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Sergeant

R.L.G.
July 30th, 1861 Left Kalamazoo for Detroit to join the 2nd Regt. Mich. Vols. At Monroe we were ordered by Col. McEvoy to draw a drum and assume the order of march. We left Kalamazoo at 11 A.M. and nothing to eat on the road because the boys, principally the Battle Creek boys, took everything movable at some of the first stations which were telegraphed to advance. All the groceries were closed and we on the rest of the road they cleared out several grocers almost entirely. The officer seemed to make no effort to restrain them. We arrived at Detroit about sunset and the garrison all on horse after an hour or so in the midst of heavy rain. Most of us were wet through. We were
Marched into what was one Floral Hall on one property - I have written the
mud was about two inches deep in the shed which was open at both ends - some loose bales
were all there was to keep us out of the mud - At 9 o'clock
we got a very fair supper of
bread - butter - beef & tea - about
11 P.M. we got the men's quarters
changed to neighboring barns
where they were much more
comfortable - Brent Dake
slept - Fort Knyphausen by the kindness of
a citizen were taken to good
quarters in his own house -
these appreciated a good bed
more than I did after the first
night of sleeping in the mud
wound of the shed. While we were lodged in the shed one of the boys declared that he would never complain again when his mother did not make his bed right--we need a little hardship sometimes to make us appreciate our blessings.

May 1st. Came in with a smart snow squall which continued with intervals from time to time during the day. We did not very little except to sit about quarters without the straw boots--we are thickly stoned in one above one other but the quarters are warm and reasonably comfortable.

May 2nd. Weather very fine. The men still working on their quarters when off duty. The sergeants and corporals are given us large cases of drills and shovels.
Wash breakfast & all lights out at 9 P.M. The men are writing letters playing cards dancing in the same There was much complaint this morning all had time of fow board General wanted to leave but I believe none went We got bard arms to day & bought a knife large enough to chip wood with We had battalion drill in the afternoon I was pleased to see Capt. E. M. May of Co. K. prosecuting my glass Co He knew nothing at all the drill was compelled to trot up & down through the mud for hours in great heat reason confusion His boots at first were very light & soon after load with as much 15 pounds of clay
Mud baths—have seldom seen a man more blowed than
swooned most prodigiously which I never heard him do before. There
was a German carpenter—en the other
Co. of his Divt. with a most pro-
cious moustache who used to
habit from time to time in an
ner which fairly lifted him off his
feet.

May 3rd Serg't S. self quartered
with the men last night—we had
a sham bed & each a blanket & a
shank so that we were warming
& slept well—but I complained
considerably. Nearly all the men
have had cold & I am sick. The
duties of the day commenced
at 5 by washing at the camp
wells. The day like the latter part
of yesterday is cold & disagreeable
with fair prospect of another storm
which would make the parade ground
impassable - acted as second
sergt. this P.M. I was sharply
reprimanded by the Col. for not know-
ing any business - everyone
claimed it - however I shall not
be caught again on that point-
We are becoming more accus-
to camp life &c. Still there is
some grumbling among the men
Those who are living better now
than they ever lived before grumble
most in many cases - Such are
always first to complain when
they are away from home. We had
today the first fine day of camp life
The weather was really comfort-
able - we could lounge in the sun
I could laugh as heartily as day
to hear the Col. blow up others eyes as
they did yesterday at my hearing.
I had the satisfaction of seeing
Brig. Dake on the full moon several
times (a rare sight) - The Capt. do
not fare much better.

Sund Corp. Ball & Self went
into Ft. Wayne after breakfast to
see how the other Regt. was faring
We had a fine ride on a steam
boat we saw the first 3 men.
We returned to a late dinner.
At 8 PM, we mustered 16 men
in our Co. to March to Nelligan's where
We marched before breakfast for one
hour after church we drilled 30
They were barely drilling at the time.
We are now quite comfortable &
used to camp life - Am writing
to see how quick it came to light
Capt. G. May says we shall
never know anything again except guarding hospital. I think he is to come away soon-I can easily see that if we remain here six weeks it will be dull beyond all description. If we are to remain here for three months or shall be very sorry that I enlisted. I came because I thought we were needed & if we are to stay well content. We got news yesterday that one man who enlisted in our Co. at K was dead. His name was Henry Barnes-a good short boy-he was taken sick the day before we started & died soon after. This is the first death in our Co., & I believe the first on the Regt. There are several on the sick list. Some Tam Fred right weather.
11th September. Last night we had a
rain this morning. Of the men few are the enemy as vigorously as they do the horses. They will make very efficien
soldiers. A smart rain fell.

We were to-day examined before the oath of allegiance to the state. The examination was not rigid. Some were rejected on act of physical incapacity. Altogether some men had to be thrown out for very reluctantly (most of them) go. Some will return home. Others will enter other companies of this Regt. to supply the places of those who have been thrown out or deserted. Many enlisted easily, among some Obst.

Especially the Adrian Guards. desertions have been frequent. Tell today the story of all men.
We are voluntary henceforth it will be compulsory. An opportunity was given before taking the oath by ours, for any who desired to withdraw. Only one went to hear one (Dennis Stockwell) among abundant groans & hisses from the Co. He returned before the oath would have commenced again if he had been permitted. Camp life is not much different from what I expected, loud playing, profanity the breaking of promise are among the most noted characteristics outside of the duties. There are 4 Co's of guards together 2 from Hal. The East Lagman Guards & Constantin line Union Guards. Indeed at one time this PM, 15 4-hand game...
of Euchre—going on at the same time—No gambling is allowed in camp. Strong measures are taken to prevent stealing—

I have not as yet regretted that I enlisted. I went from a sense of duty, I expect that to sustain me in the hardships which I may be called to endure. Only one thing troubles me seriously. This is to get up at 5 A.M. and drill at double quick time before breakfast.

Our Am. light—have been on the go pretty briskly for two days, acting as a for an hour or more, resting sometimes as just long—owing to the sickness and absence of the others. The cattle make very little work for a new guide.

For one who has the only file close in a large part of the time.
The vandals steal everything they can put hands on—such for Fords' store (an important part of our best clothes) today. It is reported that we cannot expect service unless we enlist for three years or during the year war—should very much dislike 3 year. I also very much dislike to return without doing anything if it was not for business it would not hesitate for a moment.

After all we can do little while the war continues & we should do all we can to aid the vigorous measures which the Administra-
tion is taking.

The same to day Sergeant of the Guard & I find it dull business. It will probably be duller yet.
before 10 Am tomorrow. We are out in all at 26 horses. 2 hours on 7.4 off. This is the first time I have been on. There is something exceeding solitary on the look of a sentinel pacing slowly up and down in stillness of the night. The weather is fine and we shall have a good night. The morals of camp life are bad. Commodore is like wise. It is doubtful whether the effect which we have upon the morals of a people is not more to be regretted than its more ostensible evils. I believe there have kept matters as usual. This open air life will be good for me. I think. It seems like old times to be out doors all day Monday.

9th Morning watch 6 Am. We passed the night which was a fine one in.
comparative quiet—The guard was called for but twice during my watches. The first time my only a very worthy German ran without the countersign I was himself arrested & sent to the guard house—I laughed heartily at the joke on the corps. I slept well at 8. Aches a little & feel dull. I tried this morning—This standing guard is the most tiresome service those I believe I would rather march all the time—We have finally released at 11 A.M. after about 24 hours duty. I have not felt quite as well as usual today. Throat a sore stomach & tendency toward looseness of the bowels, I do nothing to care to stop eating or
10th. It rains hard this morning.
X I am not sorry I can assure
on any account save the condi-
tion of the grounds - I feel bet-
ner this man but I am not yet
entirely well - Nearly all the men
have diarrhoea & several are in
the hospital quite sick - This is
caused by the indiscretion of the man
& by the quality of the food - Our victu-
als are cooked & served out by a contractor
at one of the few Fair buildings.
The quantity is amply & the quality
before cooking is good enough.
There is a good deal of dirt mixed
with it & when we get it some of
it comes in very bad shape.
The butter is mould & too evil-
little of it - We have a little
breakfast made & presume from
The fragments of breakfast — I think this soup is the one of the principal causes of sea-sickness. The potatoes are rarely from quality — the bread thank God is good. We have in addition fresh & salt-beef & pork. The provisions would be ample if well served. We have also tea-coffee & sugar & some times milk. It is certain that this Regt. will not be here for 3 Months. We must enroll for 2 years during the war unless sooner discharged. I have not yet positively decided to do that. The/co will stand at half 8 half — all hard papers, prospectus at home or a better place here. I would not hesitate. Our
grounds well be all afloat by
night - finish the state.co.
find dry land enough for
us to camp. I would rather
sleep in the open air - than
be quartered in the mud. If
we shall all be sick when
warm weather comes.
The boys behaved rather bad in
some cases yesterday - The
quartermaster was pretty well
filled & one came near being
hanged.

14th. It rained nearly all day
yesterday. We had no drill ex-
cept a private one for a few
who saw fit to take part in it.
I went to town once & spent
the balance of the day in study-
ing Freelee &c. This Morn
line but the grounds are
very bad. We have drilled but little to day owing to the state of the ground. There is a good deal of reluctance to enlist for the next three years. There are all manner of double excuses raised. I can not wonder very much at it. A step which involves the possibility of rope in the army is a pretty serious one for a man. I have pretty much decided to go. It seems to me that I cannot honorably do otherwise. I should very much dislike to return to Kal Milo this premature of affairs. There is a general laxity of discipline in the camp partly because of delays and partly because many of the
Men expect soon to be discharged training no prospect of fighting before they care very little. The 7th they are anything certain. There was some disturbance last night at the other building. Several were sent to the Grand House & pistols were freely drawn but none fired. A new enema on acquaintance of mine. Death of the Hendon Guards is trial by a Court Martial. To day in consequence we have no uniform as yet & shall soon be a very ragged Regt. if we do not get it.

12th - A fine day as drilling dissatisfaction among some to rehearse the uniform has not been furnished. Meetings were held at last night & strong indignation expressed the old passed out to drill after Monday.
moon of they were not supplied
The consequence is that the men
who were forming in them have
gone to the Guard House—Last
off, May has trouble with his
coat he will not be well liked.
Our last was found fault with
yesterday for the first time. There
is a general out cry agt officers.
It is without just cause. Many
of the men seem to think they
should never be spoken to kindly
the remarks are made by some
words of differential politeness.
Will the gentlemen who compose
the first Battalion have the kind
next to march forward on call
the please to halt. He is all what
some of them seems to expect
an officer would need to for.
a French dancing master before
he could satisfy them. I want to
go to town to-day to take the ship
shaders, but they refuse to let us
out. It surprises one to see
how quickly I have fallen into
this mode of life - I feel little
more uneasy, a inconvenience
more than if I had been bred
to it from youth. I have hardly
a thought of home - eat dining
sleep, drill & study. Hasdee's
Tactics as much as course as
if I knew as others business.
I think I must have been
intended for a soldier. If I
were but great instead of 3d
Large - should be better satis-
fied than at present. Mayhaps
as very small - been having
money want enough for the
The boys will upset the batles before mending days I think. The contractors got of over $725 per week for our board though they gave better thought a fine home. (bakes of peas) after this morn & filled up for once. We succeeded in getting out about 25 men to church to day. Many of them absolutely refused to go. We must have more discipline we shall have something.

The 13th Regt. starts for Washington tomorrow. I trained hard this morn & we have done nothing to day. It is scarce to lie here in this way. I hope we shall be sent to the front. It is farther from towns & discipline would
Restricted. Several of the men came back from town last night very drunk, but there was no serious disturbance. Co. K of 1st Kals. called for volunteers from its ranks for duty on the war. They made raise of 5 officers. I went to town PM. I took a bath which refreshed me very much. This PM is very warm & fine but the grounds are too wet for drilling.

14th. We departed at 11:30 AM to take up our march for Ft. Wayne at 1 PM. Previously, we were called upon to sign for Repl. of 2d. of 54 out of 78, the large company on the ground except the Scott Guards. We had a march of 3 miles to the Ft. Where we
arrived at 4 P.M. We were at once marched to our quarters on the 4th Boat. The Mississippi moved opposite the Pitt. The change from the mud of camp to the clean and convenient ladies' cabin of a first-class lake steamer was so great as to fill us all with lively satisfaction. The stained upholstery, and the arch'd ceiling fitted paneled and clean tables contrasted strongly with the dirt through which the men of camp had to march. At the pier there was not a word above the ordinary tone of conversation whereas at the camp the air was loaded with shouts & curses. The whole time in state of all emotions in our present state of dis-
13th. The moon was very fine cloud left. We had 60 drill in the fore
moon. Bawm at noon. Matter all quiet during the day. Our
situation is a beautiful one it commands a full view of the
city & both shores as far down as Whirondelle. The Delaware a
beautiful river clear cold. Good
banks & a lively current. From
one to two hundred vessels half of
different names half daily.
The river is alive with craft. It
seems a pull to get a
hang a boat as the one we are
quartered at rolling down in
slanders. It was one of the
Mio R.R. line was abandoned
after the Gov R.R. was built.
There is now no other route on
which they can profitably be
employed. This with Lottweir
31 of the finest boats in the U.S.
have since lain at the docks in
illness.

16 Was a still beautiful cold
day. We had big drill in the M.R.
and officers drill afterwards - Battery
9 a.m. drill P.M. during which I
got my shoes full of mud. The
living is no better here than at the
cantonment except that it is clean.
We hear no complaint - all is now
We have a very beautiful location
it will be left with regret, to be
removed from a long year to a
boat which cost near $300.00
is a desirable change. Still I
have been a little down in spirits
in I can give no reason for it
unless it be that our good quarters
here are destined to be enjoyed
It looks too much like the decline
of James great for good fortune.
Perhaps also the thought of 3 years
soldier in life with its varied change
and dangers & the possible breaking up
of long cherished plans for life
had something to do with it.
Some what may my destiny is
to follow the fortunes of the war.
17 gave us a beautiful but very
thankless time. All uncertainty was
removed by the admission
of the death of Mrs. Onslow.
During the war, Judge West marched with the business South. He did not like to take the oath or sign as a reason that they were afraid they would not be allowed to go home before they were. Dake was dropped from service today on the ground of alleged misconduct. A man outside the regiment is strangers to all this, and all is said to take his place. This created much dissatisfaction. I think Dake could have been cast out by a vote of ten or so, but now he has abundance of sympathizers. He had a very galling talkation about an event in the afternoon.
18th - Cold east wind. Many of the men gone home on leave. I had a good patriotic letter from Father last. It did me good.

19th - I walked down to town this morning and suitably refreshed myself by eating and drinking after which I returned and attended church service on board Co. I. must of 2 men for that duty.

Many of the men have gone home on a visit. It is bad business. They all come back discontented.

20th - Drizzling rain all the day.

The orderly and I都不敢 were both suddenly ill so I had to go out with the guards and stand in the rain a couple of hours. I should have cared little for what had I have had anything on but my jacket - but I did...
not 2 therefore was not to the air. 1 of the Eng. had business which made it absolutely necessary for him to go. Well just before he started he declared to me that he could not think of going unless he could wear a military great coat. I lent him mine. The men seem perfectly crazy to go home & show their uniform. Blue cloth & 2 brass buttons enlist more soldiers than patriotism. If we are to judge from their actions I am sorry so many have gone home (they are not worth a rush for a week) after they get back.

21st. I go on guard today. I do not like the business very
well. We took in 12 jaw 10
units last night & shall today
have a full company. I was
called off guard duty 11:10 to 1:10
to act as Marshall of the Coast
Marshall to try a soldier for
drunkenness & disorderly conduct. He was convicted & sentenced to
wheel drift for 12 & 1/2 days & to continue during the strength of the
sally ports. They have one of the sally ports for a guard
house & it is not a pleasant
place to stay. It is all stone
brick except the doors which are
made of oak plank & 6 inches thick.
There is one light in it when
the wooden doors are closed.
Standing guard is a very necessary duty but by no means a
a pleasant one.

Dec. 10th I am sitting on the stone wall of the entrance of the east Sally front of Ft. Wayne waiting for the morning guards to bring in any relief so that I can march them to quarters. I slept very little last night. The weather was sharp frosty so that I preferred to be up most of the time. We had a perfectly quiet time. Only four men whom we retained. The men soldiers were found asleep on their posts and nailed. Two boys engaged in the unprofitable enterprise of stealing soldiers shirts which were hung out to dry. They were taken. One waited at the gate thought to enjoy the sunrise air without the counten.
Sign & brought up at the guard room
One tall pelie looking gentleman recently arrived went but in a lick condition to enjoy a morning walk before the drums beat the serenlle & brought up at the same place greatly to his astonishment. Some dozen men were arrested for having on forbidden ground. This made up the half of the night.

28. The longest time since we have been at this.

29. We have a fine day. We are
very busy drilling the recruits of whom we have over 40. We had battalion drill yesterday afternoon. Lt. Heeney who usually conducts it was absent.
The Capt. took charge alone. It was soon evident that he had misty
early the whole of his duty.
I never saw a man who was
more at a loss than he during part of the P.M. I hope we shall not have to go into battle till he has more experience. We should be ingloriously unnecessarily cut to pieces. A desertion from our Co. W.A. McKnight was arrested this morning. They shaved his head & drummed him out of camp. He had a splendid looking foretop, his hair cut & haggled in some places right to his head & in others left about 1 inch long. The tonsorial operation was performed in presence of the whole Co. The small pox is in camps & we were all vaccinated today. There is now over 1000 near in the Red. We shall soon March. I was called off a part of the forenoon to act
as clerk of the Court Martial.

One man from the Garrison passed himself off to a raw sentinel as an officer and went out barefoot with several others and with him. fences sentenced to 3 days wheeling stone and 2 days cleaning privies; rather poor work for an officer. When not at work, he is to be imprisoned in the guardhouse. The wind which had been east for 3 days changed at noon yesterday to W. & a fleet of all 30 vessels came up the river within 20 minutes of each other. It was the finest fleet I have ever seen. The said covered nearly the whole 40 miles of the river. We could not see the city for some time after they passed. The heavy breeze was nearly all over under
full-stand, Battalion drill PM., as usual. The Captains of Co. D & K. marched them into the field before the rest of the Regiment & in consequence were sent for & ordered to march back to the Fort at double quick time giving us all 2 miles extra distance. The drill afterwards was fatiguing. Some of the men said they could scarcely drag themselves along. It was impossible to keep them up to their places in line. I acted as left guide as usual & am somewhat tired myself. The guide's post in battalion drill is no sinecure. Two of the men painted when they were
unaccepted. That shows rather weak nerves of a soldier—still they may be brave.

24th 60 I was re-examined yesterday with a view to the 5 years service. Several were thrown out & more ought to have been. Col. B. tried to displace 3 Lieut. on ground of incompetency. This caused an immediate disturbance. The flag was at half mast about 1 P.M. & after which is understood to mean that there is mutiny in the camp. The soldiers know nothing at it yet. There is a petition in circulation to have Col. B. resign. The governor has been telegraphed.
It is said that several of the<br>capt. will refuse to serve<br>under the<br>law. The was a<br>great celebration of Queen<br>Victoria’s birthday day yester-<br>day in Canada.<br>125th This M. We celebrate<br>eight artillery refused their<br>table 100 feet long and danced on<br>the medium dishes - cause<br>from living? We took the oath<br>of allegiance to & promised<br>faithfully to serve the U.S.,<br>4th A Qt. & its enemies for<br>the term of 3y. unless sooner<br>discharged - Matters in camp<br>are satisfactorily arranged.<br>We are it is said to march<br>to Ft. A gratuist with the 9th<br>4th Regt. 1st Brigade Chick
It is a good place as far as health is concerned if one's
journey to commence camp life on. Some very
pretty ladies visit us at camp
nowadays. They are all
looking for brothers or cousins
who they heard had enlisted.
They are pretty sure to find
them but the boys are so bad
up for money. That is one of
the meetings are terminated
unsatisfactorily.

Dr. Lind. Co. Old K. were presented
this M. with a Testament for a
man by the Kali Co. Bible So-
I immediately read the 1st Chap.
of Rev. it being the first prayer.
read since I came to camp. As usually happens on rainy Monday I had to March out the guard. I am invited to attend a soldier's wedding to night—one of our boys is going to be married. The men and modes of camp have improved since we left Campmont Bluff.

27th according to appointment Dr. Handy, Capt. Ball & Mason &c. went immediately after the parade down town to attend the wedding of our friend Johnston. He was married as appointed to a very pretty young lady whose eyes promise the sweetest disposition imaginable. She came alone 500 miles to be married before he went to war. She
will be a faithful friend to him as long as she lives or he
needs one. We had a very pleasant time; I spent it with an
old schoolmate whom I had not seen before for several
years. I also made the acquaintance of several very
pretty and intelligent ladies whom I saw for the first time, probably for
the last time. P. Johnston had been
absent for so long today which will be the last he will spend
with his lady for sometime. I leave this place here to re
member Johnston's wedding by its sound I promised to come
to the wars. The man is old
enough. It is said we are to go
south at once. The weather
The gallant Gov. Ellsworth & like the feeblest indignation should we ever go to battle will not be forgotten.

28. I spent most of yesterday at the Adjutant General's Office in the city copying muster rolls, I was rather feeble drizzling. I always dis liked to be about.  

29th Worked all day yesterday on muster rolls at the Adjutant General's office in the city - damn expense from further duty there. It does not feel quite as well to day as I have hesitated I have a load of the prevailing bowels complaint. Several of the boys are sick from some are homesick.  

Pam invited to a party in the city to night. Delighted
like to go but parties are a great
drain back on rising at 5:
trilling before breakfest
By the way did not go to the party last
night. I was not ready when the
others went & when Capt. Ball &
self got ready there was no
boat or 2 to hire to be
found & we thought a Prudie's
walk rather too much.
Notwithstanding the many
excellent men who have recom-
mended early rising I cannot
bring myself into any great
love for drilling before break-
fast. The drum beats at 5 AM
so that no one can sleep &
as much as everyone has to
go on guard who does not an
swer is told call immediately
after if continue to be on
hand, Col. Richardson was
married yesterday morning.
The effect was excellent.
He was never so pleasant before
at battalion drill yester-
day. He said no less than the
things that we did well, a
thing he never did before.
He begins to be pretty well pleased
with his Regt. Indeed, no doubt
modified in his manner by the
resolution of the Capt. not to
serve under him unless he
behaved better. This is a
beautiful morning. The river
is almost as still as an inland
There is no wind to raise a ripple
on the surface but there is always
a wave or less dead swell which
however does not break the
surface of the water.
Up 1st Oroguard. It is not my turn to day. I don't like it. Has furnished 4 Sergts for the guard already within to day. The day is fine but I do not feel very well. Have not for the last 3 days. Perhaps guard duty will cure me. Inasmuch as after writing the above I received a invitation to a party I concluded to give Sergt. Stephenson 40 dollars to take my place. We had a sharp drill this afternoon & fired out first blank cartridges. The noise seemed to confuse the men a little. We need more of it. Some of them fired almost their first gun. It all went off very well except that one man shot away his barrel at the second fire. We are now called upon to wear our blankets.
canteens & ol' drill. The ships cause some soreness at the shoulders. When we get on our blankets, overcoats, haversacks, cartridge boxes, cap boxes & our mail clothing we shall feel the weight.

June 1861

1st I went to the party last night and enjoyed myself pretty well although I was tired & partly sick. We got back to camp at 1 A.M. I gave 1/2 a slumber to get off guard yesterday & I would have given double the amount to have said a word this night. I thought the Atlanta last night would have another, I will keep up with that if possible. It keeps one pretty busy to tend to
duties & write what letters are necessary, to study tactics sometime each day. We are greatly in need of well drilled troops & I had joined the 2nd B. T. when I thought I should done much better. I believe I begin to know my business but I had too much to learn. It was sometimes taken off my guard. It is amusing & at the same time painful to me to see our captains at battalion drill. He seems to think we ought to come to our place without orders for the most part. Boys why in h---- don't you come out you know where to go just as well as I don't wait to be told every time.
This is the way he often speaks and come out as strictly speaking liable to be sent to the guard house or served still worse every time we do it. Cole Richardson, Lt. Bob Shipman, Capt. Dillman, and Bretfetr Breitknecht (both Germans) of Co. A & E and Pvt. Lt. Handy are all the only well drilled officers in the Regt. Lt. Handy is one of the best. If we were in the best place it would be no great object to the Co., Capt. B., Maj. was officer of the day today and visual made very vigorous effort to clear the camp of local women with all the usual success. That is, they did exceedingly about thereabouts. We had this P.M.
a very lively drill & did the best work we have ever done.
I acted as left guide as usual & was on the run the greater part of the time for 3 hours.
The weather was very warm and the sweat fairly poured off me.
We did no firing for want of cast ridges. We were constantly on the move mainly — on the march by God by division — deploying columns by Div. Changing direction by flank, front, forward, rear — what with some forming of squares & charging.
Col. K. seemed well pleased. He did very little scolding & I saw him smiling several times.

2:30 pm I have to stay here to-day with the men & let the
Other boys go to town. I must try to march the men to church. I suppose it is still business at last hand. When aided by the 1st. I succeeded in marching out 2 men - new recruits who had not yet learned the way of camp. There is an alarming amount of sickness in camp if the men are to believe he believed at roll call. It is strange how few get to the hospital. The camp muster near a 100 men at dinner but 50 is a large field for drill. No man ever saw the heat of the break aged heads damned the limping legs, bent backs, very faces and contortions & distortions which present themselves at morning roll call. This dodge is getting
to thread bare that good officers sometimes suffer much from inconsideration rather than mere the suspicion of thinking duty

13th. A very quiet day. Balloons are drill dull. Evolutions 1st Lt. had the last post.

There is some prospect that we shall leave soon.

4th since breakfast has been a very rainy day. Benson & Co. had an altercation with Capt. Bill. Schneiders this M. is under arrest in consequence. Our leg is undoubtedly wrong in a military view. The old German officer forever needs to learn that there is a wide difference between German & American
soldiers. He is a good officer in many respects and one of the best in the Regt but holds to military rules stricter than we are as yet accustomed to do.

Today's work divided into squads of 10 privates each. Each squad assigned to each corporal (or corporals as some of the boys got it) for camp & camp duties - Each Sgt except the first has the general supervision of 2 corporals & their squads - C. H. Ball & W. C. Gard 2 of the best corporals in the Co fall to me. The three have to look after the provision, clothing, washing, equipments & in what all the wants of the men...
Just after supper last night orders came to have all our things packed and ready for moving within 3 hours. Soon after we were informed that we were to march for Washington to-day. We shall not probably be able to do so. It will take 1 day longer to get ready. This is what we have been wishing for. I am glad the order has come—yet the hour of departure brings with it some sober reflections—I shall not stop to record them. Anyone can guess what they are—Home—friends—dangers and hardships to be met—lies & dissolutions—brother—and that peculiar feeling which always attends going away. This is well described.
by Byron & I shall not try to
better his description - He says
on leaving the most unpleasant
places one looks occasionally at
the steeple - I found it so
even when I left Canton -
ment. Blair I am sure I
have not lost affection for the
good old Steamboat Bridge.

Mississippi - the grassy yard
today hot ditches of St. Wayne
or the good people of the pleasant
city of Detroit by most of whom
we have been well used by
some with the almost kind-
ness & hospitality - This has
been a busy day. We have
been distributing equipments
all day. We leave tomorrow
3 P.M. going by way of Cleveland.
Pittsburgh & Baltimore to Washington.

6th Upon my return, all my personal effects packed to a sedan via blanket & hung over my shoulders. These cursed blinders are the greatest drawback on soldiering. They are a worse burden than Christian's was.

We had dinnerpane at 9 AM & at 9 or 12 PM. They are loading the company's baggage on board the propeller Missouri. We are to carry rations for three days cooked. We had an early dinner and at half past one all embarked on board the Prop. Missouri. More than 1,000 marines — which was crowded with soldiers — proceeded to the M & L R R Dock. There we
lanced, faced, stood out in the hottest sun I ever saw without shelter from him or half. It was enough to scorch one's ears off in as much as we had nothing on our heads but little Scandinavian caps not large than a ladies bonnet. We then marched up to Fort Street themselves. E. St. to Woodward Av. Then up W. Av. a ways, then back to the Russell House. Then we crossed an arroyo. Then deployed columns, then changed direction by the left flank. Then deployed columns then wheeled by platoons into one column. Then marched to Jefferson Av. Up Jefferson Av. 2 miles then back to Woodward a front of the way at double quick then back to the dock and then half of us went.
during all this time we had heavy burdens on our backs which we were carrying for the first time. It was ready to throw mine down it hurt & pulled us on my shoulders in addition to its weight. Many of the men could scarce keep their places in the ranks. It was perhaps a good show for others but it was rather tough on us. At 7 P.M. we were shorn (shoe) onboard the Missouri. There was a great desire on the part of the boys to shake hands with everybody and then good by. The desire there was equally great. We shook hands with hundreds of persons whom we never saw before. The waiters on the boat cried lustily when we went. We left it in charge of its four watch-mates all of them only. The grapes will again have a good opportunity to grow in the good of St. Wayne - the most solitary
place about Detroit. The ladies of Detroit & everywhere else have done well by us from the day we started till the present. The men have done well but they have done still better. I have know cases in our own too, where the lowest of the sea walked 2 miles a day & back to bring refreshments to their new found favorites & I know that it was not done for money for the boys were destitute of it. We obtained or at least 30 or several others did enough good favors were for suffer without resort toations. We left all at 7 P.M & were soon after followed by the other 30 & the Steamer Ocean. We passed the old Mississippi. 3 men were standing on the bow who chanted as one man. The light was
pleasan... with a brisk breeze.

Mom. It stopped rather a few
right. We slept on the bare deck and
very much crowded. I slept 4 or 5
hours but feel rather sleepy this day.
The wind was fresh enough this day
to make the boat pitch considerably
and many men sick. I was not
sick but I am sure I was not far
from it. I was up at daylight and
saw the sun rise for the first time in
my recollection when out of sight of
land. A dense fog came on soon
after sunrise and inconsequence we
were delayed 2 hours 2 arrived
Cleveland at 10. We took rations
for the day this morning, 6 hard
biscuits & a chunk of cold salt-
boiled beef for each man. Each
had a good cup of warm coffee at
Cleveland which helped.
and nearly all of us obtained more on less provisions - I am not going to treat salt beef & hard bread when I can buy or otherwise obtain better eats - I saw very little of herself and it was lucky fairly so far as I saw. It is said to be a handsome place. We here take cars (25 in number) on the Illinois & Pennsylvania R.R. There are 3 trains where the road is crooked & one train with 2 engines where it is straight. These is a sentinel at each door & one is allowed to leave the car. The men would loose themselves & everything they had if they could get out. One has already lost his hammer & another his gun for their caps. Our journey through Ohio was a glorious one. Every hat & handkerchie
chief, apron, bonnet, along the
road were thrown into the air - see
mane of horses & cheese of enemy
agreement - buns for Michigan
buns for the union - God help you
farewell - give one hick - we
met us at every step - All the little
vils of war were forgotten at once.
I observed one thing in particular to
not that there are an immense num-
ber of pretty women in Ohio - some-
of the handsomest I ever saw. Two
places in particular are to be remem-
bered - Hudson on the Western Reserve
40 or 50 miles I think from Chieve
perhaps not so far - we were there
for the firing of cannon - music etc.
They furthermore brought home lovely
all kinds bread - biscuits & butter-rich
cakes - cheese - dried meat - truffles etc.
by the basket & apron - full & packs of
water cold as ice & milk in abundance all gratis with smiles & kind in abundance besides - The place is small not as large as Kal. I think - It is the site of the Western Reserve College & seems so far as could be seen to be a place of great beauty. The other place is Wellsville a small village at the foot of the Alle on the Ohio river at the foot of the Alleghany mountains - There is just a command between the river & mountains for the R.B. & one handsome street which constitutes the whole village - It is a place of great beauty reminisant of hospitably may the prosperity that has if both place be ever equal to the petition & generosity of the inhabitants
Our whole reception was such as only the soldiers of liberty & civilization receive. The whole countys where we pass is in a state of patriotism. We passed along the borders of Va. but as the stars & stripes were flying & the people cheered us lustily we perceived little change. It was eleven P.M., when we arrived at Pittsburgh. We changed carriages & I stood in the streets 2 hours waiting for coffee & changed cars. The first I got the coffee—they were frugal & the 300 gallons of coffee provided all disappeared before our train came. The law, our demand of all sorts of necessity. Their officers were to en-march them. We left at 1 A.M. & slept till four & 4:10 we arrived.
at Altona where the last 60° drank all
the coffee we desired & the other wants.
We bought some provisions & I made
out a good breakfast of ginger bread
& coffee. At about 10 P.M. we arrived
at Harrisburgh & marched to camp.
Exempts first out of the city. 4300
Penn. troops were quartered there.
They were without uniform & very
ragged & dirty & many of them
barefooted. They looked far worse than
we ever did at cantonment Blair.
Indeed we were called a fancy Regt.
said to be the best looking & best
equipped of any that have passed
this way. We are not better
equipped however than our 1st
Regt. Both receive the highest praise
for appearance. With is doing
mostly. They are not willing
as well as our appearance.

We pitched our tents on the fair ground and were glad to throw ourselves on the ground to get a little rest. We got coffee, hard biscuit and salt beef to look like dinner & supper both at once. I bought a cup of milk which with a hard biscuit served me. We had so much to do that it was after 10 when we rolled into blankets.

7 AM We were up at 4 AM to make preparation for a Sunday journey to Washington & Baltimore. The day is beautiful but very warm. We are loaded with all sorts of arms & ammunition. We begin to realize that we are approaching the enemy's country. 10 rounds of ball cartridge were issued to each man & 3 distributed d by the precautions to
put 20 rounds into my box. Orders are given how & where to fire in case of an attack which is expected at Baltimore. We shall enter the city with loaded guns fired longrange. I do not believe there is any danger but am fully prepared. We have orders to abstain from eating or drinking anything except what we bring with us after we cross the Maryland line. This is to guard against prison. We had coffee bread & green beef for breakfast. Marched to the railroad soon after 6. This journal is written on the case a few miles out just on the bank of the Susquehanna. We are to get our water from a fine spring full the balance of journey.
If this journal should come to a sudden termination on this fine Sunday afternoon whoever finds it will in the streets of Baltimore the finder will please notify Philo's Hayden of Decatur Michigan as soon as & convenient I greatly oblige - Charles B. Hayden

One man of Co. K. when we were passing through Ohio climbed on top of the cars contrary to express orders of his officers & bumped his head agt. a bridge - if we had been going faster he would have been killed - perhaps he will die as it is. We have not yet got to Mary land. The cars run so slow a part of the time that the men walk by the side - I am getting tired
Hungry & with little prospect of anything to eat - after crossing the Ohio river, we saw very little to indicate the change. To leave picket guards of U.S. troops at all bridges & embankments & curves. We see abundance of places where bridges have been burned. The track is torn up - but all is now in temporary running order. Union flags are even more abundant than in the free states. Everyone greets us with cheers of all sorts. Welcome! Fifteen Mrs. & the city we halt get out of the cars & load our guns. I came down the first half that I ever intended for a human mark - Chess for the union continues unabated. The scenery is beautiful - Many
of the residences are the finest I ever saw - Picket guards in large numbers near the city. By the time we are formed it is quite dusk - We have strict orders not to cheer or speak to any one unless it be to answer civil questions in as few words as possible. We have two miles to march; the streets are densely crowded on both sides. The children and ladies cheer in great numbers for and the union & several wave flags. The men are much more careful what they do. Cheers for Jeff Davis are heard occasionally from groups. With very few exceptions we march in perfect silence and in excellent order. There is now no minor insulting remark or threat but considering the crowd their number they was very
A very pretty girl offered me a bouquet but I declined to step beyond the line to receive it, so she threw it to me. I thanked her and went on. I presumed at first that it was a case to decay one beyond the line in reach of the men who were standing around but I found it was not. One or two attempts were made to help up our men marching on the flanks but without success. In other cases they took pains to remove obstructions from our way. We passed over the many numbered by the Major & saw the place where those who were killed fell. We arrived at the area & felt without hesitation. Many persons crowded around us to ask questions & many is...
congratulate. Appearances deceive
or the union feeling as strongly preda-
sent - just as we are getting on
the cars a man threw a heavy
stone striking the 1st Sergt of the
Niles Co. on the leg breaking him
considerably - he instantly fired
at the man - WAR! We get in to the cars
between 9:15 PM, without bayonets
smashing our knapsacks & preparing to
rest a little - just as we are settled into
our seats order is sent through the
train to put on our knapsacks - pin
bayonets as quietly & quickly as possible
which is done at once. We then
proceed quietly & very slowly - the
picket guard expelling the way at
dangerous points. At 10 these men
fired shots fired close by us & men
came running past - We are on
slightly on the alert. It proved to be a collision between the friends and the enemy. Reports are various; some say that two or three were killed. I think no one fell. We are very tired and hungry; it is almost impossible to keep awake. I think we could have gained the secessionists a good if the cat could have got at them. I am sure they might have troubled us badly if they had managed properly. Latest reports say that the Yankees killed 6 men last night who were advancing to attack us. I don't think I would have disliked to fire in the streets on account of the women and children. Col. R. was laughing in his sleep all the time after they began to
10th

Talk all fighting. The man was shot at Baltimore last night last time died. There's skirmishing going on all the time. The city is alive with troops—85,000 are camped in the vicinity and several thousands are arriving daily.

The heat is intense. Several members have fallen down with sunstroke. I have very little alt. Marching in hot weather. If it were not for my knapsack, I would not be able to get along with that better than at first. I visited the Capitol this AM, went all through this afternoon. I went to P.O. Building & Patent Office P.M. The Regt marched out at 4 P.M. and paid its respects to the President. X

Thank Scott—I have seen an abundance of interesting things today but there are too many to describe. We were to have moved out of town to
day but the weather was so hot that it was deferred. I have eaten very little since we left this place. I have not got hungry enough yet to eat bacon. We have nothing but bacon, hard bread, coffee & a good deal of the time and so much as that. I have seen some interesting things but have not time or place to describe them.
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Sentinels will allow men to pass in and out at all times of
night to go to the sinks—
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agst the buildings