

Jan. 22 to 31

(NOTE: No entries in the diary for these dates. — R.P.C.)

Feb., Sat. 1

I was not very well today. A schooner crossed over the Potomac the other night. We unloaded it today -- tools, etc.

Sun., Feb. 2

It was a very pretty day. Mr. Webb and Mr. Spainhour went down to the creek.

Mon., Feb. 3

We had a very heavy snowstorm today.

Tues., Feb. 4

Was a very pretty day. I wrote a letter.

Wed., Feb. 5

I stood on guard. It was a very pleasant day. John Martin went down to the creek.

Thurs., Feb. 6

It was a cool, wet day. Mouchalle went to the regiment.

Fri., Feb. 7

It was a very pleasant day. No news of importance.

Sat., Feb. 8

It was a cool, rainy and snowy day.

Sun., Feb. 9

Very pretty day. Fired at a vessel in the morning.

Mon., Feb. 10

I stood on guard this day. Fired at a vessel in the evening.

Tues., Feb. 11

Was a cool, cloudy day.

Wed., Feb. 12

Was a very pretty day.

Thurs., Feb. 13

Very nice day. I went up the creek for a load of wood.

Fri., Feb. 14

Was a cool, cloudy day. I helped a man load some hides.

Sat., Feb. 15

I stood on guard today. Snow fell six inches deep.

Sun., Feb. 16

Was a very pretty day. The snow melted very little.

Mon., Feb. 17

Was a very wet and cold day.

Tues., Feb. 18

Was a damp, cloudy day. I went after beef for our mess.

Wed., Feb. 19

Was a very wet day. no news of importance.

Thurs., Feb. 20

Judson, Woodruff and A. Menden (or Menden) returned from home.

Fri., Feb., 21

Cold, cloudy day. Judson went to Acquia Creek.

Sat., Feb. 22

Very wet day. The president was inaugurated (Pres. Davis.)

Sun., Feb. 23

I helped haul sod to fix the fortifications.

Mon., Feb. 24

Heavy windstorm at the mouth of Acquia Creek.

Tues., Feb. 25

Was a beautiful, warm day. I was on the sick list.

Wed., Feb. 26

Pleasant morning. It rained in the evening.

Thurs., Feb. 27

Cold, windy day. I was not very well.

Fri., Feb. 28

Was a very cold, blustery day.

Sat., march 1

Was a very pretty day. Some of the boys are working on the fort.

Sun., march 2

Had rain, hail and snow today; very disagreeable. I stood on guard.

Mon., march 3

Another damp, drizzly day.

Tues., march 4

Was a very pretty day. Some of the boys are working on the fort.

Wed., march 5

Cool and cloudy. We exchanged a few shots with a Yankee vessel.

Thurs., march 6

I stood on guard. Cold, cloudy day, with some snow.

Fri., march 7

A cold, windy day.

Sat., march 8

A beautiful day. I helped haul wood.

Sun., march 9

Nice warm day. Some of the boys helped haul wood.

Mon., march 10

Orders came to evacuate Game Point. We worked all day and night dismounting our cannons, which we sent away, and transferring all our things to the regiment.

Tues., march 11

It was a beautiful day. We worked at Game Point, removing our belongings to Fredericksburg.

Wed., march 12

Another beautiful day. Packed and sent out things away, and removed the cannons from no. 1 and no. 2 batteries.

Thurs., march 13

Very pretty day. We left Game Point and went to the regiment.

Fri., March 14

We drilled with the battalion, knapsacks on. We were ordered to be in readiness for the march in a moment's notice.

Sat., March 15

Was a very wet day. no battalion drill. It is reported that the Yankees are landing at Avenport very rapidly.

Sun., March 16

Very wet day. I stood on guard. We had inspection.

Mon., March 17

Very pleasant in the evening. We were ordered to march.. We broke camp and marched to Cross Roads, and camped one mile from the creek.

Tues., March 18

no drill. Pretty day. We moved camp to Cross Roads.

Wed., March 19

It was a cool day. no drill. I was detailed to cook. I was sure from the march.

Thurs., March 20

Was a very wet day. did not drill on account of the rain.

Fri., March 21

A cool, cloudy day, with some rain.

Sat., March 22

We were ordered to prepare for the march. We sent our things ahead this evening.

Sun., March 23

Started on our way to North Carolina. marched as far as Fredericksburg.

Mon., March 24

Left Fredericksburg at 12 o'clock on the train and traveled all night.

Tues., March 25

At daylight we were between Petersburg and Weldon. Traveled all day and half the night. Reached Goldsboro, N. C., about 2 o'clock in the night, disembarked, pitched out our equipment, and slept on the ground without tents or anything.

Wed., March 26

It was a very wet day. We had it all to take without tents or shelter of any kind.

Thurs., March 27

We moved our camp about two miles on the other side of town.

Fri., March 28

Very warm, pretty day. We sent our trunk of clothes home today. D. D. Coffey took it for us.

Sat., March 29

It was a very cool day and rained some in the evening. We received our tents, put them up and swept off the camp-yard.

Sun., March 30

It was a cool, cloudy day. I was detailed to go to Woldsboro to help unload some Enfield rifles.

Mon., March 31 (31)

It was a very warm day. Larkin started to Fredricksburg after the boxes left there.

Tues., April 1

It was a very pretty day. General Walker's brigade was on general review today-- five regiments and a company of artillery.

Wed., April 2

It was a cool, pleasant day. Capt. Brown took the company out to the Duce River in the evening.

Thurs., April 3

Very pretty day. We did the bayonette drill.

Fri., April 4

It was a warm day. Regular drill, six hours a day.

Sat., April 5

It was a very pretty day. We had no drill.

Sun., April 6

It was a very pretty day. Col. Gordon and Mr. Wilson came to our camp today.

Mon., April 7

Was a wet day. no drill. We got our boxes from Virginia today.

Tues., April 8

It was a very pleasant day. Drilled in the battalion in the evening.

Wed., April 9

Was a very cold, rainy day. I stood on guard and had a very rough time of it.

Thurs., April 10

Was a very cold, windy day. We drilled in the battalion today.

Fri., April 11

Was a very pleasant day. We moved camp about four miles from Goldsboro, on the Kingston Pike.

Sat., April 12

It was a very pretty day. We cleaned up our camp.

Sun., April 13

A very pretty day. It was a very dull day. No preaching in camp.

Mon., April 14

Was a very warm day. Regular drill in the battalion.

Tues., April 15

Another warm day. I did not drill today; had sick-headache.

Wed., April 16

Was a very pleasant day. A company of cavalry came from Raleigh.

Thurs., April 17

Was a very pleasant day. No drill in the battalion.

Fri., April 18

Another pleasant day. No drill in the battalion.

Sat., April 19

Was very warm. No drill. We assigned the parole.

Sun., April 20

This is Easter Sunday, and very warm. May Parks came to our camp; James Eller also. Received a letter from home. Mitchell brought it. It rained some in the evening.

Mon., April 21

Had a considerable storm today. May Hackett came to camp. We drew \$22 today; Captain Brown \$22.

Tues., April 22

Cold, windy day with some rain... We received new Enfield Rifles today. May Hackett departed.

Wed., April 23

Drilled with rifles before noon. In the evening Colonel Hanson put us thru the battalion drill.

Thurs., April 24

Our regiment escorted the body of Colonel Davis, of the Second N. C. Regiment of Cavalry, to the grave at Goldsboro. Had a nice time.

Fri., April 25

A very warm day. We had regimental inspection.

Sat., April 26

It was a cold, wet day. We had no drill.

Sun., April 27

Cool, cloudy day. Col. Miller and E. Foster visited our camp today. No other news of importance.

Mon., April 28

Was a very warm day. Judson was sick and went to a private house. Colonel Barber visited our camp today.

Tues., April 29

Was a very warm day. Colonel Miller departed for Raleigh. I sent \$55 home by him.

Wed., April 30

We had inspection in the morning. Battalion drill in the evening.

Thurs., May 1

It was a cool, cloudy day, with some rain. W. S. Vandy started home today. Some of the boys went to Kingston.

Fri., May 2

Very warm, pretty day. I stood on guard. The regiment marched out about two miles.

Sat., May 3

very warm day. I went out about two miles to see Judson.

Sun., May 4

Was a cloudy day, with some rain. The Colonel returned from home. (That will have been Colonel M. A. Brown. --RPU)

Mon., May 5

very warm day, with some rain in the evening. J. N. W. Martin returned from home.

Tues., May 6

very pleasant day. We drilled in the battalion twice.

Wed., May 7

very pleasant day. I did not drill in the evening on account of having headache.

Thurs., May 8

very pleasant day. Regular drill in the battalion. no news.

Fri., May 9

Regular drill. Judson started home. Colonel Gordon came to our camp today.

Sat., May 10

no drill. Rested today. Heard some good news about the fighting.

Sun., May 11

very warm day. I was not well, we had preaching in camp by our new chaplain, Rev. Howell.

Mon., May 12

Was a beautiful day. We had regular drill in the battalion.

Tues., May 13

Was a very pleasant day. We had a general review. no news.

Wed., May 14

Was a very warm day, with rain in the evening. We drew shoes and jackets.

Thurs., May 15

Was a cloudy day, with some rain. Drilled once in the battalion. no news of importance.

Fri., May 16

this is the day set aside by the President for observance of Fast Day. I went to Goldsboro in the evening. very wet evening.

Sat., May 17

it was a very warm day. We had no drill.

Sun., May 18

it was a very pretty day. We had inspection.

Mon., May 19

I stood on guard. We had a thunderstorm in the evening.

Tues., May 20

it was a very warm day. The old guard had to police the encampment. heavy thunderstorm in the evening.

Wed., May 21

this is my birthday. I did not drill, for I was not well. It was a very warm day. (My father was 20 years old on this day. -- R.P.C.)

Thurs., May 22

Was a very warm day. We had two heavy rains. n. S. Vanoy came to our camp.

Fri., May 23

very warm day. Regular drill in the battalion. no news.

Sat., May 24

Cool, cloudy day. no drill. We rested.

Sun., May 25

Another cool, cloudy day. We had company inspection. All made preparation in the evening to march at five o'clock in the morning.

Mon., May 26

We left camp McIntosh about ten o'clock on our way to Virginia. Went to Goldsboro, got on the train and rolled on to Virginia. We reached Weldon at night, disembarked and pitched camp in the rain.

Tues., May 27

We left Weldon very early -- it was still pouring rain -- some of us in box cars, others on top of flat cars, in the rain. We reached Petersburg about 12 o'clock, marched about half a mile, and pitched camp in the rain. By this time night had fallen.

Wed., May 28

We spent the morning in building bunks and drying our blankets. We had just fixed everything comfortably, when orders came to return to Weldon. We "struck" tents and had everything transported to Petersburg. The regiment marched down and boarded the train, when, once more, in the very act of leaving, the order was countermanded, and we had to go back to our old camp. So we did not get our tents till late in the night.

Thurs., May 29

Was a very pretty day. We drilled in the company, and reconstructed our beds. No news of importance.

Fri., May 30

We drilled in the battalion. Orders to march came about 5 o'clock in the evening. Ready for the march with knapsacks, tents, etc. all packed, a heavy rain came up and we did not go.

Sat., May 31

Very pleasant day. No drill. Tremendous rain fell about dark. The Appomattox river was very full. No news of importance.

Sun., June 1

It was a very disagreeable, rainy morning. We started for Richmond at 5 o'clock A. M., but was detained at the depot for sometime on account of review, about 12 o'clock. We rested a while and started on the march toward the battlefield. Turned very warm. We marched within a mile of the field, where we found President Davis, General Lee and other officials. We arrived on the field just as the engagement was closing. After encamping about three hours, we retired three miles to where we had left our knapsacks, and there bivouaced.

Mon., June 2

We broke camp at about 11 o'clock A. M., marched about two miles toward the battlefield, halted in a pine grove and awaited orders.

Tues., June 3

During the day we moved our camp across the road into a thicket of small oaks, where we again built beds of brush and also slept without our knapsacks. A heavy rain wet us thoroughly.

Wed., June 4

At 6 o'clock A. M. we started on picket duty -- rain pouring, mud from six to eighteen inches deep. This was indeed a severe test, many of us having not eaten breakfast. Finally -- rain still pouring! -- we reached the line, where we were deployed. Water stood on the ground from six to twenty-five inches deep. All of us were perfectly wet and covered with mud. After arranging the line properly, a part of the company was relieved and sent to an old house for a few hours, after

which, being rested, we relieved the other part on duty. And so on thru the day, till night, when we were all on post.

Thurs., June 5

This day finds us, as might be expected, wet to the skin and weary with fatigue. We were relieved at the usual, when we returned to our place of abode.

Fri., June 6

We went for our knapsacks, and were thus made more comfortable. No news of importance. We hear cannonading occasionally.

Sat., June 7

Marched to within a mile of Richmond, where we met our tents, camp equipage, etc. on the way.

Sun., June 8

This is a day of rest. We had preaching in camp at sunset by the Chaplain.

Mon., June 9

We were ordered back on picket duty today. There is firing at night between the pickets. Having had a severe chill on Friday before, I was unable to perform duty. There is much complaint of flux, etc. by the the boys in camp.

Tues., June 10

No news of importance. It was a very wet day.

Wed., June 11

It was a very pretty day. The company rested. We hear very little firing going on.

Thurs., June 12

Everything is quiet today. No news of importance.

Fri., June 13

Very warm today. No news of importance abroad.

Sat., June 14

It is another very warm day. The regiment went down toward the lines. Mason and W. E. Craner returned to camp.

Sun., June 15

Warm day. The regiment skirmished with the Indians today, and we lost four men out of our company -- all this in a very hard rain.

Mon., June 16

It was a very pleasant day. I went down to the regiment in the morning, but everything was quiet. Some of the boys fired at few shots at the tanks.

Tues., June 17

We returned to our tents to rest a few days. Reached camp late in the evening. Colonel Gordon was there today.

Wed., June 18

It was a very warm day. I went to the creek and went in swimming.

Thurs., June 19

Another very warm day. We drilled in the battalion in the morning.

Fri., June 20

Drilled in the morning. In the evening we marched toward the battlefield.

Sat., June 21

In the morning we drilled in the battalion. In the evening the Yankees advanced on our pickets and we double-quickened to their assistance.

Sun., June 22

We layed within a mile and half of the lines.

Mon., June 23

We went back to our tents.

Tues., June 24

I was not well today. Had a very bad headache.

Wed., June 25

We moved our camp two miles nearer the lines.

Thurs., June 26

The great battle of Richmond commenced. (NOTE: he means the Seven Days' battles Around Richmond. --RPG.) Our regiment charged a battery that evening with considerable loss. All the field officers were killed or wounded. J. C. Webb of our company was killed; James Walker of our company was wounded. (NOTE: This was the battle of Mechanicsville. --RPG.)

Fri., June 27

Brother Judson was shot thru the arm at Wains' mill. The regiment is still in pursuit of the Yankees.

Sat. 28 to Mon. 30, June

Our forces are still pursuing the enemy.

Tues., July 1

This was the last day of the fight. (NOTE: He means the battle of Malvern Hill. *-FOG.) Our regiment lost heavily. Three men from our company were killed: J. E. Hendren, T. Harley and A. Walsh. Several men were wounded.

Wed., July 2

Another Judson reached our camp. No news of interest.

Thurs., July 3

Judson got a furlough home.

Fri., July 4

Brother Judson started home today. No news.

Sat., July 5

No news of importance.

Sun., July 6

No news of importance.

Mon., July 7

The regiment returned to camp today.

Tues., July 8

No news of importance.

Wed., July 9

We moved our camp one mile nearer the lines.

Thurs., July 10

No news of importance.

Fri. 11 to Sun. 13

No news of importance.

Tues. 13 to Thurs. 29

No news of importance.

Fri., July 30

I went to the Winder Hospital, where I remained for several days.

Sat., July 31

no news of importance.

NOTE: I was taken sick on the 24th day of June, 1862, and layed in camp three or four weeks with typhoid fever. On the 31st day of July, I was carried to the Winder hospital, at Richmond, where I remained for fourteen days. Then my father came after me and I went back home with him, and stayed until September 22.

Sun., Aug. 1 to Wed. 4

Nothing of importance has happened.

Thurs., Aug. 5

Father arrived in Richmond about three o'clock in the evening.

Fri., Aug 6

He visited the Hospital and found me very sick. He visited the camp and returned to me in the evening.

Sat., Aug. 7

Father visited the regiment again today.

Sun., Aug. 8

Father, brother Larkin and John Pennel visited the hospital (in the morning.) They left in the evening.

Mon., Aug. 9

It was a very warm day. Father was at the regiment. J. C. Spaulding died of fever.

Tues., Aug. 10

Father went out to the battlefield. We had a nice shower of rain in the evening.

Wed., Aug. 11

Father had my furlough signed and came with brother Larkin to the hospital.

Thurs., Aug 12

En route for home: Left Richmond at 3 o'clock P. M.

Fri., Aug. 13

We travelled from Raleigh to Salisbury.

Sat., Aug. 14

Travelled from Salisbury to Statesville, and from there home at

by carriage at about 8 o'clock P. M.

Sun., Aug. 15

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Weds., Sept. 22

I have had the pleasure of enjoying a very fine visit home. I remained at home till September 22nd.

Thurs., Sept. 22

I left home about three o'clock. Reached Wagle's.

Fri., Sept. 23

I got to Statesville. Left Statesville at about 4 P. M. and reached Salisbury about dark. I got transportation and left for Raleigh.

Sat., Sept. 24

I traveled the road from Raleigh to Richmond, which I reached about dark, and spent the night at the Winder hospital.

Sun., Sept. 25

I left Richmond in search of the regiment. Reached Staunton at about 11 o'clock at night.

Mon., Sept. 26

Here I found the regiment. We layed over, drew rations and got ready to march the next day.

Tues., Sept. 27

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Wed., Oct. 2

On the march from Staunton to Winchester.

Thurs., Oct. 3

I reached my company about 10 o'clock. I found it located about ten miles on the other side of Winchester.

Fri., Oct. 4

I rested my very sore feet today.

Sat., Oct. 5

We had preaching in camp today.

Sun., Oct. 6

No news of great importance.

Tues., Oct. 7

We signed the payroll for \$22. I drilled today for the first time in several weeks.

Wed., Oct. 8

We moved camp two miles west of the old one.

Thurs., Oct. 9

It was a very pretty day. I was detailed to stand on guard duty.

Fri., Oct. 10

It was a cloudy day, with some rain in the evening. I found some nice grapes.

Sat., Oct. 11

It was a cool, cloudy day. We had no drill.

Sun., Oct. 12

Another cool, cloudy day, with some rain in the evening. I went out of camp today and got some apples.

Mon., Oct. 13

It was a very cloudy, drizzly day. No drill. Received \$22 today for the month of May and June. John Blaylock returned to camp from Richmond.

Tues., Oct. 14

Another cloudy day, but no rain. We drilled in the company.

Wed., Oct. 15

Very pretty, warm day. No news of importance.

Thurs., Oct. 16

General Mill's Division was on general review today, from eight to twelve o'clock. I stood on guard six hours this evening. We had a thunderstorm tonight.

Fri., Oct. 17

Orders came to march. We struck tents, cooked two days' rations, and the order was countermanded.

Sat., Oct. 18

We remained ready to march at a moment's notice.

Sun., Oct. 19

We put up our tents again with the expectation of remaining at the

same place longer. It was a cool, windy day.

Mon., Oct. 20

Another cool, windy day. R. F. Eller returned to the company from Muguamate Springs.

Tues., Oct. 21

We drilled in the battalion today.

Wed., Oct. 22

A very cool, windy day. We received a box of clothing in the evening -- pants, slips, shirts and socks.

Thurs., Oct. 23

We drilled in the battalion in the evening.

Fri., Oct. 24

I stood on guard duty eight hours. Very pleasant, but cold in the evening.

Sat., Oct. 25

Orders came to march. We left camp at daylight, marched near Charlestown to wreck the railroad from Winchester to Harper's Ferry, at which we worked all night.

Sun., Oct. 26

We marched back and put up our ~~extra~~ flies; it rained all day. (NOTE: "flies" were extra tent-covers. --FPC.)

Mon., Oct. 27

We rested today. No news of importance.

Tues., Oct. 28

We left camp in the morning (none knew where we were going), marched eight or ten miles and pitched camp at night east of Winchester.

Wed., Oct. 29

We moved camp about two hundred yards and remained there till morning.

Thurs., Oct. 30

We left camp about 8 o'clock in the morning, in the direction of Manassas, marched 12 miles, camped near the Shenandoah River and cooked two days' rations.

Fri., Oct. 31

Left camp at about 7 A. M., waded the Shenandoah River, crossed

the blue ridge at Ashby's Gap, entered the town of Upperville and pitched camp at about 5 o'clock P. M.

Sat., Nov. 1

We are still at Upperville. It was a very pretty day. I saw several prisoners which were captured by Stuart's cavalry.

Sun., Nov. 2

Left camp about 10 o'clock and formed a line of battle a little to the west of Upperville. We remained there about an hour, fell back a mile, and reformed on a little hill overlooking the town. From there we could see the flashes from the cannons. We deployed as skirmishers and remained in line all night. Rather warm engagement.

Mon., Nov. 3

We left our position about daylight, crossed the blue ridge and started up the Shenandoah River en route to Front Royal. Night caught us and we camped within about 9 miles of Front Royal.

Tues., Nov. 4

We broke camp about sun-up and reached Front Royal about 12 o'clock. Cooked two days's rations and stayed till about 3 o'clock in the night.

Wed., Nov. 5

We broke camp about 3 o'clock in the morning, marched about two miles and halted till daybreak. Then we moved on and formed a line of battle a short distance from Front Royal.

Thurs., Nov. 6

We remained here in line all day. At about 7:00 P. M., we left our position, crossed the Shenandoah River, marched one mile and pitched camp.

Fri., Nov. 7

It was a very cold, snowy day. Snow was two or three inches deep at night. We got our fires in the evening, stretched them, and built fires in front of our tents.

Sat., Nov. 8

Was a very cold, cloudy day, with some snow. I was detailed to stand on guard in the evening. We have been laying in camp today. No news of importance.

Sun., Nov. 9

We left our camp two miles from Front Royal at about 10 o'clock, crossed the north prong of the Shenandoah River on logs, reached Strausburg about dark and pitched camp.

Mon., Nov. 10

Breaking camp about daybreak, we turned our course toward Winchester, marched about three or four miles and took up camp. We cooked two days' rations.

Tues., Nov. 11

We left camp about three o'clock in the afternoon and marched toward Front Royal, to wreck the railroad between Front Royal and Strasburg. We waded the Shenandoah River and worked all night at wrecking the railroad.

Wed., Nov. 12

We started back to our old camp early in the morning, waded the river again, and got there about 12 o'clock A. M. We were ordered to cook two days' rations. It clouded and rained in the evening.

Thurs., Nov. 13

It was a very pretty day. We layed in camp. No news of importance. I wrote a letter home today.

Fri., Nov. 14

Very pretty day. We layed in camp. No news of importance.

Sat., Nov. 15

It was another very pleasant day. Whittington and Hagers were exchanged today. Lieutenant Hampton returned to camp, also.

Sun., Nov. 16

Was a very cool, cloudy day. W. H. Proffit returned to camp today. No other news of importance.

Mon., Nov. 17

It was a very cloudy day, with some rain. Drill in the company.

Tues., Nov. 18

It was a very wet day. We drilled before noon.

Wed., Nov. 19

It was a pleasant day. We drilled in the battalion.

Thurs., Nov. 20

Was a very pleasant day. S. J. Gemings and Jessie Taylor returned to camp. They brought my overcoat from home.

Fri., Nov. 21

We left camp about daylight on our way to Staunton. Marched about

20 miles and camped near Woodstock. Colonel Brown, Larkin and I went out to take supper with Mrs. Painter, a distant relative of mine. Judson reached camp, but I was not there.

Sat., Nov. 22

We left camp about sun-up and continued toward Staunton. Marched about 18 miles to New Market on the Culpepper Road, and camped in 2 miles of New Market.

Sun., Nov. 23

Left camp about sun-up in the direction of Gordonsville, marched about 14 miles, crossed the south prong of the Shenandoah River and the Pickett Mountain, at Louray's Gap, and pitched camp near the Blue Ridge.

Mon., Nov. 24

We left our camp near the foot of the mountain, en route across the Blue Ridge. It was eight miles to the top. We wound our way to the summit about 12 o'clock, with raw cowhides ties around our feet, down the other side and on about 18 miles, when we pitched camp.

Tues., Nov. 25

We left camp about sun-up and started in the direction of Gordonsville, crossed the Rapidan River and marched a rapid 20 miles. We camped within five miles of Gordonsville.

Wed., Nov. 26

We layed in camp resting. No news of importance.

Thurs., Nov. 27

Still in camp near Gordonsville. No important news.

Fri., Nov. 28

We left camp about sun-up, in the direction of Fredericksburg. Crossing the railroad at Orange Court House, we marched about 18 miles and took up camp.

Sat., Nov. 29

We marched another 18 miles today.

Sun., Nov. 30

Leaving camp at about sun-up, we continued our course, marching 12 or 14 miles. We camped six or seven miles west of Fredericksburg.

Mon., Dec. 1

Left camp, marched 10 or 12 miles Southwest of Fredericksburg, crossed the railroad leading from Fredericksburg to Richmond, and camped within about 12 miles of Fredericksburg.

Tues., Dec. 2

We layed in camp resting. No news of importance.

Wed., Dec. 3

Leaving camp about sun-up, we started towards Port Royal, marched about 15 miles and camped near the river.

Thurs., Dec. 4

We layed there in camp, resting. No news of importance. We heard two or three cannons booming down on the river. Several of our boys returned to camp today: J. Estes, L. Chatham, Henry Cochran, H. Witherspoon and Cousin Marvel Pennel also, whom we were glad to see.

Fri., Dec. 5

We are still in camp here. Was a cold, cloudy day, with some rain in the evening, which, turning into snow, made us very uncomfortable.

Sat., Dec. 6

We are still in camp here. It was a cool, windy day. I am not well.

Sun., Dec. 7

It was a very cold day. No news of interest. The soldiers drew clothing: shoes, socks, underclothes, shirts and overcoats. I drew shoes. I was not very well today.

Mon., Dec. 8

It was a cool day. We drew pants and some other things.

Tues., Dec. 9

It was a very pleasant day. No news of interest.

Wed., Dec. 10

It was a very pleasant day. We heard heavy firing near Fort Royal in the evening. H. Pennel started home today.

Thurs., Dec. 11

Very heavy cannonading on the Kapahannock, at Fredericksburg and Front Royal -- heavy firing all day. It is a beautiful, warm day. Some of the conscripts' fathers came to see them.

Fri., Dec. 12

We left camp at about daylight and marched about 2 miles in the direction of Fredericksburg. Then the order was countermanded and we retraced our steps to the old camp and commenced to cook rations. When we were half done with our cooking, we were ordered on the march again. Leaving camp at dark, we started toward Fredericksburg, marched nearly all night (about 16 miles), and camped near the battlefield.

Sat., Dec. 13

We left camp at daybreak for the battlefield proper, amid cannon roar and flying shells. Coming soon within range of the enemy shells, we were ordered to lay down at the foot of a hill. We changed positions several times during the day. Many of our men were wounded by shells. About dusk the fragment of an exploded shell struck Lieutenant Vanoy in the face. Night came and we fell back to the rear to sleep.

Sun., Dec. 14

We marched down into the woods and formed a line of battle. Everything seemed to be very quiet on our part of the line. A few shells and stray bombs visited us during the day. On our right and left the firing was very heavy. We built breastworks of rails and brush and layed behind them all night in line of battle.

Mon., Dec. 15

Leaving our night's position, we went into the railroad cut and layed in plain view of the enemy. They sent out a flag of truce at about 5 o'clock for time in which to bury their dead; they were allowed an hour's time, but did not finish their work. It was now dark and the pickets were placed; the rest layed down to sleep. About 3 o'clock in the morning, we were aroused and ordered to wreck the railroad track. About 4 or 5 o'clock it commenced raining -- hard.

Tues., Dec. 16

Leaving the railroad at about 8 or 9 o'clock, we marched a miles or two, rested an hour, then moved into the woods to camp. By daybreak the Yankees had retreated across the river. We sent out our skirmishers and captured several prisoners -- a fine band and a Pioneer Corps.

Wed., Dec. 17

It was very cold in the evening, with snow. We layed in camp all day, resting.

Thurs., Dec. 18

It was a very pleasant day. We drilled in the company. No other news.

Fri., Dec. 19

It was a very cool day. We drilled again. The Yankees came over to Fredericksburg with a flag of truce, asking time in which to finish burying their dead.

Sat., Dec. 20

It was a very cold day. This is the coldest wether we have had. We drew our bounty and four month's wages, which was \$94.00. W. H. Witherspoon and Brother Judson started to Richmond today.

Sat., Dec. 21

It was a very cold day. Rev. Howell preached for us today. No other news. (NOTE: Diary has it Sunday. --FPC.)

Mon., Dec. 22

No news at all. No news of interest.

Tues., Dec. 23

It was a very pleasant day. No drill today. I wrote a letter home. No other news.

Wed., Dec. 24

It was a cool, cloudy day. No news. No drill in the evening. Everything seems to be quiet.

Thurs., Dec. 25

This is Christmas Day, and very quiet. I was detailed to stand on brigade guard. I stood two hours in the day. The boys of the Third Regiment amused themselves by having a sham drill. Some passed the time one way and some another. There were a great many cakes and apples on sale, at very high prices.

Fri., Dec. 26

It was another very pleasant day. I did not drill today. I went to a sutler's store and bought some soda and candy. Colonel McDowell, looking very well, returned to camp today. Cool.

Sat., Dec. 27

It was a very pleasant day. We had company inspection. I was not very well. Everything seems to be very quiet.

Sun., Dec. 28

It was a very nice day. We drilled in the company.

Mon., Dec. 29

It was a very pleasant day. Regular drill. No news of interest.

Tues., Dec. 30

It was a very cloudy day, with rain in the evening. We left camp about 3 or 4 o'clock in the evening, marched about 2 miles and took up our camp nearer the river, on account of picket duty.

Wed., Dec. 31

It was a very cool, windy day. In the evening we were mustered in to the service for the next two months. We left camp in the evening for picket duty on the Hapahamook. "Everything seems very still."

(End of the Second Book)

BOOK 11 (1862)

Diary of Winley Patterson Curtis

Wed., Jan. 1

I have not been well and have remained in the house all day. It is a dull new year's Day. I paid our cook up for two months -- \$2.00 for my part.

Thurs., Jan. 3

Another cold day. Paid fifteen cents for candles.

Fri., Jan. 2

I stood on guard today. Very cold weather.

Sat., Jan 4

Very cold day. Heavy sleet last night.

Sun., Jan. 5

Was a very cold day. I stood on guard.

Mon., Jan. 6

It was a very cold day. O. Laws started home.

Tues., Jan. 7

It was a very cold day.

Wed., Jan. 8

I was detailed to haul water today.

Thurs., Jan. 9

I stood on guard today. It rained in the evening. Capt. Brown and Lee Wribreath returned from home today.

Fri., Jan. 10-22

(NOTE: Motentries in the diary for above dates. -- WPC.)

NOTE: Number of deaths among our boys at Aquia Creek: While we were stationed at Game Point, from Sept. 15, 1861 to Jan. 1, 1862, five of our boys have died in camp.

Jan., 22

Two more of our boys have died since January 1, 1862.