

# Calendar for 1861.

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# DIARY FOR 1861.

January,

TUESDAY, 1.

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*J. Blakelee*  
*James Baker*  
*Wm Murphy*  
*John Hill*  
*Richard*  
*Redman*  
*Stewart*  
*John Welch*  
*Shaffer*  
*Hallett*

WEDNESDAY, 2.

*E. Ballou*  
*John B. Maguire*  
*G. P. Green*  
*W. L. Martin*  
*Kerr*  
*W. S. C. C. C.*  
*W. S. C. C. C.*

THURSDAY, 3.

*McGinley*  
*Adams*  
*Murray*  
*Barry*

January,

FRIDAY, 4.

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SATURDAY, 5.

SUNDAY, 6.



May,

SUNDAY, 19.

1861.

MONDAY, 20.

Started from Birmingham, Erie Co V  
in company with Delos Alden for Cleveland  
and to enlist in the Cincinnati Reserve  
Cavalry under Capt. James E. Stacy  
left Birmingham about 1 P.M.  
arrive at Wakenau at 6 P.M. Stay  
all night

TUESDAY, 21.

take the Morning Express for Cleveland<sup>nd</sup>  
and arrive at 1/2 past nine A.M.  
and enlisted immediately left  
Cleveland for Camp Clay at 3 P.M.  
and had a pleasant night. Trip with  
out supper Capt. Stacy with about  
20 recruits with us

May,

WEDNESDAY, 22.

1861.

THURSDAY, 23.

arrive at Camp Clay about 8 A.M.  
and ate my first meal in this  
Campaign it was composed of riley  
Coffee fat pickled Pork and Bakers  
Bread without Butter although I  
had fasted 20 Hours the first Patients  
did not go down very rapidly our  
Quarters are in an old Stable our  
Beds have straw in the Stalls, fleas  
and other vermin for Bed fellows

there is nothing worthy of note to  
say Delos is not very well satisfied  
with his condition and cannot see  
the Charms of Camp life. Delos  
and myself are going to try sleeping  
out of doors on a pile of Lumber  
to escape being perforated by  
those little friends who stick  
closer than a Brother in the old Barn

FRIDAY, 24.

passed the night quite well but  
was somewhat disturbed by the  
Corporal of the Guard calling his  
reliefs there has nothing occurred  
to day to disturb the serenity of  
our Camp



May,

SATURDAY, 25.

1861.

passed the night on the Lumber pile and feel quite refreshed with the exception of now and then a sore spot where the boards were hard there has nothing of importance occurred to day some of the logs got tight and brought up in the Guard House

SUNDAY, 26.

Delos and me made our first <sup>at</sup> washing cloths to day and did a good job attended church on the Regimental Parade ground. Made supper on dry bread and Rily Coffee stinking beef was served to those that wanted it there was a good deal of Corn plaint among the Men

MONDAY, 27.

Have been in camp all day nothing new occurred I just think I could enjoy the comforts of home if I was there once more

May,

TUESDAY, 28.

1861.

the same monotony as yesterday with the exception of one or two small fights the result of imbibing too much 40 Rod Whiskey

WEDNESDAY, 29.

there has been some stir in camp on account of a misunderstanding in regard to the length of time the Men have enlisted for many say there was fraud used to get the names on the Rolls

THURSDAY, 30.

everything is quiet to day the excitement of yesterday has died a natural death



June,

WEDNESDAY, 12.

1861.

June,

SATURDAY, 15.

1861.

THURSDAY, 13.

Major Burbank commenced mustering for the 3 years term to day and got through with 3 companies the men are very enthusiastic and cheer after cheer makes the Melkin ring as the ceremony is finished with each company.

SUNDAY, 16.

FRIDAY, 14.

Delos and me were mustered into the service this P.M. by the Major and now feel certain we have sold out to uncle Sam for 3 years I was sworn in as ~~Second~~ Sergeant Delos as fifth Corporal

MONDAY, 17.

June,

TUESDAY, 18.

1861.

June,

FRIDAY

21.

1861.

received cloths to day they are  
~~very~~ poor and the Men are not  
satisfied with them but are oblig-  
ed to take them to cover their  
Nakedness tomorrow we go to  
Cincinnati for our Colors

WEDNESDAY, 19.

SATURDAY, 22.

this Morning we were Mustered  
and inspected preparatory to  
going to the City about 7 O'Clock  
we got on board the Boat and  
slipped down to the City Marched  
through the principal streets making  
a Splendid Show and then re-  
turned to our old Quarters at  
Camp Clay

THURSDAY, 20.

SUNDAY, 23.

forenoon passed off quietly the Men  
cleaning and Blacking their shoes  
for divine service at 2 and  
Dress Parade at five O'Clock P.M.  
we fell in and Marched out to  
Church and then for Parade  
there was a great many Spectators  
and we made a Splendid  
Appearance



June,

MONDAY, 24.

1861.

receive marching orders to day draw  
and cook 3 days Rations and be  
ready to start early in the morning  
Camp quite lively every body at  
work

TUESDAY, 25.

We struck tents this morning  
packed our traps and got on the cars about  
noon and arrived at Camp Dennison  
about 2 P.M. March to our new  
quarters and spend the balance  
of the day in arranging our  
shanties

WEDNESDAY, 26.

Drill but little have been at work  
arranging our house affairs and  
have at last got settled down  
in our new homes which are  
very much like the Irishmans  
shanties

June,

THURSDAY, 27.

1861

Sent Etobis home and then went  
over to the 70 and saw some  
of the Burg Bay had a good  
visit.

FRIDAY, 28.

Saw Whit Farmer in the  
8 Ohio

SATURDAY, 29.

7th Ohio left Camp Dennison  
for Western Virginia

July,

SATURDAY, 6.

1861.

DECEMBER 26, 1893.

**THREW SAND IN HIS EYES.**

Cleveland Footpads Adopt New Means for Robbing Men on the Street—Nathan Muttler's Experience With two Highwaymen.

Progressive Cleveland footpads no longer sandbag, chloroform, or "hold up" with revolvers their intended victims. Dust is now thrown in the eyes of a man who is to be robbed, and before he recovers from his surprise the highwaymen manage to obtain his purse. Nathan Muttler, who is employed by Bruce Craxford, of No. 232 St. Clair street, was returning from his work last evening, and had reached the corner of Fountain and Ontario streets, when he was assaulted by two men, one of whom threw sand in his eyes and then held him while the other rifled his pockets, and took from him \$101. Owing to his having been blinded by the sand he cannot describe the footpads.

MONDAY, 8.

receive Marching orders and start early in the Morning for Western Va the Boys are much pleased at the idea of going into active service

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July,

TUESDAY, 9.

1861.

Left Camp Denison this Morning for Cincinnati to embark on the Boats for Western Va, on the way to Town some of the Boys got drunk and were placed under arrest and it was Aldens damned luck to have them in Charge we got safely on board and started about noon the Day is very pleasant

WEDNESDAY, 10.

I have enjoyed the trip very much so far the scenery on the Ohio is very beautiful every thing passes off well

THURSDAY, 11.

we arrive at Gaysandotte this Morning before Breakfast and march into Town the Rebels fled on our approach we took some prisoners and some Contraband property



July,

FRIDAY, 12.

1861.

about 2 O'clock A.M. the long Roll was beat and we turned out and march double quick to Camp Crittenden one mile in rear of Fitzgerald expecting every moment to hear the sharp report of Rebel Guns arise safe and expected the attack to begin soon but no attack was made.

SATURDAY, 13.

this morning Col Woodruff sent about 3 hundred men to take possession of the heights at Barborsville seven miles up the G. River the place was held by 600 Rebels our men took the Hill and Town at the point of the Bayonet the remainder of the Regt followed to day

SUNDAY 14.

every thing is quiet to day and we are in camp on the battle field our loss two killed nine wounded Rebel loss 15 killed but we cant find out the number of wounded this is called Camp Woodruff

July,

MONDAY, 15.

1861.

we started this morning for Pocotalie<sup>co</sup> Creek 40 miles from Camp Woodruff and made about half the distance the Pocotalie enters into the Kanawha River 25 miles below Charlestown

TUESDAY, 16.

started early this morning and reached our destination about 7 P.M. the men very tired have lain down to sleep on the cold damp ground with Heavens own blue for a covering this is Camp Poco

WEDNESDAY, 17.

the Battle of Scary was fought to day between the 12<sup>th</sup> Ohio and 1500 Rebels the 12<sup>th</sup> was driven back to camp with but little loss the fight began at 2 P.M. and lasted 2 hours and 10 minutes Col Woodruff & staff and two Capt<sup>s</sup> of our Regt and Col Debillers of the 10<sup>th</sup> are prisoners of war

July,

THURSDAY, 18.

1861.

every thing quiet in Camp today

FRIDAY, 19.

all Well the Boys dont find  
Va to be a perfect Paradise

SATURDAY, 20.

Camp still quiet no signs of rebels  
in our immediate vicinity

Poco

July,

SUNDAY, 21.

1861.

our Co has been Scouting to day we  
ventured up the River till we got  
opposite Camp Cole two Miles above  
Scary saw 300 Rebels drove in  
there Pickets 20 in number and  
brought in 15 Calves 25 Hens 1 Turkey  
and one Goose as prisoners of war

MONDAY, 22.

Dispatches say Camp Cole is <sup>not</sup> evacuated  
and no Rebels between us and  
Charleston 25 Miles up the River  
where we expect they will make  
a stand it has rained all day  
and night Chicken stem coffee Pancakes  
for breakfast 1 Ky came into Camp  
with one Major and one Private  
as prisoners

TUESDAY, 23.

Delos is Sergt of Picket Guard today  
the storm is over and the Spikes  
forth in all his glory once more  
Drill all day two men play with Guns  
Gun discharged tearing out the barrel  
of one man our Drummer desert  
ed Cook 3 days Rations



July,

WEDNESDAY, 24.

1861.

left Peco this morning early with 3 days Rations for Charleston his Dyers Creek where it <sup>was</sup> said the Rebels <sup>were</sup> are entrenched on a Hill with the road running around 3 sides of it but when we got there they were gone we camped 14 Miles from Charleston

THURSDAY, 25.

got an early start the Rebels slowly retreat giving us the road we burned the wooden Barracks of Wises Brigade 4 Miles below Charleston are in Camp on the River bank opposite the Town waiting for the Bridge to be repaired it is a wire one and cost 1,550,000.

FRIDAY, 26.

repairs on Bridge complete we start about noon and make 16 Miles the wagons are left in the Road while we sleep in the Cornfield without Blankets or Tent had one Cracker for supper the Rebels still retreat we have marched all day as rear Guard and did not go to sleep till one o'clock at night

July,

SATURDAY, 27.

1861.

Starte early and march to within about 22 Miles of Gausley Bridge and camp in a wheat field it rains very hard and our situation is anything but pleasant

SUNDAY, 28.

March 16 Miles to day and camp on a little Mountain stream the Rebels burned their last Steam Boat to day to keep it from falling into our hands its name was Nanny McBurnie

MONDAY, 29.

Moved early this morning and arrive at Gausley a little after noon halted for lunch then sent a strong detachment across the River they captured 1200 Stand of Muskets and Rifles and a large amount of Bakon the Bridge is entirely destroyed

July,

TUESDAY, 30.

1861.

Scouting are sent in all directions returning they bring in prisoners who take the oath willingly and then go Scot free such treatment will never subdue the Southern braves

WEDNESDAY, 31.

every thing quiet in Camp parties are still scouring the Country with various success they are bringing in nearly all the inhabitants of this section who are all required to take the oath

August,

THURSDAY, 1.

We have commenced building earth works and other fortifications and intend to make it a strong hold and the Head Quarters of the Kanawha Division the Camp is quiet and no signs of our moving from this place very soon

August,

FRIDAY, 2.

1861.

nothing of interest to day we have to furnish 40 men each day for duty the 11<sup>th</sup> Co is in Camp on the River bank below us they sent out a scouting party to day

SATURDAY, 3.

There it not for the heavy duty we have to do in the way of Guard and Police we would spoil and get mouldy in our tents no news of Wise's whereabouts and we feel as safe here as if at Home

SUNDAY, 4.



August,

THURSDAY, 29.

1861.

7 P.M. Company go to Camp <sup>near</sup> Spu  
at the Mouth of 20 Mile Creek  
and six miles from the Mouth  
of Gauley River

FRIDAY, 30.

SATURDAY, 31.

September,

SUNDAY, 1.

1861.

our Company was sent to Scout  
up Bell creek to see if there was  
any Rebels there. We had gone but  
3 miles when we heard of 50 or 60  
of them up on Blue Cr and started  
for their supposed camp arrived  
a little before sundown and  
surrounded the House of one  
Person he fired first and killed  
Beckman but was immediately  
shot and **MONDAY, 2.** Bayoneted <sup>by</sup> <sub>our men</sub>

Slept in the Mountains and  
arrive in Camp at 9 A.M. Gen.  
Cox sent out a Squad of  
Cavalry to bring in our dead  
Comrad

TUESDAY, 3.

this Morning the Corps was  
escorted to Camp Gauley and  
entered with Military Honors  
our Scouts bring in Lots of  
Prisoners

September, WEDNESDAY, 4. 1861.

Scouts bring in more Secesh  
Who took the oath

THURSDAY, 5.

have had some company the  
People visit our camp daily  
bringing fruit and Goods  
to trade for such of our  
Rations as we can spare

FRIDAY, 6.

to day sent Scouts towards  
Summerville & Craft Lanes to  
discover the Numbers and  
position of the Rebel force  
nothing new in camp

September, SATURDAY, 7. 1861.

Delos with one Man and the  
Capt went out toward the  
Hawks nest returned at dark  
tired and hungry met with  
no adventure traveled 18  
miles

SUNDAY, 8.

have been down to Gausey with  
Delos had a short visit with  
Blandin Jay Lewis and others  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> Co. get back at  
6 P.M. orders to March Cook  
two days Rations

MONDAY, 9.

two Companies of the 12<sup>th</sup> Co arrive  
this morning we fall in and  
March in the direction as  
far as Peters Cr where  
we halt for the night and  
lay on our arms



September.

TUESDAY, 10.

1861.

Major Hines sent out parties to discover the position of the Rebels one with Capt Stacy and the other with a Lieut of the 12<sup>th</sup> Millers was mortally wounded both parties returned with the discovered information fall back to the head of Little Elk remains till 2 P.M. and march to Spencer

WEDNESDAY, 11.

remains in camp all day nothing to do

THURSDAY, 12. -

Lieut Miller died today at Gauley. News of the Battle of Carnifax ferry and the defeat of the Rebels under Floyd by our forces under Rosecrans Battle fought on the 10<sup>th</sup> Rebels retreat in the night loss 15<sup>000</sup> Rebels loss much greater

September.

FRIDAY, 13.

1861.

March to Gauley this evening and Cook 2 days rations after dark

SATURDAY, 14.

Strike Tents and march to Dog Wood Gap the Boys burn a large House at Camp Cove Sleep on the ground covering is the clear blue sky

SUNDAY, 15.

Good breakfast and start for Camp Lookout six miles distant and 23 from Gauley Bridge arrive about noon and Pitch Tents on a high Hill decidedly the best Camp we have seen in Va

September,

MONDAY, 16.

1861.

Some of the Boys have been out  
and found some fresh meat  
and fruit which they thought  
was Contraband and Confiscated  
in the name of the 2<sup>d</sup> Regt

TUESDAY, 17.

WEDNESDAY, 18.

September,

THURSDAY, 19.

1861.

the Boys have made their <sup>an</sup> Custom  
excursion and almost every  
Plant is filled with the produce  
of the Country

FRIDAY, 20.

March to Millers ferry,

SATURDAY, 21.

Slept on the ground



September,

SUNDAY, 22.

1861.

2 A.M.,

MONDAY, 23.

we struck Gents this morning and started for Sewell Mountain 10 miles distant roads very bad did not arrive till dark the Rebels fell back to Meadow Bluff at our approach

TUESDAY, 24.

this morning the 11<sup>th</sup> Co drove in the Rebel pickets at the same time our Battery opened upon them but was ordered by Rosencreans to cease firing started with the Co to reconnoiter the Rebel camp to the east of us drove in their pickets and took one prisoner

September, WEDNESDAY, 25.

1861.

Scrimishing between the pickets Rebels building fortifications Meadow Bluff 1 and a 1/2 miles from our Battery our Officers are looking at them through their glasses

THURSDAY, 26.

now we have got within <sup>ing</sup> speaking distance, I don't think there will be any fight our Officers still watch the movements of the Rebels but do not fight

FRIDAY, 27.

still in sight but doing nothing pickets work slow the men are spoiling for a fight but will be disappointed

September,

SATURDAY, 28.

1861.

every thing quiet, Rebels still entrenching while our Officers are still gazing at them in amazement as it were wondering how the Cowards dare through up breast works in the very mouth of our Cannon

SUNDAY 29.

Occasional Shots

MONDAY, 30.

the Rebels seem to have their works completed and their sentries can be seen walk<sup>in</sup> back and forth on the walls our Officers trying to look them out of their works without firing a gun think they will have a good time of it

October,

TUESDAY, 1.

1861.

things move along as usual both armies keep quiet one is afraid of the other dare not make the attack here we lay as unmoved as if there was not a Rebel on this side the blue Ridge we get no mail up here

WEDNESDAY, 2.

every thing is quiet to day the Officers still gazing through and about as much through cut Gaps as any other there is not much prospect of an advance on our part and if we fight it will be when we are crowded into it

THURSDAY, 3.

the two opposing armies of W Va are still in sight of each other with the death dealing weapons of war in their hands one waiting for the other to open the Ball which I think will be a miserable affair and poorly attended



October,

FRIDAY, 4.

1861.

no one knows what next here  
we lay on our arms expecting  
to fight

SATURDAY, 5.

Scout came in and reported  
large reinforcements in the  
Rebel Camp expect to be  
attacked at 2 A.M tomorrow  
ordered to cook 2 days rations  
and be ready to march at  
Tattoo

SUNDAY, 6.

Struck Tents last night at  
Tattoo and stood with our  
Guns in our hands until  
near daylight when we march  
in front to cover retreat of Main Body  
This troops are burning tents grub  
and camp equipage drive at too  
hout about sundown in a severe  
Storm of rain Cold, Wet, Tired, and  
hungry as well as worn out

October,

MONDAY, 7.

1861.

2 P.M. pickets attacked by a Squad  
of dismounted Dragoons and driven  
into Camp they were soon rallied and  
went back to their Station Capt.  
Stacey lost a Horse and cap it  
rained hard all day Delos was  
Sergt of the picket guard

TUESDAY, 8.

rained all night sleep in wet  
Clothes get orders to day to  
cook two days Rations

WEDNESDAY, 9.

Struck tents this morning and  
march to camp Mountain Cove  
arrive about 2 P.M tents all  
pitched and coffee steaming  
on the fire take some coffee &  
bread and start for wild grapes  
find some Apples two miles  
from camp

October,

THURSDAY, 10.

1861.

Boys out as usual bring in a supply of fresh meat fruit and fowls Patrol after them but did not catch them

FRIDAY, 11.

Western Va can beat the world for rain

SATURDAY, 12.

just begin to feel at Home when the Orderlys Call is beat and we receive orders to cook 2 days Rations and prepare to march Camp lively men going in all directions with Pans and Camp Kettles drawing and cooking Rations

October,

SUNDAY, 13.

1861.

Strike tents and march to Thompkins farm 2 Miles from old Camp Gauley our tents were all pitched and ready to receive us the day pleasant March easy the men are well pleased with getting back

MONDAY, 14.

TUESDAY, 15.

get a pass and go to Gauley see some of the B-Boys and dine with G Blandin had a good time get back in time to drill with Company



October, WEDNESDAY, 16. 1861.

Drill from Dewey Morn  
till dusky eve

THURSDAY, 17.

Very lively times the diffe  
rent Camps are all drilling

FRIDAY, 18.

Delos under arrest for Rail  
Stealing

October, SATURDAY, 19. 1861.

Hot days Cold nights

SUNDAY, 20.

no drill to day sermon at 3  
P.M Dress Parade at sundown  
Regt looks well enough to show  
its self on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in  
any City

MONDAY, 21.

Delos has drilled all day and  
has tried all summer to find  
the charms of a Solders life  
but cannot see the joke nor  
where the laugh comes in to  
To make the best of it he  
thinks a dogs life is prefe  
rable

October,

TUESDAY, 22.

1861.

a Soldiers life in camp is  
like a Womans work never  
done

October,

FRIDAY, 25.

1861.

the Rebels are undoubtedly taking  
position and we may wake up  
some morning

WEDNESDAY, 23.

Some signs of Rebels on the  
other side of New River such  
as smoke and an occasional  
Wagon passing on the road

SATURDAY, 26.

Rebels more bold can see them  
happening in Squads

THURSDAY, 24.

More signs of Rebels they appear  
to be taking possession of the  
Hills

SUNDAY, 27.

Rebel signs more abundant  
we do nothing Comp<sup>y</sup> turn out  
well at Dress Parade with  
white gloves Capt good for  
the 4<sup>th</sup> of July but worth  
nothing for rough service





November,

SUNDAY, 3.

1861.

the Battle continued all of this day  
We have one killed & several wounded  
most of Rebel shot fall in  
Rivers do us little harm our Regt  
is held in reserve at Camp Sham  
skins

MONDAY, 4.

go in again at sunrise firing  
doing our side no harm at 2 P M  
commence firing at Camp Sham  
with one Gun we run and pick  
up pieces of the shells after they  
burst our Cavalry had to get out  
of the way we received our  
pay to day

TUESDAY, 5.

and still they burn powder the  
Battle has raged all along line  
to day no loss on our side our  
Wagons have to travel nights  
to prevent being fired into we  
can tell nothing about the  
Rail loss

November,

WEDNESDAY, 6.

1861.

Rebels seem to like this kind of fighting  
they are out of danger so are we their  
shot do not tell on this side they have  
kept up the fire all day annoying our  
train but do no damage our Cannon  
answer them shot for shot while our  
small arms keep up one continual  
rattle every thing quiet to night  
in Camp

THURSDAY, 7.

the firing not so steady Rebels appear  
to be falling back our trains have  
been down to Gauley and back  
without being fired into there is  
not so much excitement to night

FRIDAY, 8.

no Cannonading to day Muskets  
and Rifles do the Work Bogs bent  
to cross the River and clean out  
the whole concern but the  
Genl's says no



November, SATURDAY, 9. 1861.

Yanny has caused there is skirmishing  
the pickets at Kanawda falls where  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Ky is in camp the 11<sup>th</sup> Ohio  
will cross the River tomorrow and  
say this respects to the Confederates

SUNDAY, 10.

Camp go 2 miles east of Camp to  
guard some Bridges and the Tel  
egraph Saw 6 D Confederates

MONDAY, 11.

return to camp at night and  
Cook 2 days rations march to  
ferry Cross River and take posses  
sion of mountain just left by Rebels  
get position about 12 o'clock

November, TUESDAY, 12. 1861.

4 PM have been under arms from  
midnight until now recross River  
and go into Camp at Gauley

WEDNESDAY, 13.

there is skirmishing on the Fayette  
ville road our troops are crossing  
at the falls and at New river firing  
a messenger says the Rebels are  
retreating

THURSDAY, 14.

our troops are still after the Rebels  
have captured part of their wagon  
train with 200 tents continued  
skirmishing between our boys  
and Rebel rear guard our Regt still  
held in reserve all day we found  
and with dresses & some Blankets  
knapsacks thrown away by Rebels  
killed dead by 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> along  
the road found dead 200

November,

FRIDAY, 15.

1861.

Still retreating being hotly pursued  
by our Boys lately by express days  
Gen Bonham is only 1 mile behind  
this wagon train they leave their  
dead sick and wounded along  
the road and burn their provisions  
and throw away their arms in  
their great haste to get away

SATURDAY, 16.

SUNDAY, 17.

November,

MONDAY, 18.

1861.

TUESDAY, 19.

WEDNESDAY, 20.

a man in Co B shot a nigger in  
the camp got new tents was an  
Picket took my own cartridge box  
and Deloss and did not discover  
the mistake until I came back  
to camp



November, THURSDAY, 21. 1861.

November, SUNDAY, 24. 1861.

*commenced to snow in the night  
the snow melts as fast as it  
falls and over the top*

FRIDAY 22.

MONDAY, 25.

SATURDAY, 23.

TUESDAY, 26.

November, WEDNESDAY, 27. 1861.

Nothing new we have the most  
quiet I ever knew no drill  
no Parade no nothing but  
Picket and guard duty  
besides that I feel bad  
myself

THURSDAY, 28.

this 7 P.M. Dobb & Simmons got  
125 of their money back with me  
Mr. Smith paid me for writing some  
letters it rains right along I  
am on picket up Gules mud over boots  
get under a cliff to keep out of  
rain

FRIDAY, 29.

seemed rained the entire night  
rivers rose 1 foot in an hour it  
is reported that we winter in  
Charleston & start in a few  
days some of the men are across  
Kanawha River repairing road  
Delos is happy as a Lord  
I feel old all over caught  
cold last night

November, SATURDAY, 30. 1861.

This morning storm wound up  
with snow found out the  
orderly Mr J Parkhurst  
carried tales to the office  
9<sup>30</sup> P.M. on him for a command  
as he is storm began  
again this 3 P.M.

December, SUNDAY, 1.

Still it rains lay around  
in the tent all day cold wet  
and on half Portians Delos  
on guard. Rosecrans might  
his blood fighter Cop  
in command of Post  
Brigade sick sent to Charle-  
ton

MONDAY, 2.

it is said there is a balm some  
where from all the ills of life  
it is not patent or at least  
has not found its way into  
these parts but for it still  
snows and is wet and cold  
Bud and the 11<sup>th</sup> Co left today  
to winter at Pt Pleasant  
we expect to go somewhere  
on Wednesday



Have a sore ball below my  
December, TUESDAY, 3. 1861.

night Eye  
frozen up so hard it will bear  
a man and for once did not  
Storm the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt left for Winter  
Quarters we are the only Regt  
here now Capt Simmons  
Artillery will stay here the  
28<sup>th</sup> Regt Dr M takes our  
place Spencer 6 Dollars  
for 1 pr Boots Turkeys \$1 apples  
10 pr dozen

WEDNESDAY, 4.

All frozen hard until 10 am when  
when it thawed sufficiently to make  
it very slow & horses refuse to  
draw an empty Wagon saw Col  
Moore of the 28<sup>th</sup> who is the  
Commandant of the Post when  
we leave this place which we  
hope will be tomorrow

THURSDAY, 5.

here but I am on picket with Bla  
kesly 2 1/2 miles below Sandy Bay  
Roads dreadful & turns fast at  
once in one Mudhole Genl Cop  
Moved his head Quarters this  
PM to Charleston it freezes every  
night first learned that Conger  
had gone home Simmons and  
Quart went down to Landing

December, FRIDAY, 6. 1861.

<sup>Morning</sup>  
was relieved this got a chance to  
ride to the Landing and being told  
by Capt Brown that the Regt  
would march tomorrow I went to  
Landing with Blakesly our pack  
is no more for the roads

SATURDAY, 7.

Kept well all night nothing extra  
ordinary took place except Blakesly  
W<sup>th</sup> Gurley & C Dugan went over & brought  
some Beef &c we are under no restraint  
whatever Oh how good it is to feel perfectly  
free Simmons went to Camp and  
told the Capt where we were and  
got leave to go to Cannifton -  
Sunday 4 o'clock we started on the boat  
for Charleston arrive at 8 PM without  
incident sleep

SUNDAY, 8.

Blakesly W<sup>th</sup> Gurley and Dugan  
went across the River got  
some Beef &c we are under  
no restraint whatever Oh how  
good it is to feel perfectly free  
Simmons went to Camp and told  
the Capt where we were and got  
leave to go to Cannifton have  
got a Boat to go in all right

December,

MONDAY, 9.

1861.

go into Camp at day break got fooled out of our tents went 2 miles to see the 7<sup>th</sup> Co Blandin and I Ward have gone home saw Mr Witt and others that I know found a good share of Bear Right in town contrary to orders Camp is on little Elk River at its junction with the Kanawha the same ground we occupied when we burnt up the River

TUESDAY, 10.

The wire bridge was destroyed the last heavy rains we are in a beautiful camp with the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt have a large level drill and Parade ground but Battalion Drill and Dress Parade we see steam Boats every day have a good view of the Town on the other which looks quite business like during the last freshet the water stood 2 ft deep where we are in camp we are surrounded by beautiful rich hills on all sides and we glad to get out of the wilderness

WEDNESDAY, 11.

got New Bible Society put them up night very cold ground frozen hard in the morning Boys have had a talk time in Town ask for a Church and get it signed by the Capt & Col send it in to the General this is Camp Co A

December,

THURSDAY, 12.

1861.

sun shined warm and pleasant during the day are putting floors in tents Mr Chari goes home got our stores stay in town or leave every all day about 3000 acres of land laid in our Camp Delos was on Pic at yesterday and last night

FRIDAY, 13.

Still have cold frosty nights and pleasant nights Mr Barkhurst pegged a job of cleaning out a house for a Hospital for fever I act as orderly

SATURDAY, 14.

the Paymaster was in camp with money we expect pay in a few days & am. sent back or come and take me my Furlough was ready and in five minutes I was congratulated by the whole Company on my good want to bid but could not sleep got up and sat by the stove all night thinking home



December,

SUNDAY, 15.

1861.

Made arrangements for Money packed  
up my things and went out to Town  
2 P.M. here I set on a Bed of Hay  
waiting for a Boat Deeds was on  
guard and could not get time to  
write water very fine and warm  
with heavy frost in the morning  
Sam Gen. & Co. is made a Major Gen  
leave at 9 o'clock

MONDAY, 16.

Lay up part of the night  
A man of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ky is to be  
Shot this A.M. for Desertion  
10 A.M. enter the Ohio River  
Pleasant day if I ever want to  
travel for pleasure give me a  
good Boat on the Ohio

TUESDAY, 17.

The Steward of the boat walked  
off last night and was drowned

December,

WEDNESDAY, 18.

1861.

Saw Mr. Moor of Wilmington  
Sends Compliments to Sam  
Ashcraft & Bingham and  
the Train on account of a  
Sick Man

THURSDAY, 19.

FRIDAY, 20.