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July 5th, 1864 C.D.

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July 5th, 1865 Tuesday

Morning was warm and pleasant.

There was nothing of any importance going on to day.

The feel a little dull to day after their spreening on the 4th but it wore off through the course of the day.
July 6th, 1864. Wednesday.

Morning was warm and pleasant.

There was nothing of any importance going on today except a prowling through town and after black burries in the skirts of the timber.
July 7th, 1864 Thursday morning at 2 A.M. we got orders for the boys of the 47th Ind and the 24th and 28th Iowa to report to their regiments until called for at 5 A.M. The morning we did not get any rest from 2 till 5 in the morning at which time we was all called up to be ready to go with our respective regiments. The regiments got orders to report back to Algiers La.
we followed the Regt. back to Thibodeau station where we got aboard of the cars for Algiers, we got to our journeys and about 3 P. M. at which place we joined our Regiments until further orders. We camped 1/4 a mile west of the Depot in Algiers. The 19th A. G. was all here preparing for an expedition to some unknown point.
July 8th, 1864 Friday
morning was warm and pleasant.
There was nothing of any importance going on to day excepting troops a coming off of the N.O. C.O. S. W. R. R. on extra trains and the regular trains also.
The 13th A. C. was almost all coming in.
July 5th, 1864 Saturday morning was warm and pleasant.

Troops were still coming in from the Brazier City section of country. We were looking for the balance of the Pioneer Corps to come in to day but all in vain. They did not come.
July 10th 1864 Sabbath morning was warm and pleasant.

The boys went to church at 9 A.M. in the town of Algiers for the Regiments had no preaching by their Chaplains. When the cars came in at 2 P.M. I went down the balance of the corps came in but much discouraged for fear that it would break up for good. As soon as the cars
landed we that was sent back was ordered to bring our Descriptive rolls back to the Corps to have them filed up so as to draw our pay up to June 30th, 1865. Colonel and me had to get an order from Capt. Stilwell of the P. C. before we could get our descriptive to take them.
July 11th, 1865 Monday.

Morning was warm and pleasant.

There was nothing of any importance going on to day in our Divis.

The 13th A.C was getting their pay as fast as the pay master could pay them.

There was several fights in town to day.

We got orders to report at the P.O. the 12th. To sign the descriptive rolls and get our pay.
July 12th 1864 Tuesday morning was cloudy and looked like rain and very warm. The morning at 6 A.M. we reported at the Corps and signed up the rolls and got our pay about 12 A.M. I strolled around town in the afternoon and got some few little articles that I wanted. The non veteran of the 24th Ind was going to start home tomorrow morning. I drewed $ 62.75 for clothes. 
July 3rd, 1864

Wednesday's morning was warm and pleasant.

I sported around some in the forenoon to see what was going on, but there was nothing of any importance of any going on. Nothing that appeared any way interesting to me perhaps it might to those that have never been to war to be cut handed around as we are.
July 14th, 1864 Thursday
morning was warm and pleasant.

There was nothing a going on
e only the
19t H.C. a leaving of
vessels for the Ocean
somewhere unknown
to us but the supposi-
tion is that they are
going to Baltimore.
July 15th 1864 Friday.

Morning was very warm and smoky.

The Regt. drewed Springfield Rifles
and turned over the old Enfield for repairs
I got a gun and accoutrement but I
don't expect to keep it long for I think
we will be sent back to the P. C. again. I hope
so any how.
July 17th 1864 Sabbath morning was warm and pleasant. I was on guard to day for camp guard it was very warm. It was the first time that I have been on guard since Feb 1863 while on the White River trip. It rained about 3 P.M. which made it cooler in the evening. I did not have to stand through the night.
July 18th 1864 Monday

Morning was very warm and pleasant.

We went to Board mounting at 8 A.M. and then J. Hickey and myself went over to New Orleans and rambled around over the city. I went to Canal Street and set for a dozen of photographs to send around amongst my relatives $4.00 per dozen.
July 19th, 1864 Tuesday
morning was cloudy and cool. It rained about 9 A.M., which cooled the air very much. There was nothing of any importance going on.

July 20th, 1864 Wednesday
morning was very warm and sultry. There was nothing of any importance going on.
July 21st 1864 Thursday

Day morning was very warm and sunny. There was
nothing of any im-
portance going on
still about 3 P.M.
our Regt was ordered
to be ready for marching
in an hour's notice.
Our things was
all put on the ship
after a U.S. mail
ship our Regt
was marched down to
the Depot and stacked
arms till further notice.
July 22nd, 1864 Friday

morning at 1 A.M. we were ordered on the ship as soon as we all got on the vessel should off and turned down stream for the gulf about 9 A.M. we passed Fort Jackson and Fort Philips at 1 P.M. we was out of the mouth of the river into the Gulf but stuck on the bar where we lay the remainder of the day. The 156th, 158th, and 173rd New York Regt. was on board with us.
July 23rd 1864 Saturday morning found us still a ground on the bar it was very warm and sultry there was 2 tow boats came down the river to help us off they all hitched on 6th A they made no impression till noon at which time they all quit and Gen. Shover went up to Fort Jackson to make other arrangements but before he left....
The soldiers were ordered to get aboard the ships and the bar ready at 5 o'clock.

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July 24th 1864 Sabbath was very warm and sultry yet 84° 5写作 9° acc- 

cording to orders the regiment was all ready to go aboard of another vessel which did not make its appearance till 5 AM. After the soldiers all got aboard of the other vessel and away there was five tug boats got to work and got...
off of the bar at 7 a.m. as soon as the sun was clear she got the soldiers all aboard and started on her journey a little south of east about 2 P.M. she got out on the blue water where she heaved and rolled very much. she was not out long till the crew almost all got to heaving and spewing all over the ship from one
end to the other

This was my first trip on the
lining deck and I
expected to be sick
myself, but I stood
it better than the
most of them. I did
not get the least
sick. I never
saw as many sick
men together in
my life before as
I did to stay on this
ship. The upper
deck was all over
lined a sprawling
July 25th, 1864, Monday

My morning found us out on the brig deep a sailing South Eastern course it was some cooler than it had been before on this trip. There was still a goodly number sick and more were getting sick and leaving us. I was on guard to stay but till on the strait list I had some better
times while I was on guard than the greater part of the gallows. It was so crowded on the vessel that it made it disagreeable by day and by night. We seen or passed over vessels of any kind to-day at every lonesome and dreary point on the Gulf with nothing in sight but the blue waters a rolling and a tumbling red from one side to the other all day long.
About 5 P.M. we passed close along by a school of Porpoises that were playing around in the water. Some would dart up and down, some would jump clear out of the water from 4 to 6 feet long. We did not stop for darkness but kept on our journey by night and by day.
July 26th, 1864 Tuesday
morning was cool and pleasant but not so rough as it was the day before.
Of day the ship changed it course a little more southward than it had been a going before.
About 8 A.M. we seen a sail beseel passed us off to the Eastward but it soon passed out of sight about 3 P.M. There was a steam ship passed
us to the right or South west of us several miles off headed for the Missis River

The wind commenced raising about 4 P.M. which leaned and pitched the ship considerably and kept on till about 11 P.M. it commenced storming very hard

in the evening after sun down we passed the Tortuous light house and was looking for Key West
July 27th 1864 Wednesday

Morning lighted up very bright and cool

We passed Key West light house for about 3 A M and Skilgahoe light house at day break

About six three we changed our course to the North ward towards Fortress Monroe.

We passed Quite a number of sailing craft through the course of the day
About the time we passed Skelligalee Light House we got into the Atlantic Ocean. At 7 P.M. there was a gale come up which tossed us around considerably for a few hours then passed off and kept it calm the balance of the evening.

The crew quieted down calm for the night. It is quite a sight to see the men strewed around over the vessel at night in every shape.
July 28th, 1864 Thursday

morning was bright and cool. I passed the night off a sleeping in a yell that hung to the side of the vessel, which was in a very cool birth while others was a suffering with heat in the hole below some two and three stories below. There was a number of sail vessels and Cooners passed us and some went the same direction that we were
July 29th, 1864

Morning was clear and pleasant out on the old Atlantic Ocean out of sight of land or timber. In the middle of the day gets very warm in this latitude but there is a nice cool breeze at night and dew to wet a person that chooses to make their bed out of doors with nothing but the sky for a covering.

Today passed off as usual.
July 30th 1864 Saturday

morning lighted up as bright and pleasant as any morning.

cool as any morning has since we have been on the Rebel. A few ago

we passed Hattress inlet at 6 A.M. This morning at which point

we got to see timber once again. The Hattress light house showed very plain

while passing it which took us several hours. There was nothing else of any importance going more than usual.
We would once and a while pass through a school of Porpoises which we could see very plain in the blue looking water but it was so clear that we could see a number of feet into the water. We came in sight of the Fort Monroe house at dark but did not get into port till midnight it was very dark and foggy so that we could see nothing but the light house.
July 31st, 1864 Sabbath morning ached up bright clear and warm safely in the Harbour in sight of the Fort and the Whipsaps in Virginia.

The soldiers on board were all glad to get sight of land thinking to get an safe footing once again in clay at Anchor in the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay waiting for orders at the mouth of James River all kinds of steam and
sail vessels laying at anchor in the Harbor and some coming in loaded with soldiers others going out loaded for other ports along the Sea Coast

At 11 A.M. we started out of harbor up the Chesapeake Bay for Alexandria which is some two hundred miles from Fort Monroe which will make our trip on water two thousand miles it is 600 miles from N.C. to Fort Monroe
Through the course of the afternoon while running up the Bay we passed and met a great many vessels brigs brigantines backs and schooners of all kinds and descriptions. We passed York Town light house on our left about the middle of the afternoon. After dark half an hour we anchored at Look Out light house at which place we took the left channel of the Chesapeake Bay.
to Alexandria and Washington. Not on the District of Columbia. On the opposite side of the Potomac River. At this place we anchored for the night which was very cool and pleasant to sleep. (There was no dew.)
8th Month of the Year
August 1st 1862

Monday morning was cool and pleasant. The vessel took up anchor at 4 A.M. and moved on up the Potomac on their way to Alexandria. We got to Alexandria half past 1 P.M. We passed several forts before we got into the city. We could see the Dome of the white house when we was 10 miles distant from Washington.
As soon as we landed Gen. Grover went up into Alexandria to report. The vessel landed.

There was quite a goodly appearance of more business done in this city than any city that I ever have been in since I have been in the service. Alexandria is six miles down the river from Washington City. We got orders to land and get on the ferry boat.
and run up to Washington City where we got aboard. Midnight we was tired and soon laid down to sleep.
Aug 2d 1864 Tuesday morning was bright clear and warm. We got up early and went to the soldiers home for our breakfast. our meal consisted of one piece of meat one piece of bread and what coffee we wanted to drink. At noon I was put on detail to load Regt. amental truck down at the ferry boat landing we did not get back till sun down to the Depot the Regt had
left through the course of the afternoon and went out some 5 miles.
We staid at the barracks for the night and boarded at the soldiers' home.
Before we retired for the night Culp and me packed up a box of clothing to Express home.
Aug. 3, 1864. Wednesday.

Morning was warm and pleasant; we rose early and got our breakfast at the soldiers' home after breakfast at 6 A.M., and myself expressing our box of clothing home and Adams' Express Co. after that we started out to follow up the regiment, which was out some 6 miles and in the country near Jenny's town. In going out we passed through George...
A drover with his horse
The cattle fell off the road near Fort Jaffa. There were 100 dead cows and 100 dead horses.
Aug 14th 1864 Thursday

Morning was warm and pleasant but cool nights.

There was nothing of any importance going on to day.

On Dress Parade.

There was an order read for the Regiment to drill 2 hours each day till further orders.
Aug 5th, 1864 Friday

Morning was warm and pleasant. We drilled one hour in the forenoon and one hour in the afternoon. Then dropped a parade by that time.

The day was mostly spent.

I tried to fix up a tent but did not succeed being I had no help for my messmate was sick.
Aug 6th, 1864. Saturday's morning was wet and raining which made it very unpleasant to get around being a clayey country it gets very muddy and stickly. So day I don't think there will be any drill being it is Saturday. There is nothing of any account going on to day.
Augt 7th 1864 Sabbath morning was pleasant and warm. There was nothing of any importance going on to day.
Aug 8 1864

Sunday

Morning was just as usual. Breakfast was served at ten o'clock. After breakfast we had a short service in the forenoon. We then retired about noon. At five o'clock we had prayer in the forenoon. In the afternoon we read the Bible. In the forenoon we had a short service. We then retired about noon. At five o'clock we had prayer in the forenoon. In the afternoon we read the Bible.
Aug. 9th, 1861, Tuesday.

The morning was warm and pleasant. There was Battalion drill this morning at 7 A.M. While we were drilling there was an order came for the 24th Iowa and 18th Ind. To move camp, we went to camp immediately.

Co. A and B was detailed for fatigue to clean off the ground where we were to camp 4 miles from where we left the ground.
cleared off and moved through the course of the afternoon we got our tents all up in good order and straight rows. Our new camp was a nice pleasant place high so that we could see all around over the country for miles.
Aug. 10th 1864 Wednesday morning was warm and pleasant. We had to drill in the forenoon and Bay drill in the afternoon. We had plenty of duty to do to keep the camp clean and we had to sweep twice a day.
Aug 11th, 1864 Thursday...

morning we was rounted up at 3 A.M. in the morning to get our breakfast and be ready to march at day break for Bunker Hill. I went for Bunkerhill some 6 miles east to do fatigues work, went out at 9 A.M. and stacked arms and strained eyes to cut some small growth timber down out side of the forts one thousand yards
outside or rather for Bunker Hill and Fort Dothen which was 2/3 of a mile apart.
In the evening about 5 PM we quit work and went back to where we stacked our arms in the morning and got our knappers & cull and I got some pine brush and made ourselves a bed and lay down for the night it threatened a very hard rain but it rained but a few drops
Aug 12th 1864 Friday

Morning was cool and pleasant we got up off of our pine feather bed which was a very good bed for a soldier to lie on in a wooden country.

We got our breakfast then went to work for the day a cutting brush and track we got done about 4 PM after we went in to camp we got a very large salad that came by...
the way of Orleans to
the first mail that
we had for a month
I got 8 letters from my
family and one from
P. Broach Ohio reported
Capt. Palmer came
back to the com/x he
brought the mail
with him when he
came through
Aug 13th 1864 Saturday was warm and pleasant we got our breakfast and went to work at our brush as usual and worked till 10 A.M. at which time we were ordered to Camp to prepare to return to Camp near Jenny town we got in about 4 P.M. and after we got our supper we got orders to be ready to march at 3 A.M the next morning and that our Regt was attached
to the 4th Brig of the 2nd Divis of the 19th A C
The Divis is made up of the 6th, 18th, 21st, 26th Iowas, composed of the 4th & 2nd Div
The march was on Difficult Creek a small rising creek, as kept info by spring
We was to march 50 min and rest 10 min as far as we went without it got too warm then
Aug 14th 1864 Sabbath

morning was cool and pleasant it had rained through the course of the night. We was ready according to orders to start at 3 a.m. but we did not get off till 4 A.M. we crossed the Cannal along the Potomac river on a very fine bridge. We marched some 1/4 miles across hills and hollows. It was very warm and smelly towards
noon we went into camp at 12 A.M. in a nice meadow for the day and night on Difficult Creek, a small creek replenished mostly by springs. About 7 P.M. Sa Maj. Hull came around and gave orders to the companies to be ready to march at 3 P.M. The next day morning Blount's Battery I came up about 1 P.M. 4-20 lb. guns 2 brass and 2 parrot guns 1st T.G.
Aug 15th 1864 Monday

morning was pleasant and warm we was up and ready at the appointed hour to march we marched out in line and proceeded on our journey towards Leesburg we crossed marched some 6 miles to a small town called Plainsville we passed on through and crossed a small creek called Sugarland River we then passed on some 5 miles and crossed Broad run and camped for
The rest of the day and night we camped about W A Mo on a nice hillside in the evening the orders came for us to be ready to march at half past 3 A M next morning.
Aug 16th 1864 Tuesday

morning was pleasant and warm but cloudy which made it some cooler than if the sun had a chance. We passed a goodly sized Village by the name of Franklin about 9 AM and crossed Goose Run. We then marched on past Leesburg some 9 miles and camped at the foot of Hogtoctin Mountain before we came to the mountain.
could see the tops of the mountain above the clouds which
Aug 17th 1864 Wednesday morning we started in the advance of the Division we started out of camp at 3 A M and the morning for Hamilton which place we passed and camped just beyond about 10 A M and rested till 3 A M we got orders to start in an hour to cross Snickles Gap get to night our Regt was rear Guard we started at 4 and crossed Blue ridge at Snickles gap and then the
Sneandoah
River
which we waded by
pulling our pants off
from there we mar-
ched some 5 miles to
Berryesville (Town)
and camped for the
night ofr morning
rather.
But C Culps and I
fell out and laid down
under a tree and rested
for the night some two
miles in the rear of the
Division.
Aug 18th 1864 Thursday's

morning found us

marching from the valley

Towrade Barriesville

where we camped at 2 A.M. and rested till day break. We

there met the rest of the S A C. and part

of the S C. and the G A C. retreating back from

15 miles beyond

Parries. 18 Winchester

towards Harpers Ferry we marched or

to within 3 miles of
Charleston which is 6 miles from Harpers ferry where we camped for the night with the expectation of getting a fight out of the rebels. It was about 9 PM. When we got into camp we laid down very weary and tierd. It looked very much like if it would be wet through the night.

We are now in Fredric Co. Va now
Aug 19th 1864. Friday

morning was wet and drizzly and we got up and got breakfast. We then moved the Regt a few rods and changed front. We then the rest of the day fixed up camp and foraged and cooked and eat.

In the evening we got an order to arrest every man that was found out of or away from his command without his arms.
either inside or outside of the picket line a foraging or a getting
what's. We had nothing
to eat but green corn for several days.

Capt. Palmer got each of the tobacco
cheerers in his corn 30 cts. worth of tobacco.
Aug 20th 1864 Saturday

Morning was wet and drizzling after we got our breakfast we got orders to move about 3/4 a mile which we done and setup up our tents and quarters it was then 2 P.M. and we was immediately called out for picket duty without any dinner we was marched out to the line where I got on the reserve post which suited me very much there was 1/2 of our com to gether on
Together there was nothing going on on the line. Everything was quiet.
Aug. 21st, 1864 Sabbath.
morning was cloudy but warm.

There was nothing occurred on our part of the picket line through the course of the night but about 9 A.M. there was 4 rebels came up within sight of our lines and there was 2 of them taken in a few posts to our right they pretended to be citizens the other two got away.
About 4 A.M there was some cannonading heard in our front which sounded like battle and in a short time they commenced firing very heavy on our right flank with musketry it was kept up all day.

After dark the picket line was moved in some 200 yards and in a few minutes after the new line was formed we was all called in
about 10 P.M. -
to evacuate the position's
except about 58 on the
right of us by some
mistake or other they
were left till day
break. After we
was called in our Div.
was formed and mar-
ched out in line
towards Charleston some
3 miles we expected
to march all night
Charleston is quite a
large town
There was
some 400 prisoners
taken to day Rebels
Aug 27th 1864 Monday

morning found us marching towards Harpers Ferry but we halted there for the morning at Bolivar Heights some 3 miles before we got from Harpers Ferry. It was 2 A.M. we laid down to sleep till morn. but day break the scene of action was opened by skirmishes and was kept up nearly all day there was 5 or 6 brought in that was taking on the skirmish line.
50 odd

those boys that was left on the picket line

stayed till day break

then followed up the

1st. Corps and got through some safe but unexpected

ly by the company
Aug. 23rd, 1864 Tuesday

morning was warm and pleasant. (We were still on Bolivar Heights)

After day break skirmishing commenced again briskly and was kept up all day but nothing else occurred of any note to day

There was some prisoners taken in along the lines
Aug 24th 1864 Wednesday

morning was pleasant and warm. There was brisk skirmishing all along the line. The 11th and 2nd made a charge on the left and lost several of their men but took quite a number of prisoners. It was kept on our guard all the time for the enemy. There was skirmishing all day along the lines.
Aug 25th, 1864 Thursday

morning was warm and pleasant. Our Divisions were all called out at 4 a.m. on line and stacked arms and waited till day break expecting the rebels to make a charge on our works but they did not and it was for their wholesome that they declined.

In the afternoon there was quite a brisk engagement on our right in our favor.
Aug 26th 1864 Friday

morning was warm and pleasant. We were called out at 4 A.M. as before and stacked arms inside of our breastworks and awaited the appearance of the Rebs but they came not.

At 4 P.M. Gen. Mccook attacked the Rebs on our left with the calculation of seeing where they were and drove them when
We attacked them. We was called out in line to be ready for any attack. That might be made anywhere along our lines, but there was none. At dark we got orders to pack everything up and be ready to march. At a moment's notice we laid on our arms all night.

About 10 P.M. there was a heavy rain storm but only lasted half an hour.
Aug 27th 1864 Saturday

morning was cool and pleasant we were called out as usual at 4 A.M. to await the coming of the enemy but they came not at 10 A.M. the 8th, 9th and three other Regts of our Divis went out as skirmishers to see if they could find any of the enemy but they were not to be found in our front they returned and the boys went to...
Cleaning up the camp and Regimental ground.

In the evening our com was ordered to have
16 men and 9 Non commissioned
officers ready for picket
Duty tomorrow morn at 7 A M.
Aug 28th 1864 Sabbath morning we was awakened at 3 & a half to prepare for to march at day break we was ready to march at day break but we did not start till 9 & a half and marched to within ¾ mile of Charleston and rested till after noon when we got up and marched on through the town and on some 3 ½ miles to where we was a week ago and halted as soon as we was halted there was 18 men
and 2 corporals and one
Lieut called for to go
out in front for a reserve for the
skirmishers there was no skirmishing
and we was called in
about dark
The 3rd C is in the
center the 6th A. C.
on our right and
the 4th on our left
of infantry
Aug 29th 1864 Monday's

morning was cool and pleasant. The cavalry went out and fought the rebels all day with the 61st Corps of infantry and in the afternoon the 6th A.C went out to the front and the cavalry fell back to try to decoy the rebels in. But they fell back as our men advanced.
Aug 30th 31st 1864

Tuesday and Wednesday were warm and pleasant.

There was nothing of any importance going on, and with the exception of being mustered for pay, Culp, Ford and I went on a foraging trip and we got a very nice fat sheep. There was a man drummed out of one of the eastern Regt in the 6th. Care.
Sep 17th, 1864 Thursday's morning was cool but pleasant.

There was nothing of any importance going on except the provo guards taking up stragglers that did not run around foraging through the country. They took up C Ford of Co. A 28th and brought him in under guard.
Sept 3d 1864 Friday

morning was cool and pleasant.

There was nothing of any importance going on.

Through the course of the day.

In the evening the boys drew new clothing and at 8 P.M. there was orders came to be ready to march at 4 A.M. next morning.
Sept 3rd, 1864 Sat. 

Monday morning was cool and pleasant, we were ready at 4 A.M. to march but did not go till 7 A.M. We marched to within 1/2 miles of Berryvill and camped for a few hours at 6 P.M. We were ordered to march and about the same time we heard the artillery and infantry playing very rapidly in the direction of Berryvill. We marched about 1/2 mile to the East of the town.
and formed in line of battle (our Regt. Flag in the woods).

The fight kept up very briskly till after dark then ceased and we lay down on our arms or closely by our side.

It commenced raining slowly at dark and I set up against a large Red Oak tree and slept.

There was over 700 prisoners taken in the fight.
Sep. 4th, 1864 Sabbath

Morning was wet and damp but did not rain. Our Artillery opened up towards the rebels but got no reply so far at 6 A.M. No! There was nothing but skirmishing going on to to-day.
Sep 5th, 1864 Monday

Morning was cloudy and damp but the boys generally felt likely.

About 8 A.M. was called out in line with the intention of trying the rebels. The 8th and 78th, some went out with the 47th. They did not stand fire, they fell back and left us the wind, supported our skirmish and our Regt.
supported the 8th Ind. but when 47 Penn fell back the rebels got a cross fire on our advance and we had to fall back. The rebels appeared to be moving to our left towards the Winchester Pike after we fell back the 1st Div. of the 19th A.C. came out to support us and we the 8th Ind. and 98th Iowa was to deploy out in a line of
skirmishers to see where the rebels lay we started and marched slowly along but seen some two or three in our tramp we swung around to our left till we came up to the Winchester pike some 3 miles from camp in the whole trip we only seen our support once the 8th had lost 1 man and 2 wounded the 28th had one man wounded we
returned back to camp
at or near 4 P. M. with
a good supply of
chickens and fresh
pork and a good
muttering it rained
very hard while
we was returning
back to camp. We got our sup-
ners then went to
bed wet it kept on
raining all night.
The cavalry
took some 70 Prison-
ners through the course
of the day.
Sept 6th 1864 Tuesday

morning was wet
and raining when
we got up we was
in a smoking but we
built up two large
fires and got dried
off and the balance
of the day we feasted
on our forragel that
we got yesterday
while out a Skir-
mishing.

It rained all
day lightly and
kept every thing
wet. Tomorrow we are to go
on picket guard at 7¼ A M.
Sep 7th, 1844 Wednesday. morning opened up bright and clear and all appeared lively.

We were ready at 7½ A.M. and went down to head quarters but was discharged and sent back to our quarters again.

We got orders about 10 A.M. to be in camp and ready at a moments notice if called on.

There was some of our forces out a trying the strength of the Rebels force but all was quiet.
Sep 6th, 1864 Thursday
morning was bright
and cool.

Our Regt was up
and out in line at day
break with their arms
and accouterments
and held themselves in read-
iness till after sun-
rise at which time we
received ourselves of
our accouterments
There was nothing
of any account a
going on till evening
There was a garrison
and camp equipage
signed for
Sept. 9th 1864 Friday
morning was damp and wet but cool
There was nothing of any importance to do.
Our corn done coming up to day.
It was wet and drizzly all day.
Sept 10th 1864 Saturday

morning was damp and wet. We drained three days rations this morning.

There was nothing of any importance going on to day.

I was detailed with 5 others and a corporal to do guard duty at Brig Head Quarters.
Sept 11th 1864 Sabbath
morning was wet and raining but at sun rise it quit raining and cleared up. At half past 9 A.M. I was relieved of guard at Headquarters.
There was nothing of any importance going on to day in camp.
Sept 12th, 1864. Monday morning was clear and pleasant nothing of any importance today. I got a letter from home to-day.

We had dress parade in the evening at 5 PM and the orders read on parade was to drill 2 hours every day here and dress parade in the evening at 5 PM. The colonel took the 9th South Car. Tigers, 1st U.S. Artillery, 16th Ohio infantry and the whole Regt.
Sept 13th 1864 Tuesday

morning was warm and pleasant.

There was nothing of any importance a going on to day.

Sept 14th 1864 Wednesday

morning wet met and raining it was disagree able to the troops some of our regt had to move quarters

There was nothing of any importance a going on. The commissary got up wood and built one table mess.
Sept 15th 1864. Thursday

morning was wet and

damp. We was
ordered out in line at 4 A M this morning
with our accouterments
and arms and we had
to stand in line till
after sun rise. These
boys spunted consider-
but we had to bare it
I wrote a letter to
my family to day
and in the evening I
got one from home
Sept 16, 1864. Friday

Morning was clear and pleasant but cool.

The company was called out and lined to get the consent of the com to have their knapsacks brought on from Nash City.

In the evening there was an order came for the regt. to be ready for Gen inspection at 7 PM tomorrow.

I wrote more to my family and put it right with the one I wrote yesterday.
Sept 17th 1864 Saturday

Morning was pleasant but cool

There was considerable firing up in the Parlor for inspection at 11.30 which came off at the appointed hour. The Regiment got the praise for cleanliness and bright arms.

There was nothing else of any importance arising on the day in camp.
Sept 14th, 1864 Sabbath

morning was clear and pleasant

There was Camp inspection at 9 A.M.

At 10 A.M. we got orders to pack every thing up that was to go on the waggon and put it on and be ready to move at a moment's notice we fixed up and lay on our orcs ready till 5 P.M. The orders came to stay we put up our tents and fixed up for the night.
Sept 19th, 1864

Monday morning we was up and ready to start at 3 A.M. We marched some 10 miles before we got to where we could get to see the rebels. We went in but we was so cut up that we was soon scattered. But we rallied again about 3 P.M. The 8th Corps came up and went in and then drove them clear back through the town of Winchester.
where they had to leave their forts. There was a great many of our men killed and wounded.

We gathered together and camped north of Winchester for the night. There was a good many of our men back yet. Capt. P. Palmer was killed and J. White 3d. Sergeant.

The rebels lost very heavily. This day was a very destructive but all in our favor a glorious victory won by Gen. Sheridan in command.

C.H. Rupp.
Sept 20th 1864 Tuesday

morning we was up at 3 A.M. ready to march. We started about 7 A.M. towards Strasburg. At 11 A.M. we passed through New Town about 1 P.M. we passed through Middle Town some 14 miles from Winchester and then crossed Cedar Creek and marched some 2 miles and camped for the night. The enemy was close to us in our front. We was marched up on a high point close to the Blue Ridge mountain, on our right the Aldaracid extended along in high points.
Sept 21st, 1864

Wednesday morning was dull and cloudy but warm. The sharpshooters went out and tried the Rebels. They kept up a considerable fire all day till about 1 P.M. but the Rebels did not reply with artillery. The Artillery commenced firing. The 1st and 2nd Divisions moved up in the front of the battle of infantry.
Sept 22nd 1864 Thursday

Morning was pleasant and warm. At half past 6 A.M. we moved off to the right something near two miles and formed a line of battle and fortified. But about 2 P.M. our regiment was moved down to the A.C. head quarters in the course of an hour we were moved to the front to the height that our forces took possession of at noon by storming the enemy's works for an hour at which time the orders.
came for our regt to form in a strong skirmish line on the right edge of the 22 Iowa and advance the support followed us closely and we took all the Rebels works Artillery and a good many small arms and ammunition with quite a number of prisoners after we took all their works our regt went back to where we started from to get our knapsacks and bivouac their for the night we got orders to be ready to march next morning at 4 A.M. This is called strawburg or Chester Gap or a spur of the blue ridge.
Day of US cap
Whole extent of Building 757 ft 4 in
Length of wings including steps 824
Width of wings 142 ft 48 in
Width - old capital 352 - 4
Area of ground actually covered 153.112 sq feet
or more than 3 1/2 Acre
Height of Dome above basement floor 264 ft