



Yellow Soldiers.

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1st
 1st Maine Cavalry.
 Company. No. 10.

I Enlisted Sept 27th
1861. went into Camp
at Augusta Maine Oct
1st. here was mustered
into the United States
November 5th we stayed
in camp at Augusta
all winter till March
20th 1862 and then
left for the South

S. A. Volant

Augusta

Maine

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We left Augusta Maine. the 20th
day of March 1862. for the seat
of War. in the Southern States.
We left Augusta about 5
o'clock. in the afternoon. mid
cheers from the people that had
assembled to see us start
for the land of Dixie.

We was received with
loud cheers from hundreds
of people that came to different
stations along on the road
to see us go. We arrived
in Portland & bought midwite
stayed there about one hour.
Started again for Boston.

March 21st We arrived in
Boston this morning at 8
o'clock. all safe. and no damage
done. We left the cars at the
Boston and Maine Depot and

Marched through the city to
 Worcester Depot. to take the
 cars again for New York.
 it rained all the time we
 was in Boston. we got loaded
 again on to the cars and started
 for New York about 1 o'clock
 still raining. we came
 through many pretty towns
 on our way from Boston
 to New York. Arrived at
 New York 3 o'clock in the
 morning. we stopt in the cars
 till daylight.

March 22nd We commenced
 to unload the cars at daylight
 unloaded them. saddled our
 horses. marched through the
 city about 4 miles to the
 wharf. and then took the
 Steam boat for the New

Jersey shore. loaded our
 horses on board of the boats
 and came about 15 miles
 by water. to Elizabeth city
 in New Jersey. went ashore
 and took the cars again. and
 started about 1 o'clock on
 our journey again.

March 23rd at daylight
 this morning we had only come
 about 70 miles from Eliza-
 beth city. there was some trouble
 with the cars in the night
 and we did not make much
 headway. we came through some
 very pretty towns in New Jersey
 and Pennsylvania. arrived at
 Harrisburg. the Capital of
 Pennsylvania at 12 o'clock.

Harrisburg is a very pretty
 place situated on the Susquehanna

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-nia river. We stopt here
abought 2 hours for some
other trains of cars to pass
us. and then we started again
for Baltimore in Maryland.

We arrived at Baltimore
at sunset. changed cars again
it took us from sunset till
3 o'clock the next morning
to get ready to start again.

March 24th Started this
morning at daylight for
Washington. arrived in Wa-
shington at 1 o'clock all
safe and sound. unloaded
the cars. fed and watered
our horses. and then we
avent and got something
to eat for ourselves for
we was pretty hungry.
we got something to eat and

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then we avent and saddled
up our horses. and started
for our camping ground
abought one mile east of the
city. on a place called Capital
Hill a very pretty place and
in full view of the city.

We got into camp abought
dark. watered our horses
and fed them. put them in
some stables. and then cam-
ped for the night in the stable
by the sides of our horses. I
slept very cold. for it was
rather a cool night.

March 25th We pitched
our tents this morning
abought 9 o'clock in a very
beautiful place on Capital
Hill. did not do anything
to day only to fix up our

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tents. and take care of our horses. it is rather cool today. There is a good many Soldiers in Washington now. There is estimated to be over 130,000 in and around Washington.

March 26th We received our sabers and revolvers today. and drilled some with them on foot. it is a very pleasant day. March 27th Was a pleasant day. we drilled today. and I think we done pretty well.

nothing of any interest has taken place today. March 28th very fine day. I was on guard today. Sewed me a pair of pants in the afternoon. it was pretty cool in the evening. nothing very new has taken place today.

March 29th Came of guard this morning at 8 o'clock. it is cloudy and looks some like a storm. We received orders at noon. to strike our tents and go to Harper's Ferry. we are to start at 3 o'clock. at 3 o'clock the orders are countermanded and we are not to start till tomorrow morning. it is snowing very hard now. I sat down and wrote a letter in the evening to my mother. and another to a friend in Augusta. Maine. March 30th We struck our tents this morning at 8 o'clock. raining and snowing like the Devil. and started for Harper's Ferry. we started about

9 o'clock and marched through the city of Washington in a North Western direction for Harpers Ferry. 65 miles from Washington. We came about 23 miles to day and camped for the night about 3 miles from Rockville a town in Maryland. We camped on the ground without anything over us but our blankets and the heavens. There was a heavy thunder shower in the night and it rained pretty hard. I rested very well and slept pretty sound.

March 31st We started again this morning at 6 o'clock and it is still cloudy but does not rain. but the roads are very muddy

and bad. we marched about 22 miles to day and came to Frederick city a place in Maryland. We got there about 2 o'clock in the after noon. There we found sheds for our horses and ourselves. after our horses was taken care of. I went through the city and saw what I could see. There is a general Hospital here for Sick and Wounded Soldiers. There is about 150 wounded Soldiers here wounded in the battle of Winchester.

April 1st We left Frederick city this morning at 7 o'clock marched to Harpers Ferry 23 miles from Frederick city arrived there about 2 o'clock in the afternoon pretty well

tired out. camped, about
one mile from the Ferry at
a place called Sandy Hook.
We camped on the ground with
out any tents, for our tents
have not arrived they having
gone around to Baltimore
by rail road. April 2

I went down to the ferry
to day and viewed the
place. it was a very fine
place be for this war. but
now it is most all burned
up. there was a large place
for manufacturing fire
arms. but now they are
all destroyed. I saw the
place where John Brown
was taken prisoner. and I
saw the place where his son
was killed. The 10th Maine
Regiment is here.

April 3rd To day it is a
pretty warm day. I was detail
ed to go down to the ferry and
help draw some railrons.
was gone all day. I saw
a fellow in the 10th Maine
Regiment that I was well
acquainted with. Martin comes
from Embden, Maine.

April 4th I am on guard
to night. it is pretty warm
but very dark. it commence
to rain about 3 o'clock in
morning. April 5th
We received marching
orders this morning again
to go to Hancock Station
a place in Virginia 42
miles from Harpers Ferry
started again at 9 o'clock
went down to the ferry

and put our horses aboard of the Cars. and started for Hancock at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. arrived at Martinsburg, 20 miles from Harpers Ferry, at sunset. stoped there about 1 hour started again, arrived at Hancock at 11 o'clock at night. unloaded our horses from the cars. carried

our baggage to the place where we was to camp for the night. by the time we got all things right it was 3 o'clock in the morning. we then camped down and got a little rest.

April 5th This morning we got up and took care of our horses. got breakfast

and then we pitched our tents and cleaned up things. part of our company is quartered in the tents. and the rest of them is quartered in a large two story brick building. that formerly belonged to a rebel who is now a Colonel in the rebel army. his property is confiscated and belongs to the United States Government. We are quartered at present on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road. and we are encamped within 40 rods of the Potomac river, on a very pretty interval.

April 6th We did not do anything to day. we was pretty tired. and it is a very warm day, and it makes us feel lazy.

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April 7th we went out
Scouting to day. we went
about 10 miles from camp
to see if we could find some
rebel Cavalry that is prowling
around in this vicinity, but
we could not find anything
of them, and we see no signs
of a rebel. we went
to the town of Bath, and saw
the warm Sulphur Springs. .
it is a very pretty place.

It is rather cold to day.

April 8th to day I am
in quarters. for it snows
and rains like the D—e
wrote a letter to a friend
in Sandwich Mass. nothing
of any consequence has
taken place to day. April
9th I am on guard to day.

and it is snowing very hard
there has nearly a foot of snow
fell. the people around here says
it is the greatest snow storm
that has been this winter.
it looks now, a good deal
as it does in Maine. nothing
new has taken place to day
wrote a letter home to day.

April 10th Came off guard this
morning at 8 o'clock. the ^{clouds} ~~clouds~~
has cleared off warm and we
did not do anything, only to
feed our horses to day. wrote
a letter in the evening.

April 10th a very fine day
warm and pleasant. we
went to day, one mile from
camp and sharpened up
our sabers. this looks
some like getting ready

for the rebels. nothing has taken place to day. of any importance. April 12th I was in quarters all day for we had nothing to do. wrote a letter in the afternoon to a friend in Bingham. Maine. nothing new to day it was pleasant and warm to day. April 13th I was on guard to day. it was very warm to day. nothing new to day. The countersign to night was, Monroe.

April 14th I was relieved from guard this morning at 6 o'clock. it rains to day like the D. L. again I took a severe cold last night and my headache to day. in quarters the rest

of the day. nothing new has taken place to day. April 15th in quarters all day. had a very bad headache. and sore throat. April 16th in quarters to day did not feel very well. it is very pleasant to day. felt very unwell in the evening. no news to day. April 17th the weather looks very pleasant and warm. it is the most beautiful morning that I have seen in Virginia. there was a very heavy thunder shower about 6 o'clock in the evening which made the air feel cool and nice. one of our men got hurt to night. very bad by being thrown from his horse. he was coming off from Picket guard. it

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happened about 1 o'clock at night. it was a fine night to stand guard. The counter sign was. Summer. to night. nothing of any consequence has taken place to day. April 18th I came of guard this morning at 8 o'clock. pretty pleasant to day. nothing new. wrote a letter home to day. April 19th We had to take our horses out and bait them on grass to day. for we are getting short of hay and corn for them. it is cloudy to day. did not do anything in the afternoon. only to write a letter. Nothing new to day. April 20 In quarters to day. laying as ever. went out in the afternoon. and fired at a

mark with my pistol. it is rather cool to day. look some like a rain storm. April 21st To day I was on Picket guard. about 1/2 a mile from Camp. it rained very hard all day. I went on guard at 8 o'clock and stood till 2 o'clock in the afternoon. I was then relieved till 8 in the evening. went on again at 8 and stood till about 3 o'clock in the morning. it was very dark and raining. April 22nd It is pretty cool weather to day. in quarters all day. I wish we could drill or do something to pass away the time a little faster. April 23rd In quarters to day. and nothing to do. only to clean up our cloths and accoutrements. It is rather cool to day.

April 24th To day. it is cloudy and rather cool. we practised shooting at the target with our pistols. we did pretty well for green horns. in the afternoon I was on special duty. had to go and help bury a horse that died. I received 2 letters to day. one from home and one from Sandwich Mass was very glad to hear from the folks. April 25th To day it rains like the Devil. and I am on guard. it is most always my luck to be on guard when it rains or snows. I do not feel like standing guard to day. for I have got a severe cold. and a sore throat. but I suppose I have got to do it anyhow soot

hog or die. the counterstrain to night was Webster.

April 26th I was relieved this morning from guard, at 8 o'clock to day it a little cloudy but not very cool. in the forenoon we cleared up our parade ground and in the afternoon we went and got some little pines and set them down in the ground in front of our tents. to keep the sun off. April 27th Sunday morning. and a very pleasant morning. it was very cool last night. there was a heavy frost. we had a mounted inspection this morning at 8 o'clock. and a short drill. we done very well for we had not drilled any since we came from Washington. 4 weeks ago to day

April 28th Today I was on drill in the fore noon for about 2 hours. I was on fatigue duty in the afternoon. After supper we had a foot drill for about 1 hour. it was a good exercise for us. There was a thunder shower about 9 o'clock in the evening April 29th

Today it rains like Jehu and I am on guard again but that is nothing. for it is my luck to be on guard when it rains like the Devil. It quite raining about 11 o'clock and the sun came out and shone warm. received 3 letters to night. from my friends in Maine. The countersign to night is Blair.

April 30th Came off guard this morning at 10 o'clock. a very pleasant morning. the sun is shining beautiful and warm. we had an inspection of arms this morning and we was mustered for pay. This makes twice that we have been mustered for pay and have not been paid yet. in the afternoon I took a walk out in the woods about one mile from Camp did not feel very well for I have got a severe headache.

May 1st Today it rains again we was paid off this forenoon we received 26 dollars. 2 months pay still remains due to us.

May 2nd Today it rained till about 8 o'clock in the morning.

I am on fating duty, and had to go and help get some wood. I was in quarters in the afternoon wrote a letter to a friend in Brunswick. May 3rd I am on guard to day, and it is a beautiful day. the sun shines warm and pleasant. the trees are leaving out fast and looks very nice. the birds are singing gaily and seem to all be happy. but alas war is reigning through the land and all is confusion.

I wrote a letter this afternoon and I received one from home. was very glad to hear from the folks. The countersign to night was Carlisle. May 4th Sunday morning. the sun shines beautiful and warm I came

of guard this morning at 9 o'clock. was in quarters the rest of the day. May 5th was pretty warm day. I had a pass to day, and went over to Hancock in Maryland. was gone about 4 hours. came home and wrote 3 letters. May 6

To day is rather cool, we fired at the target in the forenoon. was in quarters. in the afternoon May 7th on guard again to day. the wind blows very hard. clear blue sky. and not a cloud to be seen. I received a letter from Brookline Mass. it was pretty cool standing guard to night. there was quite a frost. The countersign to night was Rome.

May 8th came off guard at 8 o'clock. and then went out to Bath and bathed in the Warm Springs. then I went up to Sir John's Run. with the Captin. it is very warm to day. May 9th To day in quarters all day. wrote 3 letters home. at noon we received ^{chng} orders to go to New Market 100 miles from here. We are to start to morrow morning.

May 10th We struck our tents this morning at 6 o'clock to go to New Market. it is very warm this morning. we started at 10 o'clock. came about 23 miles and camped for the night on the ground and rested pretty well.

May 11th we got up this morning at 4 o'clock fed our horses. and started at 6 o'clock. it is pretty cool this morning. May 11th 9th o'clock. We have now just dismounted and are stopping to rest. we have come about 9 miles. we stoped about 10 minutes and started again on our journey. 1 o'clock. P.M. we are stopping again to rest. we have just came through the town of Beantown. we are pretty tired. we are now about 7 miles from Winchester. we got to Winchester about 4¹/₂ 2 o'clock. it is a very nice place at Winchester. It's a fine looking city. The 10th Maine Regiment is now here.

May 12 We are stop-
 ing at Winchester to day to git
 our horses shod, for they are
 all bare foot. I have had
 a fine chance to go over the
 city and see it. I went out
 to the grave yard, and saw
 where our Soldiers was
 buried that was killed in
 the battle of Winchester, they
 are buried in good shape
 and have got their names,
 their regiment, and their
 company. put on a board
 at their heads to tell where
 they lay. I wrote a letter
 home to day. 4 o'clock P.M.
 There has just been some
 rebel prisoners brought in
 and put in jail. I saw
 them put in. I am on guard
 to night

May 13th

We are still at Winchester
 and are going to stop to day
 I came off guard at 2 o'clock
 P.M.

May 14th

It rains to day and we
 are still at Winchester and
 are not going to move till
 to morrow.

May 15th

We left Winchester to day
 at 2 o'clock P.M. and came
 to Strasburg, about 19
 miles from Winchester, we
 camped on the ground without
 any tents. it rained all
 night we are about 1 mile
 from the village of
 Strasburg

May 16th

It is raining this morning and we have not got our tents pitched. I am on fatigue duty to day. we pitched our tents in the fore noon in good shape, and got things fixed up well. and at 4 P.M. we received marching orders again, to go that night 5 miles beyond Strasburg. we got there at dark took care of our horses, and then layed down to rest for the night on the ground without any supper or anything else. our baggage wagon being stuck in the mud did not get there till 11 o'clock at night.

May 17th

I got up this morning in pretty good season, and feel

pretty well. Had a good nights rest. We are now with the main body of General Banks army. There is a good many soldiers. They are fortifying Strasburg and are expecting a battle from General Jackson and his rebel army. It is very warm to day.

May 18th

Sunday morning. we are still here in the woods. we had an inspection this morning

May 19th

We are in the same place that we was yesterday. 3 companies of us have been out scouting to day. we went out as far as Woodstock to see if we could find anything of a rebel force. that fired at

a company of our men the day before. but we could find nothing of them. When we was coming back we came in sight of some of our own men that was on picket guard. and they took us for rebel Cavalry and fired at us several shots before they found out who we was. Fortunately no one was hurt.

May 20th

Nothing new to day. in Camp all day.

May 21st

Companies H and M. of the 1st Maine Cavalry. and 3 Companies of the 5th New York Cavalry was sent down to Woodstock to take a small body of rebel

Cavalry. that has been seen there. We came in sight of them. but when they saw us. they retreated. we followed them. killed 5 of them. took 7 prisoners with there horses. We did not lose a man. only one was severely hurt. and he was hurt by being thrown from his horse. We lost 3 or 4 horses. It was quite a skirmish.

May 22nd

In camp to day. nothing of any consequence has taken place to day.

May 23rd

I was on guard to day. nothing of any interest has taken place to day.

May 24th

We received orders this morning at 1 o'clock to march, we was all ready to start at 2 o'clock. Started at 3 o'clock, came to Middletown got there about 11 o'clock A.M. there we received orders, that a large force of rebels was cutting off our communication with Winchester. We found the rebels posted in a piece of woods, with Artillery, Cavalry and Infantry, we found them to strong for us, and we had to fall back into the town. The rebels followed us out, and nearly surrounded us, before we found it out, they commenced to

fire at us, with shot and shell. We then received orders to charge and cut our way through, and get on the road to Winchester. We charged by the rebels batteries, but with a terrible loss of killed and wounded. Three Companies of the 1st Maine Cavalry, were all cut up. We got by the enemy, and retreated toward Winchester, we met our Artillery, and Infantry. They went and met the enemy and fought them until 10 o'clock at night our forces then fell back to Winchester, it was 12 o'clock when we got to Winchester, we layed down on the ground

and slept till day light
we had been 21 hours in
our saddles, without any
rest.

May 25th

The battle commenced again
this morning at daylight
about 2 miles from Winchester. The rebels had advanced
during the night and had
been heavily reinforced.
The battle commenced with
terrible fierceness, and
continued until 8 o'clock
when our troops began to
retreat. The rebels out-
numbered us nearly 6 to 1
we retreated in good order,
our baggage being sent
a head, and the Cavalry
covering the rear of the

Infantry. The road was
strewn with knapsacks
blankets, overcoats, &c.

The rebels followed us
with their Artillery and
Cavalry, nearly 50 miles.

We lost a good many men
on the retreat. The poor
fellows, drop down in the
road, all tired out. The
day was very warm.
We was in our saddles
23 hours to day. Some of
our boys was all tired
out and sleeping, we came to
the Potomac river, and stop-
ed till daylight. It was most
daylight when we got there.

May 26th

We crossed the river at Coelock, by fording it, the water coming nearly over our horses backs several horses was drowned. We crossed over to the town of Williamsport Md. went out one mile from the town and camped.

May 27th

We did not do anything to day. We are pretty well tired out, and so is our horses.

May 28th

Received orders again to day to go back over to Virginia to drive back a body of rebels that have advanced nearly to the river. They

fell back within 3 or 4 miles of the river and began to shell our troops. The 10th Maine regiment had been engaged nearly all day. At dark our Piebets Guard was driven in, and our troops was frightened and they retreated back again over the river. Company H of the 1st Maine Cavalry was the last company to retreat. Myself with 2 other fellows, was ordered to go up on a hill and watch the rebels, when our forces retreated they did not send word to us, so we had to stay there all night alone, we come back over the river

The next morning at sunrise, so us 8 fellows was the last to go over the river, and when we came over, the guards on this side sat out to arrest us, for they thought we was rebel spies for all of our men had gone over some 6 or 7 hours before.

May 29th

At noon we had orders to go back over the river and stand Picket guard. I went on Post at 5 o'clock P.M. and was not relieved till 6 o'clock the next morning. This makes 2 days and nights that I have been without any sleep.

May 30th

We are still on Picket guard, and I am very tired and sleepy. No rebels in sight.

May 31st

We were relieved this morning, and we went back over the river, pretty well tired out. Having been 3 days and 3 nights without any sleep except about 2 hours the 3rd night. I layed down on the ground and slept sweetly while the rain was pouring down in torrents.

June 1st

We are in camp
to day. Nothing new
of any consequence.

June 2nd

received orders again
to march. This morning
we have got every thing
ready to start at the
word forward. at 2 o'clock
P.M. the orders have
been countermanded
and we are not going
to start till tomorrow

June 3rd

We broke up camp
this afternoon at 2 o'clock
and started to go back
into Old Virginia again
got down to the river
and found a large force

waiting to get ferried over
the river having risen
so it cannot be forded
we waited till dark
and could not get a
chance to go and so we
came back to our old
camping ground and
stayed all night. the
rain pouring down
in torrents.

June 4th

We went down to
the river again this
morning to go over. it
is still raining very
hard. we stayed there
till nearly noon
and then we had orders
to go back to camp
and wait for further
orders.

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June 5th

We are in camp today, waiting for orders. It has been raining all day. nothing of consequence has taken place today.

June 6th

and we are still in camp, waiting with patience for marching orders, which we are hourly expecting.

It has cleared off warm and looks like good weather.

June 7th

Again we have received orders to march. left our camp at 11 o'clock A.M. came down to the river, and had to wait till daylight the next morning before we could get acrossed

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came about 1 mile from the river. tied up our horses and fed them, and then we layed down on the ground and slept till 10 o'clock.

June 8th

we saddled up our horses at 3 o'clock P.M. and came about one mile farther and camped again for the night. we are not going any farther till to morrow. then we are going for Martinsburg. we are waiting now, for some more Cavalry to come over the river, and then we are all going together. but I do not know where all that I know is, that we have got marching orders to go some where.

June 9th

We started again this morning at 9 o'clock and came to Martinsburg but did not stop there only a few moments. just to rest our horses. we started again and came about 15 miles this side of Martinsburg, to the town of Beckville. and camped for the night. we have come about 20 miles to day.

June 10th

Started again this morning at 7 o'clock. came about 26 miles to day. came through Winchester but did not stop. there came about 5 miles this side of Winchester and camped for the night. It has rained all day long very hard. and we are

all wet. and tired and hungry. and we have got to lay down on the ground without any tent for the night. and the rain is pouring down in torrents. But this is Soldiers life and we have got to make the best of it and enjoy ourselves as well as we can. but I believe that I had rather be at home to night. if I could. where there is a good warm fire. and a good dry bed to sleep in.

June 11th

we was ready to start again this morning at 7 o'clock. It has stopped raining and cleared off. and it is a fine morning. I slept pretty well

last night. I went and got a load of nice dry straw, spread it down on the ground and had a pretty good chance. We did not start till 10 o'clock. The orders have been changed. Two companies of our regiment is going to Front Royal, and Company H is going to Strasburg. We got to Strasburg about 3 o'clock P. M. and we are going to stay here to night, and I don't know how much longer, perhaps we shall stay here several days.

June 12th

We are at Strasburg today. 5 of our men has been sent to carry dispatches to Front Royal, Winchester and to

Morefield. To day the weather has been pretty warm. I wrote a letter home to day.

June 13th

I was in camp in the forenoon but in the afternoon, I with three others of my Company was detailed to go as guards to Mount Jackson with Governor Fairbanks of New Jersey, to get the body of his son Captain Fairbanks. That was killed in battle last Sunday. We came to Mount Jackson about 11 30 miles from Strasburg and stopped off night. In morning they are going on with a flag of truce to Harrisonburg where the rebels are to get the body, it being in the hands of the rebels.

June 14th

I with the rest of the guards are to stop here at Mount Jackson this morning while Governor Thane goes with a flag of truce after the body of his son. General Fremont and his army is here at Mount Jackson. We started to come back at 6 o'clock P.M. did not get back to Strasburg till 1 o'clock in the morning. was pretty tired when I got there.

June 15th

I was in camp today. received a letter from home this morning, was very glad to hear from home. I wrote a letter home. Twenty men of our company was detailed to go to Winchester

with a lot of prisoners of war taken by General Fremont in the battle last Sunday. Two more of our men has been sent to General Fremont's Headquarters with despatches. this afternoon.

June 16th

In camp all day. nothing of any interest has taken place today. Two of our men was sent to Winchester with dispatches today. At dark to night I with 2 more men from my company had to go to Mount Jackson to General Fremont's Headquarters with a man that was arrested here in Strasburg. by the order of Gen'l Fremont. for stealing horses. it was 3 o'clock in the morning when we got to Mount Jackson.

June 17th.

We did not start to come back from Mount Jackson until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. did not have any breakfast or dinner. when we were coming back, we stopped and milked our canteens full of milk from some cows by the road side. bought us a loaf of bread from a negro family. then we had some bread and milk.

We got back to Camp at 9 o'clock in the evening. pretty tired.

June 18th

I was in camp in the forenoon. at noon I went on Picket guard. about 1 mile from Strasburg. on the road to Front Royal.

June 19th

We was relieved from guard this afternoon at 2 o'clock. I came back to camp and layed down and slept the rest of the afternoon.

June 20th

In camp in the forenoon. General Fremont is falling back to Strasburg with his army. The rebel General Jackson is advancing on Front Royal and Fremont is falling back to stop him. We left Strasburg to day and joined the rest of our detachment at Front Royal. I am on guard to night.

June 21st

On guard to day. was relieved at 6 o'clock. went down about 1/2 a mile. and saw The 10th Maine Regiment have a Dress Parade.

June 22nd

Sunday Morning, and it looks
some like rain. I should
like to be to home this morning.
at noon we had orders, to go off on
a scouting expedition. We went
abouth 20 miles from Front
Royal, but did not see anything
we rode until abouth dark, and
then we turned around and came
back, within 5 miles of Front Royal
and stoped for the night.

June 23rd

We came back to Front Royal
this morning, and stoped for
the rest of the day.

June 24th

We started again this morning
on another scouting party, went
abouth 10 miles, did not find
anything, got back to camp at
6 o'clock

June 25th

In Camp all day.

June 26th

In Camp all day, to day, on
guard to night.

June 27th

We was awaken this morning at 3
o'clock, with the orders to Pack and
Saddle our horses, soon as possible
for the enemy was coming. We
was all ready in a few moments
and in Line of battle, but it
proved to be a false alarm.
We moved our Camp to day 1 mile
nearer the river.

June 28th

To day I was in camp in the fore
noon, at noon I went on Picket guard
down to Chester Gap, 5 miles
beyond Front Royal.

June 28th

At 12 o'clock this morning, we received a dispatch to return to camp soon as possible. When we got to camp, we found all of the Companies in a line, ready to go to Bayre, 25 miles from Fort Royal, to drive out some of General Jackson's forces, said to be there. We went within 7 miles of Laurey and Camped for the night.

June 30th

The bugle sounded Boots and saddles at daylight this morning, and by sunrise we was all ready to start again. When we came in sight of Laurey, we saw the rebels going out of the town. There was only 3 or 4 companies of Cavalry. We pursued them and came up with them and a

fight ensued. We lost 1 man killed, and two or 3 wounded. I do not know whether we killed any of the rebels, we took 4 prisoners. We only followed them about 2 miles. We had orders to halt and go back. We got back to camp about 12 o'clock that night tired and hungry.

July 1st

I was in camp today. We had an inspection and was mustered for pay, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

July 12nd

It rained today very hard. We are in camp.

July 3rd

In camp all day.

July 4th 1862

I was in camp all day. we was awakened this morning at sunrise by the booming of cannon. a salute of 34 guns was fired, one for each State in the Union. There has been firing of cannon most all day. At night I had to go on Picket guard down to Black Rock about 8 miles from Front Royal.

July 5th

Came back to camp from Picket guard at noon. was in camp all the rest of the day. We received marching orders to night to March to Richmond. We are to start to morrow morning at daylight.

July 6th

We started about 6 o'clock this morning for Richmond. We only came about 10 miles to day. it has been a very hot day. I was on Patrol guard last night.

July 7th

We commenced our march again this morning at daylight came about 12 miles and camped. it has been the warmest day that I ever saw in my life.

July 8th

We did not move to day. stayed in camp. where we was last night. it has been a very warm day. so hot, that it seemed so that I should melt. our Orders have been changed about going to Richmond.

July 9th

Still in the same place where we was yesterday, and it is a very warm day, & have not felt very well today.

Two Companies from the other part of our Regiment, came here to night with our Colonel to see if he could get the Companies all together, one more. I was glad to see the boys in the other Company.

July 10th

We was aroused up this morning at 3 o'clock with the word to saddle up soon as possible and form a line of battle, for our Pickets had been driven in by the rebels, but we came back to Camp in a little while

and I guess it has been a false alarm. it is raining this morning, and looks like a rain storm. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon I went on guard.

July 11th

I am on guard today, we are still in the same place that we have been for the 3 past days. I received a letter from home today and one from a friend in Solon.

July 12th

I came off guard this morning at 6 o'clock and came to Camp. We started again this morning and came to Warrington about 20 miles from where we were camped. we are now with the rest of our Regiment, this has been the first time that we have been together since we left Washington.

July 13th

Sunday, and I have been to meeting to day for the first time since we left Maine. have been in Camp all day, wrote a letter home in the forenoon.

July 14th

I was in Camp all day, received a letter from a friend from Windsor Maine. 2 of our boys has gone to Washington to day.

July 15th

In Camp all day. I received 11 letters this evening. 2 from Tom 4 from Windsor Maine 1 from Sidney. 1 from Waterville 1 from Kindalls Mills. 2 from Genda. Wick Mass. I was glad to hear from the folks.

July 16

I was in Camp to day

July 17th

In Camp

July 18th

On guard to day and it is raining very hard I received a letter from home to night. and one from a friend in Windsor.

July 19th

Came off guard this morning at 9 o'clock and was in camp the rest of the day. wrote a letter home in the afternoon. the countersign last night was Ticksburg.

July 20th

I was in Camp all day we signed our pay rolls to night. we are going to get paid in the morning

July 21st

We were paid off this morning at 9 o'clock. I received 24 dollars & 28¢ went home on the allotment Roll. Soon as we got paid off 2 Companies of us started off on a 2 days Scout.

We went I should think about 24 or 25 miles and then Camped for the night. we had very plenty of good hay for our horses. We camping light in a hay field where the hay was all cut and layed in good shape. I was on guard to night. went on at 12 o'clock and stood till daylight this morning.

July 22nd

We started again this morning and came back to Camp. gotten to Camp about 5 o'clock P.M. We found that our Regiment had gone to the town of Waterloo and the whole army that was there to Warrenton. had moved to Waterloo. 8 miles from Warrenton.

We camped down for the night without much to eat. for they had taken every thing with them.

July 23rd

We came to Waterloo this morning. where the rest of our Regiment was. we are going to stay here to day and perhaps to morrow.

July 24

We was in camp all day
did not do anything.

July 25

To day we drilled at the
Saber Exercise in the forenoon
and in the afternoon. I wrote
2 letters this evening, one
to a friend in Sandwich
Mass. and one to a friend
in Colon Maine.

July 26

I was on Patrol guard
to day. Helping to take
Soldiers that have straggled
out of camp and out
of the lines. without
a pass.

July 27

We had an Inspection of Arms
this morning at 10 o'clock. I was
in camp the rest of the day.
wrote a letter home to day and
wrote one to Brookline ^{Mass} and one
to Haridwood Maine.

July 28

In camp to day. wrote a
letter in the afternoon to a friend
in Skowhegan Maine. we had
a dress parade to night.

July 29

In camp to day. received
a letter from home. was very
glad to hear from the folks.
had a dress parade to night.

July 30

In camp to day. Had a general inspection
of arms to day. I received a letter from
Skowhegan Maine. I was on guard
to night.

July 31st

I was on guard to day. came off guard at night. Cannons has been fixed to day, every half hour, until to night, 36 guns, was fired to the Memory of Martin Van Buren, Ex President of the United States, who died July 24th 1862. I wrote a letter to Skowhegan Maine to day.

August 1st

We formed a line this morning at 6 o'clock, and was reviewed by General Pope.

In the afternoon we drew some carbines, and drilled with them, and fired at the target, at 6 o'clock we had a dress parade.

August 2nd

In the fore noon we drilled, in the after noon 2 Companies of us. Co H and P went to Warrenton got there at 6 o'clock. I do not know how long we are going to stay here.

August 3rd

Sunday morning, we had an inspection at 9 o'clock, and drill with our Carbines. I got my Ambrotype taken to day. I am detailed to go on Detrital guard to morrow.

August 4

I was on duty for Col. Miles, to carry dispatches to day. I went to Waterloo, and I went out to some Batteries with dispatches.

August 5

We was relieved this morning from guard at 7 o'clock. I wrote a letter home to day. and received one from home. we was ordered out to night to quell a disturbance among some batteries about 2 miles from Camp. We did not have any trouble.

August 6

And I am on Patrol guard again to day.

August 7

Came off guard at 7 o'clock this morning. was in camp the rest of the day.

August 8th

In camp all day. wrote a letter to a friend in Sidney Maine.

August 9

was in camp all day. heard of a battle going on near Culpeper. received orders to night at 5 o'clock to go to Culpeper. arrived at Culpeper about 1 o'clock in the morning.

August 10

We got up this morning and baited our horses. took off our bundles and over coats from our saddles. and started for the battlefield about 8 miles from Culpeper. when we got there the fighting was all over the rebels had fell back. we met a great many of the wounded. being carried off from the battlefield.

August 11

this morning all of the Cavalry was ordered on to the battle field. to protect our soldiers while they buried the dead. and carryed off the wounded. a good many of the wounded had lain on the field from Saturday till Monday morning. there is a body of rebels still on Cedar Mountain. we came back off from the field and went out scouting was gone all day.

August 12

went out on picket guard to day, was on 9 hours without being relieved.

August 13

Still on guard. we was relieved this after noon at 4 o'clock. we had a narrow escape to day. a whole brigade of our Infantry went out to discharge their muskets. they discharged them into a piece of woods where we was on guard. not knowing we was there. the bullets fell around us like hail stones.

August 14

we was in camp all day. I wrote a letter home to day. received 4 letters.

August 15

we marched to the rapidan river to day. the rebels are on the other side.

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August 16

we were in camp today.

August 17

we went on picket guard this morning down to the river. our Pickets and the rebels Pickets are only about 800 yards apart. they fire at our Pickets very often. General Carral was wounded today by the rebels. He went out beyond our Pickets and the rebels fired at him. wounded him and wounded the Major's horse. at the same time our Division moved today about 4 miles back towards Culpeper.

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August 18th

the army has been falling back towards Culpeper today. the rebels are advancing. our Piquement is in the rear. we are to be the rear guard. our horses has been saddled and bridled all day and all night.

August 19

The rear of the army has passed here this morning so now we are in the rear. we had to stop and stand Picket guard for about 4 hours. then we started on after the rest we came through Culpeper at dark. and came about 12 miles this side. and stopped till morning.

August 20th

We got up this morning and fed our horses and got ready to start. our Pickets was attacked by the rebels about 8 o'clock this morning. we quickly got into line ready to receive them. They came up and a brisk firing commenced we kept falling back till 2 or 3 regiments of Cavalry came to reinforce us. a lively fight was kept up for about 4 or 5 hours. we had to retreat. we crossed the Rapahannoe river and joined the rest of the army. we expect a battle to morrow for Jackson's army is close at hand.

August 21st

The rebels have advanced during the night and the battle has commenced this morning. heavy cannonading is going on both sides. but no Infantry has been engaged. we with another regiment of Cavalry and 2 pieces of Artillery was sent at noon to guard a place where the rebels can cross the river and come in on our right flank. I expect to morrow there will be a heavy battle. I hope the Lord will spare my life. if I am in the battle and keep me from all harm. I am on Picket guard to night

August 22nd

We went out to Sulphur Springs this morning to see if there was any rebels in that vicinity. we came back about noon and was stationed on a hill to watch the enemy, there was several heavy thunder showers. in the afternoon the battle has been raging all day.

August 23rd

The battle is still going on. The Cavalry is scattering around watching the enemy. we have not been engaged since the 20th we have been in our saddles nearly all of the time day and night. Genl. Pope and Genl. McClellan forces are now all together. I think we

will beat the enemy. they have got large forces on both sides.

August 24th

Fighting is still going on but I don't know how I don't know which side is gaining. we have been riding back and forth all day. we are pretty well tired out.

August 25th

Last night was the first night that we have slept all night. our horses have not been saddled but twice for 8 days. we came last night about 10 miles from the battle field. so I do not know how the battle is going on, we are going out

Three or four miles from
where we stayed last night
I do not know what for
at 6 o'clock P. M. and
we are out here in a piece
of woods and I guess we
are going to stay here all
night.

August 26

To day we came back
to Sulphur Springs. Canno-
nading is still going on
and skirmishes take place.
We stopped here all day
and all night.

August 27

This morning we left
Sulphur Springs and came
to Battlet Station about
14 miles from the Springs.
stayed here all night.

August 28

To day we came to
Manassas Junction. The
rebels have come in between
us and Washington with
most all of their force. They
have burnt several Rail
Road bridges and several
trains of Cars. There was
a battle fought here yesterday
our troops drove the rebels
they have been fighting
to day. Heavy cannonading
is going on and sharp
rifle firing is heard.

August 29

To day we are with General
Porter as a body guard. we
went out to the right of
the rebels and engaged their
Pickets. we had quite a

Skirmish. we found out
where the rebels was, and
then we went back to
our forces and they began
to shell them. We came
back about 2 miles
and stopped all night
August 30

This morning we started
at daylight and came
back where the main
body of our army is. They
are preparing to begin
the battle again. This
morning commenced to cannon
ade about 9 o'clock A. M. at
noon or about 1 o'clock the
battle commenced with terrible
fearfulness. There was one steady
roar of cannon and many
perfect clouds of shot, shell

and bullets. thousands was
killed and wounded. I was
ordley for General Porter. the
shells and bullets fell around
me on all sides. men and
horses fell on both sides of
me. but still I escaped
unharmed. it must have
been the kind hand of
Providence that saved me.
I am thankful to God that
he saved me through this
terrible battle. the rebels
drove us back on our
left wing nearly a mile.
at 6 o'clock I was sent with
a despatch to Centerville
6 miles from the field of battle.
I had to carry the despatch
to General Porters wagon train
I stopped here to Centerville all

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night. during the night our
troops all fell back here to
Centerville and have made a
stand here and are making
preparations to fight again
we are reinforced to night
by some of General McLellan's
troops.

August 31st

our troop have made a
stand here to Centerville and
are forming a line of battle
ready to give the rebels fight
who are said to be advancing.
I am ordered again today
to General Porter. I hope
God will spare my life
if I have to go in to battle
again today. it is raining
this morning. it is now
about 9 o'clock in the fore
noon. the rebels have not come

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in sight today, guess they got
cut up pretty bad. or else they
would follow us.

September 1st

the army is still at Centerville
waiting for the rebels to advance
but they did not come in
sight today, the rebels drove
in our Pickets this evening
We leave Centerville this night
going to fall back to
Fairfax Court House
We are getting pretty nigh
to Washington again and
I guess the rebels are about
as nigh as we are for they
destroyed some of our
wagons last night between
here and Centerville. they had
quite a little fight last
night. our folks beat them.

September 2nd

We left Centerville last night about 12 o'clock and came here to Fairfax Court House. I am still on duty now for General Porter. Stopped here about 2 hours. Then we started again and came about 13 miles and camped for the night. We are now within 7 miles of Washington.

September 3rd

This morning, came about 2 miles to a place called Munson's Hill. and here General Porter has established his Head Quarters. I had to go with a dispatch to General Morrill. This evening after I had retired for the night, a dispatch came

and I had to get up and saddle up my horse and carry the Dispatch over to General Morrill's head quarters and from there, to General Butterfield's head quarters.

September 4th

Today I went Alexandria our wagons are there. had considerable trouble in finding them. found a letter there for me. It was from home. When we came back to camp we got lost. it was near ten o'clock before we got to our camp. we are about 6 miles from Alexandria. There has been some fighting going on at Chain Bridge today.

September 5th

We stayed in camp all day to day for the first time since the 4th day of August. I wrote a letter home to day.

September 6th

I'm in camp all day to day. wrote a letter to a friend in the 8th Maine Regiment to night. General Porter moved his Headquarters to within one mile of Washington. We are now encamped close by the river near Canal Bridge.

September 7th

To day 10 of our Company are detailed as Orderlies to carry dispatches. I am one of them. at 4 o'clock P.M. I went with a dispatch to General Bylers Head quarters at Fort Richardson. went there again in the evening.

September 8th

We was in Camp all day

September 9th

General Porter moved his Headquarters to day about one mile down the river to what is called the Allington House.

September 10th

I was in Camp most all day, went up to the 20th Maine Regiment in the afternoon and see some of the boys from Bingham and Solon.

September 11

I am on Orderly duty again to day. went to the 1st Ohio Cavalry with a dispatch and went down to Fort Richardson with one. it has rained some to day.

September 12th

We left Alexandria this morning and Marched for Maryland. we came about 12 miles to day and camped for the night.

September 13th

Started again this morning at 7 o'clock. Came by Rockville about 10 o'clock. we came on the same road that we came on last Spring when we went to Harpers Ferry. a battle is going on to day at the town of Frederick. we came about 14 miles to day.

September 14th

We started again this morning at 6 o'clock got to Frederick about noon. They are still fighting beyond the town

on the road to Harpers Ferry we came to the town of Middleton about 5 miles from Frederick and camped for the night.

Sept 15th

This morning we went over the battle field of Middleton Heights. the ground was covered with dead. I had to go back to Frederick with a dispatch. when I came back on to the Heights where I left the Company they had gone. I followed on till it was dark and then I layed down side of the road. I was sick and all tired out.

Sept 16

I got up this morning and started on after the Company. I kept going along but did not overtake the Company. The first thing I know I came up in sight of the rebel pickets I went within 25 rods of them. I then turned about and went back soon I met the company

heavy cannonading soon commenced and for about 2 hours the shot and shell fell thick. I stood behind a building, and the shells fell on both sides of me

I have been sick all day

Sept 17

This morning the battle commenced with terrible fury on both sides. I could see it very plain. could see our troops advance on the rebels and see the rebels fall back. I was about half a mile from the battle. I watched the battle till I was tired and then I went back to the camp. The battle continued all day. until dark it is called the battle of Antiam

Sept 18

I layed in camp all day I am sick so I don't do any duty

Sept 19

General Porter moved his headquarters to day about one mile beyond the town of Sharpsburg. I went with the wagon not being able to go with the company.

Sept 20

We are here at Sharpsburg. I am not able to do anything I have not got any appetite to eat hardly anything. I am so weak that I can't hardly get along alone.

Sept 21

Still at Sharpsburg

I am very weak cannot sit up much.

Sept 22

Still at Sharpsburg
I am about the same as I was yesterday.

Sept 23

Still at Sharpsburg
and I am about the same as I was yesterday, but I have got so I can eat a little.

Sept 24

We are still here at Sharpsburg. I feel a little better to day.

Sept 25

Still at Sharpsburg
I feel still better to day

Sept 26

We are still at Sharpsburg
I feel pretty well to day
I have got so my appetite is pretty good.

Sept 27

Just one year ago to day
I Enlisted. so I have served
one year of my time. in
this year I have seen
a great deal. and I have
suffered a good deal. I
am pretty well worn
out. I dont know what
I shall do if the war
lasts 2 years longer. if
I should live through
it. I dont think I should
be worth much. at the end.

We are still at Sharpsburg
I am gaining strength
again pretty fast. I hope
I shall be able to do
duty again in a few days.

Sept 28

To day is my 23rd birth
day. one year ago and
I was free to go and come
when I wanted. but now
I am worse then a slave
I do wish this damnable
war would close. but it
looks so now that it
was just beginning.

Sept 29

We are at Sharpsburg
I hope we shall leave there
soon for we have to go
nearly a mile to get water
I feel worse to day

Sept 30

Still at Sharpsburg
I am pretty sick to day
have not eat scarcely
anything.

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Oct 1

I have felt very bad
to day. have not eat
anything I am so weak
that I can scarcely stand
I received a letter from
home to day. and one from
Levi. and I received one
from Sandwich Mss.
We are still at Sharpsburg

Oct 2

This morning I went
and see the Doctor and
got some medicine I feel
a little better to day then I have
felt before since I have
been sick. We are still
at Sharpsburg

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October 3rdOctober 4thOctober 5thOctober 6thOctober 7thOctober 8thOctober 9thOctober 10th

We are still here at
Sharpsburg. and nothing
of any interest has taken
place within the last 7 days
I am getting better pretty fast
quit taking medicine this morning

Oct 11th

I feel pretty well this morning. nothing of any interest has taken place to day.

We had 13 recruits join our Company to day. so now our Company is so much larger then it was.

Oct 12th

To day is Sunday. and it is a cold raw day and it rains some. It now looks like fall. I feel pretty well to day and the Doctor has marked me for duty. but I dont feel strong enough to do duty yet.

Oct 13th

It is cold and cloudy to day. and it rained most all night. last night

To day I commenced to do light duty. nothing of any consequence has taken place to day. we are still at Sharpsburg. with General Porter.

Oct 14

To day I feel pretty well but dont feel well enough to go on Orrells duty carrying dispatches. yet nothing of any interest has taken place to day. it has been a little warmer to day. then it was yesterday.

October 15th

To day it is cloudy weather and pretty cool. I am on stable guard to night. it is the first time that I have been on guard for a month, and some more, but I don't feel able to stand guard to night, now that is sartin, but I suppose I have got to do it, for the Doctor has marked me for duty. I should like to know, who knows best how I feel, me, or the Doctor, well they will say, if you know more then the Doctor, why

then take the Saddle-bags.

I believe I shall take the Saddle-bags, for I think I know best, how I feel.

October 16th

To day, I got a pass, and went down town, and bought me, some flower and some potatoes and some butter and apples. I will bet I will have 3 or 4 good meals, anyhow, but it is pretty high living, flour at the rate of \$10.00 per barrel, potatoes \$2.00 per bushel, apples \$1.50 per bushel, butter 40 cents per pound, I bought 10 pounds of flour, 1 peck of potatoes, 1 peck of apples, 1/2 a pound of butter, so that will make me several good meals, wont I live now, where. There has been hear

cannonading, going on all day, over the river towards Martinsburg. I guess there has been a battle going on.

October 17th

To day has been a very pleasant day, it rained last night, but it cleared away before morning, and the sun arose clear and beautiful, nothing of any interest has taken place to day. I am on stable guard to night.

October 18th

Was a very fine day, nothing of any interest has taken place to day, we are still at Sharpsburg.

October 19th

To day is Sunday, and is quite pleasant, we had an inspection this morning and had one at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, an inspection of arms.

October 20

It has been very cool to day, nothing of any consequence has taken place. 2 Companies of Massachusetts Cavalry has come to General Porters Headquarters to relieve us. Porter is now in Washington, but is coming back in a few days, we probably shall then return to our Regiment at Frederick City, Maryland.

October 21st

To day has been a very cold and windy day. I have been sick this afternoon. I bought a pie and eat it and it made me sick. I am on Stable guard to night.

October 22nd

nothing of any interest has taken place to day. The whole army appears to be very quiet at Present.

it is very cool weather now. a fellow needs his great coat and mittens in this weather.

October 23rd

Nothing new to day. we are still at Sharpsburg with General Porter. but expect to be relieved in a few days and go to Fredricks where the rest of our Regiment is stationed. It is very cool and windy to day.

October 24th

To day I was detailed as orderly for Colonel Swearingen of General McClellan's Staff. I went around with him among nearly all of the Regiments and Brigades that are laying near here. I was in the saddle nearly all day. I was pretty tired when it came night.

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October 25th

To day has been very cold and windy, nothing of any interest has taken place to day. I wrote a letter home this afternoon.

October 26th

To day is Sunday and it rains very hard. It is the coldest rain storm that I have experienced since we left Maine. my toes and fingers aches with the cold. we have only got these little shelter tents to stay in. just big enough for two men to crawl under and sit down. the tents are not large enough for us to stand up straight. so

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Here we are. sitting curled up without any fire. and the cold rain pouring down in torrents. I should like to be to home to day. where there is a good dry room and a good warm fire to sit down by; where I should not hear the Bugle sound the Stable Call. and where I should not hear the command! Boys, fall in. and feed or water the Horses, &c. but here I am a Soldier, and have got to make the best of it. and do my duty like a Soldier. and no grumbling. I am on Stable guard to night.

October 27th

It quit raining this morning, and the weather cleared off cold and windy, and plenty of mud. but the mud will soon dry up if it holds cold and windy as it is to day.

Nothing of any importance has taken place to day. Some of the Regiments and Brigades have been moving yesterday and to day. General Porter talks of moving his Headquarters to morrow, and of relieving us. so we can go to our Regiments.

Indeed I hope it will be so.

October 28th

This morning was quite cool. there was a heavy frost last night and the ground froze quite hard. the nights are getting to be very cool. I slept very cold last night. General Porter has not moved to day, but will possibly move to morrow.

October 29th

It is rather pleasant this morning I was in Camp all day. did not feel very well and did not do any duty during the day. Nothing of any consequence has taken place. we are still near Sharpsburg but expect to move every day.

October 30th

General Porter moved his Headquarters to day down to Sharps Ferry. He was relieved from being Porters Ordiller, but are ~~not~~ going to join our Regiment. we have got to report to General Gordon. As Ordiller is now we shall be under General Banks again.

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October 31st

We had an Inspection of Arms to day, and we were mustered for pay. It has been a pretty agreeable day, and it has seemed very much like Sunday. Nothing of any interest has taken place most of the troops have left here, and have crossed over the river into Virginia. We are going to report to Gen. Gordon in the morning.

November 1st

We moved our Camp this morning to Gen. Gordon's Headquarters at the village of Sharpsburg. The day cannonading is heard to day, in the direction of Charlestown Va. I guess they are having a battle.

November 2nd

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I was on Ordly duty yesterday and last night. I came off this morning at 8 o'clock. It is rather pleasant weather to day. It is Sunday.

November 3rd

It has been cold and windy to day. at sunset I was detailed to go and stand guard over some bulcattle about 1 mile from Camp. it was a very cool night. to stand guard.

November 5th

It has been pretty warm and pleasant to day. I am on guard to day. shall not be relieved till tomorrow morning.

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November 6th

I was relieved from guard this morning. came to camp and was in quarters the rest of the day.

November 7th

I was on Orderly duty to day. Had to go with Genl Gordon while he inspected a couple of Regiments of Infantry. It was very cold and windy to day.

November 8th

It has snowed most all day. about 2 inches of snow fell. It is a very cold storm.

November 9th 115

This morning at 1 o'clock we had Orders to march with 3 days rations. We started at 4 o'clock. Our Order is to report to Harper's Ferry. we did not start until 2 o'clock. got to the Ferry at noon. stopped there till dark then we were ordered to go on a reconnaissance 16 miles from Harper's Ferry towards Snickers Gap. with 2 Sections of the 1st New York Battery and several Companies of Infantry. we went into Virginia about 16 miles but did not see anything. we had to stand Picket guard till morning. then we returned to Harper's Ferry.

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November 10th

It was very cold last night I suffered a good with the cold. we got back to the Ferry this morning at 7 o'clock. stayed there till noon then we was ordered to go back to Sharpsburg and report to General Gordon. again. got back to Camp in Sharpsburg at 4 o'clock. glad enough was I to get back.

November 11

I was in Camp all day. at sunset I was detailed to report to the commanding Officer of the 2nd Mass Reg as Orderly for the Picket guards, guarding the Potomac river. was on duty all night.

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November 12th

I was relieved from post this morning at 7 o'clock. came up to the Regiment and did not do anything during the rest of the day. we was relieved from guard to night. at dark. we then went back to Camp. soon as I got back to camp. the whole company was turned out to go and stand Picket guard. We was on Post all night.

November 13th

We come to camp this morning. was in quarters the rest of the day. at 10 o'clock this evening we had to go on Picket again and stay till 9 o'clock the next morning.

1186 November 14th

Came off Picket this morning at 7. Was in Camp the rest of the day. at day 12 of no. had to go on Picket again. this makes 4 nights in succession that I have been on guard.

November 15th

I was in Camp to day. 4 of us went to over the bar along with a log house to stay in this cold weather. It has been a pleasant day.

November 16th

I am on Picket again to day.

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