

Journal of the 1st

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After Battle of Chancellorsville we recrossed the Appomattock and camped near where we lay most of winter. And in my diary I find June 1st 1863 at Camp Foyes named after our Sgt. Killed at C.

June 4 Have marching orders to move in Camp.
Sgt Heavy firing up river- cavalry swarmed up to 500.
Sgt went on target practice and I took in the target.
10-11112- on picket & called in for pay but- only part of regt
Paid no pay-

12 & 13 Started on our long march after Johnnies which ended at Gettysburg

rest 14 in creek all night- leak awfully blistered.
14 ran into our own pickets at Blackburns Ford. Still ran & unexpected.

15 Reached Centerville- 15th Strawberry Plains by Goose Creek near Edwards ferry on Potomac.

10-1- up & down Goose Creek lived high. Honey Cherries hard eat & about sick

15 Crossed Potomac at Edwards's ferry. Passed aqueduct. Saw-
rocks, Poolville Sugar Loaf Mt.- and went through a pass of Mt.
Mt. & file & last- 2 miles I rode Dr. Days mare into camp near
Centerson, Md.

16th through Jefferson. Millstown (large place) to So. Point-
Md.

17th Sunday Took 40 men up side of Mountain on picket till 10
in the high. apple butter etc. Risk & sails show where the boys
the raped etc. Sept. 14th 1862 before Antietam

June 20th In Camp with lots of good Loyal Company. In a
morning poorly, March 10 miles to Frederick City of Maryland.
Write to Fame

18th moved through Utica Md. & camped at Thawittsburg.

19th at Thawittsburg all day about sick lived on Dew berries
July 1st. Town on creek at Thawittsburg eating Dew Berries of
blackberries when Long Roll sounded & in 10 minutes were on
road to Gettysburg- Double quick- Cav. & Artillery in Road &
Infantry in fields & through woods- about sick but never thought
of it after we could hear the artillery boom boom over the
ridge- Reached Cemetery Hill Gettysburg about 12-30 or 1 PM.
Filled canteens. sack & scowbelly cleaned & loaded rifles &
154 R M - 27 Pa. & 154 N Y were sent in- The 1st Corps were
in before we & the dead & wounded were thick in grove below
village & many wounded coming back. also cavalry. he filled
to right of village and soon found business in plenty. Our 3
regiments were soon forced back & flanked on right of 2 regt -
side of Darlys & unknown to us the village had been captured
and we were surrounded and gobbled as we passed between build-
ings into the Main St. of village. Lt. Jenkins. Basket of
Cherries etc. & found about all the regiment with 4000 or
5000 others down on Willoughby Run. where we were kept until
morning of 4th.

Incidents of Battle. Gov of Miss in R R Out- capt then &
J.J.S., at Fair Grounds- 1st Minn. 5th N.Y. Cav. of Westfield
NY is thought Howards forces nearly whipped again but our art-
illery had a great success. Fair Grounds - 1st Minn. 5th N.Y. Cav.

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July 1863. Gettysburg early & traveled in rain & mud, at double-quick, when able. About sick with diarrhoea again and fall out often. Infantry take the fields & Artillery the roads at a full gallop. with cannonading in front. full & fast reported at Cemetery hill Gettysburg soon after noon. fill canteens. clean & load guns. get a bite of tack & sowbelly. and with 134th N.Y. & 27th Pa go in. Meet wounded of 1st Corps & Cav being carried back. March through to lower part of town. file to right and meet the enemy but are soon flanked, & change front & soon surrounded by main st being taken & we litterally gobbled. (Lt Jenkins just returned from a prisoner at Chancellorsville & says "Ill never surrender again") etc etc but captured just the same.) The first impression of southern hospitality I recd was a basket of cherries from a Reb. as I was being escorted to the rear by a reb on each side. He said "here Yank you will need these before I shall." Well that was about the only chance I got at Southern Hospitality for nearly two years I was boarding with them. My impression of this days fight as I lay there on Willoughby run was that Mead who had first taken command of the army was badly licked; but at night we could see that we still held cemetery hill and the range now called little Round Top. & Round Top.

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Next morning we started about 8 o'clock. Fifty men were detailed from our regiment to go on a scout on our left flank, the remainder of the brigade marched with the corps directly towards Gettysburg. A slight mist of rain commenced to fall, which deadened the sounds of the opening battle, which was already on, the first intimation of which we received just after crossing Marsh Creek. As we reached the high ground north of that stream the rattle of musketry and roar of cannon told us that our long race after the enemy was ended. We pressed forward down the now famous Emmitsburg pike to the vicinity of Codora's house, where we left the road and went across the fields to the cemetery overlooking the town and most of the first day's field. We stacked arms among the old grave-stones and watched with wondering eyes the scene that presented itself in plain view, just across the valley.

It now became evident that the Union line would have to be retired to Cemetery Hill, the overwhelming force of Confederates having outflanked the Union line; but with the enemy on three sides it was a question whether a retreat could be made without sacrificing the most of the Union force on the advanced line. Two small brigades were the only reserves, and in taking one of them to cover the retreat, Gen. Howard, who then commanded the field, took desperate chances. But something must be done, and that quickly. In this emergency the First Brigade, Second Division of the Eleventh Corps, were ordered to charge down through the town to the extreme right and hold the division of Gen. Early in check until the troops could be retired and a new line established.

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7. CAPTURE AT GETTYSBURG.
June 30, 1863 to July 10, 1863.

- (D) 30th & last day of June, Cloudy & (-?-) Muster day etc, lay in camp untill most night & then pulled up & moved about 2 miles & encamped for the night.
- (L) 30 Last day of June cloudy and cooler. Muster day and rest. Lie in camp till most night and pack up again and move about two miles and camp for the night Lee's troops cannot be far off, from reports and the number of aids on duty at head quarters.
- (S) 30th Reports of Lees army in close proximity and aids flying in all directions.
- (D) July 1st 63 left Emmettsburg early & traveled very hard in the rain & mud untill 1 P.M. when we hauled up in front of Gettysburg in the midst of a battle, stopped to rest an hour & then were sent to the front, fought well were surrounded & taken prisoner marched back to the rear of the town & (---?---) night.
- (L) July 1 Left Emmettsburg early and traveled very hard in the rain and mud. Am about sick to day with diarraeah and cannot keep up with the regiment but get along as fast as I can Infantry have to take the fields and woods and Artillery go by in the road on the run and can hear firing ahead reported at Gettysburg Came up with the regiment at Cemetery Hill in the village of Gettysburg with heavy fighting in front by cavalry

into the ranks with his bayonet and some very strong language.
Camped on top of Ridge for night.

(D) 6th¹¹ Cloudy start down the mountain at about 10 A.M. & march
for 3 or 4 miles & halt 6 hours near a small place called
Waterloo & see the rebel troops go it on a retreat, get a
little more flour, am getting very hungry. start on again about
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. & stand around & travel & stand untill morning & get
some breakfast etc (Passed Wanseborough & Latticeburg) &
then passed through a large town (Hagerstown) & encamp for the
night. get a little flour & beef

(L) 6th Start down the mountain at about 10 AM and move 3 or 4
miles and halt 6 hours near a small place, Waterloo. And see
the rebel troops go by on a retreat sure. Get a little more
flour here. Am getting very hungry Started on again at 5³⁰ PM
and stand around and travel and stand around again till morning

(L) 7 Rebels in a tight place we think if our men only knew how
much so. Get a little breakfast and travel again Passed through
Wanesborough and Latticeburg, small towns, and then through
Hagerstown which is quite a large town and encamp for the night.
Get a little more flour here The Johnnies are surely getting
us towards the Potomac and may get us to Richmond

(S) 7th Awful Hungry Passed through Waterloo. Waynesborough.
Latticeburg & Hagerstown. near the Potomac. A little cavalry
at fight at Hagerstown just before we got there and several of
our cav. lying around unburied. Saw two or three miles of the
Reb Train captured by our Cav. eve of 6th but the rebs are
surely getting us on towards their own territory again. but Rebs

are in a tight fix if our men only know how tight

7th & 8th moved around a little

- (D) 8th Cloudy & rainy. Start for the river about m & go 50 rods & stand an hour & march back to camp again. get $\frac{1}{2}$ Pint flour & a little beef to a man
- (L) 8th Cloudy and rainy. Started on about noon and go only about 50 rods and stand around an hour and return to last nights camp Get $\frac{1}{2}$ Pint of flour and a little beef to a man and camp for all night
- (D) 9th Cloudy. All Hungry as bears, pay any price for nothing Start out again for the river at about 2 PM, Stood & laid around in the mud untill midnight & then crossed the river in 4 pontoons, bought a little flour at Williamsport (the crossing place
- (L) 9 Cloudy, All as hungry as Bears and pay any price for any thing to eat Leave camp about 2 PM. Bot a little flour at Williamsport near where we crossed the river. Stood and laid around in the mud until most night and crossed the river by pontoon boats. 4 boats on a line across the river. Each one going a part of the way and unloading in the next one. Camped on the Virginia side once more.
- (S) and at eve of 9th were crossed in skiffs or pontoon boats strung on a line across the Potomac. 4 boats on the line & we changed boats
- (D) 10th Clear & warm, Prisoners all got across this morning, start on for Richmond at m & go 14 miles Pass through Martinsburg (mostly (-?-) The people seemed willing to (--?--) but the

guards was mad because they couldnt get it, & wouldnt (---?---)
or they into the ranks

(L) July 10 Clear and warm Prisoners all put across the Potomac
this A.M. about 4,000 of us and at noon we started on for
Richmond Travel about 14 miles passing through Martinsburg
People mostly friendly and when guards would let them would
trade and give us eatables, but the new guards we got over us
at the river were mad and would not give them a chance often to
come inside the lines

(S) 10th prisoners all got across, about 4000 of us, and started
on for Richmond. Hungry no name for it

(D) July 11th Cloudy & warm, marched to Bunker Hill in A.M. & there
drew 2 tea biscuits & a little beef for a days ration in P.M.
went untill 2 A.M.

(L) 11 Cloudy but warm. Start on this 11 and march to Bunker Hill
there drew (2) two tea biscuit and a little beef for a days
ration and moved on slowly all PM and untill 2 oclock in the
night

(D) Sunday July 12th & encamped a mile east of Winchester, started
on this A.M. about 11^{OC} & came 10 miles & encamped & drew a
pound & $\frac{1}{3}$ of flour & a pound of beef (Cloudy)

(L) 12 Sunday, Encamped last night one (1) mile outside of
Winchester Started out at (11.) eleven oclock and marched about
10 miles and encamped and drew $1\frac{1}{3}$ Flour and $1\frac{1}{2}$ of beef each
Cloudy

(D) 13th Rained very hard most of the day, got wet as a drowned

Daily Entries of July 10th