

DIARY OF JOHN ADAM SMITH,
COMPANY K,
154th NEW YORK VOLUNTEER INFANTRY
1863

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John Adam Smith was 31 years old when he enlisted on August 30, 1862 at Perrysburg, Cattaraugus County, New York, to serve three years. He was mustered in as private in Company K, 154th New York Volunteer Infantry on September 25, 1862. Captured in action on July 1, 1863 at the Battle of Gettysburg, he was confined in Confederate prisons at Belle Island (in the James River at Richmond, Virginia) and Andersonville, Georgia. Smith was paroled at an unknown date and promoted to corporal on May 1, 1865. He was mustered out of the service on May 23, 1865 at Elmira, New York.

February 23, 1863

wrote a letter to Helena Knopf ditto a paper to my wife

February 24

wrote a letter to Mrs Steimal reced a letter from my wife

February 25

got my Likeniss taken at Stafford C.H. paid one Dolar wrote a letter to my wife send the Likeniss home

February 26

went on camp guard rained all Day reced a letter from my Brother Henry

February 27

came off from guard wrote to my Brother Henry

February 28

mustered for pay nothing else of importance happened

March 1

Sunday fixed up cloths in Camp all Day got a letter from my wife

March 2

Detailed to help build Dead house for Division Hospital

March 3

wrote to my wife toothache began

March 4

went on Picket a very pleasant Day

March 5

came in from Picket had my tooth pulled by the Docktor of the Battery had a very sore face and restless night

March 6

reced a letter frome my Brother Peter had a very sore face

March 7

wrote to my Brother Peter rained all Day reced a letter frome my wife got my fortune told

March 8

Sunday wrote to my wife and mended cloths

March 9

went on Picket a very pleasant Day

March 10

rained all Day was on Picket yet

March 11

was on Picket yet rained all last night did not sleep any for 2 nights

March 12

was on Picket till noon a pretty fair Day but cold

March 13

wrote to my wife had inspection a very cold Day

March 14

stayed in camp all Day fixed cloths nothing more of importance happened

March 15

Sunday some of our boys went on Picket did not have to go this time snowed some had heavy thunder

March 16

wrote to my wife a very cold Day got some Wiskey

March 17

pleasant Day drilled twice head ached some reced a letter frome my wife

March 18

wrote to my wife drilled twice

March 19

heavy cannon firing all around us reced some cloths drilled twice

March 20

went on Camp guard snowed all Day reced a letter from C. A. Rugg he wanted my tools

March 21

snowed all last night and yet it snowes came off frome guard Regt went on Picket did not have to go

March 22

Sunday rained all last night was on fatigue Duty cleared off very pleasant wrote to C. A. Rugg and to my wife reced a letter frome her she send me a Box the 17 of march

March 23

was suppernumary on guard a very pleasant Day

March 24

send to New York for a sett of jewelery for my wife Boys came in from Picket

March 25

it rained all last night went on Camp guard a pleasant Day
wrote to my Brother Henry

March 26

rained some last night and snowed some this morning got my Box
to Day wrote to my wife Horace Howlett cut his foot very bad

March 27

some of our Boys went on Piket I did not have to go was on
fatigue Duty in Camp a very pleasant Day

March 28

rained all Day stayed in Camp reced a letter from my wife

March 29

Sunday wrote a letter to my wife and to John Rugg a pleasant Day

March 30

was shooting target in the forenoon hit it ones went on
Brigade guard at one oclock pleasant Day

March 31

came off from guard snowed very hard got a lot of Wiskey
got pretty sat up

April 1

got fooled by having marching orders reced a letter from my
wife Ed Eells came to see us a pleasant Day

April 2

wrote a letter to my wife drilled twice a pleasant Day

April 3

was shooting tarket in the forenoon Battaillion drill in
the afternoon a pleasant

April 4

went on Piket was on Post No 1 commence snowing at Dark

April 5

Sunday on Piket Post 1 snowed all last night cleared off this
morning was releaved from Piket at 5 P.M. on account of cold wheather

April 6

wrote a letter to my Brother Peter and got up a lot of wood
got some warm bread did not drill

April 7

wrote a letter to my wife and send her a paper drilled twice

April 8

Edelbert Rolf Died reced a letter from my wife drilled twice

April 9

went to Brook's Station to help load some supply Wagons had revue reced a letter from my wife wrote to my wife a pleasant Day

April 10

had a grand revue seen Abe Lincoln and Boys 3 Divisions presant a very pleasant Day

April 11

Battailion drill in the forenoon washed cloths and myself in the afternoon a very pleasant Day

April 12

Sunday General inspektion Tarry came to see us orders to march at 5 to morrow morning wrote a letter to my wife a very pleasant Day

April 13

left Camp John Manly near Stafford C.H. at 8. A.M. marched about 15 miles camped at Harttwood Church I was very tired a very pleasant Day

April 14

left Harttwood Church at sunrise arrived near Kelly's ford at 4 P.M. Co. E and K went back about half mile to guard supply train marched about 15 to 18 miles

April 15

commenced raining at 12 last night and rained all Day went on guard at 6 P.M. got a lot of Wiskey but poor a little better than water

April 16

rained untill one oclock last night cleared off this morning camped at mount Holleys Church near the river came off from guard at 6 P.M.

April 17

Stayed in camp all Day I was sick a very pleasant Day

April 18

was sick yet Rebs trowed some shells over reced a letter from my wife and one from my Brother Henry a pleasant Day

April 19

Sunday moved to the Regt at 10 A.M. had Dress parade at 4 P.M. pleasant Day

April 20

rained some last night and all Day to Day went on Piket at 5 P.M.

April 21

rained all last night it was a very dark night came in from
Piket at 2 P.M. reced a letter from my wife and one from my
Brother Peter

April 22

some of our Boys went on Piket did not have to go a pleasant Day

April 23

rained most all night last night called out in line of Batle
at 4 this morning stood about one hour and then went back to our
bunks went on Piket at 12 M. rained all Day very hard

April 24

came in from Piket at 2 P.M. rained untill 4 P.M.

April 25

Stayed in Camp all Day nothing of importance happened a very
pleasant Day

April 26

Sunday had inspection this morning went on Piket at one oclock
P.M. near the river pleasant Day

April 27

came in from Piket at 2 P.M. reced a letter from my wife by
Docktor Rugg and one pound of toobaco and paper get my knapsack
moved camp

April 28

build tents comenced raining about 9 A.M. rained about all Day
wrote letters the 11th 5th and 12 Corps came up our Regt and 73
crossed the river at 8 P.M. recrossed at one in the night

April 29

packed up and marched across the river again at 8 A.M. troops
commenced to cross at 11 last night stopped at Kellyville till
next morning ransaked Kellyville pretty good rained some

April 30

left Kellyville at 6 A.M. mustered for pay at 10 A.M. crossed
the Rappidan at one P.M. stopped on the other side and took dinner
marched again at 3 P.M. untill 1 in the night and camped near
Chancelorville

May 1

ordered to march at one P.M. marched about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile about faced
and went back to camp again marched across the road at 5 P.M. and
there laid all night a good deal of firing all around us boys
build breast works all night

May 2

General Hooker passed the lines this morning our Regt went in
the rifle pits this A.M. and stayed till 6 P.M. and the went back for
supper but the fitht commenced and could not eat it fit most all
night lost all my cloths on the retreat Rebs fit like tigers

May 3

Sunday fight opened at Daybreak and lasted all Day 11 Corp went back in rifle pit I got hurt some and went to the river

May 4

Rebs shelled supply train but was soon silenced went back to the Regt heavy firing at night rained some

May 5

heavy skirmishing this forenoon all quiet in the after noon still in the pit very heavy thunder showers all night had nither Blanket nor tent a hard night

May 6

left rifle pit at Daylight crossed the river marched towards Stafford C.H. camped near Harttwood church rained all Day

May 7

marched again at Daylight arrived in the old camp at 10 A.M. Camp looked very sorrowfull and lonesome rained all Day got some Wiskey

May 8

all quiet in Camp wrote a little line to my wife by Tom Wilson reced a letter from my wife I was sick

May 9

wrote a letter to my wife all was still in camp was sick yet a hard lot of man we was and lonesome

May 10

Sunday nothing of importance happened 29th got payed I was sick yet a pleasant Day

May 11

Stayed in Camp all Day our Regt went out on a Corp drill paymaster commenced paying our Regt a pleasant Day

May 12

got my pay reced a 40 Dolar Check and 12 Dolars in cash wrote a letter to my wife send my check home the No of Check is 3805. was sick

May 13

went to Stafford C.H. in the forenoon bought a porto folio paid 50 Cents Henry Gray came to see us this afternoon reced a letter from my wife was sick yet

May 14

was sick yet wrote a letter to my wife and one to my Brother Henry reced one Knapsack one shirt and one tent heavy thunder showers towards night

May 15
Frank Campbell came to see us colonel Rice came here was sick
yet a pleasant Day nothing else of importance

May 16
washed my cloths was a little sick yet a pleasant Day

May 17
Sunday wrote a letter to my Brother Peter stayed in camp all
Day pleasant and warm Day

May 18
had inspection in the forenoon nothing else done in the afternoon
a very warm Day

May 19
Brigade drill in the forenoon Steinwehrs family was present
reced a letter from my wife nothing else of importance happened

May 20
wrote a letter to my wife 4 of our boys went on Picket bought
blank book for 35 cents and pencil for 10 cents a very warm Day

May 21
4 of our boys went Picket I went on Brigade guard at 12 M.
a very pleasant and warm Day

May 22
4 of our boys went on Picket I came off from guard at 12 M.
laid in Camp the rest of the Day very warm

May 23
boys came in from Picket Grand revue in the afternoon of our
Division very warm Day

May 24
Sunday had inspection this morning went to meeting at 9 A.M.
wrote a letter to my wife Geary Van black came to see us a very
warm Day

May 25
laid in camp all Day rained a little nothing of importance
happened cold Day but pleasant

May 26
laid in camp all Day done nothing Tarry came to see us
reced a letter from my wife a pleasant Day

May 27
wrote a letter to my wife in the forenoon and in the afternoon
cleaned up our new camp a pretty warm Day

May 28

moved to our new Camp and build tents again a very warm Day

May 29

nothing done in the forenoon bought 2 lottery tickets paid 4 Cents
went on fatigue Duty in the afternoon very warm Day

May 30

fatigue Duty in the forenoon dress parade at evening bought
another lottery ticket paid 20 Cents a warm Day

May 31

Sunday inspection this morning wrote a letter to my wife and
send to NY for a gold locket gold chain and gold band bracelet
Deuthsher of Co B buried had a funeral sermon preached for our
dead wich falled at the Battle of Chancelorville a very pleasant
Day all quiet in Camp

June 1

fatigue Duty in the forenoon done nothing in the afternoon
reced a letter from Peter wrote to Peter a very warm Day

June 2

layed in Camp all Day nothing of importance happened dress
parade in the evening warm Day

June 3

rained a little last night went on guard to Commissary at 12 M
a very pleasant Day reced 6 sheets of paper by letter

June 4

marching orders to march at sunrise marched out in line of
Battle stayed about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour and then went back to camp came off
from guard at 12 M. dress parade in the evening a warm Day

June 5

Battailion drill in the morning tarket shooting from 11 to 12
drill from 4 to 5 P.M. orders to march at any time reced a letter
from my sister Kate

June 6

wrote a letter to Kate George Newcomb came back brought me a
lot of things and some wiskey

June 7

Sunday inspection this morning went to meeting at 11 A.M.
wrote a letter to my wife dress parade in the evening a lonesome
Day still under marching orders

June 8

Battailion drill in the morning tarket shooting from 11 to 12 M
drill from 4 to 5 P.M. dress parade at evening a cool Day still
orders to march at any time

June 9

Battailion drill in the morning tarket shooting from 11 to 12 M.
went to Charles Haptops funeral at 5½ P.M. was put in corporal
cool Day

June 10

Battailion drill in the morning dress parade in the evening
nothing else of importance a warm Day

June 11

9 of our boys went on Piket I did not have to go worked on
my cloths very still in camp

June 12

went out on Piket line to get our pay but orders came to march
and only 2 Companies got their pay left Camp at 2 P.M. and camped
at Harttwood church 15 miles distant a very hot Day march 15 miles

June 13

left Harttwood church at sunrise eat dinner at half past 12
oclock camped at Cattletts station a little before sundown a very
hot Day my feet very sore and tired marched 25 miles

June 14

Sunday marched again at 7 AM and camped near centerville a
distant of about 20 miles a very hot Day I was very tired and
feet sore

June 15

marched again at sunrise arrived at centerville at 10 AM and
there laid all Day very hot Day and my feet very sore

June 16

layed at centerville all Day reced a letter from my wife and
5 envelopes nothing else of importance happened a very hot Day
John Dawley went to hospital

June 17

left Centerville at sunrise in the Direction for Leesburg
forded Goose Creek at 4 PM and camped on the other side a very hot
Day my feet was awful sore and tired

June 18

left Goose creek and marched back about 1 mile to guard supply
train went on Division guard at 2 PM. heavy thunder showers towards
night

June 19

rained most all last night and cleared off this morning came off from guard at 2 PM some of our boys went on Picket at 5½ PM a warm Day

June 20

very heavy thunder showers last night rained a little all Day still in camp near Goose Creek nothing else of importance happened

June 21

Sunday inspection this morning at 9 oclock very heavy cannon firing all Day in the Direction of sneakers Gap quiet a stirr in Camp all Day very warm

June 22

reced 2 letters from my wife and one from Henry all of our Regt went on Picket at goose creek about 3 miles distant to guard a ford heavy cannon firing this afternoon warm Day

June 23

laid in camp on Picket all Day wrote a letter to Henry and one to my wife nothing else of importance except sheep and honey stealing went on very good a warm Day

June 24

left Picket camp at 12 M near goose creek and marched 8 miles and then camped near the Potomac at Edwards fery a very hot Day and dusty

June 25

marched again at sunrise crossed the Potomac at Edwards fery into Marryland and camped at Jefferson city a distant of 30 miles a very hard march I was put on camp guard all night rained towards night

June 26

rained all last night marched again at 11 AM went through Jefferson city and Middletown our Regt then took the advance up south Mountain and went on Picket rained some all Day

June 27

out on Picket all quiet last night was relieved at 12 M marched back to the Brigade about ½ mile and camped between south Mountain and Middletown in a Orchard reced 2 letters from my wife pleasant Day

June 28

Sunday inspection this morning at 9 wrote a letter to my wife many citicens in Camp Newcomb and I went to a house and got breakfast left camp at 4 PM camped at Frederick at 10 PM distance of 12 miles was corporal on Brigade guard warm Day

June 29

left Frederick at Daylight marched 10 miles then eat Dinner camped at Emmettsburg at 5 PM rained all Day marched 24 miles from Frederick

June 30

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July 3

rested very good last night fighting commenced at Day light and lasted all Day we had very slim living Rebs _____ us very well

July 4

a heavy shower this morning marched back about 3 miles and halted marched again at 12 M about 6 miles back it rained awfull Rebs moved back as fast as the could not much firing to Day

July 5

Sunday commenced raining again early this morning marched again at 8 A.M. went through fairfield at 2 P.M. camped at Montgomery springs about 12 in the night a very hard march and nothing to eat

July 6

rained all last night left Montgomery springs at sunrise went through Wainsboro at 7 PM and through Lattisburg at 11 P.M. marched all night and nothing to eat waded a creek ass deep I was very tired

July 7

marched again at Daylight without any thing to eat went trough Hagerstown at 10½ AM marched near the Potomac and camped near a clover field got a ½ pint of flower and a litle beef for our ration to one man

July 8

commenced raining at 12 last night and rained yet this morning packed up and marched ¼ mile about faced and went to camp again traded my knife for a little bread and my pipe with the Rebs to keep from starving pleasant day

John Adam Smith

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John Adam Smith

July 9

was marched down to Williamsport at 2 PM and then back to our old camp again traded some paper and envelopes for something to eat no rations at all to Day pleasant Day

July 10

marched again at 9 AM and crossed the Potomac halted on the other side marched again at 11 AM went through Martinsburg in the evening the people offered us plenty of bread but the Rebs would not let us take it lots of men fell out for the want of something to eat

July 11

marched again at Daylight without eating halted at Bunkerhill at noon the people of Martinsburg send us a lot of bread but we did not get only one bisquit a man left Bunkerhill at 6 PM marched most all night camped near Winchester had a bad road to travel marched 20 miles

July 12

Sunday got up pretty early and cooked something to eat marched at 11 AM went through Winchester at 12 M and camped about 2 miles the other side in a meadow at some creek heavy thunder showers towards night

July 13

rained all night marched at 6 AM got a pint of flour and a little beef for 2 Days ration passed through Newtown at 12 M and through Middletown just at night camped 2 miles from Strasburg rained all Day had to wade through Water and creeks ass deep and deeper

July 14

marched again at 7 AM passed through Strasburg at 8 and Woodstock at 12 M and Edenburg between 4 and 5 I was very tired and had nothing to eat rained a little all Day marched 23 miles camped near Mount Jackson

July 15

marched again at 6 AM halted at mount Jackson got a little to eat marched again at 2 PM. passed through Jackson at 3 and through Newmarket at 6 and camped 2 miles the other side give my combs for 2 hard tacks

July 16

marched again at 7 AM. passed through Harrisonburg at 6 PM and camped 2 miles the other side bought a $\frac{1}{2}$ loaf of bread for 1 Dollar and 25 cents worth of butter then sat down and eat it all to ones rained awful hard towards night

July 17

marched again at 7 AM passed through mount Crawford at 9 AM and
mount Sidney at 11 AM give my overcoat for a small loaf of bread
camped 4 miles from Stanton marched 19 miles I was very tired
got 2½ hard tack for a ration

July 18

the boys made a rally on a farmers Wagon and took everything
he had marched at 9 AM arr at Stanton at 11 camped 2 miles the
other side Rebs took everything we had got life flower and Bac
for our ration very pleasant Day

July 19

Sunday 700 of our prisoners left this morning for Richmond
layed in camp all Day washed my shirt and socks got a little flower
and Bacon for our ration very pleasant Day had to sleep without
tent or Blanket or any thing else give my silk handkerchief for a
little bread

July 20

had very hard sleeping last night 700 prisoners went off again
this morning bought a little bread for one dollar pies one dollar
a piece 6 small cookies one Dollar small loaf of bread 1 to 2 Dollars
blackberrys 50 cents a quart pleasant Day

July 21

a lot more prisoners went off this morning payed 1 Dollar for
a Dozen of very small biscuits give my pen holder and pens for 2
biscuits sold 4 sheets of paper and 3 envelopes for 50 Cents bought
½ pie payed 50 Cents

July 22

left camp and marched to the Depot 700 of us at 9 AM and layed
there till 4 PM payed 1 Dollar for a small drink of Whiskey marched
then back to camp again the train did not come in to take us very
hot Day

July 23

marched to the Depot again at 9 AM and took the cars at 12 M
Rebs took all our Canteens left Stanton at 2 PM passed through a
tunnel under the blue ridge one mile long and 2 others not quiet so
long we was 76 men in one cattle car a very hot Day

July 24

arr at Richmond at 7 AM marched through the city down to Libby
prison halted and about faced and was marched to Bell Island and
paroled I was sick a very hot Day

July 25

in camp on Bell Island was sick had some heavy thunder showers
our rations here are in the morning a little bread and about 1 ounce
of beef in the evenings a little bread and about a pint of rice or
bean soup full of bugs and worms

July 26

Sunday was sick yet bought 2 pints of Wiskey for Peter he gave me one payed 3 Dolars a pint got my hair cut and shaved payed 25 Cents very hot Day and no tents yet

July 27

I was sick yet had very heavy thunder showers towards night a very hot Day notning else of importance happened

July 28

I was sick yet rained most all Day by showers but it was very hot nothing else of importance

July 29

was sick some yet rained most all Day and no tents to get under yet nothing esle of importance happened

July 30

was sick yet rained most all Day rations very smal boys begin to look very thin a good many sick ones

July 31

was sick some yet rained some all Day by shower but when the sun came out it was very hot nothing else of importance happened

August 1

was sick a litle yet washed my body and my shirt got nothing to eat till after dark a very hot Day a lot of prissoners went off to night

August 2

Sunday was marched out of camp and then searched by the officers and all our money taken from us but I did not have any an awfull hot Day

August 3

nothing of importance to Day all is quiet awfull hot Day

August 4

was marched out and counted this morning there is now 2912 prissoners on the island nothing else of importance a very hot Day

August 5

bought 2 Dolars worth of toobaco this morning give Peter 1 Dolars worth of it a lot more prissoners came in to Day an awfull hot Day

August 6

a lot more prissoners came in to Day got supper the first time in good season a very hot Day nothing els of importance

August 7

was taken out of camp this morning and counted then back in again some more prissoners came in rained towards night a hot Day

August 8

bought 1 Dolars worth of toobaco and sold it again for 150 rained towards night some more prissoners came in a hot Day

August 9

Sunday bought one block of toobaco this morning for 25 Cents sold Eugeen Chappman 1 Dolars worth of toobaco an awfull Day

August 10

bought one smal drink of Wiskey of W Ash payed 50 Cents an awfull hot Day nothing else of importance

August 11

bought 150 Cents worth of bread of Peter and 2 drinks of Wiskey at 50 Cents a drink let Peter have 25 cents worth of Bread wich I bought of Curtyson an awfull hot Day

August 12

bought 2 drinks of Wiskey of Peter at 50 Cents a drink had very heavy thunder showers towards night it was an awfull hot Day

August 13

bought 1 drink of Wiskey of Peter for 50 Cents and one Dolars worth of bread rained very hard towards night a very hot Day

August 14

bought one drink of Wiskey of Peter at 50 Cents one of the Reb Guard shot one man dead and wounded two others for setting on the bank the dead man belongs to the 91 Pa Volunteers a very hot Day awfull hard thunder showers just at night

August 15

a lot more prisoners came in this morning I did not feel very well nothing more of importance this Day a very hot Day

August 16

Sunday a lot more prissoners came in this morning bought 2 drinks of Wiskey of W. Ash for 50 Cents a drink give a block of toobaco for a litle bread nothing else of importance happened a very hot Day

August 17

we was taken out and counted and then marched back in again there is now nearly 5000 prissoners here I got a very sore mouth for about 7 or 8 Days and cant hardly eat heavy thunder shower towards night a very hot Day

August 18

it was so cold last night that we could not sleep we have no plankets my mouth very sore yet and cant get anything from the Docktor he want hear to anybody unless his head is half off pretty cool Day

August 19

some more prissoners came in this morning my mouth is still pretty sore treated my 2 cups for a tin pail give a block of toobaco to boot a pretty cool Day and cold nights too cold to sleep without plankets

August 20

a few more prissoners came in this morning from charleston among them some saylors my mouth is yet pretty sore quiet cool Days and cold nights I cant sleep any at all

August 21

a lot of sick prissoners went to city point this morning bought one block of toobaco of Curtys for 50 cents nothing more of importance happened it was a warm Day

August 22

nothing of any importance to Day my mouth is yet very sore it was a very hot Day and a very lonesome one

August 23

Sunday nothing of any importance to Day it was all quiet and still in Camp give my poket book for 4 blocks of toobaco from one of the guards it was a very hot Day

August 24

got breakfast at 8 AM and then taken out of Camp and counted there was quit a sweat board fight to Day and Mosher got liked it was a very hot Day

August 25

a train of prissoners went off this morning to city point washed my body and shirt nothing more of importance happened this Day it was a very pleasant and cool Day

August 26

last night was very cold I could not sleep because I had no planket I suffered very much a lot more prisoners came in was taken out of Camp and the squads filled up again it was a very cool Day

August 27

it was very cold again last night I did not sleep any my mouth is very sore yet our rations are so far very smal and poor a man cant hardly live on them it was a very cool Day

August 28

it was very cold again last night I did not sleep but a little got a small biscuit of W. Ash for carrying some bread to his tent a lot of prisoners went off tonight to city point mended my pants and shirt it was a pretty cool day

August 29

it was very cold again last night and I did not sleep any pedeled some tobacco nothing more of importance to Day only a few rallies was made on the bread buyers it was a cool Day

August 30

Sunday it was very cold again last night I did not lay down at all bought 5 Dollars worth of tobacco and bread for Whipple I got one Dollars worth for selling bought a drink of Wiskey of Ash it was a cool day

August 31

bought 2 Dollars worth of bread and sold it again for 3 Dollars was taken out of camp and counted bought 75 Cents worth of bread after supper and eat it all and then I was hungry it was a cool Day

September 1

bought 4 Dollars worth of bread and pies and sold it again for 5 Dollars nothing more of importance happened to Day let Peter have 45 Cents worth of bread it was a pretty cool Day

September 2

was up all night to buy bread and pies to sell I made about 2 Dollars and 25 cents nothing more of importance happened this Day it was a pretty warm Day

September 3

was up again all night to buy bread and pies but I did not make any thing this time it was a very warm Day

September 4

was up again most all night bought bread and Molasses and made 5 Dollars on it the sailors raided on every one that bought anything and took it from them it was a nice cool Day

September 5

was up most all night again bought some bread and pies but lost one Dollar on them did not buy anything more to Day some more prisoners came in to Day it was a nice cool Day

September 6

Sunday was up half the night but did not buy anything only 2 biscuits and then was stolen from me before Daylight no one knew I had them but Pat foley a powder house blowed up on the other side of the river warm Day

September 7

bought a gold pen holder and pen for 12 bisquit nothing more of importance happened this Day it has been very warm

September 8

W. Ash and I bought bread and pies together for 20 Dolars and Ash cheated me out of about 5 Dolars and broke me down it was a very warm Day

September 9

did not buy anything to Day because I had no money had a litle trouble with a fellow about a poket book rained some towards night it was a nice cool Day

September 10

nothing of importance happened to Day there was a good deal of rallying last night it was a nice cool Day

September 11

there was a good deal of raiding done again last night they stole one cap cup and spoon likeniss and looking class from our tent it was a very warm Day

September 12

raiding is still going on a good deal the got so the take a mans ration from him if they see him eat it it was a very warm Day

September 13

Sunday we had a very hard thunder shower last night Reb guard shot a man for trying to go to the sink to do a Job for himself his name was T. J. Mahoney and belonged to the 12 Mass. in. it was a nice cool Day

September 14

this morning we was taken out and counted then marched back again to camp it was all quiet to Day in camp and not much doing my mouth is yet very sore it was a nice cool Day

September 15

to Day I mended my cloths nothing else of importance happened it was a nice cool Day

September 16

this Day nothing of importance happened there is no more buying and trading going on with the guards the have stopped us to for the last 4 nights from going to the sink it was a nice cool Day

September 17

to Day the began to parole some prissoners to go to city point but only sailors and sutlers and teamsters but no sick it rained a litle this afternoon to Day I was more hungry than common it was a nice cool Day

September 18

the still keep on paroling prisoners there was some over 200 prisoners came in to Day it rained a good deal to Day James North began to get very sick a lot of prisoners got paroled by giving 5 Dolars a piece it was a cool Day

September 19

it commenced to rain at 12 last night and rained all Day to Day I was up a good share of the night with James North he died this morning between 4 and 5 oclock this morning I was out with him and then had to carry him back to our tent where he then died within 5 minutes I found on his body 10 cents and 5 postamps

September 20

it was a very cold night I did not sleep any it rained most all night and rained yet this morning and snowes some nothing of any importance happened it was a very cold Day

September 21

it was very cold again last night I did not sleep but a little we was taken out and counted again the parolled prisoners went off this evening to go to city point it was a nice cool Day

September 22

the boys went off this morning feeling pretty well there was nothing of any great importance happened it was very cold last night I did not sleep any and it was pretty cold to Day

September 23

we had an awfull cold night again for the season a man could not sleep this morning we was taken out and the squads filled up again there is poor signs of our getting off from here we had a very nice and pleasant Day

September 24

to Day I mended my socks and washed my feet and wrote a letter to my wife this is the first Day I am without tobaco on the island it was a nice pleasant Day

September 25

to Day a lot more prisoners came in I had no tobaco all Day I suffer a good deal for the want of something to eat and tobaco it was a nice Day but it commenced raining towards night

September 26

we are having some awfull cold nights I dont hardly sleep any my mouth is very sore yet the began to parole some of the prisoners again it was a nice pleasant Day

September 27

Sunday this morning a lot more prisoners came in the are still paroling I was quiet sick last night and dont feel very well yet 700 prisoners is a going out to night it was a very pleasant Day

September 28

the prisoners did not go yesterday but went this afternoon 550 of them we are having some very cold nights but pleasant Days there was no more of any importance happened this day I send a letter to my wife by one of the 64 boys

September 29

to Day the weather was very pleasant and warm but nights are very cold I am loosing flesh and strengt every Day we mooved in different tents this afternoon about 500 prisoners came in to night

September 30

to Day I mended my socks it was a nice warm Day but cold nights nothing more of importance happended to Day

October 1

this Day passed off without anything of any account except a good many rallys where made on bread and pies and tobaco it was a pleasant warm Day

October 2

it commenced raining this morning and rained all Day bought 50 Cents worth of bread after breakfast and eat it and one pie for 50 Cents and eat it too it was pretty cool all day

October 3

to Day I was very hungry I eat 3 pies after breakfast and so did Peter after wich we felt very well it was a nice warm Day

October 4

Sunday I eat one pie before breakfast and 2 afterwards and Peter 2 Pet sold his watch to Day to George Whipple for 16 \$ and sold my gold pen for 2 \$ wich I am to take in tobaco and pies the day was nice and warm

October 5

this Day passed off pretty quiet I had all I want to eat of bread and pies and so did Peter but it cost us a good deal of money the Day was warm and nice but nights are cool there is no more signs of getting away than there was 2 months ago

October 6

to Day we was taken out and counted and the squads filled bought some potatoes and vinager for 2 Dolars and bought 9 pies too the rowdies rallied on our tent and tore it all to pieces but did not get the pies it was a warm Day

October 7

this morning we had to be counted over again there was some mistake made yesterday among some squads the pie trade goes on pretty well again to Day McCoy lost 20 \$ last night in the rally it was a cool Day left off chewing tobaco

October 8

last night was very cold again the Day passed off very quiet except a few raids that has been made upon pies it was a nice warm Day

October 9

last night was very cold again I did not sleep but a little there was a lot of prisoners came in again this morning it was a nice warm Day

October 10

to Day I had nothing to eat but only my ration wich was very hard on me my mouth is yet very sore it was a nice warm Day but cold nights

October 11

Sunday last night it was very cold again but to Day it was pretty warm there was not much treading of pies going on to Day it was all quiet in camp there was great ringing and tolling of allarm bells in Richmond last night

October 12

this morning we went out of camp to be counted I sold my tin pail for 2 rations of bread of wich I eat one we have very fine Days but very cold nights

October 13

to Day the wheather was very nice again but the nights are awfull cold Pat foley is sick and I am tending to him I eat my other extra ration to Day from my pail wich done me a good deal of good nothing else happened

October 14

this Day passed off very quietly there was not much going on in camp my health is very good now if I only had a litle more to eat the Day was nice and warm and the nights are not very cold

October 15

there was dreadfull tolling and ringing of bells again in Richmond last night I did not learn what for Pat foley went to the hospital to Day it was a nice warm Day and night

October 16

this morning it commecned raining and rained about all Day the raiders took everything McCoy had this morning pies salt tobaco peper and tin cups there was a man shot again last night for going towards the bank to get water

October 17

this Day passed off without any importance the raiders have stoped all trading sold my deep dish for one ration of bread and meat the Day was nice and warm and night too

October 18

Sunday everything passed off quietly to Day pat foley went to Richmond to the hospital to Day sold Pats cup for one and $\frac{1}{2}$ ration of bread the Day was nice and warm and night too

October 19

this morning we was taken out and counted over again there is a great many sick ones here now and the get poor care the Doctor has no medecine half the time the Day was nice and warm but the night cold

October 20

this Day passed off without much doings the are having a fight every now and then about bread wich the take from one another there was terrible ringing and tolling of bells in Richmond this morning again the Day was warm

October 21

to Day we was marched out of Camp again and all the sick taken out and taken to Richmond nothing more of importance happened the Day was nice and warm

October 22

to Day I reced a letter from my wife the are all well it looks very dark of our ever getting away from here we get now a very good meat ration but the bread is smal nothing more of importance hap-pened the Day was cold and raw and night

October 23

to Day I wrote a letter to my wife the Day was nice and warm nothing more of importance happened

October 24

it commenced raining last night about 12 oclock and rained all Day this was the hardest Day on the island I am on the island 3 months to Day and no signs of getting away yet more prisoners came in

October 25

Sunday to Day Limbacher was shot by one of the guards for being on the bank he was sergent of the working squad and was there at work he had a perfect right to do so the Day was cold and raw

October 26

to Day nothing of importance happened it was a cold raw Day sold my buther knife to Day for 2 rations of bread

October 27

to Day one of the boys in our tent gave me a shirt for nothing wich I was very glad of last night was the coldest night we had since I am on the island and to Day the wheather was cold and raw

October 28

to Day we was taken out and counted there is a great deal of raiding and stealing going on since the last prisoners came in the Day was nice and fair but cold nights

October 29

to Day nothing of importance happened it was a nice and warm Day

October 30

to Day Peter Stone went to the hospital he is pretty bad off the Day was a nice one but a cold night

October 31

this morning it commenced raining about Daylight and rained till noon then it cleared off warm and nice nothing more of importance happened to Day

(Note: All the entries to this point were made in ink. The remainder of the entries were made in pencil.)

November 1

Sunday to Day a lot more prisoners came in nothing more of importance happened the Day was fair and pleasant but very cold nights

November 2

to Day a lot more prisoners came in again there is now the most prisoners on the island that was here this summer it was a fair and pleasant Day

November 3

to Day nothing of importance happened one of the boys in our tent gave me a pair of Drawers for nothing the Day was nice and warm

November 4

this Day was very pleasant nothing of importance happened my mouth is yet very sore

November 5

to Day we began to draw new cloths from our Government the say we have got to stay here During the war this Day was fine and pleasant and the nights are pretty warm too

November 6

to Day the finished giving out clothing but the did not have enough for all the wheater was nice and warm

November 7

to Day nothing of importance happened except a good deal of raiding the wheater was fair and warm

November 8

Sunday to Day everything went on quiet untill evening then raiding commenced the raiders took everything the could find and get a hold of the wheater was nice

November 9

to Day the raiding squads was put in the new camp except raiding is going on very strong

November 10

(Entry smudged.) we now get corn bread for our ration there is neither salt nor crease in it the Day was very cold

November 11

to Day some more squads were taken out to (entry smudged) but the nights very cold

November 12

to Day nothing of importance happened the wheater was nice and fair

November 13

(Entry smudged.)

November 14

(Entry smudged.)

November 15

(entry smudged.)

November 16

to Day the wheater is pretty fair but it began to rain again at night the are still dividing clothing and plankets

November 17

to Day the wheater is very cold and raw but it did not rain there was nothing else of importance happened

November 18

to Day nothing of importance happened the wheater was very fine

November 19

last night I bought _ Dolars worth of pies for bad money and eat them all but one

November 20

to Day our squad draught clothing I got a pair of shoes and a planket the wheater was nice and fair

November 21

this morning it began to rain and rained a litle all Day trading is now going on the biggest kind

November 22

Sunday to Day (entry smudged) was pleasant and nice (entry smudged)

November 23

(Entry smudged.)

November 24

(Entry smudged.)

November 25

everything goes on very quiet in camp now there is no more raiding now my health is now good the wheater was fine

November 26

this Day was a very pleasant one nothing of importance happened our eating is very smal yet

November 27

to Day Jacob Horton (?) went to the hospital we did not get anything but meat and sweet potatoes for breakfast

November 28

to Day I wrote a letter to my Brother Peter nothing of any importance happened the wheater was pleasant

November 29

Sunday to Day we was taken out and the squads filled up it rained most all Day some of the raiders got badly liked last knight

November 30

to Day nothing of importance happened I bought 5 Dolars worth of bread butter and sugar but the loafers in my tent stole it all the wheater was fine

December 1

to Day we was taken out and counted again it was a very cold Day

December 2

to Day we fixed over our tent it was a very fine and warm Day

December 3

to Day nothing of importance happened the wheater was very fine and warm

December 4

to Day we was taken out and counted again any one can live now pretty cheap here if he has money bread and pies are very cheap the wheater was warm

December 5

to Day everything went on pretty quiet my health is now the best it has been on the island the wheater was fine and warm

(Note: .No more daily entries were made)

Prisoners buried up to August 7 (at Andersonville, Georgia) 5002

A L Robins died March 7th 1864

Peter Stone Died about the 20th of December 1863 at Richmond

Hiram Vincent went to hospital December 17 1863 from Bell island

Georg Newcomb went to hospital January 27th 1864 from Bell island