

Civil War Diary of David and Joseph Stratton

31st Regiment Indiana Volunteers

August 6, 1861 – January 6, 1863

David W. Stratton Biographical Information

1880 Census shows David W. living as a boarder with his brother, Joseph P. Stratton in Sullivan. The four children, Nory, Horace, Clara, and Vulda, are listed as living with their widowed grandmother, Nancy McKee, in Hamilton Township, Sullivan County. David W. was widowed in 1876 when his wife Martha McKee died. Apparently the grandmother was better able to care for the children.

The 1880 Census also lists David W. Stratton as maimed or crippled. No details are known by this compiler.

David served in the Civil War as Private, Thirty-First Regiment Indiana Volunteers, Company D. His brother, Joseph P. Stratton, also was a Private in the same Company D, and lost a leg in the Battle of Nashville. Joseph P. wore a wooden leg the rest of his life. A small leather bound Civil War Diary by David W. Stratton and Joseph P. Stratton, from August 6, 1861 to January 6, 1863 was given to the Vigo County Historical Society in 1968 by Sarah Rebecca Stratton Bolinger, granddaughter of Joseph P. Stratton. A transcribed and typed copy was given to Sarah R. Bolinger and is in the possession of her son William Stratton Bolinger, the compiler of this note.

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[Note: Roster includes Sullivan and Terre Haute men.]

Muster Roll

Muster Roll of Co. D, 31st regt. Ind. Vols.

Capt. James A. Wolls - Rec'd his [illegible] at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Aug .3rd, 1862

1st Lieut. F. L. Neff

2nd Lieut. Craven Reed

1st Sergt. [sic] John R. Hughes - Discharged Feb .4,1862, Calhoun, Ky.

Sergt. [sic] John N. Clark

3rd Sergt. [sic] Reader H. Smith – Died Jan. 1, 1862, Calhoun, Ky.

4th Sergt. [sic] Charles A. Power

5th Sergt. [sic] Francis M. Collins – Died Oct .7,1862 Evansville, Ind.

1st [sic] Corp. Wm. G. Dudley 2nd Corp.

2nd Corp. Samuel F. Mason

3rd Corp. Jordan Moore

4th Corp. John A. Knotts

5th Corp. Wm. E. Hughes

6th Corp. Harin Roles

7th Corp. Franklin James

8th Corp. Jackson R. Eaton

Fifer Wm. R. Strain

Drummer Wm. S. Woodall - Died Aug .31,1862 Tallahoma [sic], Tenn.

Teamster John P. Miller

Private John Adams

Private John H. Ayres

Private James M. Anderson

Private Stephen D. Bailey

Private Joseph Bailey - Discharged Dec .2,1862 Nashville, Tenn.

Private Patrick Barnhouse - Died May 31, 1862 Corinth , Miss.

Private Wm. Bell

Private John Bell - Discharged Sept. 21, 1862 Evansville, Ind.

Private Elias Bell - Killed in action Feb.15,1862 Ft. Donalson, [sic] Tenn.

Private Milton Belser

Private Charles Bilingsly – drummed out of service Nov. 10, 1861, Calhoun, Ky.

Private Wm. J. Bilyew

Private H. H. Boles

Private Albert P. Boles - Discharged Aug .16, 1861 on account of wounds rec'd Shilo [sic]

Private John N. Bricker - Died Apr .28, 1861 on account of wounds rec'd Shilo [sic]

Private George T. Briggs

Private Levi S. Barnett

Private Wm. F. case

Private Wm. Chase - Discharged Dec .1,1862 Nashville, Tenn.

Private Henry H. Chase

Private Cleaveland Coffee - Died Jan. 19, 1862, Calhoun, Ky.

Private Wm. Cowden

Private David M. Cummings - Died May 20,1862 Pittsburgh landing, Tenn.

Private George W. Daniels

Private James W. Decamp

Private James T. Dix

Private John Dodd - Died Feb. 9, 1862, Calhoun, Ky.

Private David Enlow

Private Perry W. Filips

Private Christian C. Gilkinson - Died Jan.6,1862 Calhoun, Ky.

Private Robert B. Gilkinson

Private Lewis Hamilton - Discharged Nov. 10,1862 Nashville, Tenn.

Private George W. Harlow

Private Samuel H. Harley - Died Nov. 17, 1862 Silver Springs, Tenn.

Private James Heck

Private Wm. Hollanback

Private Henry T. Houpt - Died Jan. 13,1862, Calhoun, Ky.

Private Robert K. Houpt

Private John Hudson - Deserted Sept. 15, 1861, Terra Haute, Ind.

Private [illegible] H. Hunt

Private Charles C. Hutchison

Private John James

Private Jarred Johnson

Private Amos S. Johnson - Died Dec .25,1862, Calhoun, Ky.

Private James E. Knotts

Private Wm. L. Knotts

Private Johnathan R. Knotts

Private Lucious R. Kraff

Private James Little

Private John W. Marker - Killed Feb.15,1861 Ft. Donalson [sic], Tenn.

Private George T. Marts

Private John McCard

Private Benjamin L. Melone

Private Green F. M. Merrit

Private Morgan O'Neal - Died Dec.2,1861, Calhoun, Ky.

Private Joseph O'Neal

Private McDaniel Osborn - Died July 16,1861, Cincinnati, Ohio

Private Robert L. Parson

Private Robert C. Peter

Private Ezra Pitser

Private Wm. Posey

Private Wm. R. Ridgeway

Private Wm. O. Roach

Private Levi N. Shaffer - Killed Apr .6,1862 at battle of Shilo [sic], Tenn.

Private Daniel Shastine - Discharged Feb.12,1862 Calhoun, Ky.

Private Shelly P. Stark

Private Levi Strain

Private David W. Stratton*

Private Joseph P. Stratton*

Private Daniel D. Sullivan - Died Nov.11,1861, Calhoun, Ky.

Private Samuel Thomas

Private James Thornburg - Deserted Sept .10,1862 Terre Haute, Ind.

Private Charles R. Turley

Private Robert Turner - Died May 16, 1862, Evansville, Ind.

Private Malchi Tyler

Private Luke Walters

Private Jacob West

Private Zania W. Westmoreland

Private Warren T. White - Drowned Oct. 23, 1861 Henderson, Ky.

Private James Williams - Discharged Sept. 12, 1862 Silver Springs, Tenn.

Private Wm. J. Wilkin

Private Adam M. Wilson

Private John Donne - Died July 12,1862 Mound City, Ill.

Private Jacob Miller

Private George Noble

Private Samuel Dodd

Private Elija Voorhees - Taken prisoner in battle at Donalson [sic], Feb.13,1862

Diary Entries

August 1861

August 6, 1861 Went to Indianapolis gone into Camp Sullivan spent the night in great hilarity

August 7th, 1861 Moved to Camp Morton. The boys are very awkward cooking get along very well.

August 12th, 1861 Returned to Sullivan and commenced the work of recruiting our company in order to get ready to go to Camp Vigo at Terre Haute, Ind.

August 20th, 1861 Company met. prepared to go to Terre Haute by R.R. but rec'd a dispatch from the Adj. general of State not to come until the quarters were fixed.

August 21, 1861 Left Sullivan by private conveyance for Camp Vigo.

August 22, 1861 Arrived at camp after a pleasant day's ride weather very warm

September

Sept. 15, 1861 Sworn into the United States Service by Lieut. Col. Wood. The company raised to the required number.

Sept. 28th, 1861 Left Camp Vigo for Evansville at midnight.

Sept. 29th, 1861 Arrived at Evansville at 8 o'clock.

Oct. 1st, 1861 A detachment of 50 men sent to Spotsville on Green river Returned next morning.

Oct. 3rd, 1861 Rec'd marching orders got aboard Steamboat for Henderson, Ky. arrived there at 8 o'clock same evening .

Oct. 4th, 1861 Landed and pitched tents in an old lot in the East part of the City.

Oct. 16th, 1861 Co. D and Co. K of the 31st and 25 men from the 25th Ky. ordered on a scouting expedition into Webster County. Left camp at 11 o'clock in the night marched 11 miles slept an hour

Oct. 17th, 1861 resumed our march until late in the evening went into an old tobacco house Stayed a night.

Oct. 18th, 1861 Returned to camp got in at 8 o'clock at night very tired and hungry.

November

Nov. 2nd, 1861 Left camp at Henderson for Calhoun on Green River. Came 9 miles from Henderson on a high ridge Hachesgrove Springs

Nov. 3rd, 1861 Marched to Curdsville on Green River crossed in a Ferryboat .

Nov. 14th, 1861 Resumed the march reached Calhoun at 4 o'clock in the evening very tired.

Nov. 11th, 1861 Six companies of the 31st, two co's [sic] 11th Ky., and two pieces of Capt. Eaton's battery ordered to reinforce Col .McHenry at Hartford, Ky. got aboard the Steamers STORM and GILLUM. Started from Calhoun at 2 o'clock passed South Carrolton landed at Seralvo [sic] and took up the line of march reached Hartford at midnight .

Nov. 12th, 1861 Started back to Calhoun. Stayed all night on a large Creek.

Nov. 13th, 1861 Reached Calhoun at 3 o'clock in the evening.

Nov. 15th, 1861 Rec'd our first 2 months pay.

December

Dec. 2nd, 1861 Snowed hard all day - the first that had fallen this winter.

January 1862

Jan. 15th, 1862 Rec'd marching orders tore and got aboard the Steamer MATTIE COOK bound up the river landed at Carrollton about dusk.

Jan. 16th, 1862 Laid all day in an old tobacco house. very cold

Jan. 17th, 1862 Pitched tents and gone into camp

Jan. 31st, 1862 Ordered back to Calhoun marched hard all day reached Calhoun 8 o'clock in the night .

February

Feb. 9th, 1862 Sabath [sic] morning Struck tents at sunrise got aboard the Steamer MATTIE COOK, bound the river met the B.J . ADAMS turned and vent back to Calhoun gat aboard the B.J .A DAMS and starting the river again.

Feb. 10th, 1862 Put Evansville in company with several others are now gliding down the Ohio rapidly

Feb. 11th, 1862 Arrived at Paducah at Sunrise and with our fleet largely increased are bound for Ft . Henry arrived at Ft .Henry 8 o'clock PM

Feb. 12th, 1862 Back at Paducah again and in company with 14 Steamers, 5 gunboats are bound for the Cumberland River passed Smithland just after dark

Feb. 13th, 1862 Are slowly running up the Cumberland past Edyville 12 o'clock M.

Feb. 14th, 1862 landed about 4 miles below Ft. Donalson [sic] or Dover about 9 o'clock at 11 o' clock took up line of march for our position in the rear of Ft. Donalson [sic], which we reached about dark and took our position just in the rear of Schwarts [sic] III. battery and about ½ mile from the enemy's works weather very cold and snow falling fast we are not allowed to sleep

Feb. 15th, 1862 The engagement commenced on our right about daylight. The enemy made a bold dash and turned our extreme right at the same time vigorously attacking our whole right wing they were checked along the whole line excepting the extreme right here the conflict was dreadful but our men were gradually being driven back but galently [sic] contested every inch of ground. their ammunition was nearly expended we were ordered to the right for reinforcements. We advanced on double quick with the 25th Ky. in advance but owing to some misunderstanding they were run almost into the enemy's ranks, who fired a dreadful volley they fell back in great confusion we tried to form but owing to the nature of the ground could not before the enemy were among us Co. K, D, and B formed and held the enemy in [sic] check until the rest of the regt. fell back and formed on a hill about 100 yards in the rear when we fell back and took our position in the line but we were again compelled to fall back and take our position where we lay until 4 o'clock PM when we were reinforced by Gen. Wallace's division when we again advanced and drove the enemy into works in great haste. we then fell back and rested for the night.

Feb. 16th, 1862 The enemy surrendered at daylight this morning. We were among the first in town. The victory is complete. We captured 1320 prisoners and 100 pieces of artillery and several thousand stand of arms and immense commissary stores.

Feb. 17th, 1862 Our regt. rec'd marching orders to report at Ft. Henry on the Tenn. river. Distance 17 miles. We reached there late in the evening pitched tents.

Feb. 28th, 1862 rec'd our 2nd payment.

March

March 6th, 1862 Rec'd orders to march. Struck tents and packed up but the orders were countermanded.

March 7th, 1862 Struck tents at Ft. Henry Marched 6 miles up the Tenn. river, where we expected to get on a boat but did not succeed - pitched tents late in the evening.

March 9th, 1862 Struck tents and got aboard the Steamboat FANNIE BULLIT

March 10th, 1862 Lett the landing above Ft. Henry up the river for Pittsburgh [sic] Landing.

March 12th, 1862 Passed Clifton a little town on the east bank of the Tenn. river.

March 13th, 1862 Landed near Savanah where we caught up with 75 or 80 Steamboats.

March 15th, 1862 Moved up to Pittsburgh [sic] Landin 8 miles above Savahah.

March 16th, 1862 Left the boat this morning. Regt. ordered on picket.

March 19th, 1862 All quiet. Last night nothing occured [sic] to disturb our first night's rest in Western Tenn. Pitched our tents and went into camp about one mile from the river.

April

April 4th, 1862 Our pickets were attacked about 4 o'clock PM Sharp fighting ensued. The enemy were repulsed with considerable loss.

April 6th, 1862 The enemy attacked our position at 4 AM drove in the pickets. Desperate fighting all day. We were driven to within a half mlie of the Landing. Gen. Buell arrived with reinforcements. The enemy is checked. Great loss on both sides .

April 17th, 1862 Fighting renewed this morning 3 o'clock we are driving the enemy slowly. At 2 PM they began a hasty retreat but owing to the desperate condition of the roads we cannot pursue them. Loss in 31st - 22 killed and 109 wounded. Loss in Co. D - 1 killed and 8 wounded one of which afterward died.

April 23rd, 1862 Moved camping ground about 2 miles from the river on the Corinth road. Transferred [sic] into Gen .Nelson's Division 22nd Brigade, Army of the Ohio.

May

May 1st, 1862 Rec'd orders at dress parade to prepare to move at 6 AM next morning.

May 2nd, 1862 Packed up and left camp at Shilo [sic] 8 AM marched 9 miles toward Corinth and encamped for the night in an old field.

May 3rd, 1862 Pitched our tents and gone into camp. Heard heavy firing in the direction of Farmington. Gen. Pope captures the town.

May 7th, 1862 Moved camp 2 miles and a half toward Corinth pitched tents in Tishmingo [sic] County, Miss.

May 8th, 1862 4th Division made a reconnoissance [sic] 3 miles in the direction of Corinth remained until midnight and returned to camp. Mud knee deep.

May 9th, 1862 Firing to our left. Division ordered under arms instantly. Marched 2 miles S.E. in the direction of the firing. Found ourselves on the wrong road marched ½ mile back took the direct road to Corinth. Retook our old position or the one we held the night before.

May 10th, 1862 Our tents are brought up and we go into camp.

May 16th, 1862 Moved camp 3 miles toward Corinth Commenced erecting breast works

May 22nd, 1862 Brig. engaged in a heavy skirmish sustained but slight loss: 31st supported the skirmishers remained on our lines all night.

May 29th, 1862 Rebels evacuated Corinth Gen. Nelson at the head of the 4th Division took possession of the town and planted the Stars and Stripes on the Court house.

June

June 1st, 1862 Moved camp to within 2 miles of Corinth pitched tents went into camp

June 3rd, 1862 Ordered on a force march to reinforce Gen. Pope. Left camp 8 AM and marched to Boonville 50 miles south of Corinth. Passed through Riewzi [sic] Remained three days near Boonville. Rec'd orders to go to luka passed through Jacinto.

June 11th, 1862 Reached luka about 12M

June 12th, 1862 Our tents, wagons, and sick came up. Went into camp.

June 19th, 1862 Moved camp near luka

June 21st, 1862 Regt. ordered to Eastport on Tennessee River distant 12 miles. Left camp at 12 M Reached Eastport late in the evening dust very deep

June 23rd, 1862 Rec'd orders to join our Brigade on the road to Tuscumbia, Alabama. Camped about 8 miles from Eastport.

June 24th, 1862 Reached Busard roost at 12 AM Marched 2 miles and camped for the night rest of the Brigade came up.

June 25th, 1862 Marched to Tuscumbia distance 16 miles. Found the Sullivan boys in the 13th Ind. all well and in fine spirits.

June 26th, 1862 Marched 4 miles. Camped on Tenn. river

June 27th, 1862 Crossed the river next morning moved to Florence passed through camped 1 mile on the other side.

June 28th, 1862 Left at 10 and a half AM marched 10 miles and camped on Coldwater river.

June 29th, 1862 Sabath [sic] morning. left camp Marched 15 miles passed through some beautiful country

June 30th, 1862 Marched 15 miles and camped near Athans [sic]

July

July 1st, 1862 Marched 5 miles went into camp 2 miles East of Athans [sic].

July 4th, 1862 Had a good dinner. Attended a division revilre [sic] at the fair ground near Athans [sic].

July 9th, 1862 Rec'd marching orders left camp at 5 PM marched 7 miles same evening dust knee deep, wilderness for 10 miles without a human habitation or a drop of water to be found.

July 10th, 1862 Marched 10 miles passed Elkton arrived at our destination at the crossing of the Alabama and Tenn. R.R. where it crossed Elk river.

July 11th, 1862 Pitched tents on a beautiful ridge, half mile from the river.

July 14th, 1862 Rec'd marching orders for Renalds [sic] Station. 28 miles distant, on the Alabama and Tenn. R.R.

July 15th, 1862 Marched 10 miles on the road to Renalds [sic] Station where an attack is momentarily expected.

July 16th, 1862 Resumed march at Sunrise passed through the town of Pulaska and arrived at Renalds [sic] Station 11 AM went into camp.

July 26th, 1862 Left Renalds [sic] Station by Railroad for Nashville arrived at Sunset distance 75 miles .

July 27th, 1862 In camp near Nashville spent the day very pleasantly

July 28th, 1862 Rec'd marching orders at midnight got aboard the cars landed at Galatin [sic] at daylight distance 26 miles .

July 29th, 1862 Encamped near Galatin [sic]n camp in fair ground.

July 30th, 1862 Rec'd orders to return to Nashville left camp at noon arrived at Nashville same evening camped near the city

August

August 1st, 1862 Left, Nashville at 8 AM by Railroad for Murfreesboro where we arrived same evening went into camp

August 6th, 1862 Captain Walls rec'd his resignation and went home.

August 7th, 1862 Rec'd orders to move immediately packed up but did not go til next morning.

August 8th, 1862 Left camp at Murfreesboro, marched 16 miles went into camp for the night.

August 9th, 1862 Marched 22 miles camped in a beautiful valley near Liberty.

August 10th, 1862 Marched 22 miles towards McMinnville passed through Liberty and Smithville camped 7 miles from Smithville.

August 11th, 1862 Sent our teams and sick to McMinnville marched back to Smithville and encamped for the night.

August 12th, 1862 Left Smithville at Sunrise and marched back to Liberty and encamped for the night.

August 13th, 1862 Lay in camp near Liberty all day.

August 14th, 1862 Marched back to Smithville distance 15 miles .

August 15th, 1862 Marched to McMinnville distance 22 miles went into camp

August 16th, 1862 Moved our camp to the top of the hill near town and went on picket.

August 27th, 1862 Rec'd marching orders Marched 8 miles and camped for the Night .

August 29th, 1862 returned to old camp McMinnville regt. ordered on picket same evening.

August 30th, 1862 On picket got plenty fruit one mile beyond the picket line. On half rations but got plenty to eat.

September

Sept. 2nd, 1862 On picket all quiet

Sept. 3rd, 1862 Ordered into camp at 3 AM everything packed up ready to move left McMinnville at daylight marched without breakfast, went 18 miles on the Murfreesboro road and camped for the night.

Sept. 4th, 1862 On the march to Murfreesboro

Sept. 5th, 1862 Arrived at Murfreesboro at 10 AM having marched 18 miles since sunrise moved 2 miles on Nashville Pike, encamped for the night on Stone [sic] river.

Sept. 6th, 1862 Left Murfreesboro and marched to Lavernye [sic] 15 miles on the road to Nashville did not get into camp til [sic] 9 PM.

Sept. 7th, 1862 Marched to Nashville. Camped near the city drew new clothes same night.

Sept. 8th, 1862 Left Nashville at 3 AM Marched 10 miles on Louisville Pike went into camp on a beautiful hill.

Sept. 11th, 1862 Moved at Sunrise. Marched to Tiro Springs distance 4 miles stopped got dinner moved 4 PM marched 8 miles camped for the night

Sept. 12th, 1862 Marched to Michelsville [sic] Company ordered on picket .

Sept. 13th, 1862 Ordered into camp 3 AM and took up line of march at daylight passed through Franklin R. 10 AM arrived at camp near Bowling Green at 9 AM Having marched 28 miles.

Sept. 14th, 1862 Moved 2 miles towards the City

Sept. 15th, 1862 Rec'd marching orders at 9 AM orders countermanded until 5 PM got ready but ordered not to go til [sic] 3 next morning

Sept. 16th, 1862 Orders countermanded until 5 PM fell in but did not go till 3 AM next day

Sept. 17th, 1862 Moved at 3 AM passed through Bowling Green crossed Barren river took up line of march for Louisville marched until 10 PM rained incessantly since sunset A horse ran through our ranks no one hurt Camped on a beautiful hill about 5,000 rails. [sic]

Sept. 18th, 1862 Lay in camp until 12 M when with four days half ration took up line of march towards Glasgow. Marched 8 miles then the road for Cain City on Louisville and Nashville R.R. Marched to Pilot Knob went into camp at midnight.

Sept. 19th, 1862 Revilee [sic] at 3 AM Marched at daylight towards Mumfordsville [sic] where Bragg and Co are reported to be in force took the Lexington road moved up within a few miles of town when into camp all quiet.

Sept. 20th, 1862 Slight skirmishing between cavalry forces. Regt. ordered on picket.

Sept. 21st, 1862 Sabath [sic] morning all quiet in front marched on Lexington road at 4 PM went 8 miles and took the road leading from Glasgow to Mumfordsville [sic] marched within a miles of the latter went into camp at midnight.

Sept. 22nd, 1862 Moved at 3 PM intending to cross the river 9 miles above but had not gone far until we were ordered back camped near the fort.

Sept. 23rd, 1862 Moved at Sunrise passed through Mumfordsvill [sic] and marched to Hardinsville distance 26 miles got up at midnight and cooked flapjacks til [sic] daylight.

Sept. 24th, 1862 Left Hardinsville at Sunrise passed through Elisabethtown [sic] at 9 AM marched until Sunset camped on a beautiful eminence near West Point

Sept. 25th, 1862 Marched til [sic] arrived at Salt river crossed and went into camp 1 mile above Cloverport on the Ohio.

Sept. 26th, 1862 Marched to Louisville went into camp on Shippingsport island.

October

Oct 1st, 1862 Left camp 8 AM marched Into the City on Fifth street remained until 5 PM marched 7 miles on Bardstown Pike went on picket .

Oct. 2nd, 1862 Resumed the march skirmishing in front halted near Mt. Washington and camped for the night

Oct. 3rd, 1862 Resumed the march at sunrise met by flags of truce went into camp on Salt River Shelled the enemy away from the crossing.

Oct. 4th, 1862 Moved at 6 AM Marched 7 miles and encamped for the night

Oct. 5th, 1862 Moved at 6 AM passed through Bardstown and camped for the night 1 mile from town on the Bloomfield road

Oct. 6th, 1862 Moved at 6 AM passed through Linnville took the road to Springfield marched 22 miles and camped near Springfield.

Oct. 7th, 1862 Moved at 8 AM passed through Springfield marched 5 miles on Perryville road turned to the right and marched acrost [sic] to the Lebanon and Danville Pike Marched 4 miles up the pike to Linchville turned to the right marched to Rolling Fork camped for the night

Oct. 8th, 1862 Moved at 6 AM met the enemy's pickets 3 miles from Perryville halted and prepared for action. 22nd Brigade moved forward driving the enemy's skirmishers. Skirmishing all afternoon heavy canonading [sic] on Springfield road Slept on arms all night.

Oct. 9th, 1862 Moved at daylight about 1 mile to the right of the position we were occupying yesterday evening. Changed direction and advanced in line of battle to within 1 mile of town and camped for the night. Rebels all gone to Harrodsburgh [sic] and camp Dick Robinson.

Oct. 10th, 1862 Moved at daylight on Danville road met the enemy's cavalry a few miles from town drove them before us all day. 31st Regt. took a race after the enemy's cavalry was 1 hour too late camped near Danville.

Oct. 11th, 1862 Rested all day in camp.

Oct. 12th, 1862 Left camp near Danville marched in direction of Camp Dick Robinson went 7 miles turned back to Harrodsburgh [sic] and Danville Pike took the pike to Danville reached there at midnight 31st on picket .

Oct. 13th, 1862 Relieved from picket and returned to camp 2 miles north of town.

Oct. 14th, 1862 Left camp at 6 AM Halted near town and drew rations moved at 12 M on road to Stanford arrived Stanford at sunset. halted and got supper moved again on the Crab Orchard road driving the enemy's picket before us halted just before day

Oct. 15th, 1862 Moved at sunrise passed through Crab Orchard driving the enemy's Cavalry before us. 22nd Brigade turned to the left marched 7 miles crossed to the road leaving from Mt. Vernon to Lancaster in hope of cutting off the enemy's vanguard that were retreating on that road but they had all passed before we arrived reached the road went into camp for the night .

Oct. 16th, 1862 Moved at daylight marched 9 miles and came back into Mt. Vernon and Crab orchard road 3 miles from the former passed through Mt. Vernon at 4 PM Camped for the night 9 miles beyond on Rockcastle river.

Oct. 17th, 1862 Moved at 8 AM crossed Rockcastle River and commenced ascending Wildcat Mountain reached Camp Wildcat at 2 PM went into camp on the same spot that was occupied by Gen. Thomas when he was attacked by Zollicoffer.

Oct. 18th, 1862 22nd Brigade on a scout London and Richmond Road moved from Camp Wildcat at 12 M proceeded but a short distance found the road blocked up with fallen timber cleared them out captured the enemy's out posts moved very cautiously with 20th Brigade deployed as skirmishers. 1st and 2nd Brigade supporting them. 31st Ind and 90th Ohio as reserves came up with and completely surprised the enemy at sunset at the cross roads captured several prisoners and a lot of fat cattle, camped on the field without our blankets or grub got some grub off the 90th Ohio.

Oct. 19th, 1862 In camp at Nelson's cross roads. Scouting parties from the 31st gathering up cattle and prisoners all day. Got 200 beef cattle and 100 prisoners.

Oct. 20th, 1862 Ordered to move at 3 AM in pursuit of the enemy marched 14 miles on road to Cumberland Gap but could find no enemy. Gave up the pursuit and returned to cross roads reached camp at sunset.

Oct. 21st, 1862 In camp at Nelson's crossroads 12 miles north of London

Oct. 22nd, 1862 Our Brigade left cross roads at sunrise marched to Goose Creek Salt Works near Manchester, Clay Co., Ky. distance 27 miles reached salt works at dark very tired road very rough Troops on half rations but plenty of forage.

Oct. 23rd, 1862 In camp all day. The Works together with 30,000 bushels of salt destroyed by order of Gen. Buell.

Oct. 24th, 1862 Left the salt works at 12 M marched 17 miles same evening on the road to WildCat camped for the night.

Oct. 25th, 1862 Marched at daylight on road to Mt. Vernon reached Rock Castle river camped on the eastern bank commenced snowing about dark. Snowed all night nearly froze to death.

Oct. 26th, 1862 Moved at 6 AM. Snow six inches deep. Several of the boys are barefooted and have no blankets reached Mt. Vernon at 12 M. halted 1 hour for dinner moved at 1 PM Took the road to Summerset marched 5 miles and halted for the night in a meadow had plenty of straw and hay.

Oct. 27th, 1862 Moved at 8 AM marched 18 miles and camped near Summerset, . Weather very cold and some snow on the ground.

Oct. 28th, 1862 Rested in camp all day 2½ miles from Summerset.

Oct. 29th, 1862 Moved at 6 AM passed through Summerset and took the road leading to Columbia Marched to Fishing Creek and camped for the night distance 5 miles.

Oct. 30th, 1862 Marched 22 miles on road to Columbia.

Oct. 31st, 1862 Marched 21 miles and went into camp 1 mile north of Columbia.

November

Nov. 1st, 1862 Pitched our tents for the first time since we left McMinnville, Tenn. got our knapsacks and changed our suit for the first time since we left Bowling Green, Ky.

Nov. 2nd, 1862 Left Columbia at 2 PM and marched to Big Creek on road to Glasgow distance 8 miles.

Nov. 3rd, 1862 Marched 15 miles and camped for the night on Wood's Creek near Edmantown, Metcalf Co., Ky.

Nov. 4th, 1862 Moved at 8 AM passed through Glasgow went into camp 1 mile south of town.

Nov. 8th, 1862 Struck tents at Glasgow marched 12 miles on road to Gallatin, Tenn.

Nov. 9th, 1862 Moved at 6 AM went to Scotsville [sic] 7 miles and went into camp.

Nov. 10th, 1862 Moved at 9 AM on road to Gallatin camped for the night 5 miles from the Kentucky line.

Nov. 11th, 1862 Moved at 6½ AM. Co. D on advance guard marched 16 miles and stopped 1 hour for dinner passed through Gallatin at 4 PM took the Lebanon road Marched to Cumberland river went into camp for the night.

Nov. 12th, 1862 Ordered to move at 12 M. 31st detailed as rear guard of division and did not leave until 2 PM Marched to the junction of the Nashville and Lebanon Pike distance 8 miles went into camp at 8 PM

Nov. 13th, 1862 Moved at 11 AM to Silver Springs on the Nashville Pike. Pitched tents and went into camp.

Nov. 16th, 1862 In camp at Silver Springs paid for 4 months by Major Foote.

Nov. 17th, 1862 In camp at Silver Springs. Samuel Hartley died of Lung Feaver [sic].

Nov. 19th, 1862 Moved at 8 AM in direction of Nashville. Marched to Stone [sic] River bridge. burned and we did not get across until after night. Marched about 2 miles and went into camp for the night .

Nov. 20th, 1862 Moved camp a half mile pitched tents 7 miles east of Nashville on Stone [sic] River.

Nov. 26th, 1862 Moved camp to within 3½ miles af Nashville on Murfreesboro Pike.

December

Dec. 8th, 1862 22nd Brigade ordered out foraging left camp at 8 AM Marched to Stone [sic] river distance 13 miles reached camp at 11 AM

Dec. 10th, 1862 General Smith took leave of us today. Gen. Palmer superceded [sic] him.

Dec. 26th, 1862 Left our tents at Nashville Marched to Laveryne [sic] In a heavy skirmish with the enemy's cavalry. The 31st and 1st carried Stone [sic] river by a charge [sic] no one hurt in the 31st.

Dec. 27th, 1862 Left camp near Lavernye [sic] marched to Stewart's Creek Passed through Lavernye [sic] Gen. Wood's division in advance Marched to Stewart's Creek distance 5 miles.

Dec. 28th, 1862 Rested all day in camp.

Dec. 29th, 1862 Left camp near Stewart's Creek and marched to within 3½ miles of Murfreesboro in front of the enemy's works.

Dec. 30th, 1862 Took our position in line of battle in front of the enemy's works heavy skirmishing with the enemy's pickets.

Dec. 31st, 1862 The enemy attacked our extreme right at daylight turning our right flank under Gen. Thomas Johnson compelling McCook's Corps to fall back. About 10 AM attacked us with great determination but were repulsed with great loss. He charged our position three times but was repulsed each time with great loss. Finding he could not drive us he moved farther to the left compelling the line to give way. Having succeeded in this he immediately turned our left and compelled us to fall back. Our brigade was not engaged any more that day. The enemy were driven back almost to their works.

Jan. 1st, 1863 Layed [sic] in reserve all day – nothing doing except heavy skirmishing. about noon our division moved to the left of Wood's division.

Jan. 2nd, 1863 Our Brigade in advance again. The enemy moved his forces to our left and attacked Gen. Vancleave's [sic] division driving him back a short distance when Nyley [sic] advanced to his support drove the enemy back. Our brigade advanced near a half mile and gained the woods at the point of the bayonet but fell back to our works again after being out a short time.

Jan. 3rd, 1863 Lay in our breast works all day rained very hard in the evening. Gen. Rosecrans division had a hard fight driving the enemy out of his works fighting continued until 9 PM when our forces charged their works. The enemy evacuated Murfreesboro and fell back toward Chattanooga.

Jan. 4th, 1863 Lay in [sic] woods near our works all day. A great many dead in the field not buried yet. Our troops occupied the town.

Jan. 5th, 1863 Moved camp back of the battle field a mile awaiting our train from Nashville.

Jan. 6th, 1863 Moved camp 3 miles from town on the McMinnville Pike.

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