

Joshua R. Pettit

154th N.Y.V.I.

Born December 31, 1839

Fairview, N.Y.

Died January 8, 1912

Age: 72 years, 8 days

Married Sabra Simonds

Son: Guy M. Pettit

Born June 10, 1863

Franklinville, N.Y.

Died July 4, 1949

Ellicottville, NY

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Tuesday, October 4, 1864

The Rebs are near Marietta with two corps Sherman has gone there today had a fight to Sanderstown today

Wednesday, October 5, 1864

We all went to graze our horses no forage here for our teams Sherman had a fight near Marietta

Thursday, October 6, 1864

I was out grazing our horses the Rebs has cut our communications if we don't hear from Sherman today we are fortifying city

Friday, October 7, 1864

I was in camp all day no news no trains from Nashville yet fine warm weather

Saturday, October 8, 1864

In camp all day no news all quiet here and fine weather

Sunday, October 9, 1864

I was at home all day no news from our rear fine weather

Monday, October 10, 1864

I was in camp all day fine day no news from the north our railroad still cut off

Tuesday, October 11, 1864

2 div went out in the country for forage fine day and warm

Wednesday, October 12, 1864

I was out in the country grazing the horses we got paid today I drew 148 dollars fine warm day

Thursday, October 13, 1864

I was out grazing today there was a train come from Chattanooga today the first in a long time got a letter from Sabrie

Friday, October 14, 1864

No news today all quiet here fine warm day

Saturday, October 15, 1864

I was in camp all day the cars haven't got to running yet no news from the rear

Sunday, October 16, 1864

I was in camp all day no news all quiet here fine warm day

Monday, October 17, 1864

I was in camp all day the men got back from the foraging expedition and got lots of corn

Tuesday, October 18, 1864

Was in camp all day no news all quiet here rather cold weather here

Wednesday, October 19, 1864

I was in camp all day no news another party went our foraging for corn

Thursday, October 20, 1864

I was in camp all day nothing going on fine weather

Friday, October 21, 1864

I was in camp all day all quiet here and no news fine weather
only rather cold

Saturday, October 22, 1864

I was in camp all day all quiet we got the news of Sheridan's
great victory in Virginila got a letter from Sabrie and father

Sunday, October 23, 1864

We had inspections by Capt Kow today wrote a letter to Sabrie
and one to father fine day

Monday, October 24, 1864

The foraging party got back today with plenty of corn fine warm
weather

Tuesday, October 25, 1864

I was in camp all day no news fine warm day

Wednesday, October 26, 1864

I was in camp all day we were all moving hospital warm day

Thursday, October 27, 1864

3rd Brig all went out foraging today I got seven letters from
home today fine warm weather

Friday, October 28, 1864

I was in camp all day fine warm weather

Saturday, October 29, 1864

The trains come thru from Chattanooga today and George come from
home today

Sunday, October 30, 1864

I was to the Regt to see George had a good visit wrote a letter
to Sophie and Sabrie sent \$20 in a letter to Sabrie

Monday, October 31, 1864

The corps hear quarters moved their quarters today and we moved
too I have got a splendid white house to live in

Tuesday, November 1, 1864

I was up to the 154 Regt today to see brother fine warm day
wrote a letter to Sabrie get hot one

Wednesday, November 2, 1864

I was at home all day no news all quiet here rainy cold day
wrote a letter to Sabrie and sent 20 dollars

Thursday, November 3, 1864

I was in camp all day no news of importance rainy day and cold

Friday, November 4, 1864

I was in camp all day no news cold rainy day

Saturday, November 5, 1864

the 3rd Div and 2nd Div left Atlanta today we have orders to be ready to go tomorrow

Sunday, November 6, 1864

The 2nd Div got back today they only went out 5 miles but we have orders to be ready to move at hour's notice

Monday, November 7, 1864

In camp all day expect to march every hour was up to the regiment and got a letter from Sabrie

Tuesday, November 8, 1864

I was in camp all day the boys gone to election today have orders to march in the morning fine day

Wednesday, November 9, 1864

Our pickets was drove in this morning at daylight the Rebs attacked us with a brig of cavalry and three pieces of artillery but got drove back

Thursday, November 10, 1864

No news today all quiet here fine weather and warm

Friday, November 11, 1864

We had a big fire here this eve the soldiers set them a fire burned some 30 buildings hot times fine day

Saturday, November 12, 1864

All quiet here today we expect to march every day fine day and warm

Sunday, November 13, 1864

George was up here to see me today and dined with me we had a good visit fine day

Monday, November 14, 1864

We have got orders to march tomorrow fine weather tearing the depot down and burned some buildings

Tuesday, November 15, 1864

We left Atlanta today and marched to Decater for dinner we got in camp at one o'clock AM we marched to Stone Mountain 20 miles

Wednesday, November 16, 1864

Left Stone Mountain and crossed the White River for dinner We marched 17 miles today rough country and woods

Thursday, November 17, 1864

We marched all day thru a nice country and we marched 20 miles and got into camp at 12 o'clock PM fine day

Friday, November 18, 1864

Marched to Social Circle to dinner and passed thru Rutledge and within two miles of Madison stayed all night 17 miles

Saturday, November 19, 1864

Left Madison at 4 o'clock and marched all day 20 miles we captured 39 horses warm day

Sunday, November 20, 1864

We marched all day myself and Thomas capturing horses and got lost and was out all night stayed in nigar shanty

Monday, November 21, 1864

Started this morning and joined 3rd Div and passed thru Eatington nice town marched 17 miles stole my horse rainy

Tuesday, November 22, 1864

Marched to Milledgeville and crossed the Oconee River and got into camp 12 o'clock PM marched 11 miles

Wednesday, November 23, 1864

Laid in camp all day near Milledgeville nice town very cold weather for a few days we moved camp at night two miles

Thursday, November 24, 1864

We left from near Milledgeville _____ five miles for dinner we made eleven mi today rough country cold weather

Friday, November 25, 1864

Marched all day made 17 miles rough country and woods all day fine weather but cold

Saturday, November 26, 1864

Marched to Sandersville for dinner had some skirmishing the trains stayed here all night and the troops went tearing railroad

Sunday, November 27, 1864

We marched from Sandersville to Davisburg 16 miles fine warm day and nice level country no skirmishing

Monday, November 28, 1864

March half of the day to Louisville 10 miles stopped here to build bridge the Rebs burned it fine warm day

Tuesday, November 29, 1864

We laid in camp all day to build a bridge cross the river fine warm day 2nd Brig is off tearing up the railroad

Wednesday, November 30, 1864

We crossed the river today and marched 15 miles fine country and plenty of supplies fine weather and warm

Thursday, December 1, 1864

Marched all day 12 miles fine warm day good country

Friday, December 2, 1864

We marched all day and went 15 miles the cavalry had a little skirmish today fine warm day swampy country

Saturday, December 3, 1864

We marched all day got in camp at twelve o'clock at night went 12 miles fine weather and warm went thru swamps GW foraged

Sunday, December 4, 1864

We was all day marching 5 miles very bad roads all swamps fine pleasant day and warm

Monday, December 5, 1864

Marched all day fine country we marched 17 miles today warm and pleasant I was sick with a bad cold

Tuesday, December 6, 1864

We marched all day and made 9 miles all swamps and very bad roads fine warm day

Wednesday, December 7, 1864

Crossed little turkey creek and crossed big turkey creek very bad roads rainy day made 12 miles

Thursday, December 8, 1864

Marched to and passed through Springfield and the troops went ahead heard heavy guns direction of Savannah

Friday, December 9, 1864

Marched today made 8 miles some skirmishing today fine warm day we can hear heavy guns at Savannah

Saturday, December 10, 1864

Marched 6 miles within 5 miles of Savannah heavy cannon and some fighting today

Sunday, December 11, 1864

We moved camp today we moved to the Savannah River three miles from the city heavy skirmishing today fine day

Monday, December 12, 1864

We laid still all day our brigade captured a steamer today with 8 prisoners on it some skirmishing and cannonading

Tuesday, December 13, 1864

Laid in camp today sharp firing in front shell us like fun fine warm day no rations

Wednesday, December 14, 1864

We was in camp all day some firing in front we have got communications with the fleet hard up for rations

Thursday, December 15, 1864

We are still in camp the Rebs are shelling us from the river they wound some fine warm day but no rations

Friday, December 16, 1864

I went to the front to relieve Sargt Swarts the Rebs shell us like fun hot day no rations plenty of rice

Saturday, December 17, 1864

Laid in camp all day still day the Rebs didn't shell us but little I got letters from home the first in long time no grub

Sunday, December 18, 1864

We were in camp all day the Rebs shell us lively very fine warm weather I wrote a letter to Sabrie no rations yet

Monday, December 19, 1864

fine and pleasant day we got a few rations today the first since we left Atlanta wrote a letter to father

Tuesday, December 20, 1864

Was in camp all day the Rebels shelled us for four hours steady we got six big guns up here today fine warm

Wednesday, December 21, 1864

The 2nd Div 20th corps took Savannah this morning the first troops in the city the Rebs left we captured prisoners

Thursday, December 22, 1864

We moved the hospital to the city of Savannah today fine day but very cold

Friday, December 23, 1864

I laid in camp all day all quiet here I was up town to see the city pleasant place fine weather

Saturday, December 24, 1864

We are all building houses today we are hard up for rations musty meal and molasses is all we had

Sunday, December 25, 1864

We are working hard all day to finish our houses we have nothing to eat

Monday, December 26, 1864

We are building barns for our teams the 14th corps was reviewed in the city today fine warm day

Tuesday, December 27, 1864

I was up to the regiment today all quiet here and no news hard up for rations fine warm day

Wednesday, December 28, 1864

We finished our barns today no news here we got a little rations wrote a letter to Sabrie

Thursday, December 29, 1864

Was in camp all day no news all quiet here fine warm day

Friday, December 30, 1864

The 20th corps was reviewed today by Gen. Sherman in the city of Savannah made a fine appearance fine day

Saturday, December 31, 1864

Laid in camp all day the fine company was out on parade in the city rainy and cold day

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August 20th

I got paid today I drewed eight months toq. and that paid me up until the first of Sept. I drewed 148 dollars

THE SOLDIER'S PRAYER.

BY GEORGE W. BUNGAY.

How calm and clear the stooping skies,
The faithful stars their vigils keep;
God watches with ten thousand eyes,
The welfare of a world asleep.

O radiant Heaven, whose arch is bent
Above the evil and the just,
Send from thy starry firmament
Angels to guard our slumbering dust.

Poor wanderers from their homes afar,
Sleep in their tents beneath thy light;
May each true soldier have a star,
To crown him victor in the fight.

TO MY MOTHER.

The following lines are respectfully dedicated
to my mother, J. W. which.

I have some friends, a cherished few

Whom oftentimes I see,

And they ever have a sunny smile

Or kindly word for me,

They've wept with me when I have wept,

And sighed when I have sighed,

They laugh with me when I am gay,

When rude they gently chide,

Some professed to be my friends

When fortune smiled on me,

But when she—sick, mild—decamped,

I looked in vain to see

Those friends, they were not there,

When came adversity

That was not friendship, I am sure

They were not friends to me,

But they had ever been to me

A kind and generous friend,

And so I hope thou'lt ever be

Till we with both shall end.

It is thy prayer that no dark cloud

May rise upon thy way,

Robbing the brilliant Star of Hope

Of its effulgent ray,

May brightest joys thy steps attend,

And choicest flowers bloom,

And shed their perfume all around

Thy pathway to the tomb,

May richest blessings from above

Upon thy head descend,

And may 'st thou live yet many years

So I may call thee friend.

I was over the battlefield at Spotsilvany Court House and it was a horable site the worst I ever seen. I seen lots of our men that never was buried and what had been buried the rain had washed them out and their bones laid all over the ground by the thousands I seen where Gen Hancoax corps had the charge at that place I seen a tree 20 inches through that was cut down by minnie balls I seen parts of the battlefield of the wilderness also was over the battlefieldat Chancellorsville it looked natural only the bushes had brown up and changed it some we crossed the Rappahamock River and champed where we got shelled once.

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Saturday, March 25, 1865

I came to Goldsboro today for the first time we moved the hospital to town and went back for a 2nd load was out all night John broke his ambulance I was demoralized a little hadn't but little to eat the 15th corps crossed the river on the lower bridge the weather was cold and very windy

Sunday, March 26, 1865

We laid in Boldsboro all day and I washed all of my clothes and wrote and letter to Sabrie and went out to the wagon train for rations
The weather was cold for this country

Monday, March 27, 1865

We moved camp from the Goldsboro to three miles out of town and moved the hospital in the fine wood. I got a lot of mail from home the first I have had in two months.
The weather is warm and pleasant

Tuesday, March 28, 1865

We laid in camp all day and built stalls for our horses the 2nd Brig went out foraging in the country fifteen miles and got plenty of corn Deforest Reed was taken prisoner today
The weather is warm and pleasant

Wednesday, March 29, 1865

We laid in camp all day and we poliest (policed) our camp and built our summer houses and I received this diary today also a letter from Sabrie and I wrote a long letter to father
The weather is warm and pleasant

Thursday, March 30, 1865

We are still in camp fixing camp up nice Capt Jonson and Hary Maters called on me today and had a good visit. I got a letter from home All is quiet here nothing new
The weather is warm and pleasant

Friday, March 31, 1865

Still remain in camp all is quiet here and no news of importance
We dug a well and got nice water in digging 8 feet I drew
rations and we got plenty to eat and I feel bully and wouldn't
be nothing else but a soldier got a letter from Sabrie
The weather is warm and pleasant

Saturday, April 1, 1865

Still remain in camp all still and quiet here and nothing doing
the wagon trains have all gone to Kingston for rations I wrote a
long letter to Sa and received two from her had a great time
April fooling one another
I feel gay and hant homesick
the weather is fine and real warm

Sunday, April 2, 1865

We had inspection was inspected by Liut Steubens and Gen Geary
called to our camp found everything looking nice myself and
Swarts and Moran went to Goldsboro on a ride had a nice little
ride and I feel fine never in better health
The roads are dry and dusty and the weather is warm and pleasant

Monday, April 3, 1865

We are in camp this day the boys are greasing their harness and
washing their ambulance the whole army is drunk lively times
Huey Comestalk came back from the hospital we moved the hospital
to Goldsboro and sent all of our sick to the rear looks like
a _____ son
The weather is very warm and pleasant

Tuesday, April 4, 1865

We are still in camp all quiet in the military line but a great
day for sporting running horses one bet of two hundred on a
side and several other races I seen John Metoy from Olean today
and got a letter from Sa I was some sick with a bad headache
We up to the Regt in the eve
Weather fine and warm some dusty

Wednesday, April 5, 1865

We are in camp yet all quiet here no news of importance the
2d Div was reviewed today by Gen Gery we drew rations and got
the best rations that we have had since we left Lookout Valley
I feel better today Poter, Rise and Foresithe went home today
Warm fine day

Thursday, April 6, 1865

Glorious news we just got the news of the fall of Richmond
it makes great excitement here among the troops good and hearty
cheering all around we haven't got the particulars of the fight
yet I was out to town to see the horse racing sharp races
2d Brig lost with the cavalry I feel well and hearty today
the weather is warm and pleasant

Friday, April 7, 1865

We are still in camp we are anxiously waiting for more news from
Vir. great excitement here of the yesterday's news I was up to
the Regt they were all having good times and lots of fun we had
some rain today but warm and fine Theodore was here to see me
I feel very well but got plenty of time to think of home

Saturday, April 8, 1865

We are still in camp all excitement here on account of the reports and rumors from Vir. the troops are more than cheering and raising hob blowing up their canteens we carried off 100 sick to the rear Theodore was up to see me I am unwell with headache and bones ache and feel bad all round weather fine and warm

Sunday, April 9, 1865

We have orders to march tomorrow ordered for a 30 days campaign we loaded our train with heard bread something we never done before I wrote a letter to Sa but couldn't send it for there hant any more mail goes I was sick today weather fine

Monday, April 10, 1865

We broke camp this morning and we are once more on the war path we passed thru Goldsboro the first Div on the advance they had some skirmishing but not to mount to much we went through a good country I was sick some hadn't ought to started out on this campaign It is a very rainy day got good and wet marched 10 mi. camp 11

Tuesday, April 11, 1865

We marched all day through a fine country 2d Div on the advance had some skirmishing we went to Smithfield, N.C. a small town hear the railroad we got in camp at 5 o'clock PM I feel a little better today be all right in a few days the weather very hot for the time year Ma. 14 miles

Wednesday, April 12, 1865

We continue our march today left Smithfield and crossed the Rebs we just got the news of Lee surrenderto Grant it makes great excitement the troops are crazy and having a great time no skirmishing in our corps today passed through a fine country I feel a little better today fine weather and hot March 16 mi. Ca. 8 o'clock

Thursday, April 13, 1865

We marched to Raleigh and took the city without the loss of a man the 14th corps was the first to enter the city and 20th corps was next in town we expected a fight but wasn't a shot fired mighty fine country and thick settled I feel very well today and we went in camp one mile from the city it rained some today and the roads are muddy March 14 mi. Ca. 5 o'clock

Friday, April 14, 1865

I was in town today to the see the city I found it to be quite a nice town some very pleasant dwellings and seem the deaf and dumb asylum a very nice one and was to the lung asylum the 15th and 17th corps was pasing review through town today I feel well today but some homesick Weather fine

Saturday, April 15, 1865

We were all ready to march but a heavy rain stopped us so we didn't go great rumors of Gen Jonson surrender everybody is having hime surrender but I guess he hant yet I made a letter for Sa and sent it I feel tiptop again and am all right it rained very hard most all day and heavy thunder shower

Sunday, April 16, 1865

We are still in camp waiting for Johson to surrender everybody is having Jonson surrender whether he wants to or not. This eve we got the good and glorious news of Johnson's surrendering his entire army to Sherman great cheering and firing of guns all night and a happy tome all round

I am in good health
the weather fine

Monday, April 17, 1865

We are still in the same camp all quiet here we have heard what Sherman and Johson has done but theyare communicating with each other we just heared that our president has been assassinated in the theater in Washington but we don't think the report is true at least I hope not

I am feeling first best but want to get home
fine warm day

Tuesday, April 18, 1865

We are still in camp no signs of a move great excitement about the president being assassinated the soldiers up on their dignity haf to put on triple guard to keep soldiers from burning the city of raleigh we don't hear what Sherman and Johnson is doing yet but it is supposed that Johnson has surrendered his forces
feel well

heavy thunder shower

Wednesday, April 19, 1865

We moved camp today we moved in town to the Rebel hospital I seen a great many Rebels from Johnson's army they said that the president of the so called Confederates St. had surrendered everything to the U.S. St. Harison VonEpps got back today
I am in good head and feel fine
the weather is warm and pleasant

Thursday, April 20, 1865

We're fixing up our camp today we are building good summer quarters policing up gay the 2d Div was on division drill today and Gen Geary told the men that they would soon be on their way home great many Rebs passing on their way home

I am well today but a little homesick wish I was to home
fine warm day

Friday, April 21, 1865

I was in camp all day no news all still here the 23d corps was reviewed today by Gen Sherman in town I wrote a letter to Sate the first that I have in a long time it is very lonesome here and time passed slowly

I am well today but lonesome

Saturday, April 22, 1865

We had nothing to do and all quiet here and no news the 20th was reviewed in the city by Gen Sherman and they did make a fine appearance there was a large crowd to see them I got a letter from Sabrie

I feel well but it is lonesome times here now
weather fine

Sunday, April 23, 1865

It is all quiet here today and no news of importance we were moving Confederate wounded and sick to the hospital I wrote a letter to Sabrie it is a very cold and windy day

I am feeling well

Monday, April 24, 1865

We moved the sick to the cars today have orders to march tomorrow I was to see the 17th corps reviewed Gen Grant was there and Mead a large crowd was out I was up to the Regt and got a letter from Sa we are to start for Johnson tomorrow so the war hant over vet

I feel well and am in good spirits
warm fine day

Tuesday, April 25, 1865

We started on the war path again this morning and marched to Hailey Springs Johnson is on the run and we are after him we passed through a very good country nothing happened of importance only it is very dusty and disagreeable marching

I don't feel very well today

Distance 15 miles

Wednesday, April 26, 1865

We laid in camp all day at Hailey Springs it is reported that Johnson surrendered something of that kind is going on it is all cars went to Raleigh with Colonel Forat of 33d NJ very hot today so we had to lay in the shade to be comfortable

I don't feel well today bad headache

Thursday, April 27, 1865

I went to Raleigh with a train of sick the wagon train is ordered to return to Raleigh Johnson has surrendered yesterday so the war is over glad are we Marched 20 miles we start for Washington in a few days I don't feel well today

weather hot and dry

Friday, April 28, 1865

I was about town most all day we moved all of the sick to the cars and then went up to the Div we got orders to be ready to march 20 corps come back to Raleigh today we start for Richmond Sunday I got a letter from father all well at home

I am not very well today don't feel right

Saturday, April 29, 1865

We were in camp most all day went in the eve to town and carried sick to the cars and sent them to the rear Thomas B went sick we are getting ready to march in the morning we start for Richmond I wrote a letter to Sabrie and father
I don't feel very well today
fine day and warm

Sunday, April 30, 1865

We left Raleigh this morning and started for Richmond passed through a fine country and crossed Neuse River and camped for the night we had a nice march and we all feel gay for we are marching for our homes I seen a lot of Reb officers returning to their homes
I feel well today
fine and warm _____
Marched 15 miles

Monday, May 1, 1865

We left near Neuse River and marched smart we reached Tar River and crossed and camped for the night we passed through a fine country and I seen a gay lot of girls best I have seen in this country good road
I feel very well today
fine warm day
mar 21 miles

Tuesday, May 2, 1865

We left near Tar River and passed Senator Harios plantation and marched to Williamsburg and camped for the night we passed through a very fine country it was a very cold (day) had to wear my overcoat all day got in camp early
I feel fine today
fine day but cold
marched 16 miles

Wednesday, May 3, 1865

We left from near Williamsburg and marched to the Roanoke River and camped out noon we passed through a fine country and the 21st corps got a head of the 20th corps we crossed the state line and camped in Virginia the weather is fine but chilly
I don't (feel) the best
marched 11 miles

Thursday, May 4, 1865

We crossed the Roanoke River at Terries Fery it was a very large river we marched all day it is a very rough country and hilly and all woods the boys are all feeling and they travule lively water was very sierse
I feel well today
the weather is rainy and warm

Friday, May 5, 1865

We marched today through a fine farming country and struck the Richmond plank road we crossed the Newbun River small river I was in the rear had a great time with the nigar women was goin to shoot the colonel the roads was bad I don't feel well today warm fine day march 22 miles

Saturday, May 6, 1865

We marched today and crossed the Notaway River and struck the south side railroad at Black White Station and come in connection with the army of Vir. some of the sixth corps are here on the railroad I was almost down sick today bad cold threatened with fever very hot day the hottest we have had Marched 14 miles

Sunday, May 7, 1865

We marched today passed through a very fine country and come to the Appomatox River and crossed and camped within two miles of the river here is where Sheridan has been through with his cavalry the country shows the marks of the yanks fine and warm day I feel well today march 16, miles

Monday, May 8, 1865

We left from near the Appomatox River and marched all day lively we passed the Glover Hill cole mine Extensive cole works we passed through a very fine country the best I have seen in Virginia we marched within seven miles of Richmond camped at falling water the roads were bad I feel well today fine warm day marched 25 miles

Tuesday, May 9, 1865

We moved camp we are within three miles of Richmond it rained today and made the roads very muddy the 14corps got here the 7th of this month beat us and we had the best road we have orders to march in the morning we are camped in a nice field drawed rations today I feel very well today it rained today marched 4 miles

Wednesday, May 10, 1865

I was to the city of Richmond today for the first time we carried the sick to send off I seen Livy Prison and Castle Thunder and seen where our prisoners dug out Richmond is a very good looking city lively times here and looks like home all kinds of trade going on I feel well today the weather is warm March 9 miles

Thursday, May 11, 1865

We start on our march for Washington today the 12th and 20th corps passed through the city of Richmond on review we were all day passing through the city I see washing _____ we camped four miles out from the city great crowds to see the review fine warm day
I am well
march 10 miles

Thursday, May 12, 1865

We marched today we left the city on the Rentonville Pike and crossed the Chickahominy River and camped at Ashland Court House fine little village the roads was very bad today and we had a hard time getting along very fine country we had a very heavy thunder shower last night
I feel fine today
marched 12 miles

Friday, May 13, 1865

We left Ashland this morning and crossed the South Anne River and continued our march to the Little River and crossed the river and camped for the night passed through a good country and the roads are very good and I feel fine today
fine warm day
marched 16 miles

Sunday, May 14, 1865

We marched from near Little River to the North Anna River and crossed the river on pontoons we passed through a fine country and made a big march the roads were very bad nothing happened worth relating
I feel fine today and having a good easy time
weather is fine and warm
marched 20 miles

Monday, May 15, 1865

We continue our march today and crossed the Tole River and passed Spotsilvany Court House we passed all the battlefield at Spotsilvany I was over the battlefield and it was a horable site and we passed the old Chancellorsville battlefield and we crossed the Rappahannock River and camped on the old ground that I have before
fine warm day
marched 22 miles

Tuesday, May 16, 1865

We left the Rappahannock River this morning and marched over the old ground that I have traveled on before we are on the road leading to Cattlett Station everything looks natural here in this country we made a long march and it was very hot day the hottest we have this spring
I feel well today
marched 17 miles

Wednesday, May 17, 1865

Marched today we passed by Cattlett Station I was at our old camping ground where I stayed when we were here before we marched to Brentsville and camped for the night we are within 25 miles of Washington now we passed through a very fine country very hot day too hot to march
I feel fine today
marched 17 miles

Thursday, May 18, 1865

We left Brentville and marched to Fairfax Station and camped for the night it was very hot this forenoon and we had a heavy rain and made the roads very bad we didn't get in camp until midnight very hilly and rough country
I feel well and all right
very hot day
marched 12 miles

Friday, May 19, 1865

We left from near Fairfax Station and passed the station and struck the Alexander Pike and marched within three miles of Alexandria and that is the end of our march everything looks like home about here for we are acquainted all about here
I am well and feel fine to think we have got to our destination
rainy day and cool
marched 16 miles

Saturday, May 20, 1865

We laid in camp all day nothing going on worth relating I wrote a letter to Sa and got one from Thomas Blinton he is in New York was up to the Regt and I washed all of my clothes
I feel well today
it rains some today but it is warm

Sunday, May 21, 1865

We laid in camp all day all quiet here and no news worth relating it rained most all day and I laid in bed and done as they do in Spain let it rain was up to the Regt and seen a number of old friends
I am feeling very well but am anxious to get home
Rainy day thunder showers

Monday, May 22, 1865

All quiet here laid in camp all day I was over to the 2d corps today and seen Henry and Charlie Pettit and Bader and a number of others that I noed was at Reidys cross roads seen lots of soldiers was most to Washington
I feel well today but homesick
fine day and warm but very muddy rained in the eve

Tuesday, May 23, 1865

We was in camp all day had a great time dressing up for review washed our ambulance and blackened our boots and sewed on our stripes VanAurman was to the Regt today and Dr. Steward and Williams was here and a number of others from Ellicottville
I feel fine today
fine warm day

Wednesday, May 24, 1865

I and Swarts and Liut Ownun went _____ Alexandra to Washington to the review and it was the nicest one I ever seen and the largest crowd I ever seen a very big crowd of ladies out seen Theodore and got a warm meal first I have had in over one year spent the last cent I had today pleasant day got home at dark

Thursday, May 25, 1865

We moved camp today we crossed the long bridge and passed through Washington city up the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and camped at fort Thayer close to the railroad three miles from Washington pleasant camp and a good place I am well and feel all right warm day and very dusty marched 12 miles

Friday, May 26, 1865

We laid in camp all day it is a rainy day rained all day long I wrote a letter to Sabrie and seen a number of boys from Franklinville Gid Searl and Gust Billstone Gov Fenton made a speech to the New York troops today lot of citisens to Gen Jones head quarters six hundred officers drunk I feel well today but am homesick very rainy day and chilly

Saturday, May 27, 1865

Laid in camp all day very rainy day rained all day William Stone was here today and stayed some time had a good visit I got two letters from Sabrie all well at home I was up to the Regiment all talk about going home George was here today I am well today but am anxious to get home rainy day and cold and disagreeable

Sunday, May 28, 1865

We laid in camp most all day moved camp just at night Sam Meloy called on me today he is clerk here Stiles and Stone was here today all quiet here and no news of importance it is very muddy and disagreeable weather here now I don't feel very well today I have got the quick step

Monday, May 29, 1865

All quiet here today I was down to the city today and was all over the city went to the Sanatary for the 154th Regt got two ambulance loads of sanatory for the Regt had a good time with Harl and Lon got home and had a sanatory dinner I am well today and all right warm and pleasant day

Tuesday, May 30, 1865

I was over to the Regt to see Gov Fenton present a flag to our Regt and he made a speech to the New York troops I went to the city today and went to visit the capitol and went to Smithsonian Institute and to the patent office and seen the President's house and I got well paid for my trouble seen great sights Liut Ownen was with me and Moran
am well
fine warm day

Wednesday, May 31, 1865

We turned over our horses and ambulance took them to Washington and turned them in I let my horse go we are to report to our Regt tomorrow I was over to the Regt the detached men are reporting back all quiet here and no news
I hant very well got the quick step
hot and sucky day

Thursday, June 1, 1865

We have orders to report to our Regt and we are all packing up to go we went after dinner had a great time getting ready lots of fun eight of us went back to the 154th and 5 went to the 119th and six to the 134 had a good time to the Regt I got a letter from father
I hant very well today
very hot day

Friday, June 2, 1865

Everything ils quiet here and I am a little lonesome in my new home it seems good to be at the Regt although have nothing to do we see thousands passing here on the cars soldiers going home we are in a very hot camp out in open field and the sun is hot enough to boil eggs
I am not feeling well for reason of dysentery

Saturday, June 3, 1865

It is quiet here today and no news worth relating there is thousands of soldiers passing here on the cars for home the 15th corps is all gone hant any of the 20th gone yet I wrote two letters today one to father and one to Sabrie
very hot and sucky day no air stirring
hard up today and not feeling well

Sunday, June 4, 1865

All quiet here today and no news worth relating it is a very hot (day) so hot that we hant comfortable any where we lay in an open field and no shade I am a little homesick for it is so disagreeable laying here in the heat I was down swimming went two miles to find water
I don't feel right today with my old complaint

Monday, June 5, 1865

We are still lying in camp yet and all quiet here and no news worth relating not much signs of going home this week but we may go the last of the week Naps Barry went today and some out of 3d Div Byron was here today DG
it a very hot day hottest we have had this summer
feel very well today

Tuesday, June 6, 1865

All quiet here today and no news Smith from Tuny was here today and old Crumb was here it is a cloudy dull day and hant so hot as common but it is very lonsome here and time passes very slowly
119th musters out tomorrow
cool nice day and cloudy
I feel very well and getting over the dysentery

Wednesday, June 7, 1865

We laid round all day nothing to do no news worth speaking of the 119th was mustered out today soldiers are passing here by thousands on their way home fall in and get your rations of cars quite warm today
feel very well but am anxious to start for home

Thursday, June 8, 1865

All quiet here today the 119th Regt went home today went to New York City they passed here today we are to be mustered out Saturday the 154 is going with us the 3r and 1st Div is going home every day fast
fine day but very hot and disagreeable
I feel very well today

Friday, June 9, 1865

All quiet here today got a letter from Sabrie all well at home had all ready to get mustered out but some of them were going and had to make them out _____ so it will take two or three days longer
feel well today
fine weather

Saturday, June 10, 1865

No news today we had out papers all made out but some of them were wrong so they will have to make them over again 134th Regt was mustered out today and start for home tomorrow
I am well and all right
very hot day and no air stirring

Sunday, June 11, 1865

This has been a lively day with us 154th was mustered out of the U. States service expect to start for Elmira tomorrow Dar Blar was here today had a good time getting ready to be mustered out we are Brevet soldiers now I wrote a letter to Sabrie and one to Albert Pettit
I am well and all sound
fine warm day

Monday, June 12, 1865

We broke camp at 2 o'clock PM and went to Washington and stayed there all night and then got on the cars for Baltimore and started at 11 o'clock at night 154 went this morning we all are glad to get started for home

I am feeling well

fine warm day

Tuesday, June 13, 1865

We arrived in Baltimore at day break stayed there until 10 o'clock AM and then started for Elmira passed through little Yorkard we made 100 miles before dark and was on the road all night last night fine country and nice traveling

fine day and cool

I am well and all right

Wednesday, June 14, 1865

We arrived at Elmira today at noon was on the road all night and we have went in camp near town George and Theodore went home and I got started but was too late for the cars seventy-five went home tonight from 154 Regt

I am well and all right

fine day

Thursday, June 15, 1865

I left Elmira this morning for home and arrived at Ellicottville 2 o'clock PM Johnson and Hary and the Birds boys was with me got a late dinner then went up and seen Sabrie had a very good time

Very cold and disagreeable day

I am well and feel fine to get home once more

Friday, June 16, 1865

I was up with Sabrie most all day come down to town after noon had a pleasant ride seems like home about here we thinking some of returning to Elmira in the morning

warm pleasant day

I feel fine since I got home

Saturday, June 17, 1865

I was at home all day had a very good time visiting with all the folks seen everybody that I knowed all quiet here no news worth relating

I am well and feel fine

warm pleasant day

Sunday, June 18, 1865

I was in Ellicottville all day all quiet here today and no news I went down to see Theodore this eve warm pleasant day and very hot

feel well and all right

Monday, June 19, 1865

I left Ellicottville this morning and arrived at Elmira at 5 o'clock PM had a good time on the road half the 154 Regt were on the cars the cars were crowded full
It rained hard today

Tuesday, June 20, 1865

I laid in camp at Elmira all day the 157 Regt got paid today the 154 Regt gets paid tomorrow if nothing happens I seen Wilks Miller today
it rained all day but is very warm
I feel this day _____ is very lonely here now

Wednesday, June 21, 1865

I laid in camp all day at Elmira we signed the pay rolls today we get pay in ght morning the 154th Regt had a big time last eve lit up the whole camp with candles and raised hob half the night I was in the Rebel prison today
I feel fine today
rained some today but warm

Thursday, June 22, 1865

I laid in camp all day at Elmira all quiet here only the men are getting demoralized staying here so long and they are raising hob all around camp they came to pay us in the morning I was down town all day
feel fine today
warm and pleasant day

Friday, June 23, 1865

We laid in camp all day and we got paid at 4 o'clock PM and then we got our discharge orders bought me a suit of clothes and I and Theodore went to the threter at Elmira had a good time stayed all night at the hotel
feel well and glad to get the busard
fine warm day

Saturday, June 24, 1865

The 154 Regt got started for home today all on a spree for we don't get the Busard only once in three years had dinner at Hornersville and got home at four o'clock PM found the folks all well at home
I feel fine to get home for good
Rained some today