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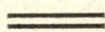




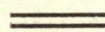




*Diary of*  
*Ephraim*  
*Shelby*  
*Dodd*



Member of Company D  
Terry's Texas Rangers



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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

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In his history of "Terry's Texas Rangers," Mr. L. B. Giles narrates the following tragic incident of the East Tennessee campaign:

"It was during this winter that one of the saddest events in all our career happened: the hanging of E. S. Dodd by the enemy. He was a member of Company D. He was of a good family and well educated. For many years he kept a diary, setting down at night the happenings of the day. He was taken prisoner with this diary in his pocket. On that evidence alone he was condemned and executed as a spy."

In January, 1914, the State Librarian received a letter from a resident of New York State, informing him that she had in her possession a diary found on the body of a Texas Ranger hung as a spy. Negotiations for its acquisition by the State Library were opened at once, and terminated successfully. The only information about the diary this person could give was that it "was found by a lieutenant from a N. H. regiment, who for years was a friend of our family, and some time before his death (which occurred six years ago) he gave it to me."

E. S. Dodd came to Texas from Kentucky late in 1860 or early in 1861. After visiting an uncle, James L. L. McCall, at Waco, he made his home with another uncle, Dr. John R. McCall, at Austin. He was teaching school near Austin, and was not yet out of his teens, when he enlisted in Terry's Rangers.

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## DIARY OF EPHRAIM SHELBY DODD

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Transferred from old Diary.

*Thursday, December 4th, 1862*—I went out from M. to Mr. —, five miles from town. I went from there to Gen'l Morgan's Headquarters, leaving the Knox county filly at Mr. — and riding Walker's horse. I took supper at Lewis Black's, Morgan's Headquarters. The Gen'l was in town but came in just after supper. I went on to Chenault's camp and staid all night with John and Van Benton.

*Friday, 5th*—Snowed all day. I rode to Alexandria and went out to Mr. Bass', seven miles, got there about night. I found all well.

*Saturday, 6th*—I remained quiet to-day. Miss Frances came over. I staid all night and Sunday, 7th, I started on my return to camp. Came to Statesville, got pair of boots, \$25. Came out three or four miles and staid all night.

*Monday, 8th*—I got some cloth and came to town (M.); stopped but a short time. I saw Miss Kate, received a nice present, a sack to carry tobacco, made of red, white and blue. I came out to Mr. House's and staid all night.

*Tuesday, 9th*—Came back to camp. Company on picket. Burke in command at camp. I was put on comm. guard.

*Wednesday, 10th*—Lieut. Ellis went on a scout. I went with him. Ten men detail went down on Wilson pike, turned off to left and staid all night with Mr. Smith, a clever man, nice family, daughters, etc.

*Thursday, 11th*—Crossed the railroad and went down near Franklin. Got a guide and went down country through farms, etc., to near Brentwood, stopped at Miss Mag. McGarrock's. Came back to Mr. Campbell's, two miles from Franklin, and staid all night.

*Friday, 12th*—This morning just at daylight, while in the act of eating breakfast, the fight commenced in town. We put out immediately; found the Yanks in possession of the town when we got there. Their pickets fired on us. We then crossed the



creek to go round and get with Smith. Got into Mr. Baugh's lot and while there came near being surrounded by a hundred or two Yanks. Came cross country to Hillsboro, got good dinner and came back to F. by night. Yanks left about 11 o'clock. Found Smith in possession. Came out two miles and staid all night.

*Saturday, 13th*—Came back to Camp. I went on forage.

*Sunday, 14th*—Got a good dinner at Mrs. T.

*Monday, 15th*—I and Jeff Burleson went out and got a good dinner and my clothes. Came back and found the Company in Camp. To-night I, Eslinger and Jessy Johnson went out cross the hills to preaching. Parson Bunting officiated. I went down with Eslinger and the girls to Mr. Page's, got some good apples, set till bed time and came to Camp.

*Tuesday, 16th*—Remained in camp.

*Wednesday, 17th*—*Saturday, 20th*—During this time had several false alarms amounting to a run down the pike and back to Camp. Also regular turns on picket.

*Sunday, 21st*—Go on the famous detail to M. after guns which cost me three days' roots. I went to see Miss Kate, spent about three minutes; had to make flying visits. Called to see Mr. Lane's family. Coming back to Camp, stopped to get supper and did not get to Camp till after night.

*Monday 22nd*—Put on three days. A false alarm caused us to go to the front.

*Tuesday, 23rd*—Went on picket. I was put on at the Widow

*Wednesday, 24th*—Was transferred to Black's picket at Holt's and stood to-night.

*Thursday, 25th*—This morning just after being relieved the Yanks made a break on us. We were fired on just as we reached the Com., fought them all day, falling back about four miles (Christmas Day). Returned to Camp.

*Friday, 26th*—Were aroused early this morning with the word the Yankees are in Nolensville. Went up at double quick and found them there. Fought them there all day until night, falling back to our old Camp at Mr. Page's. Staid there to-night. Our loss, one piece of cannon and a few men—McClure of Company E killed.



*Saturday, 27th*—Commenced skirmishing early, falling back slowly; fought through Triune and beyond Mr. Perkins. Rained on us all day. After passing Mr. P's, we took up line of march, came up three miles and turned off for Murfreesboro. I stopped and spent the night in a kitchen; came on Sunday 28th and overtook the Regiment. We came in five miles of M. Met the wagons, unloaded them and prepared to cook three days' rations, but were ordered to saddle up and get out to meet the Yankees. A false alarm. Staid out until near midnight. Came back to where we left the wagons but they were not there.

*Monday, 29th*—Went out this morning to the end of the Wilkerson pike. Met the Yankees and skirmished with them all day, falling back gradually. Their cavalry charged us once but paid dear for it. A number of prisoners were taken. We fell back to our infantry this evening.

*Tuesday, 30th*—Rained to-day; all quiet till evening; fight then opened between the infantry and continued until dark.

*Wednesday, 31st*—The great day of battle commenced at daylight and raged heavily all along the line until 3 o'clock. Yanks drove back four miles. Our Boys took in prisoners by the hundreds. Captured twelve cannon and during the day about 2000 prisoners, 160 odd beeves, some wagons, etc.

*Thursday, 1st January, 1863*—Went to La Vergne and pitched into their wagon train, captured and burned a good many wagons, 200 prisoners.

*Friday, 2nd*—Transferred to the right wing. Saw the fight this eve. Breckinridge had to fall back. Raining all the time.

*Saturday, 3rd*—Raining all day; sent out on a scout last night beyond Stone River to Mr. Black's. All quiet.

*Sunday, 4th*—This morn before day our Army commenced to retreat. I left the Regiment on the Plaza in M. and went out to the end of the Wilkerson pike. Got my clothing and came across to the Salem pike, found a number of unparoled Yanks on my way. I met Gen'l Buford but he would not send back to parole them. I went on to town, went to see Miss Kate, took a bite to eat and bid them goodbye. Went up to Mr. Lane's and from there out to Col. Smith's Regiment and back to Col. Cox in town. He promised to attend the Yanks. I then started



for the Command. Came out to Col. Lytle's, stopped, found Morton of the Battery there. I took supper there but did not know where I was until the young ladies came down. Miss Mollie came in glad to see me, was then introduced to Miss Mollie Turner and Miss Alice Hord, staid till 11 o'clock, time passed very pleasantly. Came on to Camp.

*Monday, 5th*—Fell back to Old Fosterville, remained 6th-10th.

*Sunday, 11th*—Came out on a reconnoitering expedition, past Col. Lytle's. I stopped on return and saw Misses Mollie and Alice. Miss Molly T. had returned home. From this time until the 27th we did nothing but picketing. I piruted a little on Duck River, spent a night or two with Mr. Stewart, took dinner twice at Mr. Wilhoit's and thus the time passed. On 27th came in to Camp and on 29th we were relieved by Wheeler's Brigade and with three days' rations started on a scout down on Cumberland, passed through S. and out on Eaglesville pike to E. Camped near the place.

*Friday, 30th*—Came through Triune and out to Franklin, got there 4 p. m., went out one and a half miles on Columbia pike and camped. I and Oly Archer went out to Mr. Baugh's and took supper, staid till bed time and returned to Camp.

*Saturday, 31st*—Details sent out to get all the provisions possible and return by 12 o'clock. I went to town, but did not get my horse shod, met the command as I went out, coming in. Went some ten or eleven miles and camped on creek on steep hillside. Rained all night. I and John Henry slept dry in my Yankee tent. Most Company got into stable and crib.

*Sunday, 1st February*—Rained all day, came within four miles of Charlotte. A very poor country. I and Reuben Slaughter went out and staid all night with Mrs. Hood. Her husband had been conscripted. She boiled a ham, baked some pies, filled our haversacks and started us on our way rejoicing. Came down to Mr. Ventress.

*Monday, 2nd*—Froze up and snowed to-day and night.

*Tuesday, 3rd*—Started before day for Fort Donelson. Had to walk to keep from freezing. Got to the Fort about three hours by sun. Our Regiment sent on Fort H. road to prevent reinforcements from coming to D. Reached our position and the



fight commenced and continued till dark. We cut the telegraph at all points, fight resulted in capture of about 100 prisoners, 50 negroes and same number of horses, one twelve-pound brass rifled cannon. Gun Boats came up after dark and commenced shelling and we had to get. Came back to the Forge, two and a half miles, and camped.

*Wednesday, 4th*—Came back to Ventress's on Creek. Snowed to-night—awful time.

*Thursday, 5th*—Boys had grand snowball. Gave Col. Harrison a taste. Came up Columbia road, twenty miles, to little village of Wharton, took up quarters. We went up creek three miles and back close to Headquarters and camped in road, making fires of the fence. I got fodder and we spread it on the snow and blankets on fodder; slept comfortably.

*Friday, 6th*—Came to Vernon and camped. I went out and got some fodder and made beds, but did not get to enjoy it long. Bout 1 o'clock started and came to Duck River, built fires of the fence on river bank. Our squadron sent on scout eight miles, got back just after day. Found them swimming the horses and taking the rigging over in a boat flat. We were then sent on picket. A ford was found and the Brigade crossed over. Camped one mile from the river. Crossed near Center-ville.

*Saturday, 7th—Sunday, 8th*—Came up to Columbia pike, ten miles from town. Once more in pretty country. Camped in woodland blue grass pasture.

*Monday, 9th*—Moved up in five miles of Town.

*Tuesday, 10th*—Remained in Camp.

*Wednesday, 11th*—Sent to Headquarters to draw ammunition as A. O. S. Gen'l Wharton had a ball to-night.

*Thursday, 12th*—Came up to within seven miles of Lewisburg.

*Friday, 13th*—Came up to L. I went with Aaron Burleson to the fortune teller's; had our future destiny read to us; then to Mr. Lane's and listened to Miss Jennie paw ivory awhile. Miss Mattie Long present.

*Saturday, 14th*—Remained quiet today. I and Nix went to see Miss Jennie Lane. Miss Mattie still there.

*Sunday, 15th*—Moved camp out seven miles on Franklin pike



near Berlin. I went out to Mr. Sewell's and got dinner; piruted around and came back to Camp with two dozen eggs.

*Monday, 16th*—I went out piruting again to-day. Wagons got in to-day. I was put on Camp Guard; roots for being out. Soon after dark a detail was called for to go to Lewisburg; 'twas raining; I was detailed. Doak in command. Got there about 11 o'clock, could find nobody, went into Court House and slept in the Bar.

*Tuesday, 17th*—Received twenty-four boxes, saddles, bridles, halters, etc. Sent to Camp. Got a detail and put them all in a house and locked them up. We took charge of the Clerk's Office to sleep in, tied our horses in Court Yard and got our forage from the farmers around. Secured boarding at Maj. Holden's, a clever gentleman and nice family; has one grown daughter, Miss Emma, a nice young lady. Remained here Wednesday, 18th—Monday, 23rd. During this time had nothing to do but write letters, visit MY GIRL THAT PAWS IVORY, and make acquaintances. Among them Miss Lou Hill I prize highest. We had prayer meeting and church. I purchased four books and left them with Miss Emma: Mormon's at Home, Pilgrim's Progress, Bayard Taylor's Travels and Bible Union Dictionary.

*Tuesday, 24th*—Just before leaving a couple of young lady equestrians passed out of town from Mr. Fisher's. I jumped on H. Emnoff's horse and overtook them, rode out a mile with them and turned off pike. If I should ever get back to L. I intend seeking them and make their acquaintance. After dinner we bid our kind friends adieu and put out, overtook the Command about eleven miles from Shelbyville.

*Wednesday, 25th*—Came through Shelbyville to-day. Commenced raining on us just as we got to town and continued. Came out on road to Beech Grove, ten miles, as wet as water. I and Albright went cross Wartrace Creek and staid all night with Mr. Fork—a nervy layout.

*Thursday, 26th*—Still raining. Went over to Mr. Hancock's, intending to cross Wartrace at a bridge above but gave it out as it was pouring down rain. Found Charley Pellam there at Mr. H's.



*Friday, 27th*—All start this morning for Camp, find the wagons close to Fairfield, the Regiment three miles further on. I was sent after corn over the highest mountain in the country as soon as I got in.

*Saturday, 28th*—Moved Camp out near Beech Grove. I and Polk Kyle sent on forage, bought a stack of hay. Staid all night with Mr. Carlisle.

*Sunday, 1st March*—Got his wagon and hauled one load to Camp. Camp moved three miles further up the pike. I went up Creek and got Mr. Jonichin to start with his wagon. Went on top the mountain to get two more wagons and as I came back the Yanks ran our pickets in. I came near being caught by them. Came back down Creek and told J. He turned back. I and Polk then went on to Camp. After going to bed, all waked up and fell back to the other Camp.

*Monday, 2nd*—I and Polk go out again. Get Mr. Ashley's wagon and Mr. Carlisle's; send in two loads. Camp moved up pike again. Go into Camp.

*Tuesday, 3rd*—Company went on scout. Unshod horses did not go, so I staid.

*Wednesday, 4th*—Company on picket. All gamblers and pirates put on roots. I came under the latter head.

*Thursday, 5th*—Still on picket.

*Friday, 6th*—Relieved by K. and F. Raining all day and night. Sent on bread detail with Big Ugly, got back after night, raining.

*Saturday, 7th*—I went out to Widow Ewell's to get some bread. Regiment relieved and went into Camp. I got there after night.

*Sunday, 8th*—Went on forage; got back in time for preaching.

*Monday, 9th*—Remained in Camp to-night. Rained.

*Tuesday, 10th*—Could not get forage.

*Wednesday, 11th*—Went after forage. I and Reuben Slaughter went together, did not find the Squadron, piruted around and came back to Camp after night.

*Thursday, 12th*—Came (Regiment) down through Shelbyville to near Dolittle. I stopped at Lee Stewart's and got dinner. Came on to Camp.



*Friday, 13th*—Went on bread detail, saw Mrs. Billington at Widow Clardy's, her mother; took dinner with them. Met Miss Ore and Miss Patton.

*Saturday, 14th*—Squadron went on scout. I went to shop and on bread detail.

*Sunday, 15th*—Remain in Camp.

*Monday, 16th*—Last night had a meeting of the Lodge; passed two and raised one; made the acquaintance of Dr. Moore and lady, also Miss Stern, a niece of the Doctor's.

*Monday, 16th*—Another meeting; one passed and two raised.

*Tuesday, 17th*—I listened to some delightful music this morning by Miss Stern, particularly the Texas Rangers, dedicated to Mrs. Gen'l Wharton. I started back to Camp but met the Regiment going out on picket. I fell in and went out and had to come back or go back and get my blankets. Came out half a mile from D. and camped.

*Wednesday, 18th*—Remained in Camp all day. I am very unwell.

*Thursday, 19th*—Came on picket this morning.

*Friday, 20th*—Our Squadron sent on post this morning. I joined Tom Taylor's mess; Jessy also. I and Tom went out to Mr. Elmore's and got some bacon and milk. I stood to-night.

*Saturday, 21st*—Brigade went out on scout. Our Company supported battery, drove the Yanks back to their main camp and returned.

*Sunday, 22nd*—Parson Bunting preached for us to-day. Nothing occurred to change monotony of camp. Sick, and time drags slowly with me.

*Monday, 23rd*—A false alarm to-night, and rain.

*Tuesday, 24th*—In Camp—quiet.

*Wednesday, 25th*—Roll call five times a day, arms and horses inspected in the morning and dress parade in the evening is the order of the day.

*Thursday, 26th*—Drill two hours and dress parade. A document from Gov. Lubbock of Texas read, giving an account of presentation of flags of 4th and 5th Texas Infantry of Virginia to the State. Also one or two captured by our Regiment.



*Friday, 27th—Monday, 30th*—Nothing of importance occurred.

*Tuesday, 31st*—Went on a scout out to Eaglesville. Met a Yankee scout just this side of E. We charged them and run them one and a half miles, capturing six and wounding several.

*Wednesday, 1st day of April*—Yanks brought up three or four thousand to E. and shelled our Boys for some time.

*Thursday, 2nd*—Went out beyond Maj. Winn's, brought his family and negroes out, skirmished with the Yankees for some time, nothing serious.

*Friday, 3rd*—I went out piruting this evening, came back to Camp and went in to Dr. Moore's, sit till bed time. Miss Nannie made some music for me; the evening passed pleasantly.

*Saturday, 4th*—The Grand race between Wharton and Harrison came off this morning. All the Regiment that wished to went out. I remained in Camp. I and Reuben S. went over and got dinner at Mrs. Blanton's. Came back and the Regiment was getting ready to leave. I and Lonnie Logan came on to town and stopped at Dr. Moore's. Miss Nannie made some music for us. We bade them goodbye and overtook the Regiment. After we got to Camp, I took John Rector's horse and went up to Mr. Stewart's; found Dan at home. I took supper and staid all night; got some provisions fixed up and left before day. Came down to Camp and started soon after up country.

*Sunday, 5th*—I came by Dan's and got my clothing, overtook the command at town. Came up to Fairfield, crossed Bell Buckle Creek, went three or four miles and camped.

*Monday, 6th*—Came up near Jacksboro and camped.

*Tuesday, 7th*—Marched on way to Liberty far enough to consume the day when we turned back in getting to Camp; had to go down and up a pretty steep mountain. The Yankees had possession of Liberty; drove Morgan's men out. We came back to Ballou's (Blues) and camped. Nothing for our horses to eat or ourselves.

*Wednesday, 8th*—We came down to the forks of the pike two miles from Liberty. I and Reuben Stroud stopped and got supper and our horses fed. Found four companies on picket, ours among the number.



*Thursday, 9th*—I, Tom Taylor and Stroud came on to Alexandria and shod our horses. The Regiment passed on and left us. We came on and got our dinner at Mr. Neal's living near Mrs. Grandstaff's and came on to Camp at Spring Creek.

*Friday, 10th*—I was very sick last night and hardly able to ride this morning. Command left before day, got to Lebanon at daylight. Dr. Hill could not get the medicine for me but gave me a pass to return to the wagons. Near McMinnville I came out to Mr. Bass's and staid all night.

*Saturday, 11th*—I felt better this morning but very weak. Francis came over this morning or evening. George Tracy was over in the morning, I believe.

*Sunday, 12th*—Rained last night. Very pleasant this morning. I remained quiet to-day. Three or four soldiers came by; found our Brigade had come back about Spring Creek.

*Monday, 13th*—My mule taken scratches or something else badly, cannot ride her. Pretty day to-day. Aunt Nancy came over this evening.

*Tuesday, 14th*—Rained last night again and cleared off this morning. I remained quiet to-day. Rained again to-night.

*Wednesday, 15th*—'Twas misty and damp this morning. I fixed up and went up to Mrs. Tarpley's, bidding the folks good-bye at Mr. Bass's. I found the way pretty easy. Killed a squirrel and took dinner with them. Staid an hour or two and started; came on through Commerce and out two miles to Mr. Davis and staid all night. The mist finally turned to rain.

*Thursday, 16th*—Cleared off this morning. I remain with Mr. Davis to-day; very pleasant day.

*Friday, 17th*—Lieut. Davis and Emmet Trammel came by to-day and took dinner. Learned all about the Regiment from them. Camped at A. To-day was a beautiful day. I did not feel so well as I have for a few days before. Fine time for farmers to work.

*Saturday, 18th*—Hermosa mañana. Nothing unusual occurred this morning. I passed most of my time reading; still gaining in strength.



*Sunday, 19th*—Rained last night; beautiful spring morning this. Rained again all morning till 12 o'clock and cleared off.

*Monday, 20th*—I leave Mr. Davis this morning for Camp. Go out by Rainey's. I got my cartridge mended and came up to Mrs. Grandstaff's and got my dinner. Came on to A.; met the Regiment just at Camp, on their way to Lebanon. Our Squadron on picket. Sent after them. As soon as they came Regiment started. Got to Lebanon about 11 o'clock. 'Twas two before the last of the column passed. A train of wagons was along after the Com's. We stopped on street and the train passed on. We picketed all the roads and remained. I slept on street, my head resting on curbstone for a pillow, but one blanket and got very cold before day. At daylight I went down and washed my mule off and warmed in blacksmith shop. Started back and Ferrill being drunk, had me arrested. Kyle had me lay off my arms, but soon after Regiment all went to water and I was released. I eat breakfast and went over to Mr. Davis. Cousin Mec and Miss Fannie were at home. Mr. Davis down in town.

*Tuesday, 21st*—I remained in town some two hours. Went over to Camp, moved my mule to where 'twould be safe in case of a move and went down to Mrs. Jordon Stokes. I had a good long conversation with her. Got a paper from her and just as I was leaving Kyle came in. I loaned him the paper and went over to Cousin Mec's to take dinner. Hank Sullivan came in after dinner. Fox Trammel and Jim Davis came for dinner. The Miss Thompsons, sisters, came in. I went into the parlor with Hank and was introduced to them. We then had some music. An hour or two passed rapidly. We took leave. I promised to call again in the evening. I went over to Mrs. Stokes and after making addition left a letter which she kindly promised to send to Nashville and mail for my Father. I got some more papers. She and Mrs. Muirhead, her mother, tried to make a proselyte of me to Lincolnism or Unionism, as they would term it. Commenced raining. We left soon after I got back; came out near Cherry Valley and camped. I was on picket; the Reserve in a barn; the Videttes in a blacksmith shop; a good time of it.



*Wednesday, 22nd*—Rain ceased; bright and clear this morning. We came on to Alexandria. I spent the evening working with my mule's feet. After supper I went over to Lodge to assist in conferring some side degrees. I took 1001; staid till 11 o'clock. Came back and went to bed. In a few minutes ordered to saddle up. Yanks coming down on us like thousand of brick from Liberty, Snow Hill and all around. We marched all night. I and Jack and Bill Kyle got together. Couldn't keep up with Regiment. Stopped at daylight, got breakfast, fed horses and traveled on. Crossed river—nearly swimming. Came out three miles and camped.

*Thursday, 23rd—Friday, 24th*—Remain in camp this morning, all day nothing of interest.

*Saturday, 25th*—Start at 3 o'clock for the wagons at Yankeetown. All horses unfit for duty sent there under Lieut. Gibson of 11th Texas. Regiment went to Rock Island. We came in fifteen miles of Sparta and camped. Men and lame horses straggled all along the road for miles. I and McFarlan bunked together.

*Sunday, 26th*—Came on by Mr. England's; stopped on Mountain at Mrs. Lowe's and got some bread baked and duck cooked; took dinner and came on to Camp. Found the wagons camped near Yankeetown.

*Monday, 27th*—Remained in Camp all morning; then started as John Rector had come in to see Cousin Jim Hawkins; found he had moved camp. I went up to Mr. Johnston's and took dinner; saw Mr. Denton of Mike Salter's Company there. Sent note up to Jimmy by one going up.

*Tuesday, 28th*—James Hawkins came up to-day to see me; staid all day with me. After he left, I and Frank McGuire went out to Mr. Bradley's and got supper. I got some bread. We then went and got twenty bundles fodder apiece and came back to Camp.

*Wednesday, 29th*—Remained in Camp to-day; horses inspected. John R. left me to go to the command. Albright bunked with me to-night. I went up with him to Mr. Williams and got supper.



*Thursday, 30th*—Came up, I and Albright, to Brown's Mill. Regimental wagons ordered to Sparta. Regiment on detached duty; spent night with Cousin James Hawkins.

*Friday, 1st day of May*—Spent this day with Jimmy.

*Saturday, 2nd*—Went to Granville. I rode Jimmy's gray horse and left my mule with his boy. Staid all night with Capt. Trousdale; had to paddle over the river in a canoe and swim our horses.

*Sunday, 3rd*—I went on by Duke's and to Squire Bennett's on Buffalo Creek. Took dinner and remained till near night. Then crossed the pike at Hogg's Store and up to Billy West's and spent the night.

*Monday, 4th*—Came on to Abel Smith's and to Widow Ballou's and took dinner. From there to Womac Parker's on Dixon Creek, and staid all night.

*Tuesday, 5th*—Came to Gifford's blacksmith shop. Albright had swapped horses, had two shoes put on, got dinner and came on to Joe Carter's. A. had two more shoes put on, went on to Griggs and got supper. A. and Maze of Petticord's Company came on. We came four miles to Joe Sullivan's; left A. there. I and Maze went over to Jordan Carr's. Yanks all through here yesterday.

*Wednesday, 6th*—Left Carr's and came up to John Mitchell's. Came out to Stinson's on to Giles Harris. From there to Scottsville and Gallatin. Crossed at Coatstown, went on to John Rippy's, got supper and fed horses. Went on in rain to the Webb's, Maze's uncle, found the Yanks so close by that we turned and went back to the hills.

*Thursday, 7th*—While at John's, Green Crews and John West came in. I went with them over to Mrs. Dinah Huffey. A. soon came, said Yanks were about. I staid all night. He went to John West's. Miss Polly is a fast one.

*Friday, 8th*—I went to John Mitchell's to meet A.; was not there. I went on to John West; saw Miss Jane Wiley; came back to D's; found A. there. I came back to John West, and on to Dots Belt's; staid all night; on to Green Crews this morning.



*Saturday, 9th*—Start this evening, six of us, to Allen County, Ky. Went up in eight miles of Scottsville; stay all night or day in woods. To-night go by Ayres, Will Span's and old man Span's. At the latter place we got into hot water. Bushwhackers attacked us, killed my horse, stampeded all. I got separated from the rest, went one mile, got two horses, came on through to New Row Monday, 11th, and on across to Coats-town. Find Will at Mrs. Huffey's, shot. Miss Sallie Key there on visit. I stay all night.

*Tuesday, 12th*—I and Will Rogers went over to Green's and Bass's; met by John M. Green getting in. Met Albright, went back to D's and stay all night. S. K. there.

*Wednesday, 13th*—I met some of Morgan's men; Harper with them. I joined them and went cross railroad at Mitchellville over to Wickwire's, eight miles from railroad. Stopped at Mr. Simpson's and got breakfast. Miss Sue Offutt, Miss Jimmy Wickwire there. After breakfast went to the woods and staid all day.

*Thursday, 14th*—This evening we all went in and got supper then down to Mr. Wickwire's and got supper and the supper is a mistake; danced until 12 o'clock. I and Miss Jimmy danced two sets. I enjoyed it finely, then bid them adieu and came out to Pete Laurence's by daylight. Birch swapped horses on the way. Pete's sister brought us provisions.

*Friday, 15th*—To-night stopped to see two Lincolmites; got six shooter from one, single barrel from the other; stopped at Squire Henry's; got some cherry bounce; played off Yankee on him; got all the information we wanted and went on to Wickwire's; fed at Mr. Simpson's; girls got up, chatted them awhile. I, Harper and Gibson then left the crowd, crossed the railroad and bought two horses and came on to Bracken's and got breakfast. From there to Ashlock's and got dinner. Came cross the pike and I left them, went by Bass's and on to Crews and staid all night.

*Saturday, 16th—Sunday, 17th*—Came to Mrs. Huffey's, found Albright.

*Monday, 18th—Tuesday, 19th*—Yesterday went to Tompson's Shop; not at home. This morning to Hughes; gone to Gallatin.



Came by Jordan Carr's, got dinner and on to Moss's. Found Jim Berryman there. Harper came soon. Went down to Sullivan's, fed and I left. Went on to John Stewart's, staid all night.

*Wednesday, 20th*—Down to Hughes, got my horse shod, came back, and nine of us started. Came up near Epperson Springs, found the Yanks were there and at Scottsville too strong for us. Got supper at Stinson's, a regular tory. Lamb swapped horses with him. Then started for New Row. Came across to Bracken's, got breakfast, three of the boys had left us.

*Thursday, 21st*—We came this evening out to where the others were; Yanks in New Row; so we could not go there. Came to Widow Hodge's. Five of boys went on; two slept in bushes; I and Jim Berryman slept in house.

*Friday, 22nd*—Came cross the pike to Meadows, fed our horses. I, Jim and Lamb started back to Kentucky. We came cross pike to Mr. Hodges and got supper, then cross railroad and out through Mitchellville to Norris ten miles from railroad; staid all day and to-night.

*Saturday, 23rd*—Went down to Finche's and got a horse. Mr. Finch came out with us some distance. Came back to Norris; staid all night; nothing to eat.

*Sunday, 24th*—To-night went down near Redman's; run into Yankee pickets, and started back. Came cross railroad and out to Sherwin's, got breakfast and on to Boss Meadows. From there to Hughe's Shop; got two shoes and nails made. Went down to Essick's and got supper and on top Mountain and staid all night.

*Monday, 25th—Tuesday, 26th*—This —— got my mare shod, went on, found A. at Henry Mitchell's came back to Hardy Silver's, found the boys and started back to the railroad to get some boots. Took supper with Mr. Hodge and on to Rodimore's; had not the boots; then came back cross pike. I went with Berryman to shop; Hughes not there. I left him, came on to Jack Stewart's. I, Albright and Lamb started back for Granville this evening; came on to Griggs, got supper. From there to Staffords and staid all night.

*Wednesday, 27th*—Met Thompson's and Staley's men.



*Thursday, 28th*—Came to Montgomery's. Lamb left us. We came on to Widow Ballou's. Yanks close at hand. We staid in bushes to-night.

*Friday, 29th*—Went to Dixon Springs to-day to get a Yankee saddle; had to wait until the two Regiments of Yankee cavalry and train passed out. We then went in, I and Ward. I went up to Mr. Alexander's; Miss Mollie knew me, Miss Nannie did not. I took supper and staid till 10 or 11 o'clock and left. Came back to Mrs. Ballou's.

*Saturday, 30th*—Came to Mr. Beasley's and staid all night.

*Sunday, 31st*—Met up with Parker as Lieut. Brown. I got a horse for Mason Rector. Came on to Granville, found Company D there, and that we were published as deserters. Came out near Cookville to-night.

*Monday, 1st day of June*—Came to Mrs. Brown's, took breakfast, got our clothing and came on to Camp. Camp moved this evening. Proceedings stopped until Kyle comes up. Our names sent with others to be published in Houston Telegraph. Came out to-night to pasture and turned in.

*Tuesday, 2nd*—Came in to Camp, find that my name has been sent on with others to be published as a deserter.

*Wednesday, 3rd*—Ordered to remain in Camp.

*Thursday, 4th*—Wm. Hamby got in from Austin, Texas; staid all night with me. We went out to a private house and spent the night.

*Friday, 5th*—William left me this morning. To-night I and Reuben went out to Mr. Mills and staid.

*Saturday, 6th*—Lieut. Black took all men able for duty and started to Sligo this morning. To-night the Company got in from G.

*Sunday, 7th*—Started for left wing, went to Sparta, halted there hour or two; came on to Cany Fork and camped.

*Monday, 8th*—Came to McMinnville this morn. Ordered Regiment to Hoover's Gap to picket; wagons to Manchester. I went to the wagons to get a saddle, stopped with Dave Nunn, staid all Tuesday, 9th. Came to camp, rigged my tree and



Wednesday, 10th, came to the command, camped near Beech Grove on pike.

*Thursday, 11th*—Came on picket.

*Friday, 12th*—On picket duty; camped at our old stand.

*Saturday, 13th*—Company go on picket.

*Sunday, 14th*—I and Capt. Hill go out after provisions, stop at Mr. Mankin's, Prayers, Jacob's, Mankin's and return.

*Monday, 15th*—I took dinner to-day with Mr. Guess. Relieved this evening. Five of us went on scout; got supper at Mr. Mankin's. I left my valise at Mr. Guess's. I forgot to note leaving undershirt and pair of drawers at Mr. Brown's on Falling Water.

*Tuesday, 16th*—Regiment relieved and came into camp.

*Wednesday, 17th*—Drill morning and evening inspection. Received two letters, one from Cousin Jennie, one from Tom Maxwell.

*Thursday, 18th*—Review of Brigade by Gen'l Hardee.

*Friday, 19th*—Regiment came to Fairfield and from there to Bell Buckle and camped. I went out to Mr. Suggs and got some bread baked and returned.

*Saturday, 20th*—Remained in camp to-day. Three of the Arkansas Post boys came up from Wartrace and among the number was Doc. Norwood. Staid with us to-night.

*Sunday, 21st*—Came over to Old Fosterville to picket.

*Monday, 22nd*—All quiet.

*Tuesday, 23rd*—*Wednesday, 24th*—Company on picket. I came back to attend a court martial; staid all night in Camp.

*Thursday, 25th*—Rained all day. Yanks made a general attack on our pickets. I went out to the Company about 11 a. m.; fell back to Ransom's; went over to Bell Buckle; traveled all night. Came on to Fairfield; staid a short time and came on back to Ransom's and camped.

*Friday, 26th*—*Saturday, 27th*—Came to Bell Buckle this morning and from there to Wartrace, our infantry falling back to Tullahoma. Went a short distance beyond Wartrace; 11th Texas and 4th Georgia skirmished with them a little; a few wounded. We came to Duck River and camped.



*Sunday, 28th*—Came on to-day to Tullahoma; continues to rain night and day. I saw James Maxwell, Billy Dunson, Julius Lensing and Doc. Norwood.

*Monday, 29th*—I was detailed to go to the shop; came on to town, found Stroud and came out five miles to shop. Still raining. We spend the night at the shop.

*Tuesday, 30th*—Our work finished and we return to Camp at Tullahoma. Regiment came in soon after. I got a letter from Miss S. A. Jourdan. I went over to the Texas Brigade, saw Doc. Norwood, George Holman, George Jourdan, Frank Wilkes and Billy Dunson. Came back and our Regiment moved out on the right and camped. I went on a scout with Black to Hillsboro; went within one mile and came back; no Yanks there. Traveled all day or I should have said all night. Got back and found the Army on the retreat.

*Wednesday, July 1st*—Army in full retreat. Came on to Alimony about 11 o'clock. While on the move from that point my mare fell and broke her left foreleg just below the knee. John Henry was left with me. We came on short distance and went to sleep. I left my mare where the accident happened.

*Thursday, July 2nd*—Came on to Deckerd this morning. From there took wrong road and came up Cumberland Mountain to the University with Hardee's Corps. Found there that we had taken the wrong road. John went down to the house to get some information and I lost him. I came down to the railroad and staid all night. Polk's Corps crossing all night.

*Friday, 3rd*—I waited until our wagons came up and put my luggage on them and rolled on. Came to foot of Mountain tonight.

*Saturday, 4th*—Came down to Battle Creek from head of Sweden's Cove; portion of Polk's Corps crossed pontoon at mouth of Battle Creek and cross the river. We came on to Bridgeport. Crossed this evening. Met Bob Ship here.

*Sunday, 5th*—Came up to the foot of the mountains and camped.

*Monday, 6th*—Start cross the mountains. Came up, I and Paul Watkins, to Nicka Jack, staid all night with Mrs. Porter.



*Tuesday, 7th*—Came cross the mountain through Hamburg, got dinner there at Mrs. Reeves and came on to Camp within one and a half miles of Trenton.

*Wednesday, 8th*—Remain in camp.

*Thursday, 9th—Saturday, 11th*—All quiet. Put on one month's roots for the Kentucky trip; read at dress parade yesterday evening; commenced this morning.

*Sunday, 12th*—Start this morning for Rome, Ga. Came on top Lookout Mountain; rained to-night.

*Monday, 13th*—Came on through Lafayette and six miles beyond. I and Bob Ship, Tom Peterson and Jim McGuire stayed all night about one mile from Camp. Rained very hard for a while. Music to-night.

*Tuesday, 14th*—Came to within fifteen miles of Rome, passed through Chanyville.

*Wednesday, 15th*—Came to Rome; pretty place for the Country. Camped two miles from town and spent all day in town.

*Thursday, 16th*—Remain in camp all day.

*Friday, 17th*—All quiet in Camp. Brigade officers had a ball in town last night.

*Saturday, 18th*—Moved camp down on Silver Creek four miles from town.

*Sunday, 19th—Friday, 24th*—Usual routine of camp duty. A protracted meeting going on, conducted by Parson Bunting and others, commenced Sunday. I am on duty every other day. Weather warm and dry.

*Saturday, 25th, to 1st day of August*—All quiet; usual routine of camp duty. Two days since, while out on forage, I saw Miss Anna Ransom at Mrs. Garrett's—a great pleasure to meet with them.

*3rd, 4th, Wednesday, 5th*—The barbecue and presentation of the horse to Gen'l Wharton came off to-day. Jno. Rector made the presentation speech. Gen'l W. replied. Harrison made a few remarks; dinner was then announced. After dinner Billy Sayers and Adams of Company C made speeches. Everything passed off finely; quite an array of beauty present. The Misses R. and G. present. I paid my respects to them.



*Thursday, 6th, to Friday, 14th*—Nothing but roll call, inspection, dress parades and drill. We are living high on peach pie. I have made a few acquaintances, but don't find the hospitality that we did in Tennessee. I was over at Mr. Bryant's to-day. Can't say that I enjoyed it very highly.

I pass from 14th to 20th. Nothing stirring. Oh! yes, the wedding—Charley Littlefield to Miss Mollie Maddry, by the Rev. Mr. or Lieut. Simpson of Company B alias Sim Bruce of Company E. My time passes very pleasantly.

*25th*—Went to town to-day. Passed the day pleasantly; took dinner with —— Rome. Saw Cousin Mollie; came out to Mr. Mobley's; took supper. Met with Col. Cox, Mr. Barrick of Glasgow, Ky., and Mr. Johnson and Lady of Nashville. Miss Mobley was very sociable. I sit till bedtime. Time passed pleasantly. Now, that we are acquainted, have become attached to the folks, we have to leave; always the case. I made the acquaintance of Miss Maggie Ezzell, Miss Mattie Sommers, Miss Fannie Summers and Miss Mollie Robert and enjoyed myself with them finely.

*Friday, 28th*—We bid our friends adieu and came out eight miles above Rome. I got my hunting shirt as I passed through town, cost me sixty-eight dollars.

*Saturday*—Remained in camp.

*Sunday, 30th—Monday, 31st*—Moved four miles this evening. I and Jim McGuire went out and spent the night with Mr. Anderson.

*Tuesday, 1st*—Came on to-day to Mrs. Partain's where we stopped as we went down; found Mr. Sewell there still mending clocks; the girls looking charming. Staid all night. Music and mirth.

*Wednesday, 2nd September*—Came on to Lafayette, camp one mile from town. Had a meeting of the Lodge this evening; I attended.

*Thursday, 3rd*—Remained here to-day; met again this evening at the Lodge in town.

*Friday, 4th*—Started for Alpine; came out twelve miles and camped.



*Saturday, 5th*—Reached Alpine, left one wagon to the Regiment, and with the rest the dismounted men started for Rome. Came eight miles and camped.

*Sunday, 6th*—A number of us started at two o'clock this morning and came on twelve miles and got breakfast. I and Oly Archer turned off at Coosyville and came by Miss Ransom's. Miss Anna and Miss Fannie were there, also Mr. and Mrs. Settle of Murfreesboro. We spent the day with them and came to camp in the evening.

*Monday, 7th*—Camped at Col. Shorter's; one brigade of infantry near us.

*Tuesday, 8th*—All quiet. I went off over to John's last night, but big Cousin was not there.

*Wednesday, 9th*—Quiet to-day.

*Thursday, 10th*—I went over to Whitehead's to get some raw hide to cover my saddle. I stopped at Mr. Mobley's and took dinner, chatted Miss Metta a while and went over to the Mill and on to the tan yard and back to the Mill; found Dr. Neely there. I staid till bout 10 o'clock and came back to Camp. Time passed pleasantly, "on Angels' wings," while with Miss Mag.

*Friday, 11th*—Remained in camp.

*Saturday, 12th*—I played off on an old Georgian as Captain or with Captain's uniform, got a buggy that a private could not have reached with a twenty foot pole. I and Oly Archer rode out in it to Mr. Ransom's. Took Mr. Jackson along with us. We took supper and sit till bedtime. Time passed delightfully. Pleasant drive back to camp.

*Sunday, 13th*—Moved eight miles from Rome out on the Kingston road to where the 4th Tennessee camped near a mill on the river.

*Monday, 14th*—Remained in camp all day.

*Tuesday, 15th—Sunday, 20th*—During this time I made the acquaintance of Miss Mary Reece, Miss Mary Davis and Miss Eugenie Holt. I spent all my leisure time visiting them. Very nice ladies indeed.



*Monday, 21st*—I and Mr. Nolin went up to the Tanyard this evening and took supper and sit till 10 o'clock. Miss E. was looking very nice indeed.

*Tuesday*—Reading My stories of Court of London.

*Wednesday, 23rd*—Reading *Tempest* and *Sunshine*. Went up to see Miss E. to-night. I spent a few hours at Mr. Davis; Miss Mollie and Cousin looking charming.

*Thursday, 24th*—Start this morning for Tunnel Hill. Came by T., left G. T. McGehee, got my boots \$75. Bid Miss E. good-bye and in company with Capt. Hill and Wm. Nicholson came on eight miles and staid all night at Mr. Brownlee's.

*Friday, 25th*—Passed through Calhoun this morning, twenty-one miles to Dalton. Came on through D. to Tunnel Hill, seven miles from D.

*Saturday, 26th*—Came on to Ringgold and six miles beyond to Chickamauga. When we got in three miles of R. we struck the main Yankee line of invasion; from there on the country is destroyed—fencing burned, everything eat up and destroyed.

*Sunday, 27th*—We start up the railroad this morning but turn back and camp on Chickamauga. Here we remain.

*Monday 28th—October 1st, Thursday*—Rain last night and still continuing; truly refreshing. First we've had for an age. All quiet in front. Well, I've missed being in one battle, that of Chickamauga.

*October 2nd*—Continued to rain all day.

*3rd, Saturday*—Moved camp this morning to Cherokee Springs one and one-half miles from Ringgold. Cousin Jimmy Hawkins met me and went to camp with me.

*Sunday, 4th*—I, Jim McGuire and Jimmy went out beyond Catoosa Springs and staid all night. A mistake. Saturday Eve.

*Sunday, 4th*—Took breakfast at Mr. Maston's this morning. Came by the Springs and stopped to see Miss Kate Shamblin. On to camp..

*Monday, 5th*—Remained in Camp.

*Tuesday, 6th*—I and Jimmy went out to the Springs; spent the night at Widow Conner's.



*Wednesday, 7th*—Piruted around generally. I left Jimmy at Mr. Smith's and went over to see Miss Kate.

*Thursday, 8th*—I came into Camp this morning, was appointed Adjutant of the Preps! Preps!

*Friday, 9th*—Jimmy came in this morning but did not stay long; was to be back in the evening.

*Saturday, 10th*—Jimmy did not come.

*Sunday, 11th*—I went out to see Miss Kate this morning, but heard nothing of Jim. Went by Mr. Shamblin's. Miss Eva and Miss Nannie were at home; two of the prettiest girls I've seen in Georgia. I went over to Mr. Smith's and heard of Jimmy; had gone on to Camp. I went back to Camp and found him there.

*Monday, 12th*—I went out this evening and staid all night with Mr. Cannon, at Mr. Smith's.

*Tuesday, 13th*—I started by daylight this morning and came to Camp. Raining.

*Wednesday, 14th—Thursday, 15th*—Nothing but rain, night and day.

*Friday, 16th—Sunday, 18th*—I went out to Catoosa Springs and to Mr. Shamblin's and back to Camp.

*Monday, 19th—Wednesday, 21st.*

*Thursday, 22nd*—This morning we start for Kingston. I came on in advance of the train to Tunnel Hill, saw all the boys and called around to see Miss Kate and Miss Nannie. They had moved down a few days ago. We came on four miles below Dalton and staid all night, I and Paul, Jim.

*Friday, 23rd*—Came on through to Calhoun and six miles below and staid all night. Raining all day and night.

*Saturday, 24th*—Came to Adairsville. Camp three miles from the village. To-night I went to Mr. Green's, one mile from A. with Wm. Campbell. Left my horse and went to town and took 10 o'clock train and went to Kingston. I staid but a few minutes; did not find what I went after. Came up at 12 o'clock to A., went out to Mr. Green's and staid all night.

*Sunday, 25th*—Went to town this morning and sent a letter to Tunnel Hill by Harper to Miss Nannie.



*Monday, 26th—Wednesday, 28th*—Nothing worthy of note.

*Thursday, 29th*—I went down to our old stamping ground to-day. I stopped to see Miss Eugenie Holt; had just returned from a visit to Marietta and was looking very pretty; stopped but a short time. Went on to Mr. Davis's; nobody at home but Miss Mollie. Crossed the River at Freeman's Ferry and went to Mr. Somers. Miss Maggie's husband at home. I staid all night. Miss Mattie came down this morning. I staid till about 10 o'clock.

*Friday, 30th*—I came back to Mr. Davis; Mrs. D. and husband just starting to Rome. I took dinner and left. Came in to Mr. Green's, near Adairsville, and staid till bedtime and came to Camp.

*Saturday, 31st*—Remain in camp.

*Sunday, 1st November*—I went to town and mailed some letters, and out to Mr. Mooney's, the tanner, and got dinner; came by Mr. Green's, stopped awhile and on to Camp.

*Monday, 2nd*—Remain in Camp all day.

*Tuesday, 3rd—Friday, 6th*—Start this morning I and James Pickle down the country, stopped at Mr. Gillam's and took dinner. From there to Mr. Kit Dodd's and staid all night.

*Saturday, 7th*—I met Mr. Gore there, promised to write to Cousin Serena. Came on to Mr. Somer's and then to Van Wert; staid with Col. Jones to-night; met Mr. Jones and Lady, Mrs. Cullin and Miss Lou, daughter of the Colonel. Had a candy pulling.

*Sunday, 8th*—Came or went to Mr. Carmichael's and back to Van Wert before we found him. Jim left his leather with him and we came on to Capt. Wimberly's and staid all night.

*Monday, 9th*—Came in to Cedar Town this morning. Stay all night at the Hotel, ten dollars apiece. Sold some tobacco to him.

*Tuesday, 10th*—Came out with Clan Blakemore and Fuget to Mr. Thomas. I spent the night at John Hatchers. Miss Jane Simpson was there to-night. James Pickel was not with me; the other boys went back to town.



*Wednesday, 11th*—I spent the day and night at Mr. Hatchers.

*Thursday, 12th*—Went over to Mr. Thomas'. I made a girth for him. From there to Miss Kate Carter's. Mr. Shirry and two other gents came in, gentlemanly, merry.

*Friday, 13th*—I came over to Mr. Hatcher's.

*Saturday, 14th*—Left Mr. Hatcher's and came up to Cave Spring, saw Jenkins and Capt. Hooks. Mart Lee was there but I did not get to see him. Came on to Dr. Richardson's near Cedar Town and staid all night, a very fine family indeed. Has one grown daughter. Met Col. Bryant, a Kentucky refugee.

*Sunday, 15th*—Came on to Van Wert. Jim stopped at Carmichael's and got his boots. Came on to Mr. Peck's and to Mr. Somers; stopped and spent Monday.

*November, 16th*—Came this evening to Adairsville; found our Train gone to Charleston. Slept on the ground.

*Tuesday, 17th*—Went to Grandpaps this morning and got breakfast. Jim stopped at Mr. McDow's to see Reuben Stround. Came on and we started from Grandpaps. Came up to Mr. Curtis and turned off to the right. Came up to Silvacoa and camped; got corn from a field.

*Wednesday, 18th*—Got breakfast, paid two dollars for it and crossed the River. Came on to Spring Place, got heel plates put on. Came out seven miles and staid all night. Camped.

*Thursday, 19th*—Came on to-day to Charlestown and six miles above to Mr. Calloway's and staid all night.

*Friday, 20th*—Came on through Athens, Sweetwater and Philadelphia; came out one and one-half miles and took supper at a very nice place—Virginians. Met McMahon of Company H. I and Jim came on to Camp near London.

*Saturday, 21st*—Jim went to the Com. this morning. I had an offer for my mule this eve and sold him.

*Sunday, 22nd*—We remained in Camp.

*Monday, 23rd*—Moved Camp to within two miles of Lenoir on Little Tennessee River. I went out to Mr. Vasseys; let my clothing.

*Tuesday, 24th*—All quiet in Camp. Firing at Kingston, Wheeler and Wilder.



*Wednesday, 25th—Thursday, 26th*—Went to a dance to-night. I only danced two sets. Dr. Bob was with me. Came back about one o'clock.

*Friday, 27th*—Remained in Camp all day.

*Saturday, 28th*—Started this morning on a scout through Blunt—Charley Mason, John Kelison, Jessy Kirkland. Met up with Charley Pelham and Sam Piper.

Kirkendol of Company G was with us. Found Steve Gallagher and Jim with Mr. Upton. Jim was wounded; Steve came on with us. We crossed the River at Niles Ferry and staid all night at Mr. Norwood's.

*Sunday, 29th*—We went up the road two or three miles and found all the troopers leaving Blunt. We turned and came back to Mr. Norwood's and took dinner and came cross the River to Mr. Curtis and staid all night.

*Monday, 30th*—Charley Pelham came down this morning and told the Yanks were upon us and to fall back to Mr. Upton's. Kirk was pretty merry. Went down to Hawkins to get Sam Piper and Kirkland. We came up to Upton's, met Maj. Stevens, took dinner and sent after whiskey. Upton called up his negroes and gave them some whiskey and commenced the preparation for the move. I staid with them until they started. Four of us went to Cunningham's and staid all night.

*Tuesday, 1st December*—We came to Mr. White's this morning and there left Mr. Upton and started for the Telico Plains, I, Mason and Kelison. Met Kirkland, Piper and Kirkendol; then came up to McDermot's and staid all night.

*Wednesday, 2nd*—I and Kirk went to Cagle's and got his horses. I paid 200 to boot. Met at Mc D's. Four of us staid at Mr. Hunt's.

*Thursday, 3rd*—I came over to the shop and had my horse shod, and I and Kirk came on to Carmichael's. Found Pete Kendall there. The other Boys had gone. Met Bulger Peoples. Went on to Hawkins; found all the Boys there; staid all night.

*Friday, 4th*—Started for Motley Ford. Heard the Yanks were there and started for Carmichael's. Came on five or six miles and met up with Dick Tainter of Scott's Louisiana Regi-



ment. Came on to C. and there divided; Sam Piper going to Mr. Shaw's with me and T. Had not been there long till the other boys came on. We got ready to start, and they refused and Sam piper with them. I and Tainter then left them and came on to Mr. Donohue's and staid all night. I have never taken such a pirute before nor never will again.

*Saturday, 5th*—Left Mr. Donohue's with Dick Tainter and came down to Mr. Carr's on the River, five miles above the mouth of Citico. Found them all gone up the River for North Carolina. Dick did not want to go to Blunt. We went across the River to Bright's and found several men, Briscow of Company K among them. We staid all night.

*Sunday, 6th*—We started for Holloway's with two of the Boys. We got there. Dick would go no further. Mint and Drew and Meroney all turned gack. I, Hugh Singleton and Briscow started for L. Came out to Old Major Pugh's and found the Yanks had prowled him of beehives and everything. Then came on cross Motley Ferry road and through a camp they had just left. Some Yankees on the ground laying up fences with the negroes. We came on cross Morgantown Road, found all the roads traveled by them. Came on to Capt. Dyer's, fed our horses and got supper and on to within one mile of Louisville. Stopped at Old Man Dyer's; found the Yanks in large force near him. Stopped, and fed and walked down to within three hundred yards of their camp fires. Could not get to the Planters Hotel. Came back; six of our boys were laying out in the woods near Mr. D's. We fed and slept in the barn till nearly day. Old Man woke us up, found two of the men were Carlton and Patton of Company F; others were Morgan Men. All came out to a thicket and spent the day.

*Monday, 7th*—Came in this evening to Mr. Dyer's, found the Yankees all gone, got supper and went down to the Planters, spent two or three hours. Gardner sold them a horse. I must take Miss Kate one. Came out to-night to Mr. Dyer's, warmed and came on to Lige Jim Henry's. I passed as a Yankee with Mrs. Henry. Came on to Mr. Holloway's and to Mr. Bess's and got dinner.



*Tuesday, 8th*—Came on to Mr. Bright's and staid all night; rained all day.

*Wednesday, 9th*—All quiet to-day. Didn't move.

*Thursday, 10th*—We start for Longstreet for or via Sevier. Gave it out and started for the vicinity of Bess' Mill. Went to see Mr. Jo Gray, a Lieut. in the Yankee Army. He was not at home; took two horses and a negro. Came on to McCully's and got two of them, two guns and one pistol, two horses. Came on to Bess' but found them all gone, then came gack to Mr. Bright's.

*Friday, 11th*—Started this evening for Sevier, got as far as Little River at Mr. McClane's and turn back. Two Yanks rode right through us. Came on by day near Mont Vale Spring. Stopped and got breakfast. Saw two Bushwhackers but could not catch them. Met Mr. King at the Springs. Came on over to Mr. Gomly's.

*Saturday, 12th*—I staid all night at Mr. Cutcherson's.

*Sunday, 13th*—All started to-night for Louisville. Rained and we separated; I, Smith and Alexander leaving the crowd at Mr. Everett's. We stopped at Mr. Best's and staid all night and all day.

*Monday, 14th*—Start to-night for Sevier; ran into the Yanks at Maryville; my saddle turned; I lost my horse. The Boys abandoned theirs and we made our escape on foot. Worked our way out to McClaine's on Little River just at daylight, but he would have nothing to do with us; could get no assistance from him. Came down the River and lay out in a little mot of timber.

*Tuesday, 15th*—Came to Hiram Bogle's, crossed the Little River at Finley's, the Sheriff of the County. Got to Bogle's and got a snack to eat. Mr. Bogle had taken the oath and would give me no information, only directions to Tim Chandler's.

*Tuesday, 16th*<sup>1</sup>—Came on to Chandler's, got lost on the road and had to stop and inquire at a house (John Robinson's). He told me about the Home Guards being in the neighborhood. I or we went on until we got to the house where they were camped

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<sup>1</sup>There is confusion of days and dates from "Tuesday, 16th" to "Thursday, 25th;" for the 16th is Wednesday, the 17th is Thursday, etc.



or near it. The road forked and I went up to inquire about the road. Found 'twas not a dwelling and saw the Home Guards through the window. Went on to the next house, Mr. Johnson's, and got the information and traveled on. Got to C's 1 o'clock at night, found Mr. Houck there. Boys staid at the house while I went to the house. I took supper with them and got some meat and bread for the Boys. Miss Rogers was there. I could get but little information from Chandler. I went to the barn and we went into the straw to stay next day and cross at Bradson's next night.

*Wednesday, 17th*—This morning the Home Guards got on our tracks, and by the aid of Citizens found us and carried us back to the Academy. Randell is Capt., Cresivell first Lieut., Rose 2nd, Moore a Private, Ingle, Keener and others.

*Thursday, 18th*—Start this morning for Knoxville; get in bout 1 p. m. Capt. Barnetts takes charge of me and sends me to Prison.

*Friday, 19th*—I find one of the 11th Texas here, three or four of the 2nd Georgia. I send out a summons to the Lodge for assistance; two members call on me and promise to attend to my case, but I hear no more from them. Another squad of 96 prisoners came in, also three of Morgan's men, Messrs. Church and Smith.

Maj. Smith of Wheeler's staff called on us. Two other squads came in. With the last came Will Morton of the Battery or Company F. Alexander takes the oath and left us. Morton, myself, the two Churches and two Smiths form the mess.

*Sunday, 21st*—Parson ————— preached for us this evening.

*Thursday, 25th*—A dull Christmas. Receiving one-quarter pound bread a day and bout one pound beef, no wood hardly—freezing and starving by inches. All this brings me up to the 29th Monday. Morton tried to get to see his sister but could not. The Parson came in and informed him that she died at 3 o'clock this morning. Such is the fate of war. In 150 yards of her and yet could not get to see her.

*Wednesday, 30th*—Morton out on street parole.



*Thursday, 31st*—Miss Anna Brooks came around, Miss McMullin with her, brought me a pair of socks. I sent a note to Mrs. House by Hupplits to-night.

*Friday, 1st day of January, 1864*—Received one pair of drawers from Miss Nannie Scott, two shirts from Mrs. House. One hundred and fifty of the prisoners start to-day for Strawberry Plains. We go to-morrow.

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Dodd was sentenced to death on or before January 5th. An extract from a letter by the general commanding and dated at Knoxville, Tenn., January 17, 1864, reads:

“I also avail myself of this opportunity to forward an order publishing the proceedings, findings and sentence in the case of Private E. S. Dodd, Eighth Texas Confederate Cavalry, who was tried, condemned and executed as a spy.

“I also inclose a copy of an order which I have found it necessary to issue, in regard to the wearing of the U. S. uniform by Confederate soldiers.\*”

“\*Inclosure No. 7 (here omitted) contains General Orders, No. 3, Department of the Ohio, January 5, 1864, promulgating charges, findings and sentence to death in the case of E. S. Dodd, Eighth Texas Cavalry, arrested and tried as a spy.”—*War of the Rebellion*, Series III, Vol. 4, p. 53.







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