

THE CIVIL WAR DIARIES OF LEONARD C. FERGUSON

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ACCOUNTS of Civil War Prison camps are not particularly rare. Most of those in print were published as propaganda, however, to encourage enlistments during the war, to influence public opinion during the trial of Southern prison officials, or to win support for the G. A. R. office-seeker. Naturally enough, these purposes to a large extent determined which accounts should be published. Reminiscences were likely to be slanted to make them more acceptable or effective; and an opinionated diary was more likely than a moderate one to be published. In a few cases there is good evidence that what purported to be day-to-day records of prison life were at least amplified and rewritten before publication.

It is common knowledge that unpublished diaries exist. In some cases their content is too slight to attract wide attention; in other cases the present owners have objections, reasonable or otherwise, to publication; still other manuscripts are simply victims of neglect. The fact that the modern reader is less keenly interested in the propaganda value of such writings has perhaps discouraged publication of some accounts.

The present diaries, now in the hands of Mr. Leonard C. Ferguson, West Middlesex,¹ Pa., were written by his uncle, also named Leonard C. Ferguson, a private in Company B, 57th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; and are contained in two little books, each three inches by five, written in ink and pencil. The volume for 1864, perhaps a Christmas gift, has the date printed at the top of each page, and is bound in brown leather; the volume for 1865, obtained in prison, has undated pages, and a cheaper black binding. Both are closed with an overlapping flap, fastened with tongue and slot.

The writer obviously was not a habitual diarist, and there is no

¹ Formerly of Transfer, Pa. Mr. Ferguson's farm was one of those incorporated into Camp Reynolds (Shenango Replacement Depot) during the recent war.

evidence that he kept a diary at any other time. Entries for 1864 do not begin until January 19, earlier pages being used for memoranda; and the 1865 entries end very abruptly on November 14. Early entries, when the author was in camp at Philadelphia, are brief and monotonous; while the fullest and most nearly literary record covers the period of action at the front. Prison entries are inclined to be lack-lustre and factual, with a very complete record of prison rations. Homecoming marks a return to the brief and routine entry.

The diarist is not given to overstatement; and his noncommittal style is in marked contrast to the subjective and lurid style favored in many early-published accounts. Having once said that Southern rations were inadequate, he does not labor the point. He expresses no bitterness against prison guards and officials, though this is probably a precautionary measure. The diary shows a few rather remarkable omissions, of which the most conspicuous occurs at the time of his return home.

It is evident throughout that the diaries were not intended for publication. Explanatory notes are altogether wanting, and persons are unidentified. Omitted punctuation and uncorrected spelling are further evidence of this fact. An unfamiliar name may be misspelled when first used and corrected in later entries; but the earlier entry remains unchanged.

The writing itself is generally distinct and legible; though it varies considerably, depending on the health and frame of mind of the author. Penciled entries are sometimes faded. The final portion of the 1865 diary, written in ink, is in a fine, somewhat nervous hand, but is very distinct and regular.

The author was born January 30, 1839. His father, Thomas Ferguson, who lived just north of Clarksville, Mercer County, Pa., died in 1849, survived by his widow, Experience; six sons, Samuel, Jonathan, Leonard C., Thomas Jefferson, Dennis A., and William; and a daughter, Mary Jane, who married Jonas McKnight. On November 12, 1861, Leonard and his brother, "Jeff," enlisted, for a three-year period, in the 57th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. At the end of 1863 most of the men reenlisted. Early in 1865 the 84th Regiment was reorganized and incorporated into the 57th, causing confusion in the regimental muster rolls.² The

² See *History of the Fifty-Seventh Regiment*, by James M. Martin, E. C. Strouss, R. G. Madge, R. I. Campbell, and M. C. Zahniser (Meadville, n. d.), p. 140. (This work is cited as MARTIN.)

brother, Jefferson, left the regiment before 1864, and is not mentioned in the diary.

For a bibliography of published prison narratives, the reader may refer to Hesselstine's *Civil War Prisons*,³ pages 261-277. McElroy's *Andersonville*⁴ is a well-known and detailed account of Southern prisons; but it is not unbiased, and contains some errors of fact. Accounts of the 57th Regiment appear in Bates' *History of Pennsylvania Volunteers*,⁵ II, pages 246-284; and in the regimental history compiled by Martin and others. The Andersonville Hospital Register has been reprinted in several of the prison accounts. No attempt has been made at exhaustive annotation of the present diaries; their text itself is the only significant part of this article.

LEONARD C. FERGUSON
57TH P.A. VOLS

May 25, 1863

Have orders to pack up all extra Clothing and Send to the rear
Pack up one Great Coat one Dress Coat one blowse two pair socks Two
Shirts and one Tent Blanket

May 3d 1863

Lost at Battle of Chancellorsville May 3d one knapsack one canteen one
woolen blanket two tent blankets two shirts one cap

June 10th 1863

Recd of Segt Haun⁶ 9 dollars for the use of Co. B

Lost at Gettysburg July 2d 1863

One knapsack one Haversack two tent cloths one pr socks two shirts two
pair drawers one pr Shoes

⁷McS. 305 North 15" St.

E C 2707 Federal St.

J.R. 2229 Virginia St.

Mrs. M. 2034 Vine

Mrs. D. 1607 Race

H. P. 1023 S. Garden

³ *Civil War Prisons, A Study in War Psychology*, by William Best Hesselstine (Columbus, 1930). (Cited as HESSELTINE.)

⁴ *Andersonville, A Story of Rebel Military Prisons . . .*, by John McElroy (Toledo, 1879). (Cited as McELROY.)

⁵ Cited as BATES.

⁶ Sergt. Simeon Haun, Co. B, 57th Regt. Taken prisoner at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863. See also Sept. 7, 1864. His family were neighbors of the Fergusons.

⁷ J. R. appears to be the Joe Rees of Jan. 22 and following. The 1864 Philadelphia directory lists "Rees Rebecca, washerwoman, 2229 Virginia." H. P. is the Helen Peddle of June 10 and later. The 1864 directory has "Peddle Helen, trimmings, 1023 Spring Garden." *Letters of the Peddle Family* (multigraphed by Juliet Peddle, Terre Haute, 1947) contains references in letters by Helen's sister Margaret. One, dated Nov. 30, 1862, is pertinent: "You ask about Helen's business; she is doing a little better but one difficulty is she is out of a great many things which she cannot replace

JANUARY TUESDAY, 19 1864

Now on Guard Duty at 22d & Wood St. Rendesvous for Volunteers⁸

JANUARY WEDNESDAY, 20 1864

Had a Pass this day and went to Camp⁹

JANUARY THURSDAY, 21 1864

On Guard at Barracks

JANUARY FRIDAY, 22 1864

Had a Pass today Formed an acquaintance with Joe Rees¹⁰ and walked over to West Phila¹¹ and Back

JANUARY SATURDAY, 23 1864

on Guard at Barracks Took a walk with Jos Reese and Returned To Barracks at 11 ocl P. M.

JANUARY SUNDAY, 24 1864

Went to Camp and Remained there all day. Went down town at Night but Returned to Camp at 10 ocl

JANUARY MONDAY, 25 1864

on Guard at the Barracks 22d & Wood St Take a walk with Jos Reese to Mannchville¹² and back to Fairmount¹³ Thence Home to Barracks

JANUARY TUESDAY, 26 1864

Have a Pass and go to Camp Return to Barracks and Stay all night After Buming around until 10 o'clock

JANUARY WEDNESDAY, 27 1864

On Guard to day. Take a Walk at night with Joe Reese and Get disappointed.

JANUARY THURSDAY, 28 1864

Go to camp today Buy a Pair of Boots and Paid 8 Dollars. Go to Summit House Hospital¹⁴ and back and down to Sixth and Carpenter St with J. R. and E. H.

without paying cash and everything is so high. She does a good deal of knitting and also stitching on her sewing machine. She also has stamping done for embroidery. She is interested in the Hospital as much as ever. The soldiers in all the Hospitals were feasted very plentifully on Thanksgiving Day. They had so much sent to them—an abundance of turkeys and chickens, etc."

⁸ Draft barracks, established July 20, 1863.

⁹ Camp Cadwalader; east side of Ridge Road, at Islington Lane, some distance north from the barracks. Established July 3, 1863, and later named for Maj.-Gen. George Cadwalader, in command at Philadelphia after July 20.

¹⁰ See note 7; also mentioned Jan. 23, 25, 27; Feb. 2, 12.

¹¹ West of the Schuylkill, reached by the Market Street Bridge.

¹² The place meant is Mantua, at the west end of the Spring Garden Street bridge.

¹³ Opposite Mantua, on the east side of the Schuylkill.

¹⁴ On the Darby pike, near the present city limits.

JANUARY FRIDAY, 29 1864

On Guard this day and Run around from 7-11 in Eve

JANUARY SATURDAY, 30 1864

Have a Pass and go to Camp. Get a letter From Luke Miller and one from S. Ferg¹⁵ Write a letter this day to Hiram Morford¹⁶ and one to Luke Miller and Go down town again.

JANUARY SUNDAY, 31 1864

On Guard at Barracks.

FEBRUARY MONDAY, 1 1864

Went to camp and from there down to Chestnut St. and layed out about four dollars unnecessary Rolling Bagatell¹⁷

FEBRUARY TUESDAY, 2 1864

On Guard. Take a Walk with J. Reese.

FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY, 3 1864

Have a Pass and Go to Camp

FEBRUARY THURSDAY, 4 1864

on Guard

FEBRUARY FRIDAY, 5 1864

Have a Pass and go to Theater¹⁸ at Arch St with home and S-p h-h¹⁹ and go

FEBRUARY SATURDAY, 6 1864

On Guard at Barracks.

FEBRUARY SUNDAY, 7 1864

Go To Style Assosiation²⁰ and Thence to Camp

FEBRUARY MONDAY, 8 1864

on Guard

FEBRUARY TUESDAY, 9 1864

Have a Pass and Go to Camp

FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY, 10 1864

on Guard

FEBRUARY THURSDAY, 11 1864

Go to Style Association and in the evening go to the Theater

¹⁵ The author's brother, Samuel Ferguson; see also May 20, 1864.

¹⁶ Corp. Hiram R. Morford, Co. B, 57th Regt.; see also May 23.

¹⁷ A game somewhat resembling billiards.

¹⁸ Arch Street Theatre, 607-617 Arch.

¹⁹ So written in the original.

²⁰ See also Feb. 11.

FEBRUARY FRIDAY, 12 1864

On guard at Barracks and in Eve See J. R. Get a Valentine today.

FEBRUARY SATURDAY, 13 1864

Go to Camp

FEBRUARY SUNDAY, 14 1864

on Guard at Barracks

FEBRUARY MONDAY, 15 1864

Have a Pass and Run around

FEBRUARY TUESDAY, 16 1864

on Guard

FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY, 17 1864

Have a Pass

FEBRUARY THURSDAY, 18 1864

On Guard at Barra.

FEBRUARY FRIDAY, 19 1864

Have a Pass and Go to Camp

FEBRUARY SATURDAY, 20 1864

On Guard at Barracks

FEBRUARY SUNDAY, 21 1864

Go down town to 3d & Shippen St and back again.

FEBRUARY MONDAY, 22 1864

on Guard

Have a Pass to day

FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY, 24 1864

On Guard Duty at Barracks

FEBRUARY THURSDAY, 25 1864

have a Pass

FEBRUARY FRIDAY, 26 1864

On duty at Barracks

FEBRUARY SATURDAY, 27 1864

Go to Camp Cadwalader and Return in eve.

FEBRUARY SUNDAY, 28 1864

on Duty at Barracks

FEBRUARY MONDAY, 29 1864

go Down Town

MARCH TUESDAY, 1 1864

on duty

MARCH WEDNESDAY, 2 1864

Go Down Town

MARCH THURSDAY, 3 1864

On Duty

MARCH FRIDAY, 4 1864

Have a Pass and Go to Continental Theater²¹ at night.

MARCH SATURDAY, 5 1864

On Duty

MARCH SUNDAY, 6 1864

Have a Pass and Go to Camp

MARCH MONDAY, 7 1864

On Guard at Barracks and Sent 20 dol's Home to D. A. Ferguson.²²

MARCH TUESDAY, 8 1864

Have a Pass and Go to 8" & Green to a Panorama but Don't stay on account of The House being so full.

MARCH WEDNESDAY, 9 1864

on Duty at Barracks

MARCH THURSDAY, 10 1864

Have a Pass and run around a Little.

MARCH FRIDAY, 11 1864

On Duty at Barracks.

MARCH SATURDAY, 12 1864

Move up to Camp Cadwalader and Take a Squad of men along Come to Town In the Evening and Stay all night at P. F. B. s²³

MARCH SUNDAY, 13 1864

Go to Town this day

MARCH MONDAY, 14 1864

Go to town and run Around Considerable.

MARCH TUESDAY, 15 1864

MARCH WEDNESDAY, 16 1864

In Camp all day

²¹ Not identified. The Continental Hotel was on Chestnut at 9th.

²² The author's brother, Dennis A. (father of the diaries' present owner); see also Mar. 17, May 17, 26, 1864; Mar. 15, 26, 1865.

²³ See also Mar. 20, 24, 25, May 31, June 19, 1864; Apr. 2, 1865.

MARCH THURSDAY, 17 1864

Get a Pass and go to Town. Go to Johnsons²⁴ Wake and return to camp in Morning. Get a Letter From H. M. Mc.²⁵ and one from D. A. F.

MARCH FRIDAY, 18 1864

on Guard at Camp

MARCH SATURDAY, 19 1864

Have a Pass and Go down to Johnsons funeral and then Go to Franks²⁶ and Stay all night and Eat Breakfast in the Morning.

MARCH SUNDAY, 20 1864

In Camp all day P. F. B. & C. G. come to camp today.

MARCH MONDAY, 21 1864

In Camp all day.

MARCH TUESDAY, 22 1864

On Guard today and Go down to 8th & Spring Garden St and Saw Jones

MARCH WEDNESDAY, 23 1864

Snowed this Morning Inspection today In camp all day.

MARCH THURSDAY, 24 1864

Went Down to P. F. B's This evening and remained all night.

MARCH FRIDAY, 25 1864

Wrote a Letter to Wm. H. M²⁷ and came to camp. But went down to P. F. B's in evening and Stayed until 10 o'cl P. M. and went to Camp.

MARCH SATURDAY, 26 1864

In Camp all day

MARCH SUNDAY, 27 1864

In Camp all day went on Guard in evening.

MARCH MONDAY, 28 1864

Went to Town in evening and Returned about 12 o'cl Midnight

MARCH TUESDAY, 29 1864

Went to Town today and wrote a Letter to Billy Montgomery and one to Wm. H. Miller Direct to Plain Grove Lawrence Co

MARCH WEDNESDAY, 30 1864

In Camp until Evening and Then went in Guard at Barracks

MARCH THURSDAY, 31 1864

On Guard until 5 o'cl P. M. And Then to town in eve and stayed all night.

²⁴ See also Mar. 19.

²⁵ See also May 20, 31.

²⁶ Apparently Frank Miller; see also May 1, 1864; Mar. 29, 30, 1865. The 1864 directory has "Miller Henry, hotel, 2242 Callowhill."

²⁷ William H. Miller; see Mar. 29.

APRIL FRIDAY, 1 1864

Came to Camp This morning.

APRIL SATURDAY, 2 1864

In camp all day.

APRIL SUNDAY, 3 1864

on Inspection today and In Camp all day

APRIL MONDAY, 4 1864

In Camp all day Went to town in eve

APRIL TUESDAY, 5 1864

In Camp all day²⁸ [sentence later ruled out]
on Guard at Barracks at Five o'clock in Evening

APRIL WEDNESDAY, 6 1864

on Guard until 4 o'cl P. M. and Then got a Pass.

APRIL THURSDAY, 7 1864

Went to Town and got Some pictures Taken came to camp and went to
Town in Evening and Got Back about 12 o'cl.

APRIL FRIDAY, 8 1864

in Camp all day.

APRIL SATURDAY, 9 1864

In camp all day.

APRIL SUNDAY, 10 1864

In camp all day.

APRIL MONDAY, 11 1864

In camp all day.

APRIL TUESDAY, 12 1864

Town today.

APRIL WEDNESDAY, 13 1864

In camp all day.

APRIL WEDNESDAY, 14 1864

In camp all day and on no duty.

APRIL FRIDAY, 15 1864

In camp all day.

APRIL SATURDAY, 16 1864

Have a Pass and go To Town. Have a Frakas with the Hospt Steward

²⁸ The writer may have begun to write his Apr. 4 entry on the wrong page; then crossed it out. See also Apr. 18.

APRIL SUNDAY, 7 1864

Have Inspection today In camp all day.

APRIL MONDAY, 18 1864

In camp all day [sentence later crossed out]

Go Town at 11 ocl and go over to Camden N. J. and get home on Next Morning.

APRIL TUESDAY, 19 1864

In Camp all day.

APRIL WEDNESDAY, 20 1864

In Camp all day.

APRIL THURSDAY, 21 1864

In Camp all day.

APRIL FRIDAY, 22 1864

Go to Town in Evening and Return about 11 oclock

APRIL SATURDAY, 23 1864

on Guard Duty

APRIL SUNDAY, 24 1864

Go to Broad & Cherry to do guard Duty

APRIL MONDAY, 25 1864

On Guard at Broad & Cherry.

APRIL TUESDAY, 26 1864

I camp all day and on Guard.

APRIL WEDNESDAY, 27 1864

In Camp until noon and then Go down to town and come home in Evening

APRIL THURSDAY, 28 1864

In camp all day.

APRIL FRIDAY, 29 1864

on Guard today

APRIL SATURDAY, 30 1864

Go to town and Stay all night

MAY SUNDAY, 1 1864

Down to Franks

MAY MONDAY, 2 1864

Go to town and Return in the Evening and start for the Regt. Go to Baltimore Depot²⁹ and Leave there at 12⁴⁰m

²⁹ Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad; depot at Broad and Prime streets.

MAY TUESDAY, 3 1864

Get in Baltimore at 8 ocl A. M. and lay there until 11 ocl P. M. and Start For Washington and arrive there at 7 o'cl P. M. and go into the Soldiers Retreat and lay all night.

MAY WEDNESDAY, 4 1864

Leave for Alexander³⁰ va. at 10 ocl A. M. and arrive there at 11-30 A. M. and remain there (until)³¹ all night.

MAY THURSDAY, 5 1864

Remain in Alexander all day and Night. Have a Pass and Go out through the town In the afternoon.

MAY FRIDAY, 6 1864

We are Still laying in Alexandria Remain here all night There are an other Squad from Camp Cadwalader Comes In

MAY SATURDAY, 7 1864

Still Alexandria this Morning and Expect to Stay all day. It favors rain Some little. Stay all night At Alexandria

MAY SUNDAY, 8 1864

Start For the Front about 10 cl A. M. Get to Bull Run about 12. M. 23½ Miles from Alexandria. Get to Bristow Station about 1 o'cl P. M. 32 M. Get to Rappahannock Station about 3 P. M. and stay there all night.

MAY MONDAY, 9 1864

Start on our Return for Alexandria at 10 cl A. M. and get there at 7½ o'cl P. M. and Stay there all night Rains a little during the night.

MAY TUESDAY, 10 1864

Remain at Alexandria until 3 o'cl P. M. and start for Camp of distribution or Stragglers Camp and Stay all night Sleeping on the ground.

MAY WEDNESDAY, 11 1864

Leave for Alexandria at 11 o'cl A. M. and take the transport for Aquia Creek at 2 P. M. Arrive at Belle Plain at 11 ocl at night and lay all night on The Boats.

MAY THURSDAY, 12 1864

Get off on land at Bell Plain about 10 to 12 ocl A. M. and Cook dinner it raining all the time lay here all night it raining nearly all night.

MAY FRIDAY, 13 1864

Start this Morning for Fredericksburg at 8 o'cl A. M. and get to Fredericksburgh and Pass through at 2 o'cl P. M. and go out about 2 Mile and go into Camp and lay all night. Quite showery all day and night.

MAY SATURDAY, 14 1864

Start and March about 6 or 8 Mile toward the Front and lay up and take dinner Quite showery all forenoon Start again For Headquarters about 5 ocl P. M. and get there about 9 o'cl P. M. and lay up all night It Raining through the night.

³⁰ Alexandria; note corrected spelling at May 6 and thereafter.

³¹ The parenthesis is here a mark of elision (see also June 17).

MAY SUNDAY, 15 1864

Sunday Morning it is Raining. get breakfast and start to find our Regiment But have Some Difficulty doing So. Find the regiment in the front about 12 o'cl M Go on Picket this night. Everything quiet along the lines Get to My Regiment this day³² J. E. McKnight Died in Camp Sumpter G. A.

MAY MONDAY, 16 1864

This Morning quite foggy. On Picket all day Some Canonading Toward evening about 5 o'cl P. M. Releived off Picket at 8 o'cl P. M. and Go to the Rear and Join our Brigade and Stay all night.

MAY TUESDAY, 17 1864

Get up in the Morning and go out to the Breastworks again and Remain there until Noon. Write a letter to Maggie J. Kemps³³ & D. A. Ferguson Lay in Breastworks until Evening and then go on Picket until Morning. Some Little skirmishing on the Right

MAY WEDNESDAY, 18 1864

Get Up in the Morning and Move off to the Right, the 6" Corps advancing before us and driving in the pickets. We get Behind the Breastworks and have Some little fighting Considerable Canonading during the day Move off to the right in the afternoon and lay in the Breastworks until in the night when we Move back to the Right and Rear

MAY THURSDAY, 19 1864

Lay up for Breakfast in the Rear. Lay up here until about 5 o'cl P. M. when there is firing heard In our Right Rear and our Division is started in hot haste and we arrive there about sundown and are Sent out in the Skirmish line and come at 11 o'cl P. M. and lay in line of battle Until about 2 ocl in the Morning when we are ordered to advance in line of Battle.

MAY FRIDAY, 20 1864

Start at 2 ocl A. M. In pursuit of the Enemy and Go about 1½ Mile and Send out Skirmishers and take about 500 Prisoners between 5 ocl and 7 ocl A. M. Start about 9 A. M. and Go back to the Rear and Cook Breakfast Lay there until 11 o'cl A. M. and Go to the Rear and Left and lay in the woods. When our Mail comes up at 6 o'cl P. M. and I get one from Sam Maggie and H. M. Mc. Are wakened up at 12 o'cl Night and Start on the March toward Matatomax Church.

MAY SATURDAY, 21 1864

Travel until 9 ocl A. M. and Halt about 15 minutes and continue on the March toward the Mifford Station Go on and cross the (Matapony River)³⁴ and about one Mile farther and lay up for the night Heavy Canonading in the direction of the old Battle-ground. Pass through Bowling Green.

³² The following words were added later, probably on July 24, when the information seems to have been received. Camp Sumpter was the prison at Andersonville, Georgia.

³³ See also May 20, 25, June 6, 10. The 1864 Philadelphia directory lists "Kemps John, stonemason, 2241 Wood."

³⁴ The parenthesis was apparently written at the time, the name written later when learned. See May 23, where the name was not entered later; and also June 14, July 2, 3.

MAY SUNDAY, 22 1864

Start at 7 o'clock A. M. and march half a Mile and take a Position and Build Breastworks. Remain here all Night Build Breastworks In the vicinity of Bowling-Green.

MAY MONDAY, 23 1864

Start In the Morning at 6 o'clock on the March and cross the ([there is space for the name, though it was never written in] River) and March about 4 mile and find the Enemy on the Banks of the North Anne River. We drive them across about sundown and Go out in Picket at Night H. R. Morford³⁵ Killed on this Evening Half a mile from Bridge. and Buried there Close to a large oak The Enemy and ourselves are Building Breastworks all night.

MAY TUESDAY, 24 1864

Considerable Firing along the Picket line this Morning and it very warm. Our Men Effect a crossing of the River this fore noon and drive them Some It Rains in The afternoon. Heavy canonading all day Are Relieved off Picket in the night and Go half a Mile to the Rear and lay Down until Morning the lines being very quiet all night.

MAY WEDNESDAY, 25 1864

Get up this Morning and Cross the River and Join our Brigade and Get a little Breakfast.³⁶ Lay in the Breastworks until evening but very little fighting going on to day We go back to the Rear a little and lay Behind some other Breastworks until morning.

Have some little Rain this Evening.

MAY THURSDAY, 26 1864

This Morning It Rains, all quiet along the Lines. Still laying behind the Breastworks. Write a letter to Maggie J. K. & D. A. F.

Go on picket tonight until toward Morning When they are drawn in and we Cross the River and Get back 2 mile again daylight, Burning the Bridge behind us.

MAY FRIDAY, 27 1864

Lay up for Breakfast and Move off to the left down the River to the Enemys Right flank

Travel about 15 Mile and lay up for the Night after going some distance after night Pass Concord Church.

MAY SATURDAY, 28 1864

Start this Morning early and March on down the River and cross the Pamunkey River about 4 o'clock P. M. and Go about 2 Mile and Halt and lay up for the Night The Most of the troops Building Breastworks and Preparing to Meet the Enemy.

Now on Peninsula

MAY SUNDAY, 29 1864

Get up this Morning at Sun Rise and cook breakfast it being quite cool.

Move off to the Front Some distance and put up Breastworks just Get them Finished and move Farther to the front and lay all night after Jumbling around for Some time.

³⁵ BATES, II, 260: "Killed at North Anna, May 23, 1864."

³⁶ Writing changes from pencil to ink.

MAY MONDAY, 30 1864

Commence Building Breastworks this Morning at about 5½ ocl and get them finished at 11 ocl A. M. Considerable Canonading along the front this forenoon.

Quite Warm today Canonading all afternoon.
Lay here all night.

MAY TUESDAY, 31 1864

Get Breakfast and Write a letter to M. Mc. & P. F. B.

Move farther to the Front and build more Breastworks. Are ordered farther to the front this Evening and lay there until Midnight when we are ordered back and Get back to our Former breastworks about 3 o'cl in the Morning and stay there until day Light

JUNE WEDNESDAY, 1 1864

This Morning Nice and Clear Get Breakfast at 5½ o'cl. Considerable firing on the picket line Considerable fuddling around during the day and firing along the Picket line.

Start on the March at 10 o'cl. P. M. and March to the left of the line.

JUNE THURSDAY, 2 1864

March about 5 Mile again day light and get Breakfast then March to the extreme left again about 10½ o'cl taking about 12 hours to March the length of line and lay up here for some Time. The sun being very warm and Poring down its Heat in torrents the boys gets Short of hard tack Commence Raining about 3 ocl P. M. and have a heavy shower which cools off the air considerable Some little Raining during the nigh. Lay up for the night on the Extreme left and draw two days Rations of Hard Tack and Sugar & Coffee.

JUNE FRIDAY, 3 1864

Move off a little to the Right Early this Morning and it Rains Some little Move Farther to the right about 11 o'cl M. and lay there until night, there are are some very Heavy Fighting today. Birney's Division is on the Reserve Encamp Here all night. Heavy fighting on the Left after dark

JUNE SATURDAY, 4 1864

This Morning Pleasant.

Get breakfast Early and lay here until noon. Some canonading on the left. Start at 1 ocl P. M. and Move Some distance to the left occupying Nearly the Same Ground we did on the Morning of the 3d and lay here behind the breastworks all night. It raining a little during the Evening and night, and some Canonading during the Evening.

JUNE SUNDAY, 5 1864

Rains Some this Morning but fairs off toward 10 o'cl Considerable Skirmishing during the forenoon Move off toward the Left and lay around Sometime Move again and again until about daybreak when we are ordered to put up Breastwork and work at them and finish Them about 6 o'cl A. M. on Monday.

JUNE MONDAY, 6 1864

Commence Building Breastworks at three o'cl A. M. and get them finished at 6 o'cl A. M. Stay in them all day and Some little Skirmishing and Canonading during the day.

Go on Picket at Night and things are quiet in our Front but considerable Fighting and Skirmishing on our Right. Recd a Letter From M. J. K. this day written on the 31st of May.

JUNE TUESDAY, 7 1864

The pickets commence Firing on our Right at day Break but in front of us it is all quiet.

Quite cool & pleasant this Morning.

Passing Flags of truce Nearly all day. An armistice of two hours granted between 6 & 8 o'clock P. M. to Bury Dead and get off Wounded between the Picket Lines. Are Relieved off Picket at 8 o'clock and return to the Regt. which still Lay Behind the breastworks.

JUNE WEDNESDAY, 8 1864

Get up early and take Breakfast at 5 o'clock and lay In the breastworks all day. Very quiet along the lines all day. Some little Canonading at Sundown. Weather quite pleasant all day. Remain here all Night Very quiet Except that of a few Stray Shell during the Night.

JUNE THURSDAY, 9 1864

Get Breakfast at 5 o'clock and lay around all day Behind the Breastworks. Very quiet along the lines.

Get a letter from Mother today.

Remain in Breastworks all Night, but very little firing during the night.

JUNE FRIDAY, 10 1864

Called under arms at 3 o'clock A. M. Get Breakfast at 6 o'clock. Pleasant this Morning, no firing along the line of Consequence.

lay here all day and go on Head quarter guard at night. Write a letter to M. J. K. & Miss H. P. & Mrs. Ex. Ferguson.³⁷

JUNE SATURDAY, 11 1864

All quiet this Morning. Cool & pleasant.

Remain in our position all day and night. Some canonading during the Evening. All quiet through the night.

JUNE SUNDAY, 12 1864

All quiet this Morning Cool & favors rain a little. Called under arms at 3 o'clock. Some little firing between the Pickets On the Right at 8 o'clock A. M. Move off to the left flank at 9 o'clock P. M. and March all night.

JUNE MONDAY, 13 1864

lay up this Morning at 6 o'clock A. M. for Breakfast about 6 M from our old position. March toward the James River until 8 o'clock P. M. when we lay up for the night, after fooling around until about 11 o'clock.

lay up within about a mile of the River.

JUNE TUESDAY, 14 1864

Get Breakfast at 5 o'clock and lay around until 9 o'clock A. M. Start and March to the crossing of the River and lay there until 2 o'clock and cross at ()³⁸ about five or seven Mile above Harrisons Landing and lay there until Eve. Move back one mile from the River and remain all night in line of Battle.

³⁷ The author's mother, Mrs. Experience Ferguson. His youngest brother, William, had died May 28; the news may have been in this letter, apparently the last one received from home.

³⁸ The crossing was made at Wilcox's Landing.

JUNE WEDNESDAY, 15 1864

Get Breakfast at 7 o'clock A. M. and lay here until about 11½ o'clock A. M. when we Start on the March, halt at 3 o'clock & cook our diminished meal of Hard Tack and Coffee. in an hour we Journey on until after dark, when we halt for an hour longer Start again and March very Slow until about 1 o'clock in the Night just in front of the Enemy and within 1½ Miles of Petersburg and lay down for the Night.

JUNE THURSDAY, 16 1864

Get breakfast at 6 o'clock. and Some very Heavy canonading from the Rebels at 7½ o'clock. We fix breastworks and lay in them until about 4 o'clock P. M. We drive the Rebs some during the forenoon. our Batteries Soon Silences the Enemy's guns. at 4 o'clock P. M. we advance in line of Battle and drive In the Enemy's skirmishers and hold our position within 200 yards of the Enemys works. are relieved at 9 o'clock P. M. by the 18 corps. and Go Back to the Breastworks and Stay all Night. Considerable Skirmishing during the Night.

Quite a sharp fight during the advance.

JUNE FRIDAY, 17 1864

Take Breakfast at 6 o'clock. and lay in Breastworks until 9 o'clock A. M. when we are ordered to the Right and front and lay Behind a hill until (night when)³⁹ we are ordered to the front line of Breastworks & extend the line some distance. Have Some heavy firing during the night.

LT Adams⁴⁰ killed today.

JUNE SATURDAY, 18 1864

Start on a charge this Morning at daylight and drive the Enemy from their Breastwork & Advance some distance and find the rebels again in force behind their Breastworks & have to halt. Make an other charge at 3 o'clock P. M. but are Repulsed.

try it the third time but are Repulsed again. at 5 o'clock the Second division comes in and we are Relieved for the night and they try a charge but are Repulsed also with great Slaughter.

JUNE SUNDAY, 19 1864

Get Breakfast Early & go to the front again & lay behind the breastworks until In the Night we lay down to Sleep. Heavy Canonading on our Side In the Evening.

Get up at 1 o'clock. in the night & advance a distance of some 10 rods & build Breastworks. Mail 2 letters to P. F. B. Esq., Philadelphia.

Received a Letter From Annie Emery.⁴¹

JUNE MONDAY, 20 1864

Finish our Breastworks again daylight. & the Enemy & Our fellows commence Skirmishing and keep it up all day Jack Harry⁴² Wounded through the Shoulder.

Some 40 or 50 dead laying in our front Since Saturday Evening. Are Relieved at 12 o'clock. midnight by the 9th Corps, & go to the Left and lay down at 2 o'clock.

³⁹ The words within parenthesis are corrected by those which follow it.

⁴⁰ Henry M. Adams, 2d Lt., Co. I, 57th Regt.

⁴¹ 21st and Wood streets, Philadelphia.

⁴² Pvt. William J. Harry, Co. B, 57th Regt.

JUNE TUESDAY, 21 1864

Take Breakfast at 7 o'clock. It very warm & dry. All quiet along the lines. Start on the March to the Left at 9 o'clock. A. M. & march about 3 mile south by east. Halt & take dinner, lay one hour & start and march part way back & form in line of battle at Dark or about 9 o'clock. We commence building breastworks & finish them at 1 o'clock in the night.

Issue Rations and go to bed at 2 o'clock morning.

Canonading on The Right during the Evening.

JUNE WEDNESDAY, 22 1864

Are called Under arms at 4 o'clock morning & at 8 o'clock. A. M. are ordered to Move to the front farther.

Considerable Skirmishing during the forenoon on the Right. Quite warm & sultry fighting some on the Right during the forenoon.

commence Building breastworks at 12 M. and work until about 3 or 4 o'clock P. M. when the enemy flank us on the left and we fall Back to an other short line of breastworks and are flanked there & taken prisoner. The Regt nearly all go to there or are double quicked to the Rear of the Enemy to near Petersburg and lay all night. Heavy fighting after we are taken Prisoner.

JUNE THURSDAY, 23 1864

Take a little coffee after a poor night's Rest and are marched Into Petersburg. Lay a while in an open lot and then are Marched down to the River—Appomottax and lay there all day giving in our name and Regt. Get a good wash and feel greatly Relieved. Lay here all night.

JUNE FRIDAY, 24 1864

Get breakfast at 6 o'clock. Some of our Prisoners sent on to Richmond this Morning. Heavy fighting this Morning near Petersburg. Start to leave but go back again and Remain all night. Draw half a day Rations this day.

JUNE SATURDAY, 25 1864

Are called up at 3 o'clock Morning & go down to the Depot. get in the cars at 5 o'clock & leave for Richmond. Arrive there at 9 o'clock. A. M. Go to and are Put in Libby-Prison.⁴³ Remain there all day & night. Draw some little Rations about one meal at 12 or 1 o'clock Noon. Very warm & almost Impossible to Sleep & very Much crowded.

JUNE SUNDAY, 26 1864

Get up by daylight and at 8 o'clock there are a Squad Sent on to G. A.

9 o'clock. we are ordered to Move across the Street and are there Searched and all the Money Sugar and Coffee taken away from us.⁴⁴ At Noon we draw Some more Corn Bread Meat and Beans Remain here all Night. Very warm and Suffocating

JUNE MONDAY, 27 1864

. Get up at 6 o'clock find it very warm. The officers are taking the names of Some for Some purpose.

draw a Ration at Noon of Corn Bread, Pork and Beans.

Rains a little in the Afternoon.

⁴³ A tobacco warehouse of Libby and Son. Used as a military prison until replaced by Andersonville. At this date, used as a temporary station for newly-captured prisoners.

⁴⁴ The extent to which prisoners' money was confiscated is debated. See HESSELTINE, p. 125, note 49. There seems no reason for doubting confiscation on this occasion, at least.

JUNE TUESDAY, 28 1864

Have our Names taken to day. Quite cool and Pleasant all day.
 Draw a ration at noon.
 Remain here all night.

JUNE WEDNESDAY, 29 1864

Draw a Ration Early this Morning and Start away at noon toward Danville Got out the R. R. up the James River about 3 mile, then the Road takes to the left of the River toward Lynchburg The road very Rough all of the way. Arrive at Lynchburg at 1 ocl Midnight and Stay in the cars all night. It being Very disagreeable Richmond to Danville 140 Miles.⁴⁵

JUNE THURSDAY, 30 1864

After a Restless Night we lay around in the cars until about 10 o'cl A. M. very Hungry and Tired. at about 2 o'cl P. M. we draw Some rations of Hard Tack and Bacon. My Squad being the last to draw and Get a little corn bread & Stinking Dried Beef, at 3 o'cl P. M. we have what they call 4 days Rations & Start on the March for Danville. Go 5 miles & lay up for the night in a nice flat Covered with Grass and plenty of Good Water.

JULY FRIDAY, 1 1864

Last Night had a good Night's Rest. Eat a little Corn Bread and Beef and Start at 5 o'cl. March about 3 Mile & Halt for a rest. Quite cool and Pleasant to March.

March about 10 Mile In the Middle of the day without Water.

Arrive at the River Stanton about 6 o'cl after marching about 20 Mile & lay up for the night after drinking a little Peneroil Tea.

JULY SATURDAY, 2 1864

Start on our journey at 5 In Morning. March about 20 mile Through a Country very Scarce of Water and Go in Camp on the banks of the ⁴⁶ at 5 o'cl. P. M. & after drinking a little a little Peneroil Tea we Remain all night.

Rations Running Short

JULY SUNDAY, 3 1864

Start at 4½ o'cl on our March & March about 3 Mile and eat one Hard Tack for our days Ration

Journey on 15 Mile this day and lay' up at 3 o'cl P. M. on The Banks of the ⁴⁷ River. The Boys all out of Rations. Drink a little Penny Rooyal Tea and feel considerable Relieved.

JULY MONDAY, 4 1864

Start on our Journey at 5 o'cl A. M. without Breakfast, travel some 7 Mile without water & rest awhile. Reach Danville by 1½ o'cl P. M. after going some 16 mile. Are put in to Barracks and Draw Corn Bread at 5 o'cl & get Meat at 8 o'cl Eve. Go to Bed and Have a nice sleep.

The officers leave for Georgia tonight.

⁴⁵ This final sentence appears to have been added later. See also July 10, 12.

⁴⁶ Blank in the original.

⁴⁷ Blank in the manuscript.

JULY TUESDAY, 5 1864

Arise at 5 o'cl and Eat Some Bread and Meat. Quite warm. lay down & go to Sleep again and Sleep until about 9 o'cl. Draw Corn Bread at 11 o'cl & Meat at 1 o'cl, drew some Beans at 3 ocl. feel quite Well today. Some Men leaving for Georgia.

Retire Early.

JULY WEDNESDAY, 6 1864

Arise Early and Eat some Little Corn Bread. draw two days Rations during this day and Prepare to take Cars. Quite warm all day.

Start on the Cars at 7 o'cl P. M. Get to Greensborough, N. C. again 2 ocl In the night and get off cars and lay up for the night.

JULY THURSDAY, 7 1864

Quite cool this Morning. Get up at 6 o'cl and eat Some Breakfast.⁴⁸ Leave Greensborough for Charlotte at 8½ o'cl A. M. Pass Thomas Town. Pass Lexington Station. Pass Hosburg Station Holsburg Village Cross Yadkin River. Pass Sailesborough Village and arrive at Charlotte at 6 o'cl P. M. and lay for the night and draw 6 Hard Tack and a little Meat for Two days rations and Go to Bed.

JULY FRIDAY, 8 1864

Get up at 3 o'cl A. M. and Get in the Cars for Columbia, S. C. Pass Chester Pass Waynesborough Cars Run very slow. Arrive at Columbia at 8 o'cl & lay up all night on the Cars.

JULY SATURDAY, 9 1864

Awake at day light eat some Hard Tack and get off the cars and lay until about 11 o'cl, when we take the Cars for Augusta, GA. & get there the next day at 9 o'cl. A. M. It Raining Nearly all day and night. Very Warm.

JULY SUNDAY, 10 1864

Arrive at Augusta, Ga. at 9 o'cl A. M. & get off at 9½ and lay there all day. It very warm. Draw 2 days Rations.
from Augusta to Macon 190 Miles.

JULY MONDAY, 11 1864

Start for Macon at 3 o'cl P. M. by way of the Central Rail Road and arrive there at daylight Tuesday Morn.

The road very smooth & nice but in box cars & exceedingly warm.

JULY TUESDAY, 12th 1864

At Macon by daylight get to our destination by 11 o'cl A. M. Get off the Cars and are counted here after laying in the Hot Sun for Some time are Marched to the Camp inside of the stockade
and there find some of our old acquaintance.

Camp Sumpter near Andersonville, GA. From Macon to Andersonville 60 Mile.

⁴⁸ Writing changes from ink to pencil.

⁴⁹ An event of the preceding day is worth mentioning. The prison camp had been troubled by a gang known as "Moseby's Raiders." In self-defense other prisoners organized the "Regulators," who, with official approval, tried a number of alleged Raiders, and on July 11 hanged six of them. As entries for Sept. 5 and 26 show, this did not entirely end the trouble. (See HESSELTINE, pp. 144-145.)

JULY WEDNESDAY, 13 1864

Very warm this Morning. Draw Rations in Evening of Corn Bread & Meat.

JULY THURSDAY, 14 1864

Get up by Sun Rise. Feel quite Smart today. Draw Rations In Evening of Boiled Rice and Raw Pork.
Rains a little today.

JULY FRIDAY, 15 1864

Quite warm all day. Get Rations in the Evening of Meal and Pork. Rains a little during the Evening.

JULY SATURDAY, 16 1864

Not very well today. Quite a pain in the Bowels and no appetite Draw rations of Mush and Meal and Pork in evening. Very warm Have some Diarrhoea today

JULY SUNDAY, 17 1864

The sun very warm. Feel quite well this morning.
Miss Roll Call. There are church in camp today & Prayer Meeting at night⁵⁰
Draw some Mush at night.

JULY MONDAY, 18 1864

Get up at 4½ ocl Quite cool today Sprinkles rain a little in the forenoon.

JULY TUESDAY, 19 1864

Feel quite Smart Very warm and Sultry all day.

JULY WEDNESDAY, 20 1864

A Little Cool during the day.
Are transfered from 108-2 to 33-2⁵¹

JULY THURSDAY, 21 1864

Cool and Pleasant during the forenoon
Commence trading a little today.

JULY FRIDAY, 22 1864

Quite Warm and Sultry all day. Some New Prisoners Come in from Grants Army.

JULY SATURDAY, 23 1864

Get up quite Early and get Breakfast.

⁵⁰ McELROY, Chapter LXXXI (by Rev. T. J. Sheppard), p. 632. Shepard reached Andersonville June 23, and first preached there on July 10.

⁵¹ Prisoners were organized in squads of 270, divided into messes of 90. 108 squads would represent almost 30,000 prisoners; at the end of July there were in fact 31,678. (HESSELTINE, pp. 136-137, note 18.)

JULY SUNDAY, 24 1864

Get up Early and eat Some cakes for Breakfast & tend Roll Call.
 Draw fresh beef & rice for Rations today.
 Buy and Sell One dozen Biscuit today. I. E. McKnight Died May 15th
 1864 at Andersonville Ga. in Camp Sumpter.⁵²

JULY MONDAY, 25 1864

Arise early buy two doz Biscuit. Lose 5 dollars in money this morning.
 Have fresh beef and Corn Cakes at 10 o'cl. for Breakfast. Quite cold last
 night.
 Lay out for wood 75 cts

JULY TUESDAY, 26 1864

Get Up at 4 o'cl. Quite warm this morning. Eat Breakfast at 7 o'cl.
 Corn Dodger and Pork.
 Lay out for Tobacco 10 cts

JULY WEDNESDAY, 27 1864

Get up at 4½ o'cl A. M. Eat breakfast of Corn Bread and Pork at 6 o'cl
 But one Doz. biscuit to Sell. Rains a little During the afternoon.

JULY THURSDAY, 28 1864

Get up at 3½ o'cl & buy 3 Doz Biscuit at \$2.50 Per Doz. Eat Breakfast
 at 6 o'cl of Corn Bread & Meat.
 Pay 20 cts for Water Privilege.

JULY FRIDAY, 29 1864

Get up at 3 ocl A. M. Quite warm New Prisoners come in from Sher-
 mans Army.
 Rains Some during the afternoon.

JULY SATURDAY, 30 1864

Take breakfast at 6 o'cl. Very warm all day. get a Doz. Biscuit in
 Morning. Get one Peck of Beans in Evening for 3.50 dol. Lay out for
 Tobacco 15 cts. Rains a little In the Afternoon.

JULY SUNDAY, 31 1864

Get up at 4 o'cl. Breakfast at 7 o'cl. Quite warm.

AUGUST MONDAY, 1 1864

Up at 4 o'cl.
 Eat Breakfast Early Rains some During the Evening.

AUGUST TUESDAY, 2 1864

Get up at 3½ o'cl. Eat Breakfast at 7 o'cl of Corn Bread & Dried Meat.
 Rains some during the day. About 400 Prisoners come In from Stonemans
 Command captured near Macon, Ga. and Report Gen'l Stoneman a Prisoner.⁵³
 Rains quite a Heavy Shower in the evening.

⁵² See above, at May 15. The Hospital Register records "1147 McKnight
 JE 57 Co B May 16 64" (first item is the grave number). His name was
 Ira E. McKnight.

⁵³ George Stoneman. Sherman ordered him to cut a railroad near Atlanta;
 and part of the force attempted to release prisoners of war at Macon and
 Andersonville. Forced to surrender near Clinton, Ga., he remained a prisoner
 until October.

AUGUST WEDNESDAY, 3 1864

Get up at 3½ ocl. Eat breakfast at 7 ocl of Corn Bread and Pork.
Rains Quite a heavy Shower today.
Some 3 or 4 Hundred Prisoners come in from McCooks command near Atlanta, Ga.⁵⁴

AUGUST THURSDAY, 4 1864

Get up at 3 o'cl. East Breakfast at 7.
Some little rain very warm all day.

AUGUST FRIDAY, 5 1864

Get Up at 3 ocl Eat Breakfast at 6 o'cl A. M. Quite warm In the Morning.

AUGUST SATURDAY, 6 1864

Up at 3 o'cl.
Quite cool in morning, but warm through the middle of the day Draw fresh beef today and rice. Rains Some little in the afternoon.

AUGUST SUNDAY, 7 1864

Get up at 3½ ocl & Eat Breakfast at 7 ocl of Rice Soup and Beef
Warm all day. Draw fresh Beef and Rice today.
Rains a little during the afternoon. Great excitement about the Exchange of prisoners.⁵⁵
Have some baked beans for sale, and sell all

AUGUST MONDAY, 8 1864

Get up at 3 o'cl. Have Fried beef and rice Coffee for Breakfast at 7 o'cl with a little Johnny-cake Baked Hulls and all.
Rains a very Heavy Shower at 2-4 o'cl P. M. Continues drizzling until night. Our Tent Gets Wet through & under. Buy a Cake for 25 cts for Dinner.

AUGUST TUESDAY, 9 1864

Slept Last Night on a Board 8 in. wide and five ft long.
Up and about at 4 o'cl. Feel quite Well. Eat breakfast at about 9 o'cl of broiled Beans and corn Bread.
Becomes very warm toward noon. Drew Cooked Beef and Beans for Rations today. Commences Raining at 3 ocl and Rains very heavy until toward night.⁵⁶

AUGUST WEDNESDAY, 10 1864

Get up at 3 o'cl and eat Breakfast at 7 o'cl.
Have a very heavy Rain in the afternoon at about from 2 to 5 o'cl and heavy Thunder, Wetting our Tent through.

⁵⁴ Edward Moody McCook, whose cavalry were engaged in destroying Confederate communications about Atlanta.

⁵⁵ On August 10, Ould, Confederate Agent of Exchange, agreed with Butler, the Federal agent, on terms for an exchange. Delayed by military operations, it was carried out in December.

⁵⁶ This is the rain which opened—or reopened—"Providence Spring" and provided a new supply of good water within the prison stockade. (See HESSELTINE, p. 153, with note 87.)

AUGUST THURSDAY, 11 1864

Up at 3½ o'cl.
 Eat Breakfast at 7 o'cl.
 Heavy Rain during the day and Some very Heavy Thunder.
 George Davidson⁵⁷ Dies today & hear of Daniel Harris⁵⁸ death who Died
 Some time ago.

AUGUST FRIDAY, 12 1864

Get up at 5 o'cl. Quite damp and cool this Morning.
 Don't get Breakfast until about 10 ocl. Clears off today by 12 ocl and is
 very warm during the afternoon. Have a very Severe Headache nearly all
 day and feel quite Lonesome.

AUGUST SATURDAY, 13 1864

Up at 3 o'cl A. M.
 Eat Breakfast at 7 o'cl of Cold Beans and Corn bread. quite warm all day.
 Rains a little in the afternoon.
 Have my old board for a bed as usual.
 Great Talk of leaving about the 15" of the Month.

AUGUST SUNDAY, 14 1864

Get up at 3½ o'cl. Take breakfast of Cooked Beans and Corn Bread at
 7½ ocl. Have no Roll-call today.
 great Excitement about Leaving. Very hot through the Middle of the day.
 Still drawing Fresh Beef and Cooked Corn Bread.

AUGUST MONDAY, 15 1864

Get up at 3 o'cl Eat Breakfast of Beans and Fresh Beef at 7 o'cl.
 Quite Pleasant this Morning but gets warm and Sultry toward 10 o'cl
 A. M.
 Trading a little In Tobacco yet.

AUGUST TUESDAY, 16 1864

Get up at 3 o'cl A. M. Eat Breakfast at 7 o'cl A. M. and attend Roll-call.
 Arthur Hurly⁵⁹ admitted to the Hosptl today.
 Very warm all day. Rains a little during the Evening.

AUGUST WEDNESDAY, 17 1864

Get up at 3 o'cl. Eat Breakfast at 7 o'cl of Fresh-Beef, Corn-Bread &
 Rice-Coffee. quite warm In The morning.
 Very warm In the afternoon and all night.

AUGUST THURSDAY, 18 1864

Get up at 6 o'cl. Eat breakfast of Fresh Beef, Corn Bread and Rice Coffee
 at 7 o'cl A. M. gets very warm In the Morning and Warmer In the afternoon.

⁵⁷ Hospital Register: "5431 Davidson Geo 57 Co C Aug 12 64."

⁵⁸ Hospital Register: "3836 Harvey PD 57 Co B July 23 64"; BATES, II, 261, gives the name as "Harty, Daniel P," and notes "captured—died at Andersonville, Ga., July 23, 1864—grave, 3,836."

⁵⁹ See Aug. 26. Hospital Register: "6845 Hurling A 57 Co C Aug 25 64." BATES II, 265: "Hurley, Arthur . . . Died—date unknown."

AUGUST FRIDAY, 19 1864

Get Up at 5 o'cl. Eat Breakfast of Fresh Beef and Rice Soup at 7 o'cl. quite warm Draw rations of Fresh Beef and Salt at 10 o'cl A. M. an other about 5. Detemts leaving In the Evening.

Commences Raining In Evening at 6 o'cl and Rains Some until dark and after Some Heavy thunder.

AUGUST SATURDAY, 20 1864

Get up at 5 o'cl and find it a little wet after the Rain the Evening previous. go to roll call and Eat Breakfast after at 9 o'cl of Boiled Beans & Fresh-Beef & Corn bread &c.

Commences raining at 10 o'cl and Rains quite a shower.

Buy 75 cts worth of wood today.

Rains quite a shower at 6 ocl & continues raining a little until night.

AUGUST SUNDAY, 21 1864

Get up at 5 o'cl. Eat Breakfast at 7 o'cl of Boiled Beans and Corn-Bread. quite Cool & pleasant this Morning. Buy & Sell about 15 plugs of Tobacco today very warm In the Evening.

AUGUST MONDAY, 22 1864

Up and Eat breakfast at 7 o'cl of Boiled Beans and Corn Bread.

Go to Roll Call then Buy Some Little Tobacco quite Cool all day. things quite dull In Camp.

Mosquitoes very Bad at night.

Draw Molasses Rice, a little Pork and Bread today.

AUGUST TUESDAY, 23 1864

Get up at 5 o'cl eat Breakfast of Boiled Beans and Corn Bread and Molasses at 7 o'cl after attend roll call return and Lay down and take a napp and arise Skirmish and eat some Corn Bread and lay Back waiting for More Rations. Very warm today.

AUGUST WEDNESDAY, 24 1864

Get up at 5 o'cl after Sleeping In the side of the Street all night on account of the Mosquitos being so bad. Very warm all the night. Eat Breakfast of Boiled Beans and Corn Bread at 7 o'c Becomes very warm at about noon and warmer toward 3 o'cl. Drew half Rations of Fresh Beef Pork Corn Bread Meal Beans &c.

AUGUST THURSDAY, 25 1864

Get up at 5 o'cl. Eat Breakfast of Broiled Beans and Corn Bread at 7 ocl. Quite warm in the forenoon.

Draw cooked rations feel a Little Down Hearted today.

AUGUST FRIDAY, 26 1864

Get up at 5 ocl. Eat Breakfast of Crust Coffee Corn Bread and Meat at 7 ocl attend Roll Call. Help draw Rations.

Cooked Rations Issued today. very warm.

Mosquittoes very bad at night. Hear of Arthur Hurly's Death today through the Rebel Sergt.

AUGUST SATURDAY, 27 1864

Get up at 5 o'cl, Eat Breakfast of Broiled Rice & Corn Bread at 7 o'cl. Quite cool this morning.

had our Rations of Corn Bread Stolen Last Night.

Draw Cooked Rations Great news of an Exchange.

AUGUST SUNDAY, 28 1864

Get up at 5 o'clock. Eat Breakfast of Corn Bread, Fresh Beef and Coffee at 7 o'clock. No Roll Call today. Quite warm toward noon.

Rains some little last night about 10 o'clock. Some few Prisoners came in from Sherman's Army.

AUGUST MONDAY, 29 1864

Get up at 5 o'clock. Eat Breakfast of Corn Coffee and Corn Bread at 7 o'clock. Attend Roll-Call at 8 o'clock.

Some few Prisoners come in from Sherman's Army Captured near Atlanta. Very Warm in the Evening. Draw Cooked Rations of Fresh Beef—Pork, Corn Bread and Beans.

Have Cooked Beans for Dinner, fresh Beef and Corn Bread for Supper.

AUGUST TUESDAY, 30 1864

Get up at 4 o'clock. Eat Breakfast of Corn Bread, Broiled Beans Fresh Beef at 7 o'clock. Gets quite warm toward noon and Extremely hot In the Afternoon.

Have Baked Beans for Dinner. Fresh Beef & Corn Bread For Supper.

AUGUST WEDNESDAY, 31 1864

Get up at 5 o'clock. Eat Breakfast of Broiled Beans and Corn Bread at 7 o'clock. Attend Roll-Call. Gets pretty warm. Eat Baked Beans and Corn Bread for Dinner. Quite warm all afternoon. East Supper of Rice-Soup and Fresh Beef Corn Bread at 6 o'clock.

Muskets very Bad In the Evenings.

AUGUST THURSDAY, 1 1864

Get up at 4 o'clock. Eat Breakfast of Broiled Beans and Corn Bread at 6½ o'clock. Attend Roll-Call.

Gets quite warm toward noon.

Great news of an Exchange

Corn bread for dinner. Cooked Rice for Supper. Draw Cooked Rice and Cooked Beef for Rations today. Quite cool In the Evening.

SEPTEMBER FRIDAY, 2 1864

Get up at 5 o'clock. Eat Breakfast at 7 o'clock of Cooked Beans and Corn-Bread. Quite Pleasant this Morning. Gets quite warm toward noon. Eat Baked Beans at 3 o'clock for Dinner. Make It Do for Supper also. Favors Rain in the Evening. Go to Bed Early.

SEPTEMBER SATURDAY, 3 1864

Get up at 6 o'clock. Eat breakfast of Baked Beans Corn Bread and Fresh Beef and Corn Coffee at 7 o'clock.

Favors Rain Quite cool. Have an onion and Some Corn Bread for Dinner. Rains a Little During the Afternoon. Have Some Broiled Beans and Bread for Supper.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY, 4 1864

Get up at 5 o'clock. Eat Breakfast of Corn Bread, Fresh-Beef and Corn-Coffee at 7 o'clock. Quite cool and Hazy in the morning. Eat Broiled Beans for Dinner. Eat Broiled Beans for Supper at 6 o'clock.

Quite warm all day and during the Evening.

SEPTEMBER MONDAY, 5 1864

Get up at 6 o'clock. Eat Breakfast of Broiled Beans and Fresh Beef and Corn Bread at 7 o'clock. Attend Roll Call and Return to my quarters. Becomes very warm toward 10 o'clock. Eli Grant—Jas. Dunmire⁶⁰ Taken before the Police-Court for theft. Eat some Rice Broiled and Bread and Molasses for Dinner & supper. Very hot In the afternoon. Dunmire and Grant not convicted.

SEPTEMBER TUESDAY, 6 1864

Get up at 6 o'clock. Eat for Breakfast Cold Rice, Molasses and Corn Bread at 7 o'clock Attend Roll-Call and Return to My Old quarters.

Becomes very warm toward the Middle of the day.

Great news of the exchange commencing.⁶¹ Have Broiled Rice for Supper. The News of the Exchange Comes that Some will Leave in the Morning.

SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY, 7 1864

Get up at 5 o'clock. Don't Sleep any on last night there being So Much Noise.

Eat Breakfast of broiled beans and corn bread at 6½ o'clock. Sim and the other Boys Pack up for to leave, but they don't all Get off. Becomes very warm toward noon. Simeon comes Back and Stays until night. and goes In the Night with Some More.

SEPTEMBER THURSDAY, 8 1864

Get up at 4 o'clock. Eat breakfast of Baked Beans and Corn Bread at 7 o'clock. Some more Prisoners leave for our lines today.

Quite cool today. Eat Broiled Beans and Corn Bread for Dinner for Supper Eat fresh Beef and Corn Bread.

SEPTEMBER FRIDAY, 9 1864

Get up at 5 o'clock. Some More Prisoners leave for the federal lines on Last night. Have Baked Beans, Fresh Beef, Soda Bread for Breakfast. Gets warm Toward noon. Eat Baked Beans for Dinner.

some Fresh Beef and Corn Bread for Supper. Herschel Rickert of Co. C. 57 P. A. Vols. Dies this Evening.⁶² Diarrhoea and weakness.

SEPTEMBER SATURDAY, 10 1864

Get up at 4 o'clock. eat breakfast at 7 o'clock of Broiled Beans and Corn-Bread. Some few More Prisoners left Last night for exchange.

quite Cool and Pleasant During the Afternoon. Some Prisoners Leave at about 5 o'clock. Very Hot In the Evening Have Cooked Rice and Molasses for Supper.

⁶⁰ A James H. Dunmire, Co. C, 57th Regt., was promoted to corporal May 1, 1865; but there is no proof of identity. See also Sept. 26, when prisoners had been moved from Andersonville to Florence, S. C.

⁶¹ As events proved, this story was false. Orders were received Sept. 5 to evacuate Camp Sumpter immediately. Millen, Ga., had been selected Aug. 5 for a new prison; but since this was still unfinished, prisoners were sent to Charleston and Savannah temporarily.

⁶² BATES, II, 265 (Co. C): "Rickert, Edwin H. . . . Missing at Spottsylvania C. H., May 12, 1864." Hospital Register: "8499 Bicklet EH 57 CO I Sept 11 64"; BATES, II, 282 (Co. K): "Bicket, E. H. . . . Died at Andersonville, Ga., September 11, '64—grave, 8,499." Possibly the two are the same.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY, 11 1864

Get up at daybreak and Find a Beautiful morning, Cool and Pleasant. Some five or six Dechmts leave for Exchange at about 6 o'cl. Sell out all My Tobacco this Morning and have about 44 Dollars In Money.

Have Broiled Rice, Molasses and Corn-Bread for Breakfast.

Eat some Fresh Beef and Broiled Rice for Dinner.

Have orders at 3 o'cl to fall In to leave and Pack up and cross the Brook, lay around until dark waiting on the train. Have no rations Except some Rice—Beef.

SEPTEMBER MONDAY, 12 1864

Get up at 4 o'cl after Sleeping out all night waiting on the Train.

Cross the brook at 5 o'cl Give Sergnt Dempsey⁶³ 2 dols and buy 2 Corn Dodgers for 60 cts and go Back to the Detachment. They commence going out the Gate at 6 o'cl and my detachment gets out and takes the train at 7 o'cl. Have about two days Rations of Corn Bread and Pork. The burial party reports 8610 buried up to this Date.⁶⁴

SEPTEMBER TUESDAY, 13 1864

Get to Macon this Morning at 7 o'cl go on through Augusta and Columbia. Have the toothache and my Jaw Beals So that I can't Eat.

SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY, 14 1864

Take a Branch to No. Carolina My Jaw Breaks at 3 o'cl and I feel Greatly Relieved. Run to Florence.⁶⁵

SEPTEMBER THURSDAY, 15 1864

Get to Florence this Morning at 3 o'cl and find 5 or six train of prisoners there. Stay on the train until toward noon when we Start out on the Switch and the car that I am on breaks and we all jump out. They remove the obstruction and we get on the train and go about a mile from Florence and go in Camp, but don't draw any Rations. Fix up a kind of a Shanty and lay down.

SEPTEMBER FRIDAY, 16 1864

Get up at 5 o'cl after having a very good sleep.

Draw some little Corn Meal about a pint and make Some Mush. Buy a little Squash for dinner.

The guard very Good to us.

SEPTEMBER SATURDAY, 17 1864

Get up at 4 o'cl after a good Nights Rest. Drawed some little Corn Meal last night and Have Some More Mush for Breakfast without salt. Some one Having Stole My Salt.

Bake Myself a Dodger for dinner. Draw some rice this afternoon about a pint. Buy a 25 cts worth of apples today.

⁶³ Sergt. Sanford P. Dempsey, Co. K, 57th Regt. See also Dec. 10, 1864; Feb. 27, 1865.

⁶⁴ According to the Hospital Register, grave 8611 was that of M. Whipple, Co. D, 22d N. Y. Cavalry, buried Sept. 13.

⁶⁵ In South Carolina. Erection of the stockade had been ordered Sept. 12; and the prison was uncompleted when the prisoners arrived. On Sept. 21, 6,000 prisoners were reported confined on the race course at Florence. See Oct. 2, when the prisoners were moved into the stockade.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY, 18 1864

Get up at 6 o'clock and Broil some Rice for breakfast. Start out and buy 50 cts worth of apples and eat them.

Have some Broiled Beans for Dinner. Draw some Beans, Bacon⁶⁰ and Salt for Rations

Have sweet potatoes for Supper. Rains a little During the Evening.

SEPTEMBER MONDAY, 19 1864

Get up at 6 o'clock, Eat Breakfast of Broiled Rice and Sweet Potatoes at 7 o'clock Draw some little Beans and Rice and Bacon for Rations. Eat Some Squash for Dinner.

Buy 2 doz. apples Some Corn Bread and Sweet Potatoes, the whole amounting to Some 3 dol.

Eat for Supper Broiled Rice and Sweet Potatoes, Bread

Pleasant and Cool During the Day,

SEPTEMBER TUESDAY, 20 1864

Get up at 6 o'clock eat Breakfast of Broiled Beans and Some Corn Bread at 8 o'clock. Buy one Doz. little apples for 25 cts

Eat for Dinner some Rice and Sweet-Potatoes.

Have for Supper More Broiled Beans and Some Corn-Bread

Bought 3 cups of Corn Meal and paid a Dollar. Draw for Rations a little Pork a little Rice, a little Beans &c

SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY, 21 1864

Get up at 8 o'clock. Eat breakfast of Broiled Beans at 9 o'clock Showery all day. Feel quite unwell. Draw for Rations a little Flour, Corn Meal, bacon, Salt and a little Rice.

Eat for Dinner at 3 o'clock. Some Corn Bread, Meat and Gravy. The fellows are all complaining about Small Rations.

Have no Supper.

SEPTEMBER THURSDAY, 22 1864

Get up at 7 o'clock, eat for Breakfast at 9 o'clock Broiled Beans.

Draw Rations of a little Beans, a little Rice a little Meal, Flour, salt, pork, &c.

Eat dinner of Broiled Rice and corn bread at 2 o'clock. Have no Supper Is Showery all day.

SEPTEMBER FRIDAY, 23 1864

Get up at 7 o'clock. Rains Very heavy this Morning and wets our tent through. Rains Some during nearly all day. Buy 50 cts worth of sweet potatoes. Draw for Rations at 1 o'clock some little beans Rice Meal Salt Have Supper at 6 o'clock of Broiled Rice cool and Pleasant this Evening.

SEPTEMBER SATURDAY, 24 1864

Get up at 8 o'clock, eat breakfast of Broiled Beans at 8 o'clock. Have a Shower of Rain at 11 o'clock Have for Dinner some Beans and a Potatoe.

Draw rations of a Small piece of Fresh Beef a little Rice and Meal, Salt. Have for supper a few sweet potatoes. Cool and pleasant this evening.

⁶⁰ Meat rations become conspicuously rare. This bacon ration ends Sept. 22; beef is issued Sept. 24-27, Oct. 3-5, Nov. 12-13 and 17-20. No meat is mentioned thereafter except on Jan. 5, 1865. (See HESSELTINE, pp. 156 and 158.)

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY, 25 1864

Get up at 5½ o'cl. Eat breakfast of Broiled Potatoes and rice at 7 o'cl. Was quite Cold during last night and toward morning. Draw rations of Fresh Beef at 11 o'cl. gets quite warm toward noon.

Buy 5 pts of Corn Meal at 10 cts = 50 cts, bake some Corn Bread and have some Fresh Beef and Corn Bread for dinner. Draw nothing but Fresh Beef today. Move my traps down to McKnights & Shannons⁶⁷ and quarter there. feel about half Sick all day.

SEPTEMBER MONDAY, 26 1864

Get up at 6 o'cl. Was quite Cold last Night. Have Corn Bread and Gravy for Breakfast. Broiled Rice for Dinner. Draw Corn Meal, Salt, Rice &c for Rations.

Buy 25 cts worth of Sweet Potatoes, 45 cts worth of Corn Bread and 20 cts of apples, miscellaneous items 20 cts. Have for Supper Broiled Rice at 5 o'cl.

Have a loaf of bread Stolen, Suspicions Resting on Jas Dunmire. Feell Some little better today although have a Severe Head ache.

News of leaving for Charleston.

SEPTEMBER TUESDAY, 27 1864

Get up at 5 o'cl after a Restless Night. Cold last-night. Have a little Breakfast of Mush at 7 o'cl, but not Half Enough for a Meal. Gets quite warm toward 10 o'cl. Feel quite well this morning.

Confederate Rations Still getting smaller.

Have a little broiled rice for dinner.

Draw a little Meal and Fresh Beef.

SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY, 28 1864

Get up at 5 o'cl. Eat Breakfast of a little Corn Bread and Rice. Draw rations of a little Meal and Beans & Salt. Have some Dinner of Sweet Potatoes at 1 o'cl. Have supper of Sweet Potatoes at 7 o'cl.

Have a little Rain during the Evening.

SEPTEMBER THURSDAY, 29 1864

Get up at 5 o'cl, eat Breakfast of Sweet Potatoes and Corn-Bread at 8 o'cl. Draw Corn Meal and Molasses. Quite warm and Favors Rain. Have Some little Soup for Dinner.

A Great Many Taking oath of allegiance to the C. S. Govnt.⁶⁸

Draw Half a Sweet Potatoc today to Add to our Rations.

SEPTEMBER FRIDAY, 30 1864

Get up at 5 ocl. Eat Breakfast of a few Broiled Sweet Potatoes at 7 o'cl. Draw a little Meal, Rice, Beans, Salt today. Have Dinner of Rice at 1 ocl. Very warm during the afternoon.

Buy a Dodger at 40 cts for Supper.

More Men Taking the oath today.

Draw half of a Sweet Potatoc today.

(Diary to be continued in October issue.)

⁶⁷ Sergt. A. D. McKnight, Co. B, 57th Regt. See also Dec. 7, 8, 1864; Mar. 14, 1865. Shannon is mentioned again on Oct. 23 and Dec. 11.

⁶⁸ See also Sept. 30, Oct. 4, 14, Nov. 4, 5. Those who took this oath were known as "galvanized Yanks" (see Nov. 17, Dec. 18, 23, 25). See McELROY, pp. 550-552.