

JULY, 1863

29th. Warm. Lieut. Potter and David Smith got furloughs and started for the river this morning. Got letter No. 25 from my Wife. Had my hair cut.

30th. Co. mustered for pay. Wrote letter No. 35. The 124th detailed for Picket and sharp shooting. Our Engineer Corps have made a wooden Mortar for throwing hand Grenades. It does the work first rate.

*the town pretty lively -  
25th Warm. Wrote letter No 34. Our Co Wood  
Picket last night in the hole that was dug  
into the fort between 8 and 4 P.M. we were  
ordered into the trenches. soon after we saw the  
fort blow up making a breach in one end of it  
The 45th Regt advanced and took possession  
of the outside of the breach and opened a  
vicious fire on the rebels. they were relieved  
after two hours or more by the 31st Regt.  
and they by others so that a continual  
fire was kept up all night. The Lieut Col  
of the 45th was badly wounded and the Major was  
killed. The Lieut Col of the 31st was severely  
wounded in the side and arm by a Band Grenade.  
The 124th went to quarters and slept on stools.*

1st. Last night the Rebels rolled a gunpowder keg with a 13 inch shell in the middle of it and the balance of the keg filled with powder over the parapet and into the breach. No one was there at the time so that it did no damage, but the explosion was terrific making the ground tremble in our camp. About noon today the mine being ready was exploded, throwing high into the air an immense body of dirt, Timbers &c. Several men Rebs were blown up. Three Reb soldiers and three negroes that were digging for our powder were thrown outside of the fort and landed near our works. The three white men and two of the negroes died. The other negro was more scared than hurt. He said that he went up into the air about two miles. The Rebel were seen very busy in digging immediately after the explosion. It was thought that they were digging out those that were buried up. Our Regt. occupied the Rifle Pits ready for action in case of an emergency. Our Artillery poured into the fort a perfect storm of Shell, Grape, and Canister. We were relieved about 6 P.M. Weather very warm.

2nd. Weather warm. Detailed for fatigue to remove timbers from the breach in the Fort preparatory to starting another mine. Saw one of the little "Wooden Mortars" at work throwing 12 pound shell into the Fort. It works nicely. It takes but an ounce and a half of powder for a charge. There is quite sharp firing on our left. The Rebs are firing by Volleys.

3rd. The Rebels raised a flag of truce at 8 A.M. Firing ceased till between two and three P.M. when it was resumed for an hour or so, when the Rebs again raised the white flag and firing again ceased. Guards were placed between the two Armies by both sides. They were in some places but a few feet apart. I saw a Union and a Secesh soldier drilling each other on the parapet of the fort. The Generals of both armies held a conference under the shade of an Oak tree between the two lines.

4<sup>th</sup>. Independence day. The most quiet fourth of July that I ever knew. Not a gun was fired all through the night. 6 O. clock A.M. The Generals are now together under the "Oak tree" talking up the terms of the surrender of Vicksburg. 7 A.M. Word has come that Vicksburg is ours and that we are to march in at 10 A.M. and take possession of the city. A good enough fourth of July celebration for us. I was detailed for Guard duty on the line of Rebel Rifle Pits. Our troops marched in at noon. The Band struck up "Yankee Doodle" as they passed through the Fort. The Rebels have holes and caves dug in the ground in every direction to protect themselves against our shells. The Rebs are starved out and our Boys are giving them Hard Bread and Bacon which they thankfully receive and eat as if they was hungry. They had to eat mule meat and were living on quarter rations. Our sharpshooters have riddled their sandbags pretty thoroughly.

5<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. All quiet through the day till near night, when the captured Arms were fired off by a detail made for that purpose. A caisson was blown up accidentally by some men throwing cartridges into the fire. No one was hurt by it. The Prisoners are the most of them very friendly with our Boys, mixing in with them and eating at our tents, talking, exchanging canteens, and trading generally. They are buying a good deal of coffee which is a great treat to them, as they got none in the Army. Our tents and camp equipage that was left at "Millikens Bend" on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April came up today. I was not relieved from guard till near 8 O. clock P.M. Our Govt. issued rations to the prisoners today. Weather very warm.

6<sup>th</sup>. Went on fatigue duty. A Rebel Lieutenant ate breakfast with us. Wrote letter No. 36 to my Wife. Took a stroll along the fortifications on our right. Saw the effect of some of our shots on the Rebel Artillery. I saw one Parrott Gun with three feet of the muzzle knocked off and a number of wheels disabled.

7<sup>th</sup>. Lying around camp and fixing up the tent. Got some Confederate money and sent part of it home. A few citizens came into town today.

8<sup>th</sup>. Detailed on fatigue to load the captured Arms on board the "Metropolitan". 100,000 stand of Arms are estimated to have been captured here. Saw the "Lady Bowen" a 10 pound Parrott Gun on the Boat. This was a "pet" with the Rebs. Took a walk along the River and saw two of the "Big Guns". Also saw our Gunboat "Cincinnati" which was sunk by the Rebs. Nearly every house in the city has the mark of one or more of our shells.

9<sup>th</sup>. On fatigue this morning. Detailed for Picket at night. Our Regt. had Dress Parade this afternoon. Went into a tent with Stickel and put up a bunk in it.

10<sup>th</sup>. The Paroled prisoners are going out in squads on their own hook. They appear to be well pleased at the prospect of going home. Weather very warm. Sick today. Some of them were caught carrying powder out with them and now they all have to be searched.

11<sup>th</sup>. The Rebs commenced marching out in a body early this morning, but as they had to be searched they did not get out till afternoon. I found a stocking leg with about a pound of powder tied up in it by one of the Rebs. He had thrown it out to prevent having it found on his person. It is reported that Pemberton sunk 1500 stand of Arms in the River after the surrender.

12<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Another large body of Rebs marching out this morning. It is reported that all the Negroes are sent back, they not being considered as "Private Property".

13<sup>th</sup>. It is said that many of the paroled prisoners have come back inside of the lines to take the oath of allegiance. Heavy details are made from our Brigade to fill up the trenches that we dug during the siege. Our Boys are all on duty every day either fatigue or Picket. Weather warm.

14<sup>th</sup>. Very warm. Nothing unusual today.

25th Warm as usual. Our camp was moved today, on to another hill, half a mile to the left.

26th Took a wash and felt much better. Got a can of condensed Milk.

27th The 124th Regt. received two months pay today which brings it up to the 1st of July. Wrote letter No. 37 and mailed it. Sent home a five dollar confederate note. Received letter No. 27 from home.

28th Received letter No. 26. It was miscarried to the 127th Ills. Regt. Got a can of Oysters and made a stew. Cool Breezes today.

29th Sunday. Wrote letter No. 38. Weather warm.

30th Hot and Sultry. Went down town. Got some native Figs. Didn't think much of them. Took a stroll through the cemetery. Gaines and Kennedy went home on a furlough today. Gaines very sick.

31st Hot and sultry still. Lieut. J. J. Wilson, of Co. E went home today discharged.

1st Cool breezes but hot in the middle of the day.

2d Comfortable. Took a good wash. Gathered a few tomatoes and stewed them. Slight showers.

4th Moderate with cool breezes. Wrote a letter to Uncle Chas. Suydam. Detailed for Picket duty on the north side of the city. A very pleasant Post with a fine view of the river.

5th Cool breezes but a hot sun. The 2nd Brigade came in from the rear today. Sent home the last No. of the "Vicksburg Citizen" printed on Wallpaper.

26th Sunday. Cool and pleasant. A Shower in the afternoon. A part of our Pickets were relieved by the 2nd Brigade this morning. Received letter No. 28 from my Wife. Answered it by letter No. 39. Major Pattison dismissed from the Service for Fraud.

27th Cloudy and cool.

28th Cloudy and Rainy. Capt. Kendall put under arrest.

29th Cool breezes. Copied my Diary to the 15th of July and sent it home.

30th Warm. Went into town and saw Lieut. Bailey of the 20th Ills. at the Court House. Went on board the Steamer "St. Maurice" from New Orleans.

31st Warm. Got letter No. 29 from my Wife. Was quite sick today.

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4th Independence day. The most quiet fourth of July that I ever knew. Not a gun was fired all through the night. At 10 o'clock A.M. the General's gun now together under the "Oak tree" to signify the terms of the surrender of Vicksburg. At 11 o'clock A.M. the Rebels came to the city and took possession of the city. A good enough fourth of July celebration for us. I was detailed for Guard duty on the line of Rebel pickets. Our troops marched in at 11 o'clock. The Band struck up "Yankee Doodle" as they passed through the front. The Rebels have holes and caves dug in the ground in every direction to protect themselves against our shells. The Rebels are starved out and our boys are giving them hard bread and bacon which they eat as if they were hungry. They had to eat Mule meat, and were living on quarters rations. Our sharpshooters have riddled their bands pretty thoroughly.

AUGUST, 1863

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Weather warm. A shower in the afternoon. On Picket duty today.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday. Warm. Sick part of the night and all day. Preaching in the evening by Capt. Brink.
- 3<sup>d</sup>. Cool breezes. Wrote letter No. 40 in answer to her letter No. 29. Sent home five secesh letters.
- 4<sup>th</sup>. Warm. Today is just one Year since I enlisted. Lieut. Potter returned today with a box of good things for the Boys.
- 5<sup>th</sup>. Very warm. No news today.
- 6<sup>th</sup>. Cool. Showery in the afternoon. A shell was accidentally exploded today, within fifty feet of our camp by a brush fire that was built over where it laid. No one hurt.
- 7<sup>th</sup>. Cool morning and evening, but hot in the middle of the day. A. P. Hatch got his discharge papers today and started for home. I got letter No. 30 from my Wife and one from Jerome.
- 8<sup>th</sup>. Wrote letter No. 41 home.
- 9<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Pleasant. No preaching today.
- 10<sup>th</sup>. A warm sun but cool breezes. Went on Picket. Henry Young went home today on a furlough. I sent a letter by him to J. J. Martin.
- 11<sup>th</sup>. A comfortable day. Attended a Military trial. Lieut. Col. Howe returned today.
- 12<sup>th</sup>. A slight storm of wind and rain. Mr. Ebenezer Denny called on us today. He brings a glowing account of Natchez. Plenty of Butter, Fruit and Vegetables at a reasonable price. Col. Sloan and Lieut. Col. Howe each made a speech after sundown.

- 13<sup>th</sup>. Very warm. I was taken to the Hospital sick with a fever. Wallace Baker came to the Regt.
- 14<sup>th</sup>. Some better today. Got letter No. 31 from my Wife. H. Mostow bought me two Lemons.
- 15<sup>th</sup>. Very warm and close. Not so well today.
- 16<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Orrin C. Allison died this morning at Sunrise. Funeral services by Capt. Brink of Co. D.
- 17<sup>th</sup>. Weather Comfortable. Wrote letter No. 42.
- 18<sup>th</sup>. Cool breezes. Mailed letter No. 42.
- 19<sup>th</sup>. Cool and pleasant. The Steamer "City of Madison" blew up about noon today. She was being loaded with Amunition. The explosion was caused by the dropping of a Percussion shell, which exploded and set fire to the other Amunition. A great many were killed. Some of the Boats lying in the vicinity were considerable damaged. The shock of the explosion broke all the windows in the vicinity.
- 20<sup>th</sup>. Rainy and cool. Our Regt. received orders to be ready to march tomorrow morning at 7 O'clock. H. Kennedy returned to the Regt. last night.
- 21<sup>st</sup>. Fair and warm. The sick of our Regt., myself among the number, taken to the city Hospital. Logan<sup>s</sup> Division started out on a reconnoissance in the direction of Munroe La.
- 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pleasant but warm. An Ohio Soldier on the cot next to me died at noon today. Received letter No. 32 from my Wife. Very welcome indeed.
- 23<sup>d</sup>. Sunday. A Sultry day. Preaching down stairs by the Chaplain. A Negro Regiment marched out today. They looked well.
- 24<sup>th</sup>. Cool and comfortable. Saw Shinkle of Co. C today.

25<sup>th</sup>. A great change in the weather. Very windy, and quite cold so that blankets were needed for comfort. Got a paper.

26<sup>th</sup>. Weather rather cool yet.

27<sup>th</sup>. Cold and rainy.

28<sup>th</sup>. Clear and cool. Very weak and kept to my cot all day.

29<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant and cool. Some better today but very weak yet. Appetite improving.

30<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Pleasant. My health improving. Went down to dinner today for the first time. Attended preaching at 5 P.M. by the Chaplain.

31<sup>st</sup>. Enjoyed a good nights sleep last night. Weather clear and cool. White frost on the grass this morning. A soldier had his arm taken off this A.M.

SEPTEMBER, 1863

1<sup>st</sup>. Weather cool and pleasant. Wrote home letter No. 43. Not so well today.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Weather getting warmer. Had a severe headache and fever last night. Logan<sup>s</sup> Division came back today. The "First Brigade" passed here about 5 P.M. They have been gone twelve days.

3<sup>d</sup>. Warm but pleasant. Felt a good deal better today.

4<sup>th</sup>. Today I was changed from room No. 17 to room No. 14. Attended prayer meeting.

5<sup>th</sup>. Weather Fair.

6<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Weather pleasant. No preaching but attended an interesting prayer meeting in the evening.

7<sup>th</sup>. Weather warm. Was quite sick again today with Fever and colic.

8<sup>th</sup>. Warm and fair. Wm. Carpenter came to see me today and brought letter No. 33 from my Wife, and some stewed Fruit &c. I appreciate his kindness in this and other instances, and shall endeavor to make some suitable return, although I shall always be under obligations to him. Felt some better today.

9<sup>th</sup>. Warm and fair. Wrote letter No. 44 home.

16<sup>th</sup>. Received letter No. 34 from my Wife.

25<sup>th</sup>. Received letter No. 35 from my Wife. Answered it by letter No. 45 enclosing \$10.00. My health improving.

OCTOBER, 1863

- 26<sup>th</sup>. A Body of cavalry started out this morning in the direction of Big Black. I left off taking medicine about this time.
- 27<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Pleasant but very dusty. Gen. Blairs Division came in from the Big Black River. They embarked on Boats bound for Memphis. Preaching by the Chaplain on the "Pearl of great price". Prayer meeting in the evening which was a precious season. My soul was refreshed and revived.
- 28<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant. Some signs of rain which is much needed. More soldiers came in today. Large details of men are at work along the Jackson road building fortifications. I am getting better slowly.
- 29<sup>th</sup>. Had a little rain last night. Received letter No. 36 with little Mary<sup>s</sup> likeness in it. Wrote letter No. 46. Troops still coming in from the Big Black. Weather cloudy, cool and rainy.
- 30<sup>th</sup>. Cloudy and rainy. Another Brigade came in from Big Black today. It is supposed that the Troops that have passed through here during the last few days are to reinforce Rosecrans at Chattanooga. Occupied today in reading "Biographical sketches of Rev. Valentine Cook".

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Morning cloudy. Sun shining part of the afternoon. Did not sleep much last night. Hitchcock of the 63<sup>d</sup> Ills. died this morning of Bloody Flux. Wrote a letter to Jerome.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cool and pleasant. Four of the 16th Wisconsin started to their Regt. this morning. Attended prayer meeting.
- 3<sup>d</sup>. A lovely day. The sun shining clear and bright and the air just cool enough to make it pleasant.
- 4<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Another lovely day. Sergt. Bonney came to see me today. He brought letter No. 37 and told me of the drowning of Leroy J. Smith of our Co. on the 27th of Sept. on the occasion of the burning of the "Robert Campbell Jr" near Milliken<sup>s</sup> Bend on her way down. Preaching by the chaplain at 3 P.M. Prayer meeting in the evening. I attended both. Commenced regular bathing.
- 5<sup>th</sup>. Fine weather, clear and cool. The Doctor told me this morning that it would (be) two months before my bowels would be well and strong. Wrote letter No. 47.
- 6<sup>th</sup>. Cool and blustering. Mended my pants and coat. Logan<sup>s</sup> Division out on review today on the Jackson road in front of the Hospital. Saw a novelty pass along the road, a cart with two mules hitched to it side by side.
- 7<sup>th</sup>. Attended prayer meeting last night. A religious interest springing up in the 124 Regt. under the Chaplaincy of Lieut. Howard. Also meetings are being held in the Methodist Church in the city which are very interesting. Good news for Zion. May the glorious work increase and spread all through the Army. We had a

heavy thunder shower last night, this morning cloudy and damp. There was an alarm last night that the Rebels had driven in our pickets on Big Black. Some of our Artillery was ordered out at midnight in the rain. Wrote a letter to Mother.

8<sup>th</sup>. Cool and pleasant. The men detailed to work on the Breastworks brought their Arms and equipment with them today. The Rebel force that drove in our pickets was about 150 cavalry. They did not come within cannon shot of Big Black river. It is reported that there is a large Force of Rebel cavalry between Jackson and Grenada.

9<sup>th</sup>. The 124<sup>th</sup> this morning moved their camp a mile nearer the city. Large details of men are at work on the fortifications and they are progressing rapidly.

10<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant. Attended meeting last night. A Large number of sick from Gen. Tuttle<sup>s</sup> Division, on Big Black, came into the Hospital last night, and more came in today. They expect an attack out there soon.

11<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Pleasant. Attended preaching in the afternoon and prayer meeting in the evening. The Iowa 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade marched out towards Big Black this morning. George Rake came to see me today. The Doctor spoke to me about a furlough.

12<sup>th</sup>. Cool and windy. A Heavy detail from the 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade are at work on the fortifications in the Hospital Yard. Wrote letter No.48 and enclosed some little books for the children. A thunder shower just at night.

13<sup>th</sup>. Cool. Shinkle of Co.C came to see us. Our Regt. out on Picket and under marching orders. Today the Ohio and Iowa soldiers voted on their State Officers. The vote in this Hospital was, for Gov. of Ohio, Brough 22: Vallandigham 5. For Gov. of Iowa, Stone 37: Tuttle 10.

14<sup>th</sup>. Cool and cloudy. Had a fire in our room today. Attended meeting last night. Gen. Logan<sup>s</sup> Division, except the 20<sup>th</sup> Ills., marched out toward the Big Black this morning.

15<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant. Ate a little applesauce this A.M. Went to our camp to see Wm. Carpenter. Found him very low with a fever, but the worst of it was past, and he was getting better. The Regt. marched to the Big Black Yesterday and started on again this morning. There was only 4 or 5 of Co. H left in camp.

16<sup>th</sup>. Windy but pleasant. Went down to the convalescent table today. Took a walk and went through some of the caves that the citizens dug for their protection during the siege.

17<sup>th</sup>. Cloudy and windy. Attended meeting last night. Our troops had a skirmish beyond Big Black and took some prisoners. Got a pass and went down town. Saw Cronk, Rake and Gregory. Got back tired. Bought a knife of Wright.

18<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Pleasant. Preaching at three P.M. by the chaplain, from Acts XXVI Chap. 28. Reports of a battle at the Big Black.

19<sup>th</sup>. Clear and pleasant. Wrote letter No.49 to my Wife and one to George W. Snedeker.

20<sup>th</sup>. Cloudy and warm. Logan<sup>s</sup> Division returned to their camps today. They have been out beyond Jackson. A general clearing out of convalescents from the Hospital to make room for the sick and wounded from the scouting expedition.

21<sup>st</sup>. Attended meeting last night and enjoyed it very much. A small body of Cavalry went out this morning. About 40 of them were Black soldiers mounted

- on mules. Got discharged from the Hospital and came to the Regt. this morning. Received letter No. 38 and a letter from George dated July 11<sup>th</sup>. Weather cloudy and cold.
- 22<sup>nd</sup>.. Reported to the Surgeon and was excused from heavy duty. Went down town today to see Carpenter and found him improving. Got rather tired. Signed the pay roll. Weather cool and pleasant.
- 23<sup>d</sup>.. A Cold Northeast storm. Suffered some with the cold last night and today. The captain got my descriptive roll from the "City Hospital" today. Applied for more clothing.
- 24<sup>th</sup>.. Another cold night. This morning cold and raw. Afternoon pleasant. Fixed up the tent this morning. Went down town about noon and took a walk along the river. My right leg has ached all day.
- 25<sup>th</sup>.. Sunday. Clear and cool. Carpenter came to the Regt. this P.M. He is quite weak yet. The 8<sup>th</sup> Louisiana (Colored) Regt. went down town on a review this afternoon. No preaching today.
- 26<sup>th</sup>.. Attended prayer meeting in the chaplain<sup>s</sup> tent last night. Wrote letter No. 50 home.
- 27<sup>th</sup>.. Changeable weather. John Miller left the Regt. today to join the Invalid Corps. Went down town and took a letter to Carpenter. Went to the camp of the 20<sup>th</sup> Ill. and saw Lieut. Bailey.
- 28<sup>th</sup>.. Fair and warm. Copied my Diary to the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Got letter No. 39 informing me of a summons to appear at Court in New Haven on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the present month, to answer a complaint of S. A. Davis, Administrator of the estate of G. F. H. Read. Bought 1 lb. Butter at 50 cts. a pound.

29<sup>th</sup>.. Slight showers. Wrote letter No. 51 to my Wife, and a letter to Chas. G. Bowman, relating to my affairs in New Haven and requesting him to act as agent for me. Sent another enclosing \$2.00 to be used in sending letters and papers to me. Our Regt. received two months pay today. Our Clothing account settled up to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863. I had drawn to the amount of \$3.56 more than the Govt. allowance, which was deducted from my pay. I received \$22.45. The Sutler is doing a brisk business just about now. Was reported for duty today. Attended meeting in the Chaplain<sup>s</sup> tent last night. It was crowded full.

30<sup>th</sup>.. A rainy day. Albert Stickels and Henry Young returned to the Regt. today.

31<sup>st</sup>.. Clear and pleasant. Mustered for pay. Cleaned up a Gun and went out on Dress Parade. Bought a Picture of the Storming of Fort Hill on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 1863. Distributed two packages of Tracts in the company. Felt pretty well today.

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NOVEMBER, 1863

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. Cloudy. Our regular monthly Inspection was had today. While standing in column a musket was accidentally discharged by one of the 131<sup>st</sup> Ills. Vols., which is camped opposite to our Regt. The bullet struck the ground under Mrs. Col. Sloan<sup>s</sup> horse, on which she was sitting looking at the Regt. It made quite a stir among us. The 8<sup>th</sup> Louisiana (Colored) moved their camp near the R. R. today. Our chaplain preached this afternoon from the text "It is finished", after which the "Articles of the Regimental Christian Union" were adopted by unanimous vote of the professing Christians present. In the evening we held a prayer meeting in Capt. Field<sup>s</sup> tent, and about a dozen others and myself signed our names to the Articles of the Association. Received letter No. 40 from my Wife.

2<sup>nd</sup> Clear and warm. Brightened up my Gun barrel today.

3<sup>rd</sup> Clear and warm. Detailed to work on the fortifications. Got back to camp pretty well tired out. A meeting was held in the Chaplain<sup>s</sup> tent for Prayer and conference. After meeting, several more signed their names to our Christian Association. After which the officers were elected.

4<sup>th</sup> Warm. Got a pass and went down town. Mailed the picture of "The Storming of Fort Hill". Bought some Butter and a small can of Oysters. Saw Carpenter at No. 2 Hospital and took dinner with him. Had Potato Soup. Wrote letter No. 52 and sent my diary enclosed.

5<sup>th</sup> Rainy and muddy.

6<sup>th</sup> Detailed for Picket. Our Brigade got Orders to be in line tomorrow at 5 A. M. with knapsacks packed and two days rations in our haversacks. We were relieved from Picket at sundown by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade. Weather pleasant.

7<sup>th</sup> Got up at 3 A. M. Got breakfast and our tents rolled up by 5 A. M. Got into line and started for the cars at 5 1/2 and got aboard immediately. The cars started at 7 O. clock and got out to Big Black River between 8 and 9 A. M. Found Tuttle<sup>s</sup> Division in line ready to leave for Vicksburg by the return of the train. Saw the "Grey Eagle" belonging to the 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Vols. Bought Photographs of Gens. Grant, Logan, and Leggett. Our tents came out just at night. George Orme came to the Regt. today.

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Fair and warm. Was sick with a fever most all day. No Preaching.

9<sup>th</sup> Spent the day in fixing up our tent, raising it and fixing up a stove in it. Got a letter for Carpenter and sent it to him by Harvey Seymour.

10<sup>th</sup> Pleasant. On fatigue duty.

11<sup>th</sup> A cold night and a pleasant day. Reported to the surgeon sick.

12<sup>th</sup> Pleasant. Today Libby is 6 years old. Drew a pair of Pants, price \$3.55.

13<sup>th</sup> Mild and pleasant. Gen. Logan came out on the cars. Reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade and made a farewell speech to us. He is now in Command of the 15<sup>th</sup> A. C. We drew lots for furlough today. E. Pinney was the fortunate one.

14<sup>th</sup> A slight shower last night, pleasant today. Inspection of Arms, Equipments, and Quarters today.

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Preaching at 10 1/2 A. M. by the Chaplain. Bible class in the afternoon. Prayer meeting in the evening. Weather Fair.

16<sup>th</sup> Pleasant weather. Our Regt. commenced to have Battalion drill today. Wrote letter No. 53 to my Wife today. Bought some Milk and Eggs. Received letter No. 41 from home.

17<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant. Went out on drill a little while this afternoon. Soon tired out.

18<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant. Signed pay roll last night. Drew 2 Pairs socks 64 cts., 2 Pairs Drawers \$2.00, 2 Shirts \$2.60. Bought 2 lbs. Butter 75 cents.

19<sup>th</sup>. Fair and mild.

20<sup>th</sup>. Cloudy and Rainy. Got a letter from Mother and one from Brother George.

21<sup>st</sup>. Pleasant. Received letter No. 42 from my Wife.

22<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday. Fair. Attended preaching and Bible Class. The Regt. was paid two months pay in the evening.

23<sup>d</sup>. Reported for duty. Wrote an answer to Mother's letter. Wrote No. 54 to my Wife.

24<sup>th</sup>. J. Sedgwick, S. A. Campbell and Sol Dennison were detailed to a Negro Cavalry Regt. today. Had a very severe pain in the Stomach and Bowels all night and all day. Took Morphine to relieve it.

25<sup>th</sup>. Fair. The whole Brigade out on trial drill. The 31<sup>st</sup> Ills. and the 23<sup>d</sup> Ind. drilled the best. It was witnessed by Gen. McPherson and all our Brigade Officers.

26<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant. Thanksgiving day. Gave Lieut. Potter \$33.00 to Express at Vicksburg to my Wife. Sergeant D. Bonney detailed to a Negro Regt.

27<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant.

28<sup>th</sup>. A Rainy night and a raw day. Our Regt. was vaccinated today in obedience to a General Order. Received a letter from Chas. G. Bowman on business and answered it.

29<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Raining in the night and cold all day. No Preaching.

30<sup>th</sup>. Clear and cool. Wrote letter No. 55 to my Wife on business. Wrote to George.

*George & wife came to see us today.*  
8<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Fair and warm. Waspick with a fever most all day. No Preaching.  
9<sup>th</sup>. Spent the day in fixing up our tent, raising it and fixing up a stove in it. Got a letter for Carpenter and sent it to him by George Seymour.  
10<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant. Am. fatigue duty.  
11<sup>th</sup>. A cold night and a pleasant day. Reported to the surgeon. Sick.  
12<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant. Today Libby is 6 years old. Drew a pair of Pants priced \$5.55  
13<sup>th</sup>. Mild and pleasant. Gen. Logan came out on the cars. Reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade and made a farewell speech to us. He is now in command of the 16<sup>th</sup> of C. We drew lots for furlough today. Bonney