

Journal of Eugene B. Read

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Eugene Bruce Read (1837-1918) was a member of the Union Army, 3rd Illinois Cavalry, Company M raised in Christian County, Illinois. His company served in the Jackson Purchase Area of Kentucky from July 31, 1864 to December 20, 1864.

Below are excerpts of Sergeant Read's journal.

July 31, 1864 Sun. - We arrived at Hickman, 40 miles below Cairo at about 8 o'clock and in an hour were on the march. We reached Largeville about 10 o'clock, 20 miles from Hickman, made a grand charge after 100 imaginary rebels, but found only three, all of whom were captured. (they were conscripting) Stopped for dinner 2 or 3 miles after leaving Largeville, fed sheaf oats, arrived at Clinton about 5 P.M. camp a couple of miles must as it was beginning to rain. We camped in a man's barnyard taking ??? of everything like forage.

Aug. 1, 1864 M. - This morning we had nothing but straw to feed. So we stopped at the first place we could get corn and fed that; was about 8 o'clock. We started this morning at sunrise at Blandville, Kentucky (county seat of Ballard County). It rained like shot. It was Election Day for County officers, both in [Milburn] and Blandville; marched steadily almost without interruption until near sundown. We went through Mailburn or Milburn about 10 and through Blandville at about 3 P.M. We encamped at a farmer's house, a (sesesh) for the night and the boys all had a noble supply of chickens and Honey and in fact everything. We fed corn and sheaf oats.

Aug. 2 T. - Last night one of our prisoners, supposed to be a guerrilla got away through the picket of the guard. Last night the chicken gizzards mysteriously disappeared. Johnny says the pigs ate them up. Last night we fared sumptuously on chicken, corn, onions, honey, potatoes, if we wanted them, in fact a little of everything both for supper and breakfast. We started about an hour after sunrise. By the way the pickets were fired upon last night, by one man but it didn't amount to any thing. We encamped this afternoon right out in the woods and got our horses fed corn and hay from a neighboring farmer. About 9 o'clock we [arrived at] Lovelaceville, Kentucky, where we understood were 400 rebel cavalry, our advance Co. "C" charged into town but found but 2 rebels who fled. Although we pursued them we failed to capture them. Lovelaceville is about 20 miles from Paducah. We marched 10 or 12 miles and encamped about 1 o'clock 8 or 9 miles from Paducah, preferring to enter the town in the morning than at night on account of reporting to the authorities and getting settled in camp before dark. The boys went out and killed sheep and chickens for supper and breakfast. Consequently we fared bully. In consequence of a rumor of 1500 rebels within 5 or 6 miles of us Co "B" went out reconnoitering, but returned without finding any. It is the same rumor that we have had ever since leaving Hickman from 100 to 1500 have been reported all along the way but like the Ill ??? we couldn't get nearer than 4 or 5 miles to it.

Aug. 3 W. - Reveille sounded at daybreak, had a good breakfast. The horses that had been picked up by the command and there were several (for it was a kind of help yourself sort of business), both with horses and mules were ??? All that were claimed as belonging to union men were returned. We started about two hours after sunrise and reached Paducah about 10 o'clock. We

reported immediately to General Paine and were quartered in unoccupied houses, sheds, etc. The [3rd] occupied the sound end of a long row of tenant houses that were formerly used as a hospital. Just after we got it swept out a refugee came to us and offered to have his wife (a tidy looking woman) cook for us, provided we would let them have one room, to which we agreed. They accordingly moved right in and she got us a good supper from her own stock as we have drawn no rations since coming into town. Wrote to Ophelia today. Drew forage, oats and hay for horses for three days.

Aug. 4 T. - Today we drew rations in time for dinner, our refugee furnishing breakfast. Turned over to the authorities 4 of our Regiment who went out last night on a thieving expedition. Two were identified and arrested this morning and handed over to the Provost Marshall. The other two are not yet identified. They entered a house in town and stole from a woman \$18.30 in green backs and a quantity of clothing, turned over to the authorities the horses and mules that we picked up on the scout and were not claimed by union men.

Aug. 5 F. - Slept last night out doors under a tree in preference to a house as it is cooler and troubled with mosquitoes. The adjutant today got a ten-day furlough and left for his home and left me in charge of his duties. Wrote today to Maria. Cos. "I", "M" and part of "F" went on a 2-day scout. They started at 8 P.M.

Aug 6 S. - Nothing of moment; wrote today to Father Putnam.

Aug. 7 S. - The small scout that went out on Friday returned today having found nothing

Aug. 8 M. - Made Out the semi report. Wrote to Ophelia, weather hot.

Aug. 9 T. - Nothing of moment, washed shirt, drawers, etc.

Aug. 10 W. - Made out tri-monthly report of Detachment of Regt., wrote to Ophelia, ordered to march at 6 p.m. for Mayfield, Kentucky. Marched all night until 4 A.M. We reached [Briensburg] about 2 A.M.

Aug. 11 T. - We stopped at 4 A.M and started again in a little over an hour at 5:35. We have had no feed since leaving camp. So we stopped at first place we could find it and fed sheaf oats at about 9 o'clock. We arrived at Wadesboro about noon when we expected to find a Co. of rebels. Co. M charged onto town, but found but 3 or 4 and they escaped. About 3 P.M. we encamped in a farmer's door and barnyard. The boys went out and killed mutton and we had an excellent supper, fed corn and hay. Just after supper we received orders from the Capt. to march in order to get into Mayfield early in the morning. We marched 4 or 5 miles and camped in the woods for the night, got enough corn blades from a neighboring farmer to feed our horses, about 1/2 a feed each. We all, officers and men lay down on the ground and slept like a top. While on this short march after supper, it rained as hard as I ever saw it, but our ponchos and rubber blankets kept us dry or nearly so.

Aug. 12 F. - We started this morning an hour or so after sunrise and reached Mayfield, Kentucky, the County seat of Graves Co. about 9 o'clock and reported immediately to Brig.

General Paine who started from Paducah the same day we did and marched through direct with the 134th Ill. (100 day men), a regiment of negro troops and a squad of Cavalry and 1 or 2 pieces of artillery. We encamped without delay, the Companies in an enclosed piece of Woods, The Head Quarters, the Escort and Ambulance in a vacant house about 200 yards beyond. This afternoon it rained again very hard for about an hour. 2 of the escort boys and 2 of the Hosp. boys went out and killed a hog. The commissary sent out likewise and brought in a drove of cattle and likewise 2 loads of sheaf oats. We live like fighting cocks, plenty of apples, green corn, meat, hard tack and coffee. What more could a man want? Everything: wife, children, friends.

Aug. 13 S. - The first thing after breakfast I made out a roster of commissioned officers and a morning report as required by the Post Adj. About 12 o'clock a false alarm of an attack was given. Our Regt. was ordered to be ready in 3 minutes. We all got our horses saddled in a hurry. 1/2 of the 134th were marched up the road and ordered to half and load in front of our camp. Our Capt and 2 or 3 orderlies and Lieut. Dickhut rode out to reconnoiter. They went out a couple of miles and met 6 or 8 of Co H. 3rd Ill. Cavalry who had been out foraging. They were in their shirtsleeves and were probably mistaken for rebels and hence the alarm. After quiet was restored, Co M and part of the escort (I among them) went out a mile or so for forage. We got sheaf oats, my first experience foraging. I wrote to Ophelia. We have orders to march tomorrow to Philisiana [Feliciana] and back to clear out Guerrillas and burn a man's house down.

Aug. 14 S. - Reveille sounded this morning at 3:45. Boots and saddle 5:30. Mount and forward 5:45. I supposed the Regt. were to form in front of Head Quarters consequently I was in no hurry to get ready but instead of that they formed in front of the [courthouse] and had been gone 10 or 15 minutes before I knew it. So I got off in a hurry and in my hurry forgot my revolver and so went off unarmed. I overtook them about a mile out of town. We reached Philisiana [Feliciana] about 10 o'clock. A couple of miles this side we made a charge after 2 or 3 guerillas but they were better mounted and got away. Then we came across a half-witted fellow who could give no satisfactory account of himself. We took him on to town with us and released him frightened 1/2 to death. Capt. Carnahan had orders to burn the town because they harbored and protected Guerillas. But to burn it would burn the whole town. So the Capt. preferred not doing it. But brought the [sesesh] prisoner to Mayfield. We stayed at Philisiana [Feliciana] about an hour. We started back by another road. We had gone but 2 or 3 miles when we came to a piece where ??? 40 rebels had an encampment for breakfast. A couple of miles further on we came across 4 at a church. We captured 2 of their horses but the rest got away. 4 or 5 miles further on our advance came up with them and drove in their pickets and they all ran. We shot one of their horses. One of Co. "I" men dismounted to fire. His horse becoming frightened and got away from him, running toward and among the rebels and was captured by them and rode off. In their hurry to get away the rebels had dropped a coat, several hats, and sundry smaller things, which we picked up. Just before we came up they had caught an old union man between 60 and 70 years old and were playing cards to see which should shoot him. They were regular guerillas and had robbed him of \$250, which he had sewed in his shirt flap. He had \$100 on the other side which they didn't find. We chased the fellows 2 or 3 miles but their horses were fresher and they got away from us. We stopped at a union man's house at about 3 o'clock and fed oats and hay. The Capt. directed me to make an estimate of the value of it and give them a voucher for it, which I did valuing it at \$7.50. We rested here for an hour or so, then moved on to Mayfield where we

arrived a little after sundown, the old man who had been robbed coming along with us. It has been a very hot day and we have marched 40 miles.

Aug 15 M. - Got up this morning very late. The sun was an hour high. Today the citizens had a union meeting in town. They advocated Lincoln and emancipation in the strongest terms; wrote to Ophelia.

Aug 16 T. - The negro Regt. left today. Our Regt., in consequence, regained to do picket duty. Wrote to Emma. Tonight I took a bath in the little pond back of Head Quarters.

Aug. 17 W. - Made out the [roster] of Detachment. The Adjt. returned from his 10 days furlough and went off again to Paducah. Companies "H" "I" "B" "M" under Lt. Shellenberger of Co. "B" went on a short scout. 10 miles down the Paris Road and returned. Saw nothing. Today I washed shirt and drawers.

Aug. 18 T. - Companies "C", "I", and "H" went on a short scout and returned. Lt. Connors commanded. Capt. Carnahan went to Paducah. Lt. Bowling Act. ADJT. returned, rainy day.

Aug. 19 F. - Old fashioned rainy day. I wrote to Ophelia. It stopped raining about 4 o'clock. At 6 Capt. Carnahan got back from Paducah. Lt. C.T. Ruffill likewise returned from Memphis bringing an order for the new veterans to start tomorrow for Springfield to be mustered out of the service. Likewise an order for certain Com. officers to remain and have command of the companies. Capt. Carnahan was among them but he has made up his mind that he could serve no longer as Capt. Consequently he leaves with the new veterans and will be mustered out of service unless they make him Major. I was kept up late writing orders etc. They start tomorrow at 6 A.M. over land that is horseback for Paducah. I handed the letter I wrote to Ophelia today to Charlie. I received a letter from Ophelia dated July 10 likewise one from Minnie, Aug. 4

Aug. 20 S. Reveille sounded this morning at 4 o'clock. As this bock is so nearly full, I will send it home in Lieut. Ruffill's care as I think it will go quicker and perhaps safer than by mail.

Prices of army clothing.

Pants \$4.80

Sack coat, lined \$3.14

Sack coat, unlined \$2.40

Knit jacket \$2.70

Flannel shirts \$1.46

Knit shirts \$1.30

Socks \$.32

Boots, sewed \$3.25

Boots, pegged \$2.80

Great coat \$11.50

Blankets, 2 \$7.20

Rubber slicks \$2.90

Ponchos, painted \$2.10

Haversacks \$.48

Haversack, painted \$.56

Canteen \$.44

Years allowance \$42.00

June 28 \$24.40

Co "M" 3d Ill. Cavalry Stationed at Mayfield, Ky.

Aug. 20, 1864 C. F. Rufill orders me to pay to Simon Bahan \$5.00 being the amount I owe him,

i.e. Rufill. No. of my Colts army revolver 92,056 E.B.R. Dr. to F.R. Rufill cash \$1.00 Sep. 2 do to Thos. Yarshall cash \$1.00

Aug. 20 S. - New veterans started today from Mayfield, Ky. this detachment for Camp Butler, Ill. They numbered 38 men and Com. officers. I sent home by 1st Lieut. Chas. F. Rufill a letter for Ophelia and my Journal from the day I left home to Aug. 20th. Col. McChesney Commanding Post ordered from our Regt. 60 men for a scout to report at 6 A.M. The consequence was the men who should have relieved the picket were the only ones left in camp and as it necessary some should go to Paducah with the new vets or ????? to bring back their horses and equipment they were detailed for that purpose. Picket was required to stand 48 hours. Walter was on this picket. The scout that went out at 6 A.M. returned about 3 P.M. with 3 prisoners, they delivered to Col. McChesney. Just at dark it was reported the 250 rebels were within 2 1/2 miles of town and 40 men of our Regiment went out to see. I wrote to Minnie.

Aug. 21 S. - The scout of 40 men returned this morning having found nothing. About 10 o'clock our pickets were fired upon by 6 guerillas, one man, a private of Co. "C" was killed and another man, Hatfield of Co. "C" was cut off and fired upon several times but escaped by running around a farm. The man's name who was killed was Aaron Abner. Our whole force immediately went out in pursuit and scouted the country and followed their tracks for 5 or 6 miles but failed to capture them. It was caused, i.e. the casualty, by their own imprudence; they too ventured 3/4 of

a mile beyond the pickets to get milk at a neighboring farm house and the guerillas saw them coming and ambushed them. The body was brought in the ambulance and buried this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The scout that went to Paducah with the new veterans, returned this afternoon bringing back their horses and equipment.

Aug. 22 M. - First thing, I made me a bunk to sleep upon, got the boards and nails from a board fence near by. Then I made out a [muster] report. I had just finished it when we received an order from the inspector Gen. of western Ky. for a full report of detachment with a roster of absent commissioned officers stating date of authority of their absence likewise date of organization of the Regiment which was Aug. 26, 1861. I likewise made out a full and complete roster of non-com. officers and privates of Co. "B." I was at work until 10 P.M. I then went to bed, but was called up by an orderly from Col. McChesney Com'dy Post who required a report forth with of the effective force of Detachment: number of horses and guns and amt. of ammunition on hand. I made it out and then went to bed about 11 o'clock and was asleep in two minutes.

Aug. 23 T. - Guard mounting at the usual hour 8 A.M., verified the details as I do every morning. ????? same as hereto fore viz 21 privates and 7 non-com. officers. Shot off and cleaned my revolver. Drew a shirt (through the Adj.). Wrote to Ophelia, sending the letter by Lt. Connor's brother to have it mailed at Cairo. 2 scouts of 20 men each ordered to start at 2 1/2 o'clock tomorrow morning, one to take the Dukedom and the other the Paris road.

Aug. 24 W. - The scouts went out as ordered. Lieut. Lucas Commanding one and Lieut. Cullum the other. After guard mounting made out morning report. Both scouts returned having seen nothing.

Aug. 25 T. - Lieut. Weiss went to Paducah to draw clothing. Returned on afternoon train with it. Capt. Dolloff returned with him bringing news of Forrest's raid on Memphis and capture of Major O'Connor and Lt. Duncan, 3rd Ill. Cavalry. The rebels charged into the place through the camps of the 137th Ill. Infantry. and 3rd Ill Cavalry about an hour before daylight Sunday morn., Aug. 21st. They numbered 10 Regiments, the 137th and 3rd were both surprised. The former broke through the camp of the 3rd and they all or nearly so of both Regiments got out of there in a hurry. 3 of the 3rd were killed and about 40 taken prisoners. The rebels took all of our horses that were fit for anything and every thing else they wanted. Major O'Connor was boarding at an adjoining house with his wife. Hearing the rumpus went out to see what was the matter and was taken prisoner. The rebels were commanded by Forrest in person and had possession of the city for 2 or 3 hours. They went to the Gayoss Home where most or many of the U.S. officers [resided] and went there bursting open a door that was locked and taking prisoners and what valuables they could find. They took ??? horses, etc. in about a couple of hours and found it getting too hot for them and left as suddenly as they came. The force was cavalry and they had 2 pieces of artillery.

Aug. 26 F. - A scout of 25 men from our Regiment went out today under Lt. Connors and returned without having seen an enemy. Lt. Bowling, Act. Adj., started this morning for Memphis with 10 day's leave of absence. Col. McChesney. Commanding Post Mayfield, Ky. ordered a guerilla shot today. He confessed to being a guerilla and to his having assisted in murdering union men. He was shot by Capt. Gregory home guards, 15 men from 3rd Ill. Cavalry,

under Lt. Lucas acting as guard. He was killed instantly, 11 balls out of 12 fired and most of them passed through him. Drew today some clothing, i.e. 1 pr. pants, 1 pr. drawers, 1 hat, 1 rubber ponchos.

Aug. 27 S. - A scout of 20 men under Sergeant Thos. Weekley of Co. "M" went out this morning and returned at night having accomplished but little. They visited Carland's house. He is Capt. of a guerilla band. He was at home but saw their approach and fled. Wrote today to Ophelia.

Aug. 28 S. - 2 scouts went out today, one of 20 men. under Sergeant T.D. Chatham Co. "M" the other of 15 men under Lt. L.T. Lucas, Capt. Lambert, A.A, Inspect General Dist. Western Ky. inspected today the troops at Mayfield. Wrote to Frank.

Aug. 29 M. - Scout of 22 men under Lieuts. Cullum and Lucas went out today.

Aug. 30 T. - Scout of 15 men went out this morning, in consequence of which our pickets could not be relieved. Scout that went out yesterday returned this afternoon having met 16 guerillas, they killed 1 and captured another in with them. He confessed that he was a guerilla but had belonged to the band but 2 weeks. Col. McChesney ordered him to be shot at 3 P.M. It was accordingly done. I wrote to Milan. Last night the picket was fired upon just above our [camp] The shot with it whizz passing over us was distinctly heard by all.

Aug. 31 W. - First thing this morning I drew off all the names of all belonging to the Detachment on a muster roll and at 10 o'clock we were mustered by Lieut. S.L. Shellenberger, Comdy Wetcht. after which I made out a monthly return. I then went up town to see how coming on with the fort they have been building for two weeks. I found it progressing finely and about 150 citizens and negroes at work. While down town I weighed myself. I weighed 134 lbs. which is more than I ever weighed before at this time of year. 135 is as much as I ever weighed.

Sept. 1, 1864 T. - Made out Semi-monthly Report that should have been made out yesterday. Scout of 25 men of the 3rd (Walter and Charlie among them) and 20 from Gregory's command of home guards, all under Lt. Samuel T. Lucas went out this morning. Wrote today to Wallace P. ?????

Sept 2 F. - Scout returned about noon. They came across 15 guerillas while they were feeding. They captured 11 horses and mules and 5 guns but the men all got away through the thick brush although 2 were wounded; wrote to Ophelia. Bought 90 cents worth of postage stamps, borrowed the money, \$1.00 from Thos. Marshall. It was very hot today, one of the hottest of the season.

Sept. 3 S. - Last night was I think, beyond comparison the hottest of the season. Nothing unusual occurred today. I made out the semi weekly report. It has been another hot day. I think yesterday and today were hotter than any other day this summer, although at Memphis in July we had some very hot weather.

Sept. 4 Sun. - Nothing unusually occurred today. I took dinner with Co. "M" Fred ????? at his invitation; wrote to Anna.

Sept. 5 M. - Last night we had a fine shower. Nothing unusual occurred today except receiving a letter from Ophelia. It was dated Aug. 4. She was not well then and it was a month ago yesterday. How she is now I can only conjecture, hoping always for the best.

Sept. 6 T. - I applied today for a 10-day leave of absence on account of Ophelia's sickness. Lieut. Samuel L. Shellenberger, Comd'g, approved it and forwarded it to Brig. Gen. E. A. Paine through Col. W. W. McChesney. It has to be approved by both, their doing so which is very uncertain. A scout of 50 men under Lt. Conover (Walter among them) went out today. I washed today shirt, drawers, pants and handkerchiefs. This afternoon about 4 it rained like fury, which we were all glad to see on account of the cisterns getting so low. Water around Mayfield is getting so low. They have to dig 100 Ft. for it. Consequently they use rain water generally, though there are some wells.

Sept. 7 W. - Scout came in last night about 9 o'clock. They came across 45 rebels or rather guerillas at Boydsville. Our boys charged into them and the rebels skedaddled. We shot one. Joe Rice orderly at ????? went along for fun, captured one. None of our boys were hurt. They chased them for 2 1/2 miles and then gave up the pursuit and returned to camp bringing the prisoners with them. Lewie Cuth's horse fell down in a gully and was so near run down that he couldn't get up and he had to abandon him with the saddle, bridle, and blanket. The man captured claimed to be a regular rebel. He had an examination before the Col. when it appeared that he was a rebel soldier when Forrest made his attack on Paducah but that since that time, he had been a guerilla. He was shot that afternoon at 4 o'clock. It rained again this afternoon at 4 o'clock hard for 2 hours. A Scout of 50 men, Charlie among them, went out this morning at 8 o'clock. Lt. Cullum Comdn. I went this morning to the Post Adjt Edward D. Layton Lt. to see what had become of my application for leave of absence and found that it had been approved by the Col. and forwarded to Gen. Paine. We received today the confirmation of the taking of Atlanta by Gen. W. T. Sherman, washed a shirt this afternoon.

Sept. 9 F. - Nothing unusual this morning. This afternoon Snow and Harris, privates of Co "C" raced. They went out beyond the pickets on the Columbus Road and ran 300 yards. Fred and I and quite a number of others went out to watch. Everything went on well until at the 7 ??? Snow's horse shot into a thick Black Jack grove. Snow was thrown off against a tree and very badly hurt on the back and arm. We picked him up, examined his bruises, borrowed a buggy and brought him to camp. The Post surgeon was sent for immediately. He examined him and pronounced him not very badly hurt. The scout that went out yesterday returned this afternoon about 6 o'clock. They found and shot 2 guerillas.

Sept. 10 S. - Snow is better this morning. Made out this A.M. a tri-monthly and semi-weekly report. Wrote to Ophelia and received a joint letter from Minnie and Milan. Lt. Cullum went today to Paducah on Regimental business.

Sept. 11 Sun. - Lt. Cullum returned on the train at 11 o'clock this morning bringing with him an order from Major Gen. C. C. Washburn ordering the detachment to proceed to Memphis, Tenn. to join the regiment. We start tomorrow at 5 A.M. The Commandant of the Post at Mayfield protests against our leaving and the citizens are getting up a petition to have us ordered back.

Sept. 12 M. - Left Mayfield this morning at 6 o'clock and arrived in Paducah about 2 1/2 o'clock. On arriving at Paducah we reported to Gen. Meredith who now commands the Dist and he ordered us back to Mayfield. They will start tomorrow morning. I went to the Asst Adj. Gen. Office to see what had become of my application for furlough and found that it had been approved and forwarded today to Mayfield. It went out by the morning mail. I returned immediately with a lot of mail for our Detachment among which were 4 letters for me, 3 from Ophelia dated as follows: June 5th, July 21st and Aug. 11. The other letter was from Anna enclosed in which were 1 from Ed and 1 from Druce all dated July ???. On getting my furlough went to the Post Commander and got an order for transportation. I then went to the Q.M. and got transportation to Cairo, cost \$100.00. I then went on board the S.B. "Masonic Gem." and am patiently waiting departure.

Sept. 13 T. - Steam boat started some time in the night after I went to sleep. Arrived at Cairo just at daybreak. Walked around the city until 9 o'clock, then went to Head Quarters and got an order for transportation then went to Q.M. and got it. I then saw Turner West folk. Coley was out of town. The train started at 12 o'clock, Noon. We arrived at Centralia about dusk and had to lay over there until 1 1/2 A.M.

Sept. 14 W. - I spread my blanket on the platform and slept until 12. In about an hour and a half the train came in from the north and in 15 minutes we were off buzzing along toward home. We arrive at Pana about daylight. There was a great crowd waiting for the train all bound for Decatur to attend the State Fair. There were, I believe, 15 cars, all crowded. The transportation from Cairo to Pana was \$2.80. At Pana I found Horace Childs there and a buggy, having brought his father, Mother, and Clara to go to the fair. I rode out to Rosemond with him walking from the house to Father Putnam's. Arrived about 8 o'clock found all well. Father and Jimmy were just on the point of starting for the State Fair. I remained at Father's all day.

Sept. 15 T. - After dinner I rode down town on Polly. I called at ????? Adams, Guths etc delivering letters. I borrowed Conrad O??tes buggy. At night Ophelia, Kate and I rode down to Father Read's. Spent the day at Father Read's.

Sept. 16 F. - Started this morning at about 7 o'clock from ????? from Father Putnam. I took the buggy home and called on W. A. Shumner and got \$15.00 on the note I hold of him. I saw John about the ??? and called on Mrs. Ruffill and got home about 11 o'clock. Charlie Ruffill called in the afternoon.

Sept. 18 Sun. - Got ready to go to church but was taken with a nose bleeding and was obliged, in consequence, to stay at home. In the afternoon Frank, Maria, and Anna called.

Sept. 19 M. - Stayed around home all day.

Sept. 20 T. - In forenoon went around town and saw the folks and got their letters etc. likewise went to the blacksmith shop to get the sorghum mill mended. In afternoon went to Pana with Mother, Ophelia and Kate but concluded to return and start tomorrow. We would a ??? stove for \$15.00, sink for \$2.00, stove pipe and T.H. for \$.60, window sash \$1.20. Total \$18.80. We got home after dark.

Sept. 21 W. - This morning put up the bedroom stove and polished it for Ophelia. Left home to return to Detachment at Mayfield. It was around until 4 o'clock when I started for Pana to take the 8 o'clock train for Cairo. Father Putnam in the buggy with Hand and ??? took me to Pana. I left Pana in the 8 P.M. train for Cairo. At Centralia Dr. Haut, 1st surgeon 3rd Cavalry. got on. E. B. Read dr. to ?????? borrowed O.F.R. \$5. to F. R. Ruffill cash for P.O. stamps 1.00 to F.. R. Ruffill, F. R. Ruffill cash borrowed on getting furlough \$5.00 from Thos. Marshall for P.O. stamps \$1.00 borrowed of Wm. Pipkin for 1 watch \$8.00 (Oct 24, 64). Maker of watch Chas Stone, Liverpool; No. of watch 7935; No. of my Colts Army revolver 82056; stamped on my gold pen, (Tip Top Pen Dawson Warner and Hydes).

Sept. 22 T. - We arrived at Cairo just after Daylight, found there was no boat in port bound for Paducah but about the middle of the afternoon the Pittsburgh and St. Louis stern wheel packet arrived and I went aboard. Some time in the night we got off.

Sept. 23 F. - We arrived at Paducah just at daybreak. I went to the post office and wrote a letter to Ophelia. In an adjoining entry, the P.O. not being opened, I mailed my letter and then went up town to the R.R. depot and got aboard the train. We started at 10 o'clock and arrived at Mayfield about noon. I went immediately to camp and found Fred in the office and all apparently glad to see me; found a letter from Frank waiting for me at Mayfield. This afternoon I delivered letters and packages sent to the boys and answered innumerable questions.

Sept. 24 S. - This A.M. Fred returned to the Co. and I returned to the duties of the office, made out a report and did sundry writing -- likewise wrote to Ophelia announcing my safe arrival in camp. Walter put in a post script.

Sept. 25 S. - Last night we had quite a frost; 'twas an uncomfortably cold night. This morning the effective force of our Detachment, except those on picket, went out on a scout, Lt. Shellenberger commanding. I remained in camp feeling something like a child. Walter is likewise in, being unfit for duty having had the chills for a week or ten days. Fred and Charlie went on the scout, Charlie taking my horse as his is not fit for duty. About 12 o'clock we heard artillery firing in the direction of Paducah. It continued for about an hour. The scout returned this evening just after dark. They report finding a couple of doz. or so rebels at a camp meeting near Wadesboro. They captured 12 horses and mules but the guerillas all got away. On their returned they heard the artillery firing at Paducah and thought it was at Mayfield and the place as attacked. They therefore hurried along as fast as possible as they supposed to assist us. I wrote today to Frank.

Sept.26 M. - The firing yesterday at Paducah was a salute in honor of Sheridan's victory in the Shenandoah Valley. Today I arranged and filed and endorsed the orders etc that had been received during my furlough of ten days. It took me 1/2 of the day. Lt. Shellenberger went today to Paducah in order if possible to make an arrangement by which our Detachment could be paid here. The difficulty is we have no descriptive rolls. The Lt. returned after dark, he could make no arrangements in regard to the men but he and Lt. Weiss were placed on the staff Col. Laurence Com'd. Post of Mayfield, Weiss as Post Q.M. and Shellenberger as Commandant of all the Cavalry forces at Mayfield. In consequence of their being detached from the Detachment, they can draw their pay.

Sept. 27 - T. Today is a rain day, nothing doing, received letter from Maria, 16 instead of 28 men.

Sept. 28 W. - Made out semi-weekly report. Wrote to Minnie. Picket hereafter will be 12 or 16 men from 3rd Ill. Cavalry., alternating every day. Here to fore our Detachment has stood all the picket duty. Hereafter the 7th??? Cavalry. and the State Guard will do their share.

Sept. 29 T. - A dull cold wet day. Fred and Tom Chatham started today for Memphis to bring up the book, papers and clothing belonging to this Detachment. We received a big mail today and among them 5 for me, 2 from Ophelia dated Aug. 14th and Sept. 11th, 1 from Grandma, 1 from Willie and 1 from Milan. Wrote to Ophelia, not feeling very well today, symptoms of chills.

Sept. 30 F. Another cold, disagreeable day. I am better but not really well. I went down to the P.O. today and received a letter from Ophelia dated Sep. 4th and directed to Mayfield with the No. of the regiment. purposely left off. One from Jimmy to Walter was enclosed in it. This afternoon I made out the tri-monthly report.

Oct. 1, 1864 S. - Wrote to Grandma. Nothing unusual occurred today.

Oct. 2 S. - Wrote to Ophelia today. Even if it is Sunday it has been a very busy day with me. I had first to make out the Semi weekly and weekly report and then the monthly return, which last time took me all the afternoon.

Oct. 3 M. - Made out Application for leave of absence for Wesley Stauffer, Co. "I" for ten days. Gen. Meredith a few days ago ordered the fortification of Guerilla Hill, just on the edge of town on the south west. The work is progressing rapidly. Our Detachment was ordered out right after dinner to go on a scout of 8 or 10 miles after a few rebels that were reported 3 or 4 miles. We drew today for the officer 3 months supply of Cap and letter paper. Scout returned about sunset, having seen nothing.

Oct. 4 T. - Wrote today to Jimmy and Walter putting in a P.S. This afternoon we had a very hard storm of wind and rain.

Oct. 5 W. - A detail of 50 men was made from 3rd Ill Cavalry. to work on the new fort. Calvary they say are exempt from all such work unless it is an urgent military necessity. The boys grumbled and growled about it considerably but afterward submitted to it with pretty good grace. Today is bright warm and cheerful. I washed today shirt, drawers and towel, wrote to Maria. In the evening I went down town to Lieut. Weiss' Post office and played chips with him. He beat me badly, 3 games to my 1 and 1 draw game.

Oct. 6 T. - Today 20 men were ????? and furnished from our Detachment to work on the fortification. Commenced a letter to Milan, but concluded not to finish it, as I do not know positively where he is as the newspapers report Price marching on Rolla and Jefferson City and consequently I don't know whether Milan is in Mo. or Ill., but will wait a few days and perhaps I shall hear.

Oct. 7 F. - A cold raw day. I feel a good deal like a child and have all day. It may be nothing but a cold day. Still I shall take quinine tonight. Our Detachment furnished 30 men today to work on the fort. No mail, the train not having arrived from Paducah. Train just came at 8 P.M.

Oct. 8 S. - Today is much warmer and very pleasant. I feel all right today. 83 men from Detachment 3rd Ill. were ordered today to Paducah, Ky. Walter and Charlie Warner went along. Wrote to Ophelia.

Oct. 9 S. - Made out semiweekly and tri monthly reports, weekly Inspection report and tri monthly field [report].

Oct. 10 M. - Last night our pickets were fired upon by a guerilla on the Dukedom Road. 5 or 6 shots were exchanged. We were up that is ????? Most of the men in camp had gone to bed. We supposed the pickets were being driven in and it wasn't ten minutes at most before all who were left in camp 3rd Ill. Cavalry were at the picket post mounted and ready for the fray, but as there was no one to fight, we concluded to go back and go to bed and were disturbed no more. Nothing particular occurred today.

Oct. 11 T. - Last night I heard the ??????? station back of our Head Quarters sing out Halt! twice but what it was, I don't know, probably a stray horse or cow moving around in the timber. This morning I wrote to Willie, this afternoon to May and Berty and this evening to Ophelia, enclosing their letters in one envelope.

Oct. 12 W. - Made out the Semi-Weekly report. Nothing of consequence doing.

Oct. 13 T. - Wrote to Lt. J. H. Browling Act. Adj. Lt. Shellenberger went to Paducah. Thos. Chatham returned from Memphis bringing mail, clothing and Descriptive rolls. The descriptive rolls however were incomplete. My clothing didn't come and I suppose Forrest must have taken it. I got 2 letters from Ophelia posted Aug. 28 and Sept. 25th, 1 from Ma dated Sept. 4th and 1 from Milan dated Aug. 14th. There was nothing particular doing today.

Oct. 14 F. - I wrote to Ophelia, Nothing of importance doing today. This afternoon went over to see the fort and was surprised to find it nearing completion. They are working on it day and night as they are expecting an attack by Forrest. I however do not credit this rumor.

Oct. 15 S. - Last night after dark we received an order. How to act in case an attack, which the Col. in his order declared "serious". We concluded he knew best and got ready for it. Our horses were saddled all night and many of the man slept in their clothes. Just after dinner we received orders to move camp and Garrison Equipage, all sick, dismounted men and every thing of value that we couldn't carry with us to the R.R. Depot as they were on the point of evacuating the Post. I packed up all the office papers immediately in an ammunition box and waited for further orders. Boots and saddles sounded at about 3 o'clock. About 4 we received orders to be ready to march at 8 this evening. The order of march is as follows: Detachment, 7th Ten. Cavalry. Bat. 4th U.S.A. (Cold) Heavy Artillery, Pat 2nd Ill Dav. 34th Regiment N.J. Vol Infantry. Detachment. 3rd Ill. Cavalry and Capt Gregory Ind Cav. Co. Our horses have been saddled since 8 o'clock.

Oct. 16 S. - We started last night for Paducah, marched until sunrise, rested for an hour or so for breakfast. We then continued the march resting often and marching slowly for we didn't get into Paducah until about an hour before sunset. We stopped at our old camp in an old open shed about 150 or 200 ft. long. Most of the men however pitched their tents out doors and slept under them. The Hospital and HW Escorts went into a grassy lot and spread their blankets under the trees. I slept first rate in a bed.

Oct. 17 M. - Lt. Lucas left today for Memphis in order to get the descriptive rolls. Tom Chatham had gotten them, but they were incomplete. I wrote to Ophelia the first thing after breakfast. I made out charged for Simon Bahew against a Lieut. who Simon alleged stole \$60.00 from him.

Oct. 18 T. - This morning at sunrise we were ordered on a scout in company with Detachment. of 7th Tenn. Cavalry. and a company of State Guards, in all about 300 men, under the command of Cal. Hawkins, 7th Tenn. Cavalry. The object was to find 250 rebel Cavalry, that we had seen by Steamboat ???? between here and Paducah. We started at sunrise and marched to Blandville, 28 miles distant. We arrived there about 2 o'clock, stayed there 1 half an hour and marched for Lovelaceville, 10 miles distant. We then marched about 5 miles and stopped just at dusk. It was the first our horses had since morning. They had marched hard and were very tired. We fed corn gathering it out of the fields near by. We rested about an hour and a half and then started for Paducah, about 18 miles distant. We arrived a little after midnight, all pretty well tired. For my part I think I never was so tired in my life. We all tumbled into bed in a hurry and I was asleep almost as soon as I got in.

Oct. 19 W. - Got up this morning at about 9 o'clock much refreshed but still some stiff. Lt. Lucas when he went away day before yesterday left the ??? Issuing of the supply of clothing for Co. B to me. I issued it this morning. I drew for myself 1 overcoat, 1 jacket and 1 pr socks. I then made out the morning report with a roster of absent Com. officers on the back and some descriptive rolls for Lt. Shellenberger. I was busy all day and hadn't had time to write to Ophelia as I intended to do.

Oct. 20 T. - Our whole Detachment was ordered out on a scout last night at 11 P.M. but they could get out only about 20 men. I was excused. There is talk this morning of arresting all who remained in camp and where the scout went to we do not know. Lt. Shellenberger commanded it. Gen. Meredith excused the boys provided they went this morning and scout. We went out. They go to Mayfield. I wrote today to Ophelia but didn't get it off as I left a page for Walter and he concluded not to write on account of it's being disagreeably cold.

Oct. 21 F. - I received today 3 letters from Ophelia, dated Oct. 2nd, 9th and 14th; 1 from Maria dated Oct. 9th. I got off my letter to Ophelia commenced yesterday. Today is quite cold so much so that it is hard work to keep warm. Lt. Shellenberger sent in from Mayfield for me to send a consolidated morning report of the Detachment and likewise 400 rounds of ammunition of each kind viz. Sharps and Burnside Carbine and Colts, Navy and Army Revolvers.

Oct. 22 S. - I went down town to see Lt. McIver, but didn't see him. Wrote today to Mr. Frissel. Nothing of importance doing.

Oct. 23 S. - Wrote today to Ophelia, enclosing the letter I wrote yesterday to Mr. Frissel in it and sending back with my journal to Ophelia in care of Sampson??? who starts home today on a sick furlough for 30 days. Part of today I was writing for Lieut. Cullum, helping him make out his clothing return, etc. Received today a joint letter from Milan and Minnie dated Sept. 25th. Lt. Lucas got back today from Memphis. He paid me \$85. 35 being the amt. of the note belonging to Charles Ruffill and left with me for collection. Went this evening to the Methodist church and heard an excellent sermon.

Oct. 24 M. - Bought an old English watch of Billy Pipkin for \$8.00 to be paid payday. ????? for Adams ????? Co. \$85. 35 to Charlie Ruffill in care of ??? Ruffill, Rosemond, Ill, being???? of Pupil's note against Lucas collected by me yesterday. Wrote today to Maria and Fred R. Ruffill. Went this afternoon down below the fort and heard an Illinoian make a political speech. It is the first and I expect the only one I will hear during this presidential campaign. In the evening I went again to the Methodist church. They are trying to get up revival.

Oct. 25 T. - Nothing of importance doing. I started a letter to Ophelia but was stopped by rain. Julius Mitchel (orderly) and myself moved our tent from under a tree into a summer house and was consequently dry during the night as it rained quite hard.

Oct. 26 W. - Lt. Shellenberger sent last night for me to come out to Mayfield in order for me to make out the Muster rolls for the whole Detcht. I started at 10 o'clock leaving my horse at Paducah in charge of Mitchel, on the train and arrived at Mayfield about noon, rained during the afternoon.

Oct. 27 T. - Received a letter from Ophelia, dated Oct. 23. Last night at 11 o'clock ordered to evacuate Mayfield. I left on the train and arrived in Paducah about 2 A.M. This morning I am at work on the muster rolls. Wrote to Ophelia enclosing Journal in the same envelope. Last night about 11 P.M. we received orders to evacuate Mayfield immediately which we did, leaving rations and forage. I came in on the locomotive (there were no cars attached). Those who had horses marched in. I got to Paducah about 2 A.M. The boys got in about sunrise. I was surprised to find everything at Paducah in excitement and the authorities in hourly expectation of attack by Forrest. Gen. Sherman having telegraphed to Gen. Meredith that either Columbus or Paducah would be attacked in 48 hours. The boys have had their horses saddled since 10 P.M. All corn and Q.M. stores in the city have been hauled to the river and stored on the wharf boat. About 10 P.M. we received orders to move our camp to the south side of the city. All the Cavalry are to be organized into a Brigade and encamped together. The boys don't like their camping ground much as there is no shelter and they haven't suitable tents and no chance to get lumber. Nevertheless they pitched their little shelter tents and proposed to make the best of it.

Oct. 28 F. - I commenced in earnest making out the Muster Rolls, Tom Swinney assisting me, turned over my black horse as serviceable and drew Walter which is also run down too much to stand heavy duty.

Oct. 29 S. - Making out muster rolls all day, Swinney assisting me. Wrote to Ophelia after night. Lt Lucas and 75 men went out on scout.

Oct. 30 S. - Made out muster rolls all day. Received 3 letters today, one from Ophelia dated Oct 26th, one from Grandma, Oct. 9th, one from Fred, Oct. 26th. 26th Ky. mounted Infantry arrived here by steam boat today and encamped just as night [fell] along side of our camp.

Oct. 31 M. - Made out morning report and Monthly return after which the Detachment were mustered by Lt. S. L. Shellenberger. I called off the roll and then went to work on the muster and pay rolls and worked on it until 9 P.M. Lieut. Lucas and his command returned to camp from scout, bringing in 5 prisoners, captured from Buford's and Forrest's commands in Boydsville. Buford was reported within 3 or 4 miles of that place, and our boys all supposed from what they could gather from citizens that they were charging into his camp. They rode until 1 o'clock that night in order to avoid pursuit.

Nov. 1, 1864 T. - Made our morning report, a roster of Com. officers present and a tri monthly field Return, then went to work on Muster and pay rolls, assisted by Lt. Shellenberger. We worked steadily until 9 P.M. I then wrote to Ophelia and went to bed. It has rained since about 4 P.M.

Nov. 2 W. - A scout was sent out this afternoon; Made out morning report then went to work again on Muster and pay, with Lt. Shellenberger assisting and worked on them until night. Capt Vrooman arrived here today from Memphis via Pana (He having at Cairo "taken a brunch" and visited his home for a few days). Wrote this evening to Milan.

Nov. 3 T. - Busy all day on Muster and pay rolls, assisted by Lt. Shellenberger. We worked steadily until 9 P.M. Rained hard all day, the camp being covered with mud, in fact a perfect pond. They moved camp about the middle of the afternoon on the bank of the Thompson River about 1/4 of a mile from the present camp. I got today a letter from Ophelia, dated Nov. 1 stating the birth of little one. I wrote to Ophelia answering her letter.

Nov. 4 F. - Cleared off last night with every appearance of its turning cold. I have been at work all day on the muster and pay rolls and until 7 1/2 in the evening.

Nov. 5 S. - This morning the mud in the roads was frozen quite stiff. At work again on the pay rolls or muster rolls, strictly speaking. We moved our place for writing to a house opposite present camp. Capt Vrooman took command of the Detachment. this morning.

Nov. 6 S. - 60 men of our command went out to Mayfield. They took a day's ration. and expect to stay until after election day. Today I finished muster and pay rolls and filed orders etc that have been accumulating for the past few days, made out application for furlough for 7 days, got it approved by Capt. Vrooman and took it myself to Brigade Head Quarters. Lt. Shellenberger went out on a scout or expedition, this morning. Before going he borrowed my overcoat as his had been stolen at the last evacuation of Mayfield. Walter went with the boys to Mayfield.

Nov. 7 M. - Made out morning report and semi weekly Field Return, Rainy day. 3 P.M. my furlough was returned, approved. I got off immediately, first however giving Capt. Vrooman an order to draw my pay, in case our Detachment was paid off during my absence. I went first to Post Head Quarters and got an order for transportation, then went to Q.M.'s and got

transportation to Cairo. The steamer, Imperial was just coming to port. I went aboard and in 1/2 an hour we were off, having in the meantime taken aboard about 200 men of the 1st Louisiana, Infantry who were going to Hickman, Ky. to relieve some Mich. troops. We got down to Metropolis and owing to the low stage of the water and the darkness of the night and its raining hard, the Capt. of the boat declared it dangerous and reckless to attempt to take this boat over the "chain" of rocks and bars in the river, 2 miles below here. He therefore tied the boat up for the night, by which means I lose my vote.

Nov. 8 T. - Left Metropolis at 6 o'clock, arrived at Mound City at 9 and at Cairo at 9:20. Went to Post Head Quarters and got order for transportation, went then to Capt. Woo???? office (AQM) got transportation. Saw "Turner W" on the street and went upstairs and saw "Coly", "Sin Scanland" and Porter Burnett. Stayed in the office talking until 11:30 went then to the cars and at 12 o'clock started north for Pana. We arrived at Centralia at 6 o'clock where we changed cars and was obliged to wait until 12 o'clock for the train. Today at Cairo was a rainy day but it either cleared off or the rain didn't extend much north, though it has been cloudy all day. The election along the line of the R.R. seems to be altogether on the side of Lincoln and at their place hundreds of dollars have been and are yet offered in wagers that McClellan won't get but 3 states. The Copper heads however decline betting.

Nov. 9 W. - Arrived at Pana this morning at 3 o'clock and I was out of money and could get no transportation further than Pana. I went into Meaches and borrowed 25 cents to take me to Rosemond. He invited me to breakfast which I accepted and after waiting until 8 o'clock (the train was due at 6) I got off for Rosemond, got home between 9 and 10, found Ophelia getting along first rate and all the rest well. In the afternoon Mrs. Sward, Aunt Minnie and Fred Ruffill called, not knowing that I was here. They were all much surprised to see me. They stayed until after tea.

Nov. 10 T. - Fred is home from Memphis on a ten-day furlough. Last night I had something like a chill, am taking ????? today. It froze considerably last night forming ice as thick as a pane of window glass.

Nov. 11 F. - Write to Tom Marshall's wife. It formed ice last night 1/2 an inch thick. Father P. today killed the cow "Gem", Jimmy and Mrs. Evans assisting him. I staid indoors all day on account of having a terrible cough and hoarseness.

Nov. 12 S. - Last night I put a compress on my throat and this morning I find my cold much better. I started down to Teluviva about 10 o'clock on Polly but met Pa and Ma coming up to see the baby and so I returned with them. Pa went on to Pana and Ma stayed until he returned which was about 3 o'clock.

Nov. 13 S. - Went down to Teluviva on Polly, found all well, spent the day and returned in the evening.

Nov. 14 M. - In the morning helped father P. haul corn fodder. In the afternoon Mother and Minnie went to Pana, I stayed at home with Ophelia and read.

Nov. 15 T. - Went down town, called on Mrs. Hawley, C??tes, Lewry Guth (who is home on a ten day furlough) and Mr. and Mrs. Warner, took dinner, then saw Fred (who returns tonight). I got back to Father's about 3 o'clock.

Nov. 16 W. - Helped Father in the morning haul up the balance of the fodder. In the afternoon started for Pana in the buggy with Mother and Minnie but was obliged to return on account of its raining, toward night Father P. took me to the Rosemond depot (where I saw Charlie Russel) but as it was not certain to make connection with the train at Pana, I concluded to return home and try it again tomorrow.

Nov. 17 T. - In the morning I helped Father P. build a fence around his fodder that he had hauled up near the barn, on the north. We got it finished just at noon. Afternoon we greased the buggy and started about 2 1/2 o'clock, Minnie and Father accompanying. At Pana Minnie bought a bonnet and I got a little rocking chair for Kate. I paid Miech 25 cents that I had borrowed on coming up and got off on the 8 1/2 o'clock train for Cairo (which was on time). We arrived at Centralia at 12 o'clock, had to wait 1/2 hour for the other train and arrived at Cairo at 8 o'clock next morning. I found B. ?? at Pana who was likewise going to Paducah to join Detachment. He has been absent from the Co. on Detachment service since last March.

Nov 18 F. - We were at Cairo all day waiting for a boat. Two boats touched the landing but before we could get aboard they shoved off and left us. We went to the transportation office, but it was so crowded that we would probably have to wait an hour or so before it would be our turn. So I went upstairs and saw Capt Wortfoth, stated our case to him, told him we were in a hurry and he gave us the required transportation. We then went on board the Kentucky and concluded to remain on her until she left port, which will be some time tomorrow.

Nov. 19 S. - We slept last night in the old fashioned way, a board and a blanket. It requires a good deal more turning over than in a feather bed. But it seemed like meeting an old friend. Left Cairo at 11 1/2 o'clock A.M. and arrived at Paducah about 7 P.M. went immediately to camp, found most of the boys on a scout, including Walter. Went into Joe Bias' tent, found him up. He invited me to share his bed, which invitation I accepted.

Nov. 20 S. - The first thing this morning I went around and saw all the boys including Capt. Vrooman and Lt. Cullum. The Capt. handed me an order from the Col. requiring a Tri-monthly report and a Field Return which I made out before breakfast, took breakfast with my old mess, wrote to Ophelia. The boys got in from the scout today, weather pleasant. Made out morning report.

Nov. 21 M. - Last night the wind got around to the north, and this morning the ground was frozen quite hard and it has been freezing all day. 50 men and Lieut. Cullum ordered on Provost duty today, Walter among them. This morning had to rule the blanks on which to make out the morning report.

Nov. 22 T. - Last night was a "snorter". Today is "cold as blitzen". Bought a pr of ??? gloves today for 50 cents. We moved camp today, or rather Camp was moved. We haven't. Our mess

will have to wait until tomorrow, as we can get no teams to haul the lumber that our "shebang" is built of.

Nov. 23 W. - No morning report. Hereafter we are to furnish Semi-weekly reports (Mon. and Thursday) instead. We tried all morning to get a team to move our lumber, but without success. So after dinner I strapped my blanket etc. on my horse and went to camp, leaving the rest to get a team if possible. They got the ambulance to haul our cooking utensils and the hospital stores, but had to abandon the shanty and consequently we are without shelter except for one small shelter tent belongs to me but amounts to comparatively nothing. It hasn't thawed a particle either yesterday or today.

Nov. 24 T. - I slept last night in Head Quarters Tent with Lieuts. Shellenberger and Conover, 3 in a bed. Made out this morning Semi Weekly Report, ruling the blank. Today is a warm, pleasant, beautiful day. At 3 o'clock we were all marched down to the paymaster and paid off. It took until dark. and our Detachment of 160 men rec'd over \$22,000.00. They hadn't been paid for from 5 to 12 months. I called the roll for the payments. I rec'd 5 months and 1 day's pay, from May 30 to Oct 31st at \$16.00 per mo. - \$80.50. Tom Marshall handed \$100.00 to keep for him as he was afraid that he would get "tight" and lose it.

Nov. 25 F. - I paid Billy Pipkin \$8.00 for watch. Tom Marshall came to me and gave me \$40.00 to keep for him, he likewise wishes me to express it home to W.P. Warner requesting him to deliver it to his (Marshall's) wife. I wrote today to Ophelia and intended sending \$50.00 by express but was kept busy all day in the office. Capt. Vrooman recommended me today for the office of Sergeant Major of the Regiment. I sent it to Lt. Col. Carnahan by Lt. Murry. It has had every indication of rain today, in fact it has sprinkled off and on all day. Among other things, I ditched Head Quarter tent so in case of rain to prevent the water running under the tent.

Nov. 26 S. - Busy most of the day making our requests for furloughs and doing other writing for them. Today that part of the Regt. at Memphis passed this place en route to Nashville. I expressed \$50.00 to Ophelia, \$32.00 for Walter and \$6.50 for C. F. Russell (that I collected for him from Lt. Cullum, making in all, \$88.50. I wrote to Charlie Russel and Walter and to Father, all of which together with the letter written yesterday to Ophelia, I enclosed with the month.

Nov. 27 S. - Bought a pr of gauntlets, \$3.50. Made out this morning the weekly inspection report. ????? Ordered out on a 4 day scout. Tom Marshall going with them. Before he went he got \$5.00 of his money of me leaving in my hands \$135.00, which he wishes me to send tomorrow to Wallace P. Warner to be delivered to his wife. I wrote a few lines to him to enclose with it. The order for scout was countermanded and 15 men detailed as guard to men engaged in repairing telegraph. I've been engaged most of the day making out furlough requests for the men.

Nov. 28 M. - Tom Marshall got \$5.00 more of his money that he left in my charge. He wishes me to express the balance, but I have been unable to do it today on acct. of business. Made out semi weekly. About 10 o'clock we rec'd orders to move camp back to our old camping ground on the bank of the Tennessee. We got leave from Lt. Weip Post W.M. and commenced moving immediately. I transferred today my shelter tent to Billy Pipkin. Lt. Shellenberger and I took the

Fly off Head Quarters tent and rigged up a sleeping apartment attaching it to Head Quarters. Tonight 4 of us intend sleeping in it.

Nov. 29 T. - Furloughs returned today, disapproved. Tom Marshall took the balance of his money that he had left with me and went home on a "French Leave" after satisfying himself that his officer wouldn't report him.

Nov. 30 W. - The first thing that transpired this morning was the arrival at Head Quarters of an Infantry guard having in charge a prisoner, no other than Tom Marshall. He was arrested on the boat dressed in citizen's clothes, thought he could pass as a deck hand and so picking up a small box of Mdse. He passed the guard and got aboard the boat. But just as the boat was about to leave, the Lt. of the guard came aboard and asking the mate to form his men in line on one side of the boat, poor Tom was left by himself into custody. When he acknowledged who he was and what Regiment he belonged to and after being kept all night in the guardhouse was sent early this morning to his command. I was busy most of the day getting up and making out monthly return and roster of Com. Officers. Tonight comes off the grand Military Ball that has been preparing for some weeks. Capt. Vrooman and Lt. Shellenberger attended.

Dec. 1, 1864 T. - Made out semi weekly report, wrote to Ma and Pa.

Dec. 2 F. - Nothing of consequence, wrote to Ophelia.

Dec. 3 S. - Helped the officers (Capt Vrooman and Lieuts. Shellenberger, Connors and Lucas) build a wooden shanty so as to have comfortable winter quarters. We didn't get it quite done. Lieut. Shellenberger bought a camp stove for \$4.00 to warm it.

Dec. 4 S. - Made out weekly inspection report. Received a letter from Ophelia, dated Nov. 27 with an enclosed one from Jimmy to Walter.

Dec. 5 M. - Walter was in camp today. I have him Jimmy's letter. Wrote to Ophelia. Made out semi weekly. We finished our Shanty today, all except the door and window. I wrote this evening to Grandma, heard cannonading for an hour or so in the early part of the evening from the S.E.

Dec. 6 T. - We slept last night in our new house and had a grand good bed. I have been busy most of the day making out invoices and Receipts for ordnance and ordnance stores and requisitions for same. After which I helped rig up chairs etc. put up a desk and cut a hole through the wall of the shanty to put in a pane of glass and there by have a window to throw light on the desk. We have now most excellent winter quarters, roomy and comfortable. Drew today 2 shirts and a pr of boots. Though my old boots are not worn out, still as they leak some what, I thought I had better get another pair in time, in case we should have we should have wet weather.

Dec. 7 W. - I made out discharge papers for Henry Evans with "final statement and certificate of disability," The weather which has been warm and cloudy for the past few days, has cleared off this morning and is fast turning cold. Wrote to Ophelia, made out semiweekly report. Bought a package of stamped envelopes 93 cents.

Dec. 8 T. - It has been a pretty cold day, our shanty however is very comfortable and our bed tip top. Barry V. K. Jester sleeps with me now and as we have 3 blankets apiece, we get along first rate.

Dec. 9 F. - Made out tri-monthly report. At 11 o'clock it commenced snowing and continued until 2 P.M. It's 3 in deep. Received letter from Ophelia, dated Dec. 4th.

Amt. of clothing drawn from enlistment to Dec. 29th 1864:

Drawn at Springfield 1 pr. pants -----3.55

" " " 1 lined blouse -----3.12

" " " 1 Cav. Jacket-----5.30

" " " 1 blanket-----3.25

" " Memphis 1 pr boots-----2.92

" " " 1 Hat-----1.65

" " " 1 blanket-----3.25

" " " 1 Rubber poncho-----2.48

" " " 1 pr drawers-----.90

" " " 1 shirt-----1.53

" " " 1 pr socks-----.32

Drawn at Mayfield, Ky 1 rubber poncho-----2.48

1 pr pants-----3.55

1 shirt-----1.53

1 pr drawers-----.90

1 Hat-----1.65

Paducah, Ky. 1 Cav. Jacket-----5.30

1 overcoat-----8.75

1 pr socks-----32

1 pr boots-----2.92

2 shirts at \$1.53-----3.06

\$58.73

Amt on hand Dec 9, 64

2 pr pants, 1 Cav., jacket, 1 overcoat, 2 blouses, 3 blankets, 4 shirts,

2 pr boots, 1 pr socks, 2 pr drawers, 1 hat, 2 ponchos

E. B. Read Dr. to ?????? accts.

Dr. to F. R. Russell borrowed for P.O. stamps \$1.00

to F. H. Russell " on getting furlough \$5.00

to Thos Marshall " for U.S. stamps \$1.00 Paid

Cost of arms, tents, etc in case any should be lost

Garrison flag \$51.00, National color \$39.25, Reg't color, painted haversack \$.67, canteen \$.45, wall tent \$62.88, wedge tents \$21.62, shelter tents \$4.60, money value of clothing for 1864: hats, \$1.80, uniform jacket \$6.25, trousers \$4.15, blouses lined \$3.25, Blouses unlined \$2.65, shirts \$1.56, drawers \$1.00, socks \$.35, boots pegged \$3.25; great coats \$10.55; blankets wool \$3.60; rubber poncho \$3.10, boots sewed \$3.85.

Dec. 10 S. - Today is a cold unpleasant day. We have difficulty keeping our "shebang" warm. Today I finished reading "Headley's Life of Washington".

Dec. 11 S. - I made out weekly Inspection report. Just such another day as yesterday. Changed my mess today to Lew Jester's (who is cook) there are 14 of us in this mess, it is the largest in the Detachment.

Dec. 12 M. - Made out the Semi-weekly Report, received today a letter from Rie, containing poetry by Frank and 5 postage stamps. Today is a beautiful day, sunshine and no wind and it is thawing some, but very little. I wrote today to Milan and Fred Russel. Milan is at Lebanon and Fred at Memphis. I wrote this evening to Ophelia.

Dec. 13 T. - Nothing important today. The Sanitary Commission issued to all troops today onions and potatoes.

Dec. 14 W. - Wrote to Maria. Beautiful, bright, warm and pleasant. Nothing.

Dec. 15 T. - Nothing of moment.

Dec. 16 F. - Rainy, Our Detachment. and 1/2 of the Ten Cavalry. were inspected today by the Act. Asst. Inspec. Gen of Dist W. Ky. I received today a letter from Ophelia wrote to Minnie, May and Berty all in one envelope.

Dec. 17 S. - We received last night news of the taking of Savannah, Georgia, by Gen. Sherman on 10th Inst. Today is misty and disagreeable inclining to rain. The report of the taking of Savannah on the 10th was false. We received this afternoon orders to join the Regt. at Edgeville and to be ready to take the first board.

Dec. 18 S. - Wrote to Ophelia. Made out inspection Report. In the forenoon attended the Presbyterian Church. About 2 o'clock we received orders to board the Steamer "Rosa D" immediately. I was busy for nearly an hour writing "Special orders" relieving men on Detachment service at the different Commissions and Head Quarters at Post. I then packed up the Head Quarters papers and then my blankets etc after which I saddled my horse, strapped my blankets etc on the saddle and was ready. We left camp just about dusk, having first sent off the tents, rations, forage, mess chests, etc. by the team. We had to wait on the levee an hour for the boat hours more before we could get aboard of her on account of putting the horses in a 6 ft. deep barge and it was a slow difficult and laughable job. I got to bed about 10 o'clock, slept on the cabin floor.

Dec. 19 M. - Commenced a letter to Ophelia to have it ready to mail at the first opportunity. Left Paducah at about 9 o'clock and was until dusk getting to Smithland, Kentucky.

Dec. 20 T. - Finished Ophelia's letter and mailed it before breakfast. Lt. Samuel T. Lucas was found dead in his Stateroom this morning, a dreadful calamity. He was one of the best and bravest officers of the 3rd Ill. Cavalry. He was suffering from Neuralgia all day yesterday and at night concluded he would like a dose of quinine to relieve it and sent Swining, the Hospital Steward ashore for it. The druggist put up for him morphine by mistake, which was not found out until too late. Lucas took 6 grains. They say 3 grains will kill a man. The Lieutenant was taken ashore to be buried. Capt. Vrooman and 3 men with him to perform the sad duty. He was universally considered the bravest man in the regiment and the most dashing officer. We left Smithland at 1 o'clock P.M. Another steamer with troops started first, then we and then a gunboat which later passed us in the first 5 miles. So we run very slowly.