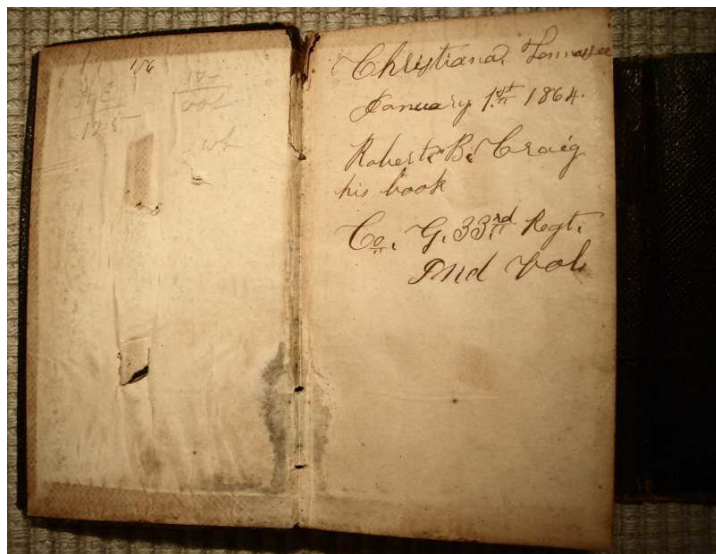


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[Inside cover]



Christiana, Tennessee
January 1st 1864.
Robert B. Craig
his book

Co. G. 33rd Regt.
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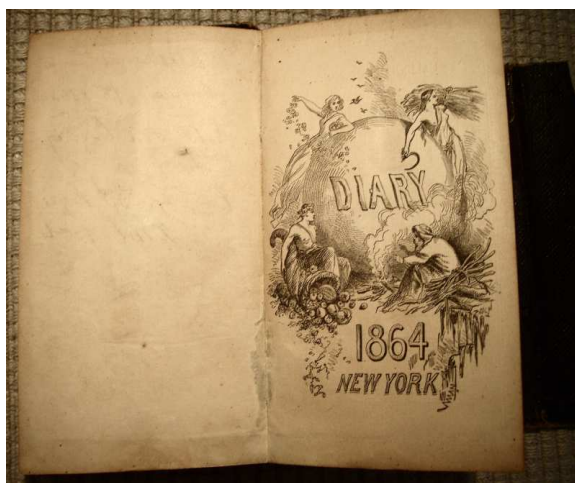
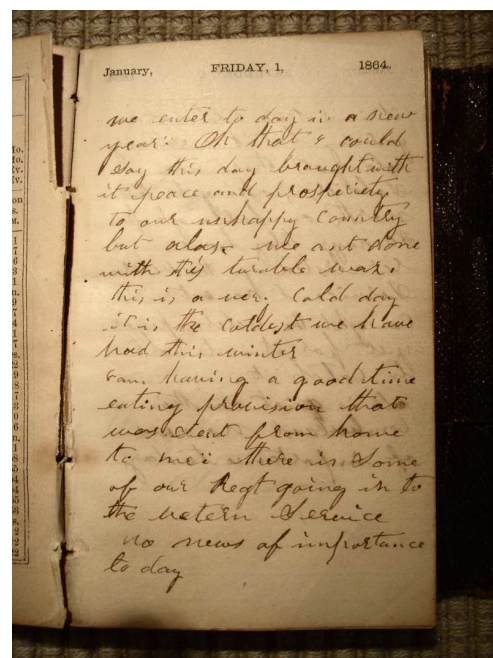
January, Friday, 1, 1864.[pre-printed at top of each page]

we enter to day in a new year: Oh that I could say this day brought with it peace and prosperiety to our unhappy country but alas, we ant [ain't?] done with this turable war.

this is a very Cold day it is the coldest we have had this winter

I am having a good time eating provision that was sent from home to me.

there is Some of our Regt going in to the vetern Service no news of importance to day



January, Saturday, 2, 1864.

it is not so cold as it was yesterday but it is extremely cold yet there are Soldiers passing to the north on furlough for 30 days they have reinlisted in the veteren Service I havent caught the veteren fever yet for it is to cold to catch it
all is quiet on the Comberland no news of importance to day

January, Sunday, 3, 1864.

it has turned warm enough to rain so we are geting some to day the day is long an we Stay all day in our tents I made me a ring to day out of a mussel Shell it has quit raining and its now snowing it is bad weather for pickets and guards to Stand out but alas..
what cant be cured must be unduerd

January, Monday, 4, 1864.

all quiet to day so I haven't mutch to write we draw potatos once and a while and we trade for unions so we live fat for private Soldiers I cant find fault with our rations

January, Tuesday, 5, 1864.

the veterens appear to all be dead in the Shell This is the day they say wines [winds?] up the big bonnys [bonus?] there ant eny left the Regt yet McKnight. was here to day I think he has gave up the veteren recruiting buisness he raised quite an excitement for a while but it has all died away

January, Wednesday, 6, 1864.

it is very cold and I am on guard to day but it is camp guard it is lighter duty then picket duty while the weather is so bad nothing new to day yet there was some recruits came for the Regt but none for our Co. for one good reason we have no one recruiting from the Company.

January, Thursday, 7, 1864.

it is Snowing very nice this morning for news I have none to day
I heard from E. T. Bickerton he said he was going to Send us a bottle of brandy I long to se it coming we ceep pretty close to the fier these cold days and we have to ceep a good fier or freeze

[Transcriber's note: probably Elias T Bickerton of Bartholomew County, mustered in Sep 16, 1861 of Co G.]

January, Friday, 8, 1864.

When we awoke this morning we found earth covered with Snow the Southern folks say this is the coldest weather they ever had it Sets very hard for it came all at once we had very plesant weather till a fiew weeks back I read General Gorden Grangers report of the battle of Chickamauga I think. he and his men done their duty

January, Saturday, 9, 1864

it is very cold to day it was to our Sorry to read the death of Hon. Calop B. Smith [Caleb Blood Smith] of

Indiana

it is lonsom times this cold weather

I have looked for a letter for some time but I cant se it

We heard this evenings that we have bin transfurd to the 11th army Corps

January, Sunday, 10, 1864

it is very cold these mornings to turn out of our beds so early to role call we have to get out in line at day breke to answer to our names

this day has apearently bin a long one to me

the boys goes a rabbit hunting most every day they kill a great many the male has came but Still no letter for me

January, Monday, 11, 1864.

it is warmer to day then it has bin for two weeks it has thawed enough to make it very muddy

nothing has transpiere of note to day

there was but one letter for our Company to day the Ohio river is so full of ice the mail cant cross

January, Tuesday, 12, 1864.

the air feels like rain it is cloudy and warm enough to thaw the day has seemed very long but I interested myself a while by reading Major General Rosecrans report of the army of the Comberland Since he left

Murfreesboro up till the battle of Chickamauga no news of importance to day

it is very muddy this evenings it has thawed rite smart to day

no male for me

January, Wednesday, 13, 1864

I am on picket to day

it is very muddy and had [hard?] giting about through the middle of the day it freezes up of a knight

not mutch going on to amuse a person here there is now and then a negro passing in or out at my post

January, Thursday, 14, 1864.

it is very cloudy this morning we was reliev'd in due time and came to camp before it got very muddy to day I read in the paper about Gen Grant riding from Knoxville to Lexington Ky.

a horsback he must have had a cold ride not mutch news to day.

January, Friday, 15, 1864.

it is still cloudy and muddy and no news a Stiring

nothing to get out to pass the time to eny Sadisfaction it apears my coraspondence has all quit writing for I havent got a letter for Some time

January, Saturday, 16, 1864.

it is plesant over head to day but it is Still muddy yet there is a dance out in the Country to knight but I guess it was make up for the officers of the Regt for I seen a load of them go out this evening the mail was lait to day I sent a paper to James Craig and a letter to Miss I.D.N.

[Transcriber's note: James Craig is either Robert's older brother or his cousin, who appears later in this diary. Miss I.D.N. remains a mystery.]

January, Sunday, 17, 1864.

all is quiet to day they have reading here to day So they say
I recieved a letter from M [scribbled out] H to day
it is cloudy and looks like rain it Sprinkled Some this evening.
all quiet on the Comberland

January, Monday, 18, 1864.

I t is Still very muddy and is raining some this morning
I wrote a big letter to James Reaf [Reap?] it is a turning very cold this the Cars have changed their time and
we wont get eny mail to day our mail will be one day laiter
we have some very warm prayer meetings here and Some of the boys are geting very religious apearntly so

January, Tuesday, 19, 1864.

it is Cold this morning I am on guard to day Camp guard
after the Sun got up it commenced to thawe and it ant so Cold this evening
I got a letter from James and Nancy Jane Craig to day they were all well
one of the 85th boys was to se me and took diner with me

January, Wednesday, 20, 1864

there was an accident happened to some of our boys
Isaac Betts Wiliam Boone and two teamsters was out last night 14 miles from here to a dance and got in to a
rowe with Some citizens and Betts got shot in the left brest
one of the teamsters got shot in the thigh
our Cavelry went out to day they found one man killed with nine balls Shot in him they got his revolver and
gun and returned with one prisner
Betts is bad of

[Transcriber's notes: Union Sgt Isaac J Betts of Bartholomew County, IN, mustered in Sept. 16 1861,
Promoted 1st Lieutenant; 1st Sgt William H. Boone of Bartholomew County, IN, mustered in Sept. 16, 1861,
Promoted 2d Lieutenant]

January, Thursday, 21, 1864.

all quiet to day. Betts is some better to day he was shot in the left brest and the ball is Some where in him
I wrote a letter to James and Nan to day we dont get mutch mail now a days
there is some talk of the veterns going home Soon

January, Friday, 22, 1864.

it is plesant to day for the time a year.
not mutch news going to day
Betts is gettin a long very well with his wound
our mail is small nowadays it is very muddy here now

January, Saturday, 23, 1864.

this is a very nice day it dont feel like winter hardly here
there is Some of the veterns being musterd in here to day.
there was 11 from our Company went in to it and I think there will be more go in Lt McKnight says he is a
vetern.

[Transcriber's note: 2d Lt Pliny McKnight of Columbus, IN, commissioned Sept 6, 1861, Mustered in Sept. 16, 1861, Promoted 1st Lt Jan 6. 1863, Mustered in Jan 15, 1863, Resigned Nov. 10, 1864]

January, Sunday, 24, 1864.

this is a very nice morning we had inspection this morning
we had a very good meeting last night and they intend to have a nother to day
our mail is very Small to day
meeting is going on now but the house is crowded

January, Monday, 25, 1864.

this is a nice day we have to work on the fort
we are preparing for inspection. on the 27th
they are trying to get all of the regt in the vertern Service
it is very warm

January, Tuesday, 26, 1864.

very warm to day I am on picket to day
there is plenty of folks passing in and out and the most of them are wiman

January, Wednesday, 27, 1864.

we are having inspection to day. Col. Coburn is here there is some more going in the veteren Service
Col. Coburn made us a very good speach after he got through inspecting us
I think his speach will have some afect for veteren Soldiers

[Transcriber's note: Union Colonel John Coburn of Indianapolis, IN, Commissioned and Mustered in Sept. 18, 1861, Mustered out Sept. 20, 1864; term expired. Brevetted Brigadier General march 13, 1865.]

January, Thursday, 28, 1864.

it is very warm to day for the time of year. the veteren buisness is starting a new there are 3 or 4 of the Co's that
made up enough to go home our Co has got it nomber to go but they ant musterd in yet
the oficers are a triing to get enough to take the Regt

January, Friday, 29, 1864.

this is a plesant day our Company has gave in enough to take the Co that is three fourths of it they was
musterd in to day they are sending their majure [major?] to Indianapolis for a new Suit of clothes
I dont know when they will Start home nor what they will do with the remainder that is left here I am
interested for I am one that is left

January, Saturday, 30, 1864.

this is a nice day the veterans are going in pretty fast they have nearly enough to take the regiment we had battalion drill today for the first time in a long time

January, Sunday, 31, 1864.

this is a nice day all quiet today I wrote a letter to M.H.
I have made me 3 rings of [quaterpurcha?] lately
the veterans are going home this week so they say

February, Monday, 1, 1864.

this is a pleasant day we have to drill now the weather is very nice and dry. we drill twice a day Company drill in the forenoon & battalion drill in the evening
the veterans are going in still
I hope they will get enough to take the Regiment

February, Tuesday, 2, 1864.

this is a nice day I am on picket today
it is a very nice weather there was a deserter come here today he came from Bragg's army he says they are deserting as fast as they get the opportunity for they are pressing in all that don't reenlist when their time is up

February, Wednesday, 3, 1864.

it is cool this morning cold enough to freeze some
I was relieved in due time there is not much news today but I think there is a battle depending [defending?] about Knoxville I think we will have a hard fight there

February, Thursday, 4, 1864.

this is a nice day we have to drill every day twice a day. Wm Boone went to Murfreesboro to tend his courtmarshal he has some hard charges against him so they say
no mail today
they say we were under marching orders, but the orders were countermanded

February, Friday, 5, 1864.

it is pretty cold these mornings but pleasant through the middle of the day
the captains have to drill the battalion now and Sergeants the companies
all quiet today

February, Saturday, 6, 1864.

it is raining some this morning it is cold this evening but we have to drill battalion drill
all quiet today

February, Sunday, 7, 1864.

this is a pleasant day we have inspection this morning

the Col inspects to day he markes every one that has durty guns, or clothes, and inspects them again tomorow
all quiet nothing new to day
I got a letter from
James N Craig [This is Robert's older brother]

February, Monday, 8, 1864.

this is a beautiful day and we got orders to clean up our quarters for the medical director is to inspect quarters
to day I am on duty cleaning up quarters

February, Tuesday, 9, 1864.

this is a nice day we still ceep up our drills twice a day
nothing new to day
there are som men making a [swich?] here they are imploid by the goverment

February, Wednesday, 10, 1864.

this is a nice morning the cars has changed time again on this road R.R.
I went in the Veteran Service to day on conditions that is if 3/4 of the Co. goes I go to
they lack 4, or, 5, men yet of having the nomber
nothing new to day
there was a man died in the hospital this morning he belonged to Co. A

[Transcriber's note: Until Craig joined the Veterans Service, he'd consistently spelled it "vetern"]

February, Thursday, 11, 1864.

this is a nice day.
no news to day
the Col has gone to Nashville he went the other day
we still have to drill and go on drese parade

February, Friday, 12, 1864.

this is a nice day there was no mail last night for us
no news to day of importance
I am ancious to know what the veterans are a going to do we havent got three fourths of the Company yet

February, Saturday, 13, 1864.

this is a nice day no news to day
Hendeson is at Franklin yet -- Col Coburn and wife just got here from Murfreesboro
he made us a speach this evening concerning the Veterans. he want the Regt to go in to it
Some Companys has a nough and some ant got hardly eny

February, Sunday, 14, 1864.

it is raining some this morning and I am on guard.
we got some more Veterans to day
we will get our No yet if we do I go along to

it is pretty Cold to what it has bin
I got a letter from [Harley Beckerton?] of the [11th? 17th? 19th?]

February, Monday, 15, 1864.

it rained considerable last night. our Camp was fild this morning
we have a nough to take the Company and 3 or 4 over but now they are trying to get the Reg
Henderson has got the order to take what there is home but he wants the Regt to go to gather

February, Tuesday, 16, 1864.

it is very cold to day they say we got a nough to take the Regt and they are making out the Roles as fast as
they can
I think we will be of Soon there are but 14 old Soldiers left in our Co besides the recruits but what is in the
veterans

February, Wednesday, 17, 1864

it is pretty cold and disagreeable we have a nough veterans to take the Regt but they say we wont get of this
week
the 27th Ind. Regt went passed here on rout for home
there was no mail last night

February, Thursday, 18, 1864.

it is still very Cold I ant in eny hurry to go home while it is So Cold and disagreeable for we would have a
poor chance to injoy our selves but if it is nice weather we will have a good time at least I think So enyhow

February, Friday, 19, 1864.

it is more plesanter this morning then it has bin they are busy fixing out our rols but we cant get of this week
we get the privlage of asigning ourselves to eny County or township that we pleas, and run the risk of giting
the bounty I asigned myself to Marion Co. Center township Indiana

February, Saturday, 20, 1864.

it is more plesant to day the boys are geting up some Subscriptions one is for Col Henderson a Sword one for
Col Coburn & Wife a set of Silver tea set
one for Superior army for us veterans
our Copybooks Came to day

February, Sunday, 21, 1864.

this is a plesant day we had inspection to day Some think we wont get to go home for a week yet
all quiet here to day
I recieved a letter from Asa Newton to day

February, Monday, 22, 1864.

this is a nice day I wrote to Asa Newton this morning I am on picket to day
I have a very nice day for picket no news to day we are to be musterd as veterans to morow

this is a day to be rememberd but there is nothing going on here

February, Tuesday, 23, 1864.

this is a very plesant day I was relievd in due time

we may mustered to day they say

we have marching orders for Nashville we go this week then I think the veterans will go home Soon after we get there

February, Wednesday, 24, 1864.

it is plesant to day

the 85th started to day to Lavurn [sic: LaVergne]

they had to march they say we will have to march to Nashville

the cars run of the track and tore up things generaly. we had to drill this evening

February, Thursday, 25, 1864.

this is a plesant day the paymaster is here he pays the men of that dont go in the veterans

from the news to day our fources are moving in the front

February, Friday, 26, 1864.

the boys didnt get their pay till this morning we march to day the 23rd Mo. relievd us we started at 12^o to day we marched 8 milds and camped 2 milds from Murfreesboro

February, Saturday, 27, 1864.

we Started at 4 o clock this morning we marched very hard till 12 am and Camped. we have marched 13 milds to day it is very dusty and hard on the men after laying up so long it is 20 milds to Nashville from here it looks very mutch like rain this evning

February, Sunday, 28, 1864.

we was roused up very early this morning and we marched very hard till one o clock to day and camped we have marched 15 milds to day and it is 5 milds to Nashville this march is very hard on me for my feet is very sore but I am not alone for the most of the Regt is in the same fix.

February, Monday, 29, 1864.

we found it raining this morning when we got up and we had to start before we got breakfast the hike is very muddy to day

they marched us through Nashville and camped us in the mud and rain and we had no wood to make a fire so the boys went to town in squads till they had to take the Regt to town so we all went and staid in a church

March, Tuesday, 1, 1864.

we was at a theatre lastnight we found it snowing when we got up this morning

it rained all day yesterday and it has Snowed all day to day we moved all of our things here to day we are still in the church yet and it is very cold and Snowing our mail came to day

I got a letter from [undecipherable letter] H.

March, Wednesday, 2, 1864.

it is very cold this morning I slipped the guards and went to town the left wings moved out of the church in to the barracks we have pretty good quarters now we sent pickets out they say they have to go 6 and 7 miles they go out at 3pm I am on Camp guard it is very muddy and Slopy it is hard getting about

March, Thursday, 3, 1864.

it is more pleasant this morning but it is very muddy yet I was out in town again today there is 6 hundred Refugees here and the most of them are females and they are a hard looking Set Share the weather is warmer this evening

March, Friday, 4, 1864.

it is pleasant today there was a heavy detail made to clean of a camp ground so I expect we will soon have to move out of here Some of the Regt moved out to camp this evening I was in town nearly all day I was at the State house

March, Saturday, 5, 1864.

this is a pleasant day the rest of our boys went out to camp today they have Camp guards on and don't allow officer nor private to go out of camp without a pass signed by Col Henderson I got a pass and was in town most all day I have been to the theatre nearly every night since we have been here

March, Sunday, 6, 1864.

this is a very pleasant day and all is quiet I was out at the outside of town and seen the most beautiful scenery that I ever saw we had preaching this evening here we have new [p-dog?] tents we will live like pups now

March, Monday, 7, 1864.

it looks like rain this morning and I am on picket I have to go out at 3 o'clock pm it is raining and it is dinner time and I will have a bad time for picket it is near time to go out we went out to the picket lines but as good luck would have it there was no post for me to relieve so I came back to Camp but it was a big walk and very muddy

March, Tuesday, 8, 1864.

it is cloudy and it is cold no news today there was 2 Companies of our Regt went to town Co [scribbled out] Co A & H went but I don't know what they was to do it is some farther this evening I went down to town today we have roll call 3 or 4 times a day

March, Wednesday, 9, 1864.

this is pleasant day our duty is very heavy since two of our Companys left we have Camp guards on and pickets the detail is from 14 to 18 a day out of our Company
the Smallpox is raging here there is over 700 Cases in town and they beaury 17 and 20 a day

March, Thursday, 10, 1864.

this is a pleasant day and it is warmer then it has bin laily we signed the muster rols and we had inspection this evening
there is nothing new to day
the boys are giting very tierd of this Camp for it is a very Sickly here now but the diseas is generaly the Smallpox

March, Friday, 11, 1864.

this is a nice day we are preparing for general inspection there is some colerd regts here these are well disiplained as Could be expected of Negros
James Hughs and Chares Wilson Came from franklin to day they came on foot. they left the boys all well

March, Saturday, 12, 1864.

this is a nice day we go out on picket we have a nice time to day we have a tent to Stay in
I have six men on my post
there is a femail Accadamy close to my post we can se all the girls we want to se

March, Sunday, 13, 1864.

we was relieved in due time this morning and came to camp & missed two inspections for they had inspection yesterday and to day this is a very nice day but I dont like the place the Small pox is Still raging

March, Monday, 14, 1864.

this is a pleasant day some more of the boys from Franklin Came up to day
there is nothing a going on here to day but there is a roomer that we will go home soon
I was at town to day

March, Tuesday, 15, 1864.

it is pretty cold to day I am on picket
I am guarding Head Quarters to day
it Snowed this evening very hard and it is very cold now but we have a tent to Stay in to knight

March, Wednesday, 16, 1864.

it is very Cold to day we was relieved this morning and Came to Camp but it is a Cold place here for we have no fiers in our little dog tents and it is very disagreeable
we drawd clothing

March, Thursday, 17, 1864.

it is very cold this morning all we can do is to stand around our little fiers one side is cold while the other is

burning
it is very windy here now

March, Friday, 18, 1864.

pretty cold this morning I am on picket to day
my post is close by a grave yard where they put the Small pox Cases they put in the ground 7 to day and that
ant near so mutch as they buary Some days
this place dont Suit me

March, Saturday, 19, 1864.

it [~~was~~] is Some warmer this morning we was relieved in due time and came to camp the news is now we will
be paid of here in a fiew days and go home
they are making out pay roles now

March, Sunday, 20, 1864.

this is a nice day but it is very windy there is not mutch goin on to day
~~[I am going to the theater to knight]~~
there are plenty of veterans in town but they are going front every day
it is cold this evening

March, Monday, 21, 1864.

I am on picket to day and it is pretty cold there are a good meny passing on the pike that I am on
but nothing is going on unusuele

March, Tuesday, 22, 1864.

it is very cold this morning. we was relievd and came to Camp and they say we wont get our pay here but they
say we will be [~~paid~~] relievd soon and go home

March, Wednesday, 23, 1864.

it is pretty cold and windy to day what men of the Regt that dont go in the veterans are formed in two
Companys
Capt McCray comands one and McKnight the other

March, Thursday, 24, 1864.

it is warmer this morning then [comen?] they say we leave in the morning and the [undecipherable] veterans
goes to lavern [LaVergne]
I am on guard
Corpl Hendricks was arested and I took his place

March, Friday, 25, 1864.

we was roused up very early this morning us veterans started home and the rest to Lavern the cars left
Nashville at 7 o clock the train run of the track yesterday and we had to transfer so we was lait geting in to
Louisville the train that run of killed 64 Cattle it was a bad tar up

March, Saturday, 26, 1864.

Louisville Barracks

we got in at 10 o'clock last night so we had to put up at the Barracks it is pleasant to day we start over the river at 10 o'clock this morning the train left Jeffersonville at 12 to day we made very poor time it was 12 o'clock at night before we got to Indianapolis but we was marched to the Soldiers home and got our supers

March, Sunday, 27, 1864.

Indianapolis this is a pleasant day we slept in the market house last night we got breakfast at the Soldiers home we got paid of to day
I got \$232.55 cts besides \$30. that was owed to me

March, Monday, 28, 1864.

this is a very windy and dusty day we have our reception to day the ladies got us up a very nice dinner to day at the Soldiers home
we paraded through the Streets and the Cannon was fired
General Carrington [sic: Carrington] made us a speech Adj General Noble and Col Coburn followed their speeches was very good in behalf of the Regt

March, Tuesday, 29, 1864.

I staid at the City Hotel last night we got our furloughs this morning and left at 10 am and got to Columbus at 12 am. I got home this evening and found the folks all well

March, Wednesday, 30, 1864.

this is a pleasant day I start out to day see my friends
I have a good time but the Roads all too muddy to walk very much

March, Thursday, 31, 1864.

pleasant I am still loafing around when I am at home I am some place else So I keep going nearly all the time

April, Friday, 1, 1864 - Sunday, 3, 1864. No entry.

April, Monday, 4, 1864.

Pleasant morning
I start to Ohio to day via of Shelbyville and Cincinnati Ohio

April, Tuesday, 5, 1864.

Cincinnati Ohio
I got here at 2 o'clock this morning
the train leave for Marietta at 8 this morning
I got to Marietta at 7 pm

April, Wednesday, 6, 1864.

Harmar Ohio

I am at Johns to day we are having a good time

April, Thursday, 7 - Tuesday, 12, 1864. No entry.

April, Wednesday, 13, 1864.

I left Harmar this morning for home got to Cincinnati at dark and took the train for Camden Ohio got there at 9 pm went to Mr. Asa Newtons

[Transcriber's note: Asa Newton's daughter, Lucy A Newton, had married James N Craig, Robert's older brother, in 1861]

April, Thursday, 14 - 17, 1864. No entry.

April, Monday, 18, 1864.

Started home this morning via of Indianapolis got to Columbus at dark

April, Tuesday, 19 - May 1, Sunday, 1864. No entry.

May, Monday, 2, 1864.

It is cold this morning and it is Snowing very hard I am on my way to the Regt at Indianapolis. we went out to Camp Carington and drawd some cooking utensals and dishes I seen John Blacketter at Indianapolis to day I staid at Camp but the most of the boys staid in town

May, Tuesday, 3, 1864.

I went down town and seen some of the boys and we all went to Columbus again I hierd a horse and Buggy and went home and had a nice time at Elizabethtown

May, Wednesday, 4, 1864.

Etown I stard early to Columbus paid 3 Dollars for my buggy ride and went to Indianapolis to get my things I had there but I found nothing Came back to Columbus the Regt went last night and there are several of the Boys left back but we low to start after them to knight but the train is behind time

May, Thursday, 5, 1864.

we left Columbus at 1 o clock A.m. we got to Jeffersonville at 5 we crossed over to Louisville and found the Regt left at 7 this morning so we that is Renouens and I run a round over town all day we could not get a train to go on we put up at the Nashville house we stay all knight here

May, Friday, 6, 1864.

we start at 7 this morning for Nashville it is 184 milds we have a long ride we got to Nashville at 5 p.m. we put up at the Wiles House. it is a very stering time here our Regt left yesterday for Chattanooga so we are still behind we have come a cross Lt Freelayd with a some of our Boys and some recruits we are a going with him

to the Regt

May, Saturday, 7, 1864.

we couldnt get a train this morning so we lofed about town we took the train at 6 [Sile?] P.M. for Chattanooga Capt Burton is here and he is a going to the front the supersition is that the Campaign is opend

May, Sunday, 8, 1864.

we passed through Tulahoma this morning we got to Brigport about 3 p.m. we run very sloe we wont get to Chattanooga to knight.

May, Monday, 9, 1864.

we run it to Chattanooga this morning the Regt left here a Saturday evening for the front they marched we took the train after we drawd some rations here for the front we run to Ringgold [GA] it was after dark before we got there so we laid there all knight. ~~we/slee~~

May, Tuesday, 10, 1864.

Ringgold we se a lot of our wounded men going back on the train this morning it comenced to rain we run up to Tunnel Hill [GA] and here we set out for our Command which they say is about 8 milds we came around the lines we heard very brisk Skirmishing along our lines we had a hard march but we got to the Regt this evening we found the boys all right Coburn Comdg [Commanding] Brig Maj. Gen. Butterfield Comdg 3d Division 20 A C Maj. Gen. Comanding

May, Wednesday, 11, 1864.

we got marching orders very early this morning so we take the gun on our sholder and start at on the fashon scale it was mudy and slipery we marched pretty hard for the first day

May, Thursday, 12, 1864.

we laid in camp all day we are working on the road our Corps has all passed us to day I seen Cousin David Craig he is in the 14th Corps there has bin troops passing us all the afternoon

[Transcriber's note: Union Private David P. Craig served with the 92nd Regiment, OH Infantry, Co. K. Dept. of the Cumberland, to June, 1863. 3rd Brigade, 4th Division, 14th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to October, 1863. 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 14th Army Corps, to June, 1865]

May, Friday, 13, 1864.

we was ordered up at half passed 12 o clock at knight and we marched with mutch difaculty for the road was full of troops we marched about 2 milds and came up to the rest of our Brig and we stoped with orders to be ready to march at 5 o clock we got an hours rest and got up and made Coffee and fell in line and four Companys, A, F, G and B was orderd to guard the train we marched 2 milds and Camped

May, Saturday, 14, 1864.

we did not think we would stay here eny time when we stoped here last night but we put up our tents.

fighting comenced early this morning and lasted all day the fighting is at Resaca [GA] a small town on the R.R. and about 7 milds from here parson preached to day the weather is cool clear and plesant this evening

May, Sunday, 15, 1864.

there was heavy firing about 7 o clock since then it has bin lighter then it was yesterday it is now 12 o clock and we are a waiting to take the train up to the front
Some of it has already gone the orders was Countermanded and the train came back and we put up tents we will likely stay here till tomorrow

May, Monday, 16, 1864.

at 12 o clock last night the Rebs charged our lines and the fighting was hard for about 2 hours and they was repulsed with great slaughter 10 o clock to day the news came that was retreating and had left Resaca our forces are preparing to follow them up at 12 o clock we Started up with the train reached Resaca about Sundown and went in to Camp I was over the Battlefield I seen several Rebs there but I had not time to go over mutch of ground this town has about 42 houses in it and is 54 milds from Chattanooga and 84 from Atlanta

May, Tuesday, 17, 1864.

we was up at 6 o clock and found it had rained enough to lay the dust. got breakfast and was ready to march but the road is so filld with trains we wont get of before 12 o clock
we here some firing in front our men has caught up with the rear of the Rebs so we suppose we seen 250 prisnors they was to take the train to day to go north it is now 3 o clock and we are only 2 milds from Resaca we are orderd to go in the rear of the train and ceep it well guarded we captuerd a large number of small arms at Resaca

May, Wednesday, 18, 1864.

we marched till 1 o clock this morning and camped there was 40 men detaild to go back to Resaca with some prisnors we are about 5 milds from Resaca our men is after the Rebs pretty close we moove very slow for the Road is full of wagons and muel
we marched till sondown and Camped

May, Thursday, 19, 1864.

we Started and marched about 5 milds and went it Camp near Reble General A. P. Hills Residence he has a very nice mancion there was a Safe guard left there we started at dark and marched about 5 milds and went in to Camp at 11 o clock we had a very nice march the moon shone very bright

May, Friday, 20, 1864.

We [case?] camped in an opend field but it is so hot the most of the boys has gone to the woods for shade we found a mill dam and let the water all out of it and the boys went in and got fish by holesail
our Brig is about 2 milds in front I took a prisnor to Gen Hookers Head Qtrs this evening

May, Saturday, 21, 1864.

we started again this morning we got our knapsacks hauld there was one man for every wagon we went about 3 milds and Camped

there is a large mill here and a stream of water and it is full of Soldiers a Swimming

May, Sunday, 22, 1864.

we was relieved to day and went to our Regt which was about one mild distant
we found the Regt Camped in the thick woods we had inspection this afternoon and we orders to be ready to march at 4 o clock in the morning they say we have to take a 20 days campaign we had dress parade this evening

May, Monday, 23, 1864.

we was up at 3 this morning and started at daylight we marched pretty fast for a short time and it got so hot we could hardly travel the men gave out by [scores?] we stoped about 12 o clock and took a good rest close to the Etowah River we took dinner and marched to the River and they put pontoons across and we followed the first Div over we heard Skirmishing in front we camped at son down

May, Tuesday, 24, 1864.

we got up early but didnt get started till about 7
we did not march far till we had to put out blankets we marched about 10 milds and camped rations was scarce and my mess went out and kild a sheep so we had fresh meet we built brest works and it rained very hard this evening

May, Wednesday, 25, 1864.[Note: this entry seems to have been written by someone other than Robert Craig. The ink is suddenly dark (it had been very faded), the letters are formed differently from Craig's usual style, and it is punctuated with commas and periods, something not found in Craig's diary thus far. The words "pleasant" and "miles" are spelled correctly; Craig always spelled them "plesant" and "milds"]

It rained hard last night and is very cool and pleasant this morning. Fell in line to march at 8 o clock when strict orders were read to us against straggling, firing of arms, and pillaging of houses \$1.00 for the first offense of missing roll call three for the second and five for the third, also to put green leaves in our hats to prevent sunstroke. We marched in the rear of our brig. takeing a south east direction for two miles when we laid in the shad until one o'clock, afterwards crossed pumkin vine creek: seen a Ga woman hunt her cow. Marched fast after crossing creek and put out blankers. At five could hear heavy musket firing ahead; formed in line of battle on the right of the road, and marched into the fight which was terrible. grape and canister fell thick around us; Ben. Owens wounded and taken off the field; held the ground and our own dead.

May, Thursday, 26, 1864.

we got up at daylight and found us confrunting the Rebs we are but a fiew hundred yards apart
the Rebs was fortifing nearly all knight we fell back from the first line and the 22nd [was? went?] [consent?]
took our place there was heavy skirmishing all day there was several of our boys wounded we mooved of to the right after dark and laid in a hollow behind our works

May, Friday, 27, 1864.

We got orders to clean up our guns after this our Company and 3 others was sent out to straiten our lines and build works we did so but it was very warm and the Sharpshooters was very troublesom we lost one man of our Co here he was a good man and has bin with us for near 3 years his name was Haley D. Davis.
[Transciber's note: Haley D. Davis is listed as Killed at Altoona, GA 27 May 1864]

May, Saturday, 28, 1864.

there is heavy skirmishing going on and our artillery is first going in and the Rebs shoots over them with theirs and the shells comes right where we now lay
we moved up to the left and we now have a better place John. Studiman was wounded in the head.

May, Sunday, 29, 1864.

nothing going on except brisk skirmishing we got notice that the mail would go out today The boys soon had a large mail ready for the road but the boys Balls was constantly passing over but we had breastworks and when we was laying down we was out of danger and we were low

May, Monday, 30, 1864.

we heard the Rebs running their artillery back and forth and at 11 o'clock last night the Rebs made a charge on our left our Batterys being in position they belched forth a heavy fire on the Rebs and they was repulsed with a heavy loss they made the 2d charge and the result was the same we moved off to the right again a short distance

May, Tuesday, 31, 1864.

one man from the mess was sent back over the hill a little ways to get breakfast the Sharpshooters are putting the balls in close this morning the boys are talking to the Rebs they wanted to trade tobacco for coffee but they made no trade

June, Wednesday, 1, 1864.

we was relieved by the 15th Corps and we marched at one o'clock we marched to our left ~~it rained~~ we went about four miles and camped in the woods and got supper there is brisk firing along our interior lines

June, Thursday, 2, 1864.

this is a warm morning. we are at the same place we stopped last night we got orders to march and it commenced to rain and it rained very hard for some time we started at 2 o'clock. we was wet as we could be it was very muddy and slippery marching we marched to our left and to the front we got closer so we formed a line of battle and commenced to throw up breast works with our bayonets Major Miller was wounded while in the rear of our Co by a piece of a Shell Capt McCray took command of the Regt

June, Friday, 3, 1864.

nothing going on here this morning we got orders to march we started at 4 pm to the right we seen Gen Sherman this evening and also Gen. Scofield, and other noted Generals Scofield Commands 23rd Corps we marched about 4 miles and camped in a wheat field we drew 4 days rations and it rained very hard

June, Saturday, 4, 1864.

it rained near all night it is very muddy the 23rd corps is now in our front
there is skirmishing going on in front we marched a short distance this evening and built works

June, Sunday, 5, 1864.

at noon the Sun came out and it is more pleasant we have inspection at 1 and preaching at 2 at New Hope Church it is a large house and the boys have carried the Benches out in the shade and are enjoying themselves very well. [The following is written in the 'other' hand, darker ink, as on May 25] At night the chaplain preached in the church. This is New Hope church. Weather cool and pleasant this evening.

June, Monday, 6, 1864.

[This day's entry is also in the 'other' hand and darker ink.]

Ordered up at five, and to be ready to march in twenty minutes. We immediately packed up our napsacks, but did not get off until half after six, in the meantime getting breakfast which we had ample time in doing. We marched in an easterly direction in the rear of our brigade. The country is covered with pine and oak shrubbery with small hills. The road is quite muddy on account of the late rain. At ten halted to rest and could hear skirmishing in front. At 12 halted in an open cornfield, the balance of the Div. going into the woods. Before we could get dinner was ordered forward where we went to putting up works. It rained hard in the afternoon

on account of a battery the left companies had to put up new works

June, Tuesday, 7, 1864.

we are camped near a small stream called Noonday creek

we had inspection at 4 P.m. and then we had to move to the left a 1/2 mile we took position where the 70th Ind. layd 1st Brig 3d Div [?] A C

June, Wednesday, 8, 1864.

we laid in camp all day rations are very scarce with us to day but we bought some from the [Sales?] wagon

June, Thursday, 9, 1864.

we laid in camp all day

nothing going on to day of note

June, Friday, 10, 1864.

when I woke up I heard drums beating it is the rest of our army is coming up the 4th and 14th Corps we got orders to march but they was Countermanded

June, Saturday, 11, 1864.

it is very muddy and cloudy and it rains near all the time

June, Sunday, 11, 1864.

it rained all day and it is very disagreeable I have bin barefooted in manor for some time but I got a new pair to day we got orders to fall in without arms we marched a short distance and went to work and built good breastworks

June, Monday, 12, 1864.

it is still raining and the ground is full of water now the news came to us that Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson was nominated for president and vice president

June, Tuesday, 14, 1864.

the Sun came out once more it is pleasant we got orders to dry our ammunition and we had inspection at 11 o'clock there is heavy cannonading on our left from Gen Geary's battery which we learn was the result of Rebel Gen [Popes?] death he was killed by one of our shells on pine mountain

June, Wednesday, 15, 1864.

Gen Geary has shelled the Rebels off of pine mountain we got orders to march this evening at 6 o'clock Pm we marched cautiously in line of battle till about dark and they were fighting in our front Wards Brig was in front we drove the Rebels till dark and we advanced cautiously all at once the Rebels fired a volley in to us which we returned and went on we relieved Wards Brig and formed a line of battle and stacked arms in 2 hundred yards of the Rebels works it was then 9 o'clock we got orders to fall back and the boys went in a run.

June, Thursday, 16, 1864.

daylight found us very close to the Rebel works we built works last night but the sharpshooters are very close there was one man killed of our Co this morning Frederick Angerman he was a good soldier we laid here all day and drew rations [Transcriber's note: Frederick Angerman is listed as "Mustered out July 21, '65; probably erroneously]

June, Friday, 17, 1864.

at daylight our men advanced and found the Rebels had evacuated their strong works at 10 o'clock we got orders to march and at 12 we marched over the Rebel works they had very strong works we were soon marching in line of battle we built works in an open field we are pretty close to the Kennesaw mountain we drew whisky this evening it is raining very hard and we needed it

June, Saturday, 18, 1864.

it is still raining nothing going on only a heavy fire is kept up by our battery it is very disagreeable our position is unchanged

June, Sunday, 19, 1864.

the Rebels evacuated again last night we were ordered to march and started at 10 we marched a short distance and halted and stacked arms and here we got a heavy shower which wet us to the skin we waded the river or a large slue again we crossed a strong work of the Rebels we were soon marching in line of battle and we were halted and went to putting up works again we were not supported on right or left so our generals were uneasy for a while

June, Monday, 20, 1864.

we got orders to march at 10 o'clock Genl Hooker Howard Thomas and Butterfield passed our line to day we marched to our left and filled a gap between the 20th and 4th Corps and here we built works again brisk skirmishing going on

June, Tuesday, 21, 1864.

we were relieved by some of the 4th Corps and we moved back and went in camp

at 4 Pm there was 6 Cos detaild for picketts we went out on the skirmish line at dark the moon shone bright and we cep up a heavy fire all knight

June, Wednesday, 22, 1864.

we can discover some work that the Rebs throwd up last night we was relievd from the pitts this morning one man was wounded of our Co Charles Pearce. he was shot through the leg our Brigade came out and passed us atacked the enemy and drove them back we then mooved up to the right and built works our Regt made a charge and lost heavy

Agt Porter was kild the Rebs made a charge on the right and was repulsed with heavy slaughter our artlery done good work

[Transcriber's note: Adjutant Charles H. Porter is on the listing of officers of Co G, 33rd. Commissioned April 28, 1864, Killed as Sergt. Major at Kenesaw, GA, June 22, 1864.

Pearce is spelled Charles H. Pierce, of Bartholomew Co, IN, Veteran; discharged;wounds.]

June, Thursday, 23, 1864.

we got ready and marched to our Regt Some of our Boys [seen? run?] over the Battle field the Rebs was very thick we marched at a trail armes very close to the Rebel works and built works this the sharpshooters was bothersom

June, Friday, 24, 1864.

we lossed one man kild in our Co. William Edwards. he was shot behind the works and killd instantly by a cross

[Transcriber's note: Recruit William Edwards was mustered in Feb. 23, '64; Veteran; killed at Kenesaw, June 24, '64]

June, Saturday, 25, 1864.

nothing but skirmishing going on in our front we can se the Rebs firing from their Batterys on Kennesaw mountain

we got ready for inspection

June, Sunday, 26, 1864.

nothing new to day James Dolsby Brother to M Dolsby in our Co. was shot through the thigh while he was coming to se his Brother Martin this morning he lost his leg and maby his life we was relievd from this work and went back a short distance

[Transcriber's note: Pvt James O Dolsby was in Co I, 22nd Regt, Indiana Infantry; he is listed in the US Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: Dolsby, Jas. O, Pvt, Co I, 22nd Ind V, died June 30, 1864 at Big Shanty, GA, Cause: amputation of Thigh]

June, Monday, 27, 1864.

we mooved up to the 2d line of works and laid all day there was one man of Co. B wounded and taking to the rear

June, Tuesday, 28, 1864.

we was relievd by the right wing and we went back where laid last night
Wm. Hornback a man of our Co. was wounded to day while cooking by the fire his arm is not broken but is [down?] for the present Campaign we was waked up by heavy firing about 8 o clock to knight but soon went to bed again but with everything on

June, Wednesday, 29, 1864.

nothing new going on musket balls flys over very thick to day but our artillery is quiet
Lt B. was up this evening but did not stay long

June, Thursday, 30, 1864.

mooved up to the works and relievd the right wing fighting has bin going on all day drawd clothing to day

July, Friday, 1, 1864.

out artillery cep up heavy firing near all day we was relievd by the 1st Brig and we mooved back half mild to the rear at dark and camped by a large white house

July, Saturday, 2, 1864.

brisk skirmishing to day our Co. with some others was detaild for pickett this evening we formed out guard at dark but it was lait before we got to our pits

July, Sunday, 3, 1864.

at 3 o clock we was orderd forward and we advanced Cautiously we took several prisners then our Brigade Caught up with us we passed 4 strong lines of Rebel works our Brigade took the advance we marched very hard Sometimes in line of battle and some times in the road
we could se the Rebels part of the time at last we halted and went to building works the Rebs shelld us but no one was hurt of our Co. we was relievd by the 14th Corps in the evening and we went to the right and to our rear and camped

July, Monday, 4, 1864.

we can se the Rebs works from where we now are
we drew rations and marched this evening to the right we went about 4 milds and seen another part of our army our Gen halted us and had us to fortify the soon found out how they was at night our Bands let out and we had quite a Jubellee over the 4th of July

July, Tuesday, 5, 1864.

we was ordered to put up our tents this morning but before we got done we got orders to march
we soon started and it wasnt long before we passed the Rebel works two lines we marched till dark and camped on the side of a hill where we couldnt hardly lay to sleep

July, Wednesday, 6, 1864.

it is a very nice morning we got orders to march but we did not start till 3 P.M. we marched to our left we

heard heavy skirmishing all a long our lines we soon formed a line of battel and some of our Corps made works but we didnt this time
they say we may stay here 4 or 5 days

July, Thursday, 7, 1864.

we got orders to clean up quarters and put up our tents in order So we did we can se Atlanta by climbing a tree or getting on some high nole but it is at least 10 milds not mutch firing to day and no balls are flying over at present

July, Friday, 8, 1864.

we was orderd to muster for pay to day then we had to clean quarters all day this is a good sign of a march

July, Saturday, 9, 1864.

all quiet to day except Slight skirmishing and are ocupying the time in washing our clothes no news going of eny kind

July, Sunday, 10, 1864.

~~we got orders to muster for pay to day so we did and then cleaned qrs afterwards which is a good sign of a march~~

we was ordered up at 3 o clock this morning and to get ready to march amediatly
we got ready and laid around till twelve o clock then the order was Countermanded
So we put up tents again

July, Monday, 11, 1864.

there is a roomer in camp that our corps will to the armey of the potomac
our picketts and the Rebs have made an agreement not to shoot eny more and they have gone to traiding the Chattahoochee river is all that is between our picketts and theirs our Boys swims a cross to traid with the Rebs

July, Tuesday, 12, 1864.

all quiet to day no news at all times very lonsom no firing heard of eny Concequence heard in eny direction to day our picketts starts out at 4 P.M.

July, Wednesday, 13, 1864.

not mutch going on it is very warm we got some papers to day but not mutch news our boys has found a place to swim and they wash every day

July, Thursday, 14, 1864.

no news the chat is amoung the non vets and that is all about when they will get out of the service
Cloudy looks like rain

July, Friday, 15, 1864.

we had inspection at 9 o clock to day we was inspected by A.A. Gen Craford

July, Saturday, 16, 1864.

this morning we was orderd to fix up our beds of the ground I caried forks and poles 2 milds to do it

July, Sunday, 17, 1864.

it is very warm to day we got orders to march so we struck tents and laid a round till in the afternoon before we got started we marched to our left and crossed the Chattahoochee after dark on pontoon Bridges but the moon gave us light I seen Cousin David Craig o knight we marched about 2 milds after we crossed the river and Camped at the side of the road

July, Monday, 18, 1864.

we laid here till 1 o clock and then we start on our march we did not go far till we had to wait for our men to put a Bridg a cross a small stream cauld Nances Creek
at Williamses mills we was soon marching in line of battle but we got out of the woods in to the road and marched in regular order we went about 7 milds and Camped

July, Tuesday, 19, 1864.

at 7 o clock this morning we got orders to be ready to march at a moments warning but we laid around all day we heard to day of the downfall of Petersburg then there is a roomer that Gen Rossean [sic-Rosecrans] has come up with 30 thousand reinforcements

July, Wednesday, 20, 1864.

we was orderd up at 3 this morning and we marched out at daylight we marched towards the front we heard brisk skirmishing we crossed a cornfield and stoped and rested a while we was soon cauld back in line and marched down the creek and formed a line of battle and rested again we didnt rest long till we heard the Rebs was coming we fell in and marched up and met the Rebs here was a very hard Conflict they charged on us but we was in a hollow and we did not give an inch but we raised with a yel and made them get up and dust

July, Thursday, 21, 1864.

we had a hard fight yesterday we drove the Rebs and now hold the Battlefield all of their killed and wounded but a fiew fell in our hands we built works last knight we are beauring our dead and theirs to day Nep. Thayer and Frank Bryant was Kild of our Co. we beauried a great many Rebs here I counted over eighty in one place to go in the last ditch our loss was heavy but theirs was double the loss of ours Gen. Hooker road a long our lines this morning the boys cheerd him with a will they waved a rebel flag that was captuerd yesterday John Bickerton and David Fisher was wounded yesterday
our loss 64 kild 20 wounded

[Transcriber's note: Benjamin F. Bryant of Bartholomew Co, IN, mustered in Sept. 16, 1861, Vete.; killed at Peach Tree Creek, July 20, '64; Private Napoleon B. Thayer was killed in action, Peach tree Creek, July 20, 1864; John A. Bickerton of Bartholomew Co, IN, Mustered in Sept. 16, 1861, Veteran; mustered out July 21, '65, as Corp'l; David Fisher of Bartholomew Co, IN, Mustered in Sept. 16, 1861, Veteran; mustered out July 21, '65.]

July, Friday, 22, 1864.

we was orderd up at daylight and our Co was put out to advance the lines we did so our orders was to go till we found the Rebs we went ahead about one mild and found their works but we didnt se but very fiew Rebs we sent word back and the column was soon on the march we went back and got our thing and then struck out after the Regt we heard heavy firing on our left and there is heavy skirmishing in front we got up to our Regt about 12 o clock

our Brig had works partly built we can se Atlanta about 1 1/2 milds from here we heard theat Gen McPhurson [sic-McPherson] was Kild to day we dont know weather it is so or not I hope not

July, Saturday, 23 - August 5, 1864.

No entry

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August 8 - September 1, 1864.

No entry.

September, Friday, 2, 1864.

we was woke up early this morning and orderd to get ready to march with one days rations we started at day light four Cos. of our Regt B, G, K, E, and there was a detail of each Regt in our Brigade so we started I was on the skirmish line with some more of our Co.

it was 8 milds to Atlanta and we marched very fast we didnt meat with mutch oposition till we got within 2 milds of the place we drove what fiew we found to the surbubs of the city and the maer of the city came out with a flag of truce and serenderd the City to Col. Coburn

September, Saturday, 3, 1864.

Atlanta B. F. Owens and I staid in the city last night we was treated very well since we got here it was about 9 o clock when the city was serenderd to Col Coburn. there was some Rebel cavelry in the town but we made them get our Corps is all coming up here from the river. they marched through the city Camped along the line of Rebel works on the east side of the town there is very good works here and they would be very hard to take by fighting the Rebs burnd an awful sight burned up here they burned 70 or 80 cars loaded with small arms and amunition and some locomotives and a large Rolling mill

[Transcriber's note: Benjamin F. Owens, of Bartholomew Co, IN, mustered in Sept 16, 1861, Veteran; must'd out July 21, 1865, as 1st Serg't]

September, Sunday, 4, 1864.

there has bin a great meny Rebel prisners coming in with a part of our Army which have had some hard fighting laitley and have taking a great meny prisners they say we have taking three thousand so they say and they are still coming in Gen. Hood. made a bad retreat from here and his army is in a bad condition our army is Coming back and the talk is the Campaign is over for a while I hope so for we want Rest

[Transcriber's note: General John Bell Hood of CSA]

September, Monday, 5, 1864.

Gen. Slocum comands the 20th corps at present the men think well of him so far his headquarters is at the

[Trout? Trant?] house in this place we have bin mooving about several times since we got here it looks like rain our nonvets are very anxious to go home since their time has expierd
I am on picket to knight it rained very hard this evening

[Transcriber's note: Union General Henry Warner Slocum]

September, Tuesday, 6, 1864.

it was pretty cold last night to sleep without a blanket we got very wet and it was cold for us pickets we have a nice pine grove to stand in we built a good fire this morning and dride our clothes so we passed a plesant day for we seen no Rebs to shoot at all day but this kind of picketing is a rariety to us

September, Wednesday, 7, 1864.

it is pretty cold this morning and the ~~are~~ air feels like winter

Ben. Owens, and I took a walk to day we was at town we seen a great meny marks of our shells there is a large round house here which will hold 40 engines but our shells made a great meny holes in it Hodlar. went to the Hospital to day Bil and Homer Boone got up to day also A J Owens.

[Transcriber's notes: Samuel Hodler of Bartholomew Co, IN, Mustered in Sept 16, 1864, Veteran; mustered out July 21, '65; First Sergeant William H. Boone of Bartholomew Co, IN, Mustered in Sept 16, 1861, Promoted 2d Lieutenant; Recruit Homer Boone, Mustered in Mar. 30, '62, Mustered out April 12, 65; Wagoner Andrew J. Owens of Bartholomew Co, IN, Mustered in Sept 16, 1861, Veteran; mustered out July 21, '65]

September, Thursday, 8, 1864.

pretty cold knights Samuel Betts starts home on a Furlough of 30 days
the army is coming back the army of the Comberland is a ging to stop here so they say Gen Thomas Came in to day the 4 and 14 Corps are gitting back and gitting in position the 23d Corps goes to our left they say to Decator the army of the Tennessee is to our Right
the talk is we get a rest here

[Transcriber's notes: Samuel M. Betts of Bartholomew Co, IN, Mustered in Sept. 16, 1861, Veteran; mustered out July 19, '65, as Serg't.; Union General George Henry "Pap" Thomas commanded Army of the Cumberland]

September, Friday, 9, 1864.

nothing going on to day of note I was a washing my clothes to day we dont get eny mail but we heard that John. H. Morgan. was kild and his staff was captuerd we also heard that Wheeler was a prisnor
I hope it is so for he is the Cause of us not getting eny mail

[Transcriber's note: CSA General John Hunt Morgan commanded Dept. of Southwestern Virginia, killed while en route to attack federal forces at Knoxville. Wheeler probably refers to CSA General Joseph "Fightin' Joe" Wheeler who commanded Cavalry Corps in Atlanta campaign.]

September, Saturday, 10, 1864.

plesant this morning Ben Owens and I took a walk this morning we went to the 14th Corps. I seen Cousin David and Silvexter Craig they are in the 92 Ohio. Vol Inft they are both well they was in a charge non long

ago but they came out all right safe and sound

I took dinner with them they was very glad to se me I was also glad to se them they are booth well fat and hearty

[Transcriber's note: both David P. Craig and Sylvester M. Craig were in Co K, 92nd Regiment, Ohio Infantry, Privates]

September, Sunday, 11, 1864.

there is to be church to day in town that is Atlanta Ga but I did not go we had an order read to us last night Congratulating us for the Capture of Atlanta the days are very long to me
we got mail to day for the first for some time I got one letter in a very large mail

September, Monday, 12, 1864.

I went to the 14th Corps and seen some of my friends Cousin David and Sylvester Craig they had bin in a charge not long ago but came out Safe they are both larger than I am they are in the 92d Ohio Inft
nothing new to day

September, Tuesday, 13, 1864.

we got orders to get ready to march at half past Six [undecipherable] so we got ready and marched one mild to the right and here we put up our tents once more how long we stay here is not knowen by us Gen. Sherman is sending all the citizens off from this place some goes South and some North our non vets was relievd from Duty to day they are all in good Spirits

September, Wednesday, 14, 1864.

we are leaving up our camp to day. Charls Owens was here he is a Brother of three others in our Co. there is plenty of non vets Coming up now to be musterd out of the Service

September, Thursday, 15, 1864.

nothing new to day our non vets was to be mustered to day but somthing is not right so they wont get out to day we are still cleaning up camp like we may stay here some time
we sent a train of wagons to Rang & Ready loaded with citizens going to their friends there are still some of our Boys coming up.
Gaither got up to day he has bin home he has bin back sick all the Campaign

[Transcriber's note: Probably Recruit Bazil Lancaster Gaither, Mustered in Aug. 29, '62, mustered out June 22, '65]

September, Friday, 16, 1864.

no news our boys turned their guns over to Capt this morning I wrote a large letter to Send home by the non vets I got a letter from James and Polard had said he has gon in the Service

September, Saturday, 17, 1864.

all quiet to day no news but poleticks is high nowadays
I went on picket we go out at 4 PM but in is nicer picketing here then it has bin on this Campaign

September, Sunday, 18, 1864.

very wet this morning it rained on us Since 3 o'clock this morning and it looks like it is going to be a wet day
I am on the reserve post today
we were relieved in due time and came to camp pretty wet John Studivan got up today to the Company

[Transcriber's note: Recruit John Studivan, Mustered in Mar. 21, '62, Mustered out March 20, '65]

September, Monday, 19, 1864.

it is some pleasanter this morning we are preparing for inspection today
I was in Atlanta today I saw a great many citizens at the depot ready to be sent South they are a little to take all
of their house furniture with them our non-vets were mustered out this evening they think they will get off soon
and see their long looked for and beloved friends at home

September, Tuesday, 20, 1864.

we are to have inspection today it is cloudy and looks like rain nothing new but it rained today
we had no inspection it was too bad a day
I am not very well today I took some medicine that made me sick we drew light bread

September, Wednesday, 21, 1864.

it is very cloudy and is raining some Col Coburn came to bid the Regt a farewell the band played a very
melancholy piece after this Col rode in front of the Regt and he was so full he made us no speech as we
expected but he burst in to tears and said fellow soldiers I can say nothing but bid you farewell
Said he god: bless. you. farewell. with tears rolling down his face he turned his horse and rode off the men gave
him three thrilling cheers
I am on picket tonight

September, Thursday, 22, 1864.

I am on a picket post I was relieved at 8 o'clock and now I am on the reserve post it rained this evening very
hard just before we were relieved we came in to Camp at dark we found that our non-vets had gone home they
started this morning we heard official news that Gen. Sheridan had gained a great victory over the Rebs in
Virginia

September, Friday, 23, 1864.

we were to have grand review today but it is too bad a day so it was put off Ben Owens & I remodeled our bunk
Maj. Millar has resigned and his resignation was accepted
it rains pretty hard
I got a letter from James Davis he states that sister Harriet has the typhoid fever

[Transcriber's note: Union Major Levin T. Miller of Williamsport, Commissioned Nov. 10, 1862, Mustered in
Nov. 15, 1862, Resigned Sept. 22, 1864.]

September, Saturday, 24, 1864.

when we woke up we found it raining it is a blustery morning too bad for inspection or review David Craig was

here to see me to day Cilvester. Craig. [sic-Sylvester] is sick at the Hospital
David Craig and I went to town and spent the most of the day the [15th?] got orders to get ready for Heavy
marching at 9 o clock on the 26th we dont know where they are a going

September, Sunday, 25, 1864.

nothing new to day we had Co. inspection this morning there is church in town all the boys that wants to go
with a Squad they can go by having a pass

September, Monday, 26, 1864.

we had grand review to day our Div that is the [scribble] 3rd Col. Dustan [Sic-Col Daniel Dustin],
Comanding the Div Col Bludgood Comdg 2d Brig
Capt Burton Com 33d Regt
Major Millar has resigned we had a nice Review Gen. Clacum. reviewd us we had a long walk we had an
election for President there was 37 votes cast A Lincoln got 35 and Geo B McCulan [sic-McClellan] got 2

September, Tuesday, 27, 1864.

nothing new we had Inspection again to day. nothing of Importance has occured I got a letter from Nancy
stating that Sister Hattie was sick very loe

September, Wednesday, 28, 1864.

nothing new to day Some of our Regt is at work at their bunks and fixing up like we was a going to stay all
winter

I got a letter from Miss H. S.---- Ben Jones got up to the Company yesterday

[Transcriber's note: Benjamin F. Jones of Bartholomew Co, IN, Mustered in Sept. 16, 1861, Veteran, mustered
out July 21, '65]

September, Thursday, 29, 1864.

we are a puting up a new bunk to day there is four in a mess
Ben Owens Samuel Hodlar Will Tway and myself has gone in a mess together
Sam Helman went back to Chattanooga to day after some papers that was left there some time ago.

[Transcriber's notes: Williamson T. Tway of Bartholomew Co, IN, Mustered in Sept. 16, 1861, Veteran;
mustered out July 21, '65; Sergeant Samuel D. Helman of Bartholomew Co, IN, Mustered in Sept. 16, 1861,
Promoted 1st Lieutenant.]

September, Friday, 30, 1864.

we are still working at our Bunk we have a very good one now we finished it this evening there are roomers
in camp that Gen. Hardee is in our rear with a considerable force of Rebs we got no mail to day

[Transcriber's note: CSA General William Joseph "Old Reliable" Hardee]

October, Saturday, 1, 1864.

it rained very hard last night but we was fixed for it our Bunk dont leak eny to heart

nothing new to day only Some of the army is a going back the first Brig went back to the river this evening our Brig. is to be deployed out along the works

[Transcriber's note: Once again the ink has changed, it is darker now, and the handwriting is markedly larger; it was small and cramped before. The "tone" of writing remains the same, however, a few of the words are spelled differently than before, e.g. "rained" vs "rained". Perhaps Craig was dictating to one of his bunk mates.]

October, Sunday, 2, 1864.

all is quiet to day no news only from Chattanooga by news papers they say there is a large force of Rebs in our rear and there is Still troops being sent as fast as possible

October, Monday, 3, 1864.

we are ordered to clean up our quarters our picket duty is heavy at present there was a detail of ten men of our Co. to work on fortifications in town
we are making our lines shorter they say all of the army has gone back but our Corps I am on guard to Knight at Camp the 7th Indiana Battery came here to night

October, Tuesday, 4, 1864.

there was a very heavy detail made this morning before daylight they are building forts in town no news to day Gen. Sherman moved his head qrs from Atlanta
I guess he went to the rear we expect to hear of some hard fighting soon and it may be that we will have some of it to do here at Atlanta

October, Wednesday, 5, 1864.

our Regt. was up before daylight again and started to work at daylight everything is dull we haven't had any mail for some time
we drew clothing last night I got 1 tent 4 pair socks we heard that our men had captured a great many prisoners in our rear we expect to hear of some hard fighting soon

October, Thursday, 6, 1864.

our men are still at work on the fortifications it rained here
smart to day there are flying roomers that Lee is sending reinforcements to Gen Hood but we are cut off from all communications our Corps is about all the force that is left here and it isn't all here we are expecting an attack every day but if they will wait a few days till we get our works done we will be better prepared for them

October, Friday, 7, 1864.

I got a pass and went to town and took a good look at the place
Gen. Corse dispatched to Gen. Slocum he had his right cheek & ear shot off but was able to whip hell out of the Rebs yet the Rebs charged our works twice and was repulsed with heavy loss
Gen. Sherman well pleased

[Transcriber's note: Union General John Murray Corse was Sherman's inspector general in Atlanta campaign]

October, Saturday, 8, 1864.

we have a dispatch that there is heavy fighting going on within 3 miles of Richmond and the place was bound to fall in a few days

October, Sunday, 9, 1864.

I am on picket to day we have a nice place to stand picket not much news to day
ten o'clock at night we have just got the news that Richmond was in our position the all have struck up and
are now playing some good music I can hear them all around the gait
City it is very cold

October, Monday, 10, 1864.

all quiet we had a heavy frost last night
it is very cold this morning we were relieved about 9 o'clock and came to camp
nothing more concerning the downfall of Richmond
I am afraid it ain't so
we get no pork at all and only half rations of beef it is pretty hard while the boys all at work every day

October, Tuesday, 11, 1864.

nothing new to day only we are expecting a train before many days and then we will get mail once more this
is election day and I suppose they will have a big time at home but we can't get the privilege of casting a vote
this time and I won't be much surprised if Gov Morton is beat on that account for his reelection would be
certain if the soldiers had got to vote

[Transcriber's note: Republican Gov. Oliver P. Morton served Indiana from Jan 16, 1861- Jan 23, 1867]

October, Wednesday, 12, 1864.

these mornings are very cool nothing going on of note to day
our boys still work from daylight till dark
no news but they say the R.R. is about ready

October, Thursday, 13, 1864.

I was working on a fort to day and we have some of the nicest works that I ever seen and the best
we quit at 4 this evening but it was night before we got to the camp

October, Friday, 14, 1864.

nothing going on this morning the cars came through to day and brought us some old mail. we were very glad
to get a letter if it was old I got one letter from Camden mailed the 28th of Sept
Ben. Owens got some papers from home and we were glad to hear that the boys got home safe and sound we
haven't heard anything from the election yet we hear of some few being drafted

October, Saturday, 15, 1864.

to day we draw 5 days rations but it was small rations about half rations except pork and we get none of that
we have rumors that there is heavy fighting going on in our rear they say Beauregard is in command but we
have no official news to that effect we have got orders to be ready to march at 5 o'clock in the morning with 5

days rations in our haversacks

October, Sunday, 16, 1864.

we was roused up early and we start at 5 A.M.

we are going on a foraging expedition we have a large train of wagons

...7 or 8 hundred wagons to be loaded they was a long time stretching out on the road we marched 4 miles and parked till nearly night and then we started and marched very fast till 11 o'clock PM and we parked again

October, Monday, 17, 1864.

we got up and found ourselves 20 miles from Atlanta we are camped between the South river and ~~the Rock~~ a Stream could flat rock

we started out with about half of our wagons and went 4 or 5 miles and filled them with corn & blades wheat & meal & flour and we got quite smart fresh meat we came back to the same camp we started from this morning we got in about 9 o'clock PM

October, Tuesday, 18, 1864.

we Struck out again this morning we crossed flat rock and went 7 or 8 miles & halted and Capt Maize was ordered to take 100 men and go around a company of Rebel Cavalry that was on the road ahead of us and take them in. there was a cross roads where they was and our Cavalry was to draw their attention while we got around but before we got even with them our Cavalry charged on them and they left in a hurry here we was on picket while our wagons loaded and we came back to camp at dark

[Transcriber's note: Union Captain John C. Maze of Shelbyville, IN, Commissioned Nov. 20, 1863, Mustered in Dec. 3, 1863, Promoted Major]

October, Wednesday, 19, 1864.

our men was woke up early to start for Atlanta at six o'clock we have had all the Sweet potatoes we could eat since we came out the teams was a long while stretching out on the road I went ahead of my Co. to get something to eat to take to camp but I failed in finding it

we got to Atlanta at dark and found no mail as [scribble] we expected to find plenty we was somewhat disappointed we heard that Gov Morton got beat but we don't know whether it is so or not

October, Thursday, 20, 1864.

nothing new today but we all get to rest after our 4 days Campaign I took a nap and now I feel all right I am on picket to night it is pretty cold there is another foraging party going out tomorrow

October, Friday, 21, 1864.

we was relieved at 9 o'clock this morning there was five men went out of our Co. with the foraging party there is heavy details from our Brigade for pickets for we have our picketing to do and also the 3rd Brigades for they are all out foraging

Sam Betts got back this evening we got the news that Gov Morton was elected by 25000 majority it is the best news we have got for some time

October, Saturday, 22, 1864.

nothing going on to day we have got a roomer in camp that our Div is going to Huntsville Al but I dont know how true it is we got mail to day for the first time for a long time

October, Sunday, 23, 1864.

it is pretty cold to day but the most of the boys has chimneys in their tents I got a letter from James Craig to day

October, Monday, 24, 1864.

nothing new to day our foragers got in to day they was all loaded very well they had to contend with some fiew Rebs this

October, Tuesday, 25, 1864.

I am on picket to day we furnish picketts for the 3d Brig to day but the third Brig relievd our picketts in their front our Brig is going a foraging tomorow

October, Wednesday, 26, 1864.

we was relievd this morning by the 3d Brig and came to camp and found our camp almost diserted there are a fiew here not able to march we that are here will have to stand pickett evry other day while our Boys are gone I got two letters one from John Bickerton one from Enoch Craig and [pad?] Craig Enoch is at home now

[Transcriber's note: Enoch Craig (b. 1843) is one of Robert Craig's younger brothers, a twin to David Craig]

October, Thursday, 27, 1864.

I am on picket to day it is raining very hard and it rained nearly all day no news of importance to day

October, Friday, 28, 1864.

we was relievd very lait this morning
I sent Enoch Craig to day he is a going to Rock island Ill

October, Saturday, 29, 1864.

we are on pickett again to day nothing new to day only we have [scribble] a roomer of a 50 days Campaign but we dont know where we are to go or how soon we Start our foragers are coming in this evning

October, Sunday, 30, 1864.

I feel very bad this morning I had a hard chill last night and my bones are acheing now
I got some medicen to breake it up not mutch news to day

October, Monday, 31, 1864.

we are signing the pay Rols to day I dont think it will be long before we get paid of there are not mutch news to day

November, Tuesday, 1, 1864.

there is an order to send all of the sick that aint able to march to the Hospital so that is a sign of a march soon
we have inspection and muster for pay to day
it is pretty cold now and will be very disagreeable to make mutch of a Campaign now

November, Wednesday, 2, 1864.

we got up this morning and found it a raining and I guess it rained near all Knight
we have orders to send evrything to the rear that we cant carry on
on a march we have evrything ready for
for pay but I believe they will put us of without paying us now if they can it has bin a rainy day

November, Thursday, 3, 1864.

it is still raining yet there was a detail from our Brig to relieve the picketts of the 3d Brig
they have marching orders
David Fisher got up to the Regt this evening

November, Friday, 4, 1864.

I am on picket to day
it is sprinkling rain but it is to cold to rain mutch
I believe we are a going to evacuate Atlanta
evrything goes to shoe it at presant David
Wayt came up to day our Camp is increacing fast and they say there is som more a coming

[Transcriber's note: William D. Wayte of Bartholomew Co, IN, Mustered in Sept. 16, 1861, Veteran; must'd out July 21, '65]

November, Saturday, 5, 1864.

we was relievd in due time this morning it is quite plesant to day to what it has bin
we got orders to march about 2 o clock to day we got ready and we had to distroy a great meny things we
could not cary we marched about 3 milds South of Atlanta and Camped

November, Sunday, 6, 1864.

we was awoke this morning Just before day by the firing of guns our pickets was atacted and drove pretty
near to camp we had one man kild belonging to Co. B but the Rebs did not stay long they left I dont know
weather we kild eny Rebs or not we got orders to march back to our old camp at Atlanta we got back before
dark we found part of our quarters burned we are transfured to the 1st Brig the 101st ill takes our place so
they say we got some recruits this evening

[Transcriber's note: 101st Illinois claims the honor of being the first to enter Atlanta, after its fall, which occurred on its second anniversary of mustering in (Sept 2.) It remained in Atlanta until the destruction of the place, most of the time having charge of the fire department.]

November, Monday, 7, 1864.

the boys has orders to put up quarters again we are expecting pay to day all the rest of the Brig is paid except
our Regt Bea. Mell and I wrote to John Owens

no news to day

November, Tuesday, 8, 1864.

the paymaster has come and we get our money to day I got \$194.1/2 I sent \$150 dollars home by the allotment
role our Co. sent \$6000 dollars home by it this is a great day and will tell a great deal Concerning our Nation

November, Wednesday, 9, 1864.

we drawd some rations to day 8 days of Coffee we was awakened this morning by the Rebs artelery they
sliped two peaces very close to our picketts and opened on us just before day it wasent long till another
Cannon was hurd on the other side of town they charged our picketts but our picketts was reinforced and the
Rebs was repulsed at all posts our loss was nothing their loss was 13 kild and wounded

November, Thursday, 10, 1864.

I am on picket to day Capt Maize starts home on 20 days furlough Old. Abe is ahead as far as heard from not
much news to day

November, Friday, 11, 1864.

this is a nice morning but it is pretty cold there was four wiman come to our lines wanted in but we did not let
them pass there was some Rebs sean from our post this morning we had to drill to day after we got to Camp
we got Some new officers musterd in yesterday Burten is Lt Col.

[Transcriber's note: James E. Burton of Gosport, IN, Commissioned as Captain Sept. 6, 1861, Mustered in
Sept. 16, 1861, serving with Co. H; Promoted Lieut. Colonel: Commissioned Oct 1, 1864, Mustered in Nov.
8, 1864. Promoted Colonel: Commissioned May 4, 1865, Mustered May 22, 1865, Mustered out July 21,
1865; term expired]

November, Saturday, 12, 1864.

we drill 2 hours a day 1 hour Co drill one hour Batalion drill
there is no news going that we can relye on but they are taring up the R.R. here and destroying things evry
day
we will leave soon I think we havent hurd from the election yet

November, Sunday, 13, 1864.

it is very cold we built a chimney to day we have a very good Bunk now
Col. Burten has arested some of the Boys for gambling I dont know what he will do with them but it is
posativealy against his orders

November, Monday, 14, 1864.

this is a beautiful day we have Gen inspection today at 1 o clock Simion Hail was here to se me he belongs to
the 17th Corps him and I went and seen Owen Hail his Brother he is in the 15th Corps we have orders to be
ready to march at 7 o clock in the morning there are large fiers in town to day Atlanta wont be worth much
after we leave it there was some non Comish redused to the ranks for gambling to day

[Transcriber's notes: Union Private Simeon Hale served with the 63rd Regiment, Ohio Infantry, Co H,

attached to the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 17th Army Corps, to July, 1865. Union Private, later Wagoner Owen G. Hale served with the 11th Regiment, Iowa Infantry which was attached to 3rd Brigade, 4th Division, 17th Corps, to July, 1865. He was in Co K.]

November, Tuesday, 15, 1864.

we got up early and drawd rations and got ready to march so I was detaild for picket this is a nice day we was relievd at 11 o clock the 20 Corps marched out the Decater road marched all knight our wagen train is the cause of us marching so slow

November, Wednesday, 16, 1864.

this is a nice morning but I feel bad after marching all knight we are about 14 milds from Atlanta near Stone Mountain we have stoped for brekfast we have to start soon we marched pretty hard till sun down and camped this is the first time we camped since we started we crossed the Decater R.R. and found it toren up by our men we got some fresh pork and we drawd some hard tack so we are doing very well at presant

November, Thursday, 17, 1864.

we started at daylight our Div is in the advance to day there was one man detaild from a Co. to forage for the Regt Lt Taitly is Comdg our Co. we are the left wing of the army of Georgia the 20 and 14 Corps the army of the Tennessee is the right wing. we march very hard on account of bad roads and a large train we have marched 20 milds and it is midnight our train is parking

[Transcriber's note: Then, in November, he [Sherman] created the Army of Georgia, by combining the remaining [XIV Corps](#) of the [Army of the Cumberland](#) along with the [XX Corps](#). This new army, placed under the command of Maj. Gen. [Henry Warner Slocum](#) of the XX Corps, served as one of the two wings in Sherman's March to the Sea. The [Army of the Tennessee](#), consisting of the [XV](#) and [XVII Corps](#), commanded by [Oliver O. Howard](#), served as the other wing. The Army of Georgia was involved in little fighting during the March to the Sea but was engaged in the [Battle of Averasborough](#) and bore the brunt of fighting at the [Battle of Bentonville](#). *Wikipedia*]

November, Friday, 18, 1864.

we start very early the 2d Div is in front we stuck the Augusta R.R. at Rutlege and Comenced taring it up we distroid it as far as we went we marched over 20 milds and camped we came through Covington I am very tierd to knight we find plenty of sweet potatoes on road and fresh meat of all kinds

November, Saturday, 19, 1864.

we got up about 3 o clock and marched out early it is raining we are still on the R.R. Distroying it as we g [go?] we left the R.R. at Madison and took of to the right and marched 3 or 4 milds and Camped

November, Sunday, 20, 1864.

we marched at 5 o clock this morning we find the roads very muddy and slipery our Brig. is with the train to day we have to push up evry hill we marched about 12 or 14 milds and camped at dark it is stell raining a little we havent met eny Rebs mutch yet the 2d Div is gone on a raid they took 5 days rations I dont know where they went we heard by Rebel papers that Lincoln was Re elected

November, Monday, 21, 1864.

we got up very early and found it raining we had not ditched our tent and we got very poor rest we started on our way but found it very muddy marched through Eatonton [sic-Eatonton] we marched to a stream could [blank space] and found the bridge burned and so we camped for the Night

November, Tuesday, 22, 1864.

we got orders to march at 8 o clock this morning but we did not start till Sun down on a count of the Bridge we found very bad roads we had to help the train a long so it took us all knight to get to Millageville [sic-Milledgeville] it was very Cold we found the Penitentiary a fire so we Camped here

[Transcriber's note: "During the Civil War (1861-1865) the penitentiary was used as an armory. Prisoners began manufacturing rifles, bayonets, and other armaments to supply the Confederate armies. With General William T. Sherman approaching Milledgeville in 1864 on the infamous March to the Sea, Governor Joseph E. Brown pardoned almost all of the prisoners with the stipulation that they help defend the city of Milledgeville from invading Union troops. Many of the prisoners deserted within the week. At some point during the Union occupation of Milledgeville, the penitentiary caught fire, but it is not clear whether Sherman or the remaining prisoners set the fire. " from New Georgia Encyclopedia, Original entry by Nicole Mitchell, Georgia College and State University, 12/08/2003]

November, Wednesday, 23, 1864.

we lay here all day and I took a walk through the Capital of Georgia it is not mutch of a town but there is a fine State house here and plenty of goverment property but our men is distroying it to day Gen Sherman Came here to day the 14th Corps came to us here

November, Thursday, 24, 1864.

we marched at 6 this morning the 14th is passing now we distroid part of the town last knight [entry from here on is in pencil] our Corps and the 14th took different roads the 14th is on our left now we did not get hardly started till dark then we marched all knight as usual we found some very bad roads the next town is Sandersville they call it 30 milds from Milledgeville

November, Friday, 25, 1864.

we started early this morning we are still with the train the roads are very bad in places we marched to Buffleoo river and found the Bridge burned and we had to put pontoons over it we camped here we found some Rebs here I got me a Negro to cook for me

[Transcriber's note: There is a historical marker (ID# GHM 150-14) at Ga 24 at Buffalo Creek west of Sandersville, GA. Text: Early on Nov. 1864. the advance guard of the 20th Corps [USA] of Gen. Sherman's army reached this vicinity and found that the nine bridges over Buffalo Creek and the Tributaries had been burned by Wheelers cavalry [CSA]. A detachment of the 58th Indiana Infantry (pontooniers), with details from the 101st Illinois Infantry, bridged main channel with pontoons and repaired or rebuilt eight bridges with timbers cut from the woods. By two o'clock, the column had resumed its march toward Sandersville. Although harassed continually by carbine fire from the Confederate cavalrymen, the Union men suffered few losses.]

November, Saturday, 26, 1864.

got up early but did not get started till 7 o clock we crossed Buffleoo creek and halted until the pontoons was

taking up then we marched in the rear of evry thing we marched to Sandersville and camped we advance skimmished with the Rebs all day we lossed one man kild and Several wounded the Rebs loss in unknow

November, Sunday, 27, 1864.

we got up early and we marched through Sandersville, it is very Smoky on account of so mutch ~~Smoke~~ fire we marched Southeast and crossed the R.R. after we had marched over 5 milds Gen Slocum overtook us in a big hurry and told us we had took the rong road but we cep a head we marched to the R.R. and camped

November, Monday, 28, 1864.

we got up early and marched out our Div in front our Regt was the advance of evrything except some cavelry we marched to a stream cauld ~~and~~ [blank space] and found the Rebs they had burned the Bridge so we had to stop here we got here at 2 o clock PM. we camped here we have plenty to eat to day sutch as Honey chickens Sweet potatoes & C

I am on Camp guard to knight

November, Tuesday, 29, 1864.

we got orders to be ready to march at 8 this morning it is cloudy and looks like rain we laid here all day waiting for the train to cross we marched out at dark marched 1/2 mild and camped at the river we have to wait untill the pontoons are takeing up our Regt is all that is on this side of the river there is a large Swamp here and plenty of Sypherans [possibly Sassafras?] grows here

November, Wednesday, 30, 1864.

we here that we have to sty here till another Division crosses so we laid here till dark and they did not come so we took up the pontoons and went on we marched through Louisville marched 5 or 6 milds and camped we had very bad roads all of our Corps is here it is the darkest and foggys knight I ever Saw

December, Thursday, 1, 1864.

we drawd some three days Coffee Sugar to do us [Six?Since?] we get no bread at all so it is root hog or die our Division is in the rear to day it was after ~~noon~~ three when we got started we marched till dark and halted for the train to get out of our way it is very bad roads we staid here two hours and started up marched till 12 o clock and camped

[Transcriber's note: "Root, hog, or die" is a common American catch-phrase dating from well before 1834. Coming from the early colonial practice of turning pigs loose in the woods to fend for themselves, the term is an idiomatic expression for self-reliance. *Wikipedia*]

December, Friday, 2, 1864.

we started early this morning we are in the advance of the Div. but our Div. is in the rear of the Corps we march very fast Sometimes we have come 10 milds it is noon one hour for diner we have got us another negro we marched through some of the best and nisest Country I ever seen we camped at Sondown we have come 18 or 20 milds to day

December, Saturday, 3, 1864.

we start early and are with the train again to day we have crossed a stream or rather a Swamp where Killpatreck had a fight last Monday we start after diner our Brig is deploid along the train we march very

Slow on account of bad roads there is Swamps on each side of the road all the time and sometimes we have to cross very bad places we marched till one o'clock at night and went in to camp we was all very tired

[Transcriber's note: At dawn on November 28, Wheeler suddenly attacked (Brig. Gen. Judson) Kilpatrick's camp south of Waynesboro and drove him southwest beyond Buckhead Creek toward [Louisville](#). *Wikipedia*]

December, Sunday, 4, 1864.

we draw half rations of meal and potatoes but we have plenty of meat
we crossed over a very bad Swamp to day we have some artillery in our rear we did not march far on account of our large train the 1st Div is in the advance the 2nd Div in the rear
the 3d in the center

December, Monday, 5, 1864.

we started at 6 this morning we are still with the train we have some better roads to day than common
we overtook the 1st Div after marching 12 miles we passed them and halted for Supper

December, Tuesday, 6, 1864.

we march early this morning our Regt is in the advance to day we are marching through a low and wet and level country we marched 10 or 12 miles to day we found our road blocked but it did not bother us but very little it is 35 miles to Savannah we hear cannonading but it is a long way in our front Some think it is at Savannah

December, Wednesday, 7, 1864.

we march in the rear of our Div to day it is raining [scribble] and the roads are bad there is hardly any timber here except pine it is level and Swampy we marched 10 or 12 miles we are in 28 miles of Savannah Ga

December, Thursday, 8, 1864.

we have to wait here for the 1st & 2d Div to pass we did not start till after noon we crossed a stream and passed through [Springfield](#) and halted we laid here two hours and started we have to march with the train we marched till dark we find some very bad roads we marched till 12 o'clock and camped we did not draw any rations to night

December, Friday, 9, 1864.

we march at 8 this morning Kilpatrick passed us this morning 85th is in front we are next. the 85th has been working the roads all day we are now stopped for dinner we hear cannonading in front we got up at dark where the 1st 2d Div was skirmishing with the Rebs they had blockaded the road and had two pieces of artillery to play on our men while they cut it out but our men got around and charged them and they got up and left

December, Saturday, 10, 1864.

we start early we leave the train each man is expected to have 60 rounds of cartridges we hear artillery and some musketry we passed the 1st and 2d Div we are in the front the 19th Corps is on our right the 14th on our left we have formed a line of battle and it is night we lay in line of battle to night we are within 4 miles of Savannah they say we make a general advance to morrow

December, Sunday, 11, 1864.

it rained very hard last night it is pretty cold I was on guard last night there is heavy cannonading ~~off~~ in our front the troops are moving to our right we moved to the front near one mile on the line we lay in line of battle to night

December, Monday, 12, 1864.

we moved a short distance to the right we sent foragers over in South Carolina they get plenty of forage our men captured a Steamboat she was a transport loaded with rations the Rebels threw a few Shells into us this evening but no damage was done we drew a few Sweet potatoes and coffee they are to do us six days

December, Tuesday, 13, 1864.

it is very cold and a heavy frost on the ground there was some very heavy cannonading last night some little Skirmishing to day we have plenty of South Carolina hogs and Chickens to eat today we can hear fighting going on on our right very heavy cannonading

December, Wednesday, 14, 1864.

we hear to day that Fort McCalester was taken yesterday by the 2d Div of the 15th Corps and all that was in it and we have full communication with Maj Gen Foster

I was over to the RR to day and saw where the Rebels cannon cut down pine trees and where it had hit some man and left his brains scattered over the ground

December, Thursday, 15, 1864.

we moved a short distance and went in regular camp
no news to day but we expect hardtack soon
the men are getting very tired living on rice and beef

December, Friday, 16, 1864.

we moved 1/2 mile to the left and relieved a Brig of the 1st Div we are now on the front line we have breastworks here

I was at the river and I could see Savannah and could see some fine plantations over in South Carolina the gun boats were firing at our men on the island

we drew a few crackers to day the Rebels cease throwing their shells over here but they don't do much damage

December, Saturday, 17, 1864.

we got orders that the mail would go out at 11 o'clock we are cleaning up for inspection

the mail came in to day there was a large mail I got three letters one announcing that Sister Nan was married

December, Sunday, 18, 1864.

it is very foggy this morning I am on picket we stand in sight of each other we have been talking to them we don't shoot any but their artillery keeps banging away at us

we got orders to send out a reconnaissance party to ascertain how deep the Savannah is between us and the Rebels the Rebels told us it was deep enough to swim us so that is all we can find out about it

December, Monday, 19, 1864.

we got a small mail but nothing for me we are building works closer to the Rebs and a place for artillery we got some [scribble] 30 pounders to day from our base and some crackers we had inspection and was for to take care of what clothing we have for it may be six months before we could get any more

December, Tuesday, 20, 1864.

we are building a line of works on the picket line we will be very close to the Rebs when we move up there they are shelling considerable to day we havent opened any guns on them yet but we will soon have our guns planted and
and then we will have some music that wont suit the Jonnies

December, Wednesday, 21, 1864.

we was wakened up at day light and ordered to get ready to march right away so we started for Savannah we crossed the Rebs works and found two 30 pounder guns we marched to town and found the Rebs had gone they crossed the river and went in to South Carolina the city Surrendered to Gen. Geary. this morning early they left nearly all of their artillery they burned about the boys got all the rice they wanted and I never see the like of woman and children white and black going in to the rice they said they could get it without asking Jeff Davis

December, Thursday, 22, 1864.

it is very cold here or it appears so to us for we havent had any cold weather yet
I was down town I seen some of the machinery and engines the guards are so thick in town we cant get far without a pass we are camped in the suburbs of town
the boys are fixing up camp some think we stay here some time

December, Friday, 23, 1864.

we got orders to build up bunks Gen. Geary. commands the post Gen. Sherman is here and all of his command
I was down town and seen fort Jackson and the Stars and Stripes waving over it some few of our transports have come up but it will take sometime to raise the blockade then we can get plenty of news and rations

December, Saturday, 24, 1864.

we are busy at our bunks to day we got some news for the first we here of a big fight near Nashville Tenn
I get a letter from James Craig he has received my money hundred and fifty dollars

December, Sunday, 25, 1864.

it is some warmer to day it is Christmas but it is a dry one to us
there is a paper published here a ready [already?] by our men
we got our bunk done we had dress parade and orders for roll call 5 times a day
we have to drill they say it rained very hard this evening

December, Monday, 26, 1864.

it is cloudy and raining a little I am hauling brick in a scift [sic: skiff] for a chimney
the tide raises and falls twice every four and twenty hours our Brig is under marching orders so it is doubtful

weather we will get any good of our bunks or not

December, Tuesday, 27, 1864.

we have to drill one hour a day from 10 to 11 o'clock I was a shift riding in the Savannah river the news is good to day it looks like the Rebs getts beat evry where we meat them
the 14th Corps had Review to day by Gen. Sherman
we will have to go on Review Some time this week

December, Wednesday, 28, 1864.

we find it raining when we got up this morning it is so bad there is no review to day we are drilling and geting ready for review Some think that Gen Grant will be here to review us

December, Thursday, 29, 1864.

we got orders to wash up our clothing
the 17th Corps is to be Reviewd by Gen Sherman
we are to go on Review to morrow at 2 o'clock
we was [rearecvd?] by our Brig Comander Daniel Duston

December, Friday, 30, 1864.

we have bin on Review we was Reviewd in the City of Savannah by Gen Sherman Slocum and other Generals that I did not know
we draw a few Rations to day to day the mail came in but it was a very Small mail I got nothing in it

December, Saturday, 31, 1864.

we marched at 7 o'clock this morning we started a cross the Savannah river and got on to the Island and we could not get any further there are Rebs on the oppisite Side and the river is So rough that cant pontoon it
So we crossed back to our old camp and Staid for the night the 1st Div was in our bunks and we had to lay out and it was very cold

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we had a cold night and it is still very Cold it is a very dry new years Capt Flemming Lt Simson Lt Hart is musterd out of the Service we Started a cross the river again we have to cross in boats for there ant any pontoons yet
we crossed on to the Island and laid 2 or 3 hours and recrossed to Savannah and laid all night on the warf

[Transcriber's notes: Union Captain James Simpson of Hall, IN, commissioned as 2d Lieut Jan 3, 1863, Mustered in Aug. 4, 1863, Mustered out Dec. 31, 1864; Commissioned as Captain Oct. 1, 1864, mustered out as 2d Lieutenant, Dec. 31, 1864, all in Company A. Union 2d Lieut John Hart of Martinsville, IN, commissioned Mar 2, 1863, Mustered in Aug 1, 1863, Commissioned as Captain Oct 1, 1864, Mustered out as 2d Lieut Dec. 31, 1864, all in Company C. 1st Lieut Joseph T. Fleming of Princeton, IN, Commissioned Sept 6, 1861, Mustered in Sept. 16, 1861, Promoted Captain commissioned July 1, 1863, Mustered in Aug. 3, 1863, Mustered out Dec. 31, 1864; term expired, all with Company F.]

2d Mon

we got on a boat early and went around the Island and land in South Carolina we camped on the bank of the River we wait here till they ferry every thing across

Tue 3d

we lay here all day we have to ferry every in a small boat and row it by hand we have to pound rice or starve it is very hard work

Back of diary includes pages for Cash Accounts: January -March have cryptic entries, not recorded here.

These pages are followed by monthly pages for "BILLS PAYABLE and RECEIVABLE"

Most entries have been X'd out. Names found here are: G.W. Owens, B.F. Owens, R B Abnett, H.D. Davis (probably Haley D. Davis); the following four are when Robert was on furlough at home: Apr 23, \$10-A.A. Bickerton; Apr 25, \$10-S D Helman; Apr 27, \$5-Chs Nolting; Apr 27, \$10-D.H. Craig. Nov. 29, \$12-Albert Wineke; Dec. 1, Chas Nolting Dr \$4; Albert Wineke Dr \$5.00; Charles Nolting \$5.00; Charles Nolting \$3.65; Ben F. Owens \$10.00;

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