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TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1863.

Soldiers addresses  
Samuel Goodwin  
Pleasant P.O.

Jefferson Cole  
J. M. Campbell  
Cabbington  
Jefferson Co Iowa

R. M. Krimer  
Oxford  
Wentler Co Ohio

WEDNESDAY 14

R. S. Saylor Esq  
Camden  
Preble Co Ohio

R. W. Sherman  
Eldorado  
Dark Co Ohio

M. H. Kappner  
Brindles Station  
Dark Co Ohio

W. R. Buffelinger

THURSDAY 15

Camden  
Preble county Ohio  
C. Campbell  
Camden  
Preble county Ohio

7/25 6  
1282  
515  
791  
1200  
150  
51

74  
3  
1

1132  
1170  
4322



FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1863.

July 1863

Dr to J. Willow

To one day Harvesting

To one 3/4 hauling hay

200  
8 15 - 100 25

SATURDAY 17

25  
85

J. Overholser Dr  
to John Pesler 3

To 1/4 day threshing

100 18 / 25

SUNDAY 18

100  
80

45

45 -  
25  
20

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1863

of Willow Dr

(Creditor) J. J. Overholser

To 3/4 day with team  
hauling hay

W.B. Gline Dr to \$30  
3/4 day threshing .75

TUESDAY 20

Mr M. Gline Dr  
to J. Overholser for  
3/4 cord of oak wood \$2.00  
& Gline Sen for  
making rubber  
trough .75

21.25 - 4 1/3 30  
12 5 - 30  
3  
2

WEDNESDAY 21

of \$5 to S  
of \$5 to F

80  
35  
15  
98  
10



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1868.

November 1871

Work done on School  
house

One day 4

THURSDAY 29

One day 8

Three fourths 3/4

One day 8

One day 1

One half day 1/2

One day 1

One day 1

One day 1

One day 1

One day 1

FRIDAY 30

One day 1

One day 1

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1868

Sunday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

Was to hear a  
Sermon by Rev. J.  
Jones  
Left  
of  
Book  
Capt

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Monday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

Went on a business  
was in town don't  
feel well got slight  
headache began to  
feel tired I will stay  
home in a short time

MONDAY 2

Sunday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1868

Was to church but  
our Minister

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1863.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1863.

To ...  
 ...  
 To ...  
 wood. 40  
 @c ... 50  
 On ... 50  
 To ... 30

WEDNESDAY 4

To ...  
 ...  
 ...  
 ...  
 ...  
 ...

THURSDAY 5

1573  
 114  
 ---  
 1687

WEDNESDAY 25

No of loads	2	15	2
	3	26	
	3	25	
day work in crit	2	25	
begun work	4	25	
	3	25	

THURSDAY 26

13 loads  
 In south bank 1 23  
 " " " 3 23  
 " " " 4 26  
 " " " 3 1/2 25  
 13 1/2 loads  
 2

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1863.

October 1863

Work done on the  
Ridgys School House

Worked	1/2	half day
Do	1	one day
Do	1/2	"
Do	1/2	"

SATURDAY 28

Do	1	
Do	1	
Do	1/2	seats
Do	1	
Do	1	
Do	1	
Do	1	

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

H, yds. Colored  
Spiral thread  
No 30 or 40

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1863.

Feb 1872

Williams on / helped haul  
one two cords of lumber  
from the station 2 hrs

Helped	one	day
Do	...	...
Do	...	...
Do	...	...
Do	...	...

FRIDAY 27

half day

- 1 Set Cotton Knitting  
Needles
- 2 yds Muslin

SATURDAY 28

border Rake



SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 1863.

Account of fuel  
Overhauled

To	60 bu corn	9.00
..	300 lbs	75
To	9 bu of wheat	6.30
		<u>16.05</u>

MONDAY 30

1. Set of Steeped for Way  
board (wrought-iron)  
Paint for wagon wains
1. day 3/4 screws  
Ret Springs for seat-  
and 8 bolts 4 1/2 + 4  
2 inch
- 10 pounds 10 pen. fine  
8 logs of oars for fuel

TUESDAY 31

250
130
45
15
140
10
<u>5.00</u>
3.75
<u>1.25</u>

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1863.

10.00
75
1.53
<u>12.30</u>

g. 30/100

TUESDAY 14

Levinth Miss-  
got marching orders with three  
days orders in our haversacks  
day cloudy with some rain

WEDNESDAY 15

Left camp 7 o'clock morning  
day warm got to Sanka 11 o'clock  
camped five miles south west  
of Sanka on the railroad near  
a saw mill day warm

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1863.

Left camp 7 o'clock A.M.  
got about one and a half miles  
Southwest of camp. Shelled  
the woods got up early, eat dinner  
near bear creek crossed the  
creek at two o'clock had to wait  
across camped about 1/2 miles  
east of crossing

FRIDAY 17

Left camp bear creek before  
sunrise marched eight miles  
east about it faced and marched  
back to old camp bear creek  
was on the ground where there  
was a skirmish on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
warm roads dusty sore and  
tired

SATURDAY 18

Rained last night and part of  
the forenoon was on Division  
head quartered general had the  
fever and ague still in  
camp on bear creek an  
orderly gave me some  
whiskey I was almost  
drunk. Slept under an  
old house Corporal Condit  
out find me

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1863.

Very pleasant today still  
in camp plenty of fresh meat  
I eat ~~in~~ much meat  
today I am almost sick  
I vomited my meat  
on the table, eat it  
almost blood raw

MONDAY 20

Warm today have got sore  
eyes raining this afternoon still  
in camp bear creek

TUESDAY 21

Clear and warm encamped  
on a large cotton plantation  
still in camp bear creek

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1863.

Left camp bear creek 6 o'clock morning marched 18 miles east stopped for the night was ordered to fall into line marched about 5 miles in line through thicket over rocks and fences did not see any rebels camped again for the night on the side of a hill

THURSDAY 23

Fell into line at daylight moved about 1/2 mile north east through thicket halted about sunrise got our breakfast took up our line of march got within sight of Tusculum at noon the rebels left in the morning encamped south of Tusculum about one mile on a large hill

FRIDAY 24

Day warm went foraging for corn was in swimming in Spring creek day warm saw a very large spring south of town went on swimming but another was too cold could not stay on long

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1863.

Rained today still in camp Tusculum A Soldier stole a blanket off of a nigger cabin - nigger stabbed tried to kill him but we held so the nigger had to sleep without his blanket

SUNDAY 26

Got marching orders at five o'clock A.M. went through Tusculum this morning roads muddy

MONDAY 27

Camped in an old cornfield near Swan creek and batteries began to shell the rebels about five o'clock A.M. kept up the fire about two hours one of our men wounded in the shoulder with a piece of shell in the arm was sent across the creek find companies out of himishers

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1863.

Morning cloudy left camp  
on Swan creek 9 o'clock in  
morning got back to Tusculum  
about two o'clock P.M. camped  
four miles west of Tusculum

WEDNESDAY 29

Left camp five o'clock A.M.  
marched to bear creek had  
to build a bridge across the  
creek in the night was warm  
today feet got sore

THURSDAY 30

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1863

Day warm encamped on the bank  
of bear creek in a cornfield corn  
about two inches high, left camp  
at 8 o'clock A.M. encamped  
about 1/2 mile north east of  
Burnsville

SATURDAY 2

Left camp Burnsville about  
9 o'clock, got to camp Corinth  
about 6 o'clock in evening  
everything tore up side down  
the 34<sup>th</sup> Illinois was in our  
quarters while we was away

SUNDAY 3

Day warm fell very sore and  
fired wrote a letter to J. C. B.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1863.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

TUESDAY 5

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

WEDNESDAY 6

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1863.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

FRIDAY 8

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

SATURDAY 9

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1863.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1863

MONDAY 11

Moved from our old camp  
and went south east of Corinth  
about one mile moved in the old  
camp of the Ohio Brigade

TUESDAY 12

THURSDAY 14

FRIDAY 15

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1863.

Done p. F. Overholser from  
p. H. Hartman  
\$5.67 1/2  
May 13<sup>th</sup> 1862

SUNDAY 17

Day warm and pleasant,  
cobblestone day long and lonesome  
The boys has been playing cards  
all day long

MONDAY 18

Day warm and pleasant still  
evoking roads very dusty here.  
got slight headache

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1863.

Warm this morning afternoon  
warm roads dusty; some of  
the men drunk

WEDNESDAY 20

Very busy today, some of  
the boys still drunk, had a  
mess of greens for supper, looks  
like rain this evening  
Drew hats today.

THURSDAY 21

Day cloudy, some of the boys  
has plenty of beer

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1863.

Day cloudy was out on  
drill this evening looks  
like rain tonight.

SATURDAY 23

Day very warm and sultry  
signs of rain

SUNDAY 24

Day warm had inspection of  
arms this evening there was  
preaching this afternoon

MONDAY, MAY 25, 1863.

Warm today on picket south  
of camp. Great bird market  
by the grant or gullen  
countersign was counterlitig

TUESDAY 26

Hot today one of the men  
tried up to a tree for being down

WEDNESDAY 27

Warm and sultry have  
a severe headache



THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1863

Warm and sultry on  
grand guard today the  
servant took in about <sup>10</sup> <sup>1/2</sup> <sup>1/2</sup>

FRIDAY 29

Had a very nice shower  
of rain this morning  
got a letter from R. E.

SATURDAY 30

Showery today don't  
feel very well today

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1863

Day very pleasant indeed  
on commissary guard there  
was preaching this afternoon  
text will be found in  
proverbs 11 chapter last  
clause of 30<sup>th</sup> verse

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Warm and sultry had  
battalion drill this evening

TUESDAY 2

Had a very heavy rain  
today

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1863.

Very pleasant today had dress parade this evening got marching at 2 o'clock last night with two days rations in <sup>trucks</sup> Haversacks with all our traps

THURSDAY 4

Left camp 8 o'clock a.m. marched all day rained in the afternoon camped on cypress creek on the side of a big hill Raining over march through the timber today quite a number of vines were blown down no one was hurt

FRIDAY 5

Left camp cypress creek about 7 o'clock crossed the Hatchee river at noon got to Joachantas about dark

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1863

Morning very misty got to our new camp on cypress creek about 8 o'clock camp in a bend of the creek very shady and cool The camp was well occupied by the rebels as all their camp equipage was well filled by gray backs

SUNDAY 7

Very cloudy and cool an sword green peas was brought into camp today

MONDAY 8

Rained this morning had a severe headache paraded my bunk this evening or tried to sleep but the flies was too thick so gave up the job

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1863.

Rained this morning. on ground south of camp with Joe Lang and Lee our tents came today. Raining hard this evening. Bill Lee got frightened while on yard. Thought he saw some one looking at him from the brush.

WEDNESDAY 10

Day showery and damp creek very high. Our duty at this camp is guarding a large railroad bridge on the Memphis - Charleston - 22 miles west of Corinth. Miss.

THURSDAY 11

Cool and cloudy today. men on guard gathered some Blackberry nations very short no crackers

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1863.

Day warm on patrol eat and diners at equires. Comforts commenced cooking today. Sargent Atkinson bought some cabbage leaves for greens had to pay 25¢ for them. he says there are the last he will buy for 25 cents.

SATURDAY 13

Day very pleasant indeed

SUNDAY 14

Day warm and pleasant wrote a letter to Ed. C. H. Col. Percy was to visit us this evening. He commanded the 2<sup>d</sup> brig. 2<sup>d</sup> Div 16 army corps the command I belonged to. <sup>HE</sup> was a German

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1863.

Warm was up to see  
the men at work on the  
post Received two  
dollars of p. c. Atkinson  
also was first duty  
sargeant of my com-  
pany

TUESDAY 16

Day hot and sultry  
with signs of rain  
hard work lying around  
quint. doing nothing

WEDNESDAY 17

Hot this morning had  
a very hard rain this  
evening

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THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1863

Day pleasant nothing  
going on worth mentioning  
only reading  
fighting matches  
of which there is always  
plenty in this country

FRIDAY 19

Warm today night cool  
the men finished the  
post this evening got a  
letter from Aunt Mary  
Burns Received letter  
from friends at home  
is one of the bright spots  
in a soldiers life

SATURDAY 20

Day warm and cool  
in the evening

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1863.

Very pleasant this morning  
moved up on the hill about  
one fourth of a mile east of  
old camp. Camp near the post  
which is much better than  
the one was down near  
the creek but we have  
no shade up here

MONDAY 22

Morning cloudy afternoon  
warm nights cool & all  
quiet & handsome

TUESDAY 23

Warm & was plow hunting  
this forenoon got orders to  
join the regiment at Techa-  
ontas this afternoon. Co. H  
took our places at the post  
Our camp here is in  
heavy timber & is  
level & damp with  
plenty of mud when  
it rains

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1863

Raining today like blazes  
the water is standing in our  
kitchen about three months  
deep. afternoon it is still  
raining hard but we  
have good tents so we  
keep dry

THURSDAY 25

Hot and damp was up to  
Techaontas this afternoon set  
in raining this evening  
some of our company  
did not like to leave our  
camp on muddy creek  
& sent in a fellow to  
be sent back but made  
our lieutenant mad &  
had our own commissaire  
oficers reduce to the ranks

FRIDAY 26

Morning cloudy afternoon  
hot and sultry had my  
likeness taken all the non-  
commissioned officers in  
our company reduced to  
the ranks except those  
that had ought to have  
been

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1863

Morning raining afternoon  
cloudy one of our men trick  
up by the thumbs for two  
hours for refusing to  
go on guard

SUNDAY 28

Fireman sultry afternoon  
negroes very hard wrote  
a letter to J. H. Keaton

MONDAY 29

Clear this day was  
ordered out to drill  
Battery H. 1st Mo. Cav  
also but no drill  
our drill ground as  
an old leather field  
& is very rough we  
drilled two hours &  
was very tired

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1863.

Day hot evening so hot  
and sultry that the heat is  
almost intolerable & Clerk  
P. M. says express on  
friction - south of lower  
in Division No 3

WEDNESDAY JULY 1

Day very hot was in swimming  
this afternoon in the Hatch  
wrote also was to learn wrote  
a letter home to mother  
which was always a  
great pleasure to  
me

THURSDAY 2

Day hot there was a  
good many men drunk today  
Saw an old gun wrote a  
letter to me snatcher at  
Drum City she being  
an old acquaintance

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1863.

Morning warm men  
shooting much with an  
acid gun very few hit  
the mark made a mess  
chest this morning to  
keep our grub in

17 SATURDAY 4 1/2

Hot put up our tents  
today there was a national  
salute <sup>of 24</sup> fired at noon today  
by the Battery organization  
of men drunk and plenty  
of fighting going on among  
the men. It was the first  
grade of whiskey that  
did the fighting

SUNDAY 5

Foreman hot and sultry  
had a nice show of rain  
this afternoon, wrote a  
letter to C. Herrmann a  
young lady that lived  
near Eaton Ohio

MONDAY, JULY 6, 1863.

Foreman hot was up to  
town this afternoon got  
the news of the fall of  
Vicksburg a national  
salute of 13 guns is to be  
fired at noon great  
rejoicing at the news  
of the fall of Vicksburg

TUESDAY 7

Foreman hot had a show  
of rain this evening there  
was a national salute  
fired at noon

WEDNESDAY 8

Warm sun to town this  
afternoon there is a good  
many citizens in town  
this brought in some  
garden truck also a  
few dried apple pies  
with short crust put in  
length ways & the  
two crusts pegged  
together

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1863.

Very warm here  
a bad cold, with a slight  
headache.

FRIDAY 10

Very warm, have a bad  
cold with high fever and  
severe headache had dress  
parade this evening, got  
the news of Gen. Sigel's  
resignation got a letter  
from S. J. Fresler who  
is at Vicksburg in  
hospital wounded in  
leg he belongs to stu

SATURDAY 11

22° Au

Morning cloudy with signs  
of rain

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 1863.

Day damp and smoky  
took dinner with  
John Finney's wife  
who is our washerman  
seems to me like to  
eat dinner that is  
cooked by a woman

MONDAY 13

Very misty today quit  
cooking this morning night  
cool

TUESDAY 14

Cloudy, on grand south  
of Peachtree on the Purdy  
road about 3/4 of a mile from  
town in an apple orchard  
cooked some green apples  
also had mess rousing  
Lars



WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1863.

Warren today was up to  
town this forenoon brought  
a pack and hard bread  
The 9<sup>th</sup> Id's returned from  
a scout and brought in  
about 40 prisoners whom  
we turned over to the  
Provost Marshall took  
a stroll about town with  
ing in sight but negroes

THURSDAY 16

Cloudy <sup>cross</sup> guarded <sup>horse</sup>  
down to Cerinth stand  
all night at the soldiers  
home streets very dry  
and dusty town looks very  
lonesome

FRIDAY 17

Very warm get back to  
camp near Cerinth about 10  
o'clock today crossing between  
Pocahontas and Cerinth  
very swampy with large  
timber cypress or gum  
trees being the most  
plentiful

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1863.

Very warm get a letter  
from Aunt Mary today  
who says they are all  
well but missing us  
who are in the Army

SUNDAY 19

Hot and sultry there  
was preaching this afternoon  
by the Rev. Mr. King next  
a letter to Aunt Mary  
Bessie But few of  
the boys attend church  
rather stay in camp  
& play cards

MONDAY 20

Very warm on Violets  
south of Pocahontas on the  
Purdy road a great many  
citizens coming in to  
trade They drive into  
town in all kinds  
of vehicles with a horse  
or an old mule or  
a span of cows

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1863.

A cloudy, rained last night got a summation today and a letter from ed. G. H also one from Helen

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1863.

Morning foggy afternoon hot and sultry got a letter from ed. G. H. wrote a letter to the same person or this bird

WEDNESDAY 22

Very hot and sultry in gravel gravel south of Pocahontas on gravel in a large thicket gnats and musketoes bit like blazes + about mid night we was serenaded by a couple of owls from the tree tops

THURSDAY 23

Very hot Gen. Webb went through town today he belonged to some army in the east

SATURDAY 25

Had a heavy rain this morning also the night sets in with rain + kept it up a good share of the night

SUNDAY 26

Forenoon hot had a shower of rain this afternoon on vidette on the Parody road killed a large barrel shell turtle which I took to camp + cooked but could not get any of the boys to help eat at

MONDAY, JULY 27, 1863.

Cloudy and <sup>pleasant</sup> cool  
got a letter from  
Samuel Fesler and  
informed that he is  
still in hospital at  
Vicksburg

TUESDAY 28

Very cool afternoon  
arrived at a letter  
from F. K. H. Grinstead  
Sergeant and one man  
started home on foot  
length

WEDNESDAY 29

Very cool and, <sup>pleasant</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>division</sup>  
arrived at <sup>the</sup> <sup>division</sup>  
division at  
I came off duty at 6  
P.M. I went out in  
front a short distance  
& found a nice young  
hog which I killed &  
took to camp in my  
gun blanket

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1863.

Wrote a letter to  
K. Hartman today

FRIDAY 31

Had a very hard shower  
of rain today. I am on picket  
line of town plenty of apples  
to eat

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Had more rain today got  
a letter from S. J. Fesler

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 1863.

Day warm wrote a letter to Uncle Tom. There was preaching this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY 3

Very hot I am on guard south of Pocahontas.

TUESDAY 4

Day very hot get a letter from Mother today.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1863.

Very warm wrote a letter to L. F. Foster looks like rain this evening.

THURSDAY 6

Forenoon very warm had a shower of rain this afternoon, on a hill north-east of town in the Kachee river bottom.

FRIDAY 7

Day somewhat cooler than usual, don't feel very well today. We are on guard every other day which is hard on us & we need more sleep as the days are too warm to sleep too bad to sleep in daytime.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1863.

Fortunately that today wrote  
a letter to cousin Hattie  
this morning have a  
slight headache

SUNDAY 9

Warm on grad ground south  
of town had a shower of  
rain this afternoon

MONDAY 10

Day warm wrote a letter  
to Aunt and Uncle Burns

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1863.

Forenoon warm had a  
shower of rain this evening  
there is a dance in town to-  
night

WEDNESDAY 12

Morning warm on packet  
west of town on the night  
of the rail-road

THURSDAY 13

Very warm got a letter from  
father this afternoon looks  
very much like rain tonight

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 1863.

Hot and sultry today

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1863.

Warm on ground on the  
Memphis and Charleston  
rail road east of Pocahontas

SATURDAY 15

Very hot on ground at the  
Seabee river bridge looks  
like rain this evening

TUESDAY 18

Very warm got a letter from  
Aunt and Uncle Bruno

SUNDAY 16

Very warm today there was  
preaching at 3 o'clock this  
afternoon

WEDNESDAY 19

Hot and very hot today

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1863.

Sultry today on gravel  
ground west of town on  
post No 3 got a letter from  
Ed "E" B

FRIDAY 21

Very warm today had a  
shower of rain this evening

SATURDAY 22

Very warm and sultry  
was in swimming this  
evening in the boathouse

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1863.

Very warm on gravel ground  
north of town had plenty of  
fresh meat and fowls  
today

MONDAY 24

Hot and sultry, afternoon  
cloudy, night very cool  
Merritt's Battalion went  
through town today on their  
way to Texas

TUESDAY 25

Cloudy and cool today

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1863.

Clear and cool today  
on grand grand bench  
of town on post # 7.

THURSDAY 27

Warm today, we was paid  
off for first months this  
evening

FRIDAY 28

Raining this morning  
sent a note to A. B. Kayler  
I expressed 35 dollars with  
C. Campbell and B. C. Kayler  
to Canton Ohio.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1863.

Clear and cool on grand  
grand west of town on post  
# 4 under a persimmon  
tree

SUNDAY 30

Cool, there was preaching  
this afternoon

MONDAY 31

Warm, today was ordered  
to stack arms on the color  
line at daylight - had  
regimental review this  
forenoon and was <sup>paid</sup> ~~paid~~  
in for two months pay



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1863.

Cool today in grand  
grand north of town  
grounding the Hoachee but  
sitting on the bridge  
while writing

WEDNESDAY 2

Cool and clear I am  
very sleepy this morning

THURSDAY 3

Cool, got two letters  
from home today, bought  
a pen and pen holder

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1863.

Cool, on Grand grand  
southwest of town on  
great No 2

SATURDAY 5

Warm today, there was a  
show in town this after-  
noon

SUNDAY 6

Calendy and cool wrote  
a letter sister Sophia  
also got a letter to from  
Beattie

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1863.

Cool on Grand Grand  
north west of town on  
post-sto 1

TUESDAY 8

Warm today, wrote a  
letter to Heattie

WEDNESDAY 9

Very warm today on  
Grand Grand  
Grand

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1863.

Very warm this day, night  
pretty cool

FRIDAY 11

Warm, wrote a letter  
to Aunt and Uncle Barns  
our company get marching  
orders this evening, after  
dress parade, went out  
about 5 miles on the train  
and then came back about  
8 o'clock in the evening

SATURDAY 12

Clear and cool, on Grand  
Grand east of town on post  
sto 7 our captain left the  
company this morning.  
Expected an attack last  
night there was fire going  
in town all night.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1863

Cool near to church  
This afternoon the <sup>only</sup> omnibus  
was King.  
The rest will be found  
in the chapter 18<sup>th</sup> chapt  
of St Luke and 2<sup>d</sup>  
verse. I am very  
lonesome today

MONDAY 14

Warm on gravel ground  
South east of town on  
post No 8. I have  
plenty of apples and  
watermelons

TUESDAY 15

Warm today felt  
very sleepy

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1863.

Therese was warm and  
very dusty had a shower  
of rain this afternoon got  
a letter from A. C. S.

THURSDAY 17

Clear and cool on  
ridette ~~South~~ west of town  
The 7<sup>th</sup> Gen Cavalry met  
through town this morn-  
ing, afternoon cool and  
very windy.

FRIDAY 18

Very cool on gravel ground  
north west of town on  
the Corporals reserve on  
post No 1

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1868

Day cool and blustering

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1868

Cool on Violette South  
east of town with Joe  
Leung and John Keidling  
I was corporal of the guard

SUNDAY 20

Day cool we had preaching  
this afternoon the text  
will be found in the  
fourth chapter of Mark  
11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> verses

WEDNESDAY 23

Clear and cool there was  
a show on town tonight  
wrote a letter to J. R. He  
this evening

MONDAY 21

Cool fixed up my trunk  
with B. F. Sewer had  
dress parade this evening

THURSDAY 24

Warm today wrote a  
letter home was to the  
show tonight was a  
four affair play  
rather a smooth one  
I do not think much  
of such plays

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1863.

Cloudy and cool had  
battalion drill this  
afternoon

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1863.

Cool there was a speech  
made in town this afternoon

SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup>

Cool today was to a  
show tonight - the show  
left for Memphis

TUESDAY 29

Cloudy and cool on  
victories set of town. Three  
trains went through loaded  
with soldiers

SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup>

Warm. Sewed New  
gives today there was  
church at 3 o'clock

WEDNESDAY 30

Raining this morning  
evening still raining  
and cool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1863.

Raining yet this  
morning. Afternoon  
clear and cool 9 am on  
camp guard.

FRIDAY 2

Warm today, and was  
very cool last night.

SATURDAY 3

Clear and with very  
high wind and coming  
from the west.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1863.

Clear and cool. Got a  
letter about and Uncle  
Burns. Col. Montross  
returned to the Regt.  
today.

MONDAY 5

Cool today, was out  
foraging, got a letter from  
Katie. Wrote one to Aunt  
and Uncle Burns.

TUESDAY 6

Cloudy and cool with  
some rain. Dried caps  
this evening.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1863.

Clear and blustering  
Got a very bad cold

THURSDAY 8

Clear and Cool On  
Brigade Head Quarter  
guard

FRIDAY 9

Clear and Warm  
was ordered to stack  
arms on the color line  
this morning part of  
the 8<sup>th</sup> Ill<sup>s</sup> came back  
this afternoon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1863.

Clear and cool. got  
my leg hurt today  
wrote a letter to Corriano  
Mary and Malina

SUNDAY 11

Cool and cloudy. On  
vidette south west of  
town on the farthest  
out post

MONDAY 12

Raining. The third  
Brigade came in last  
night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1863.

Cloudy and drizzly

WEDNESDAY 14

Morning rainy, afternoon  
cloudy. On vielle west  
of town by the school  
house

THURSDAY 15

Day cloudy, with rain  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Division came  
in this evening on their  
way to Corinth

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1863.

Clear and cool, on  
guard at the Hatchee  
bridge the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division  
crossed the bridge one  
team rain off the bridge

SATURDAY 17

Cloudy and cool  
with high wind

SUNDAY 18

Clear and pleasant  
had Regimental inspection  
today the 1<sup>st</sup> Company  
came of our Regt. came  
back this morning



MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1863.

Clear and cool  
on picket sent of  
town on foot No 5

TUESDAY 20

Cloudy and cool  
was working at our  
winter quarters

WEDNESDAY 21

Rained very hard. This  
evening still working  
at our quarters

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1863.

Forenoon cloudy, afternoon  
began to rain and  
rained all night on  
ground west of town

FRIDAY 23

Morning very rainy  
afternoon cool. moved  
up on the hill today

SATURDAY 24

Cool and cloudy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1863.

Cloudy on ground  
east of town on  
post No 7

MONDAY 26

Cool and Cloudy at  
noon on our quarters  
got a letter from  
Heattie, was paid 2  
months pay

TUESDAY 27

Clear and cool  
on Brigade Head Dug  
ground and on 2nd  
relief

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1863.

Cloudy rainy this  
evening, quite a  
social company in our  
tent - this evening  
sent my miniature  
to Heattie

THURSDAY 29

Raining like fury  
got marching order  
left camp 12 o'clock  
roads very muddy camped  
8 miles from Tacubentas  
on a large hill

FRIDAY 30

Clear. Left camp  
early crossed Cypress  
creek at noon went  
through Tehualla at  
2 o'clock camped north  
of Corinto about one  
mile I am very tired

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1863.

Morning warm and  
clear still in camp  
north of Corinth

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Clear. Left camp early  
went through Corinth  
at 7 o'clock. Got to  
Vendula at 3 o'clock  
went in camp three  
miles from Burnsville

MONDAY 2

Left camp early went  
through Burnsville at  
8 o'clock went into  
camp at Eastport at  
12 o'clock

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1863.

Cloudy still in camp  
at Eastport our company  
was ordered out on  
picket north east of  
town between the hills  
and river

WEDNESDAY 4

Morning today on duty  
loading teams on the  
boat very wet and  
foggy

THURSDAY 5

Very foggy clear at  
noon but kept lying at  
the landing crossed the  
river at six in evening  
and camped one mile  
from crossing

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1863.

Left camp early, went  
through Waterloo at noon  
and went into camp  
10 miles from Eastport.  
The Sioux killed  
into our train and took  
6 mules and two horses  
and wounded one man.

SATURDAY 7

Left camp early  
day cool, went in  
camp at 5 o'clock.

SUNDAY 8

Left camp early day  
clear, went in camp, an  
hour before sundown  
camp on the side of a big  
hill. Saw Dodge's band  
descended him this  
evening cool this  
night.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1863.

Cool. Left camp at 11  
o'clock, went through  
Landerdale factory at  
4 o'clock, crossed Sheal  
creek and camped  $\frac{1}{2}$   
mile from crossing.

TUESDAY 10

Warm. Left camp at 6  
in morning, crossed blue  
creek at noon, went  
through Seejington at 4  
o'clock and went into  
camp at 5 camp between  
two large hills.

WEDNESDAY 11

Warm. Left camp early,  
went through Kinbeck  
at 10 o'clock, went into  
camp at 4 o'clock  
between two hills.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1863.

Clear left camp early  
got to Pulaski at noon  
stopped one mile north  
of town on a large  
hill on west side of the  
river I & Ben Taylor took  
a lot of rails from a fence  
& made a place to sleep  
in we find the east side  
of a hill a cold place to  
FRIDAY 13 camp.

Clear and cool, still  
in camp Pulaski  
raining this evening

SATURDAY 14

Raining this morning  
afternoon Clear in camp  
Pulaski yet I was up on  
the top of the large hill  
when I wrote this

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1863.

Clear and cool  
was out foraging today  
about 5 miles north east  
and got plenty of apples  
Had General inspection  
this afternoon

MONDAY 16

Cloudy and cool  
still in camp Pulaski

TUESDAY 17

Warm today. Heard a  
speech this evening, made  
by the Chaplain of the  
54<sup>th</sup> Ill. got three letters

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1863.

Warm. Wrote a letter  
to Hattie heard a  
speech again tonight

THURSDAY 19

Cloudy, an ordinance  
ground in town, took  
a walk over town &  
saw some very pretty  
gardens in town.

FRIDAY 20

Morning drizzly, afternoon  
clear and cool

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1863.

Cool and rainy, sent  
cousin Harry a long  
book and wrote her  
a letter, night very  
cool indeed

SUNDAY 22

Cold this morning and  
clear & and Reed  
showman was down  
town this morning,  
the boys are all playing  
cards in my tent

MONDAY 23

Cool and windy  
was to Reavillas  
funeral today

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1863.

Morning, very rainy  
I am ground north of  
Pulaski on a large  
hill learning clear  
Countersign Charleston

WEDNESDAY 25

Morning, clear and  
beautiful night - very  
cool and pretty

THURSDAY 26

Morning, cool and  
clear

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1863.

Morning cloudy  
afternoon clear and  
detailed in the River  
Camps got to the bridge  
about four o'clock PM  
This is a trestle bridge  
600 feet long + 40 feet  
high we intended to  
rebuild it -

SATURDAY 28

Morning, rainy and  
foggy night - cold eat  
dinner at Squames  
Reeds

SUNDAY 29

Morning, this morning  
cold and cloudy

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1868.

Clear and cold  
Commenced work  
on the bridge which  
was destroyed by the  
rebels when they left  
it - County about here  
is hilly but there is  
fine water

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Clear and cool  
was at work at  
Barracks which is at  
the north end of a  
tunnel 4 1/4 mile long  
& the Tennessee & Ala-  
bama central R.R.  
runs through it -  
we are about 12 miles  
south of Pralaska Tenn.

WEDNESDAY 2

Warm and pleasant  
finished our  
quarters

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1868.

Warm Commenced  
chopping timber for  
the bridge The timber  
here is very fine  
being mostly yellow  
poplar & stands very  
thick It is very nice  
timber to chop

FRIDAY 4

Morning clear and  
warm evening cloudy

SATURDAY 5

Clear and warm  
chopping



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1863.

Warm was to Parlasty;  
wrote a letter to  
sunt Mary & Uncle

MONDAY 7

Warm and clear  
chopping timber for  
the bridge

TUESDAY 8

Raining all day  
wrote a letter to A  
was out in the country  
about 2 miles

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1863.

Clear and warm  
was ordered at 12 o'clock  
to pull out - went down  
to the Meyers and he  
ordered us to quarters  
was very muddy

THURSDAY 10

Clear and warm  
was chopping timber  
Sen Dodge was to  
see us

FRIDAY 11

Cloudy and signs  
of rain. Chopping I am  
writing this on a  
black oak in the  
woods

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1863.

Fairness clear  
afternoon rainy  
at one o'clock it  
settled at an hour  
afternoon fair

SUNDAY 13

Raining all day  
had mess of squirrels  
for dinner with my  
captain (Armsbury)  
+ I killed we killed  
14 this afternoon

MONDAY 14

Cold and cloudy  
got 2 letters one  
from home and  
one from J. K. D.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1863.

Fairness warm after  
noon cloudy chipping  
timber

WEDNESDAY 16

Cloudy in forenoon  
afternoon rainy and  
cold was at work  
framing

THURSDAY 17

Cloudy and cold  
was framing timber

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1868.

Cold and cloudy  
with high wind  
fencing timber

SATURDAY 19

Clean and cloudy

SUNDAY 20

Clean and warm  
forenoon. Cool in  
afternoon. Was up to  
Pulaski today but  
my descriptive roll  
learned Stephen 2.00  
dollars this evening

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1868.

Cloudy and cool  
with only amount of  
wind was fencing  
Capt McCullough  
was to see us

TUESDAY 22

Clean and warm  
plenty of wind at  
work fencing

WEDNESDAY 23

Cold and cloudy  
some snow flying  
was to trigger Daniel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1863.

Clear and warm  
was raising the bridge

FRIDAY 25

Cool and cloudy  
had a big turkey  
roast there was a  
lot of citizens in  
to take dinner  
with us

SATURDAY 25

Cloudy and raining  
was over to the  
bridge and help  
bring some whiskey  
for the boys

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1863.

Raining and cool  
wrote a letter to  
J. H. H.

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MONDAY 28

Cold and cloudy  
with some snow  
flying at work  
raising

TUESDAY 29

Clear and warm  
was my birth day  
Antis Davison  
at Mrs

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1863.

Cold and cloudy  
was raising the  
bridge sent for a  
Bark tonight

THURSDAY 31

Morning cloudy  
began to rain at  
noon rained till  
night and then  
began to turn cold  
and snow with very  
high wind

bring some whiskey  
for the boys

MEMORANDA.

Amount of  
Rebel property  
wrecked on the march  
in April 1863

1,800,088.00

Inscription on a  
Rebel stone in  
Pulaski grave yard

His parents were  
for him only as  
for one who sweetly  
sleeps to awaken in  
his saviors arms

His parents mourn  
for him only as for  
one who sweetly  
sleeps to awaken  
in his saviors  
arms

## MEMORANDA

1862

Diet of Clothing drawn the

Months	Coats	Hats	Caps	Blouse
January	1	1	4	11
February	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0
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Decem	0	0	0	0

Second year commencing  
 Coats Caps Caps Blouse

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## MEMORANDA

First year of Expedition  
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August 20<sup>th</sup> 1863  
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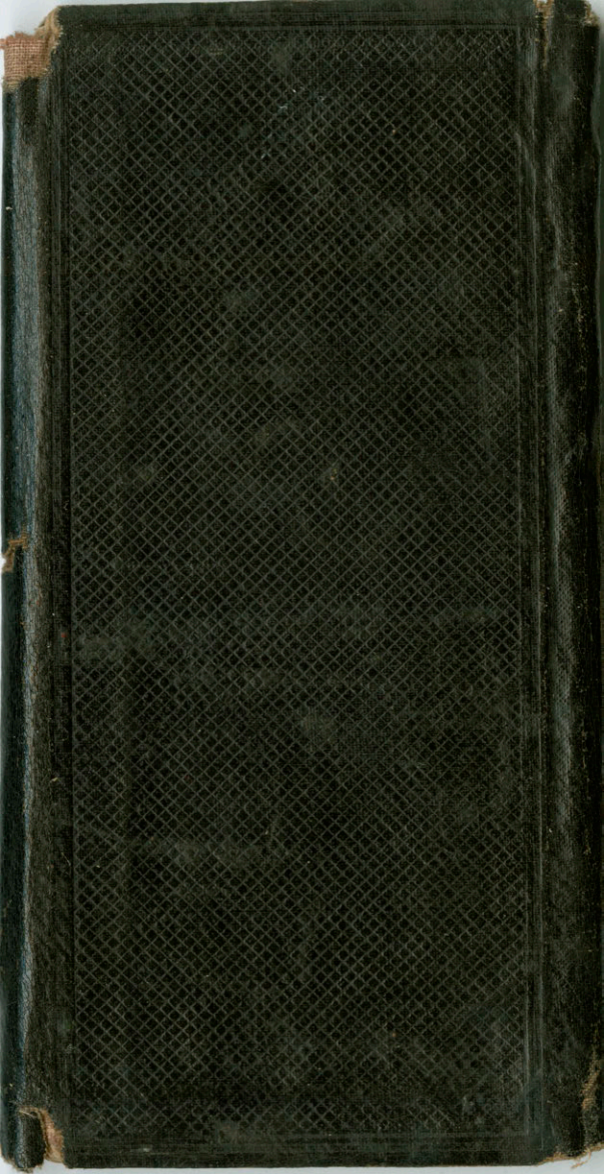
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Mr J. C. Burns  
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Preble Co  
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Mrs. Mary B  
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Frank Grant  
May 21 Ohio

Due  
Mr. James C. Swins  
Camden  
Preble co.  
Ohio





Mrs Mary Burns  
Cincinnati  
Preble County  
Ohio

March 1865

to after was

Woot, time & acct

1865 diary JN  
to March 30

work notes  
after

Part of diary  
evidently  
rewritten  
Jan 1865

Memos in back of  
book on army & casualties

Extracts from  
JHO  
diaries  
March to Sealot

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In January, 1865, Pvt. James Overholzer wrote down the words to George Frederick Root's popular hit song, "Just Before the Battle, Mother" (1864).

The first verse and chorus are transcribed below.

*Just before the battle, Mother,  
I am thinking most of you.  
While upon the field we're watching,  
With the enemy in view.  
Comrades brave are round me lying,  
Fill'd with tho'ts of home and God;  
For well they know, that on the morrow,  
Some will sleep beneath the sod.*

#### CHORUS

*Farewell, Mother, you may never (you may never Mother)  
Press me to your breast again;  
But O, you'll not forget me, Mother, (you'll not forget me.)  
If I'm number'd with the slain.*