

1863

Sund. Nov 1

Rec. Arms & equipage left camp Parole P. 9 A.M. took Steamer at Annapolis left about noon arrived in Baltim about 4 P.M. remained on the Boat in the Harbor all night verry pleasant day

Nov 2

Landed this morning Breakfast at Soldiers Retreat took cars about sundown on Nth Cr. R.R.

Nov 3

Rained last night and early this morn. arrived at Pittsburgh Pa. 10 P.M. got Supper

Nov 4

Left Pt. 2 o'clock A.M. mailed letter to wife at Alliance Ohio at Mansfield Ohio 5 o'clock P.M.

Nov 5

arrived at Indianapolis Ind. 7 A.M. Breakfast at Sd. Home Indps left about noon arrived in Jeffersonville Ind. in Evv. remained in cars all night

Nov 6

walked about 1/2 mile to Ohio River & crossed on Steam Ferry boat to Louisville Kt. 8 A.M. dinner at Soldiers Home

Nov 7

quartered in an old warehouse last night and rec. Breakft before daylight left at Sunrise on Louisv. Nashv. & Mph. R.R. arrived at Nashville Tenn. 7 o'clock P.M. and quartered in a large five story Brick building

Sunday Nov 15

Remained in NashV. in same quarters without going out of the building up 2 o'clock A.M. Breakft left NashV. 5 o'clock A.M. on top of freight train verry cold morning warmer P.M. Train broke down left part of it Locomotive off track &c

Nov 16.

on top of cars all night went through tunnel 90 m. from NashV. 9 o'clock A.M. arrived at Stevenson Ala. P.M. changed cars. arrived at Bridgeport 4 o'clock camped for night near town

Nov 17.

march 9 A.M. crossed Tenn. went 11 miles camped in Poison Valley

Nov 18.

march at Sunup went over mountain to Kellys landing camped for the night

Nov 19
on at Sunrise arrived at Reg't about 10 A.M.

Nov 20
orders to be ready to march rained at night

Nov 21
Rained Col. Jones arrived to Reg't.

Sund Nov 22
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Nov 23
Left Knapsacks &c. 2 P.M. Brigaid in colum fighting soon commenced about 3 P.M. we deploid 154 Reg't on the Extreem left Cos B & G Skurmishers at dark we moved a little to right made breastworks with rails and Earth

Nov 24
early this morn Co. H & E out on Picket three men of each Company wounded relieved at dark. Lookout Mt. taken

Nov 25
Reg't on Skirmish in the morning then went N.E. about four milds to Chickamauga Creek about two milds from Tenn. R. Mish. ridge taken rec letter from Wife & Father in Eav.

Nov 26.
m'ch 5 A.M. crossed creek on Pontoon Bridge arriv'd at Chickamauga Station 3 P.M. Station & a quantity of Rebs supplies burnt by them and some left that our army took they also burnt wagons Art. Kasons &c

Nov 27
mch at sunrise through Greysville

Nov 28
30 men of 154 regt. went to Chattanooga with prisnors. Rained all A.M. no marching to-day move camp. I was on Picket

Sund Nov 29
Pickets called in marched at daybreak camped for night at Cleaveland Tenn. cold.

Nov. 30 on at Sunup to Charlestown Tenn. took a train of cars with army supplies &c

Dec 1
crossed Iwassa R. before daylight rec. Flour Meal and Salt captured from Rebs. went through Athens camped about one mild from town

Dec 2

mch at daybreak through Sweetwater & Philadelphia
camp'd 7 P.M. on Picket

Dec 3

mch 2 miles camped 3/4 miles from Loudon on South
branch Tenn. R. Rebs burnt Bridge

Dec 4

No marching to-day waiting for a bridge

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This four page diary written by Private Stephen R. Green of Portland, Chautauqua County, New York, a member of Company E, 154th New York Infantry Volunteers, covers the period from Nov. 1 to Dec. 4, 1863.

During this time, he chronicles his movements from Parole Camp at Annapolis, Maryland via rail westward to Indianapolis, thence south through Louisville and Nashville, to when he rejoins his regiment near Chattanooga. While there he is engaged in the battles at Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, his first action since his capture on May 2, 1863 at the battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia. The regiment then marched northeast toward Knoxville, to aid Burnside's IX Corps.

*This is a continuation of Green's diary of Nov. 1 – Dec. 4, 1863
Written on same ruled paper as his Dec. 28, 1863 letter from Lookout Valley, Tenn.*

Dec 5

March 1 o'clock A.M. up River six miles crossed on a bridge made of Wagons with plank on them arrived at Louisville Tenn 7 P.M. on Picket

Sunday Dec 6. news that the Rebs were whipped and had left Knoxville moved camp one md.

Dec 7

mch at day break on the road we came crossed River and camped for night

Dec 8

Rained P.M. camped near Sweetwater

Dec 9

Camped near Athens pleasant & warm

Dec 10

Moved camp 1 mile on Brigaid guard

Dec 11

Wrote to Wife & to Father relieved from guard 9 A.M.

Dec 12

March through Charleston and camped two miles from town. Rained & muddy

Dec 13 (Sunday)

Mch to Cleveland camped near town about noon Rained A.M. Rained hard in Eav with thunder & lightning. on Picket

Dec 14

Relieved Picket 10 A.M. marched about 1 ½ miles went through town camped near the remains of the Factory and Depot our Army burnt Nov 27 or 28

Dec 15 pleasant on Picket a train came from Chattanooga with supplies for us. the men that went to Chatt. with prisoners from 154 reg. came with the train as guard and brought some mail I rec letter from wife of Nov 23

Dec 16 Pickets called in 5 A.M. mch 7 A.M. camped 15 m. from Chattanooga rained most of the night

Dec 17 mch at daybreak very muddy arrived at Chatta. 4 o'clock P.M. went via Lookout Mt. to old camp in the valley arrived at dusk

Dec 18

worked all day making tent

Dec 19 washed Clothes A.M. moved camp P.M. about ½ mile tent with Wheelock Callahan & Hollister Wheelock not well and left to old camp we went back there at night

Sund Dec 20

worked on tent letter to wife

Dec 21

worked on tent

Dec 22

made chimney Wheelock worse with fever

Dec 23

worked on tent

Dec 24 finished tent all but putting on tenting no rations to day

Dec 25

washed Clothes A.M. rec 4 Days rations bread rec. Clothing I got 1 prs Pants Rubber Blanket & 1 pr Socks rained P.M. & Evening

Dec 26, 27 & 28 Rainy

Dec 29

Pleasant Letters to wife & Father

Dec 30 Pleasant

Dec 31 Rained. mustered for pay. Clothing to Date on second year i.e. from August 22. 1862 first year settled or balanced Clothing Books lost. no rations to-day

Jan 1, 1864

Rec. one days rations moved P. Wheelock to Hospital and moved to new camp very cold day

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