

January 1- In the Army of the Potomac opposite and in front of the celebrated town called Fredericksburg, Va., where we have been since the 17th of Dec. 1862. Weather fair and cold. I am not very well, but am so as to be around.

2- Friday-We yet continue in the place and position we have been for nearly 3 weeks, within range and distance of the guns of the enemy. I am still indisposed, having jaundice.

3- Sat.-Pretty much the same routine and story today as it has been for a long time back. Nothing new or interesting transpiring. Weather fair and pleasant, health about the same.

4 thru 6- No entries

7- Wed.- Most of the regiment have succeeded in getting (the rest of this entry obliterated).

8 and 9- No entry

10- And continue

11- to work at

12- the same until they have got things quite comfortable and

13- Tue.- Today are called on to go on picket at 12 o'clock for 2 days. Had only been gone about 4 hours and were ordered in and to be in readiness to march at 2 o'clock that night with two days rations in haversacks. I remain in camp.

14-Wed- At 2 o'clock A. M., the regiment fell into line very quietly and started for some place, and rumor has not told us where or for what purpose. Weather is very fine and pleasant.

15-Thu- About dark, the Regiment returned to camp, having been up the River to work on a road and not into a battle as some predicted.

16-Fri- Some rain last night but it is pleasant this morning with wind. In the P.M., there was 3 days provisions issued with orders to cook them and be in readiness to march at short notice.

17-Sat- About noon, broke camp and started with 3 days rations in haversacks and 2 in the wagons. Don't know where they are going. Not being well, I went with the ambulance. Went 4 miles up the river, stopped for the night.

18-Sun- No entry.

19th thru February 3rd- pages torn out (16 days)

February 4-Wed- ~~Am~~ starts for Cattaraugus this morning and I send by him \$40., \$17 for Delancey and \$23 mine. Also, \$20. for Charles McFav. Received a letter from wife and daughter. Last night was a cold one. All well.

5-Thu- This morning, at roll call, we were told to strike tents and pack up ready to march at 8 o'clock. Don't know where we are bound for, but

4 P.M., raining and continued to during the night.

- 6-Fri- All mud this morning. At 10, moved upon a hill into woods, staved about 2 hours, and then started and went 3 miles and joined the balance of the Corps at 3 P.M. Pleasant.
- 7-Sat- It being pretty generally understood that we are to stay here for a spell, the 154th went into a nice lot of pine and began to cut and fix for building again, and tonight it looks like a city. Very pleasant. Dr. Van Arnum started.
- 8-Sun- Although it is Sunday, building continues to go on and will for a few days to come. There is a rumor that we are to move again in a few days. Very pleasant today.
- 9-Mon- We have got another habitation built and moved in and are now ready to start again. Received soft bread today, the first for 2 months. Very fair.
- 10-Tue- This is a very warm and pleasant day. Received a letter from wife and wrote one to her and three others. Jo Truesdell came around to see us again. Received some desicated vegetables today. 1st time.
- 11-Wed- ~~_____~~ started for home today. Cleaned up our streets. Some snow and then turned to rain and I think we will stay here long enough to pay us for fixing up our tents. ~~_____~~ called tonight.
- 12-Thu- I went up to Stafford and B'ot a pie, paid 25¢. Company and Battalion drill once more. Nothing worthy of note. Weather pleasant.
- 13-Fri- They are bringing things down pretty strict now. Inspection of arms this afternoon at 2½ o'clock. This is a most beautiful day, as nice as any hay day in Cattaraugus. ~~_____~~ came to camp.
- 14-Sat- This is another fine morning. Wild geese are going north. Blue-birds and robins are quite plentiful. Had some desicated vegetable soup for breakfast. Rained before morning.
- 15-Sun- Cloudy and rain at intervals during the day. Received a letter from home. Nothing of importance happening nowadays.
- 16-Mon- Ten men called out this morning to go on picket. Pleasant morning. It has been nothing but detailing men all day. General Hooker reviewed this Corps today.
- 17-Tue- This is another billious morning as it began to snow about 4 o'clock this morning. More pickets going out. Snow fell to the depth of about 9 inches. I am in usual good health.
- 18-Wed- Today, it has rained the most of the time. Cnt. Warner returned, failing to get a furlough. A one-sided cast-lot game to see who should receive a furlough for 10 days. H. Lamb, Portville.
- 19-Thu- A man belonging to Co. "D" died today, his name was Bull. The mud is very deeb. Nothing very remarkable transpiring now-a-days. 3 days Beef and ½ a ration of surar. All quiet on the Potomac.
- 20-Fri- Very pleasant morning. Having fortunes told seems to be the order now-a-days, as there is an old Dutchman in the 24th that is pleasing the army by telling them that they will be home in 3 months.

received a letter from wife saying that the money had arrived. Before morning it (balance obliterated).

22 thru 27- Pages missing

28-Sat- Yesterday, ~~W. H. [redacted]~~ a Corporal in our Company, was arrested as a deserter from the 78th N. Y. We are to be mustered for pay again today. Government now owes us 4 months wages. We shall probably be paid soon. As there is not 29 days in this month, I will fill the page under the date of the 28th. ~~[redacted]~~, a member of our Company ran a bayonet through his foot this morning.

March 1-Sun- Rainy in the morning, but cleared off before noon. Our Chaplain having returned, there was preaching in the P.M. Twenty men from our Company gone on picket.

2-Mon- There is nothing new transpiring about these days. The weather is like April in New York. Received a letter from Hu Clark with town meeting returns.

3-Tue- Some of the members of this Company have received Boxes from friends at home. Mine has not come yet. Fair and pleasant.

4-Wed- Nearly the whole of the able-bodied men in the Regiment have gone out on picket again today. It is quite cool, in fact, it is a cold, raw, windy day. Received a letter from home. All well.

5-Thu- Those who have been on furlough the last ten days, returned today. Pickets came about 11 o'clock. Received a letter and a pair of socks from home. Orton Rounds is the next man that goes on furlough.

6-Fri- This morning, there is a kind of sleet falling, which will soon turn to rain. Two men died in camp hospital last night. Received 2 papers and Delancey got a letter.

7-Sat- It is raining again this morning. There is a rumor that Sigel has resigned. Company inspection at 9 o'clock, can't see it. Weather mild, some rain in the night.

8-Sun- Just about the same thing, only more. Drew 2 days provisions. Wrote to wife. Rain again last night. Some promotions are talked of. ~~[redacted]~~

9-Mon About 400 have gone from this Regiment on picket for 3 days. Weather fine, all quiet. Finished reading the Testament through.

10-Tue- Hiram Straight and Stephen Osgood returned from hospital to the Company. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock A. M. commenced snowing, but soon turned to rain and continued to rain at intervals all day and night. All quiet and well.

11-Wed- This morning, Ort Rounds starts for home on furlough of ten days. Weather clear and pleasant with cool breezes. Nothing new or interesting. Van Arnum returned to the Regiment.

12- Thu- Pleasant this morning. About 11 o'clock A. A. the pickets came in. Heard frogs today for the first time this season. Wished- hope my wish comes true.

Count de Sam Sam. It is a cold, but the weather is
succession, and good.

14-Sat- The long-looked-for box came to us. Most of the eatables was spoiled, but there was enough left to make it pay, such as berries, cheese, butter, some cookies. Fair but cold.

15-Sun- Lieut. Arthur Hotchkiss started for home on a ten day furlough. Charles McKay goes out on picket for 3 days.

16-Mon- In honor of John M. [redacted], this camp was this day named after him. The Regiment gave him 3 cheers and he paid the whiskey and then they cheered him again. Weather pleasant and cool.

17-Tue- Heavy guns were heard today, whether it was for St. Patrick or a battle, don't know. Very stringent orders in regards to cleanliness. [redacted] was over to see us again. Corporal Bouton arrested for having a light after taps. Weather very fine.

18-Wed- On dress parade there was an order that there be no more squad cooking, but it must be done by Company. Capt. E. S. Mills started for home on furlough. [redacted]

19-Thu- Some clothing was received. I got a pair of pants. Two men were detailed for cooking and are to have dinner tomorrow. Heavy guns heard again today. Weather pleasant. No sugar for 2 days.

20-Fri- This is the day for an equinoxial storm and we have it in a snowstorm. [redacted] friend Cpt. [redacted] of the 105th (now consolidated and called the 94th) came up. Received a letter from wife.

21-Sat- Our Regiment was again called out on picket for 3 days. The Sergeants in our Company being sick, I was called on to go and I am now out on picket and it is a rather tough day. Snow 2 inches and muddy.

22-Sun- The guards that are on the outpost with me are all strangers to me. Our Company are on the next post to me. About 11 o'clock A. M., it began to clear off and it is very pleasant. Orton Rounds returned.

23-Mon- The duties are considerably increased today so that we have to keep awake 9 hours out of every 12. Lewis Bishop is the next one that goes home from this Company.

24-Tue- We were relieved at 11 o'clock A.M. by the 136th Regiment, and we return to camp. Just at dark, it began to rain and it kept it up most all night.

25-Wed- Those having their guns loaded had the privilege of shooting them at a mark. Orton Rounds was the only one that hit the mark. Hotchkiss returned. Weather pleasant. E. M. Johnson and Henry White in camp.

26-Thu- Received a letter from E. H. Hotchkiss last night and answered it today. 20 men gone on fatigue duty. No more furloughs to be granted. Cloudy all day.

27-Fri- Twenty men to go on duty called on today. It was wrong and we were sent back to camp. The Company went in the P.M. and practised firing at target. Some good shots made. Weather very pleasant.

March 28-Sat- Although yesterday was so fair, it commenced to rain during last night and it bids fair to be a bad day and I have got to go on guard duty. Had quite an easy time.

29-Sun- Another knapsack inspection this morning at 10 o'clock. Received 3 letters from home, one of which announces the intention of wife to come down here, which I hope she will not do. Weather quite cool.

30-Mon- This morning, the sun appears in all its splendor. 180 men of our Regiment gone to build roads. I think that the Virginians are as much of an unthankful people as the Yankees, for they now and then have a

31-Tue- fair day and then it is a weather-breeder. Yesterday was fair and pleasant, but during the night, it began to storm and on awakening this morning, we find ourselves nearly buried in wet, heavy snow about 3 inches deep, and the storm soon turned to rain which makes it very bad underfoot. In the afternoon, it cleared up and the snow disappeared very fast. I have 2 or 3 letters from wife which are not answered yet as she intimated that she is coming here. A whiskey ration was served out to the men and some of them got as drunk as fools. Capt. Ed Mills returned from home and brought me a letter from wife. She wants to come here very much, but I cannot see it in that way. It is no place for honest women.

April 1-Wed- Again it has cleared off, but is not very warm. It is thought that we shall soon leave here. Wrote two letters to wife. Company cooks don't go very well.

2-Thu- Burn't beans for dinner. We don't live half as well as we did when we cooked in squads or everyone for himself. ~~_____~~
~~_____~~ Howard is our commander. Furloughs granted. Weather pleasant.

3-Fri- Nothing very interesting happening. Battalion drill 3 hours in P.M. Weather pleasant.

4-Sat- We went out on Bicket today. The weather fine and we thought we would have a good time, but it soon clouded up and at 9 o'clock, P. M., it began to snow, and such a storm we have not seen in some time.

5-Sun- We expected to have to stay out 3 days, but owing to the storm, we were relieved this afternoon. We were not sorry. Received a letter from home. Very wet under foot.

6-Mon- ~~_____~~ being promoted to Sgt. ~~_____~~ was promoted from ~~_____~~ to ~~_____~~. Lewis Bishop was made 5th Sergeant and started home on furlough.

7-Tue- Capt. ~~_____~~ went home on furlough. Capt. ~~_____~~ took his position in Co. "K". ~~_____~~ and I am glad of it. Weather cool and some frost.

8-Wed- Battalion Drill preparatory to a review by Gen. Howard. The Regiment marched in review before ~~_____~~ and there was not an officer that saluted him. After being reprimanded, tried again and done better.

9-Thu- Review of the 11th Army Corps by Gen. ~~_____~~ who lost his right arm at the Battle of Fair Oaks. He is about 35 years of age and his hair is somewhat gray. Weather very fine.

over us. Being on guard duty, I could not attend. Weather pleasant but cool winds. Received a letter from home, all well. Doctor Eddy up here.

- 11-Sat- Very fair spring day but it looks like rain. Delancy is on camp guard. Lacy Pierce returned to the Company. He has been absent near 4 months.
- 12-Sun- Another knapsack inspection at 9 o'clock. At 2 o'clock, received orders to be ready to start in the morning. A very little rain.
- 13-Mon- At 8 o'clock, got into line and started on a march, leaving our knapsacks. It is said that we are going to Kelly's Ford. It is a fine day to march, being cloudy and cool. As near as I can guess, we marched 18 miles to Hartwood Church.
- 14-Tue- Started at sunrise and marched about 16 miles and arrived at Kelly's Ford at 4 o'clock P.M. It looks now very much as though there would be warm work in the morning. Passed through some fine country.
- 15-Wed- At 1½ o'clock A.M., it began to rain and it kept it up all day. This is the 2nd stick-in-the-mud expedition and are just one day too late for a fight. It seems as though the god of battles was against us.
- 16-Thu- At 1 o'clock A.M., our Company went out to guard the Battery for one hour. The rain making so much mud, we moved our camp a few rods and fixed up a good bed and slept well right in range of the enemy's guns.
- 17-Fri- At 8 o'clock, I went out with some men on guard. Expect to stay 8 hours. Weather fine. What the Movement is, we don't know. We are near the Rappahanock, at or near Mt. Holly. ~~_____~~
- 18-Sat- Brigade drill at 9 o'clock. Sentence of "Marauders" read to Brigade. A ~~_____~~ of our Company, ~~_____~~ years a board across his back with ~~_____~~ very fine.
- 19-Sun- Last night, received 2 letters from home. We had not had a mail for a week. At noon, went out picketing. Weather quite warm. Nothing in the way of news.
- 20-Mon- On picket 'till noon and then return to camp. A little rain today, which makes it muddy in camp. Most of the tobacco chewers are suffering for the want of it. Let them get some before marching.
- 21-Tue- It is wet, cold, and dreary and we feel the need of overcoats. We have a great deal of picket duty to do. I was out doing patrol duty where the bushes were so thick that I had to crawl on my knees.
- 22-Wed- Some of the furlough men returned this morning. It is reported that we are going back to the old camp to get our pay, The weather is more pleasant but it rained like the very devil before morning.
- 23-Thu- Last night, it was expected that an attack would be made upon us early this morning. I was on the outlines and we had to be wide

April 23-cont.-awake. But there was no attack. Headquarters probably was the cause of the alarm.

24-Fri- This morning about 1 o'clock, it commenced raining and kept it up 'till 3 P.M. Yesterday, Lavv Pierce went to the hospital, and today Orton Rounds. One heavy gun was heard about 6 P.M.

25-Sat- It has cleared up and looks as though we were going to have fair weather. What stories can be started in camp. It is two weeks since we sent any mail. At 1 o'clock, went out again on picket duty. Weather fair.

26-Sun- Well, for a wonder, I have been out on duty for 24 hours and there has been no storm. Yesterday, there was a prisoner passed my outpost well-guarded and blind-folded. Ball-playing and card-playing as much today as any other.

27-Mon- This morning, I went and got some milk and the folks are hard up for the necessaries of life. The woman begged that I would bring her something. Capt. Warner and others came up with the baggage, including knapsacks, etc. Received letters, etc.

28-Tue- Nothing very-interesting 'till 6 o'clock B.M., we were called out and marched to where they were going to put pontoons across. We were taken across in the pontoons and deployed as skirmishers. The bridge was laid by 1 o'clock and encountered no enemy. We returned to camp at 1 o'clock.

29-Wed- morning. The Army began to cross at 10 o'clock last night, and are at it yet and it is now dark and hardly any baggage is over. We have laid near the crossing all day and have had a chance to see more than we ever have before. I presume there was 70,000 crossed.

30-Thu- This morning we started on. We pass through a fine country. Kelly's Ford will long remember the crossing of the Union Army. Big time crossing the Rapidan with Baggage Train, forded it, water mid-side of the boxes.

May 1-Fri- Last night at 12, arrived within 8 miles of Fredericksburg, right West. Traveled 12 miles after 5 o'clock. Today, the ball has opened once we started, but came back soon. At 6 o'clock P.M., called into line again. Skirmishing by some of our Brigade. Laid in arms in reserve all night.

2-Sat- General Hooker passed, loudly cheered. About 6 o'clock, we went into the rifle pits and staid 'till 5 P.M., when we were relieved to get supper and before we got it ready, we were attacked in the rear. We were driven back.

3-Sun- Our Regiment are badly scattered and I am away from it. I was taken prisoner while behind some breastworks near a brick house used as a hospital. I am now with a good many of our Army, some officers.

4 Mon- Last night, we staved near where our Regiment was in action. This morning, we prisoners-893- started towards the South, went about 15 miles and stopped for the night at Spotsylvania Court House in the Court House yard with a brick fence and a strong guard. More prisoners coming in. Pleasant.

rived at the railroad at a place called Guinea Station. A good many of the men have nothing to eat. We found a good many more here. Just at dusk, it began to storm awfully.

- 6-Wed- We remained at this place all this day. Weather stormy. About noon, we received 2 days rations of Flour, 1# per day each man and a little salt Beef. I sold my watch for \$35. Confederate money. More rain at night.
- 7-Thu- Today, there was a batch of about 2,000 started on towards Richmond. The rest have remained here at the Station. Bot a dollars worth of sugar at \$1.50 per pound.
- 8-Fri- About noon, we got under way, marching towards Richmond. There is said to be 1,200 of us in this batch. Passed Milford at 4:20, passed Lewolee Station just at night and camped about a mile beyond. Travelled near 16 miles. Weather cloudy.
- 9-Sat- Started in good season marching on the R. R. track. Just at sundown, passed through a nice place called Ashland, went a mile beyond and camped within 15 miles of Richmond. Weather warm.
- 10-Sun- Started at 6 o'clock still marching on R. R. At 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock A.M., left the R. R. at Glen Allen, 10 miles from Richmond. At about 3 o'clock P.M., arrived in the city of Richmond where we were put into a dirty Tobacco warehouse too thick for health. Received $\frac{1}{4}$ loaf Bread. Very hot.
- 11-Mon- All this day here, we lay in the basement, where there is hardly a breath of air. 200 of us in a room 40 x 60. At 3 o'clock received $\frac{1}{2}$ a loaf of bread and a small piece of meat. It is said that we are going to be removed to Belle Island.
- 12-Tue- According to the papers, the funeral of Lt. Gen. Jackson takes place here in Richmond today. He is 39 years of age. At 6 P.M., were taken over on Belle Island and there found 1,300 prisoners from Rosecrans Army.
- 13-Wed- All this day, they were very busy Paroling prisoners. Towards night, they hurried up things. There is a rumor that Hooker is as far this way as Ginnv's Station. We have had a ration of only one hardtack today. Just at dark, it began to rain.
- 14-Thu- This morning, the bread fever run high. I paid \$2 for 3 small loaves. After a while we got 4 hardtacks to a man. About noon, left the Island and started for City Point, via Petersburg, distant 31 miles. Walked 'till after dark and got within 3 miles of Petersburg. Travelled about 20 miles.
- 15-Fri- Started again before sunrise, passed through Petersburg at 6:30 o'clock A.M., Arrived at City Point and went on board the steamer boat "Morris" at noon, when we immediately received good bread and ham. We felt as though we had got home.
- 16-Sat- This morning, we are anchored off Fortress Monroe. After taking on coal, we started on our way to Annapolis. At noon, we each received a loaf of bread and about $\frac{1}{4}$ a good boiled ham. There are over 1,000 on board, lousy as thunder.

- May 17-Sun- Waked up and found that we were anchored off Annapolis, and at 10 o'clock, began to go off of the boats (5 of them), and march to Camp Parole, distant about 2 miles from the city. We were escorted by a band of music.
- 18-Mon- Being again in Camp, of course there is nothing to vary the regular routine. Wrote to friends at home. Weather very warm.
- 19-Tue- We got some clothes, such as shirts, drawers, Blankets, and Blouses. Drew 4 days rations of eatables. Bread we get every day but the loaves are a little too small. I got 1 shirt and 1 pr. shoes.
- 20-Wed- Today, I have been washing and slaving livestock. Have got pretty well cleaned up. Weather is very warm during the day.
- 21-Thu- It is rumored today that we are going to be removed from here to Washington and that we start in the morning. Cooking beans for supper, hot business.
- 22-Fri- At 2 o'clock P.M., was ordered to pack up and get into line, marched to the dock and embarked on the steamer "Georgia". Left the dock instant before sundown, bound for Washington.
- 23-Sat- On board the boat, we received somehardtacks that were baked last June, rather bad. Arrived at Washington at noon. At 5 P.M., went to Alexandria and left boat. Marched 2½ miles to camp. Found ~~somehardtacks~~, arm broke. Hot coffee, bread and rice for supper on a table.
- 24-Sun- We are now in what has been called the Convalescent Camp. Everything is neat and clean, good barracks and bunks. I am in Barracks 36, Bunk 23. Heard the Rev. Dr. Janes preach today. Very warm.
- 25-Mon- Yesterday, we were wanting for breath, today we have fire in the Barracks. They are trying to make the prisoners work. Had to call out a Regiment to keep order. They did not get manv.
- 26-Tue- Most of the men have gone to work cheerfully. Time drags heavily with me here. I do not enjoy myself.
- 27-Wed- Nothing different today. It is pretty warm weather.
- 28-Thu- The same thing. Having no money, I have to take up with what I can get and when I cannot beg tobacco, have to go without. John Manly was here, trying to get things fixed so we can get our pay.
- 29-Fri- I got outside the guard today and went over where we camped on Arlington Heights. It looks nice there, plenty of green grass, and one would hardly think it could ever be as nasty as it was when we was there.
- 30-Sat- I have been very unwell today, being troubled with the Diarrhoea. Have not been as bad since I have been out. Was very much disappointed at not receiving a letter.
- 31-Sun- Wrote to Delancy and Charles. After dinner, moved from Barracks 36 to Barracks 41, Bunk 80. Was very much disappointed at not receiving a letter from home. Heard a good sermon by the ~~Rev. Mr. Hill~~. I could not learn where he was from.

June 1-Mon- I done a big washing, 2 shirts, 1 dr. drawers, 1 pair socks, 2 Handkerchiefs and a towel. John R. McConnell came over to see me today. Gave me a paper of Tobacco and some money, all of which was very acceptable.

2-Tue- Received 3 letters. One from wife, one from Delancy and one from Capt. Warner. No money from home and I am very much disappointed, for I want some very much. I am glad to hear that they are all well.

3-Wed- Wrote home again today. One of the boys of Co. "B" that I lent some money to while in Richmond, received some from home and paid me \$2., so I am not so hard up as I was.

4-Thu- Received 2 letters today from home. Heard that Z. Roberts had got home all right. Good for him. There has been two burials today, one a prisoner that came to camp when I did. Great revival meeting going on in Camp.

5-Fri- Am detailed as Sergeant to oversee a squad of men to work. Worked near the cook room digging road.

6-Sat- Towards night, we were entertained by remarks by the Hon. Mr. ~~Provoost of New Hampshire, who was formerly~~ ~~of New Hampshire~~ ~~Some rain.~~

7-Sun- It is very cool for the time of year. No news, very dull. Heard the ~~Society of the American~~ ? Society preach today. I certainly thought that I should get a letter or two, but none came.

8-Mon- Nothing to vary the regular routine of every day. It is eat and walk around, then eat and sleep and so on, etc. We don't live very high and I don't think anyone will be troubled with the dispepsia.

9-Tue- Just before noon, we were ordered to pack up and move into Barracks No. 36. It is where I have moved from once. Fort Lyons blew up, Killing a number of men.

10-Wed-

It has been very warm today. The news from the Western Army still continues to be good. Saw a man here looking for his son that is here a prisoner, belonging to the 121st N. Y. V.

11-Thu- About the same thing every day. Nothing new, very dull business to be here in this camp. ~~In the evening~~, having been paid off for two months and knowing that I was hard up for money, let me have \$5.

12-Fri- Have been watching the mail every day for letters, and today find that I have two advertised in Alexandria. Sent for them and shall get them tomorrow.

13-Sat- Received two letters, one from home that Onan fetched to the Regiment, and one from Delancy with one enclosed from R. E. Fenton that has been two weeks coming from Washington, a distance that I could walk in an hour.

14-Sun- This is my birthday. I am 39 years of age. I was in hopes that I should spend today at home. Heavy shower of rain last night. Went out and got a few strawberries, visited Arlington Heights.

June 15-Mon- Is a very warm. A good many more men came into this camp from
Division hospitals, the whole Army falling back.

16-Tue- Received pay up to May 1st. Paid by C. W. Campbell. Allotment
of \$60. No. 4137. The weather is very warm and men on the march
suffer for water. Dud Phelps came into this Convalescent Camp, sick.

17-Wed- Today, there has more of our Company men that are sick, came
here from Division Hospitals, there has been over 1,000 arrived
today. Wrote to wife this day. I am doing some writing in an office.

18-Thu- Today, I see the last man that I expected to find in the army,
Abram Van Hoosen. Got letter and papers from home. We were changed
from Barracks to tents towards night. A rain storm.

19-Fri- About 6 P.M., a convalescent, belonging to Co. "E", 154th Regt.,
committed suicide. His name is ~~Philip Old~~,
Chatauqua Co. We are now drawing our rations and doing our cooking.

20-Sat- Today, the drum major and two men of Co. "F", went to Washington
on a pass and none but the major came back. ~~Alon Weston~~ has started
for home or somewhere else.

21-Sun- There has been a good deal of Heavy firing heard today, pro-
bably a battle near Bull Run. I have done my washing.

22-Mon- There was a review of the Convalescents and Parole prisoners
by Gen. Heintzelman. I can't see what it amounts to.

23-Tue- Wrote to wife. ~~Heintzelman~~ to camp. I guess that he
is in the Guard House. Some of the boys started off with a
squad that were going to Annapolis. Some of them will get picked up.

24-Wed- Received a letter from home. Dud Phelps examined and sent to
the Regiment. This Convalescent Camp is a dull place.

25-Thu- Nothing to change the monotony of the place. It is the same
thing every day. Lent Dud Phelps 5 dollars. He is to pay it to
Delancy when he gets to the Regiment.

26-Fri- The same thing every day. Nothing new.

27-Sat- Today, there was near 1,100 sent to their Regiments, and
Dud Phelps among the number.

28-Sun- Reports are that the Rebs are within a few miles of here.
After dark, this camp was badly alarmed. Every team is on the move
doing something and we are soon expected to-----

29-Mon- This morning things appear about as quiet as usual. Nothing
surprising. Weather warm, cloudy and sultry.

30-Tue- This month has passed and gone. 500 Convalescents were armed
and sent out. 300 Cavalry men sent to Washington to be mounted.

July 1-Wed- Nothing to mar the quietness of the camp. Weather very warm and sultry.

2-Thu- The same monotony of the camp is still unbroken. Received a very interesting letter from wife, which I will soon answer.

3-Fri- Sultry all day. News from the Army not so favorable. Some rain before morning.

*Note--- The Battle of Gettysburg was fought the first 3 days of July. Stephen's brother Delancy, was captured at the battle and imprisoned at Libby Prison at Richmond, Va. Stephen, of course, did not know this. Delancy was captured on July 1, the first day of the battle. He was confined at Libby Prison sometime between July 21 and 25. He was admitted to the Military Prison Hospital on Feb. 19, 1864, suffering from Rheumatism Ch. He died in the Hospital on Feb. 27, 1864 at the age of 17. The above information is taken from Confederate Army records at the National Archives at Washington, D. C.

4-Sat- Passed very quietly, seemed more like Sunday than a day of rejoicing. At night, there was a display of fireworks. Some rain in the morning, just enough to lay the dust.

5-Sun- As usual, we have preaching in the Chapel at one side of the camp and gambling on the opposite.

6-Mon- Rain most of the forenoon, quite hard. Army news cheering. Received a letter from home. All well.

7-Tue- News continues to be of the most cheering kind. The weather is cloudy and rainy.

8-Wed- Showery during the day.

9-Thu- Wm. Canning and myself went to Washington on a pass. I cannot get a Furlough to go home. Called on John's wife, didn't see him.

10-Fri- Remained in the tent most of the time today. Very warm, a heavy shower. Blackberries are ripe and the boys get some.

11-Sat- It is very warm and sultry today. Two Sergeants belonging to the 154th returned to camp today, having been absent without leave for 20 days.

12-Sun- Wrote to wife and enclosed-a check of \$60., numbered #417. ~~Remained in the tent for 3 days.~~ The heaviest shower that we have had this season occurred this afternoon.

*Note--- The following is a copy of the letter written by Stephen to his wife on July 12th.

Camp Convalescent
July 12, 1863

My Dear Wife:

Again I find myself compelled to make use of the pen to say a few words to you instead of meeting you face to face as I was in hopes of doing.

On Thursday last, I went over to Washington to see what were the chances for getting a Furlough, but I found what I knew before, that if a person would get up a story about friends being sick and not expected to live, and swear to it, and get the Colonel of this camp to endorse it, then they generally receive a Furlough for ten days, but I am not going to do any such a thing as long as all of you are as well as at present. I went where John used to be employed, but did not find him, but found where he boarded and saw his wife for a short time. She is a great talker, and I liked her appearance and actions much better than when I saw her at Jamestown. She appeared to be at home and not quite so much flashy dress. She saw Mrs. J. G. Johnson a few days before, and told me the street that she was on, but did not remember the Number, and so I could not think of seeing her.

Johnson has been taken prisoner and Paroled. I should like to see him. I do not hear anything from the Regiment, and know nothing about them, except what we see in the papers and they are not mentioned, but I see that Von Steinwher led the 27th on foot himself, and at a double-quick, and arrived in time to do good service, and again mention is made of the 73rd Penna., all of which makes me think that they all have been in action again.

Weidrick's Battery is connected with our Brigade, and that was fairly taken by the Rebs when the Artillery men went into them with stones, clubs, rammers, and swabs, knocking them "jolly west", and retaking their Battery. That is what I should call hand-to-hand fighting, and pretty severe, too. The Eleventh Corps has fairly retrieved its good name, and I shall never believe that there was anyone to blame at the Battle of Chancellorsville for the stampede, except the General of the Corps. If I ever get so I can talk with you, I can tell you why I think so. I am glad to hear that he is doing things in a satisfactory manner this time.

Enclosed you will find the check for sixty dollars, which I will now send, although I have not heard whether you have received the ten that I sent you last week, nor whether Joel Hull has paid ten dollars to Father, but presuming you have received everything, I will now risk this, making in all eighty dollars out of One hundred and two, and I will keep what I have left for my own use.

I am as well as usual and hope that you all continue to enjoy your usual good health. Give my respects to all and believe me as ever,

Yours

Stephen

time. received a letter from home containing one from J. Manly and one from Sister saying that wife is sick with the agne of the face.

14-Tue- The news from the Army is rather meager and not of much interest. Perhaps Lee may get away without having another battle. ~~_____~~
~~_____~~ Weather pleasant today.

15-Wed- Nothing remarkable today. Great riot in New York. Weather very warm.

16-Thu- Received a letter from D. Phelps, from the Regiment. It is badly cut up. They have about 60 left. ~~_____~~ Charles McKay stands it first rate. The weather is very warm and sultry.

17-Fri- Received a letter from Father in which I learn with regret that ~~_____~~ is killed. Reported news of the fall of Charlestown, hope it may be true. Let O. Rounds have \$2., making \$3. in all.

18-Sat- No very material change in the war news. See in the Herald a list of officers that are taken prisoners from the 154th. Weather fair and warm!

19-Sun- It is very warm today. Received a letter from wife. She is getting about again which I am glad to hear. The 27th Connecticut left for home today, they being nine months men. They number about 300 prisoners.

20-Mon- Nothing more remarkable than common to relate. The war continues to be waged vigorously in most parts and it is to be hoped will soon terminate. The weather continues to be very warm.

21-Tue- Received a letter from wife giving me notice to be prepared to receive sad news, as she thinks that little Fannie cannot long survive. Oh, that I could go home and see them all.

22-Wed- Wrote to Dud Phelps, ~~Joel Truesdell~~ ~~_____~~ scout. He fetched him to time by firing one shot, but did not hit him. Brought him into camp and he is now safe. Review today, warm.

23-Thu- Made application for a Furlough, shall be disappointed if I don't get one. Wrote to wife. There is a continual going and coming of men to and from this camp. I am well, except a cold.

24-Fri- Today, we are to be mustered for pay. Henry Martin is here. It is a long, tedious job in a hot day to muster 1,800 men without an organization. It has been very hot today. Received a letter from wife.

25-Sat- Have been very busy, 8 of us, making out pay Roll, which I think is labor lost, as it has been done in too much of a hurry. The weather is very warm.

26-Sun- Have been to work on them pay-rolls all day, and just at night was very happily disappointed by receiving word that I had not a furlough. Have a bad cold and am nearly sick.

July 21-Mon- Started from Camp. at 8 A.M. Left Washington at 3 P.M., Arrived in Baltimore at 5 P.M. Staved 'till 9:15 P.M. and started again. Had a cup of tea in Washington and feel some better.

28-Tue- Arrived at Elmira and stayed there 'till 2:27 P.M., when I got onto the slowest train that I ever saw. Was 10 hours from there to home. Arrived at home about 12 o'clock at night.

29th thru August 17th--- No entries.

August 18-Tue- 2 Pr. Shoes returned to Quarter Master.

19th thru Sept. 3rd--- pages torn out.

Sept. 4-Sat- No entry.

5-Sun- Fannie died at 12:00 noon. Aged nine years.

6th thru 15th--- No entries.

16th thru 27th---pages torn out.

28-Mon- Having heard that there was a general exchange of prisoners, I made preparations to start tomorrow.

29-Tue- Started for my Regiment.

30-Wed- Stayed in Elmira.

October 1-Thu- Started for Washington.

2-Fri- The Regiment having gone to Tennessee, I reported to Parole Camp and staid there for three or four days.

3rd thru 5th--- No entries.

6-Tue- Left Parole Camp and went to Alexandria and took a boat to Washington. Staid 'till 7 o'clock P.M. and started on Railroad for the Regiment.

7-Wed- Passed Harper's Ferry about 3 P.M.

8-Thu- At dark, we were 100 miles from Wheeling, with the promise of being there in the morning, but did not get there 'till the night of

9-Fri- When we arrived at Benwood after dark, we got a cup of coffee and some Hardtacks. Crossed the Ohio on Pontoon Bridge, laid around for 3 hours and started.

10-Sat- Arrived at Columbus at 9 P.M., received no rations 'till in the morning.

11-Sun- Arrived in Cincinatti at 6 o'clock P.M. It is a little curious that there is nothing prepared for us on the route. Dropped a letter as we passed Cyathias. Rested well in an old building.

12-Mon- Finding that we should not go on 'till noon, I went up and saw Cynth and Em and got a clean shirt.

October 13- Tue- Election day in Ohio. Last night, everything in my knansack
.. was stolen.

14-Wed- Left Cincinnati on the steamboat "Rodolph" at 12 noon for
Louisville, Ky.

15-Thu- Arrived in Louisville between 9 and 10 A.M. and went to the
Soldier's Home and left for Nashville at 7 P.M. Distance 186 miles.

16-Fri- Arrived at Nashville about 5 P.M. Left Nashville at

17-Sat- 1 o'clock A.M., arrived at Murfreesboro on Stones River at
4 A.M., and stayed in the Court House 'till 10 A.M. Started again
at 3 P.M. Passed Tullahoma 75 miles from Nashville, arrived at
Stephenson, Alabama at 7 P.M. and stayed all night in a dirty
place called a house.

18-Sun- It is raining and bids fair to be as muddy as old Virginia.
About noon, arrived at the Regiment on the Tennessee River at
Bridgeport.

19-Mon- The 33rd New Jersey broke up camp and moved away. I picked
up 2 shirts that some of them threw away and washed them, so I had
a change. The Regiment are making Corduroy Road.

20-Tue- Still making Road. I did not go out. Wrote a letter home.

21-Wed- The Regiment are making Ties for a Raid Road. I am tempor-
arily in command of Company "C".

22-Thu- Continue to get out R. R. ties for 3 days when the work is
abandoned.

23 and 24----No entries.

25-Sun- We are allowed to rest and wash our clothes. Wrote a letter
home.

26-Mon- The Regiment drew some clothing. I got a pair of shoes. It
is rumored that we march tomorrow.

27-Tue- At 6½ o'clock, broke camp and started towards Chattanooga,
crossing the Tennessee River. At 11 o'clock, halted to eat opposite
the mouth of a cave 12 miles deep. Here are Saltpetre works.
Camped 14 miles from Chattanooga.

28-Wed- At 6 A.M., resumed our march feeling pretty sore. At 2 PM,
were formed in line of battle and advanced on a charge and drove
the enemy. Came through to within 4 miles of Chattanooga.

29-Thu- Firing being heard, we were called into line at 2 A.M. and
advanced towards action, but it being of short duration, we re-
mained around until nearly noon, when we went into Breastworks
that were captured in the night.

30-Fri- We remain in the same breastworks. Weather rainy, rations
are rather short. Found some Potatoes and fried some for dinner.

Oh heavens, how it did rain. After about an hour, the rain came and relieved us, but it proved to be a mistake and we were again sent back in the rain, and dark as tar. At noon today, however they did relieve us and we marched off about a mile and camped. The weather is more pleasant.

- November
- 1-Sun- We are almost constantly called upon for men for Fatigue or Picket, so much so that the whole company are on duty of some kind most of the time. Weather quite mild.
 - 2-Mon- There was a large mail came into camp today. Some of the boys got a number of letters while others got none. The Rebs continue to throw shells at our Trains without much damage.
 - 3-Tue- This is Election day in N. Y. Nothing very remarkable. Doctor Van Arnum came up to the Regiment.
 - 4-Wed- The whole Regiment were detailed for Fatigue and all reported to Corps Headquarters 3 times and sent back each time. Oh consistency---thou art a jewel, but I can't see it. Weather quite warm and pleasant. $\frac{1}{2}$ rations issued.
 - 5-Thu- Most of the Regiment have gone out on Fatigue duty. I am trying to make out a Payroll, but find it rather uphill business as the last one is lost. It rains quite smartly. The Rebs favor us with shells occasionally.
 - 6 and 7--- No entries.
 - 8-Sun- Drewed some shirts and clothes and dealt them out to CO. "C".
 - 9 thru 15---No entries
 - 16-Mon- Received pay to the 31st of October. I received pay for six months, \$102., ninety of which I left in the hands of Major Campbell to be sent to Mrs. Louisa Welch, Allegany. Weather pleasant but cool.
 - 17-Tue- Wrote to Chamberlain. Most of the Regiment are out at work. Weather very fine for the season.
 - 18-Wed- This is a very foggy morning. 10 men from our company on fatigue.
 - 19 thru 21---No entries.
 - 22-Sun- At 1 o'clock P.M., broke camp and started for Chattanooga, distant about 4 miles, and camped where there was no chance to get any wood. Continued to stay here until
 - 23-Mon- noon, when we were ordered into line and the prospect of a Battle soon became apparent, as we were ordered to leave our knapsacks and marched out where the balls soon began to fly. After dark, made and occupied Breastworks.
 - 24-Tue- The Battle today is the heaviest on our left. Continued to occupy the ? of our Brigade was there and lost heavily. We are doing duty, get fired at. 3 men in Co. "H" wounded.

November 25 thru December 6--- pages torn out.

December 7-Mon- About 8 A.M., packed up and started on the back track. Marched 17 miles and camped 1 mile West of the River. I was not very well today.

8-Tue- Started again at 7 A.M. and marched to Philadelphia and stopped for dinner. Soon after dinner, it began to rain, which made it very slippery walking. Marched 16 miles and camped near Sweetwater.

9-Wed- Started at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. Rations being out last night, we are rather hard up. We are to get some tonight at Athens. Arrived and camped at 4 o'clock. Travelled 14 miles. Weather pleasant.

10-Thu- Remained in camp until about noon, when we packed up and marched about a mile west of town and again went into camp and staid during

11-Fri- and, having a chance to write, sent a letter to Father to let them know where we are. Went out foraging today. Got dinner in two places, paid 25¢ each--stole a hen. Weather fine.

12-Sat- Marched from Athens to two miles west of Charlestown, distance 16 miles. Weather pleasant until after noon, it began to rain and continued to in the night.

13-Sun- Started at 7 o'clock A.M. and marched to Cleveland, distant 9 miles, where we arrived at noon and went into camp, it being rainy and very bad travelling. From here to Chattanooga, it is 30 miles.

14-Mon- About noon, moved camp a mile to the South end of the village. Drew some flour and meal and got it baked into biscuit. Bought supper, had some sausage.

15-Tue- Remained at this place all this day and at night, drew some hard Tacks and coffee, the first in 2 weeks. Received orders to march in the morning.

16-Wed- Started on the march towards Chattanooga, marched 15 miles. Towards night, it rained very hard and we had a bad night of it. Not much rest.

17-Thu- Was ordered to start at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, but did not 'till 7, when we found plenty of mud and water on the surface. Went about 4 miles and then took the R. R. track and made for the old camp. Marched today 21 miles and found the old camp in a bad state of disorder.

18-Fri- Last night was a cold one and we suffered some, although everyone had a wool blanket. I have been busy trying to get clothing for the men. It is very cold and windy today.

19th thru 31st--- pages missing.