

## Diary of Robert Thomas Williams

Marches, Skirmishes and Battles of the 4th Regiment, Texas Militia between October  
1861 to November 1865

To all who read this:

Please understand that, because of the condition of and the style of writing in the original diaries, some place names and/or persons names, may be mis-spelled in this transcript. I tried to decipher as nearly as possible what my ancestor wrote. Some of the writing had faded out completely, some of the pages had been eaten away, and some of the writing looked as if it had been done in a great hurry. Therefore, it was little more than scrawl, readable only by the one who scratched it on the paper. It is my wish that this diary be used, enjoyed and honored by all who read it.

Connie Ragan Seelke

I am Connie Sue Ragan Seelke, daughter of Audrey Coldiron Lewis, granddaughter of Maudie Mauldin Coldiron, great-granddaughter of Frances Adeline Williams Warren Mauldin, great, great granddaughter of Robert Thomas Williams.

Robert was born May 22, 1831 in Cowart, Georgia to Berrien and Nancy (Moore) Williams. At the age of 37 he married Theresa Elizabeth Watson.

They had four children; Nancy Roseana, Theresa Elizabeth, Robert Thomas Dick, and Frances Adeline. Robert died Dec. 24, 1908 at the age of 77.

He was a medical student, a teacher, and a farmer. He was also a soldier in the Confederate Army from 1861 to 1865 and rose from Private to Lieutenant. On September 6th, 1879, my grandfather wrote these words:

*"I remember this day, 18 years ago as well as yesterday. I & brother John went to the town of Cameron to a bar-b-que. After dinner, we marched back to the courthouse. I & Brother John played on the fiddle. Someone beat the drum. We gave up the fiddle and joined Charles Buckholts' company after many speeches and much whiskey. We then rode out to John Bealls' for horses. Taken the night with Mr. Beall. I found*

*myself sober then wished I was back home with my mother for I knew that it would nearly take her life, but, too late. The die was cast. What followed cannot be imagined. Only myself and Brother John know"*

He was 30 years old when he joined the army. While serving, he was commended by Charles Buckholts, who wrote " I have a fine Orderly Sergeant--he is a gentleman and a good officer, every inch of him. He and his brother John are the only ones who make the music for us. Jan. 15, 1862"

Robert Thomas served his community, his state and his country well and left his legacy for those that followed. His daughter, Frances carried on not only his line, but his determination, forthrightness, and will to persevere. Her children, Maudie Faye, Monroe Bestus, Allyn, Nolan Leon, Frank Allen, Iva Howell are all part of and heir to, that will to survive. I am proud to be a direct descendant of such a man.

## PREFACE

This diary has been lovingly transcribed by myself, first in long hand, then in type, because I wanted to give something to my family that they could cherish and pass on to their children. This is my way of saying I am proud to be who I am and what I am. I must thank my mother for her encouragement. The love and devotion of my family has helped me to complete a long and tiring task. I sincerely hope that some day future generations of my family will whisper a silent thank you to me for saving this bit of our heritage just as I have said thank you to the Grandfather who wrote everything down for us so long ago. Enjoy this bit of family history as I have done and pass it on to the next generation.

Connie Sue Ragan Seelke

Great-Great Granddaughter to Robert Thomas Williams

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Copies of his war diary are at the Cushing Library at Texas A&M University in College Station and at the Confederate Museum in Hillsboro, Hill Co., TX.

The diary begins in October 1861 and end in November 1865. For the purpose of getting it on-line, it has been separated by year.

Robert Thomas Williams was a member of Co. E, 4th Texas Cavalry (Milam County Guards - Captain Charles Buckholts' Company, 1st Regiment, Sibley's Brigade, Texas Mounted Volunteers) also known as "4th Regiment, Texas Militia."

He was taken prisoner and returned to be paroled on 11 July 1865. When the war broke out in 1861, he was studying to be a doctor. Some of his doctors tools are on display at the San Jacinto Monument in LaPorte, Harris Co., TX.

He was instrumental in starting the school at Sand Grove and the Church and Cemetery at Mt. Homer in Milam Co., TX.

Robert was born 22 May 1831, Georgia, the son of Berrien Williams and Nancy Moore. He died 24 Dec 1908, Milam Co., TX. On 12 Nov 1868, he married Theresa Elizabeth Watson (b. 9 Jul 1834, Milam Co., TX - d. 27 Mar 1915, Milam Co., TX). They are both buried in the Mt. Homer Cemetery, Milam Co., TX.

They were the parents of four children: Nancy Roseana Williams (m. Thomas Bankston); Theresa Elizabeth Williams (m. Porter Wilkerson); Frances Adeline Williams (m. James Hammel Warren); and, Robert Thomas Dick Williams (m. Mary Cherry & Allie Adams).

The 4th Texas Cavalry was originally organized in September 1861, in San Antonio, Texas. It was made-up of 10 companies and the unit was also known as the 4th Regiment of Texas Mounted Volunteers. They were commanded by Colonel James Reily who was a politician from Houston, Harris County, Texas, who was a veteran of the Mexican War. Reily served in the Diplomatic Corps of the Republic of Texas, and later as a United States Consul in Russia. He was killed at the Battle of Irish Bend in Franklin, LA on 14 April 1863.

The New Mexico Campaign was Brigadier General Henry Hopkins Sibley's daring plan to take three regiments of volunteers to be raised in Texas and strike north up the Río Grande into New Mexico, capturing the weakly-held Federal forts and their stores of supplies, gathering more volunteers from sympathizers in the countryside, and driving the Federal army out of the territory.

Sibley envisioned the conquest of Colorado, whose gold mining profits would be diverted to aid the Confederacy. From Colorado, he and his expanded army of conquest would march to San Francisco, acquiring a seaport that would be impossible for the Federals to blockade. With the Confederacy reaching from coast to coast, leaders in Europe would be likely to recognize it as a nation. Davis approved Sibley's plan, made him a Brigadier General, and gave him permission to raise the troops he required in Texas.

Sibley returned at once to San Antonio, to spend the Summer of 1861 to raise his brigade, consisting of the 4th, 5th, and 7th Texas Mounted Volunteers. Sibley encountered delays in enlisting and equipping his troops, which resulted in a late departure. The first wave left San Antonio for Franklin, Texas, in late October 1861. Sibley had unintentionally embarked upon a winter campaign in a territory of high steppe deserts, whose plateaus more often than not rose a mile above sea level. Two full regiments of Sibley's Brigade, the 4th and 5th Texas Mounted Volunteers, left San Antonio for New Mexico in late October and early November, traveling in small detachments because of the scarcity of water along their route of march. The third regiment in the brigade, the 7th Texas Mounted Volunteers, was still incomplete at the time of its departure for New Mexico in late November.

The first advance of Sibley's army arrived in Franklin, Texas, in mid-December. Hoping to gain foreign recognition for the Confederacy and to forestall any attempt by Union forces to cross Mexico, Sibley sent Colonel Reily of the 4th Texas on a diplomatic mission to the Mexican states of Sonora and Chihuahua. Lieutenant Colonel William R. Scurry assumed command of the regiment in Reily's absence. Reily bid his men farewell on Christmas Day in a camp just north of the Mexican border. Sibley's army had entered New Mexico Territory. Moving north up the Río Grande, the 4th Texas established a camp above Fort Thorn, 70-miles from Fort Craig.

The 4th Texas' first skirmish was on Sunday, 16 February through Thursday, 20 February 1862 at Fort Craig, New Mexico Territory. On the night of 20 February, approximately 150 mules, used to pull supply wagons, were carelessly allowed to run off toward the Río Grande looking for water.

The Battle of Val Verde was on Friday, 21 February 1862, the Confederates defeated the Union forces led by Colonel Edward R. S. Canby. Among the Union troops was the

First New Mexico Volunteer Regiment, led by Colonel Christopher "Kit" Carson. Losses were about equal on each side. The Confederates failed to take Fort Craig. The unit marched onward and on Friday, 28 March 1862, the Confederates defeated the Union forces in the Battle of Glorietta Pass. Union reinforcements had come from the Colorado territory. These men were mostly miners, and were called "Pike's Peakers." When their supply train was destroyed, the Confederates were forced to retreat to Santa Fe.

Company E was commanded by Captain Charles Buckholts, who was killed at the Battle of Glorietta Pass on Friday, 28 March 1862 and the town of Buckholts in Milam County, Texas was named in his honor.

The New Mexico Campaign ended in May 1862 when a lack of supplies caused Sibley's Brigade to withdraw toward San Antonio.

This mounted infantry unit was originally assigned to Sibley's Brigade and was surrendered by General E. K. Smith, commanding the Trans-Mississippi Dept., on Friday, 26 May 1865. During the war, the 4th Texas Cavalry lost 76 men killed, 186 wounded, 136 died of disease, and 910 horses killed.

To learn more about the Battle of Val Verde, Battle of Glorietta Pass, Sibley Campaign or the 4th Texas Cavalry, please refer to the Handbook of Texas in print form or on-line at <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/search.html>.

1861

October 1861

Saturday 26 - Struck tents at LEONA and camped at VALLEY SPRINGS.

Sunday 27 - MEDINA RIVER, CASTROVILLE, HONDO Camp.

Monday 28 - DHENEISES Prairie Camp.

Tuesday 29 - Rested at Prairie Camp on the ROMAN CREEK.

Wednesday 30 - Camped on the REIA FRESCO RIVER.

NOVEMBER 1861

Friday 1 - NEUCES RIVER camp. Two of E. CARTER'S horses shot.

Saturday 2 - Rested today and washed.

Sunday 3 - TURKEY CREEK CAMP, fifteen miles.

Monday 4 - ELEM CREEK CAMP, fifteen miles.

Tuesday 5 - PAINT CREEK at BRAZORIA. Came by FORT CLARK, one hundred forty miles.

Wednesday 6 - SPRING BRANCH, ALUMS CREEK, too. SAN FILLIPA SPRINGS, twenty miles.

Thursday 7 - Rested at SAN FILLIPA SPRINGS. Bathing at the fall on the rock.

Friday 8 - DEVILS RIVER cliffs and caves. An express from GENERAL BAYLOR. DEVIL RIVER CAMP, thirteen miles.

Saturday 9 - DEAD MAN'S PASS, twenty-four miles.

Sunday 10 - DEVIL'S PASS, DEVIL'S RIVER. Crossed the DEVIL RIVER five times today and camped. FORT HUDSON.

Monument on grave stone of NEPOLEN BARNOLE, died April 1853.

Epitaph: " Here lies His remains, far from friends  
And kindred," travel twenty miles.

Monday 11 - BEAVER LAKE CAMP. Stage station. A little fort, travel fifteen miles.

Tuesday 12 - Rested today BEAVER LAKE. From SAN ANTONIO to FORT CLARK one hundred forty miles & from SAN ANTONIO to FORT HUDSON is seventy-five, from FORT HUDSON to BEAVER LAKE, twenty miles.

Wednesday 13 - Rested today at BEAVER LAKE.

Thursday 14 - Sixteen miles to water. Travel in the night. The stage news. VALLEY CAMP twenty-six miles.

Friday 15 - Prairie dog town two miles, to HOWARD SPRING is eighteen miles and VALLEY CAMP ten miles, a total of twenty eight miles.

Saturday 16 - Prairie dog town. Plain and canyons. LIVE OAK is twenty miles total.

Sunday 17 - FORT LANCASTER. PECOS RIVER. SAN PECOS SPRING, ten miles.

Monday 18 - Rested today. Springs.

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Tuesday 19 - RIO PECOS RIVER, fifteen miles

Wednesday 20 - RIO PECOS RIVER CAMP, fifteen miles.

Thursday 21 - PECOS STATION. SULPHUR SPRINGS CAMP. Antelope and deer twenty-five miles.

Friday 22 - MURDERS' SPRINGS. Old ruins. Rock station. March in the night FORT STOCKTON. COMANCHE CREEK CAMP, thirty-seven miles.

Saturday 23 - LEONA water hole. Old fort. Beautiful plains. Mountains to the south.

Sunday 24 - LEONA water hole; thence, sermon by REVEREND JONES. To CAMP NUN is 28 miles.

Monday 25 - BRANIE SPRINGS STATION. OLYMPIAN CREEK . LONE TREE CAMP, twenty-five miles.

Tuesday 26 - Canyons. Mountains. Bluffs. OLYMPIAN CAMP on the creek seventeen miles.

Wednesday 27 - Rested today. On guard.

Thursday 28 - Rested today. Thanksgiving. Fine day.

Friday 29 - Rested today. Drill and C.

Saturday 30 - Rested today. Drill and dress parade.

## DECEMBER 1861

Sunday 1 - Rested today. Grand review. Preaching.

Monday 2 - FORT DAVICE. STONE MOUNTAIN. Hole in the rock. Dry camp. Travel in the night thirty miles.

Tuesday 3 - Plains, SPANISH DAGGERS. DEAD MAN'S HOLE. Springs on the mountains, thirteen miles, total.

Wednesday 4 - Plains. Prairie dog town. SPANISH DAGGERS eighteen miles.

Thursday 5 - Fodder stack. PEAK STATION. Eighteen miles to dry camp.

Friday 6 - EAGLE SPRINGS, twelve miles travel.

Saturday 7 - Spanish Daggers. Apples. Dust. Dry camp total twenty-five.

Sunday 8 - RIO GRANDE RIVER is ten miles, thence, FORT QUITMAN; thence to camp is five miles. Day distance fifteen miles.

Monday 9 - Rested today at FORT QUITMAN. Drill. Wrote a letter home.

Tuesday 10 - RIO GRANDE VALLEY STATION. COTTON WOOD CAMP total fifteen miles

Wednesday 11 - Rested today and drilled. GENERAL SIBLEY came to camp.

Thursday 12 - March up the RIO GRANDE RIVER ditch fifteen miles.

Friday 13 - SYMTHE Ranch. Thence to SCURRIE'S CAMP, twenty miles.

Saturday 14 - Rested today and drilled. Artillery departed today.

Sunday 15 - Rested today. Fight. Drill.

Monday 16 - March. Mexican town. Forest of trees. Farms, travel fifteen miles.

Tuesday 17 - M\_\_\_y I\_\_\_C\_\_\_ FORT BLISS. B\_\_\_y and CAMP MOUNT BEAVERS and \_\_\_ eighteen miles.

Wednesday 18 - Mesquite thicket. Old farm in NEW MEXICO. Eighteen miles.

Thursday 19 - Lost horses. Scouting party under MAJOR RAGAN. The old burnt stone is six.

Friday 20 - Rested today. Recruits to MAJOR RAGAN.

Saturday 21 - Rested today. RAGAN returned without horses.

Sunday 22 - Rested today.

Monday 23 - Rested today. New pants.

Tuesday 24 - Rested today.

Wednesday 25 - Christmas. COL. RILEY leaves. A/o4 OS.

Thursday 26 - SPRINGER shoots his hand. Sand storm.

Friday 27 - Rested. Nothing strange.

Saturday 28 - Rested. Nothing. JONES and ANDERSON discharged.

Sunday 29 - Moved camp today four miles.

Monday 30 - Muster roll and c. Nothing.

Tuesday 31 - Muster roll finished.

1862

JANUARY 1862

Wednesday 1 - Rested today. Been without bread two days.

Thursday 2 - Martial drill.

Friday 3 - March from CAMP GASNER to new camp ten miles.

Saturday 4 - FORT FILMORE. Mexican seen. No wood at camp fifteen miles march. OL. SCURRIE came in. The Yankee excitement.

Sunday 5 - Mexican town. COL. BOYES. Yankee T, fifteen.

Monday 6 - Rested today and ate vaxine.

Tuesday 7 - Line of march. Hill, plains and cliffs. Crossing the RIO GRANDE sixteen miles of march.

Wednesday 8 - Came to FORT THORNE. Crossed the RIO GRANDE CAMP. Snow capped mountains, fifteen.

Thursday 9 - Rested today. Two cases of small pox sent below to MAURES. The mail.

Friday 10 - Nothing strange in camp. The news of Indians. One hundred twenty, horses taken.

Saturday 11 - Picket guard killing an Indian and brought him back in camp. Distributing munitions. COL. SCURRIE came in last night.

Sunday 12 - Defecting the body of the Indian by DR. \_\_\_\_\_. Preaching by REVERAND JONES from the 17 chapter, JEREMIAH 67, verse.

Monday 13 - Nothing strange today. One man assaulting another with a chunk, knocking him senseless for the time.

Tuesday 14 - Five companies leave today with pack mules, going on a scouting expedition.

Wednesday 15 - SECOND REGIMENT coming up. Nothing strange in camp.

Thursday 16 - Nothing strange in camp. Two supposed cases of small pox sent off.

Friday 17 - Nothing strange today. Two men condemned for labor. Cut wood.

Saturday 18 - Nothing extra today.

Sunday 19 - The mails came in. GENERAL SIBLEY came to FORT THORNE.

Monday 20 - GENERAL SIBEY came to camp today. Nothing extra.

Tuesday 21 - The mail came in today.

Wednesday 22 - Nothing extra today.

Thursday 23 - The going out of the mail.

Friday 24 - Sick today. Nothing otherwise strange.

Saturday 25 - Nothing strange today.

Sunday 24 - Move camps today. Prairie on fire, burned CAPTAIN FORD'S tent.

Monday 27 - Nothing strange in camp. Some rain. Snow on the mountains.

Tuesday 28 - Mail day, but little news.

Wednesday 29 - Five companies, MOORE seven miles across THE RIO GRANDE RIVER

Thursday 30 - MOORE in ARIZONA. A fight in COMPANY B.

Friday 31 - A row in CAMP C.

## FEBRUARY 1862

Saturday 1 - Wrestling and horse races.

Sunday 2 - Nothing extra, all racing.

Monday 3 - Drawn blankets and pants.

Tuesday 4 - Mail day, No news, Horse races, Nothing strange.

Wednesday 5 - Old friends, Infantry came up from BLISS.

Thursday 6 - PARROT shot his foot through. Nothing more.

Friday 7 - Private in COMPANY I, died last night, otherwise nothing strange.

Saturday 8 - Nothing extra in camps. We was at FORT THORNE today.

Monday 10 - Line of march for CRAIG. Hills and valleys. Falls on the RIO GRANDE RIVER.

Tuesday 11 - Hills on both sides. Small valleys, CAPTAIN CROSSWORDS battle ground. Fourteen dead horses, small breast works.

Wednesday 12 - Timber in the bottom.

Thursday 13 - Mountain cedar. 3 miles. Camped at eleven o'clock at night. Struck tents for COL. GREEN'S command. Cedar brakes. ALAMOSA. Old castle. Sleet and snow. Very cold.

Friday 14 - Struck camps at sun rise and wrestled snow at night. No tents up. Twenty-one MEXICAN prisoners.

Saturday 15 - Rested today. Liberated the MEXICAN prisoners.

Sunday 16 - Reconoitering at Craig. Skurmish. Firing on both sides. No one hurt. Whistling of balls.

Monday 17 - Nothing extra today. Pickets sent out.

Tuesday 18 - Nothing more than spies today. The express sent to THORNE. Very cold.

Wednesday 19 - Camp opposite CRAIG. Four men wounded with hands guns going off accidentally. One Texan.

Thursday 20 - Some skermishing and no one hurt. Dry camp. Lost the mules.

Friday 21 - The battle at CRAIG. Many wounded, four dead, many horses killed. Taken six pieces of cannon from the Federals. Camp of MAJOR GESSRIDGE. Beards ground. Woods, sheep. Burning of our clothing.

NOTE: At this point there is a gap in the diary due to the unreadable condition.

## MARCH 1862

Thursday 6 - Rested today. Nothing extra.

Friday 7 - Rested today. False alarm at night. Recovering the government goods confiscated.

Saturday 8 - COMPANY E detached to guard the goods. Dry wind. Moved up to JUDGE BEARDS. All well.

Sunday 9 - March from JUDGE BEARDS, ten miles.

Monday 10 - Rested today. Nothing extra.

Tuesday 11 - Moved camps six miles. In the mountains. Plenty of small timber, cedar, few pine, running water.

Wednesday 12 - Nothing strange today. CANTRY in thirty miles of us with two companies of regulars and pressing Mexicans as he came. Snowed at night four inches. Visit to a Mexican town. Trade for corn. Name of the town, SAN ANTONIO. A fandango in town tonight.

Thursday 13 - Moved camp to little SAN ANTONIO. Camped in houses. Snow in the night to four inches deep very cold. Nothing strange.

Friday 14 - Remaining in town. Nothing strange. Very cold. Snow on the ground. COL. SCURRIE gone to ALBERQUERQUE. JO ABLE and PRICE gone to ALBERQUERQUE. Nothing important. Fandango tonight.

Saturday 15 - Rested today. News from ALBERQUERQUE. Nothing strange. Two pieces of artillery sent to the FIRST REGIMENT. The weather moderate. Some snow still on the ground.

Sunday 16 - Remaining in SAN ANTONIO today. The weather moderating. Fandango at night. Snow still on the mountains.

Monday 17 - Monday, still in SAN ANTONIO. THIRD REGIMENT came in town today. The orders to march to DENVER CITY. Snow at night. Very cold.

Tuesday 18 - Provisions came to town today. The weather extremely cold. Regular snow storm at night. Otherwise nothing strange.

Wednesday 19 - Rested today in San Antonio. CAPTAIN BERRENTHA hung near ALBERQUERQUE. Rations today. Weather moderate. Nothing strange.

Thursday 20 - Remaining in SAN ANTONIO. Nothing strange. Rations day. More lies. Weather moderating. Sending the sick to ALBERQUERQUE.

Friday 21 - Moved from SAN ANTONIO. Frolic with the Mexicans. DIXON, COMPANY E, detached to guard the commissary. Log houses and cedar camps. Lone pine trees. CLOUD and OLIVER sent back to ALBERQUERQUE sick. Passing the THIRD REGIMENT.

Saturday 22 - Rested today at SAN PEDRO. Nothing interesting today. Weather very fine. The old JACKSONVILLE REPUBLICAN of CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA, (issue of) December 5 1861.

Sunday 23 - Marched today from SAN PEDRO to SAN FRISCO, ten miles. Our guide lost. Mountains and rocks by route.

Monday 24 - Mountains, plains, pines, gold mines, powdering mill. Mexican town. From SAN FRISCO to PLASERIAN, 9 miles. Building rock bridge. Snow on the mountains. View of the CHURCH in SANTA FE, distance twenty-five miles.

Tuesday 25 - Plains, hills, mountains, old stone wall. Stone crumbled. GATESBORO Express. JOHN ROGERS died with swelling of the throat in QUINSEY. Distance from PLASERIAN to GATESBORO, twelve miles.

Wednesday 26 - JOHN M. ROGERS buried today. Express to SCURRIES

REGIMENT. Fight in the mountains. Left GATESBORO at dark. Marched fifteen miles. Canyons, precipices. Some Mexican towns. Lake on the plains. Prairie dogs killed by DOSS. PIRANS, number engaged 170 against 400 or 500. Two killed, five wounded.

Thursday 27 - Fortification taken today; lay and rested the after part of the day. WAYNE G. CAVE died today. White flag from SANTA FE. Nothing strange.

Friday 28 - Marched up the canyons. Meeting the enemy. The battle. Many I see killed and wounded on both sides. No supper. Sleeping in the doby (adobe.) house. JO ABLE, killed dead. CAPTAIN BUCKHOLTS, killed dead. The enemy taking our train. Burning our wagons. WAYNE CAVE was to be buried today. DAVE S. MOORE and PETER W. CHARDON, taken prisoners.

Saturday 29 - Burying our dead; thirty-two. In on other wise nothing strange. Camp down the canyons. S. L. COTTON and R. A. ALDAY died of their wounds on the 29 day of March. All buried today.

Sunday 30 - March in the night. March into SANTA FE. The weather very cool. Came in to the city of SANTA FE just after daybreak. March all night. Bells ringing.

Monday 31 - Quarantines in SANTA FE. Nothing strange. DR. MATCHETTE came in the city today. White flag. Nothing new.

## APRIL 1862

Tuesday 1 - Rested today in the city of SANTA FE. Drew blankets.

Wednesday 2 - Part of COLONEL GREENS command came in the city today. Nothing strange otherwise.

Thursday 3 - Nothing strange today. Drew clothing. Our sick and wounded brought up from GLORETA. Various kinds of news.

Friday 4 - The SECOND REGIMENT came in the city today. One man shot himself today with a pistol, killing himself instantly. A visit to the hospital.

Saturday 5 - Wrote a letter home today. Various news. Music by the band on the public plaza.

Sunday 6 - A visit to the Catholic Church. Their ceremony picturesque. Candles burning in the daytime. Music.

Monday 7 - MAJOR HENRY W. RAGLAND was buried today in the SANTA FE GRAVEYARD. Muffling the drum, the SECOND REGIMENT marched this evening, CHINCHEY died today in the hospital. A fandango at COMPANY E's quarters tonight. Nothing strange.

Tuesday 8 - J.P. CHINCHEY was buried today. JOHN was taken sick and left in the hospital. I remained to attend him. The command marched from SANTA FE today. SCOTT and MINTERN came in. N. C. CURRIER returned to the camp. W. WATSON detailed as hospital cook.

Wednesday 9 - CAPTAIN ADAIR died today. Nothing new otherwise. JOHN is much better.

Thursday 10 - CAPTAIN ADAIR was buried today. GARRISON in COMPANY F, THIRD REGIMENT, died at nine o' clock tonight. DAVE P. MOORE and PETER W. CHAUDOIN came in today. Snow fell all day nearly.

Friday 11 - Nothing strange today. One company of Federals came in today. Did no damage. Weather very cold.

Saturday 12 - (soldier)GARRISON, buried today. PIPKIN, HENDRIX, and TEER all died tonight. Some news. Leaving of the prisoners.

Sunday 13 - PIPKIN, HENDRIX and TEER, all were buried today. BROWN of the SECOND REGIMENT died tonight of a wound on the head, the drink, the women.

Monday 14 - BROWN of the SECOND REGIMENT was buried today. Nothing new. JOHN hears of THOMAS and NED at PIKES PEAK.

Tuesday 15 - Nothing strange today. CREASY, COMPANY I, FIRST REGIMENT, died tonight of pneumonia. The weather is much better.

Wednesday 16 - LITTLE of COMPANY I, FIRST REGIMENT, died tonight. CREASY was buried today. No news of importance today. The weather was much better.

Thursday 17 - LITTLE, of COMPANY I, was buried today. FELDEN of RAGSDALE COMPANY, SECOND REGIMENT, died this morning and buried today. Nothing strange. The sick in ward two are doing well. COLONEL COLLINS was here today. Weather is cold.

Friday 18 - SANDY WHITE died tonight of small pox. Snow nearly all day.

Saturday 19 - SANDY WHITE was buried today. THIMS COTTON came in town today a prisoner.

Sunday 20 - The prisoners came to SANTA FE today. BILL WATSON taken sick today. Nothing strange. The weather is much better. COLONEL R. S. ROBERTS and other Federal officers came in the city today.

Monday 21 - All (of us) taken prisoners today giving up our arms. MAJOR JORDAN confined to jail. Drunk boy visited the prisoners. The stage is gone to ALBERQUERQUE

Tuesday 22 - Taking the oath. Bundling up our sick to leave for Union. Giving away our stuff. Nearly marching through the streets of SANTA FE as prisoners. Signing the oath.

Wednesday 23 - Taken up our march as prisoners from SANTA FE for FORT UNION. JOHNSON RANCH burned. Stand. 15 miles thence to PIGEON RANCH, seven miles to the GLORETA BATTLEGROUND.

Thursday 24 - From GLORETA to PECOS SPRINGS, 6 miles. From there to SANAZA is twenty miles. Rain and snow all day. Federal hospital at the PECOS SPRINGS old Church. Mexican old fortification.

Friday 25 - From SANZA to BERNAL SPRINGS is ten miles. There to TASCOLO is five more. Snow on the mountains. The weather is very fine. Meeting the Federal train, some troops.

Saturday 26 - From TASCOLO to PRICE or FORBES old battle ground and thence to LAS VEGAS, two miles, thence LAPO thirteen miles. Meeting the oxen train; four Mexican girls carrying the corpse of an infant. LAS VEGAS CREEK. Nothing new.

Sunday 27 - LAPO STREAM, a branch of the CANADIAN RIVER. Snow on the mountains. From LAPO to the crossing eight miles, thence to FORT UNION five miles. The drunk squaw. Snow on the mountains. FORT CRAIG prisoners.

Monday 28 - Camped today at FORT UNION. TROTTER'S command came in today. Nothing extra.

Tuesday 29 - Rested today, a train came to the fort loaded with flour. No news. Prairie dogs.

Wednesday 30 - March from Union at ten o'clock, thence to WRYARRGH COUNTY. No wood at this camp. Escape of two prisoners.

MAY 1862

Thursday 1 - To WRYARRGH COUNTY, TARCE RIVER MILL. Antelope on the plains.

Friday 2 - To MAXWELL'S RANCH on the CIMMARRON CREEK. Snow on the mountains. Ranches and mountains. Creeks. Snow melting on the mountain pass. The rise is in the creek. Distance is fifteen miles.

Saturday 3 - To BEND-ABOUT CREEK. Some small wood at camp. Distance is fifteen miles.

Sunday 4 - From BEND-ABOUT CREEK to RED RIVER across the plains, distance is twenty-five miles. Plenty of antelopes. Some large cottonwood trees. Plenty of fire wood.

Monday 5 - Thence to RATOON (RATON) MOUNTAINS seven miles. Thence through the RATOON CANYON . Meeting KANSAS troops. The natural rock wall. Wolf den.

Tuesday 6 - Came down the RATOON MOUNTAINS to COLORADO TERRITORY and camped. The days travel distance was two an one-half miles. The PICKETT RIVER is a branch of the ARKANSAS RIVER. Running into the river one mile below old FORT BENT. Mountains on the north. West suppose to be the ROCKY MOUNTAINS. SPANISH PEAKS. Covered with snow.

Wednesday 7 - Thence to the hole in the prairie is twelve miles. Thence to the hole in the rock is eighteen miles. Distance for the day was thirty miles.

Thursday 8 - thence to the hole in the creek eight miles. Thence to the spring in the prairie was ten miles. Saw three Indians. Antelope killed by the Indians. Rain nearly all night. No wood in short of a mile of camp. Distance eighteen miles. CHEYENNE Indians, three in number came to camp.

Friday 9 - Thence to dry creek. The stage passed. Thence to the ARKANSAS RIVER. Cross the plains. Distance forty miles.

Saturday 10 - Thence to the crossing on the ARKANSAS RIVER at OLD FORT BENT, ten miles and to camp one mile, distance seventeen miles, total.

Sunday 11 - Thence to BENTES residence on the river twelve miles, thence to camp ten miles distance.

Monday 12 - Thence to FORT WISE fifteen miles, thence to BENTES STORE FORT one mile, thence to camp one mile. Distance seventeen total.

Tuesday 13 - Rested today and drew our rations. A train of thirty-nine wagons left for the states. Oxen teams.

Wednesday 14 - Marched from FORT WISE today. Another ox train left this morning for the states. Two ox teams for transportation. Very windy. Distance fifteen miles.

Thursday 15 - Rested today. Indian sign. New escort.

Friday 16 - March down the river. Timber giving out almost. Grass getting fine. Distance for the day, camp on the river, nineteen miles. WILD BILL and BEAR FARLES meeting the stage.

Saturday 17 - March down the river. Heavy drifted timber, signs of high water from the Northern Plains. Distance for the day is twenty-three miles. Cold norther with some rain at night.

Sunday 18 - Cool and cloudy. Officer train. No timber. Distance marched twenty-three miles.

Tuesday 20 - Cool with some rain. Buffalo trails twenty-five miles.

Wednesday 21 - Met the stages. Various news from the states. Weather pleasant and twenty-five miles.

Thursday 22 - Met two trains, twenty-five miles.

Friday 23 - 82t At01394f 492 61G498 t4Di7 L41D2D 63 th P44r 3S49sf 40926 82x  
3c4D 38tlgc28 18 Prss2d-- 4ldf4ot ltk20S49

Saturday 24 - 4ld Co9d 3rg Cr9p t64 B5fflt4 DBSltgco 25 KBll 2t th 2B5f fif4.

NOTE: THE ABOVE STRING OF NUMBERS ARE IN THE ORIGINAL TRANSCRIPT

Sunday 25 - KIOWA CHIEF, squaws, and infants in our camp. The distance is twenty-five miles.

Monday 26 - Crossed COON CREEK thence to PAWNEE FORK, FORT LENARD, eighteen miles.

Tuesday 27 - Rested today at FORT LENARD. Drew our rations. Another train from LEAVENWORTH, twenty-six wagons. All in much doubt.

Wednesday 28 - Marched from FORT LENARD at 12 o'clock thence to the two lone cottonwoods, ten miles.

Thursday 29 - PAWNEE ROCK by route for RILEY to WALNUT CREEK. Meeting SECOND KANSAS REGIMENT, twenty.

Friday 30 - Buffalo chase. Killed two buffalo today. Camped on COW CREEK. Cooked the buffalo. Distance fifteen.

Saturday 31 - Large herds of buffalo. Killed two buffalo today. County broken. Crossed the SMOKEY RIVER. Distance thirty miles. The first ranch.

JUNE 1862

Sunday 1 - A ranch. Cross the Smokey Hills. More buffalo. Camped on the BIG TURKEY CREEK. Buffalo. Distance twenty-five miles. Very cool for the season.

Monday 2 - Smokey hills, valley. SALINA town. Ten miles. SALINA RIVER, three miles. Farms. Distance twenty-five, very cool.

Tuesday 3 - SOLOMANS FORK of the SMOKEY RIVER, ten miles, thence to the SAND SPRINGS, seven miles. The wagon turned over. Several settlements. Distance today seventeen miles.

Wednesday 4 - Many settlements today. Farms still in the valley. Distance fourteen.

Thursday 5 - To JUNCTION CITY ten miles, thence to REPUBLICAN RIVER three miles, thence to FORT RILEY, two. Distance fifteen miles.

Friday 6 - Rested today. LT. GLEASON started from this post for vis. Today.

Saturday 7 - Rested today. Nothing extra. An Indian was drowned today in the REPUBLICAN RIVER. He was tight.

Sunday 8 - Rested today. Drew our rations today. Nothing strange.

Monday 9 - Rested today. Nothing new. Nights cool.

Tuesday 10 - Our escort returned to NEW MEXICO today. A row in town. One of the guards shot himself with a revolver accidentally. Not seriously hurt.

Wednesday 11 - We are still in camp resting. Nothing new. Weather is fine.

Thursday 12 - Moved to quarters today. Boys at W-K. Nothing strange.

Friday 13 - A Union soldier died today. Nothing new or strange. The prisoners divided into squads. Times very dull for Texans here. Weather fine.

Saturday 14 - A Federal soldier was buried today. Nothing new today.

Sunday 15 - Preaching today.

Monday 16 - A small row today between two Texans. Weather cool with some rain. No news of importance.

Tuesday 17 - Nothing extra today. Another Federal Soldier died today. Nights and mornings cool for Texans. Our coats is quite a comfort.

Wednesday 18 - Drew rations. Another COMPANY from LEAVENWORTH. Weather cool. The fire's quite a comfort.

Thursday 19 - Raising the Union flag. Five Indians of the KAW tribe. Very cool this morning. I learned the wheat is nipped by frost.

Friday 20 - A company of Indians at the post today. I am told they are of the SIOUX tribe or SAXES.

Saturday 21 - NORTON stabbed KILLED this morning. Both are prisoners. KILLEY is in the hospital. No news.

Sunday 22 - CAPTAIN WHITTENHALL turned us over to CAPTAIN STRAIGHT. No news.

Monday 23 - Nothing extra today. Some cheering news for us as to exchanging.

Tuesday 24 - Nothing strange today.

Wednesday 25 - Rain today with heavy thunder and lightening. Much wind. No news as yet.

Thursday 26 - Nothing new today. Weather very warm Yesterday and today the thermoter rose to 100.

Friday 27 - Nothing new today respecting the prisoners. The weather warm. Mail came from LEAVENWORTH.

Saturday 28 - Nothing new today. Still at the Fort. Weather pleasantly warm.

Sunday 29 - Preaching today. I did not go. A train unloaded supplies at the fort today. A small row in our quarters.

Monday 30 - Very cool for the season. Some rain. An easter. Orders to march to LEAVENWORTH. Drew our rations. Prepared to start the Buz.

## JULY 1862

Tuesday 1 - Marched from FORT RILEY at ten o'clock today. OGDEN CITY is five miles, thence to MANHATTAN town, seven miles. Distance twelve and two miles to MANHATTAN. The hole in the stone building by a cannon ball or said to be so.

Wednesday 2 - MANHATTAN CITY, BIG BLUE RIVER, floating bridge, three miles thence to LOUISVILLE on ROCK CREEK, ten miles thence to POTTOWOTOMIE RESERVE is three miles.

Thursday 3 - LA MARLES MISSION, twelve miles, thence to SILVER LAKE twelve more a total of twenty-four miles.

Friday 4 - INDIANOLES or SOLDIERS' CREEK, high bridge ten miles, Sight of TOPEKA firing cannons, thence to the stage station is 16 miles. Distance for the day is twenty-eight miles.

Saturday 5 - GRASSHOPPER CREEK, SACKS town, LOLE BRIDGE seven miles, thence to a small town, name not known, Distance the first day, thirty miles.

Sunday 6 - to EASTON is one mile, thence to the telegraph office is five miles, thence to

FORT LEAVENWORTH another eight miles. MA's River. Distance for the day is fourteen miles.

Monday 7 - Rested today. Nothing strange. Weather sunny and warm. Steamboat passed up the river.

Tuesday 8 - GENERAL BLUNT arrives today. The boat, WEST WINDS, passed up the river today. Weather very warm.

Wednesday 9 - Boat gone up the river. Nothing new.

Thursday 10 - Drew our rations today. More boats up the river. E-"-B-".

Friday 11 - Nothing new today.

Saturday 12 - Same news of an exchange of prisoners.

Sunday 13 - Nothing new today.

Monday 14 - Firing a salute this evening.

Tuesday 15 - Nothing new. Some rain today. Weather is cool. Borrowed five dollars today.

Wednesday 16 - Some rain today.

Thursday 17 - One hundred seventy-six Arkansas prisoners arrived here today.

Friday 18 - Nothing new today.

Saturday 19 - Nothing new today.

Sunday 20 - Very quiet today.

Monday 21 - Heavy rains today. Nothing new. Boats passing up and down the river.

Tuesday 22 - The boys was released today from the guard house. Boats passing up the river.

## AUGUST 1862

Saturday 16 - Fight of the CANLEIN CORK (battle or fight over canteen cork?)  
Weather cool and pleasant. Boat passed up the river today.

Sunday 17 - Rain all day nearly. Weather is cool. Nothing of interest today. But little news.

Monday 18 - More rain. Fist and skull fight today. But little blood shed. Health of the prisoners good as common. No news. Weather is damp and cool.

Tuesday 19 - Nothing new today. Weather cool and pleasant.

Wednesday 20 - Nothing strange today. Weather is warm.

Friday 22 - Our leaving FORT LEAVENWORTH on the packet, C. A. MAJORS up to WESTENION thence to INERTIA to MINTHROP, thence to St. Jo, twenty miles. Taken the CARO at INERTIA. Leaves St. Jo at four o'clock and arrived at HANNIBAL at eight next morning. Distance two hundred miles. Many towns.

Saturday 23 - At HANNIBAL we got aboard the steamer BLACK HAWK on the MISSISSIPPI RIVER, up to QUINCEY, ILLINOIS and distance is twenty miles.

Sunday 24 - Thence to CAMP DOUGLAS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS and distance is two hundred sixty-eight miles. Landed at the city nine o'clock. View of LAKE MICHIGAN. Sail barges, CAMP DOUGLAS, three miles from city.

Monday 25 - Drew our rations today. A prisoner did die today. Nothing new.

Tuesday 26 - Drew our coats today. Weather is warm.

Wednesday 27 - Nothing new today. Weather is warm.

Thursday 28 - Drew our rations today. Weather is warm, cool nights.

Friday 29 - Nothing strange today. Weather is cool for Texans. Old acquaintances.

Saturday 30 - No prisoners sent from CAMP DOUGLAS, yet. All as well as possible.

Sunday 31 - Nothing strange. Rain today. Weather moderate.

## SEPTEMBER 1862

Monday 1 - Weather cool as to make coats and fires a comfort. The FOURTEENTH and TWENTYTH MISSISSIPPI prisoners received orders to leave CAMP DOUGLAS. Drew our rations today.

Tuesday 2 - Orders to fix to leave. One thousand three prisoners was sent from CAMP DOUGLAS today.

Wednesday 3 - Sent from CAMP DOUGLAS today. All the TEXANS and some others. View of LAKE MICHIGAN. Run all night. Left at four o'clock in the evening.

Thursday 4 - Two train engines run together today, smashing four boxes. No persons hurt. Delayed our train for four hours. On the ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAIL ROAD. We crossed the ILLINOIS RIVER in the night.

Friday 5 - Landed today at CAIRO at twelve o'clock. Got on board the METISS. Distance from CHICAGO to CAIRO is three hundred sixty-eight miles. First gunboat at CAIRO all but a fleet of steamboats. At CAIRO, we anchored out in the OHIO RIVER at eight o'clock at night.

Saturday 6 - Laid anchored out all day today.

Sunday 7 - Nothing new today. Private in THIRD MISSISSIPPI, fell in the hatchway today, hurt himself very bad. Rain.

Tuesday 9 - I was sick today. Taken the blue Measles. Weather very warm. A private in the THIRD MISSISSIPPI died tonight (old man). Anchored out two o'clock at night.

Wednesday 10 - Landed at MEMPHIS at ten o'clock. Distance from CAIRO, two hundred and forty miles. Thence down the river to HELENA.

Thursday 11 - HELENA. Remain all night. A great many sick on the boats.

Friday 12 - Rundown slowly and meet some boats.

Saturday 13 - Running slowly and some men died with diarrhea.

Sunday 14 - Nothing new today, and I am still sick.

Monday 15 - Nothing extra today. A great many sick.

Tuesday 16 - Some prisoners exchanged today. Nothing new.

Wednesday 17 - Weather hot and some prisoners exchanged today. Distance from MEMPHIS to HELENA, is seventy-five miles, and thence to VICKSBURG is three hundred twenty-five miles.

Thursday 18 - Landed at VICKSBURG today. A row all the time. Some killed.

Friday 19 - Remain in VICKSBURG today. Eat too much. Sick.

Saturday 20 - Left VICKSBURG for JACKSON. Arrived at JACKSON, forty-six miles.

Sunday 21 - Lay and rested today on PEARL RIVER, MISSISSIPPI . Great news from HARPER'S FERRY.

Monday 22 - Weather cool and cloudy. Many of the soldiers sick with diarrhea. I am better.

Tuesday 23 - Our officers came to JACKSON tonight. Rain all day nearly. Many still sick.

Wednesday 24 - Our officers came to camp today. Nothing strange. Weather cloudy and cool.

Thursday 25 - A man was killed today. He was shot with a double barrel gun. He died instantly. Weather cloudy and warm. Received five dollars from L. TROTTER. \$5.00.

Friday 26 - From JACKSON to CLIFTON is twelve miles, thence to VICKSBURG thirty-three miles. Distance is forty-five. Rain today .

Saturday 27 - Rested today at VICKSBURG. Nothing new. Some sickness with us. Weather cloudy and warm. Rain in the night.

Sunday 28 - Rested today in VICKSBURG. Nothing new. No orders for leaving yet. Weather pleasant. Men no better with the diarrhea. Borrowed \$4.00 Friday with lodging.

Monday 29 - Nothing new today. The cars ran off the train track today; no one was hurt. Weather pleasant. View in the VICKSBURG NASHES shop.

Tuesday 30 - WALL and LAGRONE came to this VICKSBURG today. Some of our acquaintances with news from Home.

## OCTOBER 1862

Wednesday 1 - taken a chill today. Better tonight. Nothing new today. News from MILLICAN.

Tuesday 2 - Nothing new today. Weather warm.

Wednesday 3 - MAJOR JORDAN returned from CLINTON with goods. Our sick with orders to march to TEXAS. I had another chill today and high fever.

Saturday 4 - Crossed the MISSISSIPPI RIVER over to LOUISIANA. Procured wagons and marched to one o'clock. Came fifteen or eighteen miles to a live oak farm on the bayou. Crossed the YANKEE CANAL.

Sunday 5 - Crossed BRUSHEN BAYOU. Earth mounds, two in number. One about twenty ft. high, other ten ft. Came to TOLULAN, MADISON PARISH, LOUISIANA. Distance thirteen miles on the rail road.

Monday 6 - Left TOLULAN at three o'clock. Met with two old Irish friends. Bad news for me. Crossed the TENSAW RIVER at DALLAS STATION, and thence to the town of MONROE. Landed about ten o'clock. Distance was seventy-five miles.

Tuesday 7 - Rested today at MONROE. Drew our rations. All the sick to be left at MONROE.

Wednesday 8 - Left Monroe at sundown. Crossed the OICHITA. Came four or five miles. Camped. Sick and no place to ride.

Thursday 9 - Piney woods, sand beds. Rain in the evening. Met RILE BARNETT with the Texas horses. Distance was thirteen miles.

Friday 10 - Rain all day. Tree fell across the road and killed a saddle mule to a salt wagon. Lay-by part of the day. Distance 3 miles and weather much colder.

Saturday 11 - Weather clear and cool. Met the Texas horses. Piney woods. VIANNIA, sixteen miles.

Sunday 12 - Weather clear and cool. Piney woods. ARCADIA, eighteen miles.

Monday 13 - Piney woods and broken country. Cool and clear. Big cypress. eighteen miles.

Tuesday 14 - To MINDEN seven miles, thence to DOCHIST BAYOU three miles, thence to camps nine miles, Met three Texas horses. Nineteen miles.

Wednesday 15 - No rest. SHOOT BAYOU nine miles, thence to CROSS BAYOU five miles, thence to RED RIVER at SHREVEPORT, four miles. Distance eighteen miles.

Thursday 16 - From SHREVEPORT to MRS. EPS, nine and one half miles.

Friday 17 - To GREENWOOD, thence to HARRISONVILLE, one mile, thence to PANOLA six miles, thence to JONEVILLE three miles. Total nineteen miles.

Saturday 18 - Taken the cars at JONEVILLE for MARSHALL. Distance sixteen miles. DR. BRITTAN and JIM JONES came to camp tonight.

Sunday 19 - HENDRICK, JONES AND SHARP left for home this morning.

Monday 20 - Rested today and drew our rations. Weather pleasant and dry.

Tuesday 21 - Rested today. News from GENERAL BRAGG'S victory.

Wednesday 22 - From MARSALL to CAMDEN on SABINE RIVER eighteen miles, thence to camps, two miles.

Thursday 23 - Thence to MILLVILLE twelve miles, thence to WALLINGS factory two miles, thence to HENDERSON seven miles, Thence to BILLY JONES SPRING, two miles. Distance was twenty-five miles.

Friday 24 - Thence to SALEM is eighteen miles and thence to camps is fourteen more.

Saturday 25 - Thence to RUSK is fourteen miles and thence to ALTO is eleven miles.

Sunday 26 - Thence to the NECHES RIVER is nine miles, thence to PINEY WOODS BRANCH is ten miles. First frost and dry cool.

Monday 27 - To JO RICO'S is twelve miles, thence to CROCKETT is five miles, thence to camps is five miles. Distance for the day is twenty-three miles.

Tuesday 28 - To BOZEMAN'S FERRY on TRINITY RIVER is twenty miles. Some more prairies. JOHN very sick.

Wednesday 29 - Thence to MADISONVILLE is fourteen miles, thence to camp four miles. Distance for day is eighteen miles.

Thursday 30 - Thence over prairies, thence to camp is twenty-three miles.

Friday 31 - To ANDERSON is eight miles, thence to NAVASITA is ten miles, thence to MILLICAN ten miles. Came up on the rail road cars.

## NOVEMBER 1862

Saturday 1 - Rested today at W. R. ELLIS'S. Weather warm. No way to get home. Old friends.

Sunday 2 - Rested today. Fixing to start from home.

Monday 3 - From MILLICAN to STRIPE ROCK FORD on the BRAZOS is eight miles, thence to PANSINE THOMAS is twenty miles. Weather is dry.

Tuesday 4 - Thence home is twenty miles. All well. Meeting with old friends.

Wednesday 5 - Rested at home today. Nothing new. Weather cool.

Thursday 6 - Remained at home today. BERRY returned.

Friday 7 - Remained at home today. Fixing to start for MILLICAN.

Saturday 8 - Started for MILLICAN. Crossed the river at IRVING FERRY. Camp at DALL.

Sunday 9 - Thence to MILLICAN. Had a bust.

SANTAFE, NEW MEXICO, APRIL A. D. 1862

One pair boots government.

Two hickory shirts.

Goods bought of JOHNSON.

Withdrew SANTAFE, NEW MEXICO.

1914, one fine comb fifty cents.

1914, one coarse comb fifty cents.

1914, one skein black thread is twelve cents.

1914, four plugs of tobacco is four dollars.

VIRGINIA POINT, February 10, 1864.

The number of my six shooter is 82868.

LT. ROBERT T. WILLIAMS.

MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS, DECEMBER 15, 1862

Monday 15 - Started from home today for camp. THOM. & JOHN WILLIAMS.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, DECEMBER 19, 1862. Our likeness taken today. Price each is eight dollars.

DECEMBER 1862

Monday 15 - Started from home today. Stopped with DUNN. Two dollars.

Tuesday 16 - Stopped at MILLICAN. Stayed at the hospital. FRANK KIRK died.

Wednesday 17 - Came to grass. Retired. Thence to HOCKLEY.

Thursday 18 - Thence to CYPRESS CITY, thence to the camp at HOUSTON.

Friday 19 - Went to HOUSTON. Our pictures taken cost to us is eight dollars and fifty cents.

Saturday 20 - Come back up the Rail Road to CYPRESS CITY. The Stampede.

Sunday 21 - Wrote home today. Sent our likeness. BENNY FOWLER accidentally shot his arm today.

Monday 22 - Drew the Company shoes today. Weather cloudy with rain. Nothing of interest.

Tuesday 23 - GENERAL SCURRY was in camp today. The weather cloudy with some rain. COLONEL HARDEMAN went to HOUSTON today. Boys lively in camp.

Wednesday 24 - Express last night. The ABES landed at GALVESTON. The sermon preaching by PARSON BOASLEY, COMPANY D, FOURTH CAVALRY at Camp MAGRUDER.

December 25 - Thursday-Christmas Day, preaching, etc. Reinforcing GALVESTON or VIRGINIA POINT. No news from below. BENNY FOWLER furloughed today and gone home.

Friday 26 - Nothing of interest today. No news from GALVESTON today. Weather warm and cloudy.

Saturday 27 - Weather cool. Orders for doctors to go below. No news of interest from below.

Sunday 28 - The call for one hundred volunteers from the FIRST REGIMENT to go on two steam boats. The TWO HUNDREDTH and the THREE HUNDREDTH, REGIMENTS' passed on the train today for the scene of action.

Monday 29 - Nothing of interest from HARRISBURG. A private in COMPANY B died at the hospital last night.

Tuesday 30 - Private of COMPANY B buried today. JOHNSTON RICHTER

detailed to carry the boys tricks to HARRISBURG. No news of interest from below as yet.

Wednesday 31 - ELI SCHOONOVER came up today on the train from HARRISBURG. No news of importance. An engagement expected daily, but none as yet.

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JANUARY 1863

Thursday 1 - News of the fight at GALVESTON. OLIVER OLIVE and GAXTON came in to camp today. Night ride horse hunting.

Friday 2 - GALVESTON retaken and in the hands of the Confederates. Various news from different parts. Our loss not yet given.

Saturday 3 - The particulars of the GALVESTON BATTLE. Our loss reported to be seventy-eight killed and wounded. The enemy loss not yet known. Heavy rain today. Health in camps good.

Sunday 4 - R. MONROE and Z. PERKINS came to camp today. No news today. The train don't run on Sunday. Drew rations.

Monday 5 - Nothing of interest today. The weather pleasant. Nothing from below.

Tuesday 6 - CAPTAIN LONG came to CYPRESS CITY today and COMPANY E on a bust. FLAVINS cut his arm today. SHARP furloughed today. No news from below. Boys all well. Our horses appraised today. My horse \$75.00, rigging \$25.00. JOHN'S horse \$100.00, rigging \$25.00.

Wednesday 7 - CAPTAIN LONG was in camp today. Nothing interesting from below. All well as common.

Thursday 8 - FRANK E. JONES came to camp today. But little news today, report that MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE was retaken by VANDORN of COMPANY FOUR.

Friday 9 - ABBOTT, private in COMPANY K, died last night and was buried today. Heavy rain this evening. News from GALVESTON. Another Federal vessel has appeared off the harbor. Supposed to be THE BROOKLYN. Ten port holes on a side.

Saturday 10 - FRANK JONES came up from HOUSTON. He reports thirteen Federal vessels in sight off GALVESTON. A fight expected anytime. Health good as could be expected in camp. Weather clear and warm.

Sunday 11 - JOHN R. GEORGE and PHIPPS came up today from GALVESTON. No news from below, but two vessels in sight at GALVESTON.

Monday 12 - HEY and JACK DOSS came up today. Nothing of interest from below. The Abolitionists threw one hundred seven "booms" in the city off GALVESTON on Saturday without any damage to the city. A private died in COMPANY A, last night. He was buried today. Weather rainy.

Tuesday 13 - But little news today. Private in COMPANY H, died today. Weather rainy.

Wednesday 14 - Nothing of importance today. Rained all day today. JACK DOSS taken sick tonight. A norther this evening with heavy rain and so forth.

Thursday 15 - Weather clear and cold. Nothing new. No news from GALVESTON.

Friday 16 - The FIRST REGIMENT returned to camp today from GALVESTON. All worn out.

Saturday 17 - No news today. Weather clear and cool. Our horses gone. Health as good as common.

Sunday 18 - Heavy rain all day. Cool from the east. No news today. Seen HICKS and BILL SHARP.

Monday 19 - No news of interest today. Weather clear and cool and health as good as common.

Tuesday 20 - M.F. CARLOCK and NEAL CURNIE came to camp today. No news of interest. Weather fine and clear.

Wednesday 21 - No news today. Weather clear and warm. English vessel landed at GALVESTON today (so says the rumor). Some little excitement.

Thursday 22 - Nothing strange today. CARLOCK took leave of camp today. J. M. RICHTER furloughed and gone home. English vessel reported to have landed off GALVESTON and unloaded a small cargo of coffee.

Friday 23 - A report that SABINE PASS is recaptured with one hundred nine prisoners, thirteen guns, and one million dollars worth of property, captured by MAJOR WADKINS on the 21, Wednesday. Weather cool with some rain.

Saturday 24 - No news of importance today. Heavy rain, water getting up. BILL SHARP returned to camp today.

Sunday 25 - No news today. Health in camp good as common.

Monday 26 - News today of our victory at SABINE PASS. One hundred nine prisoners. Weather cool with rain.

Tuesday 27 - Our guys at ARKANSAS POST. News not reliable. Weather clear. No news of importance.

Wednesday 28 - The party at the city. No news of importance today. ELLI HARDCASTLE came to camp. STONE in COMPANY F, was buried today. Weather fine.

Thursday 29 - Nothing strange today. All five companies left today for CAMP NAVASOTA.

Friday 30 - No news of importance today. ALBY and COPELAND came to camp

today. News of the paymaster being in HOUSTON. BOYD died in COMPANY B, today.

Saturday 31 - Moved camp today across the river. No news of importance. Weather warm. PERKINS, BAILEY and NEWSOME went to new camp.

## FEBRUARY 1863

Sunday 1 - No news today of importance. Preaching by PARSON BEASLEY, COMPANY D, from verse sixteen of ROMANS<sup>1</sup>. Weather warm and pleasant.

Monday 2 - News from home. All well. Nothing new. Many sick in camp. Weather warm and clear.

Tuesday 3 - Nothing new today. Our wagon came down for us today.

Wednesday 4 - Heavy norther with rain till twelve. Very cold. Hospital moved.

Thursday 5 - Took up our line of march for NAVASOTA. Weather cold and clear. Camped on CLEAR CREEK. Distance for the day march fifteen miles.

Friday 6 - No news today. Roads wet. Grass, retired. Weather cold. Traveled about fifteen miles.

Saturday 7 - Arrived at CAMP HAMPTON today. Paying off the soldiers. Plenty of money. NAVASOTA depot.

Sunday 8 - Making out the muster roll today. Great excitement, getting our<sup>n</sup> bounty<sup>n</sup>.

Monday 9 - Finished the muster roll. Rode on train cars to MILLICAN. Ball at PELLUMS. All on bust. No one hurt.

Tuesday 10 - Returned from MILLICAN. All on a binge. Nothing new.

Wednesday 11 - Drew our money today. I received my furlough for ten days, ending February twenty-first.

Thursday 12 - Started for home today. Crossed the NAVASOTA RIVER. River at high water mark. Got my horse shod before at MILLICAN, cost \$2.50. Dinner was \$.50 cents, dram was \$.50 cents. Stopped at CARSON'S all night, \$2.50. Ferriage on the NAVASOTA \$.25 cents.

Friday 13 - Crossed the BRAZOS RIVER, no ferriage. Dinner and fire at BREWERS. Rain. Arrived at home, found all well. No news.

Saturday 14 - At home and rested today. Handed over OLD LADY HENDERSON'S money, \$60.00.

Sunday 15 - Went to church today. Sermon by PARSON STONE. Heard from camp that paroled men were exchanged for mercy. Going to quit teaching school. Going to the war.

Monday 16 - Rain all day. Visited, CLARKS & CLOUDS at night, very dark. Nothing new. Ground very wet and weather warm.

Tuesday 17 - R. ROGERS, TALLEYS, etc. nothing new. News from camp. Weather warm.

Wednesday 18 - CARTER, DAVIES & CLOUD, MRS. GRIFFINS. A party at MRS. GRIFFINS. No news. AKEN back from ARIZONA. JUDGE BEARD at SAN ANTONIO, a captain.

Thursday 19 - News that the BRAZOS RIVER is up, can't cross. Weather warm.

Friday 20 - Went to JOAB COTTON, MRS. CAVES, etc. NIXON came home today. Nothing new.

Saturday 21 - My furlough out tonight. Left home this morning. Came to the BRAZOS RIVER and could not cross. Went back to BREWER'S Plantation. Stayed all night, no charge. Weather warm, wind high.

Sunday 22 - Crossed the BRAZOS RIVER, thence to MILLICAN. Water high. Stopped with MRS. BASS. Charges \$3.00. Ferriage, young ferry man, \$.25 cents.

Monday 23 - Crossed the NAVASOTA RIVER, ferriage \$1.35. Ferry over one mile long. Thence to Anderson fourteen miles. Thence to CAMP ODELL, two miles. Stopped at LINDLEYS. JR. DOSS sick, JOHN waiting on him. Various reports, nothing confirmed.

Tuesday 24 - Dined at EVES. Nothing new. Stopped all night with SHANNON. Nothing new.

Wednesday 25 - Thence to MADISONVILLE eight miles. Thence to TRINITY RIVER sixteen miles, thence to THOMAS six miles. TRINITY RIVER was high. Various news. Meeting with the Cherokee boys. Heavy rain. Roads muddy.

Thursday 26 - Thence to CROCKETT nineteen miles. Overtaken the Company at CROCKETT. All on a bust, nearly. Some news. Man from VICKSBURG, good news. Thence to camp one and one half miles.

Friday 27 - Thence to camp ten miles. All in good spirit. LEUT. TROTTER came up with the company. No news of importance.

Saturday 28 - Thence to CANADAS thirteen miles, thence to camp one mile. Nothing new today. BROTHER JOHN and POSEY gone to GRIFFIN, TEXAS.

### MARCH 1863

Sunday 1 - Crossed the NECHES RIVER today. Thence to camp three miles.

Camped at ELIH. BAXTERS.

Monday 2 - Thence to ALTO is six miles, thence to camp is seven miles. Taken dinner with F. L. LITTLE. Weather fine. Camped on the ANGELINA RIVER. Nothing new. All well.

Tuesday 3 - Rested today. CAPTAIN FORD came to camp. SPRINGER, PERKINS and HARDCASTLE came to camp today. Weather fine and river falling.

Wednesday 4 - Thence to DOUGLAS four miles, thence to CAMP WALNUT CREEK is five miles. Roads bad, weather cool.

Thursday 5 - Thence to NACOGDOCHES town ten miles. Old stone fort erected in 1719, right in town. The frost thick on the bridge. Cheering news, some rain, weather cloudy.

Friday 6 - Thence to MELROSE nine miles, thence to camp four miles. CAPTAIN ROGERS from CAMERON on the stage. Nothing new today.

Saturday 7 - Thence to ROACH CREEK eight miles and thence to camp four miles. D. P. MOORE came up today. Nothing new, all well.

Sunday 8 - Thence to San AUGUSTINE ten miles and thence to BOLIVAR SNIBLETTS was eight miles. No news today. Some of the boys came up today. Nothing tonight.

Monday 9 - Thence to camp is thirteen miles. Nothing new. Running fight at PETERSBURGH, VIRGINIA. Norther blowing today. CAPTAIN W. W. FORD came up today.

Tuesday 10 - Thence to the town of MILAN, one mile, thence to SABINE town ten miles, thence to SABINE RIVER. Crossed over into LOUISIANA, SABINE PARISH. BROTHER JOHN and MAT POSEY came up today. Rain tonight, no news.

Wednesday 11 - Nothing new today. Traveled six miles today and camped. Weather clear with cool mornings.

Thursday 12 - Thence to MRS. BRANCH is twelve miles of hilly road. A letter from COLONEL ROBARDS. No news today of interest.

Friday 13 - BILL EVANS accidentally cut today with butcher knife. Roads bad. Long leaf pines, no settlements, camp was twelve miles.

Saturday 14 - Thence to camp fifteen miles. Met our rail cars. Various reports.

Sunday 15 - Thence to CARRELL JONES twelve miles. RAPADIES BAYOU. Heavy rain. Three horse races. Nothing new in the piney woods yet.

Monday 16 - Thence to camp is twelve miles. COLONEL RILEY and DR. FARMER passed camp today. No news. Still in the piney woods. Roads very bad. Taking the ring road.

Tuesday 17 - Thence to RAPIDES BAYOU is five miles. Camp and rumoring fighting at FORT HOUSTON. Two gunboats passed up the river. Preparation to capture them. Weather is warm. Sugar mills and dunes. Adjutant Line passed us today. No news from TEXAS. WILLIAM RILEY on route for OPELOUSES.

Wednesday 18 - Thence to camp thirteen miles. The finest farms and pretty yards I have ever saw. DAVE MOORE, BILL HENDERSON came up today. No news, weather warm. Sugar mills as plenty as houses. Traveled all day in the canes and the fires rare.

Thursday 19 - Thence to camp on BAYOU BEUFF is twelve miles. CAPTAIN LONG came up today. Says he ate dinner with six Yankees that came over, taken a herd and gone home. COLONEL RILEY passed us today. The railroads thirty-five miles long, two trains are running, the distillery gone and good riddance. No news of importance, weather is warm.

Friday 20 - Thence to camp is fourteen miles. J. T. DOSS came up today. The depot and steam boat. No news today, weather warm. Fine farms and sugar mills at BAYOU BEUFF.

Saturday 21 - Thence to CHERRYVILLE is four miles, thence to DANIELS Distillery is seven miles, thence to camp is six miles. Distance for the day is seventeen miles. No news today, warm weather. All on a bust tonight, dinner with COMPANY.

Sunday 22 - Thence to HOMERVILLE is one mile, thence to camp is fourteen miles. A. HARDCASTLE left behind. Heavy rain, French settlement. Slept in a house tonight.

Monday 23 - Rested today. No news. Heavy rain, rise in the BAYOU BEUFF.

Tuesday 24 - Thence to camp is twelve miles, no news today, cool wind. Bayou high and roads muddy.

Wednesday 25 - Thence to Washington six miles, thence to OPELOUSES six miles, thence to camp two miles. Various news today. Crossed the railroad. Weather fine in prairie country.

Thursday 26 - Thence to camp ten miles. Prairie country. Wrote home today. Nothing new. Weather rather cool.

Friday 27 - Thence to VERMILLIONVILLE, twelve miles, thence to camp two miles. Camped with THIRD REGIMENT. No news today. Some rain in this morning.

Saturday 28 - Thence to camp ten miles, at the long bridge. No news today. Weather warm, rain this evening. JOHN DONALDSON sick with measles, BUCK WESTBROOK sick with the measles.

Sunday 29 - Thence to camp is fourteen miles. News of the capture of THE DIANAH, ederal boat one mile off IBERIA. Heavy norther blowing. No news today.

Monday 30 - Rested today, drew arms. Stiff norther blowing. No news today.

Tuesday 31 - IBERIA, SAINT MARTIN'S PARISH, LOUISIANA, thence JEANETTE, SAINT MARYS PARISH, is twelve miles, thence to camp three miles. News of the capture of the Yankee's gunboat DIANA confirmed. Weather clear and warm.

### APRIL 1863

Wednesday 1 - Thence to camp near FRANKLIN is ten miles. No news today, weather fine. Wrote to BROTHER Z.C. WILLIAMS. All farms, low flat country.

Thursday 2 - Thence to CENTERVILLE is six miles, thence to camp six miles. All on a bust, horse races, etc. No news today. Weather clear and oranges growing, beautiful gardens and shade trees.

Friday 3 - Thence to CAMP HUDSON is eight miles. No news today. Weather a little warm. Payroll. Men drew their money.

Saturday 4 - No news today. Weather fine. Dress parade today.

Sunday 5 - Nothing extra today. Went to the bay, fine sight.

Monday 6 - News of the PORT HUDSON fight by M. D. OLIVER. We are successful; two boats sunk, three boats captured. Weather fine. Dinner today, dress parade, etc. in the evening.

Tuesday 7 - MAJOR HAMPTON came to camp today. No news today. Dress parade, battalion drill, etc. Weather warm and clear.

Wednesday 9 - Nothing new today. SARGENT MAJOR McMANN came to camp

today. COLONEL RILEY gone to FRANKLIN. Weather pleasant and clear. Rode down to the bay. CAPTAIN LONG very sick.

Thursday 9 - Orders to march at 12 o'clock today. The march dusty. CENTERVILLE is twelve miles thence to CAMP BRISBANE is four miles. Yankees said to be landing at the bay.

Saturday 11 - COLONEL GREENS skirmishing with the Yankees. Our march to CENTERVILLE is five miles. Leaving camp at 12 at night. Standing the horses. CAPTAIN McCOWAN taken prisoner today, no news.

Sunday 12 - Skirmishing today below the fortifications. Heavy cannonading this evening. CAPTAIN CUGHTY (?) wounded in the knee. COMPANY E, on picket. Some picket fighting.

Monday 13 - M. D. DIVER of COMPANY B, wounded on the head this morning. Skirmishing till twelve. Thence to FRANKLIN. Some skirmishing. Burned the bridge. Relocated back below FRANKLIN.

Tuesday 14 - Before we march for the battlefield, battle open at sunrise. Heavy fighting until nine or ten o'clock. Skirmishing till two in the evening. COLONEL JAMES RILEY was killed. A good many wounded. We retreated to JEANENETTE.

Wednesday 15 - COMPANY E, ordered to CAMP PRATT, thence back to IBERIA. Heavy skirmishing all day.

Thursday 16 - Thence back to CAMP PRATT. Ordered on picket, all came up to the bridge. Hearing fighting today in IBERIA.

Friday 17 - All the cavalry on picket this morning. The retreat to the bridge, burning the bridge, the fight at the bridge, our loss two men with several wounded. Our retreat in the night.

Saturday 18 - March to OPELOUSES is twelve miles, thence back four miles. No fighting today. Heavy rain at night. Dusty.

Sunday 19 - Rested all day today. Rain in the morning. Camped at the bridge. No fighting today. News is that "ORLEANS" is taken by the Confederates.

Monday 20-Change our course today. Marched through the prairies. Some picket fighting. No one hurt on our side. Weather is warm. No news today.

Tuesday 21 - Scouting today, this morning. Found three Yankee deserters, no fighting today.

Wednesday 22 - Marched to MONTOU BAYOU today, thirty-five miles from VERMILLIONVILLE. Seen no Yanks today. Some dissatisfaction within our troops. Camped for the night. Seen better bread.

Thursday 23 - Crossed the MONTOU BAYOU, came through the prairie twenty miles and camped. Killed a beef and no bread to be had. Saw no Yanks today. Some horses stampeded.

Friday 24 - Thence to KULKASHEW twenty miles. LAKE CHARLES and prairie flat. Met trains of negros going to Texas.

Saturday 25 - Crossed the KULKASHEW BAYOU thence in the piney woods. Alligators, etc. distance of fifteen miles. News of reinforcements. Weather warm and pleasant. Camped on the west fork of the KULKASHEW RIVER.

Sunday 26 - Rested today on the west fork of the KULKASHEW. Rain this morning and eight Yankee deserters came into camp today. No corn for our horses in a week or more. In the open piney woods.

Monday 27 - Marched today through the woods. An old by-way. Rain till twelve o'clock. Country low and wet. Our mail came.

Tuesday 28 - Yet in the piney woods. No news today. Weather fine. No bread in camp for several days. D. P. MOORE was thrown from his horse today, but not hurt but a little. Nothing but beef and sometimes a little parched corn. All have the diarrhea.

Wednesday 29 - Marched the six miles this morning and ordered back to NIBLETT'S BLUFF. Marched twelve miles, camped, drew flour. No news today. Heard that LOUIS BLACKMON was dead. Weather warm. Starvation.

Thursday 30 - Thence to NIBLETT'S BLUFF is sixteen miles. Saw many immigrants. Drew flour and sugar today. The steamboat, FLORIDA from TEXAS. No news today. Weather warm. Drew corn. Our horses all got down.

#### MAY 1863

Friday 1 - Marched from the Bluff to the spring two miles, camped. A negro was hung today at BLUFF. No news from the east. Drew flour and meal. No corn in camp. All well.

Saturday 2 - Wrote home today. Rain this evening. General parade today. New orders. No news. Wolf hound shot today, COMPANY K.

Sunday 3 - From GUM SPRINGS to camp is three miles. Rested after part of the day. No news. Weather warm. Some little sickness in the Regiment.

Monday 4 - Rested today. A report of BRAGG'S AND LEE'S victories. Weather warm. Corn for our horses, some little grub.

Tuesday 5 - Rested today. COMPANIES, C and K ordered to the KULKASHEW. The news of BRAGG'S victory in TENNESSEE. News of the TEXAS recruits.

Wednesday 6 - Moved camp today two miles. One Yankee deserter came to camp. PRYAN'S REGIMENT from GALVESTON came in today.

Thursday 7 - No news today. Weather uncommonly cool for this season of the year. Some sickness in camp. The SECOND LOUISIANA, ordered to hunt the Conscripts of LOUISIANA.

Friday 8 - Two Yankee deserters came in camp today. No news of importance today. Weather cold.

Saturday 9 - JIM BAILEY and T. J. OLIVER came to camp today with our cooking vessels and wagon. M. A. POSEY supposed to be killed and ALISEN and PRICE taken prisoner. But little news of importance. The fight in COMPANIES, A and B.

Sunday 10 - Name of this camp, W. RILEY. No news today. Some sickness in camp. Learned of the death of HUGH STEVALL. Drew some blankets today. Weather warm and pleasant.

Monday 11 - Various reports in camp, nothing reliable. Some sickness in camp. Weather warm. A report of ALEXANDRIA, being captured by the FEDERALS.

Tuesday 12 - COLONEL HARDEMAN came to camp today. No news, weather warm. WILSON'S Battery from TEXAS, four pieces, another one expected tomorrow. Crops in Texas look flattering. No news today.

Wednesday 13 - No news today but rain. Some paroled men coming in. Weather is warm.

Thursday 14 - News from FRANKLIN and NEW IBERIA. Paroled men coming into camp today. Rained in the night. Wrote home today. Some sickness in camp.

Friday 15 - No news today of interest. Some of the paroled men keep coming in. The Federals are twenty miles above ALEXANDRIA. More Troops from TEXAS landed at the bluff today. Weather warm.

Saturday 16 - Prisoners from the Federal hospital, FRANKLIN. Various news.

CAPTAIN ALEXANDER passed. CAPTAIN J.H. LONG sent to NEW ORLEANS and others.

Sunday 17 - WILEY ELLIS was in camp today. Two Yankee lieutenants was marched in to camp this evening as prisoners. Marched from Camp RILEY today all four miles. No news in camp today of importance. Weather warm.

Monday 18 - Marched fifteen miles today through the piney woods. Yankee paper in camp. No war news in the paper. Weather fine. No news today of importance. The NEW YORK TIMES.

Tuesday 19 - Thence to the KULKASHEW BAYOU fifteen miles, crossed, thence to camp two miles. CAMP COON. Various reports, weather pleasant.

Wednesday 20 - No news of importance today. Fight in COMPANY K, and both the boys badly hurt. Weather warm and pleasant. Camped on MIDDLE BAYOU.

. Thursday 21 - Picket sent out commanded by LT. TROTTER and no news today. Grass fine. Marched twenty miles or near so. Some rain this evening.

Friday 22 - Rested today till twelve o'clock thence moved camp three miles. Heavy rain. Marched at twelve o'clock at night taking the ring road. Heavy cannonading to the east. We marched all night for twenty miles.

Saturday 23 - Thence all day to the Catholic Church of twenty miles. Companies C & H came up the ring.

Sunday 24 - CAPTAIN FORD'S squadron ordered to OPELOUSAS. The negroes preparing to rise. Taken one Yankee negro and eight or nine other negroes and brought them to jail. Finding arms, etc. in the hands of the negroes. Various reports. Distance from the Catholic Church to OPELOUSAS is twelve miles. We are under the command of MAJOR BUSH

Monday 25 - Scouting up to WASHINGTON, six miles. Meeting CAPTAIN

THURMAN of THIRD REGIMENT and MAJOR BURNS of GAINS' ARKANSAS REGIMENT. No news today. Returned to OPELOUSAS six miles and it was twelve miles for the day.

Tuesday 26 - From OPELOUSAS to VERMILLIONVILLE is twenty-five miles. No news today. Meeting PARSON JONES at the bridge. Weather cool in the mornings. Roads very dusty. Country looks desolate with little farming going on. GENERAL MORTON overtaken the Federals and captured some officers and a few negros.

Wednesday 27 - The Brigade came up to VERMILLIONVILLE with some Yankee prisoners. CAPTAIN FORD'S SQUADRON ordered up to OPELOUSAS. March at four o'clock. Arrived at OPELOUSAS at twelve in the night.

Thursday 28 - Our company boys came in today from above and rested up. Twelve of us. One negro taken from jail, brought to camp under guard. Various reports. Rested today. Some little scouting.

Friday 29 - Thirty men on scout today after Jayhawkers and Conscripts. No news today. Received a letter from home dated the 15 of April but little news. I rested in camp all day. FRANK JONES and men came in today.

Saturday 30 - BANKS defeated. Rumors today. No scouting parties. Resting in camp. Weather fine.

Sunday 31 - Marched from OPELOUSAS to the Regiment Camp all twelve miles. No news today. Weather warm. Received G. C. CLOUDS letters.

## JUNE 1863

Monday 1 - STONES' REGIMENT came to camp today. WALLER'S BATALLION came also. One battery marched at four o'clock in the evening. Camp for the remainder of the night at VERMILLION BAYOU distance is twelve miles.

Tuesday 2 - Rested in camp today. Drew ammunition. News from PORT HUDSON that H. FAVORS and J. L. MERCER were ordered under arrest. Weather pleasant. All the paroled men ordered to CAMP PRATT. Talk of an exchange.

Wednesday 3 - Marched to CAMP PRATT, all fourteen miles. Twenty-two Yankee prisoners taken at PATTERSONVILLE. No news today. Weather dry and dusty and hot. Heavy cannonading in the east during the night.

Thursday 4 - Thence to JEANESNETT, sixteen miles and camped for the night. Received a note from R. L. HILBUR. PATTERSONVILLE burned by the Federals today. Weather dry. Our pickets reports "ORLEANS" in the hands of the Confederates. Camp on the BAYOU TECHE.

Friday 5 - Thence to camp near FRANKLIN on the TECHE is fourteen miles. A citizen killed by one of the soldiers in FRANKLIN today. Weather warm and pleasant and dry.

Saturday 6 - Thence to FRANKLIN, two miles and thence to CENTERVILLE, six miles and thence to CAMP BRISBANE four miles and on picket duty at BURWICK CITY at twelve miles. No news. COMPANIES, E and I and K.

Sunday 7 - On picket again this morning. There is a Yankee camp across the bay. The Yankees fired some cannons this morning. Came back to CAMP BRISBANE at fourteen miles. Eating plums. Weather warm and dry. A soldier was killed by the Federals at the bay this evening by a shell. One of WALLER'S BATALLION

Monday 8 - Rested today in camp. Various reports in camp. WOOSTER brought his horse in camp. Weather hot and dry. Health good in camp as common. A torpedo exploded today wounding three men. One died tonight.

Tuesday 9 - Moved camp today one mile. General inspection of arms by OCHITTRIA. No news. Lost my haversack & this book but found it again.

Wednesday 10 - Rested today. BLUNT, RITCHTER, EICKMAN and others came in to camp today. ELBERT CARTER came in today. I heard from home. All well. No news. Weather pleasant.

Thursday 11 - Moved camp today to CENTERVILLE, two miles, thence to camp four miles. Wrote home today. Weather warm. THADDEUS G. MOSS is new recruit. No news today and weather warm.

Friday 12 - Rested today in camp. DR. FARNES was in camp today. Various reports. Health good as common.

Saturday 13 - Rested today. ELI HARDCASTLE came in to camp today. I met GARDNER of COMPANY E today.

Sunday 14 - Rested today. Sermon by PARSON JONES today. Weather fine and warm. MR. BOWLES and E. HARDCASTLE left camp headed for Texas this morning. No news, health not as good as common. COLONEL HARDEMAN very sick today.

Monday 15 - Moved camp from CAMP HUNTER up the Bayou five miles. No news today. A little sick today but weather fine and pleasant.

Tuesday 16 - Rested in camp today. No news today. Weather fine and warm and health of camp good.

Wednesday 17 - Ordered to march down the bayou. Marched four miles then cantered three miles and camped for the night. Some little rain. Various reports from the bay.

Thursday 18 - Rested in camp today. Z. PERKINS, FLETCHER and GRANTHAM and WESTBROOK came in camp today. No news. Weather fine tho' rather hot.

Friday 19 - Rested today. CAMP, CROSSON, OLIVE and NEWSOME came off in picket today. No news today. Weather is warm and clear.

Saturday 20 - Rested today in camp. No news in camp. Weather warm.

Sunday 21 - Ordered up at one o'clock this morning. Left camp at daylight to FRANKLIN, ten miles, thence to CENTRVILLE, six miles, thence to PATTERSONVILLE, seventeen miles. The Yankees fired one shot at us this evening; stampeded the horses, some lost but no one hurt.

Monday 22 - Rested today below PATTERSONVILLE till night thence crossed the CHASSEBAH BAYOU at dark. Walked down to the bay.

Wednesday 24 - Rested today. Our horses came to us today. The negros and prisoners passed us today.

Thursday 25 - Our horses came to us this morning. We marched forty miles. All worn out.

Saturday 27 - Rested till one o'clock or two, and thence to DONALDSONVILLE, five miles. Up all night. Attacked the fort before day. Our losses heavy.

Sunday 28 - Repulsed this morning with a loss of thirty killed and one hundred wounded and taken prisoners. Rested until 2 o'clock. Marched up to a village on the BAYOU LAFOUCHE. MAJOR HAMPTON came in.

Monday 29 - Rested today at HOMERSVILLE. Various rumors in camp. WELLS in COMPANY F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment died tonight. Weather warm. Drew some shoes for the company today. Our cooking vessels came in. Wrote a letter home today

Tuesday 30 - Rested in camp today. WILLIAM WELLS in COMPANY F, THIRD REGIMENT, was buried today in the HOMERVILLE CATHOLIC

CHURCH, yard today. CAPTAIN C.M. GARNER and JOHN HUNT came in camp today. There was three more sworn in today and COMPANY E was sent out to reconnoiter today.

## JULY 1863

Wednesday 1 - Rested in camp till night. Our COMPANY and COMPANY D, on picket duty. Came out to the MISSISSIPPI RIVER and 3 boats passed us, no firing.

Thursday 2 - COMPANY E works to plant abating fires on two transports.

Friday 3 - I was sick today. Not on picket. Shell from the sugar house. Heavy rain in the timber. DOSS and MOORE gone to the hospital.

Saturday 4 - Shell out of the sugar house again today. A fire by COLONEL MAJORS was ordered on the BAYOU LAFOUCHE Camp in a beautiful yard. Firing down at the FORT BUTTS.

Sunday 5 - Rested today. L. T. TROTTER came from over the river today. Weather warm.

Monday 6 - Rested in camp today. No news and weather warm.

Tuesday 7 - COMPANIES E, H & A on picket today. Nothing extra. False alarms as no Yankees could be found.

Wednesday 8 - Still on picket. No news today. More firing of the picket from the sugar house.

Thursday 9 - Relieved today at 9 o'clock. No news. All quiet on our lines of picket

... Friday 10 - Received the sad news of the death of BROTHER Z. C. WILLIAMS.

Wounded May 12, 1863. Preparation for battle this morning, but no one hurt. PARTE and PRICE came in off GRAND LAKE picket.

Saturday 11 - COMPANY E on picket again. Some little picket fighting. False alarm, but no one hurt

Sunday 12 - Some picket fighting this morning. Reinforcements came. No one hurt.

Monday 13 - Fought the battle of BAYOU LAFOUCHE. Taken a good lot of prisoners and all their grub, arms, flags, four pieces of artillery. LT. TROTTER\* wounded, GRANTHAM wounded. Wounded in sixty wounded and dead.

Tuesday 14 - Rested in camp today. A report that VICKSBURGH was taken. PORT HUDSON, also. Heavy rain in camp tonight. No Confederate news in camp. Weather warm and damp.

Wednesday 15 - COMPANY E on picket. Night retreated ten miles distance and was ordered back on picket again. No enemy to be seen.

Thursday 16 - Retreated this morning down the BAYOU LAFOUCHE to THIBEDOUX is thirty miles. Some rain all in a stretch.

Friday 17 - Our company left THIBEDOUX. Marched to the railroad station. Overtaken the command, saw R.G. HILBURN. No news in camp. Weather warm. Distance from THIBEDOUX to the railroad station is twenty miles.

Saturday 19 - From BURWICK CITY to PATTERSONVILLE is ten miles. Drew clothing and shoes. Wrote home today. GENERAL LEE had captured WASHINGTON, the Federal capital. No particulars given.

Monday 20 - From PATTERSONVILLE to CAMP BISLAND is five miles and thence to CENTERVILLE, five miles, thence to camp is three miles. A row in COMPANY K and COMPANY E all on a bust. A letter for LT. SLICK

COMPANY G. He escaped from the Yankees. COLONEL HARDEMAN and ADJUTANT HEART gone to TEXAS.

Tuesday 21 - Thence to FRANKLIN three miles and thence to JEANESNETT is twelve miles, thence to camp two miles. No news today. Health in camp good as common. J. ALLEN and T. J. DONALDSON came to camp.

Wednesday 22 - Thence to NEW IBERIA nine miles, thence to SAINT MARTINVILLE, nine more and to camp two miles. A dispatch from CAPTAIN RATLIFF giving the news of the fall of PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

. Thursday 23 - Thence to camp twenty miles. No news today. In the prairies again. Some rain in the evening. Weather warm and roads very dusty.

Friday 24 - thence to OPELOUSAS twenty-five miles, thence to WASHINGTON, six more, thence to camp three miles. Roads dusty. No news today.

Saturday 25 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather pleasant. Making out muster rolls.

Sunday 26 - No news of reliability today. Heavy rain this evening. No newspapers. Health in camp not very good.

Monday 27 - Rested in camp today. No news of interest today. Some sickness in camp. Weather rainy. GRANTHAM, BLUNT, SAXTON, HART, FAVINS all came into camp today.

Tuesday 28 - I went to OPELOUSAS today. Had my horse shod before noon. No news today. Weather warm. THADDIOUS, GRASEN, MOSS came into camp. Some rain this evening.

Wednesday 29 - J. W. GRANTHAM started home today on sixty days sick furlough. Received a letter from home today. No news. Weather pleasant. JOHN FAVINS horse died today. T. G. OLIVE dismounted today.

Thursday 30 - J. H. ALLEN, SECOND CORPORAL and A. L. BLUNT, PRIVATE, COMPANY E. was discharged today. Finished the muster rolls today. No rain today, no news in our papers. Weather pleasant.

Friday 31 - Moved to camp today nearly two miles nearer WASHINGTON. GREEN, CHAUDOIN sent to the general hospital. MAT LOGAN snake bit. Reading of general orders.

### AUGUST 1863

Saturday 1 - Our company ordered to WASHINGTON as Provost Guards to reinforce COMPANY D. Drew our money today at CAMP MOUTON. I drew \$128.00, JOHN drew \$96.00. No news in camp. DAVE MOORE went to the hospital today. Weather warm with small shower.

Sunday 2 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather warm. J. H. ALLEN left for TEXAS this morning. Wrote home today. Sent the "BRAZOS home".

Monday 3 - J. PATE came up today. No news. Weather warm. LT. MOREAU with fifteen men ordered to OPELOUSAS for police duty.

Tuesday 4 - M. C. MOORE and W. S. PHIPPS came in today from TEXAS. No news of interest. Met with GEORGE McKNIGHT of RUSK, TEXAS of WALLER'S BATTALION.

Wednesday 5 - No news today. Weather fine. ALEXANDRIA, NEW TOWN, the riot in NEW YORK. Received a letter from home.

Friday 7 - I and the boys ordered from WASHINGTON to OPELOUSAS to join the company. No news today. Weather warm with some rain.

Saturday 8 - COMPANY D and E of the THIRD REGIMENT, came to OPELOUSAS tonight on a scout. JOHN and ten or twelve out of our company went with them. Two sugar wagons passed here today on their way to ALEXANDRIA.

Sunday 9 - A fight with the Jayhawkers. One man killed and two wounded, two or three horses killed. Dispatched our reinforcements.

Monday 10 - COMPANY E returned back to town of OPELOUSAS to Provost duty. No news today. The weather warm. H. FAVINS came to town this evening. Z. PERKINS taken sick and gone to the hospital.

Tuesday 11 - J. DOSS and S. P. RITCHEY came to town today from IBERIA. No news. Some sickness. Weather warm. Another fight with the conscripts.

Wednesday 12 - No rain. Took two wounded men from the conscripts; head wounds. Some news from the east of the river. The road to CAMP MOUTON eight miles and back. Zero regiment wins near OPELOUSAS.

Thursday 13 - Wrote home today but little news. DANIELLS came in today. DANIELLS BATTERY passed up country with six guns and 2 caissons.

Friday 14 - Weather very warm. Quite a stir in town. No news of interest. Heavy artillery going up the country. Our sick doing well. New ones repenting over duty.

Saturday 15 - GENERAL GREEN was in OPELOUSAS today. No news. Weather warm. Some rain in the south-west. COLONEL McPHAIL gone back to WASHINGTON. Quit the Jayhawkers.

Sunday 16 - Various rumors from men that should have crossed the MISSISSIPPI RIVER. Weather very warm. GENERAL SILBEY came to OPELOUSAS today. CAPTAIN WEST was in town today. No news of interest from the bay; all quiet.

Monday 17 - One of the SECOND LOUISIANA was shot tonight at DR.

TAYLORS by an unknown person. JOHN and ten others of COMPANY E. was sent out to get the body of the man. Heavy rain this evening and no news.

Tuesday 18 - JOHNSON of SECOND LOUISIANA was brought to town today to the hospital The boys returned from DR. TAYLORS. No one was hurt.

Wednesday 19 - The brigade was ordered off today. No news. Weather cool for this season. Drew rations today. JOHNSON of SECOND LOUISIANA, died today and buried. No news of interest.

Thursday 20 - Various rumors today. Many officers connected with the court martial came in today. Weather warm. CLARK'S BATTALION passed here this morning with music.

Friday 21 - A. LOUIS from MILLICAN, TEXAS, GEORGE HASWELL from HOUSTON, and SMITHE from LAGRANGE, TEXAS arrived here today. But little news of interest. Mr. HORNISE of OPELOUSAS shot a son of JUDGE OVERTON'S this evening. Supposed to be a mortally wounded. GENERAL WALKER arrived here today. Weather warm.

Saturday 22 - HORNISE was put in jail. JUDGE OVERTON'S son died last night, about nine o'clock. Some starting rumors today. They need confirmed. Weather warm.

Sunday 23 - MASTER OVERTON was buried today. A grand funeral procession. Sermon by PARSON BRADLEY from the fifth chapter, verse fourteen of Ephesians. A good many present.

Monday 24 - I was in WASHINGTON today. No news today. T. B. FISHER and JAMES S. WADE was put in jail for disobedience of orders. Stay in but a short time. SMITH died in the hospital today. He belongs to the SECOND LOUISIANA CAVALRY.

Tuesday 25 - No news today. Weather cool for the season. SMITH, SECOND LOUISIANA was buried today. R. MONROE ordered down to IBERIA to wait on LT. TROTTER. J. S. WADEMAN with TROTTER.

Wednesday 26 - I was in WASHINGTON today. Drew rations. Some news. Weather dry and dusty. Wrote to JOHN B. WILLIAMS.

Thursday 27 - No news today. Weather warm. The row with CAPTAIN TUNNY; returning his confiscated bottles but only whiskey in them.

Friday 28 - No news today. Most of COMPANY E on a bust, wanting to fight. A heavy thunderstorm with heavy rain.

Saturday 29 - Cheering reports of recognition and LEE'S victory in VIRGINIA. Weather cool. Court martial progressing slowly. The SECOND LOUISIANA CAVALRY passed through OPELOUSAS today. Cook of the SECOND LOUISIANA CAVALRY is in jail.

Sunday 30 - Church in town today. Some rumors this morning. Yankees marching on MUNROE, LOUISIANA. Weather very cool for this season. Some little drunkenness today.

Monday 31 - Mustered by MAJOR LASURES today. Made out the monthly report. Weather cool. News of LEE'S big fight still rumored in the papers here.

## SEPTEMBER 1863

Tuesday 1 - GENERAL SCURRY arrived in OPELOUSAS today. No news of interest. Weather cool. Made out the muster rolls, ready for payment.

Wednesday 2 - No news today. I drew grub at WASHINGTON today. Heavy firing on the MISSISSIPPI RIVER today. Weather cool and clear. PERRY of TWENTY-EIGHTH LOUISIANA REGIMENT, died in the hospital today. GENERAL GREEN arrived in OPELOUSAS this morning.

Thursday 3 - G. W. PERRY of COMPANY I TWENTY-EIGHTH

LOUISIANA REGIMENT, was buried today. We fired a volley over his grave. No news in town today. Weather clear and cool.

Friday 4 - COLONEL MAJORS command passed through OPELOUSAS today. More rumors. A military ball was given in OPELOUSAS tonight by CAPTAIN J. W. WEST, GENERAL GREEN, GENERAL POLINAE, and other officers. W. R. SCURRY left OPELOUSAS for TEXAS today. Weather clear and cool.

Saturday 5 - W. W. FORD left for TEXAS this morning. No news today. All quiet. Weather clear and cool. The court martial adjournment till Monday at ten o'clock.

Sunday 6 - No news at all today. Preaching in town. Weather dry and dusty. I learned where ENGLESON and BILL HILL are, MRS. HENDRICK is dead.

Monday 7 - No news at all today. Dull times in OPELOUSAS. Weather warm. A drunken spree in the grocers today. GENERAL SIBLEYS trial over with today.

Tuesday 8 - No news today. Weather warm. The court martial still going on; some other cases in second session. Pay day today with us. I drew \$64.40 and JOHN drew \$48.40.

Wednesday 9 - Big ball at WASHINGTON tonight. LT. MOREAU went to the ball. No news today. Church still going on in OPELOUSAS. Weather dusty and dry. SPURGHTS BRIGADE passed through OPELOUSAS today on route for ALEXANDRIA.

Thursday 10 - Drew rations today at WASHINGTON. No news. Letters for COMPANY G. Weather cool and dusty. The court martial over with.

Saturday 12 - No news today. Weather hot and dusty. Preaching in town tonight. General drinking. Row in town tonight.

Sunday 13 - Preaching in town today. Some two or three of COMPANY E, professed

religion. The prayer meeting at the court house. No news in town today. The SABINE rumor.

Monday 14 - The train from NIBBLETT'S BLUFF confirming the report capturing the Federal gun boats at SABINE PASS. News of recognition again. Nothing official though. Weather warm. Commencing moving the OPELOUSAS Hospital today.

Tuesday 15 - the rumored fall of CHARLESTON in town today. Weather warm. Some rain today. D. P. MOORE and J. H. ALLEN gone out to private houses. Young MURPHY buried today.

Wednesday 16 - Drew grub today. The ball in WASHINGTON. I and JOHN and LT. MOREAU was invited. Fine time. Some rain this evening. Received \$45.00.

Friday 18 - Weather very cool for the season. Boys spending the last night in OPELOUSAS drinking all night. MOUTON'S BRIGADE passed through OPELOUSAS today. No news today. PHIPPS and SPRINGER came in today. Received orders to leave OPELOUSAS this evening.

Saturday 19 - All drunk this morning. Pressing accounts of the Yankees coming. Moved up to WASHINGTON, six miles. Rumors all over town, nothing reliable.

Sunday 20 - Rested today in camp at WASHINGTON. Many rumors for ALEXANDRIA. Good many of the boys sick. Removing the hospital from WASHINGTON to ALEXANDRIA. LT. H. G. CARTER relieved from Provost duty in WASHINGTON.

Monday 21 - I was in WASHINGTON today and COMPANIES E and D marched from WASHINGTON today. Weather cool and we marched twelve miles and camped on bayou water, the report of Recognition and the armistice (In a horn).

Tuesday 22 - Arrived at CAMP CANE. No war news. Reports still come of the armistice. Weather cool. Camp on the ATCHOFALA BAYOU, distance travel fifteen miles. Some cannonading on the river this evening.

Wednesday 23 - No news today. Weather cool.

Thursday 24 - Numerous reports today. R. L. HILBURN came to our camp today. LT. MOREAU came in this evening. D. P. MOORE went to the hospital.

Friday 25 - No news today. Weather pleasant. Z. PERKINS and J.M. DOSS was sent to OPELOUSAS today.

Saturday 26 - COMPANIES B, E and F on picket today. Cross the ATCHOVALA BAYOU on picket. Its twenty-four hours and no enemy in sight. Returned to camp.

Sunday 27 - Preaching by PARSON JONES from the tenth chapter of St. Mark.

Monday 28 - Orders to be ready to march at sundown. Cross the bayou at midnight. Rested till daylight.

Tuesday 29 - Marched to the Yankee camp. The battle commenced at noon in the day. Drove the Yankees from their camp. Taken two pieces of artillery, six ambulances and other tricks, five hundred prisoners. Raining all the time. Walk back to camp. Muddy and mucked up shoes. Many men gone out on the march.

Wednesday 30 - Rested in camp today. Rain all day most.

## OCTOBER 1863

Thursday 1 - Finished crossing over the bayou this morning. The prisoners marched for ALEXANDRIA this morning. I wrote home today. Weather clear and cool. LT. TROTTER died today.

Friday 2 - No news today. Weather clear and cool. LT. CARTER, COMPANY D

left for TEXAS this morning. Heard from LT. TROTTER, not expected to live. LT. TROTTER is dead.

Saturday 3 - The news of LT. TROTTER'S death. No news today. Z. PERKINS gone to OPELOUSAS. Move camp up the bayou three miles today. Some of the boys from the east side of the river. Some rumors.

Sunday 4 - A report of BRAGG'S victory over BOZINCONANZES town. No particulars. Weather fine. Bayou low.

Monday 5 - No news today. Weather fine. Health improving in camp. LT. TROTTER'S effects were sold today. THIRD REGIMENT moved up to LINSFORT.

Tuesday 6 - Orders to march. Taken the line of march at three o'clock. Marched on till seven at night. Camped for the night. Distance of march fifteen miles. JOHN WILLIAMS and FRANK JONES left for OPELOUSAS this morning. The news of BRAGG'S victory over BOZINCONANZES near CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

Wednesday 7 - Marched to MOUNDVILLE fifteen miles. Camped at twelve o'clock. No news of interest. Weather rainy in the morning. Cleared off fine and clear with high winds.

Thursday 8 - Marched from MOUNDVILLE to WASHINGTON, three miles, thence to OPELOUSAS six miles and thence to CROW BAYOU, twelve miles and camped for the night.

Friday 9 - COLONEL HARDEMAN and ADJUTANT HEART came in camp today. At twelve o'clock orders to go eight miles to reinforce COLONEL MAJORS. Camped for the night in line of battle.

Saturday 10 - At twelve o'clock today the FOURTH TEXAS REGIMENT moved down two miles, COMPANIES, E and D skirmished until night. I was put on picket with ten men but was relieved at eight o'clock by STEPHENS of COMPANY I, The Regiment camped until three o'clock.

Saturday 11 - At half past three we marched for OPELOUSAS, twenty-five miles. The citizens preparing to leave. The excitement high. The Yankees coming. Marched to MOUNDVILLE and rested until four o'clock in the evening. Marched to MRS. WEBBS' and camped for the night. PARSON JONES was buried today.

Sunday 12 - Marched from MRS. WEBBS' at three o'clock to OPELOUSAS at eleven miles then turned back three miles and camped for the night. Heavy rain and thunder at night. Reported the enemy falling back.

Tuesday 13 - Rested in camp today. Regimental drill, reading orders and no news of interest. Weather clear and cool. Prayer meeting tonight. F. S. WADE and WINFRED BAILEY under guard for disobedience of an order.

Wednesday 14 - Marched from camp at twelve thirty to OPELOUSAS, three miles, thence to LITTLE CROW BAYOU. COMPANIES E and F on picket. Some little firing on both sides but no one hurt.

Thursday 15 - Picket fighting this morning at daylight with heavy skirmishing until ten o'clock. Three men in COMPANY I was wounded and three men in COMPANY H was wounded. J. MULDER'S WIFE was killed by a shell. Our forces fell back to OPELOUSAS. COMPANIES G and B on picket. LT. HENRY came in this evening. No news of interest today. Weather clear and cool.

Friday 16 - Rested in camp today. Formed line of battle till night. The camp on the same ground. The official dispatch of BRAGGS victory on the twenty-seventh of September was sixteen thousand prisoners taken, seventy-three pieces of artillery, all his ordinance train, small arms by the thousand. Cannonading our pickets. JOSEPH MULDER died.

Saturday 17 - Rested in camp today until near night. Our pickets was driven in. We formed line of battle. In lines until dark, then camp for the night. Rain in the night. BILL HUGHES, COMPANY D came in this evening. No news today.

Sunday 18 - Rested in camp today. No news of interest. Preaching in camp today by BIGGER. Staff prayer meeting at night.

Monday 19 - FOURTH REGIMENT, on picket this morning. Skirmishing in the evening. BARNEY McDONAL was killed, COMPANY B and BILL MORGAN of COMPANY H was killed. ZELNER of COMPANY D was wounded and two others. The enemy masked a battery on us, shell us sometimes. No one was hurt from the battle.

Tuesday 20 - Relieved from picket today, came to camp and rested all day. One battalion of Infantry came from GENERAL WALKERS' DIVISION. No news in camp.

Wednesday 21 - The enemy advanced on us this morning. Heavy skirmishes with the FIFTH TEXAS DIVISION. TALLEY was killed, some few wounded. COMPANIES E & F on picket. T. I. DONALDSON fired on some one, some person, while on post. No news today. Command above MUNDVILLE.

Thursday 22 - COMPANIES E & F on picket. Lay in camp until evening. The Yankees try to cut our picket off. They skedaddle to WASHINGTON. Stood picket in town. One of ROUNDTREES' men was killed on picket. Rain in the night.

Friday 23 - COMPANIES E & F relieved. Weather cool and rainy. Our march to camp very cold. No news today. Roads muddy, camp dull. Various reports in camp. Clouds cleared away at night.

Saturday 24 - Marched from near BIG CANE, today. No news today. Weather cool. HALL new recruit, came in today. CAPTAIN LONG and JIM LONG came to camp. Letters from home. Some firing below. No news from the Yankees today.

Sunday 25 - Marched ten miles up BAYOU LANUSE. No news today. I wrote again today. Weather cool and cloudy. CAPTAIN LONG taken command of COMPANY E today. Roads muddy.

Monday 26 - Marched up to BAYOU BOEFF. Meeting with WALKER'S DIVISION. Saw CULLIN BLACKMON. No news today. Weather cool. Citizens trying to leave. Times stirring. I was on guard today.

Tuesday 27 - Marched from BAYOU BOEFF to EVERGREEN. I. J. STOVALL was in camp today. Marched from EVERGREEN to BIG CANE, marched at dark, arrived BIG CANE at ten o'clock at night. Weather pleasant. JOHN DOSS and F. S. WADE gone on a scout with McANALLY and others. Some rumors in camp today.

Wednesday 28 - Rested at BIG CANE bridge today. Weather warm. NEW ORLEANS paper of twenty and twenty-first but little news. Sent back to EVERGREEN for rations.

Thursday 29 - Rested at BIG CANE VILLAGE today. No news today. Weather cloudy and warm.

Friday 30 - Marched back to EVERGREEN fifteen miles. Heavy rain with wind and cold from the north. Little news today.

Saturday 31 - Rested in camp at Evergreen. No news today. Making out the monthly reports.

## NOVEMBER 1863

Sunday 1 - Preparing to march up the country. Turned back. Marched back to BIG CANE VILLAGE, fifteen miles. BROTHER JOHN sent his horse and saddle back to camp. No news today. JOHNSTON RITCHE came in today. BILL SPRINGER, GEORGE CHAUDOIN & T. B. FISHER started home today.

Monday 2 - March from BIG CANE VILLAGE to OPELOUSAS, thirty miles and thence to camp three more. Met BROTHER JOHN in OPELOUSAS. No news today. Weather warm and pleasant. Tuesday 3 - March down on the Yankees camps

this morning with three thousand men. Fought the Yankees. Drove them from their camp. Taken some six hundred or eight hundred prisoners. Two killed and many wounded. I do not know our loss. We then retreated back to our camp near OPELOUSAS BAYOU. The Yankees reinforced and pressed our retreat. Captured some prisoners. We brought out one or two cannons.

Wednesday 4 - COMPANIES E & F fought on picket. The flag of truce passed from the Confederate and was accepted by the Federals. The Yankee officers passed through our picket lines. The Federal pickets fired on the flag of truce as they passed down. The Federals commenced others retreat tonight.

Thursday 5 - COMPANY E advanced this morning to BULL BAYOU. Found the enemy had retreated in the night. Found their picket's on CARMEN-CROW BAYOU. Heavy rain today. COMPANIES E & F returned to camp. No news. JOHN left for the hospital at OPELOUSAS

. Friday 6 - The FOURTH TEXAS CAVALRY was ordered down on picket. Found the enemy near VERMILLIONVILLE. Went off the main road, bought corn. Camped for the night. Captured a negro man and also recaptured a Federal soldier that had escaped from near WASHINGTON, trying to get back to his command. No news today, weather warm.

Saturday 7 - The FOURTH REGIMENT, TEXAS CAVALRY on picket down near VERMILLIONVILLE, this morning. Found the enemy's picket. Sent out scouts. Formed the regiment to receive a charge from the Yankees. Was then ordered back to camp at CHINESE GROVE. Four Federals charged five of COMPANY H and COMPANY H fired on them, killing one, wounding one horse, wounded one man and captured a Federal horse and rigging. Our picket charged through VERMILLIONVILLE.

Saturday 8 - Moved camp today below the bridge on CARMEN-CROW BAYOU. CAPTAIN THURMAN sent back six prisoners today. Weather fine. No news today. J. M. RITCHEY left for home this morning.

Sunday 9 - BROTHER JOHN, GEORGE COPLAND AND G. I. OLIVE came in camp today. Rested in camp today. No news. Weather clear and cool. MAJOR LASURES gone to OPELOUSAS

. Wednesday 11 - The Yankees advanced this morning. We saddled up at eight o'clock. Went down and formed MAJOR'S BRIGADE and the SEVENTH TEXAS. Skirmished with the Yankees, they fell back. Burned all the corn cribs on the road. Yankees lost five men killed and some wounded. WILL'S of SEVENTH TEXAS, died from his wounds.

Thursday 12 - Rested in camp today. Our picket taken six Yanks today. No news today. Weather clear and pleasant. D. P. MOORE received his furlough today. DR. MARY and the hospital came in today. Wrote home today.

Friday 13 - D. P. MOORE left for TEXAS today. COMPANIES B, E, G and H, on picket today, on the command of CAPTIAN GESIKER, Captain of COMPANY G. Some little firing on the picket line. No news today. Weather clear and pleasant.

Saturday 14 - Nothing extra on picket today. Yankees quiet. No firing today. The Yankees trying to fix a trap to bag the Rebels. Relieved by CAPTAIN WIGGINS of SEVENTH TEXAS CAVALRY. Returned to camp. Some rumors from the east in camp today.

Sunday 15 - Rested in camp today. No news of interest. Weather fine. No news from pickets below. All quiet today.

Monday 16 - CAPTAIN THURMAN captured VERMILLION BAYOU. Dress parade at three o'clock. Marched from CARMON-CROW BAYOU at four o'clock. Marched to VERMILLIONVILLE, twelve miles, to the Bayou two miles and camped in the Yankee camp. Yankees left this morning for parts unknown.

Tuesday 17 - Rested in camp today at VERMILLION BAYOU. Our pickets caught three wagons loaded with cotton. Two Yankee wagons and teams and twenty-one prisoners today. No news today.

Wednesday 18 - Fourth regiment checked today down to camp PRATT'S, COMPANIES, A, E and F, still on picket today. Some little firing down with the enemy.

Thursday 19 - COMPANIES A, E and F are still on picket today. Some little firing this morning. No news today. We was relieved at dark. Rode back to camp on VERMILLION BAYOU. Arrived at one o'clock. No news today. Weather cloudy.

Friday 20 - The SEVENTH CAVALRY was surprised at daylight this morning at Camp PRATT while on picket. Seventy-five or one hundred men was captured by the Yankees. No news today. The weather cloudy with some rain. Cold wind from the north.

Saturday 21 - No news today. Colonel HAMPTON gone to OPELOUSAS today. Weather fine and no news from IBERIA.

Sunday 22 - Moved camp today up at GOVERNOR MORTON'S bridge. Crossed the BAYOU VERMILLION on an old ferry boat and a piece of bridge. No news in camp today. The weather clear and fine. No news from the Yankees.

Monday 23 - Rested in camp today. No news. Rained today and heavy rain at night. Was detailed today to go to TEXAS.

Tuesday 24 - COMPANIES A, E and F, on picket today. I and CAPTAIN STEPHENSON of COMPANY A, LT. TAYLOR of COMPANY F, left camp this morning, thence to OPELOUSAS, twenty-five miles, thence to WASHINGTON, five miles. Weather cool. A negro was shot tonight by picket while trying to steal a horse.

Wednesday 25 - LT. TAYLOR went up to the train this morning. No news. Heavy frost tonight.

Thursday 26 - Left the brigade train this morning. Came to old CAMP MOUTON one mile from WASHINGTON. No news today. Weather cool and clear. Ice and frost this morning.

Friday 27 - Came to OPELOUSAS this morning. The news of BUCKNER'S and BRECKENRIDGE flight at KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. Came to HOLIENS. Weather warm and cloudy with rain.

Saturday 28 - Rain until twelve o'clock today. Rested at MR. HOLIENS. Went to OPELOUSAS this morning. No news today. No new orders for me, yet.

Sunday 29 - Rested today at HOLIENS. No news. Weather clear and very cool. No orders for me yet.

Monday 30 - Rested today at HOLIENS. Weather clear and cool. The exchange of prisoners has been agreed upon. To commence in a few days and the Yankees on another raid today. No one hurt that I heard from.

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DECEMBER 1863

Tuesday 1 - Conscript day in OPELOUSAS. No news today. No orders for me yet. Still at HOLIENS.

Wednesday 2 - Rested at HOLIENS today. No news in OPELOUSAS. No orders.

Thursday 3 - I went to WASHINGTON today. No rumors. Weather fine and warm.

Friday 4 - Came back to camp today. JOHN and J. DOSS gone down with a flag of truce.

Saturday 5 - Rested in camp today. JOHN AND J. DOSS returned, back from the Yankee camp. The exchange of prisoners agreed upon, commissioned officers and all. No news today. Preaching today by PARSON RIGHT.

Sunday 6 - Preaching today by PARSON RIGHT. No news today. Weather fine and pleasant. LT. TAYLOR, COMPANY F, came in today. Health in camp good as common.

Monday 7 - Preaching again today. No news. Our orders came in today. Preparing to start. Rain tonight.

Tuesday 8 - Left camp this morning for TEXAS. Came to RIGGOLEA'S for dinner, six miles. Charge free. Thence to a Frenchmans' of twenty-two miles. Charge two dollars. Weather cool and roads wet.

Wednesday 9 - Thence to the MENTAUI is eight miles. Ferriage fifty cents and to MIRY Ferry fifty cents and to MR. J.CIVIAL all fifteen miles. Distance for the day is thirty-three miles. Weather cool.

Thursday 10 - Thence to the KULKASHEW is twenty miles. Ferriage fifty cents, and to DUVAL is fourteen miles. Roads wet. No news. Weather cool.

Friday 11 - On board the boat, FLORIDA, from DUVAL'S to NIBLETT'S BLUFF is twenty-four miles. Got on the boat at two o'clock and to ORANGE is eighteen miles. Weather cloudy. Saw V. M. CARY, COMPANY C, FOURTH TEXAS CAVALRY.

Saturday 12 - Arrived at BEAUMONT at two o'clock. Some rumors in town. Weather pleasant. Small pox raging in town. Too late for the train. Stopped at MRS. TRUES.

Sunday 13 - News from GENERAL BRAGG. CAPTAIN FISHER, CAPTAIN THURMAN, LT. McQUIRE came to BEAUMONT today. Weather pleasant.

Monday 14 - Taken passage on the NEW ORLEANS & TEXAS RAILROAD. Left BEAUMONT at midnight. Run to LIBERTY by Daylight. One thirty-two

pounder rifle canon put on the train at BEAUMONT. Shipped for MATAGORDA. Received transportation from the quarter master.

Tuesday 15 - Thence to HOUSTON is forty miles. Stopped at the FANNIN house. No news.

Wednesday 16 - Shipped for MILLICAN today. The norther came to MILLICAN all eighty miles. Meeting old friends, weather very cold.

Thursday 17 - Thence to the BRAZOS RIVER. No charges. Thence to Colonel EVANS at thirty miles. Stopped all night and no charge.

Friday 18 - Thence home at twenty miles. Found all well. No news. Weather very cool.

Saturday 19 - I saw BILL WATSON & MATT POSEY today. No news. Weather clear and cool. I was at WATSON'S Mill today.

Sunday 20 - Went over to MR. DONALDSON'S today and thence to ROLIN MCKINNEY'S. Stopped all night. Saw W. W. LONG.

Monday 21 - Went to ALLISON, thence to MUDELNOY and to JOHN BEALS. Weather cold. Thence back to MRS. PEEPLE'S.

Tuesday 22 - Thence to DOSS'S. Give up the fifty dollars and thence to WEBBS and thence to H. VERNON'S, thence to MARTHA SPRINGER'S, thence home. Went to the party at BILL WATSON'S.

Wednesday 23 - Started from home at twelve o'clock and thence to SAN ANDERS' eighteen miles. Stopped all night with DAVICE. Mailed my letters. Weather cool.

Thursday 24 - Thence to CAMERON is twelve miles. Seen PIKE of COMPANY D. No news today. Made my report to CAPTAIN FISHER. Weather pleasant. Came home fifteen miles. Settled with JOHN BUCKHOLTS. Times dull in CAMERON.

Friday 25 - Christmas Day. I went to TALLEY'S quilting today. Had a party at night. Weather warm. I saw D. P. MOORE. No news.

Saturday 26 - Slept until twelve today. Some rain. Rain in a norther at night. Very cool. No news today at home.

Sunday 27 - Rested at home today. Weather clear and cool. No news.

Monday 28 - Meet at CEDAR CREEK. Five of COMPANY E repented. Ready to march for camp. The party at WATSON'S.

Tuesday 29 - Rested at home today. J. M. RITCHEY came to see me today. No news of interest.

Wednesday 30 - Went to CAMERON today. Weather cold. Norther at night with snow.

Thursday 31 - Remained at the hotel today. Snow four inches deep. Weather very cold. No news today. Cloudy.

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Friday 1 - Remained in CAMERON all day. Some of the boys met the cold weather. Very cold. No news of interest today.

Saturday 2 - Went to SAN ANDREWS today. Weather very cold and thence to HUFFMAN five miles.

Sunday 3 - Thence to RIGGES and AINSWORTHS five miles and thence back to SAN ANDREWS of ten miles, thence to GRIFFINS. Stopped for the night.

Monday 4 - Thence to CROSS ROAD'S POST OFFICE is ten miles and stopped for the night.

Tuesday 5 - Thence to PRICES' five miles and stopped for the night. No news. Weather very cold.

Wednesday 6 - Rested today. Weather too cold to travel. No news.

Thursday 7 - Thence to POST OAK ISLAND at five miles. Froze out and thence across the prairie to BARKER'S is seven miles. Stopped for the night.

Saturday 9 - Thence to ROUND ROCK at one mile and to STERLINGS' six miles and back to ROUND ROCK six miles, thence to MR. LANDS, seven miles. Stopped for the night, weather very cold.

Sunday 10 - Thence to BAGDAD is five miles, thence to LIBERTY HILL is seven miles and GEORGETOWN is eighteen miles. Weather cold.

Monday 11 - Thence to GRIFFINS' at forty miles. Weather a little more pleasant. Stopped for the night. No news today. All quiet.

Tuesday 12 - Thence home is eighteen miles. No news. Weather more pleasant. Mother is sick.

Wednesday 13 - Rested today. Bad cold. Weather more pleasant. No news today and no rain yet.

Thursday 14 - Went to DR. ROGERS and bought some coffee. No news. Weather dry and windy.

Friday 15 - Went to DR. DAVICES today. Crossed Little River back to DAVIDSONS' and thence to COX'S party. Fine time. The whole juvenile race was present. A fine supper.

Saturday 16 - Came home. Rested all day. Went to see ELZER CARTER, but little news from camp. Visited MRS. CLINCHEY.

Sunday 17 - Went to preaching today. Weather cool. Dinner with HESTONS' no news.

Monday 18 - Went to STERLING. Crossed the LITTLE RIVER at sixteen miles and to BRAZOS RIVER at eight more and thence to TOLBERTS' five miles. Weather pleasant.

Tuesday 19 - Thence to MARLIN twenty - five miles. No news of interest. Thence to McMULLENS is three miles and to DR. ADAMS is seventeen miles. Weather pleasant.

Wednesday 20 - Thence to MARLIN is three miles, thence to DR. ADAMS is seventeen miles. Weather pleasant. No news.

Thursday 21 - Thence to BRAZOS RIVER is sixteen miles, thence home another twenty miles. No news. Overtaken BERRY. Weather pleasant.

Friday 22 - Rested today. No news. DEVIE HENDERSON came home today. I and BERRY at CLOUDS' tonight.

Saturday 23 - I and BERRY was at CAMERON today. Enrolling the muster today. No news. Weather fine.

Sunday 24 - At POSEYS' today. No news. Weather fine. GREEN'S Brigade coming up. BERRY went to LONGS today.

Monday 25 - No news today. Remained unwell. Returned back home. Some little news in the papers. News from THOMAS CARTER and ELBERT CARTER was at our house today.

Wednesday 27 - No news today. Weather fine. ELIZA CARTER was here today. I rode out a little this evening.

Thursday 28 - MR. and MRS. ROGERS was at our house today. No news. Weather pleasant. JACK GREENHOUSE was here today.

Friday 29 - MORT COTTON was here today. I went to OLD MR. WATSON for JOHN'S horse. No news today. Weather fine. Stopped with OLD MAN COTTON.

Saturday 30 - The dinner at A. CARTERS was the best victuals cooked. Some rain today. MRS. CARTER sent one cake to JOHN for his gallantry.

Sunday 31 - Left home this morning. Crossed the BRAZOS RIVER, no charge thence to DUNN'S. Stopped all night. Charges five dollars. ME and ELIZA CARTER in company. Some rain.

## FEBRUARY 1864

Monday 1 - Thence to MILLICAN twenty miles. Stopped with BECKHAM.

charges two dollars. No news. Weather fine.

Tuesday 2 - Thence to HEMPSTEAD thirty-five miles by train and to SAN FILIPA is twenty-five, thence back in the night is twelve miles. Camped till morning sun up.

Wednesday 3 - Thence to HEMPSTEAD twelve miles. Taken the train for HOUSTON. Went to the theatre. No news. Met CAPTAIN STEPHENSON, CAPTAIN FISHER. Weather fine.

Thursday 4 - Thence to VIRGINIA POINT. Met the Company boys. All well. Weather fine. Killed a cow on the track. No news today.

Friday 5 - In camp. Drilling four hours in the day. Brigade inspection. Weather fine. Militia passing town.

Saturday 6 - Ordered to the ISLAND. General review of all the troops. Horse ran away with a staff officer. Crossing GALVESTON BAY on the train. Walked back to camp.

Sunday 7 - I went to HOUSTON on the train today. Met some friends. No news of interest. I drew three hundred dollars. Drew up to the 31 December 1863. Weather fine. The engine killed one cow on the track as we went up.

Monday 8 - Returned to VIRGINIA POINT this evening. No news today. Wrote home. Drilling in camp. Weather fine. MAT COTTON and BILL GRIFFIN came down today. Paid JOHN WILLIAMS six, twenty dollar bills this morning. One hundred and twenty dollars.

Tuesday 9 - Heavy cannonading west of GALVESTON this morning and evening. JOHN went up to the railroad station today. No news. Weather fine and pleasant.

Wednesday 10 - No news today. Weather fine. Drilled four hours, dress parade twice per day. COMPANY A ordered to HOUSTON.

Thursday 11 - No news today. Weather fine. SEB VARNE gone home today. Drilling today. Preaching in MAJOR'S BRIGADE.

Friday 12 - No news today. Weather fine. MORT COTTON stayed with us today. Dress parade by the brigade.

Saturday 13 - MORT COTTON left camp this morning for home. No news today. Weather fine. COLONEL H. C. McNEAL drilled the commissioned officers of GREEN'S BRIGADE this morning.

Saturday 14 - No news today. Weather fine. Dress parade twice today. Militia going home.

Monday 15 - Weather fine. Some little rain. JOHN and I visited the city of GALVESTON. No news. Saw the BLOCKADERS BLOCKADE capture a small schooner. Stayed all night with COUSIN JIM HALL and his wife.

Tuesday 16 - Left GALVESTON this morning. CHEROKEE MILITIA ordered home today. Weather cool. Drill twice today. Dress parade. No news. Wrote home today. Norther at night.

Wednesday 17 - Weather cool, norther blowing, some sleet and snow today. GENERAL PRICE went to GALVESTON today. No news.

Thursday 18 - Weather very cold with snow and sleet. No news today.

Friday 19 - No news today. Weather very cold. A letter from home by MR. EVANS. GENERAL STERLING PRICE passed on the train today for HOUSTON. He made a small speech.

Saturday 20 - COLONEL HARDEMAN came in camp today. Weather fine. CORPORAL MARK came in today. Telegraph dispatch says that LEE has defeated SHERMAN, at JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

Sunday 21 - This news of S. D. LEES' victory over the Federals under SHERMAN. Some little news of importance. Weather fine. The raid up to DICKENSON BAYOU, the man shot accidentally at the station.

Monday 22 - A difficulty occurred in COMPANY K today. KING was stabbed by MATTHEWS in the shoulder. Very badly hurt. King was taken to the hospital and his wounds dressed. Two Irishmen in HOGBY'S REGIMENT had a fight. BOBBE BADEY hurt. I drilled the company today. TERRELLS REGIMENT came down to VIRGINIA POINT on the train today. No news of interest.

Tuesday 23 - Ordered to leave VIRGINIA POINT this morning. Mounted up on the train, thence to HARRISBURG. Camped for the night. Met GENERAL MAGRUDER on the DOW train at CLEAR CREEK. No news today. Some rumors from the other side.

Wednesday 24 - No news today. Weather fine. MRS. CAPTAIN LONG came down today. Dress parade. Rested in camp today at HARRISBURG.

Thursday 25 - On the ALLENTON RAIL ROAD from HARRISBURG to the junction is eight miles. To COLUMBIA is fifty miles. The fights (the fight is ) at HARRISBURG. No news today.

Friday 26 - Rested in camp today. Dress parade. SEVENTH REGIMENT T.C. and MAULLER Battery came down on the train today. No news.

Saturday 27 - Batallion drill today by COLONEL HAMPTON of the FIFTH REGIMENT TEXAS CAVALRY, came down today. Weather fine and no news of interest today. W. WATSON came from the train today.

Sunday 28 - No news today. Making out the monthly reports of the company. Dress parade this evening. Norther at sundown. The night cold, some rain.

Monday 29 - No news today. Weather cold. Wagons came down today. CAPTAIN HARTE came to camp today.

## MARCH 1864

Tuesday 1 - MR. D. OLIVER furloughed today for thirty days. Weather cool. No news today. Dress parade this evening. Our wagons came in today. M.F. CARLOCK died this morning in the GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

Wednesday 2 - No news today. Weather fine and clear. Drilled this evening. Drew clothing; shirts, trousers.

Thursday 3 - No news today. Weather fine. Drill this evening. Dress parade. Ladies present. A good deal of dissatisfaction in camp on the account of small rations.

Friday 4 - No news today. Weather fine. GENERAL TOM GREEN was in camp this morning. CAPTAIN HARTE in camp.

Saturday 5 - No news today. Weather fine. Battalion drill by COLONEL HAMPTON. Dress parade this evening. Ladies present at dress parade.

Sunday 6 - No train today. J.L. MERCER came from the horses today. Weather pleasant. Made out the muster rolls. Dress parade this evening.

Monday 7 - Received orders to go back to Louisiana. WALLER'S BATTALION left today for HEMPSTEAD. Battalion drill today. JOHN FAVINS and N. C. CHAUDOIN had a fight. One hurt. BROTHER JOHN sick today. Weather fine and warmer.

Tuesday 9 - The FIFTH TEXAS REGIMENT left for HEMPSTEAD this morning. No news. Battalion drill. Weather pleasant. MAJOR BROWN came to camp today.

Wednesday 10 - The FOURTH TEXAS CAVALRY left COLUMBIA this morning for HEMPSTEAD. Came to HOUSTON and camped the night. ME and JOHN visited the theatre: fun plays. CAPTAIN LONG came in camp.

Friday 11 - Left HOUSTON this morning for camp GROSS at fifty miles. No news. Some dissatisfaction with the troops and some of the men gone to their homes without leave.

Saturday 12 - No news today. Weather fine and pleasant. Some of the troops gone home without leave.

Sunday 13 - Preaching in camp today. STINES' REGIMENT passed up on the train today. Weather fine. J.M. RITCHIE came in camp today. No news.

Monday 14 - Weather cool. No news in camp today. No drilling today. Our horses not come in yet. In camp at CAMP GROSS, HENRY FULTCHES and another man was baptized today in CLEAR CREEK. Preaching in camp tonight.

Tuesday 15 - No news today. STEPHEN GREEN came in camp. Weather cold. LUCKETTS' REGIMENT passed us today. THOMAS CARTER started home.

Wednesday 16 - Our horses came in today. BROTHER BERRY WILLIAMS came in today. No news. All well at home. COMPANY E. went home tonight.

Thursday 17 - BROTHER BERRY and JOHN left for home this morning from CAMP GROSS. The regiment taken up the line of march this morning for LOUISIANA. Came to GROSS and retreated fifteen miles. Camped for the night.

Friday 18 - P.W. CHAUDOIN and M.C. MOORE left camp at GROSS and retreat for home. No news today. Came to PLANTERSVILLE at twelve miles thence to the VANZANT at two miles. Weather fine. Sandy country and piney woods.

Saturday 19 - Thence to MONTGOMERY at ten miles, thence to PEACH

CREEK of four miles. Road dry and dusty. J.P. DOSS came in to camp at night. Overtaken DEBRAY'S train at this creek. No news today.

Sunday 20 - Thence to SAN JACINTO is four miles, to DANVILLE is seven miles, thence to CAIN CREEK is five miles. A norther at night. Fifty - three men of COMPANY F are furloughed home. No news today.

Monday 21 - Cold rains from the north with some sleet. No news today. To WAVERLY is four miles, thence eleven more miles. MOORE of COMPANY F gone home with leave.

Tuesday 22 - Thence to COLD SPRINGS five miles, thence to TRINITY RIVER. On guard today. Taken the ferry boat by order of COLONEL HARDEMAN.

Wednesday 23 - Crossed the TRINITY at SWARTOUT and to LIVINGSTON eight miles. Camped for the night. Some rumors about ALEXANDRIA. Wrote home today. Weather cold.

Thursday 24 - Cold rain from the north-east. The dark day: heavy rain. Roads muddy. Passed DAVIDSON'S today. D. ECKMAN left sick at LIVINGSTON. From LIVINGSTON to SANDY CREEK is fourteen miles.

Friday 25 - Thence to BIG SANDY CREEK one mile. Had to unload our baggage and to WOODS CREEK is thirteen miles. The news that the Yankees are in possession of ALEXANDRIA, GEORGIA. Weather clear and cool.

Saturday 26 - Thence to WOODVILLE, Tyler County is twelve miles. Roads bad and boggy. No news today. Weather clear and cool. MADISON'S REGIMENT came up with our regiment today. The serenade at night in town.

Sunday 27 - Thence to MILLS FERRY on the NECHES RIVER is twenty miles. Over taken BHUSHELL'S REGIMENT at the ferry. No news today. The equatorial storm at night. Heavy wind and thunder.

Monday 28 - Crossed the NECHES RIVER and to camp ten miles. No news today. PARSON BEASLEY, COMPANY D, came in today. Weather fine and clear. CAPTAIN C. S. HENRY, COMPANY K, came in today. Country poor and piney woods roads are very bad.

Tuesday 29 - Thence to the town of MARION is twenty miles. Cold weather. Overcoats and gloves quite a comfort. Overtaken BUSHELL'S REGIMENT at the ANGELINA RIVER.

Wednesday 30 - Crossed the ANGELINA RIVER today and to camp one mile. GENERAL MAJORS and staff came up with us at the ANGELINA RIVER. No news today. Heavy frost this morning and ice. Roads bad.

Thursday 31 - Thence to CHERNEANIA is twelve miles and to camp one more. Cheering news from the other side of the MISSISSIPPI RIVER. Weather cool. D. ECKMAN and BIGHAM overtaken us today.

## APRIL

Friday 1 - Thence to the ATTOWAE CREEK one mile, to the town of SAN AUGUSTINE thirteen miles, thence to camp on POLLIGOT CREEK another eight miles. Various rumors in camp. Weather cold for the season.

Saturday 2 - Thence to MILAM, ten miles, thence to PINEY WOODS is five miles, and ordered back. "Feds" at MILAM, thence to LITTLE CREEK, eight miles. Various rumors.

Sunday 3 - Thence back two miles of SAN AUGUSTINE eight miles, turned, crossed to the SHELBYVILLE road, sixteen miles. Camped for the night. No news today. Left all our baggage at SAN AUGUSTINE. Poor piney woods country. GENERAL BEE passed us today.

Monday 4 - Thence to SHELBYVILLE is two miles, to the SABINE RIVER, MERNICKS FERRY is twenty miles, thence to camp is three miles. Meet emigrants fleeing from the Federals. Various rumors today. COLONEL H. C. McNEAL passed us today. Country poor piney woods.

Tuesday 5 - Thence to MANSFIELD twenty - two miles. No news today. Weather very cold. Roads bad. GENERAL TAYLOR'S headquarters at MANSFIELD. Some talk of a fight.

Wednesday 6 - Rested in camp today. GENERAL DICK TAYLOR came in camp today. Weather pleasant, no news. Measles in camp. Several cases. Had my horse shod in MANSFIELD.

Thursday 7 - Thence to the saw mill twelve miles, thence to near PLEASANT HILLS five miles. Skirmishing heavy with the enemy. Our forces fell back to the saw mill. Some cannonading. Quite a number of our men wounded. BILLY MITCHUM, COMPANY D, and TUTENOR, COMPANY D, the FOURTH TEXAS charged the enemy pickets at dark under COLONEL HARDEMAN and HAMPTON, repulsing the Yanks. FOURTH TC on picket all night.

Friday 8 - Thence back in three miles of MANSFIELD, the enemy following us. Some skirmishing until four o'clock in the evening when a general engagement was brought on by GENERAL MOUTON and GENERAL WALKERS' DIVISIONS. The fight was desperate resulting in the routing of the enemy. Capturing fifteen hundred or two thousand prisoners and small arms, (any number), their entire train, baggage commissary and ordinance train, thirty pieces of artillery, several ambulances and the wagons number one hundred eighty with from four to six mules for each wagon. GENERAL MOUTON was killed, CAPTAIN CHANCY SHEAPANE killed and CAPTAIN McANALLY wounded and many others.

Saturday 9 - Our entire force advanced on the enemy today. Found them in an old field near PLEASANT HILLS. Skirmish until five o'clock when a general engagement was brought on by CHURCHILL CORP. The fighting was desperate for thirty minutes

when our extreme right gave way in some confusion. Our left held the ground. We taken some prisoners. Our losses not yet known. CAPTAIN HENRY CARTER, COMPANY D, was killed on the field. The FOURTH TC and TERRELLS REGIMENT retreated some eight miles west and camped for the night. We had an awful ramble. Thought we was out flanked by the enemy. The result of the battle ? I don't know.

Sunday 10 - FOURTH TC and TERRELLS' REGIMENT returned today to MANSFIELD, fifteen miles. Various reports from below. The enemy retreating, burnt their commissary, taken many prisoners. The weather warm and pleasant. Came in camp at one o'clock after being up for three days and nights.

Monday 11 - Thence to BAYOU PRENE at eighteen miles. Some fighting below PLEASANT HILLS. A picket from the FOURTH REGIMENT TC was surprised, under a CAPTAIN ALEXANDRIA, by the Federals. Captured four men.

Tuesday 12 - Our train came down the JORDAN FERRY Road twelve miles. Camped for the night. Some large parts of our brigade under BOGGY went over on the river, but accomplished nothing. GENERAL THOMAS GREEN was killed today in an action with a gun boat. Loss heavy.

Wednesday 13 - Thence to JORDAN'S FERRY fifteen miles. Some shelling on the river today. No news. CAPTAIN CARTER is not dead. Met GENERAL GREEN'S Corp going to MANSFIELD.

Thursday 14 - I left the wagons. Crossed the BAYOU PRENE at JORDAN'S Ferry, joined the regiment on the river at four miles. Fed our horses, went down to the river four miles, thence back to the same farm camp for the night. Frost this morning.

Friday 15 - Thence to JORDAN'S Ferry six miles and crossed. Came up the PLEASANT HILLS road twelve miles, taken the GRANDACE Road eight miles and camped for the night. No news. Frost this morning.

Saturday 16 - Thence down to GENERAL BEES HQ eight miles, thence cross over the NATACHITOCHEs River, five miles. Camped for the night at eight o'clock. The

bugler sounded saddle up and we moved down two miles. Stood in the line of battle till ten o'clock the next day.

Sunday 17 - Thence down three miles near NATACHITOCHESES and camped for the time. Sent four cannons to pickets. No news.

Monday 18 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather cool. GREEN, CHAUDOIN, delegated as Provost Guard under LT. RAMSEY, COMPANY K, to report to GENERAL BEES HQ.

Tuesday 19 - The enemies pickets drove in our pickets today and captured one man. BAGBYS BRIGADE formed line of fight on old RIA RIVER bank. The enemy did not advance farther than the NATCHITOCHESES. We then came back to our camp. Stood saddled up until four o'clock in the evening. Came back to the bridge camp for the night. No news today and six miles.

Wednesday 20 - I was ordered by COLONEL HARDEMAN to report to GENERAL POLENACKS HQ, CAPTAIN J.H. LONG left today with the non-curable horse from the FOURTH TX C.L.A., RAINBOTH was ordered to go with the dismounted men from the FOURTH TC. He was ordered to PLEASANT HILLS as Provost Guard and I then came back to camp. The regiment gone twenty miles on old river. Camped for the night.

Thursday - 21 - COMPANIES, E and D on picket at daylight. Saw no enemy. Stood until two o'clock then acted as rear guard. Thence to CLOUTMERSVILLE at twelve miles and to camp nine more on old river. Overtaken the regiment, E. P. JONES and Y.W. GRANTHAM came in from home today. Weather pleasant. Various reports of our success.

Friday 22 - Formed line of battle on the south bank of OLD RIVER. Lay there all day. Few enemy in front. Slept on our arms. Various reports. GENERAL BEE and GENERAL MAJORS in camp. Weather pleasant.

Saturday 23 - Still behind our works at eight o'clock. Some skirmishing in front. Our

batteries open on the enemy which eventually drove them back late in the evening. The enemy affected a crossing above and below which caused us to retreat and follow up our trains. We had several men killed and wounded and taken prisoner. The enemy loss not known. The flag of truce sent under mistake. The Yanks asked nothing nor wanted nothing. We then marched thirty miles to BEASLEY STATION. No bread for two days. Weather very cold for the season. This fight was at MONETTES FERRY on OLD RIVER.

Sunday 24 - Rested until twelve o'clock. Drew rations. Cook and eat. We was then ordered back by GENERAL HORTON. Came three miles and camped until moon-up. Marched three miles and camped till daylight. M.D. OLIVER came in today. No news. Weather pleasantly cold.

Monday 25 - Thence to CARRELL JONES ten miles. No corn to be had. Thence to near JAMES' store on RAPIDS BAYOU twelve miles. Skirmishing with enemy pickets. One Confederate wounded. GENERAL POLENACK and GENERAL HORTON said to be near the scene of action.

Tuesday 26 - Marched at sunrise, thence to BAYOU RAPIDS three miles. JAMES store was burned to the ground. Skirmishing early. This by the SEVENTH TC. One man in the FIFTH TC was killed or taken. Name COLONEL PETITTE. There were three horses killed and we taken one Yankee prisoner. Gun boats fight on the river. BROTHER JOHN and some of the Company boys came in today. One gun boat taken by GENERAL POLENACK. Yanks burning houses as they fall back. We then camped at HENDERSON'S HILL.

Wednesday 27 - Rested in camp today till five o'clock. Was then ordered to MCNUTTS HILL eight miles. Arrived at eight o'clock. No news. JAMES E. LONG and SARGENT PIRKINS came in today. Weather fine. Saw some old friends. A general advance by cavalry and artillery.

Thursday 28 - Thence ordered up at three o'clock in the night. Down the bayou eight miles. Skirmishing with the enemy. One man COMPANY H was killed on the skirmishing. M. A. POSEY'S horse was proven today. We drove the enemy some five miles. Some artillery

used on both sides. Our regiment on picket. Relieved by PARSONS REGIMENT. Marched at daylight for McNUTTS HILL twelve miles. Rested until one o'clock.

Friday 29 - Marched from McNUTTS HILL at one o'clock. POLENACKS DIVISION came to camp at twelve o'clock. News-One steamboat captured, one steamboat blown up, one gun boat blown up. Marched through the piney woods to FORT HANSTON fifteen miles. Camped for the night. No cares.

Saturday 30 - Thence to BAYOU BEOFF fifteen miles. No news. Found plenty corn and fodder and camped for the night. Some rain tonight. Weather warm.

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Sunday 1 - Thence to CHERRYVILLE five miles, to camp five miles. Ten Jayhawkers and one Yankee was in camp today. SECOND LOUISIANA CAVALRY shot two Jayhawkers this morning. GENERAL MAJORS captured the Federal steamboat EMIR today and burned the boat's cargo. Weather cool.

Monday 2 - Rested in camp till ten o'clock. The MAJORS BRIGADE attacked a fleet today and found they was gun boats. Had to retreat out. Our regiment went up to CHERRYVILLE thence came back to camp. COMPANY E on picket tonight. No news today. Weather cool. Some rumors that the enemy has evacuated ALEXANDRIA.

Tuesday 3 - COMPANY E on picket today. Relieved by COMPANY G. Heavy firing up the river. The transport, CITY BELLE, was captured and burned today. One hundred eighty prisoners. WATSON and LONG came in today. Letter from home. Returned back to camp on BEOFF.

Wednesday 4 - Rested in camp till twelve o'clock thence to R.R. on picket. No news. Lay behind the levy until daylight.

Thursday 5 - At sunrise two gunboats and one transport came opposite our battery. We fired small arms and two pieces canon. They passed us but three miles lower down

COLONEL BAYLOR turned them back. I was sent with COMPANY E down to see what the boat was doing? Came back and reported to COLONEL HAMPTON. We then moved down the two pieces. All three of the boats was taken and burned. The enemy burned the gun boats. No twenty - five. (number boats?) Cavalry fourteen killed and wounded which was burned. The charge threw the water. The plundering was disgusting. Some one hundred prisoners.

Friday 6 - Rested till twelve o'clock then up to GEORGE WILLSON Farm, three miles. Biv and camp for the night. The Yanks on the opposite side of the river. Sent out pickets. Planting two large guns in the river. No boats passed today.

Saturday 7 - Thence to CHERRYVILLE eight miles, to LOYDES BRIDGE on the BEOFF. Skirmishing with the enemy. Fighting the enemy. I, BRAY and GREEN'S Regiment repulsed. The FOURTH TC checked the enemy. Taken one wounded Yank with his thigh broken. Some preparations for a fight and WINFRED G. BAILEY wounded with bomb shell.

Sunday 8 - Thence up the BAYOU BEOFF four miles. The Yanks fell back to ALEXANDRIA. Thence back to LACOUNT DEPOT and to CHERRYVILLE. Camped today and the night.

Monday 9 - COMPANY E'S men that went home at HEMPSTEAD was dismounted today. The balance of the company went on the river and gained the regiment. One deserter and two prisoners was brought in today.

Tuesday 10 - Lay behind the levy all day and all night. No news today. Some heavy artillery put in position today. Z. LEWIS came in today.

Wednesday 11 - Marched from ECO LANDING to WILLSON farm. No News. Two scouts crossed up the river today. One Yankee prisoner taken today. Weather cool. Drew three horses for the Company today and back to ECO LANDING.

Thursday 12 - Thence up to WILLSONS farm. Grazed till twelve o'clock.

COMPANIES, E and G on picket. Some shelling down the river. Three prisoners taken today. Weather cool.

Friday 13 - Skirmishing commenced at nine o'clock this morning. Skirmished until five o'clock. The enemy made a flank movement. They was repulsed by a detachment from COMPANIES E, G and I. No one was hurt on the flank. Z. LEWIS was shot through the foot in the morning. MATHISE, COMPANY F was shot through the thigh. The damage to the enemy not known. No news today. We fell back two miles to a position the enemy did not pursue us. Came back to WILLSON'S farm and camped in line battle. Sleep for the night. No news today.

Saturday 14 - Skirmishing commenced at sun rise. Brisk morn rise. WALLER Battalion was killed. Some others wounded. Skirmished and fell back until one o'clock when the enemy fell back. We then came to MARKSVILLE, MAJORS Brigade in front.

Sunday 15 - Heavy skirmishing at MARKSVILLE. Check the enemy. Fought until dark. M. BURTON of COMPANY K was killed dead. Shot through the body. MAT LOGAN was struck with a ball in the mouth. I know not how many we lost. Taken two Yankee prisoners. We then fell back two miles and camped for the night.

Monday 16 - The enemy drove in our pickets at sunrise. Cannonading for one hour. Our brigade was moved on the extreme left under firing from the enemy batteries for two miles. SARGENT D. ECKMAN, COMPANY E and PRIVATE J.A.D. SIDES was slightly wounded. CAPTAIN HENRY, COMPANY K, LT. COFFEE, COMPANY C was shot and in the head and many others wounded. We then fell back two miles. The enemy did not.

Tuesday 17 - Skirmishing commenced on the prairie near MANSURNES. The enemy falling back at the bayou. They made a stand but was finally routed. JOHN FOSTER, COMPANY A was mortally wounded. Captured something near one hundred prisoners and horses. COMPANIES, D and E skirmishing on their own. PARSONS' BRIGADE joined us today. We drove the enemy some ten or twelve miles. COUSIN N. WILLIAMS came to see us tonight. All camped in line of battle. The dead Yanks. The Yankees burning all the sugar mills and corn cribs and some dwelling houses.

Wednesday 18 - Skirmishing early in front this morning. Heavy skirmishing until one o'clock. Our infantry was ordered front when charge was made. Our left gave way when our whole line then fell back to our ditches. The enemy did not follow us. Heavy cannonading. Our loss was heavy in killed and wounded, mostly wounded. WALLERS BATALLION was cut up badly. The FOURTH REGIMENT under heavy fire from the enemy batteries. Saw MAJOR J. B. WILLIAMS killed today. JOHN was charged by one Yankee. He killed him but had to leave. He captured a belt.

Thursday 19 - Rested in camp today. COMPANY E detailed as Provost today. The flag of truce sent to the enemy by GENERAL MAJORS, but little news in camp. Camping on the BAYOU DEGLAZE. No fighting today. The pickets quiet. JOHN visited the battlefield near YELLOW BAYOU.

Friday 20 - Rested in camp today. Formed the line battle twice. Cheering news from TEXAS. Weather getting warmer. Some cannonading on YELLOW BAYOU. The enemy gone. Preparation for our dismounted boys to come back to the regiment. Our brigade lost ninety men in the fight of the 18, Wednesday.

Saturday 21 - Ordered to BIG CAIN. Marched at three o'clock, thence to MOROVILLE six miles, to PETEYROW BAYOU four miles. Camped for the night. No news today. Weather warm. I was ordered to GENERAL STEELES HQ today.

Sunday 22 - Thence to BIG CAIN VILLAGE twelve miles, thence to the lake five miles. News from Virginia, LEE'S reported victory. Weather warm, roads dusty. Camp is in the swamp. Oats released from under guard. The Yanks still going.

Monday 23 - Rested in camp today. LT. GORMAN, E SECOND LOUISIANA BATALLION was put under my charge today by order of GENERAL HARDEMAN. News of LEE'S victory again today. Weather dry and hot.

Tuesday 24 - Rested in camp today until twelve o'clock and then moved camp to MADAM HEATHES five miles. Various news today. JOHN started for ALEXANDRIA with

a Yankee deserter and a speculator. BIGHAM left at nine o'clock to turn JOHN back and take charge of the prisoners. Weather still dry and hot.

Wednesday 25 - Rested in camp today. News confirmed of LEES victory in VIRGINIA. Weather warm and dry. No corn for our cavalry teams. All starving. System of furloughs adopted and start them in May.

Thursday 26 - Rested in camp today. No news in camp today. Weather warm and dry. Furloughs being signed up. One man to every ten. CUB BARLEY, ORLIFE CATE, sent up today. T. B. FISKS came down from CHERRYVILLE. JOHN SIDES came from EVERGREEN. One Yankee, a deserter, came in today. CLAUDE MCGREGOR of one sixty-two NEW YORK INFANTRY.

Friday 27 - Moved camp this morning to BAYOU BEOFF. Weather warm and dry. D. P. MOORE came in camp today. No news. BROTHER JOHN came from CHERRYVILLE. No forage. Moved camp five miles.

Saturday 28 - Rested in camp today. Drew corn. Weather warm. Good news from all parts of the Southern Confederacy. ABE'S proclamation. Wrote a letter today.

Sunday 29 - Rested in camp today. Weather fine. No news today. Finished writing home today. Drew corn.

Monday 30 - Rested in camp today. A.J. BIGHAM, M. T. LOGAN, D. ECKMAN, came in camp today. JOHN went to WASHINGTON today. No news. Weather dry. Sold the boys horses and saddles today.

Tuesday 31 - Rested in camp today. LT. JULUIS MOREAU came to camp today. Weather dry and hot. No news. Health good in camp.

JUNE 1864

Wednesday 1 - Rested in camp today. John reported to GENERAL WHORTON'S HQ. A preparation for JOHN to start to TEXAS. No news today. Some little rain.

Thursday 2 - Rested in camp today. BROTHER JOHN left for TEXAS. No news today. Rain today. Health good as common. Charged the cenn. Tonight. Short rations of corn.

Friday 3 - Rested in camp today. Rain most of the day. Heavy rain at night. Stood by a tree until midnight. No news today. S. P. RITCHEY and J. B. MARK left for WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS this morning. No corn tonight. The hog scrap with WALLER'S Battalion man.

Saturday 4 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather rainy and warm. COLONEL HAMPTON ordered to WASHINGTON on court marshal.

Sunday 5 - Moved camp today. Thence to WASHINGTON five miles and to camp five miles. Rain in the evening. No news today. Camped on the FLAT TOWN Road. Grass tolerable good. COLONEL HARDEMAN quitted the Regiment this morning. MAJOR LASURES in command of the Regiment. COLONEL HAMPTON at WASHINGTON in court marshal.

Monday 6 - Rested in camp today. Rained all day. Everything wet. Our horses starving. No news today. A note from E. P. JONES. GENERAL GRANT advancing on RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. Again LEE falling back from SPOTSYLVANIA. Our camp flat. Water shoe mouth up.

Tuesday 7 - Rested in camp today. COLONEL HAMPTON came in camp and MAJOR LAZURES left for SHREVEPORT this evening for the purpose of carrying the old money to fund at LOUISIANA. Weather rainy and health good in camp. E. CARTER gone.

Wednesday 8 - Rested in camp today. Some rain at night. Weather hot. No news today. Horses starving for feel. No corn. Grass sorry. Some little sickness in camp.

Thursday 9 - Ordered to march this morning. Thence to FLAT TOWN, twelve miles and to camp two miles. Prairie country. The prairie full of water. The herds of cattle and horses. No news today. COMPANY E relieved from Provost duty this evening. I turned over the prisoners to CAPTAIN LINN. Weather pleasant. DRY BAYOU and other little streams lay in the east.

Friday 10 - thence through the flats. Heavy timbers seven miles. Near the Company taken the road for HOMESVILLE, thence to CATAOUTRA(?) BAYOU. Camp for the night. Weather very hot with some rain. Distance for the day sixteen miles. A report that JO. DOSS killed.

Saturday 11 - Thence to BAYOU BEOFF four miles. Passed COLONEL HARDEMAN'S HQ to report the death of J.M. DOSS. Death confirmed. The BULL battery taken down. Blew up one piece. The Yankee taken the other. Thence to HOMESVILLE two miles. Our old camp. Thence to camp fifteen miles. No news today. Found good grass and camped for the night. Some rain in the morning. Weather warm.

Sunday 12 - Rested in camp today five miles from CHERRYVILLE. JAMES LOGAN came in camp today. THOMAS CARTER came in. MAJOR JOHN HARTE came from TEXAS today. No news. Weather very warm. Heavy rain in the evening. The cavalry corps appears to be moving up the bayou.

Monday 13 - Rested in camp today. COLONEL HARDEMAN came in camp today. Dress parade at six o'clock in the evening. No news today. Weather hot. Health good as usual. No excitement in camp. Drew corn today.

Tuesday 14 - Rested in camp. Dress parade. Preaching tonight at COLONEL quarters by PARSON STEWART. No news with us. Weather pleasant. No corn today.

Wednesday 15 - Rested in camp today. No news. MAJOR LASURES came in camp today. Light shower this evening. Health in camp good as common. The exchange of prisoners to take place today at SMITH'S LANDING on RED RIVER. Mail came in today.

Thursday 16 - Rested in camp today. Dress parade at six o'clock p.m. No news in camp. J.P. DOSS came from ALEXANDRIA today. Weather warm. Showery in the evening.

Friday 17 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather hot. Dress parade. Preaching in camp tonight, on nineteenth Chapter and twelve verse of Paul to Timothy. Ordered to move camp.

Saturday 18 - March from camp this morning, thence to CHEERYVILLE five miles (or near there). No news today. Weather extremely hot. Camped in the pasture. Dress parade in the evening. Drying wells.

Sunday 19 - March to CHERRYVILLE one mile and to LOYDS Bridge seven miles, to LECOMPT three miles and to THOMPSONS Ferry two miles. A report of another victory. LEE'S halt gone. Weather hot and disagreeable. No official news today. Dress parade.

Monday 20 - rested in camp today. No news. Weather warm. Dress parade. Drew five ears of corn. Health good as common. Had my horse shod today. GENERAL BUCKNER coming to take command of the district.

Tuesday 21 - Rested in camp today. Rain in the evening. No news today. COLONEL HAMPTON sick. COLONEL HARDEMAN passed us today. Dress parade this evening. GENERAL BUCKNER arrived in ALEXANDRIA the twentieth (Monday night) at night.

Wednesday 22 - Rested in camp today. Showery all day. No news. The dismounted men started for TEXAS to mount themselves. Dress parade this evening. Health good as common. Some letters for the company today.

Thursday 23 - Rested in camp today. Some rain. Wrote a letter to father. No news in camp today. Dress parade this evening. Weather warm. Some letters from TEXAS. Health good.

Friday 24 - Rested in camp today. No news in camp. Dress parade. Weather fine. Sent a letter home by ZELNER of COMPANY D. Our expedition fitting out. Drew Company pants.

Saturday 25 - No news today. Weather hot. Orders to march tomorrow at sunrise. No dress parade today.

Sunday 26 - March at sunrise up the BEOFF to ALEXANDRIA sixteen miles. Weather hot, roads damp. Some rumors in camp. Country looks desolate. All burned out. Some few sugar mills still standing. J.J. YOUNG lost his horse today. Some mules stolen last night.

Monday 27 - Marched to ALEXANDRIA two miles, thence ordered back two miles. Grazed and cooked. Marched at three o'clock. Thence to town. Crossed the RED RIVER, thence through the piney woods six miles. Our transportation taken from us today. Some rumors in town.

Tuesday 28 - Marched early this morning. Thence in the piney woods. Few settlements to little creek. Grazed and cooked. Left at four o'clock to LITTLE RIVER one mile to WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS three miles and to camp one mile and camped for the night.

Wednesday 29 - Marched fifteen miles today. Weather very hot. No news. Piney forest, few settlements, clear creeks and brooks. Drinking water good as Georgia water.

Thursday 30 - Marched ten miles today. Camped in an old field. Muster day for pay by LT. COLONEL G.J. HAMPTON. Black gnat camp. The warmest day of the year. No news.

## JULY 1864

Friday 1 - Thence to town of TRINITY six miles. Crossed the LITTLE RIVER thence

to DOWN BLACK RIVER five miles to camp. Good pasture. Drew corn. Various rumors. Sent out a picket guard late at night. Some rain. News conflicting.

Saturday 2 - Rested in camp today. Weather hot. No news. Plenty of corn for our horses. No confirmation of the late rumors. Some rain in the evening.

Sunday 3 - Company E on picket today. No news. Weather warm. Some rain on BLACK RIVER. Mosquitoes 'normous'. Could not sleep.

Monday 4 - A note from COLONEL HAMPTON today to take the picket and go down BLACK RIVER and bring up a flat boat. I went down to the mouth of the CONODRA BAYOU. Found no boat. Returned to camp. Rain today. The firing of small arms east of BLACK RIVER towards NATCHES. No news today. Plenty of corn.

Tuesday 5 - Marched down the river today. MAJOR HARTE came in camp today. To McCLURERS from camp twelve miles. No news. Rain today. News of LEES' victory near RICHMOND. JOHNSON repels SHERMAN near MARIETTA, GEORGIA. Plenty of corn.

Wednesday 6 - Rested in camp today. Weather hot. Some rain in the evening. Ladies visited came at dress parade. No news today. MAJOR HARTE making up a scouting party.

Thursday 7 - Rested in camp. Cheering news today. Rain this evening. More ladies today. No dress parade. Weather hot. DAVID and ROBERT HENDERSON came to camp today. SHERMAN beaten GORAN, EIPPITTER in jail. Chose to resign.

Friday 8 - Rested in camp. I was detailed to HALE CENTER with ten men. Weather hot. News cheering. Numerous ladies present at dress parade. I crossed BLACK RIVER for ferry into CONCORDIA PARISH, SOUTH BEND.

Saturday 9 - In camp today weather warm. No news. Dress parade. Commenced a letter home today. COMPANY E was sent on a raid tonight. Taken MR. YOUNG. And brought him to camp.

Sunday 10 - Rested in camp. Weather warm. Dress parade. No news today. MAJOR HARTE sent in prisoners today. Health in camp sickening caused by eating trashed, plum green, corn.

Monday 11 - Rested in camp today. The party down at MONTANES LANDING one mile from camp. I was sent up the river to arrest MR. YOUNG, a citizen today. No news. Weather hot. New men came to camp having breakfast at the SABINE. He is GIDELLS yes-but. He was given to be killed.

Tuesday 12 - In camp today no news. MAJOR HARTE returned today. CAPTAIN ROBERTS came from ALEXANDRIA today. Weather pleasant. A steam boat passed up the river today. Health sickening in camp, DOC has erected a hospital.

Wednesday 13 - COMPANY E. delegated as guards on the river at MADAM SLOANS one mile from camp. A raid with COLONEL HAMPTON, the dinner eating water mellons (watermelons). No news today.

Thursday 14 - No news today. Weather pleasant. COMPANY D. Furloughed men or two of them came in. Good news from TEXAS the crops are fine. Some rumors.

Friday 15 - No news today. Weather warm. Our clothing came in from SAN AUGUSTINE, TEXAS. The furloughed men coming in with a flag of truce. BOAT, ROBBROY, passed us tonight.

Saturday 16 - No news today. Weather very warm. Health in camp no good. Dress parade in camp today. COMPANY P still at SLOAN Farm on guard.

Sunday 17 - A letter from DR. MANEY stating that GENERAL GRANT had died from his wounds. Weather warm. The citizens preparing to give the FOURTH TEXAS CAVALRY a Barbecue on the eighteenth. No news today. Health in camp good as common. Horses improving.

Monday 18 - No news today. The barbecue at MR. POOLS, the charge at the table, the band, the dance. Numerous women. Weather hot.

Tuesday 19 - I was with the SEVENTH TEXAS CAVALRY today. No news. The hospital-DAVE HENDERSON was sent to the hospital. Weather hot. Rain in the evening. Spent a few hours with some old friends.

Wednesday 20 - D.P. MOORE left for TEXAS this evening. The WOODVILLE Extras and other construction papers the rib. Shelling WASHINGTON City. The Jayhawkers. The preparation for following them. Other rumors. Wrote letter home today.

Thursday 21 - Ordered to cross BLACK RIVER this morning. COMPANIES, C. GANDE under the command CAPTAIN LINN. Marched at dark, thence through the swamp to the MISSISSIPPI RIVER eighteen miles. Rested until daylight. Bad roads and mud.

Friday 22 - Daylight we was on the march. Went in on some negros. Taken fourteen mules on the river, thence up to another quarter and taken some eight mules, thence up to WHITEHALL and taken some mules. The brigade fighting with some negros. Killed sixteen negros and three Yanks. Taken one prisoner. LINNS' command was then ordered back to BLACK RIVER with the property. WALLERS' BATALLION, THE SEVENTH TEXAS was ambushed. Lost some men. One man wounded and captured. The enemy loss heavy.

Saturday 23 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather cool for July. All the SEVENTH TEXAS and WALLERS BATALLION came in. Health in camp good as common. DICK RITCHEY and MARK came in the twenty - second (Friday).

Sunday 24 - Rested in camp. Weather cool for the season. A file of Federal papers from MISSISSIPPI RIVER. Some news. River block falling fast. Company officers reprimanded by the COLONEL for non-reporting. Health good as common.

Monday 25 - Rested in camp today. Weather cool. Health good as common. No news today. Ladies at dress parade. JOHN COLLINS came in camp today.

Tuesday 26 - COMPANY E built a bridge across CORCODRABAYOU today. Repaired the loader. Six forge wagons came back to camp. M. A. POSEY came from ALEXANDRIA. Some little news. Weather pleasant. J.S. WADE received a letter from his parents from Illinois-though POSEY while in prison at ORLEANS.

Wednesday 27 - I and three other of the Company 'BOYS' went down to party at MRS. JACKSONS fifteen miles over in CONCORDA PARISH. Danced all night. Everything quiet. Some rain in the evening. Good dinner, numerous ladies.

Thursday 28 - Started for camp at daylight. Meet a courier coming after us saying the Yankees was in four miles of camp. Then we had five miles to walk to the ferry. Came up to the ferry and the regiment was crossing over. Went up to meet the enemy. It all turned out to be a false alarm.

Friday 29 - Rested in camp. Weather warm. Health good as common. GOLBERRY of COMPANY A was assaulted by T. GREENWOOD this morning. Struck on the head, he was senseless at nine o'clock. B.FRASIN of COMPANY A, BILL MONDAY of COMPANY I was elected to the G.H. No news today. My prospects good for a detail.

Saturday 30 - General inspection of the FOURTH TEXAS REGIMENT, TC by CAPTAIN PERRY. No news today. Weather warm. Health good as common. J.P. DOSS furlough came back. Approved for fifty - two days.

Sunday 31 - Wrote home today. JACK DOSS furlough this morning for fifty - two days. BROTHER JOHN came in today. No news. Weather fine.

AUGUST 1864

Monday 1 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather warm. Health failing. Cleaning up camp. Dress parade.

Tuesday 2 - No news today. Weather war. Health good as common. Dress parade. News of the burning of CLARA BELL TRANSPORT above VICKSBURG by our batteries.

Wednesday 3 - No news in camp today. Weather warm. Health declining. BROTHER JOHN left Company today to join his command at camp. Two hour dress parade this evening. Ladies present.

Thursday 4 - E.F. JONES, W.S. PHIPPS, G. A. ALLISON came in from TEXAS today. No news. Weather warm. Health improving. Dress parade. Ladies present.

Friday 5 - The stir in camp-the Yankees advance on CASS GROVE place today. The fighting with SEVENTH TC and WALLERS BATALLION. One LT. of artillery and four privates taken prisoners from the Yankees. COMPANY E ordered to HORSESHOE LAKE to reinforce LT. MURCHISON'S Company. I stood picket at night. Was very quiet.

Saturday 6 - Remain on HORSESHOE LAKE until three o'clock p.m. Received an order to march back to JOHNSON FERRY. COMPANY P drive in seven beef cattle, cross them down the river. No news. Rain and thunder in the evening.

Sunday 7 - No news today. Weather warm. The court marshal, the sentence, ball and chain. COLONEL HARDEMANS official report of the battle of the fifth came in today. CAPTAIN WATSON, WALKER, a scout killed. A man killed in the FIFTH TEXAS. Several wounded. The enemy lost four wagons. Loads killed and wounded and hauled off the battlefield and left two MAJORS dead on the field. This battle was fought three miles west of CASS GRAVES place.

Monday 8 - No news today. Weather warm. Health declining. BROTHER JOHN came

down today. The CLINTON, LOUISIANA EXTRA today. Some letters from east of the river. Dress parade this evening.

Tuesday 9 - Yankee dispatches to July twenty - seventh. Attained. Still standing. Nothing extra. Men from MOBILE, ALABAMA on furlough. Health good as common. Paid JOHN seventeen dollars.

Wednesday 10 - COMPANY E hauled forage today from HORSESHOE LAKE. Weather warm. No news in camp. THOMAS ACKETTRA came in camp tonight. The fight written twice. "I" Company and the signal corp.

Thursday 11 - CLINTON, LOUISIANA EXTRAS. Some little news in them. A letter from home and good news from home. Rain this evening. Weather cool for August. Health improving.

Friday 12 - News today that FORTS GAINS and MORGAN, Ala. has fallen. Some rain in camp today. Health good as common. COMPANY "I" hauling forage. Z. PERKINS from the SECOND INFANTRY. Dress parade.

Saturday 13 - No news today. Some rain. Weather cool. Health in camp improving. BLACK RIVER falling slowly. Dress parade this evening. Ladies present.

Sunday 14 - Received a letter from home dated July eighteen. All well. No news in camp today. The dust day of the campaign. Health good in camp though many sick in the hospital five miles up the river. Some little showers.

Monday 15 - Ordered to MILLERS six miles to stand picket for the Signal Corps. No news today. Weather fine. No enemy found.

Tuesday 16 - On picket today. No news. Some rain. CAPTAIN JONES of Signal Corp. sick.

Wednesday 17 - On picket again. No enemy found yet. Health of the company good. No news. Some rain.

Thursday 18 - Still on picket. No news. Transport Champion Number Three passed here.

Friday 19 - Ordered to camp by COLONEL HAMPTON. Cheering news. GRANT and SHERMAN falling back. Great dissatisfaction in the Infantry Division on being ordered to cross the MISSISSIPPI RIVER. MAJOR GROSS, on WARTON'S staff, from CHARLESTON. BROTHER JOHN came in today.

Saturday 20 - Rested in camp today. Received a letter from home. Good news in it. Health good as common. JOHN left camp for HQ. E.A. HAFFERMAN-an attack with colic. News from RICHMOND, Virginia. From the Sixteenth.

Sunday 21 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather cool. A note from JOHN. Health good as common. LT. KOLBE and ten men on a scout on MISSISSIPPI River. Dress parade.

Monday 22 - Rested in camp today. Wrote to JOHN. Ordered to march early in the morning. No news. Health good. Weather fine. COMPANY D returned from the MISSISSIPPI River.

Tuesday 23 - COMPANIES, E and D moved early this morning under the command of LT. KOLB to repair the road leading from BLACK RIVER to the MISS. River, nine miles to COCODRA BAYOU. KING NEGRO crossing- found the two thigh bones of a human at the bayou. Thence to the river seven miles. Three Companies struck the river five miles above. The balance of the regiment came and loaded feed sacks. Corn in one mile of the river. A transport passed us just as we commenced loading. Not one gun fired at sundown. We started back for JOHNSONS' Ferry. Struck in the bottom: found the darkeys so intense that we had to hang up until morning. Hocked two wagons but saved the corn.

Wednesday 24 - Thence back to camp. Brought one thousand bushel corn and three yoke of oxen, no fighting. Crossed over BLACK RIVER. All resting in camp. Health good as common.

Thursday 25 - Received marching orders at ten o'clock a.m. The hurry was in camp, getting up the horses. CAPTAIN LANE COMPANY B, left at JOHNSON'S FERRY. Marched one-half past two o'clock. March to LIDELLS farm. Cross the BLACK River a distance of sixteen miles. No news. Health bad.

Friday 26 - Thence up the east side of TENSAS RIVER to STACEY is seven miles on BRESHY BAYOU. Camped for the night. No news. Weather hot.

Saturday 27 - Marched back one mile to YORKS farm. Camped in the negro quarters. No news. Weather hot. Health in camp good as common. One woman died tonight for the want of proper treatment in the early stages of her disease. She was said to be the wife of a Jayhawker. No news tonight. Drew pork.

Sunday 28 - March from YORKS farm to the TENSAS RIVER twelve miles. The weather very hot. GENERAL TAYLOR passed down the river today. No news. Health good as common. COMPANIES, H and F are on picket. The deserter found.

Monday 29 - Rested in camp today until twelve o'clock then marched up the TENSAS RIVER to LITTLE TENSAS RIVER eight miles and to HUTCHINSON three miles. Drew shoes. No news. Received a letter from BROTHER JOHN. Camp rumors are that we go to ARKANSAS.

Tuesday 30 - Thence up to the pontoon bridge eight miles. Thence on the water-proof road eight miles. The FOURTH TEXAS CAVALRY on picket. Met PEARSON BRIGADE. Relieved MORGAN BATALLION. No news. Weather hot. No enemy found. The outpost stayed in three miles of Wiss (Mississippi?) River.

Wednesday 31 - At twelve o'clock at night the FOURTH TEXAS CAVALRY was ordered to the pontoon bridge ten miles. Crossed at daylight, feed and cook. Left the bridge at two o'clock, thence to CELIA ISLAND six miles. Thence to camp another seven miles. BROTHER JOHN reported for duty. GILES F. CLOHR and GENE CHAUDOIN left for home this morning. Weather hot. No news today.

## SEPTEMBER 1864

Thursday 1 - March sixteen miles today. Weather hot. No news. Health in camp good. Roads very bad. Camp on BAYOU MASON. Letters found. MAYS supposed to be murdered.

Friday 2 - Marched twenty miles today. Received a letter from home dated August eight, 1864. All well, health in camp good. Weather hot. No news from the war. No clue as to the supposed murdered man, MAYS.

Saturday 3 - Thence to DELKE fifteen miles and to camp eight more. No news today. Country looks desolate. The town deserted. Weather hot. Feed on new corn. Water scarce.

Sunday 4 - Marched sixteen miles today. Cross some bad slewes, boggy roads and timber heavy, mosquitoes numerous. Crossed BEOUF RIVER at twelve o'clock. Camped on the west bank. No news today. Weather hot. PARSONS BRIGADE passed us.

Monday 5 - Marched twenty miles today. No news. Weather hot. Passed some fine farms today. Once more where the Yankees has never been in, the corn looks fine.

Tuesday 6 - Marched sixteen miles today and five miles to the Bayou, to camp ten more. BROTHER JOHN came in today. Weather hot. No news. Some rumors from the post. Sides of the river messy.

Wednesday 7 - COMPANY E loaded corn today. Some little rain. JOHN was very sick today. To Arkansas line is five miles. Thence up BERTHOLOMA BAYOU fifteen miles and camped. Weather hot and country rich. Apples for sale.

Thursday 8 - Past some little village today. Poplar bluff and camped. No news today and hot weather with little rain.

Friday 9 - March six miles today with no news. Weather warm. JOHNS' health bad. Good farm on the bayou.

Saturday 10 - I wrote home today. MAJOR LASURES left for ALEXANDRIA. Orders to march twelve o'clock. No news. The enemy came in three miles of MANSETTER. One Yankee killed and two wounded. All fell in our hands. March twenty miles after four o'clock and slept till daylight.

Sunday 11 - At sunrise the bugle sounded to move. Marched eight miles to MONTASSETTS. Dismounted our saddles and eat breakfast at nine o'clock a.m. Marched for the BAYOU BERTHOLOMA and then marched sixteen miles and found corn and camped for the night. No news. Weather very hot. Country lovely.

Monday 12 - Marched eight miles to BERTHOLOMA. Camped at the GUM SPRING. No news today. Our baggage train came up with our sick. Weather pleasant. The best pasture, finest spring, good water is WILEY B. JONES'S farm.

Tuesday 13 - Marched twenty miles today. Camped on BAYOU BERTHOLOMA. News that ATLANTA is not taken. Weather hot. Apples plenty. Our sick list increasing everyday. No local news. Wrote home today. Passed through SHANGHAI, LOUISIANA.

Wednesday 14 - Marched fourteen miles over the poor hills and crossed the BAYOU BERTHOLOMA and camped. No news. Weather cool. Some of the boys very sick today. COMPANIES A and C are on picket. Little rain this evening.

Thursday 15 - Rested in camp today. Rumors still come that ATLANTA is evacuated. Nothing certain. Hauled corn for twelve miles. Weather pleasant and cool. Health in camp improving.

Friday 16 - Rested in camp till twelve o'clock. Saddled up. Marched at one o'clock p.m. Came up the Bayou for one mile. News confirmed that ATLANTA is taken. Weather pleasant. Health improving.

Saturday 17 - Rested in camp today. COMPANIES E and G hauled corn today. No news. Weather fine. Boils on my butt so I can't ride. Health good, otherwise.

Sunday 18 - Rested in camp today. No news. CAPTAIN GEISENE came in from TEXAS today. Things quiet in camp. No news of interest. Health good as common.

Monday 19 - Rested in camp today. No news. LT. TAYLOR of COMPANY F and HENRY RUGHT, DAVE COCKRAN, PERLA and JOHN WILLIAMS of COMPANY E was ordered on a scout this evening. Weather cool and pleasant. Health good as could be expected. DR. CUNNINGHAM lanced my boil today.

Tuesday 20 - Rested in camp today. No news. MAJOR HART on a scout with ten men. Weather cool and pleasant. COLONEL HARDEMAN moved up near the FOURTH TEXAS REGIMENT today.

Wednesday 21 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather pleasant. Saddled up at four p.m. to move camp. The order was countermanded. Camp same site.

Thursday 22 - Rested in camp today. SARGENT M.D. OLIVER ordered to MOTISELLER Hospital. JK. P. OLIVER, sick. Sent to the hospital. Weather clear and pleasant. No news today. Weird marching orders.

Friday 23 - Marched ten miles today. Waste farm. No news today. Weather clear and pleasant. Camped on CHOCTAW BAYOU. Rain in the night. I rode on the wagon. Could not ride the horse for boils on my rear.

Saturday 24 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather clear and pleasant. T.J. DONALDSON and J.I. WHITE was sent to the General Hospital to MONTISETTER, Ark. I received a small letter from W. B. FLETCHER relative to he and his brother. Joining COMPANY E or getting a transfer. One big rumor in camp that ATLANTA was taken by the Confederacy.

Sunday 25 - Rested in camp today. Dress parade. Reading the official report of

GENERAL SELBY, he captured five hundred seventy - seven prisoners, killed two hundred fifty, captured five hundred small arms, twelve barrels salt, clothing and lost one hundred seventy - three men, killed and wounded. He destroyed ten miles of rail road and razed five small forts

Monday 26 - Marched twelve miles today to WAYATTS CROSSING on the ARKANSAS RIVER. The river very low. Health in camp good as common. No news today. Camp on the bank of the ARKANSAS RIVER. Repairing the boots. Hear we procure forage for the first time in several days from the opposite side of the river. Farms destroyed and old cottages. Grass past.

Tuesday 27 - Rested in camp today at WAYATTS STATION on ARKANSAS RIVER. LT. TAYLOR and JOHN returned from DUVALLS BLUFF on WHITE RIVER, Arkansas. Brought some Yankee papers. No news. Captured one Yankee. JOHN McMANUS, is his name. Health good as common. Heavy rain at night.

Wednesday 28 - Rested in camp today. Weather pleasant. At dark the FOURTH TC was ordered to cross ARKANSAS. Heavy rain at night. I and JOHN both left this time. Camped. No news today. Sent the prisoners off to MOTESSETTER. Health in camp good as could be expected. CAPTAIN GAIN in command of camp.

Thursday 29 - The sick and non-mounted men remain in camp today. Weather rainy. Health failing. No news. Emigrants crossing the river today. River falling.

Friday 30 - The non-combatants remain in camp today. No news. Weather cloudy and heavy rain at night.

## OCTOBER 1864

Saturday 1 - The regiment returned from the east side of the ARKANSAS River. Taken up the line of march for MONTRESETT. March to CHOCTAW BAYOU twelve miles, to camp on LITTLE BAYOU of three miles. No news. Various speculation as to the object of our move in the ranks.

Sunday 2 - Thence to BAYOU BARTHOLOMA five miles, to TYRO is twelve miles. Passed a dead soldier. J.P. DOSS came from Texas. Received a letter from home. Good news from home. No forage today. Graze in pastures. Health good as could be expected. Various speculation as to when we are going. Some rumors but nothing official.

Monday 3 - Thence to MONTESETTER sixteen miles. Various rumors. Thence to camp three miles. No news. Weather cool and cloudy with bad roads.

Tuesday 4 - Thence to LONGVILLE on SABINE River, twenty miles, to camp five miles of bad roads and no news.

Wednesday 5 - Thence to LITTLE CREEK sixteen miles. Camped and fed. Started at dark. Marched to MARES' CROSSING five miles on the WASHATAW River. Camped until daylight.

Thursday 6 - The crossing of the WASHATAW. One little flat boat for the brigade to cross on after the train and the FOURTH TC cross the transport. JUDGE FLETCHER came up. Thence to camp ten miles. Roads good. No news today.

Friday 7 - Thence to ELDORADO, Union country is fourteen miles. Farms in good condition, plenty of corn, peas and fodder. Thence to camp six miles. Was quiet. Health bad. Thus ends the items of this book.

## SECOND BOOK OF DIARY

Friday 28 - Rested in camp today on BOZAN CREEK five miles from WASHINGTON. No news today. Moved the FOURTH REGIMENT TC in regular camp. The FIFTH REGIMENT and the SEVENTH REGIMENT TC moved on ready.

Saturday 29 - A detachment from the FOURTH REGIMENT TC came by. LT HANLEY Co. F and RADES, COMPANY C. They was ordered to

MURPHRIES BURROUGHS, ARK. A report of Jayhawkers at that town. CAPTAIN TERRY'S scout with HANLEYS' REGULARS. Some rain this evening.

Sunday 30 - Rested in camp today. No news.

Weather pleasant. Drew hats. COMPANY "I" rich. Clothing from home.

Monday 31 - In camp. General muster today. Weather pleasant. Health in camp improving. Whiskey for sale in camp. Forty dollars a quart! One hundred sixty dollars per gallon!

## NOVEMBER 1864

Tuesday 1 - Rested in camp today. Various reports in camp. Weather cold and rainy. Good number of the boys without shoes.

Wednesday 2 - I was in WASHINGTON. My horse shod. Meet an old GEORGIA acquaintance. Weather rainy and cold.

Thursday 3 - Rested in camp today. Weather cold. No news. Health improving. Building shelters today. The ox cart.

Friday 4 - Rested in camp today. Dress parade at four o'clock. No news. Weather cold and health improving. Orders to drill dismounted troopers.

Saturday 5 - Rested in camp today. Ten of COMPANY E sent to WASHINGTON to have their horses shod. No news. Weather pleasant. Commenced drilling today. SARGENT B.L. MOORE died three o'clock.

Sunday 6 - Rested in camp today. Cleaned up camp. Preaching in the evening by PARSON BEASLEY.

Monday 7 - Rested in camp today. Inspection today by MAJOR JOHN E. HARTE and MAJOR GROSS. No news. Weather warm and clearing.

Tuesday 8 - Rested in camp today. Weather pleasant. No news. COLONEL HAMPTON on detach duty

Wednesday 9 - Rested in camp today. Norther in the morning. No news. Good report from Northwest Arkansas. My health bad.

Thursday 10 - Rested in camp today. No news. Health in camp good. FRANK JONES died tonight. COMPANY G's clothing came in this evening. Some rumors about PRICE and HOOD.

Friday 11 - Rested in camp. Weather fine. No news today. Health good as common.

Saturday 12 - Our clothing came in today. PETE CHAUDOIN and M.C. MERNE came in with the wagon. No news. Received a letter from home. All well. No drill today.

Sunday 13 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather fine. Dress parade at four o'clock p.m. wrote home today.

Monday 14 - Rested in camp today. Drilled. No news. Health in camp improving. Orders to leave WENDEYS.

Tuesday 15 - Rested in camp. Drill. I was at COOKS' HQ today. No news. Weather cloudy and cooler.

Wednesday 16 - Rested in camp today. Rumor the First McCLANE elected today. Rain at night. Drill and dress parade.

Thursday 17 - Rested in camp today. GENERAL WHORTON and staff passed camp today. No news. Health in camp good as common. Troops on the wine.

Friday 18 - GENERAL WHORTON and staff returned today. Weather rainy. Troops passed back this evening. Health good as common.

Saturday 19 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather cloudy with rain. Health good as common. Finished the payroll today. Money in camp.

Sunday 20 - Made out my final statement: received the money of One hundred eighty - seven dollars and forty - one cents. No news. Weather pleasant.

Monday 2 - COMPANIE, FOURTH REGIMENT, was paid off two months back pay today. Weather very cold. I was at MAJOR BECK'S HQ, passed through WASHINGTON. Reported that LINCOLN was elected. ATLANTA. GEORGIA burned. SHERMAN making for SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

Tuesday 22 - Rested in camp today. Received orders to march the twenty - fourth. Weather cold. Wrote a letter to CAPTAIN LONG today. No news.

Wednesday 23 - Rested in camp. Drew shoes, pants, and shirts. No news. Weather cold. Preparing to move.

Thursday 24 - Marched to WASHINGTON, ARKANSAS. Four miles and to camp ten miles. Orders to march to TEXAS. Boys on a spree. Roads muddy. Weather cold. Preparing to move.

Friday 25 - Thence to FOULTEN five miles. Roads muddy. The fortifications crossing the river. Rain and cold. No news. Thence to camp two miles.

Saturday 26 - Thence to the mouth of LITTLE RIVER two miles, to BRESHY LAKE five miles and camped. Roads muddy. No beef. Weather cloudy with some rain. No news today. Health good as common. LT. GREEN COMPANY A, came in today.

Sunday 27 - Thence to camp two miles. Weather pleasant. Orders for furloughing. Whiskey in camp. No news today.

Monday 28 - Rested in camp today seven miles west of FULTON, ARKANSAS. Made my monthly report today. No news. Weather warm for the season. Health good as common. Plenty of forage.

Tuesday 29 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather warm. Health in camp good as forty - eight men on the sick list this morning. Reported at the hospital from the FOURTH REGIMENT TC. Some hats issued this morning

Wednesday 30 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather warm. Health as usual. Received orders to march to JAMES FERRY on RED RIVER. DR. MANEY came in camp. Received TEXAS mail tonight.

## DECEMBER 1864

Thursday 1 - March to JAMES FERRY on RED RIVER ten miles. No news. Weather fine.

Friday 2 - Rested in camp today. Received orders to march for TEXAS. COLONEL HAMPTON taken command of HARDEMANS' BRIGADE today. Rain in the evening. Weather cold. THIRD and FIFTH TX.CAV. join the FIRST TC today. Some shelling.

Saturday 3 - Taken up our line of march today. The worst roads I ever saw. March to BERGAR seven miles and camped. I drew two months pay today, ninety dollars per month. One hundred and eighty dollars.

Sunday 4 - March to TEXAS line, two miles and to MOORVILLE eight miles. Crossed the railroads to camp three miles. No news.

Monday 5 - Thence to SULPHUR RIVER twelve miles and to DOUGLASVILLE six miles, two more to camp. The funeral procession at town. No news today. Road good. Weather fine.

Tuesday 6 - Thence to LINDEN twelve miles to camp seven miles. No news today. Weather fine. Health good as common. Country braskin. (enjoying the country).

Wednesday 7 - Thence to JEFFERSON eleven miles. The brigade marched through in order. Both bands playing. The row in town but little hurt done. Health good. Weather cold, as common. No news today. Camped at JEFFERSON.

Thursday 8 - Thence to MARSHALL sixteen miles. Marched through with the band playing. Weather cool. No news. Thence to camp four miles and plenty of forage.

Friday 9 - Thence to SABINE RIVER fourteen miles, to camp two more. Weather cool. Camped on my old camp ground on CHEROKEE BAYOU. No news. Health good as common.

Saturday 10 - Thence to MILLVILLE twelve miles, to camp two miles and camped at WALLDENS WOOL FACTORY. Weather very cold. A. C. NIXIN and CLARK CIVE came to camp today. The fight in COMPANY F. No news. Health good as common.

Sunday 11 - Thence to HENDERSON seven miles. Marched through town, bands playing to camp twelve miles. Weather very cool. No news today. Health good as common.

Monday 12 - Thence to DOUGLAS twenty - three miles. My horse fell down this morning. Strained my hand. No news. Some drunk in camp as usual.

Tuesday 13 - Thence to WOOLFS BRIDGE on ANGELINA RIVER four miles. Thence to ALTO seven miles. Camped near town. Weather pleasant. No news. MAJOR LASURES came in today.

Wednesday 14 - Rested in camp today. Dress parade. G.W. Copeland came in today. No news.

Thursday 15 - Rested in camp today. The row in COMPANY E. and no news. Weather

pleasant. PHIPPS gone to RUSK. Bought a tent today for twenty dollars. Writing furloughs.

Friday 16 - Moved camp today three miles south of ALTO. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good as common. Some rain in the night.

Saturday 17 - Rested in camp today. No news. Weather pleasant. Heavy rain at night. Y. B. FISHERS' horse died tonight.

Sunday 18 - Rested in camp. I applied for leave of absence today. I was in the town of ALTO today. Weather pleasant. Some rain. Health good as common. No news. Some talk of moving to TRINITY RIVER.

Monday 19 - Rested in camp today. W.H. HENDERSON furloughed today. Heavy rain all day and night. No news. Health good as common.

Tuesday 20 - Rested in camp today. ESKMAN and BIGHAM furloughed home today. Rain and cold, a norther at night. No news. Health good as common.

Wednesday 21 - Rested in camp. No news. Weather clear and cold. Health good as common. WINFRED G. BAILEY had an ounce ball extracted from his side today. My furlough came through approved the twenty - second. I left camp this morning. Eat dinner at BRASKINS for five dollars. Thence to RICES' two miles. A good nights rest and bill was ten dollars. (Scratched out.)

Thursday 22 - Rested in camp today. No news and cold weather. I was in ALTO today. Received my leave absence today. Health good as common.

Friday 23 - I left CAMP this morning, to ALTO three miles, to RICES' twenty - nine miles. Bill ten dollars and for dinner was five dollars.

Saturday 24 - Thence to CROCKETT five miles, to HALLS is eighteen miles. Chill all the way. Cold rain all the time.

Sunday 25 - Chill again today. Bad fever. Thence to TRINITY RIVER twelve miles and the BILLY YOUNGS' no charge.

Monday 26 - Thence to LOOK fourteen miles and to NAVASOTA RIVER eight miles. Chill and fever all day. Thence to MRS. COLEMANS' one mile. Stopped for the night. No news. Weather cool to me. Sick man. Ten dollars for the beds at MRS. COLEMANS'.

Tuesday 27 - Thence to WHEELLOCK nine miles, thence to DR. MORRISONS' nine miles. Had fever today. Weather pleasant.

Wednesday 28 - Remained at DR. MORRISON'S today and taken medicine. Very sick all day. Weather cool and windy.

Thursday 29 - Thence to BRAZOS RIVER eight miles. Crossed at ALBY HERNS' then to near CRURKS seven miles, thence to DOSS'S school house five miles. Thence to B. WILLIAMS' ten miles. I found all well. Much better myself. Bought mat and quinine at two dollars on special.

Friday 30 - Rested at home today. Employed MRS. CLINCHEY to make my coat today. The heel flies created some little excitement today in these parts.

Saturday 31 - Rested at home today. A report that SHERMAN'S staff are captured. Flattening news from all parts of this Southern Confederacy. HOOD taken NASHVILLE, TENN. Nothing from the heel fly today. Weather clear and cool. Thus ends the year 1864.

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JANUARY 1865

Sunday 1-Rested at home today. JOHN GRIFFIN SR. was here today. Weather pleasant and clear. BERRY gone to church. No news. Read DICKENSONS' WORKS all day. Health improving.

Monday 2-I and BERRY went to WATSON'S MILL today. Thence to EDWARDS' three miles. The party at COTTEN'. The letter with the black velvet tree around it. Lost the horses. Fine time at the party. No news. The weather clear and pleasant. ROBERT CARR went to the party with us to COTTENS'.

Tuesday 3-Walked home from the party. Went back to COTTENS' found the horses. Weather clear and pleasant. Report that TALLEY was killed. No news. Health improving. Path up to the mill today at WATSONS.

Wednesday 4-I went to WATSON MILL today, thence to COTTENS. No news. Weather clear and warm. COTTON agreed to silver my saddle then I went home.

Thursday 5-Went to JOHN GRIFFINS' today. Made my try rope. No News. Health bad. Saw ELZA CARTER.

Friday 6-I and BERRY went to MRS. CAVES, bought four quarts of coffee. No news, weather pleasant. Health improving. WILLIAM GEE and COLLINS REFEGEE was here today, hunting corn.

Saturday 7-I and BERRY went to ROGERS today. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good as common. THOMAS and ELIZA CARTER was at FATHER'S today. Returned from ROGERS at night.

Sunday 8-I, BERRY and PAH went to CARTERS' CHURCH today to hear PARSON ANDERSON preach. No news. Weather cloudy and cool.

Monday 9-I and BERRY went to GEORGE CARROLLS' tonight. Heavy norther with rain. Came home before day, but few at the party. Weather very cold. No news.

Tuesday 10-I went to COTTENS' today. No news. Weather cool with high wind. Loaned BILL HENDERSON twenty dollars.

Wednesday 11-BILL HENDERSON left for camp this morning. BERRY and FLEM went after corn for MRS. NIXON. I worked on my saddle. No news. Weather pleasant. I and POP went in the woods and fed his hogs this evening.

Thursday 12-Rested at home today. BERRY returned with the wagons today. No news. Weather pleasant. Health improving.

Friday 13-Rested at home today. No news. Weather cloudy with some rain. Made my girth today. Health not good. Pop sick.

Saturday 14-I went to COTTENS today. He is not ready to silver my saddle. No news. Weather cold and cloudy. BERRY came home today with two wagons loaded of corn for MRS. HENDERSON. PRESIDENT DAVIS has ordered all deserters to be shot.

Sunday 15-I and BERRY went to FROST BRANCH to hear PARSON BOYD. Saw MERCER but few out. SHERMAN captured SAVANNAH, GEORGIA. On the twenty-first December 1864. Weather cloudy and cold. Some startling rumors in the past week.

Monday 16-Rested at home today. J.W. KARY came up in the evening. No news. Weather clear and cool. BERRY went after corn for MRS. NIXON. Health good as common.

Tuesday 17-Hauled wood today. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good.

Wednesday 18-I and BERRY hauled fodder today. No news. Health good as common.

The party at JO. ROGERS, fine time and good supper.

Thursday 19-Rested at home. Hauled wood and BERRY carried my saddle to COTTENS' to have it covered. Weather cloudy with cold wind. No news. Health good as usual. BILL STOVEALL was here today. Preparing to start back to camp.

Friday 20-Went after my saddle to COTTENS'. Not finished. Had it ironed. No news. Weather warm.

Saturday 21-Went after my saddle. Got it finished. Came home and rigged it. Norther blowing. No news. Ready to start for camp.

Sunday 22-I and BERRY left home this morning. Blue norther blowing. Forded the BRAZOS RIVER at ALLEY KERNS'. Staid all night with E. KERNS. Weather very cool. To the BRAZOS RIVER twenty five miles and thence to HEARNE five miles.

Monday 23-Thence to WHEELLOCK eleven miles, thence to NAVCASOTA RIVER ten miles and to LOOKOUT eight more and to FLOODS six miles more. Weather very cold.

Tuesday 24-Thence to LEONIA ten miles, to ALABAMA CROSSING on TRINITY RIVER sixteen miles, thence to HALLS BLUFF twelve miles, and to camp three miles. No news. Weather very cold.

Wednesday 25-Thence to Brigade HQ five miles. Found JOHN and the boys well. No news. Weather very cold. Ground frozen hard.

Thursday 26-Rested today. Ordered to report back to the regiment. No news. Weather very cold. Health good as common.

Friday 27-Returned to the regiment from brigade HQ. Cavalry inspection today. Weather cool. Some rumors. Dress parade this evening.

Saturday 28-Rested in camp today. Some old friends spent the day with us today. JOHN preparing to go home. No news today. Weather more pleasant. No drill today. Health good.

Sunday 29-JOHN and BERRY left for home this morning at sunrise. Brigade review today. COLONEL WALLER reviewing officers. COLONEL HAMPTON in command of the brigade. Some reports in camp. Health good.

Monday 30-Slow rain all day. No news. Laid up all day. Health good as common. Loaned P.W. CHAUDOIN two dollars.

Tuesday 31-Rained all day, slowly. No news. Tented up all day. Health good as common. Weather warm and rainy.

## FEBRUARY 1865

Wednesday 1-Slow rain all day. No news. Health good as common.

Thursday 2-Rested in camp. No news. Weather clear and warm. Health good as common. J.L. MERCER and POLK OLIVER came in today. Some flying reports.

Friday 3-Rested in camp. No news. Weather warm for the season. A report that WILLMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, has fallen, also, BRANCHVILLE. Nothing reliable.

Saturday 4-No news today. Heavy rain. Waters high. Wrote a letter home.

Sunday 5-Rested in camp. No news. Weather cold and cloudy. Creek all over the bottom. No canvas.

Monday 6-SARGENT COLLINS came in today from CROCKETT. The court house burned. Some reports. Weather cloudy with a little snow. Water falling. Health good.

Tuesday 7-Drill of officers this evening. No news. Weather clear and cold. LT. FRASIER of COMPANY A, came in.

Wednesday 8-No news today. Received orders to march to TENNESSEE COLONY. Drill today. M. T. LEGAN left today on twenty-five days furlough. All quiet.

Thursday 9-Marched at seven o'clock this morning. Thence to CROOKED CREEK fifteen miles. No news. Weather clear and cold. PARSON BEASLEY was ordered to the Engineers Department.

Friday 10-Thence to PALESTINE eleven miles. Marched through with music to camp three miles. No news today. Health good as common.

Saturday 11-Thence to TENNESSEE COLONY ten miles, to CATFISH BAYOU four miles. A report that an armistice has been agreed upon for ninety days. No official account. Weather clear and cold. The roads boggy.

Sunday 12-Rested in camp today. No news. Some rain at night.

Monday 13-Rested in camp today. No news. Heavy rain in the evening. Cleaned up the parade ground. Orders to move.

Tuesday 14-Moved camp one mile today up BEAVER CREEK. I was at brigade HQ. No news. Had the toothache. Weather pleasant. Camped on a sand hill. A.J. BIGHAM left on furlough.

Friday 17-I was on patrol guard. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good. Drill master gone to PALESTINE.

Saturday 18-S.P. RITCHEY and MOORE reported for duty. No news. Weather pleasant. Dress parade. Waters high.

Sunday 19-Brigade review today. Weather cloudy. Many persons present. FREEMANS' horse fell with him. No one hurt. No news today.

Monday 20-Drill today. Rain in the evening. No news. Rain all night. Health good as common.

Tuesday 21-Rain today. No news. CAPTAIN LINN and LT. HYETT came in today. Weather cold and rainy.

Wednesday 22-Drill today. Rain in the evening. No news. Rain all night. Health good as common.

Thursday 23-Rain today. A report that an armistice has been agreed upon for ninety days. Nothing official. Health good.

Friday 24-I was on corn detail today. Rain, roads boggy. The weather pleasant. No news. Water high. Health good.

Saturday 25-Weather clear. Water high. No forage. PHILLIPS, SMITTE, and PIKE of COMPANY D came in today. CHARLES SEXTON was brought back under guard. No news.

Sunday 26-Weather clear. No news. Dress parade. Health good. Little forage today.

Monday 27-Inspection today. Made my report. No news. Weather cool. Health good. GENERAL WHORTON taken command today.

Tuesday 28-General muster today by LT. CRAIN. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good as common.

MARCH 1865

Wednesday 1-BROTHER JOHN came in today. Weather pleasant. Health good. Finished muster rolls. Some rain this evening.

Thursday 2-Weather rainy. No news. Wrote home today. WALLERS' BATTALION left today.

Friday 3-Rested in camp today. Rain in the morning. Norther at night. No news. Creek up. Health good.

Saturday 4-Rested in camp. No news. Weather pleasant and cool. White frost this morning. Water high.

Sunday 5-Rested in camp today. Weather pleasant. No news. Health good. FIFTH TEXAS CAVALRY moved today for the TRINITY RIVER.

Monday 6-Drill today. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good as common. Orders to march. My muster roll came back for correction.

Tuesday 7-Marched to TENNESSEE COLONY three miles, to SALT WORKS ten miles and to camp one mile. No news today. Roads bad. GENERAL W. P. HARDEMAN came in camp. A report that CHARLESTON has been evacuated. Nothing official.

Wednesday 8-COMPANIES H, D, and B, were sent on to the TRINITY RIVER today. The other seven companies remained in camp. MAJOR LASURES left the regiment today. No news. Weather cold. Norther at night. Health good as common.

Thursday 9-Seven companies under CAPTAIN L. STEVENSON was ordered to MAGNOLIA but could not cross the lake. Came back to BENNERS' FERRY and joined the regiment again. Weather cold. Some sleet today, snow from the norther. JOHN sent to BLACKSONS'.

Friday 10-Rested in camp today. No news. Weather clear and cold. BROWNS' regimental train passed us today. Horse racing.

Saturday 11-Seven companies under CAPTAIN L. STEVENSON came to MAGNOLIA and crossed, three miles, to LAKE GOLZE six miles, thence to the town of BHITTLER eight miles, thence to camp three miles. THE SAN ANTONIO EXTRA on recognition. Weather clear and cold. M. T. LOGAN joined the company. Roads high and dry.

Sunday 12-Thence to FAIRFIELD ten miles. No news. Health good. Weather clear and pleasant. Forty men under CAPTAIN STEVENSON and I guarded the jail at night. No disturbance.

Monday 13-Rested in camp today. No news. JOHN went to the party in FAIRFIELD. Weather cloudy and warm. Ordered to march on fourteenth.

Tuesday 14-Thence to COTTON GIN VILLAGE twelve miles, to camp two miles. No news today. Weather pleasant. Health good. Found JOHN ALLEYS sick at HUGH GEORGES. Sent him medicine by M. T. LOGAN. Wind high.

Wednesday 15-Rain, wind, thunder and lightening. March to ROCKY CROSSING, seventy-two miles on NAVASOTA RIVER, thence to STROUDS' two miles. Camped for the night. Weather cool. Health good. Band boys returned today.

Thursday 16-Thence through prairie country seventeen miles to ALTO SPRING. No news today. Weather clear and windy. JOHN chilling today. Some rumors. Nothing reliable.

Friday 17-March thence to WALNUT CREEK seventeen miles. No news. Weather pleasant. Dress parade. Drew fodder. Health good. Taken sick.

Saturday 18-Thence to STERLING seven miles, to E. KERNS fifteen more. Weather pleasant. JOHN sick today. Wrote home. No news. Roads good.

Sunday 19-Thence to camp. Six miles, Weather cloudy and warm. Some rain at night. A report that SHERMAN has been defeated. J.L. MERCER started home this morning.

Monday 20-thence to BOONVILLE twelve miles. Weather pleasant. Health good. Some rain tonight. No news. Grass green, good grazin'.

Tuesday 21-Thence to MILLICAN sixteen miles, to CAMP RAGUETT two miles. COLONEL HAMPTONS speech. No news. WINFRED BAILEY came in.

Wednesday 22-I and JOHN visited old friends today. Met BROTHER BERRY at ELLISES' and good news from home. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good. Report the Yankees are landing.

Thursday 23-Rested in CAMP RAGUETT today. COLONEL HARDEMAN came in camp. Taken command. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good. Drew coffee from the commissary.

Friday 24-Rested in camp. No news. Health good as common. The boys of Fourth of January put under guard. Great excitement. Various suppositions as what will be done with them. No one can tell.

Saturday 25-Rested in camp today. BROTHER BERRY left for home this morning. No news. Weather cloudy and rain at night. G. MOODY was brought back to camp today. Health good.

Sunday 26-I and JOHN went to MILLICAN and meet old friends. Spent the day at ELLISES. No news. Weather cloudy with rain. Preaching by PARSON CARDON. Heavy thunder, lightening and rain.

Monday 27-the start to the party. Creek up. No crossing. Party postponed. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good. Times dull.

Tuesday 28-I was at a party at MR. PRICES' tonight. Rain all night. Few girls. Stayed all night. No news. Health good as common.

Wednesday 29-Inspection today. No news. My inspection reports all correct. Weather cold for the season.

Thursday 30-Chilled this morning. Sick all day. No news. The sentence of court marshal read on dress parade. Some ball & chain for thirty days and do six hours labor each day. Weather pleasant.

Friday 31-Another chill this morning. High fever all day. Taken one doze of DOVERS POWDERS in the morning and four pills at night. Composed of thirty grains of CALOMEL and thirty grains of RHEUBARB. Purged me severely. No news. Weather warm.

#### APRIL 1865

Saturday 1-No chill today. Health improving. Weather pleasant. No news. MERCER came in today. HARDEMANS BRIGADE composed of Fourth TC, DUFFS', BROWNS' and LANES Regiments TMJ.

Sunday 2- I went to MILLICAN to take dinner at W.R. ELLISES. No news. Weather windy. R. P. HENDERSON left for home this morning.

Monday 3-Taken up the line of march from CAMP RAGUETT at three o'clock, thence to ALDREDGE FERRY five miles. Crossing took all day. Camp on the west bank. R. SIMLES came in camp in WASHINGTON COUNTY on the BRAZOS. No news. Weather pleasant.

Tuesday 4-Thence to camp fourteen miles on ROCKY CREEK, four miles from INDEPENDENCE. J.J. STEVALL came in today. A letter from home. Weather pleasant. Health improving.

Wednesday 5-Rested in camp. No news. CAMP HARDEMAN near INDEPENDENCE. Weather pleasant. Health good.

Thursday 6-Drilled four hours today. A report the MAJOR GENERAL WHORTON was killed in HOUSTON today by COLONEL BAYLOR. Preaching by PARSON HAMLIN at night. No news. Weather pleasant. DUFFS' REGIMENT came up today. Norther at night. Wind cool. Strict guard.

Friday 7-Drill again today. Weather cool and cloudy with some rain in the evening. No news. Health good.

Saturday 8-No drill today. Rainy weather. Some firing came up today. No news. Health improving. I and MERCER was ordered to report to his company.

Sunday 9-Rested in camp today. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good. Dress parade. GENERAL WHORTONS' death announced to us today. Preaching this evening by HAMLIN. Old friends came to see us.

Monday 10-Inspection today. I was in BRENHAM today. No news. Weather cloudy with some rain. Roads bad. Left JOHN in BRENHAM. He is on his way to HEMPSTEAD.

Tuesday 11-Rested in camp today. No news. Weather warm and cloudy. Dress parade. Health good as common. ECHMAN sick.

Wednesday 12-Drill today. Battalion drill three hours. Officers drill one hour. No news. Weather cloudy. Norther at twelve A.M.

Thursday 13-JOHN returned from HEMPSTEAD today. No news. Rain this morning. Health good as common. Dress parade.

Friday 14-Battalion drill today. Weather cloudy. No news. Promotion in Fourth Regiment

TMV. LT. COLONEL HAMPTON to COLONEL; MAJOR LASURES to COLONEL; CAPTAIN J.M. CROSSON to MAJOR.

Saturday 15-Dress parade. JOHN ordered to MILLICAN. COMPANY E and G, consolidated today. RICHMOND evacuated. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good as common.

Sunday 16-Review today. Ladies present. No news. Weather pleasant. GENERAL LEES' pardoning orders read to us today at dress parade. COLONEL HAMPTON gone to HOUSTON today. Health good as common.

Monday 17-Dress parade. All the prisoners released. JOHN came from MILLIGAN. G.W.PRICE came in today. MOSS came back. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good as common.

Tuesday 18-G.P. FLETCHER left camp for home. No news. Weather pleasant. Drill today. Ten deserters was brought in today.

Wednesday 19-Drill today. No news. The weather pleasant. Health good as common. Officers school one hour each day.

Thursday 20-Drill today. Norther in the evening, with some rain. No news. RED HENDERSON came in today. A letter from home. All well.

Friday 21-Cold norther blowing today. COLONEL HAMPTON came from HOUSTON today. No news. Health good.

Saturday 22- THE SAD NEWS of LEES SURRENDER to GENERAL GRANT reached camp today. The gloom in camp is great. Drill.

Sunday 23-Gloomy day in camp. The review. Many ladies present. No news today. Weather clear and pleasant. Not one rumor in camp.

Monday 24-A report reaches camp this evening that: ABE LINCOLN has been assassinated in the theatre in WASHINGTON CITY by one of the BOOTHES. Weather pleasant. Health good as common. JOHN gone a horse hunting. Drill four hours a day. Dress parade at sunrise.

Tuesday 25-BROTHER BERRY came in today. Good news from home. The officers ordered to meet at brigade HQ. No news. Weather pleasant. No drill today. Z. TRUE and JUD SIDOS came in today.

Wednesday 26-J.T. OLIVER, T. M. CARR, L.D. DOUGLAS, J.W. FAVORS, W.M. PRICE came in this morning. No news. Rain all day. Health good. Y.G. MOSS and J. A. HARDCASTLE was transferred today. All drunk.

Thursday 27-The mass meeting of HARDEMANS' BRIGADE. Speech from PARSON KING on the war. All came off quiet. JOHNSTON safe in AUGUSTA, GEORGIA. Orders to leave this camp.

Friday 28-Taken up the line of march, thence to GAY HILL eight miles. Thence to DEEP CREEK is two miles. Camped for the night. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good as roads muddy.

Saturday 29-Thence to the YEAGUE two miles. Thence to MAJOR DUDLEYS twelve miles. No news today. Roads bad and muddy. Weather pleasant. G. P. FLETCHER came in camp today.

Sunday 30-Muster today. Made out the muster rolls. No news. Weather warm. Health good as common. The prisoners all quiet. Some little rain this evening cooled the air.

### MAY 1865

Monday 1-The prisoners sent to HOUSTON. DR. RITCHIE sent to hospital at HEMPSTEAD, TX. Rested in camp. No news. Weather pleasant.

Tuesday 2-March today to WILKINSONS STORE five miles and to EVANS' ten miles and camped for the night. No news. Weather warm.

Wednesday 3-Marched at ten o'clock from EVANS' to the BRAZOS RIVER three miles. BROTHER BERRY left for home. No news today. Weather warm. BILL GRIFFIN came in camp this morning but left suddenly. Dress parade.

Thursday 4-Rested in camp today. Cleaning up camp. Weather warm. Health good as common. R. P. HUNTER came in today. No news. Weather warm. N.G. CHAUDOIN, M.C. MANN, WINFRED G. BAILEY, appointed corporals today by CAPTAIN W.L. ALEXANDER.

Friday 5-CORPORAL CHAUDOIN and PRIVATE HENDERSON and others gone home today. No news. The ball at CALDWELL. No news. Weather fine.

Saturday 6-The barbecue at ECKELS'. Speeches by MAJOR CROSSON, CARROLE and others. No news. Weather cool. Health good as common. But, few ladies at the barbecue.

Sunday 7-Brigade review today. Many ladies present. A report came in that GENERAL JOHNSTON had surrendered to SHERMAN but needs confirmation.

Monday 8-Drill after twelve o'clock today. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good. CAMP HAMPTON, BURLESON COUNTY, TX.

Tuesday 9- Drill today. No news. Weather warm. Health good as usual.

Wednesday 10-Inspection today by G. B. CRAINE on the prairie near EVANS. The norther at four o'clock. A reported armistice for sixty days from the eighteenth of April. No drill today. Health good as common. Whiskey in camp.

Thursday 11-Drill today. No news. Weather cool for the season. JOHN gone horse hunting.

Friday 12-Drill today. Weather warm. No news. My pass approved for five days. JOHNS for seven days, MCMANES, too, POLKS and OLIVERS too. Officers school at two o'clock p.m.

Saturday 13- I and JOHN left camp seven a.m. thence home twenty miles. Weather pleasant. Meeting the prisoners. A report that peace was made (needs confirmation). Found all well at home. Rode by PARSON LUCAS' today.

Sunday 14-All went to church today. The prayers willing for peace to come. Weather cloudy and warm.

Monday 15-Hunted oxen all day. No news. Weather cloudy with little rain. Still rumors that peace will be made in a few days. Health good. Crops look fine.

Tuesday 16-A report that GENERAL TAYLOR was killed. Various rumors from FORTNEYS' DIVISION. Weather pleasant. R. ROGERS came over this evening. Stayed all night. OLD SHARP was here today. M. A. POSEY and CLARA was here today. MR. HUFFMAN passed down this evening with provisions for COMPANY D, FOURTH REG. TMV. Health good at home. DAVE HENDERSON better.

Wednesday 17-I left home this morning. Came down to J.W. HAYS. Remain until twelve o'clock. Various reports. Thence to CAMP HAMPTON twelve miles. Weather hot.

Friday 19-JOHN WILLIAMS and M. A. POSEY came in today. No news. Weather warm. Health good. Some rumors of disbanding and other regiment cutting up Fourth TC. Quiet.

Saturday 20-Still in CAMP HAMPTON. No news. The infantry disbanded. S. P. RITCHEY, G.W. PRICE, and M. T. LOGAN gone home on seven days pass.

Sunday 21-GENERAL HARDEMAN came to camp in a carriage this morning and made a short speech. The GENERAL is very sick. He sat on a chair and made a few remarks to his old regiment with tears in his eyes. Some men and officers shed tears. The GENERAL surveyed the boys three times before he could speak.

Monday 22-The FOURTH TEXAS CAVALRY REGIMENT, was disbanded this morning. COMPANIE. received twenty-three mules, one wagon and six mules and left camp for home at ten o'clock this morning. Thence to HAYS fourteen miles, to home nine miles. The change wasn't expected. I and JOHN arrived home safe and sound at 6 o'clock p.m. Found all well. Weather hot and dry. Men straggling all the way on the road all going home. P.W. CHAUDOIN, N.G. CHAUDOIN, M.C. MOORE stayed all night with us.

Tuesday 23-Rested at home today. Working with the mules. No news. Weather warm. Health good.

Wednesday 24-Rested at home. No news. Weather dry and hot. Soldiers passing up the road. Shelling corn.

Thursday 25-Rested at home today. Weather hot and dry. Health good. Repaired the little wagon.

Friday 26-Remained at home. No news. Weather pleasant. The raiding party.

Saturday 27-Remained at home today. No news. Weather pleasant. BERRY'S sick. Speaking at MR. CARTERS' today by PARSON ANDERSON. JOHN and BERRY gone to CARTERS'.

Sunday 28-Preaching by PARSON ANDERSON from the fourteenth Chapter and thirty-fourth verse of PROVERBS. Health good as common. No news. Weather warm.

Monday 29-I and JOHN plowing today. Weather hot. No news. Treat sick. BERRY gone to LITTLE RIVER.

Tuesday 30-Run four plows today. Weather cool in the morning. No news. TEAT sick. Corn looks well. BILL HENDERSON beating the mules.

Wednesday 31-Run four plows today. Weather cool. No news. JOHN taken the earache in the evening.

### JUNE 1865

Thursday 1-JOHN and TEAT sick today. Run three plows. Weather cool and pleasant. Crops look well. Finished plowing today every other row. PAH gone to mill.

Friday 2-PAH, BERRY, and JOHN started to CAMERON today. No news. Weather pleasant. TEAT on the mend. Nothing done today. Working about the house.

Saturday 3-I went to CAMERON. Divided the company property. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good. Some drinks and cutting up. Town looks wasted.

Sunday 4-Rested at home today. JOHN went to FROST BRANCH to hear PARSON LANDTRIP. No news today. Weather clear and pleasant and dry.

Monday 5-Rested at home. Weather pleasant. No news. J.J. STEVALL was here.

Tuesday 6-I was at H. VERNONS' today. Purchased some tobacco, seven pounds. Spent part of the evening at R. ROGERS. No news. Weather warm and dry. Health good. TEATS health improving.

Thursday 8-MRS. GRIFFIN died this morning at eight o'clock. I and BERRY went to CAMERON. No news. Weather dry and warm. The burying after dark of MRS. GRIFFIN.

Friday 9-Rested at home today. No news. Weather pleasant. Health improving. STRAWHORN spent the day with us.

Saturday 10-Rested at home today. The peddlers: purchased some dry goods. Weather cloudy and warm. No news.

Sunday 11-Rested at home today. Rain slow all day with light showers. No news. Our health improving. Preaching at CARTERS' by LUCAS.

Monday 12-Run four plows today in the old STEVALL field. No news. Thunder showers in the evening in the west and northwest, but did not reach here.

Tuesday 13-Run four plows today. Weather warm. No news. BERRY'S horse taken the lockjaw and died at night. Mother sick with earache.

Wednesday 14-Run four plows today. Finished plowing over the corn. Mother still suffering from the earache. No news. Weather warm. Winds from the south. Bought one hundred sixteen pounds of flour from A. CARTER. Stock suffering for water.

Thursday 15-Rested at home today. MOTHER suffering from headache. JOHN gone to the barbecue at TURNEIMS. Many rumors. ELZA THOMAS and ZAN CARTER returned from the RIO GRANDE. Weather dry and windy. W. WATSON was here today.

Friday 16-Cutting wheat today. I remain at the house all day. Winds high from the south. Mother bad off. No news reliable. BILL HENDERSON helping harvesting. PAH sick from over-dose of CALOMEL.

Sunday 18-Rain a good season today. MOTHER still sick. No news. PAH sick. Crops look fine.

Monday 19-MOTHERS health improving. BERRY and JOHN harvesting. The party is at TALLEYS. No news. Weather pleasant.

Tuesday 20-Finished harvesting. Weather very warm. Health improving. No news. BILL HENDERSON moved today. JOHN GRIFFIN was here today.

Wednesday 21-MOTHERS health improving. TEAT under the influence of quinine. No news. Weather hot. BERRY gone to WASHBURNS'; W.S. STOVALL was here today. Winds from the SE.

Thursday 22-MOTHERS health improving. No news. Weather warm. JOHN C. CLOUD and ELIZABETH CARTER was married tonight by PARSON NABORS. Fine supper; all came too quiet. No news. Weather warm.

Saturday 24-Health improving. No news. Weather warm. Nothing doing. Crops look well.

Sunday 25-Health improving. No news. Weather warm. FLEM declared his independence.

Monday 26-Health good as usual. Preparing to go to mill. No news. Weather warm. Some rumors. JOHN gone to MR. THOMPSONS' to see the sick.

Tuesday 27-BERRY and FLEM gone to mill to McDANIELS. No news. Weather warm. Health improving. JOHN gone to THOMPSONS' to see sick.

Wednesday 28-BERRY and FLEM returned from mill. The row(argument-fight) with FLEM. Rain in the evening. Some rumors by STRAWHORNE.

Friday 30-No news today. Weather pleasant. Health improving. Hunting the oxen and mules. Some rumors from the Yankees by W. PHILLIPS.

JULY 1865-

Saturday 1-Report from MILLICAN by A. POSEY. Health improving. JOHN GRIFFIN from RUCKERS'. Some news. PAP set six servants free today or gave them their orders.

Sunday 2-I was at PARSON RUCKERS today. Saw GENERAL GRANGERS' ORDERS. Weather warm. Health improving. Sermon by RUCKER.

Tuesday 4-Rested at home. No news. The party at TALLIES'. Weather very warm. Health good as common. Barbecue on LITTLE RIVER.

Wednesday 5-Hauled two loads of corn from DAVIDSONS for CARTER. Weather warm. No news.

Thursday 6-Rested today. No news. Weather fine. Rather warm. Health improving.

Sunday 9-Meeting at CARTERS. No news. Weather warm. TEAT no better. Blister on his side. Sermon by ALLEN.

Monday 10-I and JOHN started for MILLICAN this morning. Crossed the BRAZOS RIVER at COLUMS SHOALS. Stayed with MATHEW DUNN. Distance thirty miles. Weather warm.

Tuesday 11-Thence to MILLICAN twenty-two miles. Stopped with ELLIS. Talk with the YANKEES. Received our parole. The TWENTY-NINTH ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER REGIMENT came up today.

Wednesday 12-Finished our business. Started home. Thence to DUNN twenty-two miles. No news. Weather hot. Stopped with ELBERT ELLIS and rested a while. All quiet. Roads dusty.

Thursday 13-Thence home, thirty miles. Cross the river at WILLIAMS SHOALS one-half mile above the EVANS FERRY. Very shallow. No news. Weather hot and sweatey. Some showers today. Found all well at home. The meeting going on at CARTERS yet.

Friday 14-Rested at home today. No news. Weather very warm. Health improving. Meeting going on at CARTERS' BERRY and JOHN are gone to church.

Saturday 15-At church today at CARTERS'. Weather warm. Breeze from the south. PARSON BEASLEY preached.

Sunday 16-MISS NANCY HILL was baptized today by PARSON BEASLEY at DAVICES'. Preaching at eleven o'clock a.m. by PARSON BEASLEY at CARTERS' CHURCH. Winds high from the south.

Monday 17-BERRY and others gone to MILLICAN. Winds still from the south. Stacked the wheat today.

Tuesday 18-Stacked the wheat. Winds high from the south. Health improving.

Wednesday 19-Built the pig pen. Winds from the south. Water all gone in the tanks. BERRY returned from MILLICAN.

Thursday 20-Rested at home. Weather warm and dry. Health good.

Friday 21-Nothing going on. Weather warm and dry. Health good as common.

Saturday 22-FLEM gone to mill. Preaching at CARTERS'; the trials.

Sunday 23-I went to meeting at WATSONS MILL. Preaching by PARSON THOMAS.

Monday 24-Hunting up the mule. Preparing to give up the Company property. Weather hot.

Tuesday 25-Turned over the wagon and two mules to CAPTAIN STINNETT today. Weather hot and dusty.

Wednesday 26-Saving fodder today. Weather very hot.

Thursday 27-I work on the frame today for hauling wheat. Weather very hot.

Friday 28-Hauling wheat today. Turned over the wheat today and the watermelons.

Saturday 29-Threshed our wheat today. Yield is eighteen bushels. Weather hot and dry. No news today. Health as common.

Sunday 30-BERRY and JOHN gone to WATSON for meeting. I rested at home. Weather warm. No news.

Monday 31-Saving fodder today. Some rain in the evening. Health good.

## AUGUST 1865

Tuesday 1-Gathering fodder. Weather hot and dry. Health good as common.

Wednesday 2-Saving fodder. Weather hot. Hauled a load of corn from the field. No news. Health not good.

Thursday 3-Saving fodder. Weather hot and dry. Health good.

Friday 4-I assisted J. STOVALL raise his house. Weather warm. Health good as common.

Saturday 5-I tied up fodder this morning. Weather hot and dry.

Monday 7-Finished the fodder this morning. No news. The weather very warm. Thrown down the old house. The party at MRS. GRIFFINS.

Wednesday 9-Hauled the old house today. Weather hot and dry. No news. Health good.

Thursday 10-I and PAH went to the shop. Repaired the wagon. Weather hot.

Friday 11- BERRY gone to CAMERON. Laid the foundation of the house. Hot and dry. Some news from the town.

Saturday 12-Raised the house today. Preaching at CARTERS' today. Weather hot and dry.

Sunday 13-Preaching at CARTERS' today. Weather warm and dry. Health good.

Monday 14-BERRY gone to CALDWELL. Work about the house. Weather hot and dry. Health good as common.

Tuesday 15-I went to CAMERON today. No news. Weather very warm. Health good as common.

Wednesday 16-Working about the house. No news. Weather hot and dry. Health good as common

Thursday 17-BERRY was married to MISS ELIZABETH WATSON today. A large crowd at the wedding. Weather very warm. No news. All came off quiet.

Friday 18-The dinner at home, all the neighbors present. All quiet. Weather hot, no news.

Saturday 19-No news today. TEATS health bad. Weather warm. BERRY and WIFE gone to MR. WATSONS'.

Sunday 20-Remained at home. Weather dry and hot.

Monday 21-Worked around the house today. Health good. Sent after DR. GERMAN.

Tuesday 22-Getting out timber in the bottom today. Weather very warm. Health good as usual.

Wednesday 23-Getting timber in the bottom. Weather warm and dry. Health bad. No news today.

Thursday 24-Splitting boards at home. Weather warm with some rain.

Friday 25-Splitting boards and finished the house. More rain. Health improving. No news.

Saturday 26-Hauled corn today. FLEM gone to the mills. Weather hot and dry. Health improving today.

Sunday 27-Preaching by PASTEN today at WATSONSMILL. Weather pleasant. No news today. Text-remember LOTT'S WIFE, seventeenth chapter Luke, thirty-second verse.

Monday 28-PAH gone to mill. McDANIELS. Weather hot and dry.

Tuesday 29-PAH returned from the mill. I finished making boards today. Weather hot and dry.

Wednesday 30-Work on the chimney today. No news. Weather hot and dry.

Thursday 31-The party at COTTONS'. Weather hot and dry. Health good as common. I went down to the party but few ladies present.

SEPTEMBER 1865

Friday 1-Making fence around the crib. Weather very hot and dry. Health improving. No news.

Saturday 2-I was at CAMERON today. Men taking the oath. No news. Weather hot and dry. LITTLE RIVER nearly quit running. Grass all burned up. Cattle looks bad.

Sunday 3-Rested at home today. The weather warm. Health good. The row at LYONS with the negro. No news today.

Monday 4-The boy, FLEM, left us this morning. Health good. Commencing to gather corn today. No news. Weather hot. PAH settled with PUSS.

Tuesday 5-JOHN gone to CALSWELL. Nothing from the negro today. The WOMAN, PUSS, left us today. I and BERRY pulled corn. Health good. Weather hot.

Wednesday 6-I and BERRY hauled corn till twelve then pulled corn after twelve. JOHN sick. The negro found dead on the side of the road by PARSON AUTREY.

Thursday 7-Hauled two loads of corn. Heavy rain in the evening. Water plenty. JOHN very sick. PARSON BROOKS is the preacher at CARTERS'. TEATS health improving. No news.

Friday 8-Cleaned out the well. Repaired the wagon and hauled wood after noon. JOHNS' health improving. Some little rain today. No news. TEATS improving.

Saturday 9-Hauled corn till twelve o'clock. Weather warm. Health good. BERRY gone visiting. No news today. MR. MOORE with us tonight.

Sunday 10-Preaching at CARTERS today by PARSON LUCAS. No news. Some rain in the evening. BERRY came home this evening. Health good.

Monday 11-Pulling corn today. No news. Weather very hot. Health good as common. I and JOHN are gone to CALDWELL.

Tuesday 12-Pulling corn today. Weather very hot. Health good. No news.

Wednesday 13-Gathering corn today. No news. Weather warm. Health good.

Thursday 14-I and FATHER went to McDANIELS MILL in BURLESON COUNTY. Weather very hot. Some little showers in the evening. Saw COLONEL LASURES at the mill. No sleep tonight.

Friday 15-Remain at the mill today. Weather warm. The deformed negro camped for the night on the hill.

Saturday 16-The mill broken. Came home. Weather very hot and dry. Arrived home at sunset. All well. No news.

Sunday 17-On a visit today. The walk; weather very hot with norther at night. Health good as common.

Monday 18-Hauling corn today. Weather very warm. No news. Health improving.

Tuesday 19-Hauling corn today. Weather hot and dry. Health good, no news.

Thursday 21-Hauled corn today till twelve. Pulled corn in the evening. TEAT was taken to C. CLOUDS today. No news. Some rain.

Friday 22-Rain until twelve o'clock. Haul two loads of corn this evening. No news. Health good as common.

Saturday 23-Hauled two loads of corn today. Finished gathering corn. Hauled fodder in too this evening. STEIN, THE PEDDLER, came today. No news. Health good.

Sunday 24-Preaching at WATSONS MILL today. Weather warm. No news. Health improving.

Monday 25-I was in the town of CALDWELL today. Saw the FEDERALS. No news. Health good. No work done today. All "piddling".

Tuesday 26-I and BERRY hauled rails today. Weather hot. No news. Health good as common.

Wednesday 27-Hauled rails today. No news. Weather warm, little showers.

Thursday 28-I and BERRY hauled timber from DAVIDSON CREEK.

Friday 29-Made the gate today. P.W. CHAUDOIN was here today. No news. Weather warm.

Saturday 30-Made the bolster today. Weather warm, health good, no news.

## OCTOBER 1865

Sunday 1-Weather cool this morning. Health good. JOHNSON'S CHILD was buried today at CARTERS CHURCH.

Monday 2-Repaired the wagon today. Preparing to go to mill. Weather cool and health good. No news.

Tuesday 3-I and PAH went to McDANIELS MILL. Roads dusty. No news.

Wednesday 4-Our wheat was ground today. No news. Health good as common. Left the mill at one o'clock p.m. Arrived home at ten o'clock.

Thursday 5-Working around the house. No news, weather pleasant, health good.

Friday 6-Hauled timber from the DAVIDSON bottom for plough stock.

Saturday 7-Traded our oxen today. Weather pleasant, health good. No news. Dry and dusty.

Sunday 8-Preaching at CARTERS today by PARSON LUCAS. Weather pleasant and health good.

Monday 9-Making plough stocks today. Weather pleasant.

Tuesday 10-Hauling wood. J. T. BRIMER stayed with us tonight. Weather warm.

Wednesday 11-Finished the plough stocks. Weather pleasant. Repaired wagon.

Thursday 12-Nothing new today. Working about the house.

Friday 13-Necked the R.GRIFFIN beef today. No news. Weather pleasant and health good.

Saturday 14-I and PAH went to STRAWHORNS SHOP today. The arbitration today. Weather pleasant. Health good. No news.

Sunday 15-Remained at home today. BERRY moved up today. Weather pleasant. Health good.

Monday 16-Preparing to go to MILLICAN. Weather pleasant, health good, no news.

Tuesday 17-Rained all day. No news. Health good.

Wednesday 18-Started to MILLICAN today. Roads good, health improving. No news. Camped at MOSLEYS' weather fine.

Thursday 19-Crossed the BRAZOS RIVER at sunrise and thence to ELLIS'S GROCERY.

Friday 20-Thence to MILLICAN eight miles. Completed our business and came back to ELLIS'S GROCERY and saw HARRIS JONES.

Saturday 21-Thence to BRAZOS RIVER, to EVANS HOUSE. Camped and roads good.

Sunday 22-Thence home twenty-three miles. No news. Weather good.

Monday 23-Rested at home today. No news, weather fine, health good, stock thriving.

Tuesday 24-I and BERRY was in CAMERON today. Bought some shoes. Weather pleasant, health good, no news. Goods high.

Wednesday 25-All gone to preaching at WATSONS MILL. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good. Text in Matthew twenty Chapter.

Thursday 26-Worked about the house today. Weather pleasant, health good.

Friday 27-Building ox lot. No news. Health good.

Saturday 28-Finished the lot today. Put in the gate.

Sunday 29-Weather cold with rain. No news. Health good.

Monday 30-Worked around the house. No news today. Weather cool.

Tuesday 31-Nothing strange today. Weather pleasant, health good.

## NOVEMBER 1865

Wednesday 1-Plowing in rye after twelve o'clock. No news. Weather pleasant. Health good. The invite to the party at COTTENS.

Thursday 2-Plowing in the rye. Weather cooler, health good, no news.

Friday 3-Plowing in the rye today. The party at COTTENS. Health good.

Saturday 4-Repaired the fence. Weather fine. Health good.

Sunday 5-Remained at home all day. No news. Weather cool and clear.

Monday 6-Finished plowing in the rye. No news, weather dry and cool.

Tuesday 7-Plowed in the rye at the house. No news, health good.

Thus ends the times of the Marches, Skirmishes and battles of the FOURTH REGIMENT, TEXAS MILITIA CAVALRY VOLUNTEERS from SAN ANTONIO to SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO. Also, my trips from SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO to the great CAMP DOUGLAS, ILLINOIS at CHICAGO to VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI.