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A brief Diary of the Campaign of the 4th Ga. Battalion Sharp Shooters from Palmetto Ga.

Thursday Sept 29th Left the old Stage Stand near Palmetto at 10 - o. a.m. with 3 days rations of Bread & one ration of Beef. Passed Palmetto at 12. o. m. at 4 - o. p.m. crossed Chattahoochie River at Phillips Ferry - taken camp Near the River - total - 12 miles

Friday 30th one days rations of crackers taken march at Sunrise.

Crossed Dog River at 11 - o - a.m. taken camp on the Viliricker Road - total 12 miles Very hard rain commencing at 7-o- p.m. ending at 9-o

Sunday 2d one ration of Bread & Beef - taken march at 2-o-p.m. passed Dark Corner post office at 5-o-p.m. Marched two miles after dark - very heavy Thunder & Livid lightings - taken camp at Marshville - total 6 miles

Monday 3d one Ration Bread & Beef taken March at early light - passed Gray's Mills at 12-o-m taken camp in one mile of the mills at 2-o-p.m. good rain for one hour- went out two miles in front one picket near Powder Springs - Showery all the evening & night - total 10 miles

Tuesday 4th two rations of Bread & Beef - on picket all day - Showery all day -

Wednesday 5th one ration Bread & Beef at 12-o-m Maj Caswell arrested for indulgence to his Battalion - to wit, allowing them to remain on picket - reserved posts without accouterments on Capt. Carter taken command, relieved from picket at 5-o-p.m. went to the regular line of works at dark a detail was made to work on Breastworks but soon the detail was relieved -

Thursday 6th commence to rain at 4-o-a.m. taken march at Sunrise on the Dallas & Viliricker road - marched 5 miles through mud shoe deep rain falling in perfect Torents - without resting rain on day - taken camp on the Vanwert road 4 ½ miles South West of Dallas - total 8 miles -

Friday 7th one rations of Crackers & Beef - taken march at Sunrise Lovly morning indeed taken camp at Mr. Adair's on the Vanwert road total 14 miles -

Saturday 8th taken march at Sunrise - left the Vanwert road at 12-o-M- taken a Settlement road for Cedar town taken camp in one mile of Cedar town on Pumpkin Vine creek - great havoc among the hogs at night - total 12 miles -

Sunday 9th two rations Bread one Bacon - Major Caswell relieved from arrest - Maj. Genl. Bates takes command of the Division - taken march at 12-o-M- passed Cave Springs at 7 ½ o- at night Soldiers livly as crickets taken camp at 8-o-p.m. on the old Rome Road - total 10 miles - ceased all Music in the Army - Genl Beauregard passed us at 5 p.m.

Monday 10th one ration Bread & Beef - taken march at Sunrise - Passed Thomas Mills on Big Cedar Creek at 7 ½ a.m. Crossed Coosa River at Quin's Fery - at 2 p.m. taken camp in one mile of the river - total 10 miles -

Tuesday 11th One ration Bread & Beef – taken march at Sunrise – on a Settlement road leading from the Roone road to the Summerville road pass Wagg's Mills at 7-o-a.m. crossed Savinders ridge at Daniels Gap – reached Widow Taylor's Barge on Aranochchy Creek at 5-o-p.m. there the Enemy from Rome made a dash on some of the stragglers from Cheatham's Division capturing two white men – 3 negroes - & five horses at Widow Taylors across her Yard we were deployed & forwarded up the road towards Rome one mile to Mr. Beard's & in front of his house – 7 ½ miles west of Rome we established a picket Line – at 7 ½ at night we were relieved from picket – then we crossed the Bridge – passed the River one mile & taken camp total 18 miles

Wednesday 12th one ration of Beef – taken march at Sunrise rested 3 hours near Onstenolla river taken march again at Dark (Showery weather) March 7 miles after dark taken camp near Sugar Valley Post Office – total 20 miles –

Thursday 13th one ration of Beef – taken march at early light force marched to rockface ridge near Dalton Ga. There we were marched acrossed the ridge in rear of the Gap & were deployed scouting towards Tunnell Hill – then & there the remainder of the Division commence tearing up the rail road – while the Batt. Was kept 800 yards in front in the Evening Dalton Surrendered to Genl. Brown Commanding Cheatham's Division with 800 prisoners – a few horses about 600 prisoners were Negroes – at 11 oclock at night the little Block house in mill creek Gap Surrendered to Maj Genl. Bate with 40 prisoners & 2 horses – total days march 20 miles

Friday 14th one ration of Slap Jack & Beef taken possession of Tunnel Hill Station at 9 o. a.m. the Enemy reported by citizen to have left 5 hours before – Burnt the frate House 7 cars – with provisions & cloathing – left there at 3 – o- p.m. on the Wilinoir road, taken camp at 10 – o - at night – total days march 19 mls

Saturday 15th one ration Beef taken march at 10 o – a.m. crossed Fraylors Ridge at Shifs Gap taken camp 4 miles from Lafayette – total – 9 miles –

Sunday 16th one ration Bread one Beef one Bacon & one Vinegar – taken march at 8 – o – a.m. passed Lafayette at 10 – o – a.m. taken camp on the Rome road at 3-o-p.m. total – 8 miles (40 miles from Lafayette to Rome)

Monday 17th two rations Bread – taken mach at 3 ½ -o- before day – taken march on the broomtown Valley road. Taken camp near Alpine in Broomtown Valley – Catoosa Cty, Ga. Total 20 mls

Tuesday 18th one ration Bread & Beef. Orders to commence Music – taken march at day break on the blue pond road – taken camp near a Large Spring of nice Water total 10 miles

Wednesday 19th ration Beef – taken march ½ hour before day break, passed Daniels mills at 8-o-a.m. on little river the most beautiful Small Stones I Ever Saw, passed Tuck's & Longs old Mills on Yellow Creek ½ mile above

Blue Pond at 1-o-p.m. taken camp near Coosa River on the Gadsden road – at 3-o-p.m. total 12 MIs

Thursday 20th one ration Bread & Beef, taken march at day break pass King's Hill at 8 ½ o. a.m. take camp at Gadsden, Alabama (21 miles from Jacksonville, 30 miles from Blue Mountain)

Friday 21st 2/3 ration corn bread 1/3 ration Slap Jack rested all day – beautiful & Lovly day

Saturday 22nd 3 rations Bread one of Beef taken march at early light Stoped in a short distance on the road to wash Shorts & clouthing – taken march again _____ arrived at the foot of Sand Mountain took march two miles on its top making 3 ½ miles after dark taken camp at 9 o. at night total 14 miles.

Sunday 23rd one ration Beef taken march at early light on the Summerville Road passed Sicks Skillet cross roads at 9 o. a.m. crossed the Black Warriar River at 3 ½ p.m. taken camp at Brookville total 20 miles.

Monday 24th one ration Beef taken march at early light crossed Big Warriar at 3 p.m. taken camp in the open woods – the whole Battalion Drunk all who would indulge total 14 miles

Tuesday 25th one ration Bread & Beef taken march at early light passed down the mountain 3 oclock p.m. take camp 3 miles from Summerville total 17 miles

Wednesday 26th rained all night 25th rain continues to fall one ration Bread & Beef taken march at early light through rain & mud, arrived at Tennessee Valley 1 o. p.m. cross Flint River at 3 o. p.m. taken camp near Decatur – marched 3 miles after dark roads very muddy almost impassable total 17 miles rained all night.

Thursday 27th one ration Bread & Beef Marched out at Sunrise & taken position in Line of Battle on the right Side of Decatur (facing the town) & courtland road – at 3-o-p.m. went out to the front & Established a picket line on the left of the road in a very muddy Swamp – there we fared Sumptuously on parsley ____ though very frequently aggravated by the whizzing of a greasy Minies from the Enemy – at 5 p.m. relieved from picket & many of us had fallen into the creek crossing on logs that were slick & afforded but a Limited space to the footman retired to the line of Battle, at Early dark we were Summoned to relieve the pickets on the right of the road – continued Showery all day very cold & position on picket line on a hill in open old field perhaps a more disagreeable night was never Experienced by Soldiers Total from old camp 4 miles