

Transcript of the Diary of James Albert Barber

Harris MSS

C. Fiske Harris Collection on the Civil War and Slavery
Civil War Manuscripts

PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Special Collections Department

Transcript of the Diary of James Albert Barber

Corporal James Albert Barber (1841-1925) was born in Westerly on July 11, 1841 to Matthew and Phebe (Hall) Barber. He worked as a fisherman and boatman for most of his life, and served as Captain of the Watch Hill Life Saving Station. At the age of 20, he enlisted in the 1st Regiment, Rhode Island Light Artillery. He was eventually made Corporal in Company G, 1st Rhode Island Volunteer Light Artillery. Barber was at the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg and involved in other action with his company from November 1861 through June 1865. In April 1865, at Petersburg, Virginia, he was *one of 20 chosen artillerymen who voluntarily accompanied an infantry assaulting party and captured guns to turn on the enemy, an act for which he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor on June 16, 1866.* Barber married Hannah J. Tourgee on March 14, 1865. They had had seven sons, four of whom survived to adulthood. *Barber died on Jun. 26, 1925 and is buried in River Bend Cemetery in Westerly, RI.*

Wednesday January 1st, 1862

The day came in pleasant [pleasant] we are quartered in the Barracks at Camp Sprague. Our Capt gave us all free passes to go into Washington. Charles Lisson and me went all over the Capitol, and Smithsonian Institute and all the public buildings.

Thursday 2nd

The day is very cool we went to the navy yard got a Battery of four Twenty pdr Parrots gun and returned to Camp stayed all night.

Friday 3rd

Capt gave orders to pack knapsacks and we marched on for Pools ville unaccompanied in the woods with a cold man on the guard.

January 4th 1862

The day was cold and the snow was falling [falling] thick and fast we started [start] on for Pools ville marched on through [through] mud and water till we came to an old church on the road side in the woods where we stayed the night.

Sunday 5th 1862

The day came in pleasant [pleasant] we left the old church marched on for Pools ville arrived there 1 o'clock PM and pitched our tent by the side of Battery B and A of RI the ground was wet and muddy.

Monday 6th

The day was wet and rainy we set ourselves busy to work cleaning around our camp ground and fixed our tents a place for the quarters master stores. this very pleasant [pleasant] place.

Tuesday January 7th 1862

The day came in pleasant [pleasant] we been building a Cook House and find a place for our horses the weather is very pleasant [pleasant.]

Wednesday 8th

The weather is cool we have been cutting logs all day long to make our Cook house the weather is very cool.

Thursday 9th

The weather is clear and cold we a drill on the manual pease [manual piece] and ive [I've] been taking care of horses.

Friday the 10th

Today we harnessed up our horses and marched for Edwards ferry about 2 miles distant the roads was the worst I ever saw in my life we encamped in the huts Built by a penvania [Pennsylvania] Battery.

Saturday January 11th

The day was clear and cold we all set our selves to work building and repairing our log huts this is formly [formally] called muddy [muddy] Camp.

Sunday the 12th

The day was rainy by speels [spells] we continued out work on our huts cutting down the trees and splitting tem and placing one upon another plastered them up with the Clay we dug from the ground they are very warm an give good comfort to a Souldier [soldier].

Monday 13th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] clear but very muddy [muddy] so we are doing but dry gard [guard] duty.

Tuesday January 14th

The day came rainy and the weather is cold and we are doing but taking care of horses.

Wednesday 15teenth

Cleares [clears] of plea [pleasant] we are to work busy cuting [cutting] logs to build a Cook house and oven to bake some bread.

Thursday 16teenth

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] I am busy to work fixing the old stable built by Pennsylvania Boys while they are to work on the Cook house.

Friday 17teenth

The day comes in rainy and verry cold so no body can work out doors, we are all in our huts snug and comfortable.

Saturday 18teenth

The day comes in pleas [pleasant] our men are at work in the Cook house I been on gard [guard].

Sunday 19teenth

The day came cloudy at 1 oclock Gov Sprague arrived, the assembly was sounded and the Gov stayed all knight [night] and the morning went to Pools Ville in company with Capt Laven.

Monday 20the

The day comes in pleasant the goviner [governor] arrived from Pools ville the assembly was sounded and the company fell in line and the Gov made a speech and then he said you're here as the bullworks of Rhode Island in the face of the enemy.

Tuesday January 21st

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] but in very cool and clear the Pay master arrive payed [paid] of [off] Battery B another our company signed the Pay role an at seven P.M. we received our firs [first] pay from the Goverment \$21, 23.

Wednesday 22and

The day came in pleas [pleasant] we are buil [building] our Cook house doing gard [guard] duty and all much nessary [necessary] for the day.

Thursday 23d

The day comes in cool we all have been busy to work cleaning out our stable. I been taking care of horse and doing the duties of the day.

Friday 24th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] I rote [wrote] a letter to my Father an sent him ten Dollars by Adams Espress [Express] Company

Saturday January 25th 1862

The day comes in cold and it moves very fast the men are snug in their log huts and are comfortable. I been doing gard [guard] duty.

Sunday 26th

The day is wet and mudy [muddy] at 10 A.m. we an inspection by our Captain Owen I been on gard I received a letter from Sarah Andren.

Monday 27th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we have been doing police duty at 2ock P.M. we had a drill on the manuel [manual] Peace [piece] by Lieu Tenant [Lieutenant] Sayres.

Tuesday 28th

The day comes in cold an [and] rainy th we have been doing nothing but gard [guard] duty and other duties nessary [necessary] for the day.

Wednesday January 29th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] and is very warm our men is at work on the Cook house I rote a letter to Rhoda Ann and sent two Dollars to Father.

Thursday 30th

The day comes in rainy I been taking of horses an [and] doing other duty Father received the ten Dollars I cent [sent] him by Adams Espress [Express] Co.

Friday 31st

The day come in pleas [pleasant] two of our Corporals got drunk an [and] Capt Owens Lieu Tenant [Lieutenant] Allen went to myself marched down to his nig warn broke open his door took his whisky raped [rapped] them across a stone and broke the same of the boys sucked their blood and returned to Camp. Father got 10 dols I sent in a private letter.

Saturday February 1st 1862

The day comes in pleas we have been busy building the cook house me and Edward H. Mann went up to the Camp of the 7th Mishigan [Michigan] ridge went there we had a good time and returned to Camp Privates [Edward H.] Mann and Thurbo was promoted to the rank of Corporal by orders of Cape Owen. I wrote a letter to Andrew.

Saturday 2nd

The day comes in pleas [pleasant] I been sick with a pain in my side and been in my quarters all day and wrote a letter from Rhoda.

Monday 3^d

The day comes in cold and snows very hard I been doing nothing but gard [guard] duty and all other duties for the day.

Tuesday Feb 4th

The day comes in pleas [pleasant] and was very clear General Burnes. and Col Tomkins arrives in Camp and we was ordered up on the hill to fire at the rebels fort fore the defense of Lees Burgh but the distance was to great to do any damage.

Wednesday 5th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] ive [I've] been Taking care of horses And had a drill at three oclock P.M. every thing is pleasent [pleasant] except the wind.

Thursday 6th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] ten ock Came in dark and rainy ive [I've] been doing nothing but wrote a letter to home.

Friday 7th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we had a bare back drill with the horses and wrote a letter home

Saturday Feb 8th 1862

The day the wheather [weather] pleas [pleasant] I been on gard [guard] While the rest of the men are building the Cook house

Sunday 9th

The day is pleasant we had an inspection by Capt Owen at 11 ck A.M. I wrote a letter to Rho Ann and received one from Sarah.

Monday 10th

The weather is very cold we are doing nothing but gard [guard] duty and other duties about Camp I wrote a letter to Rhoda Ann

Tuesday 11th

The day comes in pleasant we had drill the horses on the feeld [field] in the pieces and canon weers the mud is bad. I wrote a letter to Andrew Lamphere with comic valentine in it.

Wednesday Feb 12th 1862

The day comes in pleas we received news from burnside [Ambrose Burnside] Fight at Roanoake Island He routed the enemy killed 8 hundred an [and] wounded [wounded] a [and] took 2 thousand prisoners captured all their guns.

Thursday 13th

The day comes in pleasant we went up on the hill fire at the at the earth work situated on a high hill for the defences [defenses] of LeesBurgh and a house near Goose Creek an stove some holes in it drive rebel Cavalry out

Friday 14th

The day comes in pleasant we fired up upon the hill near Edwards Ferry at the near Edwards Ferry at the rebels pickets posted it goose Creek on the Virginia. I wrote letter to Charles West.

Saturday February 15th 1862

The day comes cold and windy and the snow is faling [falling] fast so can work we call in our huts but the gard [guard] on their post I wrote a letter to Rhod An.

Sunday 16th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and is warm for the time of year the birds are singin [singing] sweet and gay we have no mens [means] of confirmation.

Monday 17teenth

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we learned of the great Battle of Fort Danelson great defeat of the rebel army they surrendered up the fort and all of their arms and we took 15teen thousand prisoners and 5,000 wnde [wounded] Genl Floyd escaped the knight [night] before.

Tuesday Feb 18th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we fired on the rebels cavalry pack [pack] house and the old mill at goose creek opposite Edwards Ferry which rises near Lees Burgh.

Wednesday 19th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are in Camp fixing the stable for the comfort of our horses as the weather is wet and rainy very freely i [I] rote [wrote] a letter home.

Thursday 20th

The day is cold and rainy the boys are in their huts playing cards and telling [telling] long stories ive [I've] been writing a letter to James Thompson.

Friday February 21st 1862

The weather is very pleasant [pleasant] we kep [keep] our horses harnessed all day expecting to move when ever we have orders ive [I've] been on gard [guard]all day.

Saturday 22nd

The weather is pleasant we all under marching orders and have been for the last two days, I been writing home we have no means of any confermation [confirmation].

Sunday 23^d

The day is cold and windy I been taking care of horses an [and] cleaning out the stable the boys has been washing their clothes in the spring.

Monday February 24th 1862

The day is cold and windy we have been firing at the rebels for tification near Lees Burgh and the house where the rebel cavelry [cavalry] was stationed they gave us a gun

Tuesday 25th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at one oclock we fire shells from off the top of a hill at the rebels rifle pit an at the Virginia shore neer [near] goose Creek at knight they fired some shells close by our Camp.

Wednesday 26th

To day the weather is cool and windy we have had one pease [piece] on the hill redy [ready] for the rebels if they showed them selves. I wrote 2 letters home to my Sister

Thursday Feb 27th 1862

The weather is very pleasant [pleasant] the rebels have been sheling [shelling] our pickets from the Virginia shore and some canal boats going up the canal towards Edwards Ferry

Friday 28th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at one oclock the rebels began to throw shells from the Virginia shore opposite Edwards Ferry Md. We had orders to take the left section to Falls Bluff as son as possible to prevent the rebels from stoping [stopping] the pasage [passage] of the canal boats and sheling [shelling] our pickets stationed on the Maryland shore over near Edwards Ferry.

Saturday March 1st 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are stationed in an old log huts situated on the Mary Land shore opposite Ball Bluff with 2 twenty pdr parrots Comande by Lieu Tenant [Lieutenant] Rhoads. We fired several shells at the rebels forts at Lees Burgh.

Sunday 2nd

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] but we had inspection at 9 ocl by Lieu Tenant [Lieutenant] Rhodes at ten the snow began to fall. Some of the boys stold [stole] a hog and we eat him for dinner.

Monday 3rd

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] is warm the rebels began to fire at us from the bluff but done us no damage we gave the 2 fen wheels and they left in a hurry [hurry] I been on gard [guard] at the sta

Tuesday Feb 4th 1862 [actually March]

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] the rebels fire some shels [shells] at our hut from the Virginia shore but did no damage as they had a pnd gun we gave them one or two shells and they left when doing gard [guard] duty.

Thursday 6th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we at night fired at the rebels on balls bluff, and at one in

the afternoon they at once they fire from Conrads Ferry at a canal boat but we routed them from the place.

Friday March 7th 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] the rebels began to set fire to their buc for the fire lasted all day burnt the mill at conrads ferry [Conrad's Ferry] and all the wheat stacks then they went into ther [their] forts.

Saturday 8th

The day comes in pleasant Col Gary an [and] two thou [thousand] men marched in and took command of Lees Burgh. Our Capt and some other Officers [Officers] crossed at goose Creek river into the old house we uste [used] to shelter.

Sunday 9th

The day is cold we left our picket station opposite Ball Bluff and and marched [toward] camp made retreat at 8 in am the first section was at the ferry awaitin [awaiting] for orders.

Monday March 10th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we carried our Battery to Edwards Ferry put on the canal boats and left for point of rocks in company with Genl Daved Bragad and encamped at the point of rocks along side of the canal.

Tuesday 11th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we left the point of rocks at one ock in company with the seven Michigan 19 and 24th Masschusit [Massachusetts] regiments.

Wednesday 12th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we left the plase [place] called Sandy Hook and marched on crossed pontoon bridge over in to harpers Ferry proceded [proceeded] on to reinforce Genl Banks at nine ock on to Charles Town encamped with the First Mary Land redeemer.

Thursday March 13th 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we left our Camping ground at Charles Town marched for Winchester till within one mile of Berry Ville there we encamped in the woods on the road side rested all knight.

Friday 14th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] early we had orders to go back too we marched along in company with eleven thousand Infantry. Among the numbers was Battery A and B of rhode [Rhode] Island marched to Charles Town encamped.

Saturday 15th

The day is wet and rainy we left Charles Town at nine ocl marched on too Boliver and took up our abode in a Brick house belonged to a NY regiment wh [who]had left the place

Sunday March 16th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are all in a boil about our rations we have had nothing [nothing] to eat but hard crackers since yesterday but the Mishigan [Michigan] boys gave us some.

Monday 17th

The day comes in cloudy there has been some unhuman proceedings to our Lieu Tenant took our buglers bugle from him for being absent without leave and ordered a knapsack of stones put on his back then tied his hands behind him to a tree.

Tuesday 18^{teent}

The day is rainy [rainy] a train of cars crossed over the bridge at the ferry that was destroyed by the rebels [rebels] a short time ago and went to Winchester to carry forage Genl banks.

Wednesday March 19th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are at Boliver all the troops under Sumner had inspection and we drilled with our horses.

Thursday 20th

The day comes in wet and rainy we are the house we been gotten [getting] some clothes I got a pair of boots.

Friday 21st

The weather is wet and the streets [getting] are over shoe in mud we expecting to move every day when ever we have orders from the General.

Saturday 22nd

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we Boliver crossed the ferry loaded with battery at Sandy Hook and took the Baltimore and Ohio road for left Sandy Hook at 6 pm.

Sunday March 23^d 1862

The day comes in very pleasant [pleasant] we pass Annapolis Junction at at sun rise. Then proceeded [proceeded] on to Washington we arrive there at nine o'clock Am. We unloaded our battery from the cars left it in the streets and encamped by the RI cavalry a short distance from the Capitol.

Monday 24th

The day comes in very warm we are all well and Sargen [Sergeant Allen?] Hoar and myself and nine more men was detailed too go down in the City to release the guards [guards] on the guns.

Tuesday 25th

The day comes in pleasant we are on guard [guard] at the guns in the City. At ten we carried our twenty pdrs to the navy yard exchange them for 2 ten pdr ordinance guns.

Wednesday March 26th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we left camp near the Capitol went to the coral and got 25 new horses and returned to Camp Cleand [cleaned] our guns.

Thursday 27th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we have been out on inspection twenty five recruits just arrived from Rhode Island for Battery we started down Washington to the river and stayed there till morn.

Friday 28

The day comes in pleas [pleasant] we loaded our guns on board the Chars Gorge Edward and Ella the cannonneers went with the guns and the drivers with their horses.

Saturday March 29th 1862

The day was cold and rainy we finished loading our horses on board the Chs and went too Elecrandra [Alexandria] too receive further orders.

Sunday 30th

Cleared off pleasant we Weighed our anchor off Elecsandra [Alexandria] steamed down the river towing the two Chrs we had a fair view of Mount Vernon the great Washington was born and died there to his Com

Monday 31st

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we Weighed anchor a little below the Rappahannock river proceded [proceeded] on towards fortress Monroe as fast as possible we left the Potomac at the siting [setting] of the sun entered out into Chespeake [Chesapeake] Bay we soon lost view of Land.

Tuesday April 1st 1862

The day comes in cloudy while sailing on towards Fortress Monroe while nearly in sight of the fort we began to have a little bit of sea and it made the Delaware roll a little and we lost a wagon and a box of clothing. We arrived in the Harbor at sun rise. We lay anchor all day long.

Wednesday 2ond

The day is very pleasant [pleasant] we are lying at anchor of fort Monroe with a large fleet of vesells [vessels]. There we had a fair view of the Monitor after her having the fight with the great naval monster so called the Merrimack. She done the Monster but little damage while the Merrimack was obliged to skidad up to Norfolk where she came from.

Thursday April 2d 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] the Delaware too the two Ohio in from the fort up in too a little crick leading in to Hampton there we unloaded our battery marched through the place out on to an open field an encamped with 2 large number of troop Hampton was all burnt by the rebels some time ago nothing but the brick chimnies [chimneys] and walls of the buildings.

Friday 4th

The day comes in cloudy we started from Hampton early march all day. The road was crowded. We marched as

as far as Great Bethel encamped.

Saturday 5th

The day is pleas [pleasant]. We left our camp march on across a creek where the rebels had had some Batteries an proceded [and proceeded] on and went on 9 miles more.

Sunday April 6th 1862

The day is pleasent [pleasant] we are all in good spirits and hope to meet the rebels this morning the balloon was viewing the rebels in our fort near York Town and the line which it was fasened [fastened] by broke and it landed in our camp we did knot advance to day.

Monday 7th

The is cold and rainy 2 ridgements [regiments] left camp to cut a road so the army could advance when ever they see an opportunity.

Tuesday 8th

The day comes in cold and it has been raining all knight [night]. The Souldiers [soldiers] are very fatigued with the cold and hunger. They cut up nearby fence to build their fires too warm them selves and dry cloths.

Wednesday April 9th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] at noon began to rain as before and every ting is very wet and muddy [muddy] so we can yet scarcely any rations to eat and dry place to eat.

Thursday 10th

The day comes in cloudy but one oclock the sun come out warm and dried up a little bit so it was comfortable for the Souldiers [soldiers].

Friday 11th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] early we espied a balloon come dis [distance] on our front viewing the rebels at York Town afere [after] a short time she broke her line and landed in the camp where Genl Taners Corps was stationed in a field nearly surrounded by woods.

Saturday April 12th, 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we constantly hear a gun in the direction of York Town the Souldiers [soldiers] are in good spirits and hope to meet the enemy soon.

Sunday 13th

The day comes in very pleasant [pleasant] at ten Am we had an inspection our Capt orders too have our knapsacks packed and be redy [ready] for any move ment [movement] at any time.

Monday 14th

The day is coll [cool] and windy we had an inspection by Colonel Tomkins. Lieu Tenant Ellen [Allen] and Genl orders forbidding all Bugle calls after the present time as we are in face of the enemy.

Tuesday April 15th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] early a large company was sent out so too cut around through the woods for the advance of our army we have had a drill on the field with the horses and pieces and cannoneer.

Wednesday 16th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] early in the evening we had heavy fir in between our men and the rebels. In the direction of York Town an [and] lasted all day. We left camp Colt moved on about 2 miles over a corduroy road out into an open field entirely surround woods then there we encamped close by the rebels Fortifications built for the defense of York Town.

Thursday April 17th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at two am a sharp skirmish broke out between our men and the rebels. It did not last long we have kept 4 guns firing at the rebels too keep them from strenghing [strengthening] works there.

Friday 18th

The comes in pleasant [pleasant] our battery has been firing at the rebels fort we have fired at the by sheels all day and the rebels fired a shot at they passed over heads and done us no injury.

Saturday 19th

The day is very pleasant [pleasant] we have spent all in repairing our guns that we broke yesterday firing at the rebels Battery A of the ri [Rhode Island] has been firing on them nearly all day but did not receive shot from rebels.

Sunday April 20th

The day is cool and windy at 3 o'clock Am firing broke out between our pickets and the rebels. we had two men wounded on our side.

Monday 21st

The weather is very cold [cool] and windy our Battery been on picket in face of the enemys [enemy's] guns and Capt had orders not to fire at the rebels did unless they fired at him first.

Tuesday 22nd

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at all Am it turned heavy rain which overflowed our tents and wet our clothes.

Wednesday 23^d

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing has been quiet there has been no firing on either side excepting [excepting] the gun boats on the river.

Thursday April 24th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] the rebels has been firing on our men that was on picket in front of their lines and our Battery has been firing at them all day at intervals.

Friday 25th

The day comes in cold and cloudy some firing [firing] has been going on between our men and the rebels we did not learn the result as we have been in camp all day.

Saturday 26th

The day is cold and rainy the first and second section of our Battery has been up in front firing at the rebels works built for the defence [defense] of York Town I have been in camp taking care of horses.

Sunday April 27th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at seven our Battery was ordered into the woods to fire at the rebels. At 1 o'clock Governor [Governor] Sprague arrived with the pay master to pay our money [money].

Monday 28th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] our Battery took its places in Bty [Battery] and opened fire at the rebels works we fired some four or five sheels [shells] at the rebels and they returned the compliment with 32 pdr sheels which passed direckly [directly] over our gun and went throu a long thre. They fired 6 sheels [shells] at

Tuesday 29th

The day is pleas [pleasant] the Paymaster Payed [paid] of [off] Battery B and our Battery 26 Dollars everything has been quiet along the lines to day.

Wednesday April 30th 1862

The day comes in cool and cloudy Colonel Tomkins arrived and he inspected us and called the roll muster.

Tuesday May 1st 1862

The day comes in foggy and at 9 ocl the fog cleared off and the sun came out and was pleasant [pleasant] we been polecing [policing] our camp ground all quit [quiet].

Friday 2 second

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we picked up our Battery an went out into Battery D and began too fire at the rebels fired too small sheels [shells] at us they burnt over head and did us no damage I received a letter from home and sit [inside] the fort and red it.

Saturday May 3d 1862

The day comes in pleas we too our place in battery no 8 and at an early hour the rebels opened fire at us with sheell [shell] and we returned it in short order and they ceased. We liy [lay] down in the woods under fire of the rebels guns.

Sunday 4the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] after firing was kep [kept] up all knight [night] in the morning three niggers come into the lines and told us the rebels had left York Town our men marched in and took possession of the place.

Monday 5the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we picked up and marched through York Town the roads was very muddy [muddy] and we had hard work to get along we had a fair view of the place and the rebels big gun they burst.

Tuesday May 6th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] after raining all night [night] the troops [troops] has been up all night expecting [expecting] to go on [go on] after the rebels they did not [not] go to join Franklin's division in driving the rebels out of Williamsburgh Williamsburg].

Wednesday May 7th

The weather is pleasant [pleasant] we been in York Town awaiting to embark on board of transports to go up the York river to go cut the rebels retreat toward Richmond we loaded our guns on board the steamer stepping stones and went as far as West Point and anchored.

Thursday 8th

The weather is pleasant [pleasant] we unloaded our guns on the Peninsula [Peninsula] opposite of West Point and have been waiting for the horses to come from York Town.

Friday May 9th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are encamped [encamped] on the Peninsula opposite of West Point where we are under cover of the gunboat troops are landing as far as possible we are awaiting for our horses to come from York Town there's no rebels near.

Saturday 10th

The days come in pleasant [pleasant] we have been cleaning our guns our horses come up from York Town and landed, troops are still arriving every hour and landing as fast as possible.

Sunday 11th

The weather is cool and windy we left West Point marched about 2 miles to a place called Garlic Landing encamped [encamped] Genl McClellan arrived and stopped [stopped] to see Gen T.

Monday May 12th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we arose early expecting [expecting] to move on after the rebels but we stayed in camp at Garlic Landing all quiet.

Tuesday 13th

The day is very warm and pleasant [pleasant] at ten the assembly was sounded and all of the men fell in line and our Captain every [man] knapsack and guns and ammunition sheets tents and horses

Wednesday 14th

Weather is pleasant [pleasant] in the morning and one pm began to rain and lasted all day so the troops could do nothing [nothing] but lying in their tents. There are no rebels within 5 miles.

Thursday May 13th [15th]

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we started early getting landing and took a line of march up the Peninsula the roads was very bad the mud was knee deep and the troops [troops] encamped in the wood and we all down trees for a place for our Battery.

Friday May 16th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we expected to march but the roads so muddy [muddy] they gave up the plan. I been firing my pistol at a tree.

Saturday May 17th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] but the roads being so muddy [muddy] we do not [not] move after the enemy I been sitting [sitting] trees around the Capt quarters and cutting up Laurels to make some pipes.

Sunday May 18th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and the mud has dried up so Our Capt gave orders to take two days rations and marched on about three miles [miles] passed went to Cort [Court] house and encamped.

Monday 19th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and at twelve o'clock it began to rain and the troops have been doing nothing.

Tuesday 20th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we did not advance on the enemy. we had a drill with the horses and pieces [pieces] every thing is the rebels are all across the Chichominy creek and is said to be fortifying [fortifying] themselves.

Wednesday May 21st 1862

The day comes in foggy we left our camp near Kent Courthouse [Courthouse] marched on a boat 12 miles passed St Peaters [Peter's] Church where the great Genl Washington was married we moved on a little found the Church and Corporal Free born was kicked by a horse and badly injured over the left eye.

Tuesday May 22nd

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are encamped near Tunstall Station at 3 o'clock pm a heavy tempest came on with heavy rain and large hail stones. Corporal Free born left camp to go to the hospital at the white house distance about twenty five miles.

Friday May 23^d 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we left near Tunstall station cross the rail road near Buttons Bridge marched on encamped on a field near the Chichominy shore.

Saturday 24

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and [and] at ten Am the rain began to pour down lasted all day everything is quiet no signs from the enemy.

Sunday 25

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we had an inspection at ten am at three pm a prossession [procession] came by with the body of a quartermaster sergeant belong too 20 Mass ridgerment [regiment] the byred [buried] him fired three volles [volleys] over his grave and marched back to camp playing deths [death's] march.

Monday May 26th 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] at one pm orders came to pick up our Battery and take three days rations we waited till knight but did not march any.

Tuesday 27th

The day is wet and rainy enemy is quiet here we have news that Jackson had drove Genl Banks from Whinchester back to Harper's Ferry an [and] captured all the first Mary Land regiment.

Wednesday 28th

The day comes in pleas we left our camp near Cotton bridge an marched on about 5 miles and halted in the rear of Genl Porters Division we stayed ther [their] all day and encamped.

Thursday May 29th 1862

The day is pleasent [pleasant] we arrose early expecting to move forward at two oclk we marched back to our old camp near Cotton Bridge we arrived there at 4 pm and 150 rebel prisoners was marched by under gard [guard].

Friday 30th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] and at three ocl pm we had a shower of rain 19 ambulance loaded with rebels that was wounded at Cotton Bridge.

Saturday 31st

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at two o'clock Am we left our camp at Bottom [Bottom's] Bridge and started on to cross the Chickahominy to reinforce the troops [troops] of Casys and Herry Divis [Divisions] that had been engaged at Fair Oaks and seven pines with [with] yesterday.

Sunday June 1st 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we crossed the Chickahominy on a pontoon Bridge the road was very muddy and by the help of the Infantry got our Battery along to Fair Oaks at break of day our picket on the rebels began firing [firing] and in a short time became a General Battle our men received large reinforcements the fight lasted 4 hours our men poured a heavy volley [volley] of balls into the rebels ranks which caused a great panic among them they fled to Richmond and having [having] a large [large] number of dead on the fields our Battery was ordered back in to a large wheat field where we encamped in face of the enemy with a loyal support of Infantry we lay [lay] down expecting an attack from the enemy.

Monday June 2nd 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] after the Great Union victory at Fair Oaks we are resting our selves we are watching [watching] the rebels while Porters men are building a bridge across the Chickahominy creek.

Tuesday 3^d

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] our men are [are] busy at burying the rebels at Fair Oaks the rebels have been shelling [shelling] Genl Porters men while they were building a bridge.

Wednesday 4th

The day comes in cold and rainy and it lasted all day the center section of our Battery came from the Fair Oaks and encamped by us.

Thursday 5th

The weather cloudy Smiths Division crossed Bottom [Bottom's] bridge and encamped in the same field with our Battery.

Friday June 6th 1862

The day comes in cloudy and every thing is quiet there been no firing to day.

Saturday 7th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] at 11 ocl one Battery passed by camp to go in front we picked up our Battery and marched to Fair Oaks and encamped.

Sunday 8th

The days has been cloudy Baxters Zouaves had a skirmish with the enemy while on picket and our Artillery drive them back and silenced their guns.

Monday 9th

The day comes in cloudy and windy at 8 Am the sun came out and now very warm at 4 pm the rebels began to fire sheels [shells] in to our lines. The siege guns opened on them and they soon stop their firing.

Tuesday June the 10th 1862

The day comes cool and windy I went all over the Battle field of seven pines where the battles of May 30 and June the first was faught [fought] the graves was all over the field and the bones of dead which had been burned was lying all arround [around] was horrible to relate.

June the 11th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] every thing been quiet Sargent Steiny hour left here to go to Rhode Island to take a Lieu Tenant command of the ninth Ri [Rhode Island] Battery that's recruiting.

Thursday 12th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] the rebels are constantly firing a sheel [shell] into our lines but they do no damage as I can learn we are all hoping to meete [meet] the enemy before long.

Friday June 13th 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] the rebels have been firing at Genl Smiths Division our men was in their rifle pits the firing lasted for two hours an Doctor Thurston was wounded the same time with a fracture of a shell.

Saturday 14th

The day comes in pleas every thing has been quiet along the lines knot a single shot has been fired its warm.

Sunday 15th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] our pickets has had a skirmish with the rebels the efect [effect] I was knot [not] able to lern [learn].

Monday 16th

The weather is pleas our pickets skirmishing with the enemy we picked up especting [expecting] to have a General engagement but they soon seased [ceased] firing.

Tuesday June 17th 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] the our Battery has been out on inspection the gun boats has been engaged with fort Darling on the James river.

Wednesday 19th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] Corporal Free Born has arrived is to take command of Sargent [Sergeant] in our Battery every thing been quiet today.

Friday 20

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] the rebels has been firing sheels [shells] at our troops but did no damage at all.

Saturday 21st

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing has been quiet until 2 oclck the rebels began to fire on our pickets the artillery opened fire on them and they soon seased [ceased] firing.

Sunday June 22nd

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at eight oclck we had an inspection a brisk skirmish it lasted for a while and both parties ceased firing.

Monday 23^d

The day comes in cloudy our Battery had a drill at eight oclck the rebels has been firing on our pickets at 3 ocl pm an heavy tempest came on with heavy thunder and drenching rain.

Tuesday 24^{the}

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing has been quiet at 10 Am we had a drill on these pease [piece] at five a heavy tempest arrived with heavy thunder and sharp lightning it lasted about two hours and then cleared off. The air was pure and more agreeable to the Souldiers [Soldiers].

Wednesday June 25th 1862

The day comes in pleas at ten ocl a brisk skirmish broke out and lasted nearly all day intervals we have had our Battery picked up to be redy [ready] for any move.

Thursday 26

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing has been quiet here at fair oaks at two o'clock pm Genl Lee attacked Genl Porter on the right wing of our army the engagement lasted till night [night] and the rebels was obliged to fall back out of the rang of Porters murderous guns. Our men held the field through the night the rebels received larg [large] reinforcements tomorrow the morrons fight the paymaster arrived and payed [paid] of [off] our men for two months which was 26 dols [dollars].

Friday June 27th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at o'clock the rebels renews the battle on General Porter which on the situated on the Chickahominy near Gains Hills. They rushed on up upon our men in such heavy columns Porter was obliged fall back across the Chicahominy [Chickahominy] and join Genl Mc Clellan. There has been some skirmishing at Fair Oaks, but little has been the effect here.

Saturday the 28th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] orders came to have our Battery picked up and all the teams has gone to savage Station we have picked up all day to move here is some signs of a skiddatle but our Battery did knot [not] leave camp.

Sunday June 29th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 11 o'clock we arose and picked up our Battery and marched back too a placed called Savage Station which is situated on the York River rail road there the troops under Genl [Edwin Vose] Sumner was formed on too a line of battle to receive the enemy. At one o'clock pm the rebels made their appearence [appearance] out of the woods and opened fire on our troops. The firing was heavy on both sides the rebels fought bravely after 3 hours hot firing the rebels was repulsed by Sumners Artilery and fell back into the woods again our tropes fell back that knight to a place called Whiteoak swamp. Our Battery was knot in this Battle they we ordered back to the rear of the

Monday June 30th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we arose early in the morning left our camping ground near white oak encamp and was ordered back to a place called Malvern Hill there we left held a

strong position while our rear guard [guard] was hotly engaged with the rebels that was trying [trying] too crossed the bridge at white oak swamp which our rear guard [guard] had destroyed after they had crossed as we was gaining on the the scene [scene] of action the gunboats began to throw shells [shells] into the woods on our right flank they had not been firing long when the siege [siege] guns open fire followed by the light Artillery which [which] beclouded the air with smoke and nearly shook the earth around us the rebels stood a while the retreat and our guns ceased firing as the sun was setting.

Tuesday July 1st 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] 2 o'clock Am after having the fight at white oak swamp the day before our rear guard arrive at Malvern Hill and took their position on the field in line of Battle to receive the enemy as soon as they made their appearance the sun arose beautifully in the east and every eye was gazing over the fields around us at ten Am the enemy made their appearance [appearance] with 2 light Batteries and began shelling [shelling] our troops which our men in front answered them with their light guns the firing lasted a while and at about 2 o'clock pm the enemy ceased fire and attacked our right. There they got under the murderous fire of about 15 pieces of Artillery which [which] mowed them down like grass and [and] they were thrown in such a panic they fled towards Richmond leaving dead on the field.

Wednesday July 2^d 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] our men lay [lie] on their arms [arms] all night [night] at 2 o'clock our men left Malvern Hill and took up our line of march Towards the James river through muddy [muddy] roads they arrived at Harrison Landing on a plain and level field where we were safely under cover of the gun boats.

Thursday 3^d

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at nine o'clock the rebels fired some shells [shells] into our camp a force of cavalry [cavalry] and Artillery went out and drove off the rebels.

Friday 4th

The weather is pleasant [pleasant] we picked up our Battery moved across the field by the side of the woods and encamped the Gun boats and troops are firing a salute in honor of our Independence [Independence]

Saturday July 5th 1862

The day come in foggy at 11 ocl cleared up the sun came out pleasent [pleasant] every thing is quiet along the line we had an inspection at two ocl Pm the weather warm.

Sunday 6th

The day is very warm Genls French Division had a grand inspection at ten Am we have herd [heard] nor seen nothing of the enemy.

Monday 7th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] at 2 ocl pm we picked up our Battery too fire Salute to Honor President Lincoln as he passed while viewing the troops of the Army of the Potomac he passed through nearly all parts of the camp but did not come to our battery.

Tuesday July 8th 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] an the sun shines verry hot at five pm President Lincoln Genl Mc Clellan and staff rode through some of the camps to inspect the troops we fired a salutes and cheered him as he passed by.

Wednesday 9th

The day comes in and is verry [very] hot so we could do knothing [nothing] we have been in our tents to avoid the heat every thing has been quiet today here.

Thursday 10

The day comes in cool and has been raining all day long and it is so muddy it is verry [very] difficult to get along the roads to the James River to get rations for the army every thing quiet.

Friday July 11th 1862

The weather is pleasant [pleasant] and this is my birthday [birthday] the 22d one that ive [I've] seen and it is pleasant [pleasant] day to me the birds are singing sweet and gay every thing is quiet here we have no news from the enemy.

Saturday 12th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] Genl Porters Corps had at ten oclck Am every thing is quiet here and have no news of any commotion from the enemy.

Sunday 13 teenth

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and the sun was verry [very] hot at ten am General [Edwin Vose] Sumners Corps had an by General Mc Clellan and staff it passed off very pleasant [pleasant] our returned to camp every thing quiet.

Monday July 14the 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and the sun shines verry [very] hot the troops are doing nothing but lying in their tents.

Tuesday 15the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and is verry [very] hot the troops are doing for the heat is too great I went down to the express office and sent a letter to father with fifteen Dollars and fifty cents.

Wednesday 16

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and is very warm One of the drivers in Battery H New York buried [buried] too day [today] the boy buried him and fired three blank cartrages [cartridges] over his grave and marched back to camp playing deaths march much the same as they always do.

Thursday July 17the 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at the hour of ten ocl there came a heavy thunder tempest with sharp lightning and strong rain.

Friday 18the

The day comes in cloudy and cool and nourishing I came off gard [guard] at nine ocl Am every thing quiet here.

Saturday 19the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] I have been of [off] duty Souldiers [soldiers] are constantly arriving from all parts of the States that has been home on furloughs.

Sunday 20the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] Col Thomkins has been inspecting all of the Artillery in the Potomac and he inspected our Battery with the rest.

Monday July 21st 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and is very hot and distinguishable the troops had great inspection on the big field where all the troops goes to drill.

Tuesday 22ond

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] the gun but fired a salute in the morning at four oclock and all the trop [troops] arose and had a grand review the field was crowded with the trop [troops] of different Divisions of the Army.

Wednesday 23d

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] the troops under General Hintdem an had an inspection at ten ocl Am on the field at Harison Landing James River it passed off very pleasant [pleasant] and everything is quiet no news from the enemy.

Thursday July 24th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at two o'clock Pm General Heys [Alexander Hays] Corps had a grand inspection by General [Edwin Vose] Sumner the day passed off very pleasant [pleasant].

Friday 25th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and is very hot Our Battery has had an inspection with General [John] Sedgewicks Division I have been sick with the diarrhea every thing quiet.

Saturday 26th

The day comes in cloudy and was cool in the morning at one pm the sun came out hot and sultry [sultry] the cannoneer has been policing the park while the drivers has been cleaning their harnesses for the next inspection we will have.

Sunday July 27th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] the troops has had a drill at 2 pm. There has been number of funerals here within site of our Battery.

Monday 28th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing has been quiet the men has been policing the camp ground I've been sick in my tent doing nothing.

Tuesday 29th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and the sun is very hot the troops has had a drill at five o'clock pm.

Wednesday 30t

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] every thing been quiet the troops been drilling this after noon on the drill ground I been on the sick list.

Thursday July 31st 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] and was very hot every thing is plea to day in the knight [night] at the hour of twelve I was woke by the heavy war of Artillery I got up an looked toward the river I found the enemy sheeling [shelling] our camps from the other of side of the river opposite of Harrison Landing the enemy had 2 Batteries of light Artillery an they was trying to sheel [shell] our vessels lying in the stream. The enemies guns was worked with great rappidity [rapidity] and skill the firing lasted for a while when our large siege was brought to bear on the rebels. They withstood the fire of the large 30 pdr guns they ceased firing and fled out of range they did the vessels but little but little injury but killed men and horses belonging to the regular cavelry [cavalry].

Friday August 1st 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] the troops have been out on inspection everything is quiet here we are engaged in knothing [norhing] more important than the usual duties of camp life.

Saturday 2ond

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] and the sun shines very hot our Battery has been out on the field drilling every thing quiet ive [I've] had returns from my money.

Sunday 3d

The weather is pleasent [pleasant] in the morn our Battery in company with Battery G men York went out on the field to have a drill. At 2 Pm there came a heavy tempest and they was oblige to return to camp every thing is good there is more or less funeral here every day as the weather is very hot.

Sunday [Monday] August 4th 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] at ten oclck Am two steamer loads of troops left Harrison Landing crossed the James River over to the opposite shore and they burned some houses and lanes belonging to the rebels. They returned back and sun down Corporal rushell and myself has been building an oven at out of clay for to bake bread.

Tuesday 5th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] at 8 oclck Am our troops began a skirmish with the enemy on Malvern Hill the firing was sharp and mostly Artillery. lasted for some time when our troops routed the enemy capturing a larg [large] quantity of stores and Battery of Light Artillery and some prisoners. Our men stayed till knight [night] then fell back to their camp at Harrison Landing.

Wednesday August 6th 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] every thing is quiet here our men had been cleaning up around the camp and getting clothing redy [ready] for any march men ever called on.

Thursday 7^{the}

The day comes from our advance towards Malvern Hill picked our tents at an old camp at one pm a man from our battery has just arry [arrived] from Richmond that was taken prisoner on the retreat of our army from Fair Oaks too to the James River.

Friday 8^{the}

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] every thing is quiet here the 106 pennsylvania [Pennsylvania] redgement [regiment] came and encamped alongside of our Battery the troops is engaged in knothing [nothing] more important than the usual duties of a camp life there all begin to think of moving in a short time.

Saturday August 9th 1862

The day comes in plesent [pleasant] every thing quiet here the gunboats are up off City hourly expecting the too rebels rams down from Richmond I went to the Landing to get some rations and was taken sick and came back to camp.

Sunday 10th

The day comes in plesent [pleasant] and the sun shines very hot our Battery has been out out drilling every thing quiet here we are all especting [expecting] too march soon.

Monday 11th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] at 8 pm order came to have the knap sacks packed and put onto the teames [teams] to go to the James river we have been picked up all day and the sutlers are all picking up their things hear [here] is great excitement too know where and which the Army will move.

Tuesday August 12the 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we are expecting to march hourly and every eye and ear is filled with excitement to know where the Army of the Potomac is going too be sent our Battery picked up all day and the forage is gone the James river we have been red [ready] all day but did not leave our camp.

Wednesday 13the

The day comes in plesent [pleasant] teames [teams] has been passing by nearly all knight [night] going to the James river loaded with every thing used in the army we have men from general pope [Major General John Pope] having the fight of seder [Ceder] mountain.

Thursday 14the

The day comes in plesent [pleasant] we are still under marching orders and have been expecting 22 recruits from RI to join our Battery the troops are hourly moving there things to the James river.

Friday August 15th 1862

The day comes in cloudy and is very cool we keep our horses hiched [hitched] expecting to move the troops are moving all around us but we did knot [not] leave to day.

Saturday 16th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 7 Am we started on our long expected march we marched on out side of our line of defense we marched about 8 miles down the Peninsula and encamped close by a large farm house.

Sunday 17th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we arose at 8 Am we left the field where we stop to on our first days march from Harrison Landing marched over the dusty about fifteen miles arrived at the Chickahominy at 11 pm crossed the pontoon bridge and encamped with a large force.

Monday August 18th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we arose at 4 Am and picked up our horses at 9 clk we took our line of march over the dusty roads towards Williamsburgh [Williamsburg] we took every thing as we went along apples peaches corn from the farmers we marched till with about four miles out of the pace and encamp.

Tuesday 19th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we left our camp 4 miles out of Williamsburgh marched on through the place a short distance there we had a fair view of the rebels forts and ground where the troops under Genls [William B.] Franklin and Porter was engaged with the enemy last May the fifth and repell the enemy we marched on to York Town encamp a field on the Bank of the York river we pitched [pitched] our tents then the boys of one Battery went down to the river and went in bathing and got some oysters.

Wednesday August 20^h 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are encamped a little above York town encamped waiting for the rest of the troops are embarking as fast as possible.

Thursday 21st

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 6 o'clock orders came to pick up and be ready and at 7 o'clock Am we left our camp at York Town and march through the fortification and took the pike to go to fortress Monroe we arrived at Hampton at 9 Pm and encamped.

Friday 22nd

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are at Hampton awaiting for the rest of Sumners Corps to embark at the fortress every thing is pleasant [pleasant] we can get plenty of fruit and soft bread.

Saturday August 23d 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are encamped at Hampton every thing is pleasant [pleasant] the troops are embedding both here and New Port News [Newport News, Va.] as fast as possible I and one of our boys swam across a creek and went into an orchard and got all the Apples and peaches we wanted.

Sunday 24th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we had an inspection at 8 o'clock Am and our Captain read [read] orders for the line forbidding [forbidding] all foraging parties around and about the limits of Hampton.

Monday 25

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] the troops is leaving as fast as they can get vessels our Battery and Battery B is awaiting too fetch [to fetch] up the rear the weather is warm I wrote [wrote] a letter.

Monday [Tuesday] August 26th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are expecting [expecting] too move [to move] we kept [kept] our Battery picked up ready [ready] but did in [didn't] move news came here that Pope and Jackson had lately been fighting.

Wednesday 27th

The day comes in cloudy we had order to pick up our Battery and march too the creek and loaded ours guns on the Steamer Satten Island left Hampton about 5 pm and passed the new iron side that was lately built in Philadelphia and after having a fair view at the noble vessel we steared [steered] our course out in to the Chespeake [Chesapeake] Bay leaving the roads with a pleasent [pleasant] breeze we proceeded on towards the mouth of the Potomac leaving our horses come in a few days to our assistance.

Thursday August 28th 1862

The day comes after our sailing all knight [night] on the Chespeake [Chesapeake] Bay we entered the mouth of the Potomac at sunrise and with a pleasent [pleasant] in company with a large fleet lying at the mouth of the passed a large fleet lying of [off] the mouth of aquia Creek proceeded on up the river anchored of eledsnadra [Alexandria] at 12 ocl^k night,

Friday 29th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] at 8 ocl^k we landed our Battery at elesandra [Alexandria] and stoped [stopped] in the streets troops are landing ever [every] hour in the day we are expecting our horses.

Saturday 30th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we are hourly especting [expecting] our horses up the river there came the report that Pope and Jackson here just been fighting at Bulls run.

Sunday August 31st 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we are here here at elecandra [Alexandria] awaiting four horses to arrive up the river every eye and ear is wild with excitement about the fight yesterday between Pope an [and] Lee that came of [off] on the old field at Bulls run being the second fought on that bloody field.

Monday September 1st

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] our horses here in lying down the river awaiting for a chance to come up and land every eye and ear is wild about the report that our men is falling [falling] back toward Alexandria [Alexandria].

Tuesday 2nd

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 8 Am part of our horses has landed at 1 o'clock pm Genl Henry body that was killed on the road Between Carter ville and Bull run passed by here in a ambulance to go to Washington the flag was all half mast here at Alexandria [Alexandria]

Wednesday September 3d 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 10 o'clock am the last vessel load of our horses come up and landed 11 o'clock am we picked up our Battery and left Alexandria [Alexandria] and marched Arlington Heights [Heights] we arrived there at sunset and encamped near Fort Elsworth all is quiet here troops are arriving here from all parts of the north.

Thursday 4th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are on Arlington Heights [Heights] it is a very strong position the General Pope and staff rode [road] by on his way to Washington our men was mustered on the rolls for our pay.

Friday 5th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we received two new recruits from RI four Battery I see Joshua Sisson today he came in the 14 Conn and is here on the big ten Battery B RI [Rhode Islands] encamped here today [today].

Saturday September 6th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 2 o'clock Am we picked up our battery and started from Arlington Heights [Arlington Heights] at 3 o'clock Am and took up our line of march and crossed over the aqueduct bridge at Georgetown [Georgetown] and marched on as far as Tenleytown [Tenleytown?] and halted there in a field near Fort Corcoran stayed there a while then proceeded [proceeded] on to Rockwell [Rockwell] encamped.

Sunday 7

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we have truckville in line of battle awaiting for the approach of the rebels but we hear they are march on Frederick some 20 miles in advance.

Monday 8the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] the troops here at rock ville [Rockville, Md.] is arrived to advance and drive the rebels an [and] raders [raiders] out of Mary Land. Troops has been coming from Washington nearly all day.

Tuesday September 9the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 9 orders came to march we left rock ville [Rockville, Md.] took the road that leads to Frederick we marched on about 8 miles and encamped in a field on the road side.

Wednesday 10th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 8 Am we left the field we stopped on the first day march from Rockville marched on thru [through] about 7 miles of Clarks Burgh [Clarksburg, Md.] and stopped all knight [night].

Thursday 11the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we left our encamp near Clarks Burgh [Clarksburg, Md.] and we marched on throughout the place and encamped the rain was pouring down from the clouds.

Friday 12

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we left Clarks Burgh at 9 Am passed a whole brig of cavelry [cavalry] marched on about 5 miles and encamp on the road between Clarks Burgh Clarksburg, Md.] and Frederick

Saturday September 13th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we left our encamp on the road side between Clarks Burgh [Clarksburg, Md.] and Frederick at 7 Am and marched on about 10 miles arrive in Frederick at 2 o'clock pm there we found the rebels pickets left early in the morning and General Burnside as firing on the in the mountains as he advance we passed [passed] through the stream called the Manassas [Manassas?] below [below] the rail road bridge that was blown up by the rebels. We marched through the splendid City of Frederick and encamped on a field near the razor river the fields was covered with troops and large columns was advancing along the road in our rear coming up to reinforce Burnside. the people in Frederick is nearly stretched bare of every thing that they had in their stores and houses by the rebel invaders.

Sunday September 14th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 7 Am our whole army left Frederick and took the line of march over the Catochtin [Catocin] in a valley called pleasant situated between the south mountains on the Catochin [Catocin] we took the road to the right leading toward Hagerstown and encamped on a field on to the right of Burnside while he was hotly engaged with the enemy on the side of the South Mountains.

Monday 15th

The day comes in Company with Genl Sumners [Gen. Edwin V. Sumner] Corps left out camp in the valley [valley] march [march] at 11 o'clock Am and took the road up on top of the mountain there we found General Burnside and his Corps encamped on the field he just driven the enemy from we halted there at 4 Am stayed there awhile then we moved on after the retreating encamped through Boonsboro [Boonsboro Gap] the road was [strewn] with dead rebels and arms and prisoners are coming in every hour we are encamped at Keedysville [Keedysville?]

Tuesday September 16th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we was drawn up in the field of Battle on a field near by Keedysville [Keedysville?] at sun rise our Batteries began to throw shells [shells] which the rebels lines and they soon returned the compliment with solid shot and shells [shells] which come close by the 13th of Pennsylvania and wounded and killed some of our men the firing [firing] lasted until 3 o'clock and they ceased firing and our men advanced about two miles toward Sharps Burgh Sumners Corps took the center our Battery encamped on in Company with Battery and B Pettets and Capt Franks New York Batters and

and two others our pickets was in the woods skirmishing with the enemy. knight [night] came on our men ly [lie] down to sleep in face of the enemy suspecting the morrow would bring forth a bloody battle that would annialate [annihilate] the rebel army an [and] drive them in virginia.

Wednesday September 17th 1862 [Battle of Antietam]

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] at 5 Am our pickets began to skirmish with the enemy in front and was followed by the artillery and in short time became a general engagement the roar of Artillery and clashes of musketry and the creakin of wheels nearly deafened the ear of all along the field of battle the battle engaged all along the whole lines at 8 oclk Am sedgewicks [Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick] and frenchs [Brig. Gen. William H. French] divisions was ordered up to support the others in their desperate struggles with the enemy our Battery at the same time was ordered to the rout in company with the Pettets Battery went galopeding [galloping] on too the disputed filed riding over the dead both union and rebels as they ly [lie] on the field too gaeather [together] we took our place in Battery on a plowed field greatly esposed [exposed] to the art[illery] we remained there some time but could knot [not] fire without doing injury to our own men the enemy killed and wounded 7 of our horses and one hundred up our guns an fell back to the rear we stayed for some time there was ordered too releave [to relieve] Battery A ri [RI] we galoped [galloped] of on the field too the place of Battery A and opened fire one [on] on the rebels Battery the firing was sharpt [sharp] for a while and the enemy seased [ceased] firing and a whole rebel brigad [brigade] charged on the ridgement [regiment] that sporting [supporting] us they broke and run in great confusion and let the rebels out of the woods on to our Battery we lumbered up and left the field under the fire of the rebels musketry we came of the in good order with the last of 5 horses and 2 men wounded the battle lasted all day and at knight [night] the field was covered with the dead men and horses an we gained considerable through the day and at knight our men ly [lie] on their arms on the fields covered with the dead expecting the mourn [morning] would bring both another bloody and hard contested battle that would annilate [annihilate] Lees Army.

Thursday September 18th 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] after the great our men arose early expecting to renew the battle but the rebels sent over a flag of truce to bury the dead and he was getting his men of across the Potomack as fast as he could while our men was burying the dead.

Friday 19th

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we are here on the battle field at sharps Burgh Mary Land [Shaprsburg, Md.] we have been bussy [busy] burying the dead and now we learn the rebel has

crossed the Potomac and are now safe in old Virginia our advance has moved off in direction of sheperd Town [Shepherdstown] and Harpers Ferry.

Saturday

The weather is plesent [pleasant] we are on the battlefield while out men are sheeling [shelling] the rebels Shepard Town [Shepherdstown] while they are crossing Potomac on the volley of attempting to ase [ease?] in to Virginia.

Sunday September 21st 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we are have been on duty the battle field at Sharps Burgh every thing is quiet a large number of citizens are roving over the battle field to see what they can learn about the battle.

Monday 22nd

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we left the battle field of Antietam at 9 Am in Company with the Irish brigade Passed through Sharps Burgh [Sharpsburg] the building was shattered to pieces by our sheels [shells] in the late battle we passed on an [and] crossed the Potomac at Harper's Ferry and encamped on Boliver Hights [Heights].

Tuesday 23d

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we are on Boliver Hights [Heights] every thing is pleasent two company cavelry [cavalry] has been out in the direction of hall to find out the position of the enemy position General Sumner has been riding around inspecting his troops.

Wednesday September 24the 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] at 2 pm there came a heavy thunder tempest with heavy rain there is a large number of troops moving in to the Ferry.

Thursday 25the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] the troops here on Boliver Heights are all quiet engaged in knothing more important than the usual duty of a camp life.

Friday 26the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] our cavelry [cavalry] and flying Artillery left Boliver at 9 Am and went out on the Charles Town road a little beyond Hall Town had a skirmish with the enemy and brought back 5 prisoners.

Saturday 27the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] everything is quiet here at Boliver our Division has orders to drill twice a day the rebels are out a little beyond Hall Town and on pickets is there waching [watching] them in every move.

Sunday September 28the 1862

The day comes in pleas [pleasant] the troops are quiet here engaged in knothin [nothing] more important than the usual duties of a camp life Our Battery had a drill 8 oclk Am.

Monday 29the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] 2 ridgements [regiments] cavelry [cavalry] and one Battery of flying Artillery left Boliver at 8 Am and went out on the Charles Town road and drove in the enemies pickets then returned back to their camp.

Tuesday 30the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] here on Boliver Heights Our Battery went out on a drill some Union prisoners has been come in from Winchester.

Wednesday October 1st

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] President Lincoln and Genl Mc Clellan arrived here too day [today] and at 4 ocl pm rode through all the camp on Boliver and Mary Land hgts [Maryland Heights] and cheered the troops as he passed by.

Thursday October 2ond 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing is quiet here at Boliver we drilled 2 times to day in company on the rest of Frenchs division.

Friday 3d

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing is quiet here at Boliver our drivers has been busy cleaning their sattles [saddles] for inspection too morrow [tomorrow] the Infantry had one to day.

Saturday 4the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and coll [cool] in the morning at nine the men came out every hot at 10 Am we had a drill and 2ocl pm poleaced [policed] our park arround [around] the guns.

Sunday 5

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] evere thing [everything] is quiet here at Boliver our Battery had an inspection at 10ocl Am by our Capt the balloon came from Washington and too its place close by our camp.

Monday October 6the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing is quiet here 1 ridgement [regiment] of cavelry [cavalry] and a section of Flying Artillery left Boliver Heights at 8 Am and went out on the Charles Town road and made a dash at the rebels and drove them beyond Charles Town.

Tuesday 7

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] the balloon made an ascension [ascension] at Boliver Hights [Heights] too see the position of the enemy our Battery had a drill at 10 oclck Am on the drill ground.

Wednesday 8the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] the pay Master arrived here at Boliver and our men signed the pay roll at 3 pm but did not [not] payed off too day Craferd Ellen [Crawford Allen?] left for rhode island [Rhode Island] after having surgery pleasant [pleasant] visit among the RI Souldiers [Soldiers] I received 2 letters from home.

Thursday October 9the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at ten Am the pay master arrived and paid our men for four months which was 52 dollars the balloon made an ascension [ascension] here at boliver [Boliver] too view the enemy.

Friday 10the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and is a very cool breeze of wind the troops here on Boliver and Mary Land hights [Maryland Heights] are doing but their usual duties of camp life.

Saturday 11the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 10 Am our Battery had a wounded inspection here at Boliver every thing is quiet no news from the enemy.

Sunday 12the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 12 Am we had an inspection on the field at or near Boliver every thing is quiet here the troop expect to move soon.

Monday October 13the 1862

The day comes in rainy at ten oclck Am cleared off and the sun came out pleas every thing is quiet here at Harpers Ferry the troops has been busy cutting down trees for the defence [defense] of the place.

Tuesday 14the

The day comes in foggy at ten oclck Am cleared off out men have been busy pleacing [policing] at the officers quarters every thing is quiet here on Boliver and Mary Land Highths [Heights].

Wendesday 15the

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] every thing is quiet here at Harpers Ferry our men has been policing around their camps.

Thursday 16

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] at ten oclck Am Sedgemoks and richardsons Divisions left Boliver and went out on the Charles Town rad [raid] and drove the enemy beyond Charles Town to Bunker Hill.

Friday October 17the 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] the troops here at Boliver has been under marching orders all day we kep [kept] our Battery picked up expecting to moove [move] our advance in at Charles Town and the enemy is at Bunker Hill.

Saturday 18the

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] all the troops that went out yesterday has come in from Charles Town and reports the enemy at Bunker Hill in strong force private Michael Coffery died at 7 oclck pm.

Sunday 19

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 10 o'clock picked up our Battery and took the left piece and fired 2 blank cartridges in honor of private Michael Coffrey of Battery G RI who died last night in camp on Boliver Hights va.

Monday October 20th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing is quiet here on Boliver and Mary Land Hights that the troops are engaged in nothing more important than the usual duties of camp life.

Tuesday 21st

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing is quiet our Battery had an inspection at 8 Am at our near Boliver Hights our men got some clothing.

Wednesday 22nd

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and began to be windy and cold at 2 pm we picked up the horses of the six piece and under the canon of Lieutenant [Lieutenant] Ellen [Allen] went out on the Charles Town road a little beyond Hall Town after a rebel caisson but finding they had burned it and their pickets being close by we did not venture any farther but turned about and went back to our camp of Boliver Hights near harper ferry [Harper's Ferry].

Thursday October 23^d 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing is quiet here Boliver Hights we had an inspection at 10 o'clock Am on the manuiel [manual] pease [piece] the Infantry has had General inspection of on a field between boliver [Boliver] and hall town [Halltown, Wv].

Friday 24

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at ten o'clock Am our Battery had a drill on the Am ground at boliver every thing is pleasant [pleasant] here and we expect to march before long.

Saturday 25

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are encamp on Boliver Hights [Boliver Heights] doing nothing [nothing] of any importance, I seen Wilcox and Nathan star come over from Mary Land too make me a visit.

Sunday 26

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] but turned to rain and heavy wind the troop are encamp in their tents on Boliver Hights [Boliver Heights].

Monday October 27th

The weather is cold and windy the troops here on Boliver Hights [Boliver Heights] are expecting to march on the enemy every day the enemy are beyond hall Town in large force and our pickets are watching [watching] them to prevent any reprise when ever they make a dash on our troops at Harpers Ferry.

Tuesday 28th

The day comes in pleasant the troops under Burnside [Burnside] crossed a pontoon bridge leading over the Potomac in to Virginia opposite Briling near the point of rocks every thing is quiet here on Boliver [Boliver Heights] and Mary Land Hights [Maryland Heights] no movement [movement] of any kind has taken place.

Wednesday 29

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] orders has been received here on Boliver to day for every commander of company or regiment [regiment] too be ready [ready] to march at any time when called by the General.

Thursday October 30th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] orders came here to Boliver too be ready [ready] to move the troops arose early 2 Am and picked up their things and was ready [ready] to move by 8 oclm Am the troops began to march of [off] toward harpers ferry and continued all day and at 6 pm our men off in company with Frenchs Division crossed a pontoon bridge at the mouth up the Shenendoah [Shenendoah] road where its empties into the Potomac at harpers ferry took a road

leading around the eastern extremity [extremity] of the Blue ridge [Blue Ridge Mountains] and march on the road leading along through a vally [valley] between the Blue ridge the short hills about 4 miles and encamped.

Friday 31st

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 7 am we picked up and left our camp on the road side between the blue ridge and the short hills and proceded [proceeded] down the vally [valley] at the southern extremity of the short hill there we opened out into a level country extending to Leesburgh we marched on to a place called sneakers [Snickers] gap just in time to out the enemy.

Saturday November 1st 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we left our camp in the vally [valley] between the Blue ridge and the short hills marched along the road to the south an extremity [extremity] of the short hills where we opened out into a low level country extending to Lees Burgh we marched on to a place called snickers gap just in time to cut off the enemy from coming through the gap.

Sunday 2nd

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] 8 oclk Am we picked up our Battery an left our camp at sneakers [Snickers] gap in company with the Sedgewicks Frenches Divisions leaving Genl Porters troops to gard [guard] the gap we advanced on about 5 miles and encamped on the road side.

Monday 3^d

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we left our camp on the road side marched on about 10 miles to a place called upper ville [Upperville, VA] were ashbys gap [Ashby's Gap] in the Blue Ridge our advance was sheeling [shelling] the enemy ahead.

Tuesday October [November] 4th 1862

The day comes in pleas [pleasant] we are encamped on a field near upper ville every thing is pleasant troops has been passing by all day through upper ville our advance is sheeling [shelling] the enemy in the advance.

Wednesday 5th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are encamped our Battery is encamped on the road side in company with the Frenches Division near upperville while richard sons [Richardson's] and Sedgwicks have passed by too take the advance our advance has been sheeling [shelling] the enemy.

Thursday 6th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we left upperville at 9 Am took the road leading along the southe side of the Blue ridge to a place called Peedmont [Piedmont] on the rail road near Manassas Gap there we encamped.

Friday 7th

The day comes in cold at 8 Am began to snow we are at Manassas gap in company with the 8 Conn ridgement [regiment] to gard [guard] the gap against the approach of the enemy.

Saturday November 8th 1862

The day comes in cold and the ground is covered with snow we picked up our an left our Camp at Peedmont at 8 ocl Am and took the road leading to Salem we passed through Salem at 1 oclk the sun came out warm and the snow began to melt on the ground we marched on about 5 miles and encamped along the road side between Salem and Warington.

Monday 10th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] all the troops arose early and got redy too and went out on the road sid to take the farewell view of General McClellan on his departure from the army of the Potomac too go too Washington the bands played and the troops cheered him out of sight.

Tuesday November 11th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we are at camp on a field near Warrenton va every thing is quiet here our advance has been sheeling [shelling] the enemy nearly all day. Lieutenant Ellen red General McClellan's speech before the line at roll call 5 pm the cars came from Elecksandra [Alexandria] to this place at 8 ol pm.

Wednesday 12

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing is quiet here at Warrenton excepting the firing that has been going on among the troops an

an Artillery salute for some purpose i [I] can not [not] ascertain [ascertain].

Thursday 13

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing is quiet here at Warrenton except the drilling of the troops and other duties necessary duties of a camp life and the stir and bustle move of the troops.

Friday November 14th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing is pleasant [pleasant] here at Warrenton excepting the stir and bustle of a large force.

Saturday 15th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we arose at 6 o'clock Am and picked up our Battery and left the Town of Warrenton at 8 o'clock marched on about 10 miles and encamped on a field near Warrenton junction it being about 6 pm all of Sumners corps encamped here.

Sunday 16th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] we arose early at 4 Am picked up our Battery and left camp at Warrenton Junction took the road leading to Frederick burgh while Genl Sumner arrived and took command of his Corps marched 12 miles and encamped at 6 Am.

Monday November 17

The day comes in cloudy and is a little rainy we arose early in the morning at 4 o'clock and picked up our Battery at 5 am left our camp on the road between Warrenton and Frederick Burgh we

marched on to Frederick Burgh and Petles Battery and ours sheeld [shelled] the rebels out of the City from off the hills at Falmouth.

Tuesday 18

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we have had our Battery and Pettets Battery has been on a hill at Falmouth and within gun shot of Frederick Burgh waching [watching] the move ments of the enemy at Frederick Burgh.

Wednesday 19

The day comes in foggy every thing is quiet here and Fredericks Burgh General Burnside an his old Corps arrived here to the General took up his hed quart [headquarters]

Wednesday November 19the

on the field where we was encamped near the little village of Falmout [Falmouth] on the easy side of the Rappahanock and opposite of Frederick burgh the General and staff has been busy moving the rebels around Frederick Burgh.

Thursday 20the

The day comes in rainy at 8 oclck Am it stopped raining our Artillery fired 3 shots at the rebels at the rebels cars coming from Richmond and was going into Frederickburgh our troops has encamped thickly on the fields around Falmouth and within gun shot of Frederick Burgh.

Friday 21

The day comes in rainy and laste till 11 oclck Am it stopped the Souldiers [soldiers] could bee seen stand in [standing] around theirs fires warming them selves after nearly 20 hours heavy rain every thing is quiet here at Frederick Burgh.

Saturday November 22ond 1862

The day comes in cloudy and cold we are encamped near Falmouth the enemies pickets are on the opposite side of the river an ours are on this side waching [watching] them. The enemy has showed themselves more arround Fredericksburgh to day than they ever have since we first came with sigh [sight] of the place they have been planting guns to dispatch our crossing the River.

Sunday 23d

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we are encamped at Falmouth troops has been leaving here all day to cross the river below the rebels has kept them busy strengthening their works arround Frederick burgh that they have lately thrown up.

Monday 24

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] we are encamped at Falmouth the enemy still continues at Fredericksbugh they are still at work on their earth works for the defense of the place.

Tuesday November 25 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] every thing is quiet here at Falmouth the enemy is been busy drilling arround Frederick burgh and their camp fires are plenty fully too be seen in the roads at knight.

Wednesday November 26, 1862

The day comes in cloudy after a heavy knights rain we took our Battery up in front on the hill near Falmouth too be inspected by Genl Sumner it being 10 ocl Am he did knot appear the sun came out at 12 and the wind blew cold from the north every thing has been quiet to day,

Thursday 27the

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] every thing is quiet here at Falmouth nothing taken place between the two parties more than cannon.

Friday 28the

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing thing is quiet along the bank of the Rappahannock the enemy remain at Fredericksburgh.

Saturday November 29th 1862

The day comes in cloudy and cold and looks like snow every thing is quiet along the Rappahannock the rebels are still at Fredericksburgh with a large force our pickets are on this side of Falmouth watching [watching] the rebels moves.

Sunday 30th

The day comes in cloudy and cold and looks like snow. Every thing has been quiet along the line of the Rappahannock excepting 3 or 4 shots which has been fired down below Fredericksburgh which we suppose is gunboats.

Monday December 1st 1862

The day comes in wet and rainy at 8 o'clock this morning our men set them to work heaving up bent works on the hills near Falmouth to bombard Fredericksburgh.

Tuesday 2nd

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] our men and the rebels have been busy building earth works at Falmouth and Fredericksburgh.

Wednesday December 3^d 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing is quiet here at Falmouth and at Fredericksburgh our Army and the rebels have been busy heaving up earth works at Falmouth and around Fredericksburgh.

Thursday 4th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing is quiet here at Falmouth and Fredericksburgh our men has been at work on our breast [breast] works and the rebels have been digging some rifle pits along the banks of the river in front of the building in Fredericksburgh too pick of our gunners and cannoneers.

Friday 5th

The day comes in cloudy and rainy every thing is quiet along the lines of the Rappahannock the men have been quietly in their tents out of the way of the cold snow and rain which has been falling all day.

Saturday December 6th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] after a cold rain and snow storm all day yesterday the snow is about 2 inches deep on the ground and the Souldiers [soldiers] can be seen for miles hovering around their fires last night there was a great eclipse on the moon between the hours of 2 and 3 in the morning.

Sunday 7th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] with the wind to the northward. The snow froze [froze] on the ground every thing is quiet here at Falmouth the enemy still remains at Fredericksburgh.

Monday 8th

The day comes in clear and cold the ponds has been froze over with ice hard enough [enough] to bear any one to slide every thin is quiet no news from the enemy but they remain in Fredericksburgh.

Tuesday 9

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] and the sun has shone out beatifly [beautifully] the snow has melted some under feet every thing is quiet here at Falmouth.

Wednesday December 10th

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] every thing is wild with excitement about moving [moving] we was ordered take 2 days rations in our haversacks and be ready [ready] to move at 5 pm we have been drawing clothes to day at 5 pm we left our south work opposite Fredericksburg and went a little above Falmouth and took our position in Battery to give the rebels battle the next morning if they fired on our men while crossing the river to take Fredericksburg we got every thing ready [ready] being the first on the field and very soon 2 other Batterys Benjamins and Kings regular Batteries and Battery L New York all took their position on the field together by eleven oclck in the evening and spread [spread] their cannons on the on Champlin and myself lay [lay] down on the cold frozen snow and quietly went to sleep expecting to have a fight in the morn.

Thursday December 11th 1862

The day comes in pleasant [pleasant] at 5 ocl in the morning I was awake out of my sleep with the heavy roar and booming of Artillery which took between our Batteries south of Falmouth and the rebels Batteries at Fredericksburg the engineers [engineers] was placing a bridge across the river opposite Fredericksburg and the rebels sharp shooter fired at them out of the building killing several of them and the General gave orders to fire on the City which soon had the effect of setting it on fire and the seventh Michigan and Twentyeth [Twentieth] Mass vol [volunteers] went across and drove out the rebels on then the bridge was soon layed [laid] at nine ocl our Battery commenced firing from the right of Falmouth on the City we kep [kept] up fire until 11 ocl and the City was on fire in 7 places the firing was kep [kept] up all day by the Artillery and knight our men had possession of it.

Friday December 12th 1862

The day come with a thick vapor which hid all views of the enemis [enemies] works around Fredericksburgh the troops arose early expecting [expecting] to renew the first attack [attack] but time wore away till a late hour not [not] a gun was fired but at 11 oclck the wind breezed up from the north next on then the mist cleared up when the large Seige [Siege] guns from this side of the river followed by the light guns began to shell the rebels which was answered them with great rapid dity [rapidity] the firing was sharp and composed the Artillery and lasted until 2 ocl pm and then firing slackened but kep [kept] up by intervals all through the day Our Battery has been on the is side of the River and kep [kept] up firing all day at long range on the rebels with receiving a single shot from them at knight Fredericksburg was still on fire and in the evening our guns ceased their fires the supply train came up with more ammunition on the battery filled up with ammunition fed their horses and the men took 2 days rations of food and lay [lay] down to rest them selves so to be ready [ready] for another days fighting.

Saturday December 13th 1862

The day comes in warm with a thick mist which hid all views of the enemis [enemy's] lines of works situated on a crest of Hills in their rear of Fredericksburg at the dawn of day Our large seige [siege] guns situate on this side oppersite [opposite] of the Town began to throw sheels [shells] into the rebels works and was soon followed the Light guns. The firing was sharp on both sides and composed of Artillery and lasted until 12 oclck When General Sumners right grand division of the Potomac Army attacked the enemis [enemy's] works in the rear of the Town with

his Infantry and 12 pounds guns then the heavy roar and charges [charges] of musketry commenced intermitny [intermittently] led with Artillery which nearly shook everything around Ges Frenches Hancock [Winfield Scott Hancock] and Howards [Oliver O. Howard] Divisions of Couches Corps made an advance double quick on the enemis [enemy's] works under a galing [galling] fire from the rebels Artillery which mad [made] numerous gaps in their ranks that was amended by the lines closing up and then again they rush on like mad men till within a few hundred yards of their lines of works they would rise up out of they [their] consealment [concealment] an pour in fresh rolles [rolls] of musket at short range with deadly effect and for two hours under so deadly a fire wavering to and fro and at last compelled to fall to the rear amidst shouts and yells from the enemy an was quickly relieved by fresh troops and then fighting was kep up till knight. General Franklins [Major General William Franklin] left grand Division that crossed the river 3 miles before the town attacked the rebels and routed them driving them about 2 miles taking some prisoners at knight his men ly [lay] down on the feild [field] with the dead both Union an rebels a they had fallen in their desperate struggles an he held all the ground at knight the main body of our men fell to the rear under the cover of the buildings in the place. Our Battery and 4 others kep [kept] fire all day from this side of the river raking the rebels works on their right driven off one of their batteries favoring our troops greatly.

Sunday December 14th 1862

The day comes in pleasent [pleasant] and warm the Sun shining bright at 2 oclck in the morning we picked up our horses fed them then we left our position near Falmouth an marched down to the Lacy house where the was 2 bridges on which we passed over into Fredericksburg there we found nearly every house was riddled an torn to peaces [pieces] by our sheels [shells] and some of them was burnt to the ground all being discarted [discarded] by the people no living one left to take care of their proppery [property] every thing left to be used or carried off by the Souldiers [soldiers] we took our position in a garden [melose?] by the enemis [enemys'] guns where we began and dug into a bank so to place our guns and horses out of sight of the enemy every house was filled with men on the streets crowd with our men they kep [kept] them selves out of sight of the rebels sharpshooters Our men was every moment especting [expecting] to attacked them but time wore away an knight [night] came on we did not change but a few shots with the rebels our men lay down to sleep by the side of their guns other in the houses especting [expecting] to morrow the battle would be renewed as to day was Sunday our Generals did not want to bring a battle it being against the President will.