

BOOK I

1861

Mon., May 28

This has been a sad day for me, and, I suppose, for many of my friends, as well.

We left Wilkesboro today about 12 or 1 o'clock. Our flag was presented to us by the ladies of Wilkes County, and a very nice paper was read to us by Miss Mae Mackett. Then we came on to camp and had dinner and went out to Mrs. Hick's. Stopped there to get water, rested about an hour, then forming a company, we moved on about a mile and pitched camp on Cub Creek, at Line-back's.

Tues., May 28

We left camp at 1 o'clock and marched to the top of the mountain, where we had refreshment; thence on to Taylorsville, where we ate dinner and received from Mr. H. A. Poal a present of ten pounds of butter. Then forming a company, we went ten miles below Taylorsville.

Wed., May 28

Leaving camp at 1 o'clock P. M., we reached Statesville at about 12 o'clock that night, remained there till 4 o'clock A. M. next morning. We boarded the train and reached Salisbury at 5 o'clock A. M. At the station we were met by a band and marched down thru town. The citizens gave us supper and houses to sleep in. Next we boarded the train for Raleigh, arriving there at 6 P. M. We filed out of the cars and pitched camp.

Thurs., May 30

A very wet day. Mounted to the summit of the Capitol and took an excellent view of the city. Visited the Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, and observed the pupils repeat the Lord's Prayer, etc. In the evening we were sworn into regular service.

Sat., June 1

Nothing important. Tonight I went to the Asylum for the Insane. At night there is a young lady who comes down and sings and plays on the guitar.

Sun., June 2

There was preaching in town at all the churches, and most of

all the boys attended the Baptist Church. Rev. Bank preached at the Old Baptist Church at night. I did not attend either service, for I was not well.

Mon., June 3

Moved camp about a mile and a half. Nothing else of importance.

Tues., June 4

We held a little election for Captain, Sergeant and Lieutenant today. Came a very hard rain about 3 o'clock and continued for an hour.

Wed., June 5

At 7 o'clock we went to the depot and saw some troops going from Georgia to Virginia. Returned to camp about 9 o'clock and drilled till about 11 o'clock.

Thurs., June 6

Drilled before noon. Rained very hard about 12 o'clock. Drilled in the evening and went to the depot. About 300 South Carolinians came in.

Fri., June 7

Nothing important. Drilled twice. I wrote a letter to "my dear friend". It rained in the evening.

Sat., June 8

Nothing important. I went to the branch and had a bath. About 1000 volunteers came in.

Sun., June 9

Passed the day pleasantly. At 10 A. M. went to the Baptist Church and heard a good sermon by Rev. Huffman. There were about 1000 people present.

Mon., June 10

A company arrived from Rutherford (County). We had a new drill-master to drill us. In the evening we were visited by some ladies.

Tues., June 11

We left Raleigh for a new station at 1 P. M., reaching Warren Depot (or Warrenton, 60 miles below Raleigh) at 12 o'clock that night. Marched a mile and made camp. We received our arms here (shipped by rail from Raleigh.)

Wed., June 12

In the morning drilled in manual exercise. Very warm day. News came of a fight in Virginia, near Old Point. Our troops won, killing about 300 and losing only one man.

Thurs., June 13

This morning at 8 o'clock I was placed on guard duty to serve until 8 o'clock tomorrow. In the evening a company came in from Chowan County to join the regiment, and some ladies paid us a visit.

Fri., June 14

I was relieved from duty at 8 A. M. The company were vaccinated by Drs. Skinner and Seakes (?). The ladies from Warrenton came to see us in the evening. Mr. Karts gave us about a gallon and a half of milk for dinner.

Sat., June 15

Nothing important. Drilled most of the day. Spent an hour or two in town. Some of the boys went to the creek two or three miles away to wash.

Sun., June 16

Went to the Episcopal Church to preaching at 11 A. M., and had service in camp at 4 P. M. by Rev. Spainhour. A company of 71 men came in from Hanover County today (New Hanover). We got dinner for them.

Mon., June 17

Nothing important. Drilled most of the day. The New Hanover County Company received their arms today.

Tues., June 18

Was placed on guard duty at 10 o'clock this morning.

Wed., June 19

Was relieved from duty at 8 A. M. Brother Larkin and T. Bowhill visited camp at 11 A. M. Received a letter from home, from Sister Julia. We were visited in the evening by a crowd of ladies.

Thurs., June 20

Nothing important. Mr. Spainhour, M. A., departed for home at 11 o'clock A. M. I wrote a letter to my "friend" — "M".

Fri., June 21

Nothing important. Drilled most of the day. Very warm. Ladies visited us.

Sat., June 22

Drilled in the morning; in the afternoon by J. Ford. Went about three miles to a mill to take a bath.

Sun., June 23

Was on guard duty today. It is very warm and lonesome to me. Boys went to Church.

Mon., June 24

Rested from guard duty today. A company of about 440 cavalrymen came in. Some regular drill, and a new drill-master.

Tues., June 25

Had regular drill today, and a very fine little shower, which was badly needed to settle the dust.

Wed., June 26

Regular drill today. Nothing else of importance. Nice shower last night.

Thurs., June 27

Regular drill. The Albermarl Guards imprisoned two of their men for drunkenness I left ranks on account of headache.

Fri., June 28

Stood on guard duty today and performed the regular duties. Very warm day. Had a fine dress parade and were visited by a crowd of ladies.

Sat., June 29

Was relieved from duty at 8 A. M. and rested the remainder of the day. In the evening I went to town.

Sun., June 30

Has been a very wet day. Wrote a letter to "N. E. M." (?) Had preaching in camp at 4:30 O'clock by Rev. Lacy, a presbyterian. Then I went for a walk and found some huckleberries.

Mon., July 1

Nothing important. Regular drill. Dress parade as usual; also had ladies to visit us.

Tues., July 2

Regular drill. Prof. Foot came to our camp. I was sick half the day. A company arrived from Washington County.

Wed., July 3

Regular drill. T. Eller and C. Leach joined our company today. Seventy or eight ladies came out to see our dress parade.

Thurs., July 4

This has been a big day for the volunteers of the State Troops at Warrenton. The citizens of the town gave us a fine dinner. All the ladies were present. We marched all over town, fired three salutes and heard eloquent addresses by the officers of the regiment.

Fri., July 5

Regular drill today. Was on sentinel duty. A battle is reported to have been fought yesterday in Virginia, between 4000 Confederates and 6000 "Yankees". Our loss was six men killed; their loss was 80 killed and 50 captured.

Sat., July 6

Was relieved from duty this morning at 8 o'clock. Had a fine shower today. Went to the creek this evening to wash.

Sun., July 7

Rev. J. C. Spainhour preached in camp at 9 A. M. Rev. J. B. Solomon preached at our camp and in town today. I attended both services.

Mon., July 8

Regular drill and a very warm morning. Dress parade in the evening. Visited by ladies.

Tues., July 9

Regular drill. Warmest day we have had. Light shower at 5 P. M. hard rain and wind at 6 P. M.

Wed., July 10

Regular drill. A company of about sixty men arrived from Halifax County. A very warm day. No news of importance.

Thurs., July 11

Regular drill. We have fired a gun every half hour on account of the Governor's death. (Which occurred on July 5. ?)

Fri., July 12

Regular drill. We hear of several small battles, but can't get the details.

Sat., July 13

Drill before noon; in the evening we went to the creek to wash. Two companies arrived from the eastern part of the State.

Sun., July 14

Was detailed as sentinel at 8 A. M. No news. Had preaching at our camp by Rev. Cozy (?), of Warrenton.

Mon., July 15

Relieved from duty at 8 A. M. Regular drill. I rested today and went to town.

Tues., July 16

We drilled in manual exercise today. Has been a very wet day. No news of importance. Postponed dress parade.

Wed., July 17

Regular drill. Rained before noon. A fine company arrived this morning from New Hanover County.

Thurs., July 18

Regular drill. Two companies received uniforms today. No news from headquarters. Dress parade as usual.

Fri., July 19

Regular drill. Two companies received arms. We began drilling in the battalion.

Sat., July 20

Paper reports a battle at Manassas Gap, 10,000 Federals against our 7,000. We received our cartridge boxes and were entered into regular service.

Sun., July 21

Some more companies received their arms and cartridge boxes today.

Mon., July 22

Relieved from duty at 8 A. M. Went over and heard some band music. Very wet day. Papers reported a tremendous battle at Manassas Junction, between 10,000 Federals and 5,000 Confederates. Our men drove them back to _____, and captured their _____ (Parts of this sentence missing. ---FPO)

Tues., July 23

Very wet and cloudy morning. Received two letters from home today. Received our "bounty" money.

Wed., July 24

Received our money "for drilling". At Wilkesboro we got \$8.

Thurs., July 25

Regular drill. Held an election today for nomination of clerks in Wilkes County. Fine dress parade in the evening, and the first music from our band.

Fri., July 26

Firing, when it was known we were to start soon for Virginia. Had a tremendous hailstorm today. We drew caps.

Sat., July 27

Left Warrenton this morning for a new home. I was detailed to do guard duty. On the way father and Harvey Pennel overtook me. We went on to Petersburg, Va., had supper and remained over night.

Sun., July 28

Leaving Petersburg at 3 P. M., we reached Richmond at 8 P. M. and pitched camp near the depot. It was reported this evening that our troops had captured a Yankee regiment at Manassas Junction. They brought them to Richmond.

Mon., July 29

No drill today. Are making preparations to leave here tomorrow. No news from H. Q. (Headquarters.)

Tues., July 30

Visited the wharf and Capitol this morning, and saw General ----- (Washington) on his horse. It is a beautiful thing. News came that Scott (General Winfield Scott, I suppose. --FPC) was dead.

Wed., July 31

Regular drill. No news from Headquarters. It is reported that we will leave here tomorrow.

Thurs., Aug. 1

Moved camp about three miles and put up our tents in a light rain.

Fri., Aug. 2

Regular drill; no news. Lost half a day's drill. Was asleep when the boys went out.

Aug., Sat. 3

Regular drill. A very warm day. Eight of our men were detailed to guard prisoners in Richmond. No news.

Sun., Aug. 4

No news today. Wrote two letters: one to "A. E. R." and one to "M. J. L." Am on guard duty.

Mon., Aug. 5

Rested today: went to town and down to the wharf. We intended to leave here today, but did not go.

Tues., Aug. 6

Regular drill. Very warm day. A load of watermelons came to camp. new regulations in our messes.

Wed., Aug. 7

Regular drill. volunteers have been coming in all day. The 12th North Carolina Regiment, containing a Caldwell County company, arrived today.

Thurs., Aug. 8

Regular drill. I went to the intrenchments. no news from H. Q.

Fri., Aug. 9

Was detailed as sentinel this morning. has been a very warm day. Had a little "sham" this afternoon. no news from headquarters.

Sat., Aug. 10

Left Richmond about 3 P. M. for "Old" Wilkesboro. Stopped in Weldon till 11 A. M., Sunday.

Sun., Aug. 11

Left for Salisbury this evening.

Mon., Aug. 12

Went to Statesville, and there hires two hacks to carry us home.

Tues., Aug. 13

I went across the river for a few hours.

Wed., Aug. 14

nothing of importance.

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Wed., Aug. 15

Stayed at home all day. The regiment left Richmond.

Thurs., Aug. 16

Went to town in the evening. Two ladies and one gentleman came to our house to stay two nights.

Fri., Aug. 17

The people of Wilkes County met for the purpose of getting volunteers. A very wet day.

Sat., Aug., 18

Stayed at home all day. Still very wet.

Sun., Aug. 19

We started back to our company today. Harvey Pennell took us to Statesville in a carriage. Taking a train there, we went to Salisbury and spent the night.

Mon., Aug. 20

Went to Petersburg, had supper and stayed all night there.

Tues., Aug. 21

Went to Richmond, stayed there till 5 P. M.; reached Fredericksburg by train at 10 P. M. in the night. Reached camp that night.

Wed., Aug. 22

I rested today. Had a tremendously heavy rain storm in the evening.

Thurs., Aug. 23

Had a regular inspection of arms and knapsacks today. Mr. Hartshog and John Martin left our camp today. In the evening we heard the company firing down on the river.

Fri., Aug. 24

Was excused from drill by the sergeant on account of sickness. Was sick all the day.

Sat., Aug. 25

Was on guard duty today. Rev. Spainhour preached in camp today. A man dies in camp from relapse on measles.

Mon., Aug. 26

Was relieved at 8 A. M. Went to the Potomac and stayed till 4 o'clock P. M.

Tues., Aug. 27

Regular drill in the battalion. Vary cloudy day; hard rain in the evening. No news.

Wed., Aug. 28

A man by the name of Moran died in Capt. Skinner's company last night. His body was sent home today. The Twelfth North Carolina Regiment passed with about 25 wagons. Alex Coffey stayed here last night. It was a very wet night.

Thurs., Aug. 29

Still raining. No drill. Alex Coffey left here for his regiment. Mr. Spainhour has gone to meet his father

Fri., Aug. 30

Was detailed to guard ammunition supply and General Holme's Headquarters. Mr. Spainhour met his father in Fredericksburg and returned. Companies of Generals Foot and Scott arrived. Man in Captain Skinner's company died last night from relapse on measles.

Sat., Aug. 31

Was at Liberty today. Went two or three miles into the country to get some fruit. Got a few peaches.

Sun., Sept. 1

Was a very pleasant day. No news. Mr. Purifoy preached in camp and 2 P. M. and 4 P. M.

Mon., Sept. 2

Pleasant day. No news. Regular battalion drill.

Tues., Sept. 3

Spent half the day constructing seats for prayer-meeting tonight.

Wed., Sept. 4

We did a skirmish drill this morning; in the evening manual exercise with our guns.

Thurs., Sept. 5

Wet and gloomy day. No drill.

Fri., Sept. 6

Stood on sentinel duty today. Three of our company were detailed to guard some cannons to Ivinsport. Three very long cannons passed here, drawn by 20 oxen.

Sat., Sept. 7

Had a general cleaning-up this morning, then we all went to the creek to wash for inspection. After the bath, two of the boys and I went to a peach orchard.

Sun., Sept. 8

Had orders to cook rations for dinner. We then went to the Potomac to do manual exercise in the cannon drill. Returned to camp late.

Mon., Sept. 9

Went to the Potomac again and drilled in the cannon manual. Judson got a letter from Sister Matt, and Larkin wrote a letter home.

Tues., Sept. 10

Began battery drill. Companies returned from Ivinsport.

Wed., Sept. 11

Regular cannon drill. Light shower. No news.

Thurs., Sept. 12

Musket drill. Pleasant day. Wrote a letter to my mother.

Fri., Sept. 13

We did skirmish drill all day. I am cook on account of our other boys being sick.

Sat., Sept. 14

Was detailed to guard the Commissary Department. Went to the creek in the evening and had a bath. Boys are repairing cannon wagons. The Arkansas Regiment returned to Ivinsport.

Sun., Sept. 15

We were roused from sleep about 4 A. M. and started for Aquia Creek. Arrived there at daybreak.

Mon., Sept. 16

Worked very hard all day on the battery at Aquia Creek. No News, except the report of a recent battle in West Virginia. No details.

Tues., Sept. 17

Worked on the battery in the evening. Had a fine shower.

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Wed., Sept. 18

I helped haul tufts of sod to put on the fortifications.

Thurs., Sept. 19

Stood on guard four hours this morning. I have heard cannons firing all day.

Fri., Sept. 20

I rested from guard duty yesterday. Hearing firing up-river. Firing continues.

Sat., Sept. 21

Regular work on the fortifications. no news from the firing. Heavy rain in the evening.

Sun., Sept. 22

Worked on the fort today. first time I ever worked at any trade on Sunday.

Mon., Sept. 23

Stood on guard four hours this morning. I rested in the evening. We fired three cannon shots at a vessel this morning. no damage.

Tues., Sept. 24

Regular work on the fort today. no news from the firing. We exchanged a few shots with a vessel this evening. they fired fourteen shots, but could not reach us. no damage was done.

Wed., Sept. 25

We moved some bomb shells from one magazine to another. Then we inspected the magazine. Our band came down on the train this evening.

Thurs., Sept. 26

Stood on guard today. band returned to their camp this evening. it is reported that the regiment is ordered away.

Fri., Sept. 27

Rained most of the day; the wind rolled the waves of the Potomac up to a height of six feet. Went for chinkapins and grapes in the evening -- and got wet.

Sat., Sept. 28

I drew a knife today. Received a letter from "A. E." Some of the boys helped to procure a flag-pole today.

Sun., Sept. 29

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visited the regiment to see Larkin. he has flux. A crew of the company went to Ivinsport.

Mon., Sept. 30

Stood on guard today. no news. A company from the third N. J. regiment came to stay with us a while.

Tues., Oct. 1

Went up to Camp B to see Larkin. He believes he had better go to Fredericksburg this evening, where he would have better attention.

Wed., Oct. 2

I have not been well to-day, and was excused from guard duty for the first time since I have been in camp. We fired five shots at a steamer this morning.

Thurs., Oct 3

Fell sick today at about 2 o'clock P. M. and suffered all evening with a bad headache.

Fri., Oct. 4

I hear that the Yankees are landing troops about five miles above Ivinsport today, and that our regiment and those in the neighborhood are ordered away. We raised our flag-pole today.

Sat., Oct. 5

Took a severe chill at about 12 o'clock, which was followed in a hour by an awful headache.

Sun., Oct. 6

Received a letter from home today, and sent part of it to Judson at Ivinsport. I have not been out of the house fifteen minutes today.

Mon., Oct 7

I hear that Stephen Johnson came to the regiment and will be here today. It rained very hard.

Tues., Oct. 8

Hard rain last night. Mr. Johnson was here today and gave us the news from home. They were all very well.

Wed., Oct. 9

Was a very cool day. Mr. Johnson left for home.

Thurs., Oct. 10

It is cloudy, drizzly and wet today. I finished reading the New Testament today and started on the Bible.

Fri., Oct. 11

Have been unwell today. Had a light chill. R. A. Spainhour went to Fredericksburg.

Sat., Oct. 12

E. G. Gray, Newton Martin and H. Micherson came to our camp last night. Capt. Brown came from Richmond last night. No news.

Sun., Oct. 13

Very pleasant day, but windy.

Mon., Oct. 14

No news of importance. Was a very pleasant day.

Tues., Oct. 15

They "opened" on a large steamer at Ivinsport. No other news.

Wed., Oct. 16

I sent a letter home today by B. C. Gilbreath (or Gilscoath?) Our boxes of clothing arrived also.

Thurs., Oct. 17

Our boys returned from Ivinsport last night.

Thurs., Oct. 18 (continued)

J. A. Spainhour died at 12 o'clock today. His body will be taken home tomorrow. Larkin is going along with it, too.

Sat., Oct. 19

Larkin and H. A. Spainhour, with the dead body of J. A. Spainhour, started for home today.

Sun., Oct. 20

Stood on guard this morning for the first time in about two weeks.

Mon., Oct. 21

No news of importance. I went for some grapes in the evening.

Tues., Oct. 21

No news. Very cool day. Heavy firing from down the Potomac River.

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Tues., Oct. 22

Very wet day. No news of importance.

Wed., Oct. 23

The Stage (Y) went from Game Point to Ivensport. I was detailed to stand on guard.

Thurs., Oct. 24

We received a suit of clothes each today, coat and a pair of pants.

Fri., Oct. 25

It is reported that all the regiments about here are ordered away. No details.

Sat., Oct. 26

I was detailed to stand on guard, but did not stand more than two hours on account of chills.

Sun., Oct. 27

May Gordon came to see us today.

Mon., Oct. 28

I had a severe chill today.

Tues., Oct. 29

Cheeks, who belonged to our company, died this morning.

Wed., Oct. 30

I have been unwell today. No news of importance.

Thurs., Oct. 31

Nothing important. Last day of the month.
(Was a very cool day. It rained in the evening. -- See below)

Fri., Nov. 1

Was a very cool day. It rained in the evening.

Sat., Nov. 2

It rained hard all day. The river is very high. We fired twice at a passing Yankee vessel.

Sun., Nov. 3

Mr. Gray preached in camp at 4 o'clock P. M.

Mon., Nov. 4

I walked out from camp about a quarter of a mile.

Tues., Nov. 5

We had a short musket drill.

Wed., Nov. 6

I stood on guard. It was a very cold day.

Thurs., Nov. 7

The soldiers received thirty-three dollars.

Fri., Nov. 8

We paid our cook his wages up to the 1st of November.

Sat., Nov. 9

It was a very wet day. I served on guard duty.

Sun., Nov. 10

I went to husk some grapes today.

Mon., Nov. 11

I went to the Commissary to get rations.

Tues., Nov. 12

I was sick today with a attack of colic.

Wed., Nov. 13

I was detailed to stand on guard. R. A. Spainhour returned to camp last night.

Thurs., Nov. 14

We made preparations to build cabins. It rained in the evening.

Fri., Nov. 15

Father, Harvey Pennel and Gilbreath came to camp this evening.

Sat., Nov. 16

Larkin arrived with our boxes.

Sun., Nov. 17

We walked about inspecting the fortifications, and visited the regiment.

Mon., Nov. 18

I spend the day with the regiment.

Tues., Nov. 19

We went to see the artillery company.

Wed., Nov. 20

Father started back home. I went to Fredericksburg with him, and returned to camp the same day.

Thurs., Nov. 21

We worked on our houses. Judson went to the Capital.

Fri., Nov. 22

We worked on our cabins today.

Sat., Nov. 23

It was a very cold. No news of importance.

Sun., Nov. 24

I cut house-logs today. (Sat. and Sun. should be reversed. --FPG)

Mon., Nov. 25

I did guard duty today. Had a deep snow last night. We received a large cannon today.

Tues., Nov. 26

Was a very cold day. Larkin went to Fredericksburg to see Judson.

Wed., Nov. 27

Wednesday was a very cold, wet day.

Thurs., Nov. 28

It rained in the evening.

Fri., Nov. 29

I stood on guard today. The rest worked on the houses.

Sat., Nov. 30

We worked on our houses today. Was on guard duty last night -- the darkest night I ever saw.

Sun., Nov. 31

Left camp today to hunt for some grapes. Received a letter from home.

Mon., Dec. 1

We worked on our houses. Commenced snowing in the evening.

Tues., Dec. 2 or 3

I was on guard duty today. It was the coldest day we have had.

Wed., Dec. 4

We worked on our houses today.

Thurs., Dec. 5

Orderly Gilbert died at Fredericksburg, at 6 o'clock, from the effects of a fall. He jumped from the train at the Fredericksburg Bridge.

Fri., Dec. 6

We worked on our houses today.

Sat., Dec. 7

I was on guard duty this morning. L. Gilbreth started home this morning with his brothers.

Sun., Dec. 8

We worked on the guns part of the day. No news of importance.

Mon., Dec. 9

No news. We worked on our houses.

Tues., Dec. 10

We worked on our houses.

Wed., Dec. 11

Worked on our houses. Last night it was reported that the Yankees were landing, and we were all roused out with our guns.

Thurs., Dec. 12

We finished our houses today.

Fri., Dec. 13

We worked at our gun, trying to mount it.

Sat., Dec. 14

We mounted our gun. I was on guard duty today.

Sun., Dec. 15

Heavy firing at Ivensport today. I was on guard duty today.

Mon., Dec. 16

I was sick nearly all day.

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Tues., Dec. 17

I was put on the sick list. Capt. Brown started home this morning.

Wed., Dec. 18

I went to the Commissary with me. Spainhour to get beef.

Thurs., Dec. 19

H. S. Vanoy and Martin Hatham started home this evening.

Fri., Dec. 20

I was on guard today.

Sat., Dec. 21

Two or three of the boys started home today.

Sun. Dec. 22

I was detailed to haul some water from across the creek today. J. C. Shores started home today.

Mon., Dec. 23

I was on guard duty today. I wrote a letter home.

Tues., Dec. 24

M. A. Spainhour went to the hospital. Larkin went with him. The boys are preparing for Christmas.

Wed., Dec. 25

This is Christmas Day. M. C. Martin and W. M. Hatham went to the hospital. We drilled some on Christmas Day.

Thurs., Dec. 26

I was detailed to haul water, and at night stood on guard duty.

Fri., Dec., 27

Very nice day. Larkin went to Fredericksburg.

Sat., Dec. 28

Cold day. Last night was the coldest night we have had yet.

Sun., Dec. 29

One of our boys went home. Twice three went to the hospital.

Mon., Dec. 30

Was on guard duty today. J. M. Edwards died at the hospital.

Tues., Dec. 31

I went up to General Walker's headquarters to get a furlough signed for George Wilkerson. He left here for home this evening.

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(NOTE: The following poems, extracts, etc. are transcribed from the first book of the Diary of Finley Patterson Juttis. — RPO.)

TO MY BROTHER FINLEY:

Thou art going, brother Dear,
To fight the battles of our Country;
But we will stay, brother Dear,
And pray that God may help you;
Pray in our every prayer
That He may shield thee from all care,
Guard thy every footstep,
Keep thee thru each hour,
And send thee safely back some future day,
To greet thy proud mother
And kind sisters, too, who love thee
So dearly, devotedly and true.

How wilt thou deign to hear
This fondest prayer of mine?
And read your Bible closely, dear,
The will of God to find
Then go, brother Dear!
And go in God's name!
Trust in Him, thy only Shield,
While thou art on the battlefield.

But O, forget not thy sister,
When thou art far away;
Think of her on every eve,
And do thou for her pray.

Goodbye!

Your devoted sister

"Julia"

TO MY DEAR BROTHER FINLEY (May 26, 1861):

Alas! things tell me we must part!
Altho it strikes my very heart,
I hope you'll fight with a conscience clear,
And then return, my brother Dear!

Think of those whom you leave behind!
Think of your friends who are so kind!
Think of your parents and sisters, too!
But think of God, whatever you do!

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Remember me when far away!
Remember me on every day!
Remember me as a sister true!

Sincerely and devotedly,

Your Sister,

AA-Carrie Curtis.

TO MY BROTHER:

Remember he^r thou leavest behind,
Whose heart is warmly bound to thee,
Close as the tenderest link can bind--
A heart as warm as warm can be.

Your True Sister,

"Mattie".

This is my journal from the first day of June, 1861, to the first day of January, 1862, during the time I was in the service, you will see, as I have filled this small book. I will commence another for the year 1862.

--Finley Patterson Curtis.

Things I have drawn from The Confederate States:

I cap and 1 pr. pants	Warrenton, M. C.	July 26, 1861
I coat and 1 pr. pants	Virginia	Oct. 26, 1861
I blanket	('61)	Nov. 9, 1861
I pr. drawers		Nov. 10, 1861
I overcoat at \$10.50		Dec. 2, 1861

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