

Record 1862

Mar 19 Joined volunteer company being formed in Salem.

" 26 Company organized by Election of officers. H M Crowder Capt.

Ap 15 Mustered into Confederate Service at Salem.

" 17 Company left Salem & encamped at Loachapoka Ala.

" 30 Recd Bounty Money.

May 1 Got a Furlough for 16 Days. Went with family to Liberty County Geo. Returned to camp May 16th.

" 22 Went to Salem to bid goodbye to Family preparatory to leaving for Corinth

" 23 Regiment left Loachapoka & encamped near Pensacola Depot Montgomery [sic]

" 26 Monday Evening. Regimint [sic] embarked for Mobile, 1st Battalion on [illegible possibly Senator] 2^d on Selma. Arrived Wednesday at 11 oclock[sic].

" 29 Thursday Left Mobile on RR [illegible words]

" 31 Saturday 2nd [crossed out] Battalion arrived at Tupelo Miss, fifty miles below Corinth.

June 1 1st Battalion arrived at Tupelo

" 2 Monday. Regiment having remained in the cars till dark "disembarked" and pitched tents at Camp Lomax, in the N. part of the village of Tupelo.

Friday June 6th, 2^d Battalion Lt Col Echols ordered to move to Bridge 1 ½ miles East of Verona. Marched there sending baggage & sick by RR. Sunday June 8th pitched tents on the hill east of the Bridge three miles from Verona, in a magnificent grove.

June 10th Tuesday. 2^d Battalion according to Orders from Col Mitchell returned to Camp Lomax near Tupelo.

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June 13 Regiment held an Election for Major. Capt H R McCoy received 265 votes, a majority of 66.

June 16 Regt. attached to Chalmers Brigade, Withers Division.

July 7 Monday Regt. left Tupelo & marched to Saltillo [crossed out 2] Encamped on the North side of the road leading West of Saltillo about a half mile off. Pleasant location, shady, good water &c.

" 26 Received orders from Division H^d Qrs to have two days rations on hard cooked & be ready to start at short notice.

" 30 Wednesday At 3 P.M. Regt packed up & marched to Saltillo, & bivouaced [sic] for the night.

July 31 Thursday. Regt. had to remain all day at Saltillo, the train destined for us being delayed by accident below.

Aug 1st. Left Saltillo at about 7 o'clock. [sic] for Mobile

" 2^d Saturday – Still on the train. About 6 A.M. our train came in collision with a wood train 2 miles above Enterprise. Engines & Several Cars injured. One of our men had his thigh broken & another his collar bone. Wonderful & fortunate escape!!

Aug 3 Sunday – Arrived in Mobile at 3 ½ A.M. marched to the Boat Waverly & departed via the river for Montgomery at 11 ½ A.M.

Aug 4 Monday ~ 11 ½ AM About 175 miles above Mobile. Slow but we hope sure. Heavy rain yesterday & again today which makes it very uncomfortable for the men on deck

" 6 Wednesday arrived in Montgomery at 5 A.M. Disembarked & marched near to M & W.P.R.R. where we encamped for the day

" 7 Took the freight train at 6 AM for Chattanooga. All along the route hundreds [sic] of the friends of the Regt. of [two illegible words] came out to meet & cheer us on our way. Th [crossed out] T was a complete ovation. Arrived at West Point 5 P.M. & changed cars for Chattanooga at 7 PM

Aug 8 Friday at 6 PM arrived at Chickamauga Station where the Regt left the train & marched next morning across four miles to camp near Tyners Station E T & Ga. RR. The Baggage was sent around via Chattanooga.

" 22 Friday. Remained in camp here until today when the [crossed out] we took up the line of march north ward. Crossed the Tenn River at Harrison Landing [crossed out] Ferry on Flats next morning & marched on 1 ½ miles & pitched tents to await our transportation which had not yet arrived across the country from Saltillo.

Aug 30 Saturday. The Right Wing Army of the Miss being now ready to move, we started on the M^cMinnville road. 4 P.M. halted & camped at Spring about [crossed out] having marched 9 miles.

Aug 31 Left at daybreak and after a tedious march reached Smith Cross roads, 16 miles 5 PM. The Regt arrived at Spring yesterday evening during a heavy shower. Whilst the men were preparing to camp, building fires &c, in a forest, a tall oak was struck by lightning in the midst of the encampment. Four men were knocked down & considerably stunned but none at [crossed out] killed. Sever [crossed out] A stack of guns near the tree was also struck & three or four of them shattered. T was a wonderful escape from a sudden death.

Sep 1 Monday. Lay over at Smiths X Roads all day to rest

" 2 Left at 7 A.M. After a wearisome journey crossed Waldrons Ridge & arrived at Pikeville 4 P.M. 10 miles.

" 3 Wednesday Leaving at 7 A.M. marched up the Cumberland Mountains at Gap & encamped on the summit [letter m crossed out] having come 8 miles

" 4 Thursday. Descended the mountain & marched to Caney Cr [crossed out] Fork Creek where after wading the stream we camped on the north bank. 12 miles

Sep 5 Saturday [crossed out] Friday At 7 A.M. marched on At Kill Calf [crossed out] Creek we left the M^cMinnville road turning north for Sparta we arrived there at 1 P.M. 9 miles At 5 P.M. again moved on

to Bunker Hill & en [crossed out] bivouaced [sic] for the night on the north bank of Creek. Sep 6 [crossed out] arriving 12 at night. 11 miles, having made 20 miles during the day.

Sep 6 Saturday. Stopped over to rest & let Gen Cheathams Div pass on ahead. Camp near a little place called Bunker Hill White Co Tenn

Sep 7 Sunday ~ Left at 6 A.M. & by a slow & leisurely movement reached ____ Spring at 3 PM 13 miles.

" 8 Monday – Regt. left at 8 A.M. After much delay from wagons ahead Regt arrived at [crossed out] passed through Gainsboro Jackson Co at [crossed out] 5 P.M. Passed up the mountain & march by a circuitous route to the Cu [crossed out] a ford of the Cumberland river—on the South bank of whist we camped. Distance 16 miles.

" 9 Tuesday – Forded the Cumberland water only knee deep. There took up [blank] Creek some six miles & then up through a mountain defile two miles & thence by a level road to Centreville two miles from the Kentucky lines 17 miles.

Sep 10 Wednesday

Left Centervill [sic] at 7.20 – About 8 AM crossed the Kentucky line. Arrived at Tompkinsville Monroe Ky about 12 .PM. Here we learn that Buell is [crossed out] in full retreat in the direction of Bowling Green. The Right wing of our Army Withers & Cheathams Division having nearly all arrived we Distance 12 miles will probably press forward tomorrow to intercept his retreat & offer him battle.

Sep 11 Thursday. Left Tompkinsvill [sic] early & after marching 15 miles camped at — church in Barron County Ky.

Sep 12 Friday – Passed through a village call Temple Hill where we met an enthusiastic reception from the Ladies. Passing on we reached Glasgow about 2 P.M. Here we met with many encouraging demonstrations from its citizens generally. Dis travelled 12 [crossed out] 9 miles Leaving Glasgow proceeded 3 miles & stopped to rest & cook Left at 11 P.M. and made a forced march to the Nashville & Louisville R.R. Glasgow Station at 3 oclk. [sic] Slept on our arms until day light. The object of this move from Glasgow to the Station by our Brigade is to cut off the Train from Bowling Green tomorrow. Distance travelled during day 22 miles

Sept 13.

Encamped in sight of Depot during the day. The Yankee train is reported by our Pickets to have come up within a few miles of this place: but it is supposed from information they must have received from some source backed the train & skeddaddled, greatly to our disappointment. Thus leaving the Tennessee River on the 30th ult. after being on the road 14 days resting only 3 & marching 11 days we have come at a very moderate estimate 170 miles being at the rate of $15\frac{5}{11}$ miles per day. Crossing two mountain Ranges & several rivers with an Army as large as ours in so short a time, this may be considered an extraordinary march. Glasgow [crossed out] Bells Station Nashville & Lou. RR is 25 miles above Bowling Green & 18 miles below Green River, 96 miles from Louisville & 85 miles from Nashville

Sep 15 Monday At 4 P.M. took up the line of march northward. Stopped at Cave City after dark, six miles & encamped.

Sep 16 Tuesday. Left at daylight for Munfordsville on Green river 12 miles distant. Here the Federals numbering 4500 men strongly intrenched in two Forts (Dunham & Wilder) awaited us. Arriving at _____ House 10 o'clock about a half mile from the Fort, a shell came whizzing directly over the Regt. Ordered to forward into line on the left of the road in an open field. Water [crossed out] Waters' Battery taking position on the right of the road, our Regt was ordered to take position to the right also & support it. The Battery kept up a spirited fire for over two hours The Enemy's fire of Shell & grape to which we were all the while exposed was well directed, many shells bursting in our immediate vicinity but fortunately no one of our Regt was killed or wounded. About three P.M. several balls from Yankee skirmishers passing directly over us we marched up and took position in the ditch, side of of [sic] the main road at the ridge of the woods. Two Companies B & I were ordered to join Col. Manigault's 10th S.C. in the woods as Skirmishers Here we remained over an hour when the picket firing ceasing, the whole Brigade was marched around by a white house east of the Fork. As we passed an open space the Regt was exposed to view from the Fort & the enemy sent several shells at us one of which exploded quite near the rear guard. Continued marching until we reached the woods where we awaited further orders. After marching & countermarching in the woods until after dark, bivouacked in an old field for the night. After a shower in the at [crossed out] evening & the weeds knee high, the position of the men was very uncomfortable as they were not allowed to build fires & many of them had deposited their blankets & coats during the rapid movements of the day. Before day light we heard the gratifying intelligence that the Yankee Commander had agreed to our [crossed out] an unconditional surrender. At 6 A.M. Wednesday the 17th just one year to the day since the occupation of this point by the Federals, the Garrison to the number of 4500 marched out & laid down their arms. Maj Gen'l Buckner whose native place this was, received the surrender. Among the spoils taken were 600 Bbls [sic] Flour, Bacon, Clothing & a quantity of medical stores The loss on our side was trifling, None Killed, two mortally & several others slightly wounded. The enemy's loss was 5 killed & 7 wounded. Thus a great victory was achieved with trifling loss.

Wednesday Sept 17th.

Marched across the Green River passing through the village of Munfordsville & encamped just beyond.

Sept 18th Thursday. Remained in camp during the day resting, washing up & preparing for an onward move.

Sep 19 Friday Ordered to leave at daylight. Ready & in line & waited until near 12 M when we received intimations from H^d Q^{rs} that we would not move today.

Sep 20 Saturday ~ Left camp at 4 PM & travelled in the direction of Louisville 20 miles bivouacing [sic] for the night near ____ creek.

Sep 21 Sunday. Turned of[sic] to the right. Instead of going by Elizabeth Town took the route to Louisville via Bardstown. Marched to Hodgersville 12 miles.

Sept 22. Monday Left Hodgersville at 7 A.M. & travelled to the River two [crossed out] one miles [s was crossed out] south of Bardstown distance 26 miles. The longest & hardest march yet taken by this regt, arriving 11 P.M. Passed through New Haven where we stopped to rest & get water. Reported that we form a junction with Gen Kirby Smith tomorrow

Sept 23 Tuesday, Left camp at 1 P.M. passed through Bardstown a beautiful town, where many beautiful Secession ladies cheered us on with their smiles, waving of handkerchiefs &c &c. Came on to Cox Creek 6 ½ [crossed out] 7 miles from Bardstown & encamped for the night. Distance traveled 7 ½ [crossed out] 8 miles.

Sep 24 Wednesday Remained in camp all day. During the day were visited by quite a number of Kentucky ladies who sympathize with our cause.

Sep 28th Sunday. No change in our programme [sic] since Wednesday. This is a delightful neighborhood Large farms, people, before the Yankee invasion independent & happy Even now having an abundance of the good things of this life, this is the most pleasant location we have struck yet. Our stay here, we will look back to as one of the green spots in "memory's barren waste" 4 P.M. At 9 A.M. received orders to leave in a half hour. Went back to Bardstown 7 miles & thence east on the Turnpike towards Springfield East 4 miles. Here we are encamped about a mile north of the Turnpike in a dense forest awaiting the collecting of provisions preparatory to a general advance towards — Louisville or Cincinnati. Regt very much confined having been received allowing no one to leave without written permit from Division H^d Q^{rs}.

Oct 4 Saturday. Ordered to leave at Daylight. Took the road towards Danville. Passed through Fredericksburg & encamped two miles west of Springfield. Dist during day 14 miles generally east & a little S.E.

Oct 5 Sunday Left camp at 4 A.M. passing through Springfield about daylight. Marched on to Perryville & camped Dist 17 miles E & E.N.E.

Oct 6 Monday. Marched from Perryville at 7 A.M. During the day passed through Nevada & then Harrodsburg 2 m. This latter is a place of considerable trade & appears flourishing. At present the H^d Q^{rs} of Gen Bragg From Harrodsburg took the Lexington Pike 3 miles, then turned to the left & camped on Salt River about 2 miles from the main road. During Day 17 miles.

Oct 7 Tuesday

Left Camp at 7 A.M. & returned to the Turn Pike thence North by the main road to El. Dorado. Here we turned to the left & encamped on Salt river again 1 mile from El. Dorado. Distance travelled 5 miles. Around Harrodsburg in a circle of 20 miles Diameter are now encamped the army of Gen Bragg & that of Gen Kirby Smith. Whether we advance from here upon Louisville or Cincinnati, or here make a stand and wait the attack of the Federals is to us very doubtful. Wait & see, at the same time "Keep your powder dry"

Oct 8 Wednesday— Left camp at 11 P.M. marching north through Salvisa on the Frankfort Pike. Stopped on our arms near a Spring, before day light, & remained until 9 AM when the Regt was drawn up in line of battle, about a mile north of this point & a little west of the main road. We remained here in the woods in line of battle all day expecting to be engaged, But no enemy appearing No Enemy appearing from the direction of Lawrenceburg appearing next morning before daylight in common with the whole division, marched on the road leading west, crossing Salt river ___ Mill. During the day the Division took about 800 prisoners. Our Regt was detailed to guard them a short time. Later in the day we were ordered up in line of battle expecting to attack the Enemy again. But Gen Withers receiving orders to reenforce [sic] Gen Polk at Perryville we recommenced the march. Stopped for the night near Salt River

& next morning marched for Harrodsburg which point we reached about ten A.M. Distance since last note about 35 miles. On reaching Harrodsburg the Regt after stopping an hour of [crossed out] or so out of the rain, when we were marched out at double quick through the mud & water to take position in line of battle on the Perryville Pike. Taking position we bivouacked for the night in the rain a most disagreeable night.

Saturday, Oct. 11th.

At day light left for Harrodsburg. From & back to Harrodsburg travelled about 6 miles. Passed through Harrodsburg & marched across Dick River where we camped. Dist 14 miles.

Oct 12 Sunday

Remained in Camp, resting having rations cooked preparatory to retiring from Kentucky by way of Cumberland Gap.

Oct 13 Monday. Left camp on Dick River. Passed through Bryantsville & Camp Dick Robinson. From Monday morning the 13th till Tuesday Evening 21st we were on the road from Dick River to Cumberland Gap a distance of 120 miles. Passed through Crab Orchard Lancaster & New London. Having all our wagons ahead our progress was slow: besides being constantly exposed to attacks from the enemy delayed our course. After crossing Big Rock Castle River passed Wild Cat Fort, a strong position held by the Enemy last year when the Lamented Zollifcoffer was advancing on Ky. At Wild Cat Creek our Brigade being on picket as Rear Guard of the Army remained near the Creek a day & night most of the time drawn up in line of battle. During the day there was considerable firing between the Pickets of the two armies; Lieut of the 28th Ala & Capt Pointer on Gen Wheeler's Staff badly wounded in the leg. H [crossed out] Two or three killed on our side. Next morning we were ordered away, being relieved by a Brigade of Gen Kirby Smiths Command, greatly to the relief of our men who were willing enough to remain & fight, but being out of provisions, the wagons all ahead we subsisted principally on parched corn for several days. Great then was the pleasure anticipated by our gallant boys at the prospect of reaching the Gap where "full rations" might once more be drawn. The Regiment though wearied by the long, fatiguing march stood up manfully during the Entire route & promise to make veteran soldiers at no distant day.

"Notice"

"I will on the 27 August attend at the votin [sic] ground in the 15 Civil Destrict [sic] of Hamilton Co for the purpus [sic] of collectin [sic] the tax dew [sic] this year 1862, come or send hit [sic] will save cost this July 18th

T Hardenshire

Tax. Col."

The above a Literary curiosity found at the P.O. Tyners Station Tenn. 1862.

Form of Endorsement

H^d Q^{rs} 34th Ala Regt Willow Creek Tenn Oct 28th 62

Lieut David Ware

Application for 30 days leave of absence on Surgeons Certificate of sickness.

Approved & respectfully forwarded

JWE. [sp?] Lt Col

Comdg 34th Ala Rt.

Soldiers Discharge

To all whom it may concern

Know ye, that HB a Private of Capt. CD's Company, (A) 34th Regt of Ala Vols, who was enlisted the 3^d day of Jan. one thousand eight hundred & fifty two to serve three years is hereby honorably discharged from the Army of the Confederate States; by reason of _____ (Surg. Cer. of dis. or Old age &c &c)

Said H.B. was born in Chatham Co in the State of Georgia, is forty six years of age, six feet high, dark com. grey eyes, dark hair & by occupation when enlisted, a farmer

Given at Tullahoma Tenn this 35th day of Nov 1862

E.F.

Col Comdg[sic] 34th

Oct 21 [a second 2 was crossed out] Wednesday. [crossed out] Tuesday About 3 PM reached the far famed Cumberland Gap, one of the most romantic places in America. Strong by nature it has been rendered impregnable as a fortress by the works of friend & foe. Passing through the Gap we marched on & encamped at Powells River, 5 miles.

Oct 22 [a 3 after the 2 was crossed out] Thursday. [crossed out] Wednesday

Crossed the River & left for Knoxville. Passed through Tasewell. Here took the road to the right. Travelled 15 miles & camped on Clinch River.

Oct 24 [24 crossed out] 23 Friday. [crossed out] Thursday Crossed the river by wading knee deep, marched on 15 miles & camped about a mile from Maynardville, Union Co, now Priceville Lee Co. Tenn

Saturday [crossed out] Friday Oct 25 [25 crossed out] 24 Con [crossed out]

Continued the march towards Knoxville. Stopped on Willow Creek 15 miles during day. Whole dis from the Gap to this place 50 miles & ten miles to Knoxville.

Oct 25 26 & 27 Saturday Sunday & Monday

Remained in Camp. Snowed all day during Sunday. Very trying to men camped in the woods without tents, poorly clad & almost without blankets Here we remain until transportation can be obtained to our place of destination.

Oct 28, 29 & 30. Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday, Remained still in camp above Knoxville. During week the Regt was supplied with a small amount of Clothing & shoes, not before they were sadly needed.

Oct 31 Saturday [crossed out] Friday Took up the line of march for Knoxville at Sunrise. About 1 P.M. embarked on the train for Chattanooga where we arrived at 4 AM next morning. Distance 110 miles. Passed through London, Charleston, Paris & Cleveland.

Nov 1 Saturday. Waited at the Depot in Chattanooga until about 10 A.M. when we took the Cars on the Nashville road. Went to the Tenn. River opposite Bridgeport 28 miles from Chattanooga. Here as the bridge had been burnt by our troops last Spring & is now only partially completed, left the cars, lugged our baggage to the bank and crossed the South branch of the river on the battle Steamer Florence, Crossing the island we camped on the bank of the north branch. During the day passed throug [crossed out] over parts of Tenn, Georgia & Alabama.

Sunday Nov. 2. Crossed the river early on Steamer. Here the river is about a quarter of a mile wide. Camped near the RR at Bridgeport, a small village, since the Yankee depredations, with scarcely any thing but the name left.

Nov 3^d Monday Remained in camp awaiting transportation to Tullahoma. Drew 3 Days rations

Nov 4 Tuesday. Regiment ordered to leave. Marched at 8 A.M. Baggage sick & convalescents left under charge of Lt Col Echols to be sent by R.R.

Nov 7 Regim [crossed out] Friday. The regiment marched through from Bridgeport to this point Tullahoma in three days, reaching camp about dark last night. Col E & myself came on the train Wednesday night tented in Tullahoma that night & came out here two miles SW from town yesterday.

Today we are all here in camp a waiting our wagons coming across the country from Knoxville & trying to keep ourselves warm in the snow which is falling fast.

Nov 8 Saturday. Regt still in camp. Weather very cold. Wagons not yet arrived.

Nov 9. Sunday.

Regt quiescent. Day beautifully clear & calm.

Nov 12 Wednesday.

Moved camp about a mile to the West of [blank here] Creek nearer Tullahoma. Raining all day & very disagreeable moring [sic].

Nov 16 Sunday,

Received orders to cook two days rations & hold our selves in readiness to move at a moments notice.

Nov 17 Monday ~ No further orders being received the Regt remained quiescent, Col. Echols started for home on Sick leave. To be absent about a month.

Nov. 22 Saturday – Struck tent & f [crossed out] left for Murfreesboro via Manchester. Passed through the latter place & camped on the north fork of Duck River about a mile beyond. Dist from Tullahoma travelled today 13 miles. Dist from Tullahoma to Manchester 12 miles.

Nov 23 Sunday.

Left at Sunrise & passing through Peach Grove camped at [blank here] House near [blank here] Creek. Distance travelled 17 miles. When the Regt arrived at the Camp more than half had fallen out, through fatigue, & blistered feet & not a few to forage by the way.

Nov 24 Monday

Left camp at Sunrise again & commenced to travel. Morning very cold the coldest of the Season. About 2 PM arrived at Murfreesboro. Passed through & camped on the Eastside of Creek [crossed out] [blank here] Creek or River in two miles of the town. Distance travelled to Murfreesboro 13 miles. Distance during day 15 miles The whole distance from Tullahoma via Manchester to Murfreesboro is 43 miles. Murfreesboro is a beautiful place, the seat of considerable trade before the war & numbered between three & four thousands inhabitants.

Nov 26 Wednesday

Remained in camp yesterday & today. Prospect is that we remain here some time awaiting the movements of the Enemy now at Nashville

Dec 5 Friday

Snowed all day. Very cold & disagreeable to troops camping out with scarcity of tents.

Dec 6 Saturday

Clear, the ground frozen & very little snow melted all day. Regt still under orders to be in readiness to move at a moments notice Gen'l Joe E Johnston arrived at Murfreesboro last night to take command of

Dept No 2 very much to the gratification of our whole Army. He is a general in whom our soldiers have implicit confidence & will be sure to lead to victory.

Dec 13 Saturday

General Review of all the troops about Murfreesboro by President Davis. The review took place in an Old field about a mile bel [crossed out] south of town. Breckinridge's Cheatham's & Withers Divisions in succession. Twas a magnificent spectacle, a grand display, long to be remembered. The Regt acquitted itself with credit on the occasion.

Dec 14 Sunday

The Regt is being paid off today for July & August. Of course it is very gratifying to "the Boys".

Dec 19 Friday

Regt ordered out at 11 A.M. to witness the "Execution of Private Samples of 28th Ala Regt. for Desertion. The sentence was carried into effect at 12 M Prisoner was shot in the presence of the whole Brigade. This is the first Execution which has occurred in this Brigade since our Regt was assigned to duty in it. A dreadful sight.

Dec. 25. Thursday

Christmas! At the mention of this word what a cluster of happy memories crowd around us. Until the war is over, however, Christmas must be regarded as a thing of the past or perchance of the future, but not of the present. A dull day in camp truly.

Dec 26 Friday.

Hangmans day! Again the Regt has been called upon to witness a military Execution two men of the 28th Ala were shot for Desertion in the [crossed out] presence of the whole Brigade.

Dec 26th Friday. Heavy firing heard along the front today presaging a general engagement.

Dec 27th Saturday. Firing continued at intervals during the day. Orders received to cook up three days provisions & be ready to move at a moments warning.

Dec 28 Sunday.

Regt left camp about 10 A.M. for the front. Passed down Stone River to the Wilkerson Pike. Crossed the River here & marching on this road about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile turned with the Brigade to the left & formed line of Battle in the woods. Remained during the evening Expecting the Enemy who are reported to the advancing in large force.

Dec 29 Monday

Remained drawn up in line of Battle all day. The Enemys skirmishers appeared at various places along our line, but no general engagement. In sight of our Regt to the Right oblique about a half mile off, skirmishers from the 10th SC. & 24th Ala (our Brigade) had a spirited brush with the enemys Cavalry. We lost one of the 10th killed and & two wounded. The Yankees left nine dead several wounded & fifteen

prisoners in our hands On our right it is reported our Cavalry brought in three hundred prisoners. Expect the "Ball" to open in the morning.

Tuesday Dec 30th.

Under arms again at daylight. At 9 A.M. the enemy not yet appeared. 9 AM Heavy skirmishing to our right & left. During the greater part of the day heavy cannonading by the Enemy on Waters Battery Robertson's Battery and two guns of one of Cheathams Battery. At about 3 PM the enemy's fire was terrific it a shell burst & it is thought mortally wounded Lieut Searcy Comdg Co. F. Three or four more were more or less seriously wounded. About 11 A.M. Capt Carter of Co H was slightly wounded in the arm while out skirmishing. Also one of his men mortally wounded

Dec 31st Wednesday

At Daylight the pickets on both sides in front of our Brigade. At about sunrise the Brigade was ordered to charge. They pitched in gallantly, but being subjected to a cross artillery fire & besides being outnumbered by the enemy the 24th Ala & 19th.SC. began to give way The order was then given to fall back & reform. This they did in good order & ma [crossed out] renewed the attack with success, taking the Battery.