

JULY, 1864

10th. This morning about 6 O'clock, we passed the Steamer Atlantic at a wood Yard. She immediately started out and attempted to pass us, but steam was crowded on to the W. R. Arthur and we kept ahead. Passed Island No. 10 at noon, and Hickman, Ky. at 2 P.M. At half past two a dead Negro floated past us. We passed Columbus at 20 minutes past three and arrived at Cairo at 10 minutes past 5 P.M. Got my transportation to Pittsburg. Took supper and Lodging at the Soldiers Home.

27th 9 O'clock this evening to go up the river.
28th Warm, Received by monthly pay yesterday
Went to the City Bank of "Vicksburg" and bought
a Check of \$400 drawn on Pittland & Co.
N.Y. Number of check was 329. Wrote letter
via 78 to my wife enclosed the check and
mailed it. Eurloughs came today for
Rake and Hammer. I sent a letter and two
Memorandum books by Geo. Rake to Capt. Bigden.
The Co got some lumber and made tables and
some beds and made a shade over them
from the camp of the 81st Ill.
28th Went to town and saw some white refugees
from Red River. Some of them were very sick and
nearly all looked as if they had suffered from
they were huddled together with their goods on the bank
of the river. The sick were laid on blankets in the
street with no shelter from the sun or dust. Some
of the party had died on the way up. Cloudy.
29th Sunday. Pleasant with cool breeze.
Unwell today.
30th Warm and dusty.
31st Cool breeze with a slight shower in
the afternoon. Detailed on fatigue duty

1st. Started at 2 A.M. on the cars for Chicago. Arrived there at
9 P.M. Took the train on the C.B. & Q. R.R. for Aurora, which
was just starting out. Arrived at Aurora at 11 P.M.

2nd. Slept in the depot. Went to Mrs. C^s and took breakfast. Saw
some of my old acquaintances in Aurora, and took dinner with
T. G. Damon, Esq. After dinner started to go to my Uncle Chas.
Suydams at Na-an-say. An Irishman gave me a ride to within 3
miles of his place. Got there at near Sundown pretty well tired.

3^d. Remained at Uncle^s till sundown when he Harnessed a team
and took me to Aurora. He kindly let me have some money, which
came very acceptable on my Journey. Went to Mr. Damon^s and
took a Luncheon. Mr. & Mrs. D. would have me take some pro-
vision which they put for me to take on my journey. It lasted me
nearly to New York.

4th. Got on a freight train at 1 A.M. for Chicago. Got there in
time for the 6 1/2 A.M. train for Pittsburg.

5th - FURLOUGH - 21st

22nd. Got on the cars at the Chambers. St. Depot at 7 A.M. and
started for Cairo. Weather warm. Arrived at Albany at 2 P.M.
and got on the cars of the N. Y. Central R.R.

23^d. Arrived at Cleveland at 5 A.M. Left at 6 A.M. on the Belle-
fontaine line, arrived at Indianapolis between 6 & 7 P.M. This
line passes through a fine country all the way. Saw Gov. Morton
on the train. Left for Pana, Ill. at 1/4 to 9 P.M.

24th. Arrived at Pana at 3 1/2 A.M. When I got off the cars, I saw
16 to 20 men on the platform armed with Guns. These I soon after
found out to be a company of Copperheads who had come into the
place for the purpose of sending out of the state some Negroes
who were at work for a Mr. Morse, who had a contract to furnish

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hay for the Govt. The Copperheads staid in the town till 8 A.M. when they gave three cheers for Jeff Davis and left, cheering several times before they got out of town. I staid with a good Union Man, L. C. Davis.

5th. Left Pana at 9 A.M. for Cairo, arrived at 6 P.M. Went to the Soldiers home and put up for the night.

6th. Staid in Cairo till 5 P.M. Wrote letters No. s 1 & 2 to my Wife. At 5 got on board the Steamer C. E. Hillman for Memphis.

7th. On the way to Memphis.

8th. Arrived at Memphis early this morning and put up at the Soldiers Lodge to wait for a Boat going down the river. Weather hot.

9th. In Memphis all day. The Empress came down in the evening. I got on board. Hot weather yet.

10th. Laid at Memphis all night. Started at 6 A.M. for Vicksburg. Arrived at Helena at three P.M. Wrote letter No. 3 to my Wife and posted it at H.

1st. Sunday. Laid up at H. all night. Started at daylight.

24th Arrived at Pana at 5 1/2 o'clock. When I got off the car. I saw 16 to 20 men on the platform armed with Guns. These I soon after found out to be a company of Copperheads who had come into the place for the purpose of sending out of the state some negroes who were at work for a Mr. H. who had a contract to furnish hay for the Govt. The Copperheads staid in the town till 8 o'clock. When they gave three cheers for Jeff Davis and left. Cheering several times before they got out of town. I staid with a good Union Man L. C. Davis.

1st. Arrived at Vicksburg at 4 P.M. Was presented with two big watermelons which I took to the Co. Went to see Carpenter in the evening. Weather hot.

2nd. Wrote letter No. 4 to my Wife. Found the Company healthy. Mostow is the only one sick in Hospital.

3^d. Detailed on Picket, posted near the Stockade Fort. A slight sprinkle of rain in the afternoon.

4th. Relieved at 6 A.M. Cleaned my accoutrements.

5th. Warm. Put my Gun in order.

6th. Wrote a letter to Uncle Chas. Suydam. Collected the money for my 30 days subsistence. Paid Carpenter three dollars. A shower in the afternoon.

7th. Sunday. Attended preaching in the chapel. Wrote a letter to Mother. J. F. Fisher came back. After sundown was detailed on Brigade Guard.

8th. Relieved at 4 A.M. Wrote to Mr. T. G. Damon.

9th. Weather Warm.

10th. Geo. Orme got a sick furlough. Sent a letter to Uncle Charles by him.

11th. Warm. Wrote letter No. 5 to my Wife and one to my brother George.

12th. Warm. Wrote a letter to Theodore Potter.

13th. Showery. Received letter No. 1 from my Wife.

14th. Sunday. Attended preaching in the chapel.

th. Warm. In the evening, Col. Howe being called out made a stirring and patriotic speech to the Regiment.

th. Monthly Inspection by Capt. Miller. A letter and two packages for Geo. Orme by Williams. A heavy shower in the evening.

h. Pleasant.

h. Wrote letter No. 6 to Hannah. A heavy Shower in the afternoon. Took a walk around the fortification on the north side of the town.

h. Rainy all day. The Govt. is pressing the horses of the citizens into the service.

h. Rainy. Great excitement in town on account of the Govt. seizing the horses and mules of the citizens. Hacks, Carriages, Wagons and drays are standing in the streets just where they happened to be when halted by the Cavalry who were detailed for that purpose. I called on J. S. Ives, the Conn. recruiting agent today.

t. Sunday. Attended service in the chapel tent. Weather warm.

d. Warm.

l. On Picket at the new Fort. Weather pleasant.

l. Relieved at 6 A.M. Weather warm.

l. Wrote letter No. 7 to my Wife. Received letter No. 2 from her. Did not answer it. Warm.

l. Warm.

l. The Marine Brigade disbanded and put into land service. Some of them refused to go off the Boats. The 72nd was brought out to make them come off. One whole company was arrested and lodged in Jail. The rest went into camp inside the fortifications this

afternoon.

28th. Sunday. Very warm. At 4 P.M. there was a violent wind with rain. Tents were blown down and things scattered around promiscuously.

29th. Pure sweet air this morning. The Marines refuse to take up Arms and do duty.

30th. Very hot.

31st. The Regiment mustered for pay by Brig. Gen. Maltby.

27th. The Marine Brigade disbanded and put into land service. Some of them refused to go off the Boats. The 72nd was brought out to make them come off. One whole company was arrested and lodged in Jail. The rest went into camp inside the fortifications this afternoon.

SEPTEMBER, 1864

- 1st On Picket at the new Fort. Weather pleasant.
- 2nd Relieved at 6 1/2 A.M. Got letter No. 3 from home. Wrote letter No. 8.
- 3^d Very hot.
- 4th Sunday. Preaching at 10 A.M. Orders were read on dress parade assigning the positions of the troops in case of an attack. The Marine Regt. and the 124th are to be under the command of Col. Starring of the 72nd Ills. and assigned to the Left Division of the Fortifications. On Guard at Brigade Head Quarters.
- 5th Relieved at Reveille. 13 Regiments came up the river on Boats today. Weather warm.
- 6th Pleasant. Dennis^s Division that came up here yesterday started up the river this morning. Went down town this morning. Two thirds of the stores are closed by Order of Gen. Dana, limiting the trade in the city.
- 7th Cool and pleasant. A violent storm of wind visited us this afternoon at 5 O. clock, trying the tent fastenings severely but did no serious damage. This morning a detail of 30 men was made from our Regiment, also a heavy detail from the Marines. Received letter No. 4 from home and some papers.
- 8th Wrote letter No. 9 home. Last night the Pickets were reinforced by 60 Negro Soldiers and 4 cannon.
- 9th A large force of Rebels reported to be collected at Jackson. It is supposed they intend to attack this place. A Stockade is being built on the river bank.
- 10th One year from today our time will be out. There was considerable excitement in town last night. Artillery was posted

all along the fortifications in positions that commanded every approach to the city. The Regt. of Heavy Artillery (Colored) was brought out and the men shown their positions at the Big Guns. The Marines were aroused and Arms distributed to them in anticipation of an attack, but our Regt. was not disturbed. We slept through it all. Quite a force of Soldiers both white and Black were sent out to blockade the roads by falling trees across them. Pickets were doubled tonight and Ordered to stay on post 36 hours. Detailed on Brigade Guard.

- 11th Sunday. All quiet through the night. Was relieved at Reveille. Attended preaching at 10 A.M. in the chapel tent.
- 12th Pleasant with a cool breeze.
- 13th Pleasant.
- 14th Received a letter from May telling of James^s enlistment in the Navy. Detailed for 36 hours picket. Weather warm.
- 15th Pleasant. A citizen came to the Picket post who wanted to go to Illinois, to escape the Rebel conscription, but Gen. Dana wouldnt allow him to come inside the lines, so he had to go back to Rebeldom again. We were visited by Mrs. Dr. Smith of wonderful gab, and some other women who wanted to get into Vicksburg badly, but had to stay out.
- 16th A cold night. At 5 A.M. a scouting party of 150 Black Cavalry went out on the Valley road. We were relieved at 6 A.M. Wrote letter No. 10 home.
- 17th A cold night, pleasant today.
- 18th Sunday. Received letter No. 5 from home. Pleasant.
- 19th A cold night. Detailed on Picket.
- 20th Cloudy all day.

OCTOBER, 1864

- 21st. Relieved at Reveille. Pleasant.
- 22nd. Cloudy.
- 23^d. Cloudy and Rainy. Wrote letter No. 11 home.
- 24th. On Picket. Cloudy. Col. Howe makes a speech.
- 25th. Sunday. Relieved at 7 A.M. Two Negroes were shot today for mutiny. The Regt. marched down to Gen. Dana^s Head Quarters and paid him a salute also Col. Starring. Weather pleasant.
- 26th. Fine. Received a letter from Chas. Suydam. Also No. 6 from home. Wrote a letter to James^s Wife.
- 27th. General review of the white troops at this Post by Gen. Dana. As we were marching to the parade ground a heavy shower came up, giving us a pretty thorough wetting. We got back to camp after dark, tired, wet, and hungry.
- 28th. A regular fall rain.
- 29th. Cloudy and Rainy. Sick with the dysentery.
- 30th. Cloudy. Chas. Woodward went home on furlough.

10th. One year from today our time will be out. There was considerable excitement in town last night. Artillery was posted all along the fortifications in positions that commanded every approach to the city. The Regt of Henry A. Tiffany (Colonel) was brought out and the men shown their positions at the Big Camp. The machines were aroused and arms distributed to them in anticipation of an attack, but our Regt was not disturbed. we slept through it all. With a force of soldiers both white and black were sent out to blockade the roads by falling trees across them. Pickets were doubled tonight and ordered to stay on post 24 hours. Detailed on Brigade Guard.

- 1st. H. Fransham went home on furlough.
- 2nd. Sunday. Pleasant.
- 3^d. Rainy. Wrote letter No. 12. Drew 1 Pair Boots.
- 4th. Cloudy and damp.
- 5th. More Pleasant. Received letter No. 7 from home.
- 6th. A cold night, with slight frost. Clear and Pleasant.
- 7th. Cold.
- 8th. Pleasant. G. Orme returned to the Regt. today.
- 9th. Sunday. Wrote letter No. 18. Geo. W. Slate received his discharge today.
- 10th. Pleasant. Wrote a letter to Chas. Suydam.
- 11th. Pleasant. Remodeled our tent for winter Quarters.
- 12th. Fair. Orders came today for us to hold ourselves in readiness for active Service in the field.
- 13th. Pleasant. Drew 1 Dress Coat, 1 Blanket, and a Knapsack. At 6 P.M. we received orders to be ready to embark on a steamer at 11 P.M. Wrote letter No. 14 to my Wife. Received No. 8 from her, and answered it. The Regt. left camp at 10 P.M. and marched to the River and on board the "Shenango". We arrived at Paw Paw Island just before daylight.
- 14th. Stopped at the Island till noon taking on wood. Some of the Boys of the Regt. had some difficulty with a Storekeeper

on the Island. In the afternoon a White crane chased by two Eagles, flew on the Boat and alighted among the Mules. It was caught by one of our soldiers.

15th.. About 11 O'clock last night the Boat ran on a sand Bar, and was between 1 and 2 hours in getting off. We kept on our way up the river all day. Meeting large flocks of Wild Geese and ducks. Detailed on Guard. Some rain fell during the day.

16th.. Sunday. Arrived at the mouth of White River at 3 A.M. At Sunrise we marched ashore and stacked Arms. During the day the Steamers "Baltic" and "Nebraska" came up loaded with troops. The "T. E. Tutt" came down with cavalry and landed here. At night the Regt. got on the Boat again. Preaching in the cabin by the Chaplain at 7 P.M.

17th.. About 1 O'clock in the morning the Regt. was Ordered off the Boats instantly. Soon after sunrise we were moved half a mile back from the Landing and went into camp. We put up Shee-Bangs of brush expecting to stay here two or three days, but just as we got ours finished, an Order came for us to be ready to march at any moment. Wrote letter No. 15 to my Wife. At 5 P.M. we received orders to march tomorrow morning at 5 O'clock.

18th.. Slept firstrate. Reveille at 3:40 A.M. At 5 we started from camp to the river and got on board the "Col. Cowles" to go up White River. We had got all loaded and nearly ready to start out when the "T. L. McGill" came down with the news that Memphis was threatened with an attack by "Forrest and Chalmers". We received orders to disembark immediately and get on board the T. L. McGill. The 76th Ills. got on with us. The 8th and 11th Ills. and 30th Mo. embarked on the "Baltic". At 11.25 A.M. we pushed out and started up the (river). The Nebraska followed with sick on board. The Baltic brought up the rear. We passed an enormous flock of Pelicans which some of the Boys shot at, wounding a few of them. The Ida Handy passed

us going down with some Women and a few Soldiers on board. We are running very fast and expect to get to Memphis early in the morning. This last move is quite a mystery, and some think it has something to (do) with our going home to vote. "What does it mean" is asked by all. Weather cool.

19th.. A cold night. We passed Helena at 10 1/2 P.M. They reported the scare to be over at Memphis but said that there was a big one at Columbus, Ky. We got to Memphis at 11 1/2 A.M. The Baltic arrived with the other Regts. at 2 P.M. Saw a Monitor at anchor below the city. At 8 P.M. we went ashore and marched into Fort Pickering. We were Quartered in a train of Freight cars for the night.

20th.. We were aroused at 4 O'clock A.M. and had Battalion drill till daylight. Several Gun Boats started down the river early this morning. Wrote letter No. 16 home.

21st.. Mailed No. 16. At One O'clock we had battalion drill.

22nd.. Pleasant. This morning our Regt. was detailed to Guard wood choppers about 5 miles southeast of the city. The roads are very dusty. We got back at 4.15 P.M. At 7 1/2 there was an alarm and the whole Brigade was out in line.

23^d.. Sunday. Pleasant weather. Preaching at 2 P.M. and 6 P.M. in a school House.

24th.. At 8 A.M. Orders came for us to get ready to go on board the "Magenta". At 9 1/2 we marched out of the Fort and got on board. As we were marching to the Boat, a little Girl came out of a house clapping her hands and hurraing for "Uncle Abe". We left the wharf at noon and got to Helena at 8 P.M. Capt. Kendall got left at Memphis.

25th.. Cloudy and rainy. I was very much amused by the singing of the darkey crew as they were taking on wood above Helena. We left H. at daylight and arrived at White River at 1 P.M. Left there at 2.20. A Missouri Soldier is on board with a

60 days furlough, who was obliged to leave home after being there only 5 days. A party of Guerrillas came to his house after him, but he was informed in time to get away a few minutes before they got there.

6th. A heavy dash of rain came on about 1 A.M. and flooded us out of our beds, so that we had to leave them and go below. We passed the Atlantic at 10 A.M. near Skipwith^s Landing. Major Mann was on board going home on furlough. We passed Lake Providence at noon. It is deserted. Arrived at Goodrich^s Landing at 1 1/2 P.M. When near Duckport, the Boat ran square into the bank of the River, but the Pilot saw it and backed the Engines, so that she struck lightly and no damage was done. The women passengers were got up on the Pilot house deck by the order of the Capt. of the Boat. The accident was caused by the rudder being broken in the Storm of the night before. We arrived at Vicksburg at 11 P.M. and marched to camp through mud overshoe deep. Received letter No. 9 from Hannah, and one from James^s Wife with Photographs. Went to bed about 1 A.M.

7th. Pleasant. Got up rather late. Cleaned my Gun, and brushed my clothes and Boots. Got a pair of Boots from Westover for which I am to draw him a pair. Wrote No. 17 to my Wife.

8th. Pleasant. On fatigue duty with 10 men moving the Medical Purveyors furniture and Stores. This afternoon the Guards and detailed men from the 72nd Ills. are relieved by men from our Regt. The 72nd are ordered to the Front and we are to do Provost duty in the City. The Provost Guard for tomorrow are detailed from our Regt.

9th. Mounted Guard at 8 A.M. It took every Private in the Regt. except those on duty and the sick to fill the detail. I was posted in the Provost Marshall^s Office in charge of 6 men as supernumeraries. We were kept busy all day. At night went with 8 Guards to the Theatre. Weather Cloudy and Rainy.

10th. Sunday. We were relieved at 8 1/2 A.M. by the 58 Ohio

Regt. Saw the 72nd embark on the Str. Continental. Weather Cloudy.

31st. On Provost Guard at No. 1 Prison. Moved our camp to the ground lately occupied by the 72nd Ills. Got a comfortable tent with a fire place in it. The Capt. and J. Heard arrived here today from Memphis. They report that Lieut. Spear is very sick with Yellow Fever and not expected to live. Cloudy.

18th Left first rate. Reveille at 3 1/2 o'clock. At 5 we started from camp to the river and got on board the "Col Cowles" to go up White River. We had got all loaded and nearly ready to start out, when the "S. L. O'Keefe" came down with the news that Memphis was threatened with an attack by Forrest and Chalmers. We received orders to disembark immediately and get on board the S. L. O'Keefe. The 76th Ills got on with us, the 9th and 11th Ills. and 30th also embarked on the "Baltic" at 11. 25 o'clock we pushed out and started up the river. The "Chickasaw" followed with sick on board. The "Baltic" brought up the rear. We passed an enormous flock of Pelicans which some of the Boys shot at, wounding a few of them. The "Sda Handy" passed us going down with some women and a few children on board. We are running very fast and expect to get to Memphis early in the morning. This fast speed is quite a mystery, and some think that it has some thing to with our going home to "God." "What does it mean" is asked by all. Weather cool.

NOVEMBER, 1864

- 1st Employed myself in fitting up the tent. Weather rainy and disagreeable so that we could not finish. The Teams were busy bringing lumber and camp Equipage from the old Camp.
- 2nd On Guard at Jail No. 1. Received letter No. 10 from my Wife. Weather rainy.
- 3^d News came today that Lieut. G. A. Spear had died in the Officers Hospital at Memphis. Wm. Carpenter and W. Gardner came to the Co. for duty. Carpenter and Gould tent with us. Weather variable.
- 4th C. on Guard today for the first time in a Year. I drew 1 Pair Pants, 1 Pair Socks, 2 Shirts and 1 Pair Boots. Wrote No. 18 to my Wife. Pleasant.
- 5th Spent the day in altering and mending my clothes. Pleasant.
- 6th Sunday. On Guard with 9 men. Stationed three on Steamer Buffalo, three at Wood Yard, and three at Stables near Marine Hospital. Two Paymasters came down on a Gun Boat and landed here. Pleasant.
- 7th A Cavalry expedition detailed from the 2nd Wis., 11th Ills., and 3^d U. S. (Colored) started up the River on Boats last night. The "Henry Ames" came down this morning with a large mail. We were relieved at 10 A.M. Capt. Kendall recd. Official notice of the death of Lieut. Spear. Received No. 11 from home.
- 8th The Presidential Election is held today. Drew a Woolen Blanket. Bought a Uniform Cap \$3.00. Spent the morning in putting up a shanty to cook in. Weather Cloudy.
- 9th On Guard at Post Commissary. Gen. Morgan L. Smith arrived here today. Gen. Canby went down the river, hav-

ing been wounded through both thighs, while on a steamboat in White River.

- 10th The Cavalry expedition that left here on Sunday night returned this morning. I gave my Gun a thorough cleaning up today.
- 11th Pleasant. Received letter No. 12, enclosing 50 cents, and Paper and envelope. Very Welcome. General Inspection in the afternoon. Wrote No. 19 to my Wife.
- 12th Pleasant. On Guard at Jail No. 1.
- 13th Sunday. Preaching in open air at 10 1/2 by the Chaplain and at the Methodist church at 6 P.M. News came tonight that Lincoln was re-elected, and of a raid on Chicago by Rebels, with the design of releasing the Reb Prisoners in Camp Douglass and turning them loose on the city.
- 14th On Guard at Jail No. 1. At 5 P.M. a Salute of 35 Guns from each Battery was fired in honor of the dection. Pleasant.
- 15th Some "mugging" was done among the prisoners last night between 9 and 11. A very hard shower after midnight. H. Fransham returned from furlough this morning.
- 16th Rainy.
- 17th Cloudy and Rainy. On Guard at Colonel Howe^s Head Quarters. The men of our Regt. that were detailed at the Arsenal returned to the Regt. for duty.
- 18th Rainy. Wrote letter No. 20 to my Wife. A foraging party was sent out in the country to get Corn and fodder for the mules.
- 19th Rainy. I received letter No. 13 from home and one from George.
- 20th Sunday. Cloudy.

DECEMBER, 1864

21st. Windy. The Regiment was paid four months pay. I paid off most all of my creditors today. On Guard at the Colonel^s Head Quarters.

22nd. A very cold night. Ice formed nearly half an inch in thickness. I went to the Post Office and got a money order (No. 31) for \$30.00 Payable to my Wife at the New Haven Post Office. Wrote letter No. 21 enclosing the Order, and \$2.00 beside. Thompson enlisted for one Year came to the Co. today.

23^d. Pleasant.

24th. Thanksgiving. Two tents in Co. E and one in Co. C took fire and burned up last night. In our tent, we had a feast in the shape of an Oyster Stew. Thirteen Women were sent outside the lines Yesterday, for carrying Rebel Mail, Smuggling &c. Wrote to my Brother George. Weather pleasant.

25th. On Guard at the Ambulance Yard.

26th. Pleasant. Some Colored Regts. came down the river today.

27th. Sunday. Preaching at 10 1/2 A.M. Cloudy.

28th. Pleasant. Wrote letter No. 22 to my Wife.

29th. Fair. On Guard at Col. Howe^s H. Qrs. A citizen prisoner in Jail No. 1 cut his hand off with an axe, to avoid going out to work under a Negro Guard. A large mail came today.

30th. Pleasant.

1st. Pleasant.

2nd. On guard at Jail No. 1. Received letter No. 15 from home.

3^d. Cool.

4th. Sunday. Pleasant. Preaching in the chapel. The Cavalry expedition returned today. Last Wednesday a part of the 2nd Wis. Cavalry ran into an ambuscade and lost about 40 men in killed, wounded, and missing, near Mechanicsburg. C. Woodward got back from home this evening.

5th. Pleasant. More cavalry came in today. Wrote letter No. 23 to my Wife.

6th. Pleasant. Got a pass and went outside the lines to the Pemberton Monument and White house. Got some of the root of the Pemberton Oak. Talked with a couple of Rebs who came to the lines with a flag of truce. Howe^s great Circus came to the city and paraded the streets today.

7th. Pleasant. Partly made a picture frame of the Oak that I got yesterday. The Non Coms presented a sword to Col. Howe this evening. Had an Oyster supper.

8th. Cold. On Patrol duty. Was Ordered to stop all Citizens wearing U. S. Military Buttons and make them take them off.

9th. A cold rainy night. About 8 P.M. our Relief made a descent of McCullough^s boarding house, and arrested four persons. The first Relief went there afterward and arrested seven more. Two of them are supposed to be Rebel spies. Caught a hard cold. Slept most of the day.

10th. Cold. Wrote a letter to Uncle Chas. Suydam.

11th. Sunday. A cold, windy day.

12th. A very cold night. On Provost duty examining the passes of Citizens. Mailed a V. Herald to Chas. Suydam. Wrote No. 24 to my Wife.

13th. Reported sick. The Regt. paid its respects to Gen. Washburne at his Head Quarters.

14th. On guard at Post Commissary.

15th. Warm. Helped Carpenter at Hosp. No. 2 this morning. Received No. 17 from home.

16th. Warm and pleasant. Went to the Post Office and enquired about the Money Order that I had sent home.

17th. A warm rain. Staid close in camp.

18th. Sunday. Cloudy. Preaching by the Chaplain. H. Woodcock sent to Jail No. 1 for threatening to run his bayonet through Orderly Campbell.

19th. Regiment inspected by Gen. Canby^s Inspecting Officer. Wrote No. 25 to my Wife. Weather cloudy and rainy.

20th. Rainy. On guard at Court House.

21st. Cold. Received letter No. 18 from home.

22nd. Cold.

23^d. Moderate.

24th. Pleasant. News came this evening of the defeat of Hood, Breckenridge, and Forrest. A Gill of Whiskey is issued to each man to keep Christmas with. About 30 Recruits came to our Regt. today.

25th. Sunday. On guard at the Ambulance Yard. A damp cloudy day.

26th. Major Gen. Gilmore arrived here today. Wrote letter No. 26 to my Wife.

27th. Warm and pleasant. Wrote a letter to James^s Wife. A Negro Woman dressed in mans clothes passed here under a guard of black soldiers.

28th. Windy. On patrol duty.

29th. Pleasant.

30th. On Patrol. Received letter No. 19 from home and a box of dried fruit from Chas. Suydam.

31st. Pleasant. Bought two Quires of Writing paper of Carpenter. Got my boots mended.

6th Pleasant. Got a pull and went outside the lines to the Pemberton Monument and White House. Got some of the roof of the Pemberton Cab. Talked with a couple of Rebs who came to the lines with a flag of truce. Bowes Great Circus came to the city and paid the street to do so.