

JOSEPH H. ANDREWS DIARY
courtesy of the Rev. Robert Andrews,
Danville, Pennsylvania

JOSEPH H. ANDREWS--Age 18 years. Enlisted August 30, 1862 at Olean, to serve three years; mustered in as private, Co. I, September 25, 1862; wounded and captured in action May 2, 1863 at Chancellorsville, Va.; paroled May 14, 1863 at City Point, Va.; transferred to 112th Co., 2nd Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps, no date; discharged for disability, July 19, 1865 at Alexandria, Va.

Friday, January 9, 1863: Received 2 months pay from Maj Eaton 26 Doll go out at night and purchase some trifles going to send home 15 dol to morrow with out fail Quite pleasant out to day

Monday, May 25, 1863: Entered Grace Church Hospital about 4 o clock PM some _____

Saturday, July 4, 1863: Exceeding warm all day rain little at night have a good dinner have a speach _____ go to the Thearater at night Get in rather late enjoy the day very well _____ so good all well _____

Wednesday, July 15, 1863: Pay Day Received Pay to the amount of 114 do _____
_____ By Major Eaton

Saturday, July 18, 1863: Up at 4 o clock _____ for inspection _____
Warm & pleasant Recd a letter from home

Sunday, July 19, 1863: Warm during the day & a busy day to a lot of sick & wounded come in and was so busy that I didnt _____ Very tired at night sick of hospital life & long for my release

Monday, July 20, 1863: Up at it again at 4 o cl no rest for the weary _____ my feet all day 2 more come on eve _____ makes more trouble sick as ever of this life of _____ get along a little _____

Tuesday, July 21, 1863: Not quite so much to do scrub the benches & straighten up felt some tired &c

Saturday, August 1, 1863: Very warm to day Mop the ward to day get through midling early some tired _____ go get my monthly pass I wish this cruel war was over

Sunday, August 2, 1863: Received a letter from Home all well & \$3.00 to boot Very warm &

suffocating

Wednesday, August 5, 1863: feel pretty good to day but pretty warm. Go out in the after noon with the orderly & have a good time. Not much to do walk out after supper feel tired at night.

Thursday, August 6, 1863: Rise at 4 o clock. Very warm during the day not much to do 12 patients ___ near ___ 3 come in at night ___ some ___ the ___ after supper to bed pretty early some lonesome

Friday, August 7, 1863: Busy day 3 officers to take care of for ___ time & then they go a ___ the 2nd Division goes through here for transports not ___ Very Warm sleep most all the after noon rec'd a letter from Byron

Saturday, August 8, 1863: Up at 4 o clock in for a big days work Scrub the ward & get through at 11 o clock I go around with the Dr which puts me back with my work ___ dinner sometime go down & bathe in the afternoon ___ warm some tired at night

Sunday, August 9, 1863: Very warm During the day do not do much fix for inspection but not any ___ all Sleep most all of the afternoon Very still to day Go out Walking after dark. Very warm in the night in good spirits

Monday, August 10, 1863: Very warm during the day not much to do some lonesome sleep in the afternoon longe around town in the forenoon spent my last cent to day Head ache some very warm at night Get up at 4 o clock get no sleep before _____

Tuesday, August 11, 1863: ___ during the day don't feel very Well rather dull not much to do careing on with the boys at night sleep pretty good Head aches some

Wednesday, August 12, 1863: Very warm ___ the evening but thickens up towards night & is some cooler ___ comes to see me & A. ___ Go in Bathing after supper good time feel much better feel very good cool at night

Thursday, August 13, 1863: _____

Friday, August 14, 1863: _____

Saturday, August 15, 1863: _____

Sunday, August 16, 1863: Very busy day for me more so than any since I have been out. Inspection in the morn in the afternoon 8 or 9 more ___ & are ___ busy taking care of them Very tired at night sleep good Discouraged _____

Monday, August 17, 1863: Up at 4 o clock again full of ___ as ever hard roe to hoe I long to be at my Reg a gain I ___ & make more trouble Go a promanading around the city after dark a ___ & ___ Not very warm cool

Tuesday, August 18, 1863: Not quite as Busy as usual take a short nap in the afternoon another patient come here go out walk ___ after get relieved ___ Warm.

Wednesday, August 19, 1863: Up at 4 again at 4 o cl feel very good not quite as much to do as usual Very warm during the day & cool at night sleep very good tired at night as can be

Thursday, August 20, 1863: Got up feeling good not quite so much to do as usual take a short nap in the afternoon ___ ___ ___ pretty warm to day rather lonesome & dull to day. tired of hospital Business hard up for money &c J H Andrews

Friday, August 21, 1863: Get up 4 o clock again & have my hands ful till breakfast time By Beds to change pretty tired sicker than ever ___ ___ too much Donn ___ on by head nurse ___ me I don't care weather cool & dry looks like rain

Saturday, August 22, 1863: A hard day work for me Get through about 2 o clock ___ ___ ___ feel better pretty bad Diarrea up most all night & sick my stomach one of the Patients Died ___ ___ ___ to do Very warm

Sunday, August 23, 1863: Up at 4 o clock feel very bad & sick good deal to do not much patience to day Diarria not much better. inspection. I don't feel very good to day ___ warm ___ Get up at midnight I help wash a dead mans ___ ___ ___

Monday, August 24, 1863: pretty bad diarrea to day feel very mean not like doing anything considerable to day Got discouraged ___ day anxious to hear from home have good time at night ___ ___ ___ sleep very good very warm

Tuesday, August 25, 1863: Rise at 4 o clock feel good deal better than any time previous pretty ___ 9 o clock on the ___ continually Rain very hard at duck feel down hearted & discouraged ___ ___ ___

Wednesday, August 26, 1863: Sleep Rather late very cool in the morn My Regt come in & I go to see them not enough left to say so ___ is all I see they start toward Washington don't know where they are going to any thing about it some warmer not quite so much to do as usual

Thursday, August 27, 1863: At it again at 4 o clock not quite so much to do as before rather cool to day reced & write a letter from home & go up and see the Regt after supper stay quite late sick most all night with diarrea sleep good that is I lie sleep Cool

Friday, August 28, 1863: don't get up very early don't get through my normal Work before Breakfast Very warm during the day Don't feel much better to day work is quite light to day

Saturday, August 29, 1863: We all get up at 4 o clock & go to scrubbing. get through at Breakfast time & get our other work done at noon Send of 13 patients ___ ___ pretty tired. Go to the Thearater at night with ___ ___ enjoy the play get back pretty late rather cool to day feel good

Sunday, August 30, 1863: Prepair for inspection. insp at 10 o clock rather cool to day not quite so much to do have a short sermon ___ a letter from home with a list of the Drafted men feel kind of lonesome to day & down hearted

Monday, August 31, 1863: Arise at 4 o clock. cold enough to freese the horns of from ___ cow but grows warmer as the day advances clean out the Knapsack room Mustered for pay Go down to Depot & see our Regt feel good to day some what cool at night go a washing after returning ___

Undated notation: Battle of Chancellorsville Wounded through thigh ___ suffer or ___ down lay on the field after dark

Tuesday, September 1, 1863: Quite cool in the morn but somewhat warmer during the day do not feel very good sick a little in the afternoon _____ 9 o clock but don't ___ get out _____

Wednesday, September 2, 1863: Get up at ___ 4 not very cool in ___ I feel kind of tired after the nights excitements look like rain ___ considerable _____ rather dull go out at night. tired early

Thursday, September 3, 1863: Not quite so _____ to day _____ comes up and _____ to dinner _____ late ___ warm to day _____ night

Friday, September 4, 1863: Arise at 4 o clock. Not much to do to day fix for inspection but none Go down & see ___ recd letter from home with 2 ___ which comes very good Go out _____ at night Some what warmer to day write home

Saturday, September 5, 1863: All up at 4 o clock & go to scrubing get through before breakfast time & get through about 10 o clock to fix for inspection but none out of patience after fixing so Go down & see ___ feel tired go out walking after ___ time feel good

Sunday, September 6, 1863: 4 o clock finds me up pretty busy fixing for Inspection don't get through in time feel ___ Sleep & _____ a letter from ___ read my ___ all the _____ time head Aches some

Monday, September 7, 1863: Up ___ early considerable to do fix for inspection which comes off at 12 o clocl pretty busy to day don't feel very keen expect to _____ orderly fell pleasant _____

Tuesday, September 8, 1863: Begin my days ___ like inspection first rate not much to do Headache some _____ not having _____ to do _____ go out walking in the ___ carry dispatches arround Work is very light well ples Dinner

Wednesday, September 9, 1863: Get up in time for Breakfast feel rather low spirited not much to

do to day rather cool to day head ache some Go out walking after dark have pretty good time

Thursday, September 10, 1863: rather late up feel very good to day fix up the dispensary for inspection which comes off at 2 o'clock ___ inspect _____ Go to the Commissary Department for rations ___ some ___ at night not much ___ to do to day pretty cool & clear

Friday, September 11, 1863: Up pretty early & get some scrubbing done before breakfast then go down to headquarters & fumble around go to the Quartermaster Department Not much ___ to do to day feel good

Saturday, September 12, 1863: Get up in time for breakfast Inspection at 11 o'clock In the afternoon go to the Convalescent Camp _____ a _____ good time costs 2 ___ of ___ get back _____

Sunday, September 13, 1863: Go to convalescent camp tired at night _____ the _____

Monday, September 14, 1863: feel pretty ___ after the ___ considerable of time to day feel good

Tuesday, September 15, 1863: Up rather early considerable to do Lacy comes down to see me ___ at ___ go to the Theater not worth much ___ be about ___ fare a good ___ I come back

Wednesday, September 16, 1863: Up middling early feel good to day good deal of _____ to do _____ for the _____ go to the market fair some _____

Thursday, September 17, 1863: Don't feel very good to day good deal of _____ to do in the forenoon not quite so much in the afternoon some what warm day & sprinkles some don't go out any after supper recd a letter from _____ a _____

Friday, September 18, 1863: Not much to do pretty cool Don't feel very good

Saturday, September 19, 1863: rise at ___ o'clock & commence _____ breakfast & the _____ feel _____

Sunday, September 20, 1863: fix for Inspection but none after all my trouble Very cool. Cold enough for an overcoat not very busy take a nap in the afternoon the rest of the boys _____

Monday, September 21, 1863: Not much _____

Saturday, September 16, 1863: Up pretty early get enough scrubbing before breakfast busy all the forenoon have _____ of ___ sick at night Our Reg starts for the South West

Sunday, September 27, 1863: Very pleasant to day but don't feel very good. ___ out walking this

afternoon rather ____ Exchanged ____ the ____ regt gone don't ____

Saturday, October 10, 1863: Examined & ____ fix up knapsack ____ the Idea of ____ but cant be helped ____

Saturday, October 31, 1863: Started on a furlough home at 10 o clock Go to Washington and wait until 12 o clock ____ before I get any transportation and then go to the soldiers retreat and stay ____ next ____

Sunday, November 1, 1863: Get my tickets and start at 8 o clock and arrive in baltimore at 1 o clock lay there untill 12 o clock night and then start for Elmira reach there 12 o clock next night and wait untill ____ o clock ____ and start for home and get there at 10 ____ find all well and glad to see me

Friday, November 13, 1863: Start back at 7 o clock arrive in Elmira 12 o clock ____ night lay over until 4 o clock next morning and then start for Baltimore which i reach at 6 o clock that day raining hard Started as soon as I got there and arrive at Washington 12 o clock Midnight and stay at the soldiers retreat untill ____ (Sunday) start for Alx raining pretty Hard some what glad to get back again but some lonesome and ____

Tuesday, November 24, 1863: Thanksgiving Day. the day is ____ in ____

Thursday, November 26, 1863: ____

Friday, December 25, 1863: Some what pleasant to day Chilly at ____ time Rather dull to day not much stir in town to day Have an old fashioned dinner Turkey ____ And orange ____ like at home but is some ____ to think about it Well I remember a year ago to day we lay in front of Fredericksburg Hungry and dispirited but now I have plenty go out at night for a short time ____

Memoranda:

Amount Bought from July 16/63

1 hat	2.00
2 Shirts	5.50
1 ____ book	.25
1 Portfolio	____
1 Pocket Book	.75

Miscellaneous

1 finger ring	.20
1 pr Suspenders	.75

Sporting	3.00
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1 frock coat	_____
1 vest	3
2 shirts	5

Tincture of Opium _____ for Diarreeah 5

I inlisted August 31st 1862 for the Period of 3 years or sooner Discharged in the 154th N.Y.S. Volenteers at Olean Cattaraugus County State of N. York Under Lieut E. Porter Co. I

Money lent

Dick Turpin \$1.00
 Baxter, Allen “
 Corporal Rose \$5.00

September 1st/63
 Record

One year ago to day I started for Jamestown as a soldier with no thought of the future and I realise now & come to pass in one short year Having good health with the exception of a _____ I have got along well not seeing a sick day untill wounded & not missed a days duty much of this time I feel thankful for this _____ favors _____ what another year from to day will bring forth but I hope for the best & still more _____ this cruel war _____ be closed satisfactory. Not many homesick days have troubled me hearing from home quite often I feel satisfied to be contented with my lot _____ it be a hard one look forward for better days in the future if _____ is permitted me I shall to concker all difficulty provide _____ the future. to day finds me comfortable situated in the Hospital with all heart can wish for kind friends & not much _____ With the _____ and conclude _____