

## Documents

### JOURNAL OF ISRAEL COGSHALL, 1862-1863

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Israel Cogshall, a Methodist minister of Coldwater, Michigan, was appointed a chaplain in the Nineteenth Regiment, Michigan Infantry Volunteer on August 5, 1862, by Governor Austin Blair. From October 24, 1862, to September 9, 1863, he kept a journal. Nowhere in the journal is there a lengthy philosophical discussion or political observation—Chaplain Cogshall was a busy man—but only brief and hurried entries. Nevertheless, the journal is important for there is no regimental history of the Nineteenth Michigan and because of the proximity of the Nineteenth Michigan with the Thirty-third and Eighty-fifth Indiana. Cogshall seems to have adjusted himself to the milieu of military life with great rapidity and to have concentrated his energies on improving the spiritual welfare of the soldiers. If one reads his journal, there can be no doubting but that he carried his spirit of evangelism with him into the war.

The journal was written with pencil in two small leather-bound volumes. In addition to the narrative journal there are many miscellaneous entries: notations of money loaned to the soldiers, expenditures for mess, police details, laundry lists, and random thoughts. Only the chronological account is here published. Cogshall gave little attention to the fine points of grammar. The editor has not attempted to rectify this. But to facilitate reading, spaces have been left between words where punctuation marks should have been placed.

Friday Oct 24 [1862] Bought this day a saddle & Bridle & Saddle Bags & Regalia for which I gave 20.00 Borrowed for the above purpose of Surgeon W. E. Clarke 10.00 After finishing my business in Cincinnati went over the river to Covington & obtained Lodging at the Drovers Inn Slept but a troubled sleep think I had to many bed-fellows

Sat Oct 25 paid my bill \$1.25 Awful, Awful, for such fair but live & learn. took cars at 8 O clock & came to Falmouth [Kentucky] at about 11 O clock found the Regt. gone to Cynthianna had left a horse for me got my mail for the Regt & took horse & came through 22½ miles weary & hungry an hour after dark eat supper & went to bed

Sunday Oct 26th Found the snow this morning about 4 inches deep ordered to be ready & at 9 O clock the order came to break camp & at 10 were under way & marched to Paris in Burbon Co got through

about Sunset A dreary day & a dreary march But war knows no Sunday & I fear the soldiers know as little of Justice & right Some of these men are consummate thieves. Was in the saddle to day from 10 AM till sunset

Mon 27 Slept cold last night or rather was to cold to sleep this morning broke camp & marched about 4 miles & encamped about 10 A.M. It was said to remain for 2 days but Just at evening orders came to get ready to march at 7 A.M. tomorrow so

Tuesday Oct 28 Slept comfortable last night broke Camp & came to Lexington & encamped about 3 miles north of the City

Wednesday Oct 29 remained in camp wrote home to day at eve I went to the city with Col Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Adj Adams & Surgeon Clarke

Thursday Oct 30 Went to the city to day & thence about 2 miles to Ashland the home of departed genius & worth his Son is in the rebel Army after taking the oath of allegiance & giving bonds for \$5000. How are the mighty fallen The widow of the great Clay lives in house on the estate it is a beautiful spot Sad that it should be desolated & blighted by treason

Friday Oct 31 Mustered for payment today (The whole Regt) hope to be payed one of these days & went to the city for mail this P M

Sat Nov 1st Took charge of the Mess to day for the staff

Sunday Nov 2d preached at 2 P.M. young man proposed to go to town to buy butter but I looked at the stock on hand & said *no*

Mon Nov 3d Went to town this morning & did Some marketing for the Mess bought potatoes Irish at 75 cts per bush Sweet at 81— butter 30 cts per lb turnips 10 cts per peck Sent by Dr Bennett for the mail

Tuesday Nov 4 Hewitt bought 3 ckickens for 50 cts at a farm house near by & got a quart of milk

Wed Nov 5

Thursday Nov 6 went to town & returned with mail about 7½ P.M.

Friday Nov 7 Gen Baird & Col Coburn<sup>2</sup> dined with us today Sent a Telegraphic dispatch to Mrs Capt Brown that her husband was very sick & desired her to come Sent by Capt Lincoln for the Mail

Nov 8 Sent by Lieut Ferguson for the mail to day

Sunday Nov 9th Wrote this morn to Henry (my Brother) a long letter & at 2 P M preached from Jas 4.8 Wrote to wife this eve

Monday 10th

Wednesday Nov 12 Orders Nicholasville leave to morrow at 7½ A.M. Quite possibly for winter Quarters

thurs Nov 13 broke camp at Lexington at 8 A.M. & reached

<sup>1</sup> H. C. Gilbert was a colonel in the Nineteenth Michigan.

<sup>2</sup> Absalom Baird was a Brigadier General of the Third Division of the Army of the Ohio. *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* (70 vols. Washington, 1880-1901), Series 1, XX, part 2 (1887), 288. Colonel John Coburn was a member of the Eighty-fifth Regiment Indiana Volunteers. In peace time he was an attorney at law in Indianapolis. J. E. Brant, *History of the Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, its Organization, Campaigns and Battles* (Bloomington, Indiana, 1902), 14.

Nicholasville at about 3½ P.M. encamped within about 80 rods of the town

Friday 14 Fixed up a little but advised by the Col not to work too hard at it as we might be called upon to move 2 or 3 miles for convenience of wood & water

Sat 15 No move to day & no move expected to morrow a review ordered for 9 A.M. to morrow. Recd a letter this PM from Bela & wife Some what out of time this PM must have taken a cold Sweating some tonight hope to be better in the Morning

Sunday 16 Went to church this morning in town heard a very fair sermon from C. D. Pilsbury Chaplain 22 Wis to Dinner with Dr Mathews sup of Cincinnati Con & with Pilsbury preached to my Regt in the church had previously obtained consent & at night preached in the same church to the congregation in the same church after service met unexpectedly John G. Bruce went to a Mr Browns & stayed all night with him

Mon Nov 17 In camp

Tuesday 18 In Camp

Wed 19

Dec 1st Have been in camp since last entry the usual monotony unbroken save by a few camp incidents Have been having boils on my face one on my lip & one on my chin stayed at my friend Browns most of last week better now John W Barrett of Co D. died in hospital today he is said to have enlisted from Leonidas

Dec 2 Visited the post hospital this morning & tried to find out something in reference to Barrett (Deceased)

Dec 3 John W. Barrett Co D. was buried in Nicholasville Grave Yard this eve at 5 O clock with Military honors Am to have charge of the Mess for another Month

Thurs Dec 11 ordered to march for Danville to morrow mornin are to go to Camp Dick Robinson to morrow & next day to Danville

Frid 12 broke camp & started at 6 O clock this morning arrived at Camp Dick Robinson at 1 O clock having marched 15 miles This place is historic & it is Said Genl Nelson was very partial to it Yet it is difficult to See why It possesses no apparent advantages for a military camp above almost any other piece of land either at Nicholasville or Danville

Dec 13 broke camp at Dick Robinsons this morning a little before Six & marched to Danville 7½ miles arrived at about 9 O clock A.M. got our camp pitched & tents all up when an order came to tear up & remove about ¾ of a mile to the east & a about three fourths of a mile South east of the town we are now south West of it we pull up move & pitch our tents again get through at Dark Col & Self go to town in an Ambulance to get something to eat over Sunday as to day is Saturday get 4 lbs butter & 35 lbs of beef & 12 loaves of bread get back & get supper about 9 PM out of 2 cans of oysters the Col got

Sunday 14 Went to M.E.C.South little man by the name of Mesick is Minister came & asked me Do you belong to the church? Yes are you a preacher? Yes are you a Methodist Yes Well then go into the pulpit I went & then was pressed to preach did so from

Matthew 18.20 had a pretty good time went & took dinner with a man by the name of Eads who is resident here & chaplain of a Ky Regt this eve here Gilmore an Indiana Chaplain preached from 'As for God his Way is Perfect' He preached all over but gave it to us warm

Thurs 25th Had a sort of Christmas dinner in camp Col furnished the men with oysters & a Keg of beer to the company had a good time generally this eve received orders to march to Mumfordsville tomorrow morning on Louisville & Nashville R. R. Start at 6 O clock

Friday 26 Broke camp this morning at 6 A.M. During the night our orders have been changed from Mumfordsville to Lebanon commenced to rain about 8 O clock & continued to rain till about 12 M at about 2 PM we encamp on the ground occupied by Buel During the battle of Perryville everybody has got thoroughly wet but nobody seems very unhappy we have made about half the distance from Danville to Lebanon

Sat 27 Reveille at 4½ A.M. breakfast 5.30, While eating it Capt Lupton comes in & informs us that during the night orders have been received to march back to Danville we take up the line of march & at 1 O clock P.M. are on the ground we left yesterday morning & pitch our tents up on the same spot. but are told privately that we have orders to march to Lebanon tomorrow morning

Sund 28 Genl Baird does not intend to move today if he can help it & we do not move went to church this eve heard a fair sermon on the Judgment from Rev Mr Eads a Ky Chaplain return to Camp & find we have orders to march to Lebanon tomorrow Morn

Mon 29 Reveille at 4 30 AM ordered to move at 7 AM at 5 30 AM ordered not to go but 22 Wis & 33 Ind are to go forward Rebel Cavalry reported to be moving on Harrodsburg

Tues 30 Quiet during the night except that the 33 Ind & 22 Wis are ordered back to Danville when they are within 5 miles of Lebanon the[y] retrace their Steps about 3 miles when this last order is countermanded & they are faced about & again started for Lebanon 10 P.M. 9000 Rebels said to be within 12 miles of this place have Just gone to bed get up & dress think it hardly prudent to Sleep with clothes off

Feb 2 1863<sup>3</sup> Left Louisville at 3 PM on Steamer Ohio No. 3 for Nashville<sup>4</sup> *growing cold*

Feb 3 Very cold The men on the guards of the boat must have slept cold last night today we stopped Evansville for boat supplies we also laid in a barrel of hams & some potatoes for the mess At Midnight reached Smithland— The mouth of the Cumberland

<sup>3</sup> Sometime in January, 1863, the Nineteenth Michigan, Thirty-third Indiana, and the Eighty-fifth Indiana along with seventeen other infantry divisions had been ordered to Nashville to support Major General W. S. Rosecrans. *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records* . . . , Series 1, XX, parts 2, pp. 342-343.

<sup>4</sup> There were fifty-four transports, six gunboats, and a number of barges in the fleet transporting the soldiers to Nashville. John R. McBride, *History of the Thirty-third Indiana Veteran Volunteer Infantry* . . . (Indianapolis, Indiana, 1900), 72.

Feb 4 Left Smithland where we took in coal at 3½ A.M we ascend the Cumberland slowly Received last night at Smithland an order to hurry forward as the Rebels had attacked Fort Donalson & fighting was going [on] there Reached Fort Donalson about 4 P.M & found that that there had been a fight here yesterday 6000 Rebels attacked the place on every side or on three sides at the same time They were pressing our little force sharply when the Gunboats arrived Just in time to save the place the Rebels retreated they took one Gun but [left] about 150 dead 150 prisoners behind them we lost 14 Killed & about 40 wounded<sup>5</sup>

Feb 5 Went ashore this morning to see the battle field of day before yesterday a number of dead horses are lying around they are burying the last of the dead to day 113 were buried yesterday this morning 18 more were found one Rebel Col was killed & one is said to day to have been taken prisoner The Col killed in the battle was McNair or Neary<sup>6</sup> he was buried this morning I did not see the burial We are lying here waiting for Orders They may come to day they may come tomorrow or next day we can only wait Yesterday was pressed by the Col to accept a Capt's commission & take Co D (Brown) resigned on account of sickness) after careful deliberation I declined the place Up to this time we are to pay 12/- per day for our fare on this boat Hereafter we Breakfast at 9 AM & Dine at 3 P.M. & pay a dollar per day

Feb 6 This morning still lying at Fort Donalson at Breakfast received orders to be ready at 10½ AM got under way for the purpose of getting in position The whole fleet is to proceed convoyed by the Gunboats said to be 5 in No. Last night rumor said that the enemy were fortifying 11 miles above Fort Donalson if so we shall stir them up to day

Feb 7 No Enemy was seen yesterday we ran slowly up the river all night This morning passed Clarksville & at 5 PM arrived at Nashville Here I got a mail—large number of letters but No papers Nashville looks old & deserted nothing seen but Soldiers & a few citizens mostly small tradesmen

Feb 8 Today we remained on the boat the day being occupied in getting the waggons on shore & loading them & as the waggons were all taken to pieces they had to be put together This was the sabbath but Oh how little of its sanctities were seen around us as all was hurry & confusion we had no religious services of any kind

Feb 9 Went on shore this morn & marched out 3 miles on the Franklin pike & encamped got into camp about noon on a fine piece of rooling ground east of the pike belonging to a rebel Dr & immediately in front of Mrs Brown widow of the late A. V. Brown P.M.G. under

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<sup>5</sup> The fighting mentioned is sometimes called the "second battle" of Fort Donelson. Confederate Generals H. B. Forrest, Joseph Walker, and J. A. Wharton with some four thousand men attempted to retake the fort commanded by Colonel Abner C. Harding. *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records* . . . , Series 1, XXIII, part 1 (1889), 31-41.

<sup>6</sup> Colonel F. N. McNairy.

Buchanan she is rebel but being alone she has a safe guard from Rosecrans & had from Buel & Negley

Feb 10 Quietly in Camp to day Adams came to Col Quarters to night sick & remains there [over] night

Feb 11 Adams in our Camp to day sick Men had battallion drill this P.M.

Feb 12 To day quietly in camp got very little mail for Regt & have heard nothing from home for several days Thoat a little sore to night Have been much exercised in mind for several days about the increase of card playing cannot expect to stop the men while officers openly play daily I pray for wisdom & grace Oh my Father teach what I ought to do & give me strength to do it

Feb 13 Thoat still some sore was better this morning but worse again to night still hope it will be nothing serious Have heard nothing from my family yet & we get very little mail for the Regt this evening wrote a letter for Benj Green to his wife & afterwards read a chapter from the Bible & prayed with him he seems to be very penitent & earnestly desires to be a christian & I felt happy while I prayed for him & was able to ask pardon for him with much confidence Oh for a revival of piety among these so many of whom are to find a tomb among Strangers

Feb 14 Went to town today with an escort to bury Geo Benedict but found no grave dug & had to deposit the body in the dead house & leave it

Sunday Feb 15 To day sent to town & got the body of Benedict & buried it in a fine grove adjoining our camp I spoke to the boys a few minutes perhaps a few will remember

Monday Feb 16th

Tuesday Feb 17th

Wednesday 18 To day was taken sick. went into breakfast but experienced such a loathing for food that I was compelled immediately to retire I know nothing what occurred the balance of this day except that towards night they brought me a letter from my wife

Thursday 19th To day a little better the Doctor thinks it a violent attack of Typho Malarial fever this evening feel much better

Fri 20 To day much better so that I am up & packed up my things as we have orders to move to Brentwood tomorrow about 10 miles from Nashville

Sat. Feb 21st Broke camp at 7.30 A.M. & at 8 were under way found the road good & at about 10 45 A.M reached Brentwood which is said to be a sort of run way for Guerillas so that we are really as much exposed here as in the front I have stood the [march] much better than I expected Thanks to a kind providence I am not greatly wearied nor do I feel worse than this morning though the Doctors evidently thought it imprudent for me to come So true it is He shall cover thee with feathers & under his wings shall thou trust

Sunday Feb 22 Feel very comfortable this morning & upon whole have had a very comfortable day We have remained Quiet in Camp at Brentwood The day has not been very cold though cloudy Some pillaging began this morning which was promptly punished & I think we shall have no more trouble on that score at present

Monday Feb 23 Quite Cold last night Slept tolerably last night but am not as well this morning

Tuesday Feb 24th Not quite as well to day took a dose of Quinine & slept for several hours & this evening felt better bowels still out of order

Wednesday Feb 25 Better this morning hope now to get along at once commenced raining at 11 A.M.

Friday Feb 27 Felt better this morning but not so well this eve had a floor put in our tent to day which makes us more comfortable fine day to day mud drying up rapidly

Sat Feb 28th Went to bed last night with much Distress in my bowels Took a dose of Quinine & some pills & tried to sleep for a 2d time dropped to sleep about half past ten & slept heavily till this morning much alarm existed last night two companies were marched out to support the pickets from our Regt & another placed as a Special guard in the rear of our camp. Rebel cavalry were all around us fell quite as well as I expected this morning This being the last day of Feb is the regular muster-day We muster at 11 O clock A.M. rainy again to day rained a little this fore noon & this eve had a heavy shower Took some camphor to alleviate the pain in my bowels (& found it operate finely this evening took some more with the same good effect) Were ordered this eve to be ready to march at a minutes warning night or day to support Genl Gilbert<sup>7</sup> who is expecting an attack at Franklin 9 miles distant buried Postman Co K. to day in the ground beside our camp

Sunday March 1st A very fine morning clear with a bracing atmosphere cool but not cold or uncomfortable Had no service today the weather being to cool for the men to stand & the ground to damp for them to sit This evening the Col offered the use of his tent for a prayer meeting which I accepted & we had a good prayer meeting from 7 to 8 P M

Monday Mar 2 A pleasant day all things move as usual untill 2.30 PM when we received orders to move in 30 minutes to support Genl Gilbert at Franklin get under weigh in an hour & at 7.45 P.M arrive at our camping ground in sight of Franklin Pitch tents get supper & to bed at 12 M

Tuesday Mar 3 Awoke at 6 A.M. but Dropped to sleep again & slept till 7 A.M. shall not fix up our camp much here as we are to remove to a new camping ground to morrow morning cannot learn any thing definite about a skirmish said to have occurred here yesterday This eve at 11 PM were ordered to be ready to march early 8 O clock AM to morrow to Spring Hill & thence to Hauley Springs [Raleigh Springs] there to communicate with a party sent out from Murfreesboro take 4 days rations 2 in haversacks & 2 in waggons only 4 tents to be allowed to a Co including one for officers & 2 tents for staff allowed only 4 teams for all our traps but all the waggons but one to go for forage

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<sup>7</sup> Charles C. Gilbert was the commander of the forces at Franklin. *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records . . .*, Series 1, XXIII, part 1, p. 73.

Wednesday Mar 4t Reveille at 5 A.M. Got under way at 8 A.M. but did not get across the Pontoon till near 10 3 miles out we encountered the rebel Cavalry no means of knowing how many of them about 11 A.M. We had one battery 6 guns 18th Ohio Capt Aylshire) Infantry were formed in line of battle & the battery commenced firing Rebels advanced to within 80 rods of our guns when they retreated after about 45 minutes our large train of 80 waggons were started back & went back to Franklin or within a short distance of it a courier was sent back for special instruction he returned with instructions that if the waggon train was in the way to send it back but to go ahead All the waggons except 4 to a regiment were sent back & about 4 O clock we proceeded we advanced about a mile over a hill & again drove in the rebel pickets it being now almost sunset we encamped for the night on the ground occupied by the enemy when we first encountered them this morning planting our batteries on the hill occupied by theirs we had one man Corporal Coshun of Co F wounded in thigh we found 10 of the enemy's dead So said Adj Adams Our force consisted of the 33 & 85th Ind 19th & 22 Wis The 124 Ohio 18 Ohio Bat & About 600 cavalry consisting of parts of the 9 Penn & 2d Mich

Thursday Mar 5t During the night Col Coburn sent back for a fresh supply of ammunition for the Artillery as we were nearly out got none but 200 additional Cavalry came up got into line of March at 8 O clock A.M. & advanced cautiously Soon Drove in their pickets & skirmished for about 2 miles when the enemy's artillery opened upon our battery turned about & commenced a backward movement this was soon stopped & they ordered into position on a hill The Infantry were ordered up for a support the 19th & 22 Wis on the left & the 33 & 85 Ind on the right the 124 Ohio were left to guard the train Soon afterward a movement was discovered on a hill about a half mile to our left & rear which was soon explained by a shell from a gun which the rebs had planted there soon afterwards our battery having exhausted their ammunition commenced a retreat the 33 & 85 had been engaged at Musketry range for about 30 minutes & it was evident they were having a warm time Just as our artillery fell back a column advanced & attacked the 19th & 22 Wis they were surrounded & it is feared entirely cut of or taken prisoners with the exception of about 150 of the 22d Wis who fell back along the pike & made their escape the 33d & 85 Ind are almost all missing Nothing definitely can be learned tonight of the fate of Col Coburn Col Gilbert Col Baird Lt Col Crane Major Shafter or Maj Craig & most of the line officers of these 4 Regts This has been a sad day for for us I feel crushed & stunned I can hardly think we were pursued nearly to Franklin (within about 3½ miles Tomorrow if possible we shall go out with a flag of truce & bury our dead & bring off such of such of our wounded as may still be alive<sup>s</sup>

<sup>s</sup>The engagement here described was that of Thompson's Station. Losses were heavy in this battle. The Nineteenth Michigan had 20 killed, 92 wounded, and 345 captured or missing. The Thirty-third Indiana had 13 killed, 85 wounded, and 407 captured or missing. The Eighty-five Indiana had 8 killed, 25 wounded, and 251 missing or captured. *Ibid.*, 75.



Friday March 6th Received permission from Gen Baird to accompany the flag of truce which was sent out to ask permission to bury our dead & take care of our wounded. Went out within 2 miles of the battle field before we encountered the enemy's pickets. Were stopped & the request sent forward to VanDorn after waiting from 12 M. to 5 P.M. the request was refused & we were compelled to return from the guards we learned that they had buried our dead & cared for our wounded. Two Rebel surgeons who came up to the guard station however reported that our wounded men had not had their wounds properly dressed for want of bandages, Ether & Chloroform. They report that they have 2200 prisoners. This however must be a mistake as we have less than 1700 missing all told<sup>9</sup>. They said they had buried from 50 to 75 of our dead & had 250 of our wounded. They did not recollect of burying or dressing the wounds of any commissioned officer. Col Coburn was reported as unharmed.

Saturday Mar 7 Arranged to send a dispatch to G. W. Gilbert. That the Col was probably a prisoner & unwounded. Wrote to wife Mrs Shafter & Capt Thomsons friends got all Col things together & this eve Adams came over & packed them preparatory to sending them home.

Sunday Mar 8h Went over into town this morning more in wandering reflective mood than anything else. Finally concluded to find a church. Found Methodist riddled with bullets & deserted Episcopalian used as a hospital. Went into Presbyterian & sat down to listen to the sermon a few minutes after the sermon began heard the Boom of Artillery & went out & started for camp intending to get my horse & ride out & see what it meant. When I got to camp found we had been ordered back to guard the Bridge at Brentwood. Broke camp about 2 P.M. & arrived at the bridge at Sundown. Rained this P.M. pitched a tent in the mud & laid down & slept.

Monday Mar 9th To day is bright & clear. Tried to get a detail put up tent but Capt Bassett is either utterly incompetent to perform the duties of commandor or has deliberately made up his mind that he will do nothing. He has determined that he will leave the service at all hazards & so will do nothing in it. He has tendered his resignation 3 times already. Failing in all attempts to get help I took off my coat called to my help our cook & the man who takes care of Q.M. & my horse & went to work & before noon had up the 5 tents we occupy inclusive of cook tent. We are in a most deplorable condition. There is no authority no Subordination. Men go where they please & when they please. Have been strongly tempted to resign my Chaplaincy to day if the Rebels desire us to accompany our commands they have only to come & take us.

Tuesday March 10th Last night at Dusk it commenced to rain & it has rained steadily ever since except about 2 hours in the middle of the day & bids fair to rain all night. Yesterday our forces advanced again from Franklin with what result we have not yet learned. As we have heard no firing it is not probable a fight has ensued indeed

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<sup>9</sup> The aggregate killed, wounded, captured, or missing Union soldiers was 1,446. *Ibid.*

we should undoubtedly have heard the artillery if one had occurred In consequence of the rain have kept quiet in camp to day & for the most part in tent

Wednesday March 11th This morning Capt Bassett received a letter from Adjutant Adams that the enemy had fallen back from Spring Hill in such a hurry as to leave 13 of our wounded boys whom they paroled & left & that I had better come to Franklin at once Went to Franklin but learned little more than was known before except that Col & Major visited the wounded after the battle & were uninjured Made arrangement to go tomorrow and exhume the dead & try & Identify them & returned to camp

Thursday March 12 Started this morning at 4.45 A.M. for Franklin to go to the battle field left Franklin at 8 A.M. arrived at the battle field 9 45 A.M. disinterred 25 bodies in one pit None of them could be identified as 19th men 3 or 4 33 & as many 85 Ind were identified & afterwards 5 were found in another place one of which [name omitted] Co C. from Batavia was identified returned to camp exceedingly weary Rec.d 4 letters from wife to night fair Day

Friday Mar 13 Am tired & sore to day have Diarrhoea & generally feel out of time with some head ache to night Capt B. [Bassett] had the men called out they came without guns perhaps 40 not more than 50 certainly they paid very little attention to the call to turn out Fair day

Saturday Mar 14th To day Capt Duffies Son (Malcolm) received a letter from his father dated Shelbyville Tenn March 9th Saying that our boys were there & paroled & to be sent north in a few days Fair day This little light lifts the gloom a little Adams came up to see us to day from Franklin he finds us very much demoralized Capt B has as little control as ever over the men

Sunday March 15 In camp to day & in Some distress from an attack of diorrhoea have kept very still having been in bed or on it most of the day have been falling off in flesh from these continuous attacks of this disease If they continue shall be compelled by a sense of duty to my family to offer my resignation Wind south to day & looking like rain

Monday 16th March Better to day Diorrhoea checked but feel somewhat languid another Fair day ground drying up Saw Elder leaves to day which were out of bud & peach trees on which the blossoms were bursting through the bud & were visable Adams returned to his Regt to day This eve rode out with him & Capt Bassett to see whether there ought be any change in the picket Stations

Tuesday March 17 Another fair day indeed So warm that coats were burdensome in the Middle of the day Matters here are far from going to my liking we have very little Subordination If matters do not change we shall become a laughing Stock When I look at things as they are & remember what this fine Regt once was *I am Sick*

Wednesday March 18th Fair this morning but towards noon it began to cloud up & indicated rain this P.M. it occasionally rains a few drops Everything about camp Just as usual men Shooting when they please despite positive orders from Div Hd Quarters & the

men riding the mules about when & where they please The All Wise only knows when there will be a change

Thurs March 19th everything as yesterday Adams went to Nashville yesterday & does not return to day—Fair day again

Friday March 20 Another fine day Adams came back to day about noon—No change in our affairs

Saturday March 21st Fine day Turner received orders to day to turn over 5 teams to Div Q.M. a strong disposition to set at naught Capt Bs authority to day & he falters & is afraid to meet the case & punish it Oh for better things

Sunday March 22d Cloudy this morning looks & feels like rain

Monday March 23 In Camp

Tuesday Mar 24 In Camp

Wednesday Mar 25 Taken prisoner this morning about 8 A.M & marched rapidly off

Thursday Mar 26th At 3 A.M. were permitted two hours rest which the boys improved At 5 AM were aroused from our heavy sleep on the ground by the order into line

Friday Mar 27th Left Williamport at about 9 A.M. for Columbia

Saturday March 28th Was exceedingly weary last night but am much better than I expected this morning Some rain during the night & cloudy but warm this morning Quietly to day at the Nelson Hotel & enjoyed the rest

Sunday Mar 29th Cold & cloudy this morning So that a fire is very comfortable will probably leave Columbia this morning or to at farthest for Shelbyville were told yesterday that we should start at 1 P.M. Started at near 3 PM came 8 miles toward Louisburg [Lewisburg, Tenn.] & camped at at Dusk Slept about 2 hours found it cold

Monday Mar 30th Rations issued to the men this morning Started at 8.30 A.M. Men marched well Cold & Cloudy with occasionally some sleet or hail Marched over a considerable barren rocky cedar hill mere ledges of Rocks came to Farmington at about 3 P.M. & camped the men in the cedar brush the Staff officers in an old house but much better than in the Storm Dr Bennett was permitted to go out & hunt us some supper got a good Supper

Tuesday Mar 31st Slept comfortably last night awoke at 3 A.M & got up at Daybreak got breakfast at the Same place as that at which we supped Marched 18 miles & camped 3 miles east of Shelbyville

Wednesday April 1st Slept badly last night from cold got up at 4 AM got breakfast & Started soon after Sunrise & reached Tulahoma about 3 P.M. went to the Adj Genls office with Surgeon Chapl Pillsbury were told that Chaplains would be unconditionally released Surgeons would be released Some Citizens who were along were to be treated as prisoners of war Just evening they came & gave the chaplains the liberty of the town which we improved by going out & getting a good Supper at a Mrs Nortons

Thursday April 2 Arose at 4 A.M. went over to Mrs Nortons & got Breakfast after which the Inspector Genl gave us (that Pillsbury & self) an unconditional release & transportation to Vicksburg the Balance of men & officers except Surgeons were sent to Chata-

nooga at 7 A.M. we left 9 A.M. on passenger train passed Decherd at 9.30 passed a mountainous country & arrived at Chattanooga at 4 P.M. left in 30 minutes for Atlanta where we arrived at Atlanta at 2.30 AM

Friday Apr 3 Left Atlanta at 5.30 A.M. for West Point [Georgia] this road has fine cars which I improved by Sleeping & hence saw little of the country In general it appeared a pleasant Section Came to Montgomery [Alabama] at 7 P.M. & went to Hotel expecting to Stay all night There learned that we must go by Boat to Selma Took a hack & hurried to the levee where we arrived Just in time took berths at \$3.00 each got Supper & went to bed

Saturday April 4th Reached Selma at 6½ AM & went immediately to the cars left Selma at 7.40 AM & reached Demopolis at 10.30 here we took boat 4 or 5 miles down the river (Tombigbee) to McDowels Landing got a good Dinner & in about an hour reached the landing where took cars again for Meridian [Mississippi] arrived at 5 P.M. & found no train for Vickburg till 7 A.M. tomorrow went to the Burton House & obtained Supper & room & went to bed had a poor rest was to weary & nervous to Sleep Soundly not much town & not quite as good accommodation as might be found in many places

Sunday April 5th Breakfasted & went to the train & left a few minutes past 7 AM for Vickburg God Speed us on in his mercy I feel doubly bound to go to Vickburg as soon as the thing can be done We have no business in the South now but to get out of it as soon as possible Came to Jackson between 5 & 6 & left a few minutes after 6 PM arrived at Vickburg 11.45 P.M. Went to the Washington Hotel took a room & went to bed weary enough

Monday Apr 6 Took breakfast at 7.30 AM & went to the provost Marshalls office & reported to him. He directed us to Maj Watts office as he (W.) had charge of all matters of exchanges The Major informed us he would deliver us to Genl Sherman tomorrow Meantime we were to be sent to the Hotel & would be confined to our room We were accordingly taken back to the Same Hotel at which we passed the night & assigned a room & they left us to our honor to Stay there our meals are sent to our room rested well to day & went to bed early

Tuesday Apr 7th Arose at 5.45 AM had breakfast 7.30 & are ready to go if it pleases the Confederate authorities to Send us within the federal lines The orderly appeared at a little after 8 & requested us to be ready & a little before 9 we Started went about a mile up the river to their water batteries Where we were taken in boat manned by Six oarsman rowed about 4 miles when the Steamer Odd-fellow came down & took us aboard & we were after 14 days again [in] the protection of the Stars & Stripes Steamed back up to the fleet & met Genl Grant whose head Qrs are at Milikens bend 25 miles above Vickburg but who was down to the fleet to day Gen Grant issued a Special order diricting us to proceed to our respective homes & report to Gen Rosecrans & Col Hoffman Sup of exchanged prisoners at Washington D.C. any information we might have & for orders & directing the Q.M.S Department to furnish the necessary transporta-

tion Went [to] the Qu M got transportation to Memphis & went on board the Steamer Magnolia & little before Sundown Started up the Mississippi got supper, a berth & went to bed

Wednesday Apr 8th Had a poor nights rest rose a little before Six & went out on Deck Slept an hour after dinner read a little in Harpers Monthly & retired at about 10 P.M. boat expected to reach Memphis tomorrow morning

Thursday Apr 9th Rested Better last night rose at 5.30 AM washed took an airing on Deck before breakfast which comes of on the boat a little after 7 A.M. Reached Memphis about 10 A.M. where we shall probably be detained till near night Went to the transportation office & got transportation to Cairo & then to the provost Marshals office & got our passes bought Chicago papers of the 7th & went on board again Memphis is pleasantly Situated on a high bluff the first we have seen since we left Vicksburg both shores between being low most of the way requiring a levee to prevent over flow there are many deserted & burned plantations Some with levees cut & the plantations mostly under water. left Memphis at 7 P.M. took Supper & retired at 9.30

Friday April 10th Slept better last night than Since I have been on the boat My room previously had been directly over the engine Yesterday was assigned a new one in the ladies Cabin had less noise & less Jar & Shake rose at 6. Breakfasted a little after 7 Made New Madrid at 12 M & left Island No 10 at 2 P.M. expect to reach Cairo at 8 or 9 this eve Arrived at Cairo at 7.45 PM procured transportation & went to the R.R. Station to await the train at 3.30 AM to morrow

Saturday Apr 11th Slept none last night did not even lay down at 3 A.M. got tickets & took seats in the cars left at 3.30 took breakfast at Centralia at 9 A.M 114 miles from Cairo took dinner at Urbanna between 3 & 4 arrived at Chicago at 9.30 P.M. parted here with Chaplain Pillsbury & went immediately to Mich Southern Depot & ascertained that no train left to night but that a Stock train would leave to morrow at 10 A.M. Went back to the Sherman House & took a room & went to bed

Sunday Apr 12 Slept till near 8 this morning took breakfast & went immediately to the Southern Freight Depot & from there to the Stock Yard where at 10 I took a Stock train with the prospect of getting home at Midnight

Monday April 13 one A.M. home & found the family all well not having heard anything of my whereabouts since the capture on the 25 of march

Monday May 4th have been at home for past 3 weeks Received orders last tuesday to Report at Camp Chase Ohio & left at 1.10 PM to day arrived in Detroit at 6.20 Supper at the Franklin called on Col Howard U.S.A. paymaster to see about pay but could get nothing out of money went round to Woodard Avenue Church & saw Arnold went to his house & stayed the night

Tuesday May 5 Went this morning to Capt Lee's office & got my transportation Via Cleveland Steamers C.C.C.R.R. to Columbus very rainy spent the day with Arnold & took Steamer May Queen at 8 P.M.

Very dark did not start till after 9.30 when I went to bed left some time in the night

Wednesday May 6th Arose at 6 A.M. lake a little rough came to anchor soon after in Pigeon Bay Breakfast about 7 left anchorage at 5 P.M. went a little distance found it very rough Shipped a heavy sea which injured the boat & turned back to Malden where we arrived at 9.30 P.M. At 11 Signaled the Steamer *Morning Star* & were all transfereed to that Steamer & at 12.30 were off for Cleveland

Thursday May 7th Reached Cleveland at 8 A.M. & went to the American house to await the train at 2.15 PM being to late for the morning train got breakfast at a little after 9 A.M.—At 1.40 PM left Hotel & went to Depot The telegraph brings bad news from Hooker's Army God pity us if the Army of the Potomac is always to be beaten by the rebels

June 8th 1863 Left Camp Chase at 1 O clock P.M. came to Columbus where the men were paid 4 months pay & then took cars for Cincinnati at 7 45 P.M. reached Cincinnati a little after 2 A.M. & went immediately to the boat Shenango left Cincinnati about 6 A.M. & arrived at Louisville about 7 p.m. Men went to Barracks & officers to Hotels. Col Adj' Lt Col & self at Galt House

Wednesday June 10th Bot a mess Kettle & some traps in all 14 70 Some Dried Beef 33½ lbs 4 30 at a Quarter before 7 P.M. Started of L.&N R.R. & at 7:30 PM where off for Nashville Several of the Captains Some Lieuts & 20 or 30 privates were left behind as the train started without giving any warning

Thursday June 11th Are running slowly this morning get no breakfast & shall get nothing to eat till we get to Nashville which we shall not reach till 3 or 4 P.M. reached Nashville at 3.30 P.M. & went to the Commercial Hotel *First Class* in nothing but its charges

Friday June 12th Left the Hotel to day after dinner & went to camp near the Penitentiary got our supper spread blankets on the ground and lay down

Saturday June 13th Enjoyed a fine nights sleep on the ground Had a call to day from the Rev G. S. Brown formerly of Mich Conf now Chaplain of the 86h Ill Regt Saw yesterday Bro Curtis of the Detroit conf chaplain of the 18th Mich The Regt (ours) are drawing clothing, arms & camp equipage Made arrangements to preach tomorrow in a new building about 30 yds from camp had a short prayer meeting there this evening

Sunday June 14th Preaching this morning at 11 A.M. & at 5 P.M a meeting to organize a camp church 14 gave their names. Was to have preached in a church this eve Brown was to pilot me but we missed one another I went to the Chattanooga Station & waited till 8 P.M & as Brown did not come I returned to camp

Monday June 15th In camp to day except going to town getting mail & getting some express arriving there one box sent by the ladies of plainwell containing Hospital stores which I requested to use at my discretion as our hospital had nothing in the line of dried fruits I turned over most of it to the hospital & kept for personal distribution so much as I could carry

Tuesday June 16th Got up at 4 30 A.M & went to the city in the ambulance to market bought a few heads of lettuce & some stringed beans back at 6 A.M. After breakfast moved our Camp about 200 rods & got into the shade of some trees It has been very warm for the past 3 days.

Wednesday June 17 In Camp at Nashville

Thursday June 18 Left Camp for Franklin this morning at half past 4 AM stopped about 2 hours at Little Harpeth & arrived at Franklin at half past 4 P.M., 18 miles & went into camp tired but not excessively weary went to bed early

Friday June 19th After breakfast sallied out to find where Regt's mail went to Col Baird Head Quarters got no light but a little after noon found it at 78th Ill found a place where got at big prices some onions & Raddishes was offered a good supply of Buttermilk at 5 cents a Quart Sweet Milk at 10 cents a Quart some alarm to day Rebs said to be within 5 miles in force their Scouts are doubtless all around us 80 of them were at Brentwood an hour after we left it yesterday

Saturday 20th Was admonished at 11 O clock P.M. that rumor said that we were to be attacked tomorrow Morning

Sunday 21st The day passed off as usual without an attack Had singing & prayers in front of Head Quarters this eve at Sunset pickets Strengthened to day

Monday 22nd All Quiet to day

Tuesday 23d Col G. [Gilbert] Recd orders to Send the 78th Ill 33 Ind 5 & 7 Ky Cavy & 19th Mich to triune immediately to report to the comg officer & if he should be gone to go on to Salin unless orders were left to the contrary by a staff officer or an officer Specially detailed for that purpose. Started at 2 P.M. & reached Triune at 8 Col. G. when near Triune was sent to Franklin to take command of that post. left his trunk with me & took a few things in my satchel

Wednesday 24th Left Triune at about 2 P.M. in a Drenching rain 6 & 7th Ky Cav & 33 Ind 78 Ill & 19 Mich Infy 1 Co 40 O.V.I. & 1 co 2d Mich Cav with a waggon train of about 400 waggons Made about 3 miles by dark. As our Regt train was in the advance we had to lay down on the ground men mostly had their blankets I lay down after eating a roast potatoe a but of dried beef & a piece of hard Tact on my Cubber [sic] covered myself with part of it Slept Soundly

Thursday 25th Started at a little after Six Hard toiling—made about 6 or 7 miles raining most of the [way] hard little to eat—laid down at dark in rain

Friday 26th Rained most of the night—got some wet—eat two boiled potatoes for my breakfast & we started made better time to day considerable rain to day Arrived at Murfreesboro about noon & got to camping ground about 2 P.M.

Saturday 27th Slept on the ground in the mud but under tent for the two nights before had no covering feet so swollen this morning cannot get my boots on this morning They have been fighting for past 3 days in the front Col Gilbert Joined us again last evening on our arrival here. Just after Supper we received orders to march to

the front by the Shelbyville pike to morrow at 5 A.M. Spent the evening in packing up & writing to my wife retired near 12 O clock

Sunday 28th Reviellee at 3 A.M. called the cook rose soon after Breakfast a little after 4. Started at 6 Saw Bro Patterson of Michigan Conf as we passed through Murfreesboro. When 2 or 3 miles out Stopped to let the 5th & 6th Ky Cav pass & for the other Infantry Regts (78th Ill & 33 Ind) to come up. God defend us this day Halted a little after 8 A.M. Resumed the march at 20 minutes after 9 & came to end of this days march about 1 O clock P.M. (10 miles from Murfreesboro) Went into Camp Genl Beard returned from the front soon after & called at our head Quarters Just evening Gen Granger with his force encamped for the night rained again most of this days march but a bright afternoon. Went to bed about 9 30 P.M.

Monday June 29th Bright this morning but But raining again before noon It has rained more or less every day & night for the past 7 ordered to march at 2 P.M. or rather we received the order at 2 P.M. to march immediately to Shelbyville. 50 men were detailed to take prisoners & horses to Murfreesboro 3 P.M. we are having a heavy shower. All ready to start left a[t] 4 P.M. & reached Guys Gap & went into camp Col. G. [Gilbert] took Quarters in a house I with him

Tuesday June 30th Remained Quiet to day a little rain this P.M.

Wednesday July 1st Bright & warm this morning wrote to wife & figured up the mess a/ for the past month- found the expense of living independent of the expense of mess furniture to be \$2.05 per week. Not very costly.

Thursday July 2d Remained Quiet to day this P.M. received orders to detail 50 men to get out ties for the R.R. which is to be put in running order to Shelbyville. Last night recd a dispatch that the Rebs were evacuating Tullahoma & orders to send off all the cavalry now here & shelbyville to go in pursuit of the flying foe. No rain to day but very warm oppressively so. retired at 9.30 P.M.

Friday July 3d Heavy shower again this morning rained most of the forenoon no news from home since the 16th of last month expect a mail to day Have had no Regtl mail since the 23th of June Went foraging for mess & bought a sheep for 5 cts a pound A train of 300 waggons passed our post to day on their way to Tullahoma. Roads in a terrible condition by the other route

Saturday July 4 Went to Murfreesboro to see about mail learned little & got nothing but my dinner at Pattersons Chaplain of the 11th Mich. Returned to Camp exceedingly wearied at 7 P.M.

Sunday 5th Exceedingly Sore to day. Yesterday Col's orderly & Adair of Co F while playing with guns very foolishly orderly gun was discharged the contents carrying away the right side of Adair's head. He died at 11 O clock last night. we buried him this evening at 5 P.M. It was a sad accident

Monday 6th Rumors to day that Vicksburg has surrendered & Lee's army has been defeated

Tuesday 7th Defeat of Lee's army confirmed

Wednesday 8 Surrender of Vicksburg confirmed & Lee's army utterly routed

Thursday 9th News of another battle on the Potomac Lee's army



routed & Panic Stricken 35000 prisoners & 60 cannon Said to have been taken 8000 arrived at Ba[l]timore Rode over to R.R. Station at New Fosterville Went to the creek & took a wash this eve

Friday July 10th Received a Small mail this morning & sent mail to Murfreesboro by the guard to the waggon train

Sat July 11th At Guys Gap

Sunday 12th Guys Gap

Monday July 13 Quiet in camp

Tuesday July 14 In camp at Guys Gap

Wednesday July 15 Guys Gap

Thursday July 16th Quiet in camp

Friday July 17th Today Received orders to take the 19th Mich one section of the 9th Ohio & one Company of the 10th Ohio Cavalry & take post at New Fosterville The balance of the Battery & the 33d Ind Started this evening for Murfreesboro

Saturday July 18th Left this morning at 6 O clock for New Fosterville 4 miles Distant arrived a little before 8 A.M. & pitched tents among the cedars.

Sunday July 19th Spent most of this day in looking for the body of Capt Dilley & one of his men of 33 Ind who is supposed to have been murdered about one mile from here on Friday evening last about 8½ O clock<sup>10</sup> Arrested several persons who are supposed to know about it or to be implicated in it. one Mrs Bennett Smith Mother of one of the supposed murders & Thos Brothers a supposed accomplice

Monday July 20th Still pursuing the object of yestedays search no trace of the body. Several others arrested & sent to Murfreesboro

Tuesday July 21st Two or three arrested to day - otherwise all Quiet

Wednesday July 22 Received orders to day to March to Murfreesboro as soon as releived by the 10 Ill who arrived about noon to day

Thursday July 23d Left for Murfreesboro this morning at 20 minutes before 6 Arrived about noon & went into camp south of the town

Friday July 24th Called on Pattison chaplain 11th Mich very warm to day Learned that Chaplain 22d Wis had tendered his resignation saw him at Depot on his way to Tullahoma to see about it

Saturday July 25th Rained a little this morning All Quiet was introduced to Hoover of the Baltimore Conf who is Hospital Chaplain at Murfreesboro He is boarding at Pattisons

Sunday July 26th, 1863 Went to church in town this morning heard an eastern man preach a moderately fair sermon a little stilted & sounding as though he was trying to be very simple to get down to the capacity of the soldiers of which his congregation was composed preached this eve at same house from Prov 14:26 very moderate time Staid with Pattison at his house

Monday July 27 got up this morning about 6 with a bitter headache came to camp after breakfast went to town for the mail came back sick & went to bed considerable fever

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<sup>10</sup> The men mentioned were Captain Israel C. Dille and Private Lothario C. Jones. McBride, *History of the Thirty-third Indiana Veteran Volunteer Infantry* . . ., 101.

Tuesday July 28th Sick high fever offered my resignation to day  
 Wednesday July 29 A little better not so much fever & less sore-  
 ness in the bowels

Thursday July 30th About as yesterday this morning

Friday July 31st A little better to day rode over to the city  
 this morning back to camp weary

Saturday Augt 1st Not feeling as well today as yesterday went  
 over to town & for the rest kept quiet

Sunday Augt 2d Went over to town to church with citizens  
 heard a fair sermon with some fine passages Had Regtal service at  
 4 O clock. Went over to town this evening & [heard] Chaplain Walker  
 of Ill he was evidently embarrassed positions better than their pres-  
 entation Col G. went to Nashville

Monday Augt 3d Went to Chaplains meeting this morning only 4  
 present nothing done Champion brought me a pair of under shirts &  
 2 pairs Drawers

Tuesday Augt 4th This morning went over the Stone River battle  
 ground

Saturday 8th Have done nothing this week Health poor Surgeon  
 has made out certificate of Disability which is now in the hands of Dr  
 Hobbs Brigade Surgeon As soon as I get my pay shall Start it  
 forward again It was returned a day or two since from Gen Grangers  
 office for the certificate

Sunday 9th Regiment paid to day My pay for the 4 months  
 ending with June 30th \$465.00

Monday 10th Saw Dr Hobbs this morning & obtained my resig-  
 nation & erased the date to which I had been paid (Feb 28) & inserted  
 June 30th I beleive I did right in offering it & I trust it may now  
 be more successful in its mission The weather has been warm (very)  
 for several days with quite a breeze in the middle of the day but for  
 which weather would be almost insufferable This afternoon at 4  
 O clock married Col J. G. Parkhurst of the 9th Mich to Miss Josephine  
 Reeves of Murfreesboro Parkhurst 39 years Miss Reeves 20 Witness-  
 es Col H. C. Gilbert & Capt H. B. Adams of Coldwater Mich

Tuesday 11th Have done nothing to day upon the whole feel a  
 little better than yesterday

Wednesday 12th Quite unwell again to day, took on the Drs order  
 Some Quinine & kept Quiet Dry & warm

Thursday July 13th Better to day. Went to town this morning  
 & got the mail Dry & warm In camp this P.M. No letters from home  
 for 5 days past

Sunday 23d Preached this morning in town & at 5 P.M. Buried  
 Danill Knapp of Co H. who died in Regtl Hospital this morning at 2  
 O clock This eve remained in camp & went to bed very weary Had  
 a fair time in preaching to Soldiers this morning Not much liberty  
 at the Funeral Had to stand in a burning sun—gave me a Headache

Monday 24th Went with Col Shafter & Mr Coddington of Leon-  
 idas Mich to Stone River Battle ground returned about noon Head-  
 ache & weary Heard this eve that there had been a fight on the  
 Liberty pike about 6 miles from here got no particulars Save that  
 Ambulance trains have been sent out to bring in Dead & wounded

Tuesday 25th In camp as usual Murfreesboro This evening

Bradford Co. K. from [place omitted] Died of Dysentery in Regtl Hospital

Wednesday 26th Bad headache this morning Slept little last night 1 P.M. Funeral of Bradford. Sent to Nashville by Lt Col Crane 85th Ind to enquire after my papers & telegraph [for] me

Thursday 27th Cook Sick this morning orderly came & called me. Wanted to know who would get breakfast got up and prepared it my-self. Col Gilbert recd Telegraph that Lucy was dangerous & left for home

Friday 28th Went to Hospital in town this morning found Batten very sick. Will probably die—Seems indifferent to his fate. I fear does well appreciate his condition

Saturday 29th Have a headache all the time received letter from Nashville that they are holding on to my resignation for a certificate that my ordnance accounts are all settled. A brilliant idea Truly Col Gilbert got a furlough for 15 days Batten Co A died this evening at 7 O clock at Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro

Sunday 30th Heard Patterson preach this morning after distributing books in the Hospital Buried Batten between 4 & 5 P.M. & preached this evening at 7 O clock in town Came back weary & went to bed

Monday 31st Regular muster day to day. Regt mustered by Capt Haze Division Mustering officer considerable Headache still

Thursday Sept 1st 1863 Waked up this morning free from Headache prepared a paper setting for the state of things in regard to my resignation & asking for a leave of absence pending action on the resignation shall forward it to morrow if I get nothing further on the Subject

Wednesday Sept 2 Sent in application for leave of absence & sent to Capt Dickson a certificate from Regt Commander that I had no ordnance accounts

Thursday Sept 3 In camp had a bad night last night & felt indifferently to day Stayed at Pattersons in town for the night

Friday Sept 4 In camp feel better than yesterday

Saturday Sept 5th Received back my application for leave of absence refused from Grangers office I think he lacks many qualities of a Gentleman

Sunday Sept 6th Slight attack of Diarrhoea this morning Distributed books & papers in the Hospital & kept Quiet till P.M. then went to the fortifications & preached at 3½ O clock. then back to camp & went early to bed. Regt on picket

Monday Sept 7 ordered to remove our camp over near Depot on Franklin pike All safely over before night Hd Qrs in house

Tuesday Sept 8th Quiet this forenoon after dinner went over with the mail from thence to Genl Steadmans Hd Qrs where I found my Resignation accepted Capt Moe A.A.G. delivered my copy to me returned to camp packed up & left on the train for Nashville. Arrived at N a little before 6 got my papers all straight & went to bed slept but little

Wednesday Sept 9th Took cars at 7 for Louisville. Col Gilbert & Capt Lincoln on the train for Nashville passed it at Cave City arrived at Louisville a little before 6 P.M. shall go home without waiting to get pay here got my tickets for Salem crossing