came along and taken a view of us and we gave him 3 rousing cheers we had a mess of cherries (cherries?) for supper the mail has come but not a letter for me yet.

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4th a clear and beautiful Sabbath morning we just had inspection after dinner and I have just returned from the city from the Presbyterian church it is now very hot

5th a clear morning I am now going to the city after dinner and I have just returned to camp we are drawing 5 days rations and some Sanitary this is a very hot day after supper and I am going to the Theater this evening after 12 o'clock and I have returned to camp the play was Uncle Sam's Cabby

6th a cool and cloudy morning the 94th Ohio started home after dinner and I just heard a temperance speech this has been a very cool day

7th a cloudy and rainy morning after dinner and the sky has become clear and warm 4 o'clock and the 104th Ill. is going to start home

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Brigadier Gen.. Hobert our brigadier commander made us a littel speech and now the first Brigade is about bursted up

8th a cleir and warm moring I am going to the city to see the 6th Arme corps reviewed after 12 o clock we starded for camp and stoped and went into the munkey show now after 4 o clock and thare is a big rain comming up this hasbin a very hoot day we now have orders to be redy to move in the moring

9th a warm and cloudy moring we are going to move at 6 we drew 3 days rations after midnight I am now detailed for bagage guard after 4 o clock and we have jest left Washington city the regiment is ahead and I am on the train jest behind them with the bagage we runn all night

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10th a cloudy moring at sun rise we pased harpers Farrey and then annother burgh then we pased cumberland and now we are laying at new creek Station wating for trains to pass us.

11th a cloudy Sabbath moring we runn most all night and this moring we are at drofton after 6 o clock we arrived at Parkersburg and are going to lay hear all night

12th a foggey moring we are going to git on a boat we are now on the Lady pike and now we are bound for Louisville after dinner and we have jest changed boats we are now on the Swallow dusk and our boat has gon into land on the Ohio shore and waiting for a littel storme to blow over I was in ohio a few moments

13th a clool and foggey moring

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after 1 o clock and we are jest passing cincinnata and covington we have now landed at Louisville after 2 o clock and are gowing to remain on the boat untill daylight

14th a cleir and butifull moring we are now going to get of (off) the boat and are going to march through Louisville we marched a very roundabout way and got into camp about 3 o clock and are only about 4 milds from the city this hasbin a very hoot day I have jest writen a letter to Mrs. L. and one to Adam

15th a warm and cloudy moring we are going to fixup our Headquarters to day after 5 o clock and all hasbin quiet sun set and we are jest drawing 2 days rations

16th a cloudy moring the captin making out the pay roll after dinner and I have bin washing after

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Supper and all is quiet this hasbin a very hoot day we had meeting this evening

17th a clear and beautiful morning I am going to the city of Louisville now about 4 o'clock and I have just returned to camp we have just drawn 3 days rations and some Sanitary I just received a letter from Brother Adam.

18th a clear and beautiful Sabbath morning we are going to have preaching now after 6 o'clock and we have had a shower of rain now 10 o'clock and I have just written a letter to Mrs. L. I am now going to bed.

19th a cloudy morning after dinner and we had a mess of early Irish potatoes now after 3 o'clock and the mail has come but not a letter for me yet.

20th a clear and warm morning Some of our drafted

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men going off (off) after dinner and we had a mess of green peas and potatoes we are drawing 5 days rations orders now to make out a clothing list now Supper time and we had a mess of fish Captain T.M. Neaves got some drinking water this evening.

21st a clear and warm morning after dinner and we just had a shower of rain I have now put in for a 10 day furlough and written a letter to T. W. Lacer 6 o'clock and it is very warm and thundering

22nd a cloudy morning we are going to drill one hour. after dinner and it is very warm after 3 o'clock and I just received a letter from Mrs. L.

23^d a clear and beautiful morning now 1 o'clock and it is very warm I have just received my

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furlough all right. the mail just came in but not a letter for me now about 3 o'clock and I have I have just written a letter Mrs. L.

24th a clear morning I just had my miniature taken. now after dinner and the paymaster has come and commenced paying us now. sun set and we just got our pay I received 170.25 cents now we are going to the city tonight and we are stopping at the Saint Cloud

25th a clear and beautiful Sabbath morning now half past 9 o'clock and we just got on board of the Kate Henderson and are going home fast. stopped for a cool one hour (now) at 10 o'clock near Rockport(,) Stanton scribbled on the table with out ink 9 of us sitting around the table at 3 o'clock we got off (off) at Newburgh.

26th a cool and clear morning we

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are now at Mr Hunt's for breakfast after breakfast we are going to take a hack for Boonville 10 o'clock(,) we reached Boonville and at 3 o'clock I got to see Mrs. L. and Willey

27th a cloudy morning we are going up to Boonville Lucy and I and Willey

28th at paw Fay and 29th. [in Yankeetown, Ind.]

30th a rainy morning.

July the first.

2nd a clear and beautiful Sabbath.

3^d in Boonville(e).

4th at the Fairground a very hot day

[Some words are missing because a small piece torn out of the edge of page 118/119 & page 120/121 and noted as (_ ?) with letters or words added as my best guesses as to what's missing.]

5th at paw Fays and we (went to New?)burgh and are now waiting (for the?) boat got on board the Liberty (No.2?) 11 o'clock at night and are bound for Louisville.

6th a pleasant morning and now we are on our way to Louisville Ky.

7th a very hot morning and now with the regiment again found

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the boys all right and just written a letter to Mrs. L.

8th a very hot day the boys are very busy making out the muster out rolls about dusk a very heavy thunder shower came up

9th a beautiful Sabbath morning we are going to have inspection at 1 o'clock and then preaching I am not well today after 3 o'clock and there is a heavy rain coming up now after 10 o'clock and I have just written a letter to Brother Adam and we just had a (shower?) of rain and now I am (_ , _ d ?)

10th a warm morning (I am around?) in camp all day nothing (unusual?) going on. we drawing 5 days rations now after roll call and there is another big rain coming up and I am going to lay down to rest

11th a cloudy morning I am now going to the city at noon I returned to camp

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now after roll call. today has been quiet showery and cool.

12th a cloudy morning I am going to the city and out to corps Headquarters. now after roll call and times have become very quiet our rolls went up for inspection today after 11 o'clock and I have just written a letter to Mrs. L.

13th went through the city and to corps Headquarters and returned about noon after dinner in camp

14th a very cool morning at 4 o'clock I was detailed for guard. I am now in a Saloon with two men to keep riots down

15th in the Saloon yet now 3 o'clock and there is (??) the city

16th a rainy Sabbath morning after dinner I went to camp (and?) then returned again found the boys all right

17th a cool morning some talk of us being relieved today

18th a warm morning we are not

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relieved yet I am still at the saloon after dinner I went to camp but now I have returned to my post again

19th a rainy morning after dinner(,) nice and clear.

20th a very hot day

21st a warm morning I relieved myself from Saloon guard and am now in camp sun set and we just had a big shower of rain Some talk of us going to Indianapolis tomorrow

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Glossary

Individuals & military units encountered or mentioned listed in chronological order, followed by riverboats mentioned:

George Baum - born August 9, 1840 in Warrick Co., Indiana, son of Lewis & Elizabeth S. Baum, enlisted as private in Co. K., 42nd Indiana Inf. Regt., promoted to Sgt. on May 23, 1865.

Gen Tomass - Brig. General George Henry Thomas, commander of 14th Army Corps until Oct. 28, 1863 then took command of the Army of the Cumberland as a Major General.

14th A.C. - 14th Army Corps which includes Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry, etc. which later joined with the 20th Corps to become the left wing of Sherman's Army march to the sea.

Brother in the 12th Ky - George's only brother & sibling, Adam Baum in the 12th KY Cavalry; 19 yrs old in '61

Gen Shearman - General William Tecumseh Sherman

Mrs. L. - Mrs. Lucy Fay Baum, wife of George Baum, married Feb. 14, 1864 in Yankeetown, Ind. during a 30 day regimental furlough.

Jace - believed to be a cousin Jacob Seitz, son of George & Barbara Seitz.

Dock Davis of the 53rd - is suspected to be Surgeon Solomon Davis of the 53rd Ind. Infantry Regt. but found to have resigned as of May 27, 1862 to become a surgeon with 10th Ind. Cavalry.

Mr. Cornell - most likely to be George N. Cornell, a store owner in Yankeetown, Indiana.

Doctor Johnson of the 65th - found to be Surgeon Samuel Johnson with 65th Indiana Infantry Regiment, mustered in March 22, 1864.

Mr. Floyd - identity unknown; could be L.L. Floyd or Henry C. Floyd of Boonville, Ind.

Col. Mc Intire - William T.B. McIntire promoted Dec. 12, 1864 to colonel of 42nd Ind. Regt.

53rd Boys - soldiers of the 53rd Indiana Infantry Regt.; joined Sherman's Army June 6, 1864.

15th Ky - 15th Kentucky Infantry Regt., part of George's Brigade during Chattanooga Campaign.

Uncle George - George Seitz, brother of Elizabeth Seitz Baum, George's mother. After mother died in 1853 and father preceding her, became George & Adam's guardian.

Lieut Heeldar - identity unknown.

cousin Julia - last name unknown.

Gen Sheridean - General Phillip Henry Sheridan, head of Cavalry Corps, Army of the Potomac.

Mr. L. Fay - believed to be Lemuel Fay, brother-in-law.

Gen Grant - General Ulysses S. Grant

Boys from the 25th - soldiers of the 25th Indiana Infantry Regiment.

Solman Boyer of the 25th - soldier of Co. D, 25th Ind. Inf. Regt. from Owen twp, Warrick Co., Indiana,, 19 yrs old in '61, mustered in as a private and out as Captain.

Samul Stroud of the 53rd - Samuel Straud of Boonville, Ind., corporal of Co. I., 53rd Indiana Inf. Regt. Mustered in Feb. 24, 1862 and out July 21, 1865 with Regt.

120th Boys - soldiers of the 120th Indiana Infantry Regiment.

15th and 17th Corps - 3rd & 4th Divisions of 17th Army Corps joined Sherman's Army at Acworth, Georgia, June 6, 1864. Together with the 15th they formed Sherman's right wing.

Geo Westfall of the 53rd - George M. Westfall of Boonville, Ind., a private of Co. I. , 53rd Indiana Regt. Mustered in Feb. 24, 1862 & out March 27, 1865 along with 4 others of his company after a 3 years term. The majority of Co. I were from Boonville, Ind.

Gov. Morton - Oliver P. Morton, newly re-elected governor of State of Indiana, 1864.

Ed and the Boys of the 65th - brother-in-law, Pvt. Edward P. Fay with Co. E, 65th Indiana Infantry Regt., promoted to corporal May 1, 1865. Mustered out June 22, 1865 as Sgt.

Jacob R. Mathews - a private of Company K., 42nd Indiana Infantry Regiment.

Callwell - believed to be Pvt. Thomas Caldwell of Co. K, 42nd Indiana Infantry Regt.

Jones of Co. E - could be either Joseph, Marshall, or William Jones of the 42th Ind. Inf. Regt.

23rd Corps and the 120th, 65th, and the 53rd boys - the 23rd Army Corps joined Sherman's Army April 30, 1864, helped pursue Hood's Army into Alabama, then was detached & sent up to Nashville, Tenn. The 120th, 65th, & 53rd are all Indiana Regiments.

paw Fay - Mahlon Fay, George's father-in-law.

4th Corps has gon somewhere . . .som say . . . Chattanooga - 4th Army Corps was part of the Army of the Cumberland until Gen. Thomas took it along with the 23rd A.C. north to Nashville, Tenn. arriving late Nov. 1864.

Jeff C. Davis - USV Brigadier General Jefferson C. Davis. took command of 14th A.C. August 22, 1864.

Gen Thomas whipped the rebels in Tenn. - Battles of Franklin & Nashville, Tenn. in Dec. 1864.

Capt. Daglas - Captain Daglas or maybe Douglas, not with 42 Ind. Regt. and identity is unknown.

letter . . . stated that she had a fine Boy - the boy is William Tecumseh Sherman Baum, son of George & Lucy Baum, born November 18, 1864 in Warrick Co., Indiana.

Perigo - Pvt. Ephrian Y. Perigo, of Co. K., 42th Ind. Inf. Regt., promoted to Sgt. May 1, 1865 then promoted to 1st Lieut. May 23, 1865.

20th Corps - Paired with the 14th Corps became Slocum's Army of the Georgia and was Sherman's left wing though the March to the Sea & operations in the Carolinas.

We are under Capt. Douglas - identity unknown.

Capt. Kellams in command of the regiment - Maj. Gideon R. Kellams commissioned Colonel Dec. 13, 1864 & became official on Jan. 2, 1865.

Tomas - believed to be Thomas Fay, a brother-in-law; 16 years of age in 1861.

Jacob - cousin Jacob Seitz, son of George & Barbara Seitz (see Uncle George).

Leuther - Martin Luther Fay, brother-in-law

Capt. Skimmahorne . . . escaped from the rebels sometime ago - Capt. John A. Scammehorn of Co. C., 42nd Indiana Infantry, was captured during the battle of Chickamauga, and then escaped from prison in Columbia, SC. Returned to the Regt. on Jan. 7, 1865, according to diary.

Our Chaplin - Chaplain Henry O. Chapman of 42nd Ind. commissioned April 13, 1864.

Chaplin of the 38th Ind. - Chaplain Silas Rawson commissioned Nov. 25, 1864, mustered in Jan. 12, 1865.

79th Penn. Band - part of the 3rd brigade, 1st div., 14th Army Corps.

by order of a shoulder strap - a Commissioned Officer

Gen. Killpadrick - General Hugh Judson Kilpatrick commanded the 3rd Div. of the Cavalry Corps for Sherman's Army. Join the western battle theater at the request of Sherman, April '64.

Uncle Billey - soldier's nickname for Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman.

Willey - "Willy" is William T. S. Baum, George's son.

our Devis. (Division) General's name (is) Walcott of the 15th corps - Brig. Gen. Charles Carroll Walcott takes command of the Division April 4 – June 27, 1865.

President Lincoln - Pres. Abraham Lincoln

Captain Deacon - was not found listed in 42nd Ind. Roster; identity unknown.

Jeff Davis - President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis.

T. W. Lacer - Corporal Thomas W. Lacer of Co. K., 42nd Ind. Inf. Regt., was severely wounded at Lookout Mt. & sent home to recover. Childhood friend of George as the 1850 Census of Warrick Co., Indiana shows they lived only two farmsteads apart, and Thomas's father is a physician.

58th is laying the pontoons - the 58th Indiana Infantry Regiment – pontooniers under command of Maj. Gen. William A. Downey, directly under command of Maj. Gen. Henry Warner Slocum, commander of the left wing of the Army of Georgia, Sherman's Army.

6th Corps - part of the Army of the Potomac called "the most famous corps of the Civil war", met each other in Virginia while Sherman's Army was marching north to Washington City.

104th is going home - believe referring to the 104th Illinois Infantry and part of the Brigade

Brig. Hobart our brigadier commander - In '61, Harrison Carroll Hobart started out as Capt. of 4th Wis. Infantry.

Captain T.M. Neves - Tillotson M. Neves was promoted to captain of Co. K, 42nd Ind. Regt. on May 23, 1864, the day before the Grand Review in Washington City.

Stanton - believed to be Sgt. Michael Stanton of Co.K., 42nd Ind. Inf. Regt.

Mr. Hunt - might possibly be related to Joshua J. Hunt of Co. D., 42nd Ind. Inf. Regt. who could have been one of the 9 soldiers on the boat going home on furlough.

References : *The Civil War Dictionary* by Mark M. Boatner III.,
www.42ndindiana.com/roster_home.htm and www.civilwarindex.com

Riverboats mentioned:

now on the Lady Pike - a stern wheel riverboat of 207 tons built in 1860.

now on the Swallow - a riverboat built in 1854.

board the Kate Henderson - a side-wheel riverboat of 293 tons built in 1865 out of Parkersburg, West Virginia.

On board the Liberty (No.2) - a stern wheel riverboat of 373 tons; only "Liberty" operating on the Ohio River July of 1865.

Reference : www.riverboatdaves.com

Some of my interesting portions of the Diary:

Sept. 1, 1864 - bragging about results. . ."This is the day the 14th A.C. went in on the rebes."

Sept. 17, 1864 - "5 o'clock and we have Dressperade this evening for the first time since we left Graysville".

Dec. 13, 1864 - comment on the battle heard at Fort McAllister near Savanna, GA.

Dec. 23 & 24, 1864 - jest drawn flower. . .had flapjacks for breakfast. . she had a fine Boy.

Dec. 26, 1864 - . . .killed a mess of squirls.

Jan. 7, 1865 - "Capt. Skimmahorne has jest came up he escaped from the rebels some time ago".

Jan. 23, 1865 - ". . . the water is all around us and mud almost knee deep. . . the frogs are still yelling for more rain."

March 19, 1865 - Battle of Bentonville, NC with an accurate enlisted man's version of battle.

May 24, 1864 - Sherman's Army going on the Grand review march.

June 21 - July 7, 1865 - put in for a 10 day furlough. . .received on 23rd. . . jest had my miniature taken . . . jest got our pay. . . journey home to Indiana & back on a riverboat.

July 14 - 21, 1865 - "I was detailed for guard. I am now in a Saloon with tow men to ceep riots down' . . . "I relieved myself from Saloon guard and am now in camp".