Note: Diary kept by Capt Richard A. Elliott, who served from the breaking out to the close of the Civil War a officer in Company C Eastern Bay State Regiment New England Division - Captain Elliott was a native of Lowell, Mass
January
1-Wednesday

Was a very cold and dreary day. I went down town & saw Jane this morning, and this evening went down and stayed until 9 o.c. when Dr. Woods carried me back. He went into Merr-mack house and got a bottle of Gin and sent by me to use with Geo Davis & [---] Farr

It rains and blows to night the worst kind but I suppose we will now get into a warmer climate in a short time at all events we will get started.

Capt. L.S.L. to night was down and joined a masonic band I wish I had have known it sooner and I would have done the same thing.

[Illustration]
January
2-Thursday

Struck our encampment this morning at Camp Chase at 3 O Clock and waited until 1 “ before we got away. It is a very cold morning and when we arrived in Boston our men nearly froze.

We started on Boston Common nearly 2 hours had our U.S. Flagg presented us by an appropriate speech by Major General B.F. Butler and Col. French responded. great applause by outsiders.

We then took up our line of march for long wharf. where after waiting for 2 or 3 hours we are at last on board. with only one accident that was a private of Comp E. fell over-board and was drowned. Capt. Brown and his first Lieut. John Kinnear of Cambridge are our companions for the voyage.
January
3-Friday

Weather very cold and blowing very heavily at 3 P.M. the Ship drifted out into the stream and cast anchor. this I suppose is for the purpose of keeping the men on board.

When she was here before the other two regiments were all around Boston and a number of them left back. This is to be avoided on this occasion if possible.

Orderly returned from East Boston this morning. he has been sick. on account of a cold taken on our approach to Boston It is a wonder there was no more taken sick. and colds for we stood and shivered all the time and stood on line in Boston. We suffered tremendous ly. [Illustration]
January
4-Saturday

We have not received sailing orders as yet and I do not know as we shall have any for everything work or seems to against us. here we are lying here in this ship, breathing over the impure air. and laying liable to sickness as any moment.

Weather very cold and clear. I for one shall be glad when we get on our voyage to a warmer clime. for laying on Shipboard in Boston harbor with thermometer at Zero is anything but pleasant. I am already tired of it.

Nothing of interest has transpired since we have been on board our Quarters are fitted up very nice. but there are 5 of us in one state room. that will be a little close when we get where it is warmer, but nothing in comparison with the Quarters of our men. they are Quartered very close. especially in the lower hold.
January
5-Sunday

Still in Boston on board transport Constitution. no sailing orders as yet. men are grumbling about State Aid and being held illegally and all sort of stories.

Gov. Andrews has raised the deuce with our Regiment in fact we would have one of the best that ever left Massachusetts if they could have been used like men. But no we are treated by Massachusetts Executer as an illegally raised body of men with no rights or power and we Officers no commissions therefore no command over the men. but this it would not at the present time do to let be known.

General Butler says we shall have our commissions and we have recieved one months pay as Officers therefore I think we shall in the end come out right side up. for I have confidence and faith enough in his talent. and his authority in the present case. to be willing to follow his fortunes in this war. and I am agoing to if I do not get killed too soon. or die by sickness.
January
6-Monday

No very pleasant and cold
still no sailing orders. when
will they come. we are all
anxiously waiting for them

I have been waiting in hopes
I could get home and see the
folks once more but am afraid
I shall have no opportunity
I can get no furloughs for time
long enough to leave Boston
either too late for the cars, or
have not time enough to go.
January
7-Tuesday

Weather still continues very cold and no prospect of a change at present. if we should once start our men would feel better and be more contented but as it is there are vague insinuations about the authority by which they are holden. besides murmurings about the State Aid this one thing alone has caused us more trouble than all the many Regiments in the field have had through their whole campaign. and I hope it may soon have an end for men are all Mass Volunteer as much as any the Reg’t that ever hailed from there.
January
8-Wednesday

Still very cold and pleasant and but no such a thing as a sailing order has yet been recieved it is beginning to get very monotonous laying here doing nothing.

. There is nothing new to write or to say in fact we seem to be of no account to any body.

[Illustration – double page]
January
9-Thursday

No sailing orders as yet and I do not know what to think about it. It seems very strange that we can find out nothing or know nothing about our future course.

We shall know sometime where we are and what we are doing. At least I hope so.

Weather is very cold and still pleasant.

[Illustration – double page]
January
10-Friday

Another cold and wintiry day. I really think that if we ever get into warm weather.

Nothing new to write or say anything about this morning still in Boston Harbor now some 8 days. as long as the men should be allowed for their health to stay them but they must stay there untill they are ordered off.
January
11-Saturday

Weather this morning pleasant but very cold

I went on shore this evening to go to Lowell but missed the cars and have come to the conclusion that I will stop over night in Boston.

Went to the Hotel and stopped over night should liked to have gone up to Lowell but am disappointed. and do not believe I shall have another opportunity. but shall take one if possible.

It begins to grow monotonous this staying on Shipboard and not being able to get home when almost in sight of it and going away from ones home and friends for so long a time and perhaps for ever

Received orders to disembark for Fort Independence this morn one Comp. D. went down in the Saxon and they came back for another load but the order has been counter mandated. and they are to come back. When we sail for Fortress Monroe.
January
12-Sunday

Still pleasant but quite cold returned on board the Constitution this morn about 10 O Clock. have had at least one nights rest. took my breakfast at Marstons in Cornhill.

I have had no opportunity to see William or Walter Hart. since I have been here.

Had services on board ship this afternoon by the main Chaplain.

[Illustration]
January
13-Monday

Weather fine this morning and we are to start on our voyage

I without seeing my wife or any of my friends since I left home. and I suppose it will be a long time before I see them again.

Along towards night I find some of the men already begin to feel the effects of the sea sickness. and I guess they will not improve any before we get to the end of our voyage.

I hear we are to touch at Fortress Monroe. if this is so I shall have a chance to see the boys. I hope it will be so.

[Illustration]
January
14-Tuesday

Morning fair and pleasant really I have enjoyed our trip this far.

Our boys are feeling the effects of Sea sickness in its much hideous forms. some of them have hardly left their bunks since starting from Boston but keep down in that hold where they are continually breathing that confined and impure air. when if they would come up on deck they would feel much better then they do now.

Tomorrow we expect to make Fortress Monroe. and then I shall see lots of friends I suppose for there are a number of my acquaintances at that place especially in the Richardson Light Infantry.
January
15-Wednesday

On account of bad weather that is foggy and rainy. we were obliged to lay to and wait until daylight before proceeding on our voyage. there is not anything to write of interest but I find it rather monotonous being on the water and seeing nothing but the same things over and over again. but tomorrow we shall arrive at Fortress Monroe tomorrow and there we shall have a change for a day or two.
January
16-Thursday

Morning very pleasant weighed Anchor at 7 A.M. and sailed for Fortress Monroe. where we arrived at 11 ½ a.m. as we came in we passed the Pensacola. and a number of Men of War.

As we came up to the Fortress the crew cheered us and we returned but not strictly in Man of War style.

Briggs came on board and informed me that my wives father died on Sunday. the day before we left Boston. Charley or Nell I have not as yet seen but shall no doubt before I leave here.
January
17-Friday

To day we have had a large number
visitors principally from the Richardson
Light Infantry from Lowell, among
the rest were Nell. Charly was
on gaurd and could not come.

I can not get on shore to day
but shall try and do so
tomorrow if possible for I want
to see Charly and a number
of the members of that company
January
18-Saturday

Becoming very pleasant and quite warm.

I went on shore to day. went to Charlys and had supper with him and Ann. also Mr. Briggs had a fine supper of fried oysters and Beef Steak. and although Charlys habitation is not according to our Northern ideas of a tenement or a house. but still it seemed at that time a home almost for it really seemed natural little Gus is as happy and merry as possible. I had have been fortunate enough to have got on shore yesterday I should have seen Georgette & Emma. I would certainly have liked very much to have met them.

Went in and slept with Nell in bed. played serichre until quite late and had a fine time enjoying myself as well as I could anywhere away from home wife, friends and all a man has to care for. [Illustration]
January
19-Sunday

Morning very pleasant but
I find any quantity of mind
if this is the sacred soil of old
Virginny as the niggs say. I think
the soil of Massachusetts is still
more sacred.

Baked Beans and Oysters was
my breakfast this morning
at Brother Charleys. then went
down to the Hygea Hotel and
saw Mrs Bent. she was very
glad to see me. gave me
a bottle of Brandy & Peaches
which look quite nice and
no doubt they are so. I went
on board about noon after
having a very hard time to do
so. for I could get no boat
but at last went on board
with Col Shepley. Kinnear
also was with me.

We saw a horrid sight on our
way to the Wharf or rather
on the Wharf. a team which
had been drawing cannon
to the wharf on the running
gear of a heavy wagon. drawn
by 4 horses one of the axles
broke down and the horses
started on a gallop up the
Wharf. we had to jump in
order to save our own
lives. the man all this time
hanging on with his hands
around the pole. and still
holding the reins. he ran
some way, and was at
last stopped by a Zouares of
the N. York 16th the man
was not killed, but very badly
hurt. the hair all worn
from his head where it had come in contact with the mud. He was taken up and carried off. And we have heard no more from him.
January
20-Monday

Pleasant and quite warm this morning we disembarked or rather were let out of prison on to the beach for a sunning as the Colonels says. afternoon the order came for us to go and get our tents and Camp Equipage we commenced getting them at about 3 P.M. about 5 P.M. then suddenly came up a very severe Thunder Shower and as a consequence we are all well wet through to our skin and our best uniforms wet through. dark over taking us before our tents got along and then no pins with them it began to look rather hard, when we hit upon the expedient of putting them up and using our bayonets for pins. after working for some time we succeeded in getting up 5 and turned in all wet as we were for a little sleep about 12 at night some rice and sugar came from our prison and was dealt out to the men. the first thing they have had since morning except a little hard bread they had brought in there haversacks. Adjutant Dimon slept with us in our Quarters and, no distinction seemed to be made between Officers and privates for this night for all were glad enough for any kind of shelter.
January
21-Tuesday

Storm this morning does not seem to have abated any. everybody is sick and cross. we have our encampment staked out and have made some vain endeavors to strike it or pitch it I should say. but this morning it is no easy kind of a job for it is nothing but sand and very deep and we find some difficulty in making pins hold at all. Charly was up a few minutes this morning, looking same as ever good natured and easy.

The Officers went on board Constitution for our dinners but it is more than they are worth at least to me to go after them and I think I shall live here on company rations rather walk so far through the sand for them for it is very tiresome and what is good enough for the men is good enough for me.
January
22-Wednesday

Still stormy and we all wet through and have been since we landed it seems as though it never would cease.

Nothing doing to day except repitching our tents. the first time we have had an opportunity to do it since we landed. to day our pins have come ashore Stoves and funnels.

Got a letter from my wife giving the particulars death. I wish I had have known it before we left Boston. I would have gone up at any rate. and have stopped for a day or two. and have regained the Regiments at this place.
January
23-Thursday

Weather very pleasant to day.

This morning we had a fine drill
by squads this afternoon. repeated
the dose by Company on the beach.

Wrote a letter to Jane this morn
and should like very much to
get one from her. for I would
like to hear from her everyday.
but I must fain satisfied myself
with what I recieve, though since
I have arrived here I have got
a very liberal quantity but one
is never satisfied. especially
when away from all his
friends, and it makes one
feel well to read a letter
although it may even be
and old one.

The above is a mistake. I mistook the date
on my wall Memorandam Book. I took
28 for 23\textsuperscript{rd}. Weather has cleared up. Lieut.
Wiegel was here to day. had the first
drill since we landed. Capt. Shipley
is Officer of the day. I wrote to Jane
this morning.

[Illustration – Ship Island Mar. 1\textsuperscript{st} '61]
January
24-Friday

The hardest storm I think that I ever saw. Rain & Blow almost a hurricane Brent Johnson and myself went down to the Fortress. Charly urged us to stop over night but I told Captain I should come back. and we done in had to wade in water almost over my Boots in some places found some of our tents gone and find out on arriving that we were ordered to move by the Col. for fear the point would be overflowed our tents were pitched in the Soldiers burial ground and the men used grass for pillows but did not many of them find it out untill next morning.

Captain and I staid down in our tent and run the risk. did not strike on the Cooks tent went to sleep and awaited the results.

Got a letter from home this morning from my wife.
January
25-Saturday

Clear of towards morning very pleasant and quite warm we hear that in Massachusetts there is from 18 inches to two foot of snow. that is much different from what we are getting here from the weather seems more like April.

Brought back our tents and once more pitched our encampment on the beach how long it will be before we are obliged to leave I do not know but probably when there come another storm.

[Illustration – Ship Island Mar. 3rd ‘61]
January
26-Sunday

Warm and pleasant this morning. this being our inspection day our program is as follows.

First 9 A.M. formed a line on the beach for inspection by Col. French and Major Paine then marched down by the Flank a short piece and attended to the reading of the Army Regulations as with Articles of War by Col. Major and adjutants. after this some sentences by Court Martial at Fort Treble at Portland, Maine in 17th Infantry and some very severe ones to. one I remember in particular the man loses his pay through his term of service except enough to pay the washer woman & shelter. besides 3 months solitary confinement, and hard labor the balance of the period left him from his enlistment.
January
27-Monday

Warm and pleasant day

Capt Shipley and myself went down to Fortress Monroe and got Charly. and went up to Newport News. Saw Dr. Bradley and his wife on board the boat. he tells me he is at the present time boarding on the boat and that he is done at Newport News. and is going to Fortress Monroe. he is looking better than I have seem him since I have known him.

I was much disappointed in the appearance of Newport News. it is now all log huts. the Reg’t there having gone into winter Quarters. Gen. Mansfield has the command there now. and Col Pierce the hero of the Bethel fight is in command of a Regiment. the place mounts a heavy Battery of 4 Guns which commands the River and they say there. they are capable of throwing a ball 6 miles. on the land side they have an embankment thrown up, and a moat some 10 feet deep all around it this is defended by Brass field pieces of from 10 to 24 [---] it looks as though the place could hold out against great odds.

We returned to Fortress Monroe and took tea with Charly then started for our own Quarters. met Capt Brown of our regiment and Capt. Blake of N.Y. 99th went back to the
Fort and called on Lt-Col Marshal of N.Y. tenth. and Capt. Cartwright. of Union Court Gaurd. had a fine time. returned to Camp about 11 O’Clock at night.
January
28-Tuesday

Wrote home again to day to Jane

Weather fine, warm and quite pleasant.

This morning had fine squad drills of our company under Sergeants and we overlooked it ourselves. drill on the beach where it is hard and good footing. the men grumble some but they will growl and in earnest to. I am afraid before they get through their job for there is no childs play about it. and they will find thus the work must be done & without grumbling. and more than that they will find that rations will be short sometimes and not very good at times.

[Illustration]
January
29-Wednesday

Very pleasant to day and quite warm very different from our weather at home. one can hardly realize that there is at the present time about 18 inches of snow on the ground there.

We have to day our first Battalion drill this afternoon the first one since we arrived here and a very good one considering the difficulties under which we have to labor.

I hope we shall get sometime to our destination and know what we are here for and what authority we are to have to act under.
January
30-Thursday

Unpleasant this morning wrote home to wife and also got a letter from there.

No dress parade on account of the inclemency of the weather also no drills.

It is reported that these two Regiments are at last under sailing orders. I hope it is true for I am impatient to get to our destination and know what we are to do.
January
31-Friday

Charly and Ann came up to camp accompanied by Mr & Mrs Wing, Mr. & Mrs. Louger and little Gus. they brought up to us a dinner of Baked Beans. the best dinner I have had in Camp yet.

Got a letter from Jane this morn and answered it.

Company E. lost a man last night he belong in Athol, Mass. Leaves a wife and 2 children.

Provisions are being put on board the Constitution this morning for our trip to Ship Island. it is supposed.

Went down to Charlys to stoppover night wrote a letter to S.W. Stickney for him. I hope it will do what he wishes it to.

Lovrien was down to the Fort and stopped over night also.

[Illustration]
February
1-Saturday

Weather very stormy

A.A. Gilson sent to the Hospital this morning. Crazy or foolish we know not which. he made an attempt to jump overboard from the Constitution this morn but was prevented by the attendants I guess if they had not have stopped him he would not have jumped out of reach.

Capt Shipley is Officer of the day.

Lieut. Claiborne arrived here this morning has been sick.

Constitution has hauled up stream and is taking in coal.

Merrimac is expected down every night to run the blockade she will have a fine time doing it for there are some 3 or 4 Frigates ready for her besides the guns from the fort.

The Company’s had to pay $3.00 each for a target that comp. B. under the direction of Lieut. Farrons. broke to pieces and stole. they used the boards for a cook house. and we pay for them. this is military justice.
February 2-Sunday

Weather very pleasant this morn

Regimental Inspection this morn by Col. French & Major Paine.

Embarked once more on the Constitution got safely on board at about 4 O Clock P.M.

Nell & Charly came up as we were striking our encampment. Nell brought my leggins and a letter from Jane. it is just one month to day since we broke Camp in Lowell. it hardly seems a fortnight

I not feeling very well retired at about 7 O clock P.M.
February
3-Monday

Very stormy and blowing a gale mixed with some snow. very rough.

Got a letter from home this morn. she says my Photograph is a first rate one. I would like to see it perhaps I will have the privilege some time.

I have a very severe headache one of my kind.

One of the Maine Regiment fell through the hatch way last night and was hurt severely.

Lieut. Claiborne is I hear placed under arrest.

[Illustration]
February  
4-Tuesday

I am on gaurd this morn with a detail of 3 Lieutenants 3 Corporal and 42 Privates all from our Company. The weather is quite pleasant though cool and bracing.

We sail this morning at

nine O Clock for I suppose Ship Island. I would think quite likely we might have

a rough time, but still it may be a pleasant passage. 12 O.C. M. a great many of our men growing sick and I find it difficult getting men enough to stand the relief

4:45 P.M. overhauled a gunboat with signall of distress flying the first time I ever saw our flag out to sea upon our vessells hanging Union down. and I hope it may be the last for it is indeed a hard sight. this boat seems to have cast everything overboard that is any weight for she turns about very wildly and is quite light. We finally get a harness to her and take her in tow. put our bows once more in the direction of Fortress Monroe and tow this Gunboat into a safe harbor. had we have not come along just as we did I think these poor fellows would have found a watery grave.
A.A. Gilson discharged this morning before sailing on account of disability. He seems to be crazy.
February
5-Wednesday

Pleasant but very cold and Windy.
We are now on our return trip to Fortress Monroe. time 10 ½ A.M. off Cape Henry. 11 A.M. we leave our prize which we ascertain to be the Miami from Philidelphia for Hatteras Inlet. ultimate destination Ship Island.
After leaving her we get fairly started once more on our outward voyage. when after a consultation between Surgeons & Colonels we are once more turned about and headed Fortress Monroe. after arriving there. there is a man carried on shore with the small P. which I find to be the cause of our sudden turn for Port.
Captains Hart, Bates & la were on board and passed a pleasant hour with us once more and I suppose now for the last time we are now coaling up for our return trip to Ship Island where if nothing happens and we have a good run we may expect to see in about 6 days.
Commenced raining last night and continues this morning, quite stormy.

We had a visit from Adjutant Gen. Schouler this forenoon he says the State Aid laws has passed by a unanimous vote both the Senate & Legislation over Gov. Andrews vetos. this will make a much different feeling among our men.

A mail steamer came into Port who has the appearance of being fired into.

4 O Clock P.M. once more started on our voyage and if nothing new turns up we don’t work or pick up any stray vessels on our way and have to put back. we shall probably get some where sometime or other or somewhere else.

6 O Clock P.M. struck a schooner lowered a boat and went where she was and she wasn’t there having gone on his way rejoicing probably that she got off so easily.

Find my health is on the improve having eaten supper to night. the first meal for 3 or 4 times.
February
7-Friday

My health this morning is rather poor having a very bad cold and suffering from bad pains in my bones and limbs.

We are now making good headway. the weather being fine and all things now in favor of our making a prosperous and speedy voyage. the men all begin to have a cheerful look and care seems banished from among us.

Our voyage thus far has been marked with no events worth recording except the one refered to yesterday.

1 O Clock P.M. off Cape Fear we are now under a tropical sun and a genial atmosphere all is beauty and one scene of pleasure around us. one can now realize to some extent the beauties of the sea.

[Illustration]
February
8-Saturday

Feeling this morning a little more natural than I have for some days past.

The weather is fine very warm in the sun but a mild wind blowing from off shore that is very refreshing it is hard indeed to realize that it can be so cold and dreary at home though cold and dreary as it may be how much pleasure it would give me to be able at this minute to look in upon my quiet home in which has been so much of sorrow of late.

We are getting along finely on our excursion for it is so pleasant I can call it by no other name scarce a ripple on the waters. 12 M. 50 miles below Savannah on the Georgia Coast.

To night we were agreably entertained Robert Dale. a Scotchman in our ranks by singing of some old Scotch airs intermingled with characteristic Irish songs of which he is a very good singer and he is as well aware of it as anyone else. we enjoyed it much.

7 ½ O C P.M. Capt Crowley & myself sat down to take part in the performance of a challenge accepted from Lieut. Kinnear and Reed
to this effect the best out
of 20 games of Euchre. in
which Crowley & myself came
out the victors by one game.

11 O C P.M. Stripped to the drawers
and shirt Kinnear & myself had
some little amusement by
boxing and other performances
when we went to bed and
slept well until morning.
in spite of the heat. which
was oppressive. many slept
on deck in the open air.
February
9-Sunday

Commence with the weather very hot in sun but a fine air which makes it quite comfortable outside.

I had a fine bath this morn and feel much invigorated thereby.

Saw what was supposed to be the spout of a whale this morning also a number of Sharks hideous looking monsters. some Black fish also playing around us. 8 O Clock A.M. Land the Florida coast expect to make Florida Reefs tomorrow

Services on deck this A.M. by Chaplain from Maine 12 Regiment. did not know it until it was over.

Captain is quite slim. lame in his joints similar to troubles I have just got through with. our Comp is quite healthy but 3 or 4 been very sick since we started.

1 O Clock M. overhauled an American Man of War under a head of steam only supposed to be the Pensacola. 4 P.M. any quantity of small schooners on our track. 10 P.M. Revolving lights on Cardinas Reef a fine affair this is about 100 miles from Key West.
Our Officers to day have most all got a hair cutting and shaving mania. Clipped heads and mouth beards must now be worn or a man is nowhere.
February
10-Monday

7 O Clock in sight of Key West also Fort Taylor in fine looking Fort in the distance. Pilot Boats in quite a number hover around us this morn.

The sea this morning is heavier than at any time since started from Fortress Monroe. 12 M. storm but very short. it has had the effect of softening the sea and it is much more pleasant than before.

8 A.M. passed from light house on outer Coral Reef. this house is built on the ruins principle as the one destroyed on Minot ledge some years since.

2 P.M. [Day Tortugues - ?] in full sight also Fort Jefferson a very large structure said to contain within its walls 114 Acres of land.

We have now 10 O Clock P.M. quit a heavy sea and and wind on and our Boat pitches in beautifully.
February
11-Tuesday

Nothing transpired to day
worthy of note very still and
pleasant as it has been
since we landed.

Night 11 O Clock. was interrupted
in our game of Euchre by the
Champions. for 10 games in
which Crowley & myself were
the winners by 9 games.
by a Bacchanalia revel
of almost ½ the Bummers
of the Regiment drinking
Rum and singing until
1 ½ O Clock.
they had a mock trial by
Jury of J.M.G. Parker for
underlying what properties
vinegar but in reality
was whisky and poor at
that. Fuller Judge Advocate
McGee & Wells Council
February
12-Wednesday

8 A.M. Land ho Chan de Seur Islands in right this is a chain of Islands that run out from the Main land some 20 or 25 miles in length.

8 ½ Ship Island in full view a it appears from this distance like a huge snow drift fully inhabited there is a large amount of Shipping around it and to my eyes from this distance it looks quit pleasing to my eyes.

Came into the harbor about 11 O.C. A.M. Col. Jones came on board & was as pleased to see us as if we had risen from the dead. it seems us through they had completely given us up.

3 O Clock P.M. disembarked had my first ride on a Mississippi flier boat a prize taken from the rebels a huge clumsy looking affair side wheels and an independence boiler for each wheel.

Lieut Lamson of the 26 Reg’t came down and invited us that is Capt Shipely and me, Lieut. up to supper with him we had a fine supper of hard tack and salt jawh mixed with Sardines a rarity indeed.
February
13-Thursday

Wrote home to Wife this morning to send by Kimball who is to return in the Constitution. some 16 to 18 mechanics are going home.

Found the heat rather severe for the head went down and got a [strun - ?] at the expense of 25 cents find it an improvement.

Lieut Lovrien is on gaurd duty to day. we are building ovens and having a general fix up to day and trying to have an encampment in some decent shape but do not know how we shall succeed.

Capt Browns men struck a rich streak to day, digging for bricks they brought to light a lot of china, plates, saucer and other kitchen utensils. Quite a relic of Southern Chivalry.

2 Rebel Steamers in sight to day cruising around to find out what we are doing I suppose. Our Gunboats went in pursuit but their search was useless.

Got our orders from Brig. Gen. Phelps. programs of drills and duties. Our camp is named Camp Thompson in honor of Col N.A. Thompson of Boston.

Col Farr, Geo Davis, Capts. Warren, Dickersman & Lieut Lamson, Chaplain Babidge, had quite a tea party.
February
14-Friday

Weather cold windy and stormy very fortunate we arrived here as we did or our passage would have been a hard one and probably dangerous.

Wrote a letter to Pond, Charley Kimball and done up a parcel and gave to Mr. Kimball to give Jane for me when he gets home. Some 18 of the Mechanics are going to return home in the Constitution.

One of the men who came out with us for the Battery has died and was buried to day. the 26 Reg’ t. Band played for the funeral. the coffin drawn by two horses and covered with our countrys flag. followed by the members of the Battery passed here about 4 O Clock P.M.

We have had another accident here to day while getting our baggage on shore by the Lewis she ran aground and in their endeavors to get her up to the wharf the Hauser slipped and one man was quite seriously injured. he now lays insensible his name was Hopkins and he was Boss Waggoner of the Maine 12th.

We wrote to Westford Selectmen about Gilsons State Aid. also to S.W. Stickney about allotment rolls of the same.
February
15-Saturday

Very Stormy and extremely cold. The boys from the 26th Regiment say it is the coldest it has been since they have been here.

Lieut Lovrien on fatigues & police duty for the day. Here our gaurd duty keeps a gaurd on duty most of the time for 12 hours.

One of the Rangers died on board the Lewis last night his disease I have not been able to find out.

The Niagara just came in towing a small schooner the story here is that she sailed boldly up to her and gave Nigara 2 or 3 shots supposing her to be the Constitution but she got slightly mistaken the Niagara opened her ports and gave her a few shots which took out her mask she surrendered and the Niagara took her in tow and brought her into this port.
February
16-Sunday

Inspection of Company Quarters
Captain and Lieut both used
up and our Company on
guard duty.

Stormy and very bad day for
duty our duty is more for
a school than any other
purpose.

Nothing transpired worth noting
I remained until 1 O Clock
went to Quarters and
turned in slept soundly
until morning.

[Illustration]
February
17-Monday

Relieved at 10 A.M. Rained in torrents and look as though it had just commenced it has stormed every day since we arrived except the one we landed.

3 Rangers deserted last night in a small boat, belonging to the Constitution it is supposed they have gone over to the rebels, one of them is a nephew of Jeff Davis.

Two men transferred to our company from Company B. names McIntire & Bailey

Lieut Lovrien getting much better he went up on the beach and with a squad of men and got some logs for fire wood.

The carpenters have gone on board the Constitution but she has no appearance of sailing as yet.

The English Steamer has started for New York, 6 P.M. the weather so rough she put back to port.

The 2nd Lieut of the Essex Battery has resigned he is a Frenchman. there seems to be a considerable dissatisfaction among the officers stationed here.
February 18-Tuesday

In fatigue & Police duty with the whole Company to day. our first duty was leveling up the encampment and filling holes. 2nd getting a requisition of lumber 6400 feet of boards. and 1400 “ of old lumber to build Quartermaster store house. bringing these boards from wharf to camp on our mens shoulders. 3rd pitching tents for Colonel & Major lugging stores for commissary.

The Conant boys out with knapsacks fully equipped for Shirks drill for not turning out at roll call.

Gun boat arrived to night with Paymaster Watson and his company of money deliverers on board. they report the Pensacola run aground on Florida reefs where she lay some 7 or days, stove a hole in her bottom. and they were compelled to throw over her guns and everything of any weight in order to get her off.

By order of Col French the Officers of E.B.S. Reg’t. (of nobodys any without any authority or legal right or in other words the unorganized mob from Massachusetts) attend School for the instruction of said Officers. Lesson to night on the manual of arms as far as Aim. had quite a variety of ways for the manual, not
laid down in Hardee
February
19-Wednesday

Weather very warm & muggy. a kind of an August day in Massachusetts.

Gunboat San-de-lago de luba. Arrived —

Our drill to day is in the facings and marching without arms. school lesson for to night is on the manual.

Sudden change. shower and has grown suddenly very cold. a man is not comfortable with an overcoat on. wind seems to blow right through our clothes.

Quartermaster Webb got injured badly this P.M. a barrel of sugar was being rolled from on board the Lewis. the men lost their hold and it rolled on to his legs. and gave him a very severe sprain.

[Illustration]
February
20-Thursday

Weather in the morning rather cold and windy at about noon it grew warmer and quite pleasant, thus we have one hour storming violently the next hot enough to roast a person alive.

We drew this morning our first ration of soft bread which was very acceptable to our men I find for hard bread they have become heartily sick of seeing.

Drill in morning from 8 to 9 in manual.

To day we have taken to repitch our tent and floor it over, we have made of boards a circle about 2/3 of the size and have succeeded in getting bricks enough to fill the balance. and whole new bricks the Island seems to be full of them. probably brought here by the rebels and buried when they found they were to lose possession of it.

The South Carolina came in this P.M. towing the Galveston loaded with Cotton if rumor is true. it seem the Galveston is one of the fastest vessels own by the so called Southern Confederacy and runs or did run from Mobile to New Orleans but this time she was caught by a boat much slower than herself it seems she had no steam on when taken.

5 O Clock P.M. the Pensacola has
at last arrived. she did not lose her guns as was reported but had them taken off in some small vessels that came from the shore she has the mail on board.
February
21-Friday

Weather very pleasant and warm almost a June morning at home.

7 A.M. New London in sight with 8 or 9 small vessels in tow
the story is this, the Captain ran into a small port and
sent his men out in small boats and took these small vessels. he had only 8 men left on his crew, when 2 rebel steamers hove in sight and took after him, he run untill thought he should lose his men and prizes to. so he turned and chased them. they took to their heels, in turn after he had chased them out of sight he returned and took possessions of his prizes and brought them into this port.

The name of the vessel taken in yesterday instead of Galveston was Magnolia it seems the engineer undertook to blow her up and was killed, and one of the mates, the Captain is also dead. all three were buried here yesterday.

The Saxon arrived here this morn with provisions. she returns tomorrow. I have written to Wife and sent by her.

Gunboat arrived here with stirring rumors. a great fight in Kentucky a large numbers of prisoners & a decided victory.
Also Burnside has taken Roanoke Island and some 5,000
prisoners and is marching on Norfolk, meeting with great success.
They also say that Manassas has been evacuated by the Rebels in order to regain Kentucky.
All this comes through Rebel sources.
February
22-Saturday

Weather in morning very warm and pleasant. Afternoon showery and quite cool.

This is the anniversary of Washingtons birth day. we celebrate by having salute and all 4 Regiments drawn up in Regimintal line music playing Hail Columbia & Star Spangled Banner. Troops marching to their company Quarters while the music is playing Yankee Doodle.

Dr. Cleavland from Lowell, our Chaplain arrived on the Saxon yesterday. I met him to day and he is looking hearty.

I went down to the Fort & saw Gen. Skerry and passed an hour very pleasantly. thought I must celebrate so I went into Reeds and bought a little of Champagne Cider.

No drills to day since morning one hour from 8 to 9 company drill. formed in line while firing a salute of 34 Guns from the Fort.

Those steamers prizes were loaded with Oysters. To day we got 2 bags of the oysters and they were indeed a treat. Though it was hard work opening them, with an old knife.

Bill got 2 hachets, an axe, 150 foot of rope and some few other things.
February
23-Sunday

A very fine day one of the best since we have been on the Island.

Had services to day by our Chaplain. Dr. Cleavland a very fine discourse.

I took the Company out on Line. Leut Lovrien is getting ready to go up in the woods to cut timber for a log home for a cook house. he has got a large life boat and a waggon cover which John Ives & Pete Butterfield have rigged into a sail. takes with him provisions for 3 days.

The Rhode Island has arrived and brings a report that Burnside has taken the navy yard at Norfolk, but we do not put much dependence on these reports that have been brought here for the last 2 or 4 days.

[Illustration]
February
24-Monday

Warm and pleasant. Lieut and his party have gone, went of at 7 O Clock.

A man from Camp has shot of one of his fingers this morn and now while I am writing I can hear him making a terrible noise while it is being amputated.

Captain is no better and I am now in command while Bill is away. in the woods cutting timber for a cook house.

I was up to Gen. Phelps getting some information about our pay rolls. but it seems to be a very complicated affair and I do not know nor can form no idea how it will terminate.

Eastman is no better do not think he will live but a short time longer. have to furnish watchers for him every night. he has been a very sick man Typhoid Fever. has been sick since we arrived at Fort Monroe first with measles now with this vile disease.

Lieut Lovrien towed down one raft of logs to night and goes back in morning for more.

Captain does not seem any better and I have a slight touch of Rheumatisn in
my limbs to night but think
I shall work it of soon.

No school this evening but
our time is to be devoted to
the making out of samples
of master rolls for Gen. Phelps
inspection.
February
25-Tuesday

Lieut and his gang have gone back into the woods and are to finish up their work to day and I hope we shall have a cook house that will pay for the work.

The undaunted a transport from Boston arrived here this noon with horses and commissary stores, she has no mail on board I hear. I have finished my letter and am going to send it by way of New York tomorrow. I hope I shall get something from home soon for I am getting impatient to hear from there.

Our payrolls are as yet unfinished and I believe we are to have it decided to night how they shall be. Major Watson does not want to pay from enrollment but it is our due and we must have it from some source.

Our school still defered another night.

To day for the first time have had command of our Company in Battalion drill, and had fine drill and enjoyed it very much. our drill circuit ed off from line into column and all the movements embraced between, such as breaking form right and left, to front and rear, right about, and into line wheel.

Eastman to day seem a
little more comfortable. to
day some hope of his recovery.
Capt still remains about the
same. My Rheumatism is better.

Weather has been fine all day
warm but now at evening
there is a very dense fog
and it is quite cool in
fact very chilly.
February
26-Thursday

Weather this morning very warm & quite pleasant.

Last night I sat up until ½ past 12 O Clock making out our pay rolls and have not get them finished yet tomorrow is our muster day and they must be finished at all events.

To day has been a sad day with us in our company for the first death has occurred in our company. Daniel C. Eastman died this morning and at 4 O Clock P.M. we buried him under arms a soldiers life not a soldiers death he died of Typhoid fever and has been a very sick man for some time past. The 26th Regiment Band played us to the burial place. 2 horses and a wagon running gear served as a hearse. An escort of 8 men and Corp. Thos. England escorted the procession to the grave and fired 8 blank Cartridges were fired over his grave our company marched by the Flank as mourners Officers in the rear. Lieut L. & myself were alone from our Company but Lieuts Johnson & Fuller of Comp F. accompanied us in our solemn mission.

The afternoon and evening was devoted by the Company to cleaning up Equipment and getting ready for inspection and muster tomorrow.

Capt Shipley seems no better &
the Doctor does not seem to know what his trouble is any more than a boy three years old would of the same thing.

This evening we were called into the Colonels tent and some free hints about our tomorrow labors given us for our benefit and the appearance of the Reg’t.
February
27-Wednesday

Weather this morning very warm and muggy. last night a little after midnight we had the most severe thunder showers I ever saw it seemed like very like the rapid and heavy discharges of a large body of artillery. Rained tremendously it seemed like pouring water upon our tents.

The Undaunted is to day discharging her cargo of horses. which arrived in excellent condition 130 horses she started with and lost only 4 on her voyage and then by disease. The Colonels is in very fine condition. A.T. Murry arrived in the ship.

But in command on Battalion drill this afternoon. Bill got home from the woods this afternoon and brought the balance of his lumber.

Eastman seems a little better Capt about the same. I just percieve that I have made a mistake this days memoranda. Should be for Wednesday February 26th instead of to day.

Our new uniform pants have been delivered to day. I have receipted for a pair from the Quartermaster for myself to day they are very pretty.

No school this evening on account of our muster rolls not being finished. The condemned things
are more trouble to us than all the money to be received on them will pay for.
February
28-Friday

A very warm I may add a hot day. the sun beat down upon us very hard. And we have had the hardest days work since we came here. some of our men are obliged to leave the ranks from the heat and fatigue.

Our line was formed at 8 ½ A.M. for review and inspection the 26th Mass, 9th Connecticut, Maine 12th and last but not least 2nd or Eastern Bay State Regiment 1 Quadroon of Mounted Rifles on foot and Essex Battery of Mass. we marched in review at Quick time. and from thence to our Company parade ground were dismissed for about 10 minutes and then called into line line for muster and inspection Gen. Phelps called the names from the muster roll and then went through with the inspection our men were all properly accounted for and all but 2 present in line or Hospital. Captain was in his own Quarters and could not come out his health does not seem to improve any as yet.
I to day have written to Jane and have also sent a letter I wrote some 2 or 3 days since.

Lieut and some of our men are building our cook house this afternoon.

We to day hear that the N.H. 8 Regiments are on there way here and that George Ayer is in
the Regiment as a 2nd Lieut.
another old Phalanx.
March
1-Saturday

Another very warm and pleasant day. Lieut and his gang are at work on our log house.

I have been on business up to General Phelps with J.M.G. Parker about a boy he wanted placed upon our roll. we have put him on it on these conditions namely that he is to be placed on daily duty with Parker and to be learned to drum when he will be placed upon the drum Corp we to have credit for his and Hatchs rations and it will come out of the company fund.

The Pensacola has come in to day from Key West and accompanied by one of the National Gaurd ships with provisions for the fleet a move is taken if from here in some direction the South Carolina sailed from here this morning with her prize the Magnolia for Boston. she also carried the mail in which I send two letters to my wife.

Capt had his swelling cut open to night I hope he will improve after it then seems to be nothing but a swollen gland this being our holiday and no drills since morning we stroll around a little & see the sights. they are not numerous but what they are we must see.
The slabs of wood have come for Eastmans head and foot. stones I am to paint and letter it a mark I shall leave behind me for some ones to look at and wonder about.
March
2-Sunday

Quite warm and pleasant this morn formed a line for inspection at 8 ½ A.M. wheeled into column and inspections by company commander also inspections of Quarter by our selves.

The news of our victory in Kentucky is confirmed by a New Orleans paper of 4 days ago. which Col Jones got over to Biloxi yesterday in which it recognizes the likes of 25 Regiments or about 12,000 men. and a large number of Roanoke Island also also that we have possession of Columbus. in Kentucky and of Nashville Tennessee. if this is so the backbone of Secession is surely broken.

A number of men from our Reg’t this morning went up to Connecticut ninth, Catholic meeting where they have a priest.

A member of M. Rifle Rang (Rangers) died this morn and was buried this P.M. by that Company. and a portion of light Calvary Company.

Services this afternoon by Rev. Dr. Cleveland. subject 3rd Command ment. Swear not at all. he gave us a very good sermon. did a short one as he had the above named funeral to attend to. Close by repeating the Lords prayer in which he requested the Regiment to join.

Ruell N. Geenleay and 71 others passed in a petition to day for
the removal of Wm. B. Smith from the cooking department reasons they allege are these first that he is cross, second that he shows partiality and various other reasons that are utterly unfounded. we have commenced by putting the 3 first men on the list in as cooks for 3 days. and are a going to follow the list down in rotation I think it will bring them to their senses.
March
3-Monday

A very stormy night last night
Rain blow Thunder & Lighting
very severe.

This morning it is very cold
so cold we have to put on
our overcoats in order to be
comfortable. to say nothing
about being warm.

To day I have been down and
compared our Muster rolls
Gen. Phelps, Col French, Orderly
John & myself constitute the 5
witnesses required. find them
to compare perfectly and with
some few alternations the Gen.
pronounced them correct.
left one copy with him for the
Adjutant General. 2 with Pay-
master and kept one for
our own use.

I hear to night that Capts.
Read of mounted Rifles, Darwin,
of Cavalry & Solon Perkins attemp
ted to come down from the
upper end of the Island down
to our encampment. and have
not been heard from since.
it is supposed they were driven
over upon the rebel shore. if
so no doubt they will be
prisoners in the hands of the
Rebels.
March 4-Tuesday

Windy and cool day.

Battalion drill this P.M. under Major Paine. formed Square. and Countermarch Battalion. had a very good drill considering how the wind blew.

To night we have a report that Lieut Willey and some 10 or 12 privates of the 26th Regiment. who were up on the upper end of the Island chopping wood were surrounded by a party of Rebels who came in a boat from Secesh and landed surprised these men and took them away.

I also learn that Capt Reed had some 8 or 10 privates with him when he went away. & that he went without leave.

Capt Fessenden is before a court of examination for getting drunk while Officer of the day on day before yesterday. he is of the 12th Maine Reg’t.
March
5-Wednesday

Had a tremendous shower last night. I do not believe it ever rained harder and blew so hard it seemed as though our tent would blow down over our heads. the weather this morn is cleared off and quite cool.

Captain Reed and his party have safely returned and in good order. bringing with them 9 carcasses of beef they have killed and one negro not killed. it means they have been over to Horn Island and found this Beeves and killed them. to day we had some Beef Steak for dinner and a fresh Beef soup for supper.

The Rhode Island arrived here this morning from the Galveston leaves here tomorrow morn at 8 or 9 O Clock. I have written a letter to Jane to send by her.

Lieut Lovrien on gaurd to day in command of Company in company drills also Battalion had a very fine Battalion drill never have more pleased with the manner in which our men done there work.

New London took 2 deserters from the Rebel Army to day they took advantage of the storm, and stole a boat. and made there escape New London took them on board and carried them to the Rhode Island who carries them to
Boston or N. York.

A large Ship accompanied by a gun Boat came in to night. I have not ascertained her name.
March
6-Thursday

Very windy and cold this morning.

A mail arrived here to day Capt & Lieut each had letters but I none papers from the north of the 12 of Feb confirm the accounts of a battle at Roanoke Island and it is a decided victory for us.

Col Jones made a remark to his man that Beauregard & Jeff Davis were both captured but I do not place much reliance upon it.

Robert Dale sent to the Fort under charges of disobedience preferred by me. he has been repeatedly insolent and saucy to both commissioned and non commissioned officers this I think may cure him. he was talking in the ranks against strict orders to the contrary. Corporal England spoke to him but he did not stop. but instead told said Corporal that it was none of his d-d business and when ordered out to [---] by me. he said to use his own words I ain’t going to do it. when I immediately ordered Serg’t Foster to take him to the gaurd house. this evening I prefered charges against him this evening as above.

To to night I find that there are some 27 men on our rolls that the paymaster will not pay on our roll. as we have no proof that they have been mustered.
so I do not know how we can arrange it for them. but it must be done some how. for the men must have their pay.
March
7-Friday

A very cold and windy day

One of these steamers that came in last night is a Mud Steamer belonging to Secesh she seems or did seem from New Orleans to Mobile. and was taken by the New London with a mail on board. it was armed with 4 large Guns as large as any we have in use in the service.

A Gunboat came in this morn and brings news from the Idaho she is at Key West having landed her troops there on account of severe weather. as soon as the sea becomes smooth she will come on her way to this port. this Gunboat is one of 30 that have been made for this expedition and are coming here. this one is to wait until the Major General comes the 13 &14 Maine are coming here. also the Western Bay State.

The ground has been laid out for the Post Office & Express Office this morn.

A Ship and Schooner have just arrived time 10 AM said to be the North America.

Battalion drill to day consisted in the loading & firings by Battalion. I am in command.

The name of the prize men
tioned above. is the Calhoun
she had a cargo of 300,000 worth
of powder on board when
captured, which was some
6 weeks since.
March
8-Saturday

Steamer Fulton arrived here this morning she has the Maine 13 a portion of it, & the Connecticut 12th on board reports the Mississippi within 20 hours sail of her with Major General Butler on board and our 10th company.

Tremendous Excitement!! at Camp Thompson

Time 11 O Clock AM 5 Offices 1st & 2nd Lieutenants have come on shore from the Fulton for our Regiment. it seems that Major Gen. Butler has been beaten by Gov. Andrews and the results is that we have a Colonel Dudley. Lieut. Col Lincoln, and Major Whitemore besides any quantity of Lieuts. it seems as though we are to have a change in our Officers. these men having their Commission have the advantage of us. all our Lieuts are shaking in their boots every one thinking it is him of course.

To day a member of Comp E Thomas Hare. died from a fit of Appoplexy is to be buried tomorrow.

To day our uniforms Coats have been given out and fitted to our men but they are shocking fits.

Lieut Willey has returned it seems he got blown out to sea
and could not get back
went way out to rebel shore
and came near being taken
March
9-Sunday

A very pleasant day. inspection by Company commanders in Regimental line on Reg’t parade ground.

Services in Afternoon by Dr. Clinton text those who are not with me are against me he illustrated by comparing our war with Sucess like this. those that are not Union or loyal must be Secesh there can be no ½ way in the matter. this is his argument on religion and it may be a true one.

Capt Brown buried that morn of his to day. had the Connecticut Band, the Maine Regiment 12th also buried one. they had the 26th Band. Browns man was a Catholic and the Priest Officiated.

Our new Officers seem to be shunned by all of our present Officers and well may they be. for no one of us knows but our own head is to be out off to make room for them. and not many of us seem to care much. they have doubtlessly heard some remarks not very pleasant to their ears.

Lieut Frost has been down and paid us a short visit this eve had quite a nice little talk.

Col Jones and one of his Companys I. I believe, went over to Mississippi City. and after proceeding up the Wharf some 350 feet discovered a body of Rebels awaiting them with a Battery, with which they poured in a volley of Grape
and had they followed up their advantage, would no doubt have either killed or taken prisoners the whole lot. Jones men were not loaded nor had they bayonets fixed. one man only was wounded and he not severely.

Steamers supposed to be the Mississippi has been laying off all day. the Idaho has at last arrived, but like all the rest of this unlucky division, she is aground near the other shore, under the protecting wing of one of our Gun Boats.
March
10-Monday

Morning salty and very warm
Idaho still by aground although
they have thrown a number of
Barrels of provisions from on board
into the sea. Salt Beef, Rice etc.
this seems a pity when there are
a many men on the Island

This morning another War Vessell
arrived here but not the one long
looked for in which is Gen. Butler
Barney McCabe came on shore to
day and is now in our Company
he was arrested in Sewall just
before the Idaho sailed. Ansart has
not arrived yet.

The Maine & Vermont Batterys have
both come ashore to day and camped
on our parade ground. the Connec-
ticut and Maine Regiments have
Encamped on the South shore of
the Island up above the 26th Reg’t.
we must now have some 8,000 men
on the Island. this makes quite a
force. but I do not think enough
to take New Orleans. though I think
we may have an opportunity to
see before long.

To day we had our first experience
in Brigade drills. 4 Regiments
under command of Brig. Gen’l
Phelps, it must have been a fine
shore for a Spectator we had a
very nice drill though a little
severe for our first attempt.

To day I finished my equestrian
portrait of our honorable Gov
of Massachusetts, his excellency
John A Andrews. who has
sent us out a lot of his young
aspirant for military honors
Bah= all in my eye. I don’t see
it in that light. Cilligians and
Greek Scholars are not the men
for our expedition it wants
different kind of Stock, especially
when they acknowledge thy have
no military experience whatever.

This day seems winding up
with a Thunder shower and
rains quite fast.
March
11-Tuesday

Weather warm and pleasant to day and some hard work on our hands.

1 hours Company drill from 8 to 9
2 hours Regimental drill from 10 to 12
1 hours Company drill from 2½ to 3½
Brigade drill from 3½ “ 6 O Clock
if this is not some drill for one day I don’t know anything about it.

Some 20 Mortar Boats have arrived here to day shower to night.

Nothing of news to day write in fact it is but dull mornin here to make the best of it. and no doubt we shall have something to liven it up for us soon. for there are pretty stormy indications of a move in some direction very soon. our War vessels are all sending down their ships and putting them in shore and putting them in fighting trim.
March
12-Wednesday

Morning cold and cloudy. commenced raining about 9 O Clock AM bids fair for a stormy day.

No drills to day on account of the storm.

Noon a vessell have in sight that looks very much like the Constitution, there is much speculation about wether it is her or not.

3 ½ O Clock P.M. the Constitution now lays out in our harbor at Anchor. for the vessel spoken of above appears to be her. She has on board for troops. a Wisconsin Regiment. the one that relieved us at the Relay house last summer and a Minnesota and an Indiana Regiment in all 2,900 and some old men Dr. Kimballs son is also on board. they report the Mississippi at Port Royal with Major Gen. B.F. Butler and staff on board, she put into Port Royal to repair damages done her by running aground are a shoal. she has 1 whole and some 600 men of another Reg’t. on board. I also hear by the Constitution that Billy Fiske has command of a Company of Zouaris in the Western Bay State, or Mass 31st Reg’t. I hope this is so.

Constitution was fired into from [Sewalls - ?] point by the Rebels one shot [---] between her smoke.
stack and main mast. a number of then struck quite close to her, 5 shots were fired she had to go up to Newport News to get her troops as Gen. Wood would not permit them to land at Fortress Monroe.
March
13-Thursday

Morning very warm and Salty the most uncomfortable feeling day we have had thus far.

8 A.M. took our Company up to Major Watson for payment 27 of our men recievied no pay on account of an error of the Mustering Officer Capt Lemes not giving us the proper certificate to show they have been duly mustered into service.

To day we have had our usual amount of drills our Brigade was increased one Regiment. by the addition of the Maine 14th they now much better than the 12th Me although a much younger Regiment.

The Colorado attempted to come in to day but met with the usual luck and run aground. the same as [---] everything has that is connected with this division

The Mississippi has not shown herself as yet.

Ocean Pearl is discharging her cargo of horses to day.

Gen Thompson was in our Quarters to night it seems he come out on the Black Prince when she lost so many horses. started with 153 and saved only 5. he
is going to work for Reeves
the [---] of Me 12\(^{th}\).
March
14-Friday

Colorado came in this morning

My turn on gaurd again this morning an unpleasant day for it to.

Sent home by Adams Express $150.00 to my wife insured and paid the express charges to Lowell, $4.00
No# of Check 42. No# Capt check for $200. No# Bills Check for $100.00. Capt sent $25 besides his check. My check was for 125.00 and 25 in treasury notes. It goes on the Constitution.

To day has been the roughest days gaurd duty done on this Island since we have been here. a tremendous storm came on and it has rained and blown all day very heavily. The tide rose the homes from the Battery up near Reads Sutton store. and even they were knee deep in water. Our plank walk but nearly all floated from the lower end of the island and on the South shore. The water has come up so far it was found to be necessary to move the tents of the Maine & Vermont to Battery’s all those that had not already blown down. About 8 O Clock in the evening I was called upon to clean out our Sutton place when was some 10 or 12 Maine Officers (belonging to the Colorado and other War vessels in our Harbor) who came getting very drunk and noisy, had to arrest one a gunner Border kept him some 2 hours or more finally took him up to my quarters and gave him my bed to sleep
on. just at the time I put him in our gaurd tent, our gaurd tents both came both came down and we were forced to take then to a place of safety the water being ankle deep in them already and still raising finally pitched one as 11 O Clock and kept it up until mourn for our men to sleep in. Moon now shining so bright I can read a gaurd retail without any aid but the morninglight. Went up to Drs and wrote a long letter to Jane. To [---] in morning on Constitution got no sleep at all.
March
15-Friday

Relieved from Gaurd by Lieut Horn of Company A. at 10 O Clock. went down with my gaurd & fired their pieces at a target. two of twenty-two. hit the board the Best shot was from C.F.

David Young gave me $5.00 to take care of for him. he is afraid of losing or having it stolen from him.

Our Mortar fleet, or 20 vessels of is sailed from here this after noon, its destination has not been made known. It is supposed they have gone up the Mississippi. to some of their Forts if so and they succeed their will be a more room for some of us.

Bill and I walked up part all of the encampments, we now have some. 9 Regiments of infantry, 4 Batterys of Artillery, and B companys of Cavalry. our Calvary may as well be infantry for all the Horses they have here. good frames but either have never been built upon or are all worn out.

Weather to day has been very fine warm pleasant and as fine as one could ask for. No drills after 12 O Cock and no duty except getting ready for Lundry Inspection. Equipment and Quarters to be cleaned and policed the balance of the time is the mens own to do what they choose except leaving the island.
March
16-Sunday

To day by our rules or orders is my fatigue duty day. I reported with my gaurd of Friday, after Inspection go on board transport North America and unload provisions on to the Anna, and land them at the wharf. the work of 3 days is now used up by gaurd duty, and instead of the easiest duty done it is the hardest we unloaded about 200 Barrels in all to day. Flour, Potatoes, and Hard Bread. Caps of the ship asked me in to dinner with him & of course I did not refuse, had a very fine dinner got though for to day about 3½ P.M. just in time for drill parade. Bill up in the woods Horseback. and I was just in time to save his bacon.

Our Mortar fleet is supposed to have gone to fort Jackson on the Mississipi. I hope we will be successful. It is reported that 26th and 9th Con Reg’ts to here under order to be ready to more at a minute notice. If this is so probably our turn will come next. but I do want at least one letter from my wife before I leave here.

Order issued by Col French that all men must attend divine services at least once every Sunday. and all those who are well and fit for duty and do not do so will be punished to day I [---] on duty have not been able to attend. I like Dr Cleveland much and like to hear him preach.. I have now been connected with this
Company longer than I was at the Relay House but being in for much longer time I do not count the minutes at all as I did there. and am therefore astonished to look back and find how long it is ever since we left Lowell. Almost 2 long months and 6 weeks since I heard from home. I hope she has recieved my letters for she would be in a continual worry.

Paid for my Blue pants to day 2.82
March 17-Monday

Weather warm and pleasant

Relieved from fatigue this morn
no battalion will this morn
is as to give our men a chance
to celebrate St. Patrick’s day
a great portion of them being
Irish.

2 Gun. and fury boats arrived
here this morning bieng 2 out
of 4 which started pour this
place. 2 were [suncked - ?] on
the passage.

Brigade drill this P.M. from
2 until 6 O Clock 5 regiments.

Warren W. Gilson sent to the
Fort under charges preferred
by Lieut Louvren for conduct
predudicial to military discipline
and authority.
March
18-Tuesday

Weather in the morning warm and pleasant. I say warm it is so warm that Apron is uncomfortable with either vest or coat on. if at home would call it a hot day.

An Alligator was killed on the upper end of the Island this morning mustering 7 feet long

2 ships came in with [---] this morning one of them had the 8 New Hampshire Reg’t on board they have been 21 days on their passage Gen. Ayer is with them as first Lieut of Comp B. he was in to see us to day

Brigade drill this P.M. just as we got through there commenced one of their little [---] which are peculiar to the climate [---] into one of our peculiar storms of rain and wind lasted all night

News of a Heavy fight in the west in which the Rebels lose 3 Generals and a large number of prisoners. our loss was very heavy. this news came by a Southern paper found in a schooner taken as a prize by the “Black devil of the Gulf,” or as we call it the New London. Ben McCullock is one of the Generals who was killed.
March
19-Wednesday

Morning very warm and oppressive the heat is almost unbearable.

We had a Regiment drill this morn. at 12 N. it commenced raining and storm hard all the afternoon.

2 more ships arrived and the Gun boat Miami of Phila which we put back to Fortress Monroe with. [---] I hear has a large mail on board for us. it is a rainy day and I have no news to write.
March
20-Thursday

The long looked for Mississippi has at last arrived. and has on board Major Gen’l Butler and a portion of his staff. Harry Wigel came on shore and run us while we were on drill this morning was very glad to see him. now we shall soon know who are to be the Officers of the Mass 30th Capt & I have some notion of going home at any rate luck do not know fully as yet. Col Dudley was on shore and looked the Regiment over a little at dress parade but was not introduced to us. will be tomorrow Col French tells us that he will appear as our immediate Commander no more. he thanked the present officers very kindly for their attention to his orders while he has been in command and seemed to feel very bad to think some one was to fill his and some of our places.

The Mississippi has [---] Captain and mate in [---]. for [---] her on shore it seems they run her on shore 3 times on her trip. then the vessel was put into the hands of a sailing master who brought her into port.

The Western Bay State Regiment is on board and a fourth of the N.H. 8th cannot land them to day on account of the rough state of weather.
March
21-Friday

Cold and very windy day
Gen. Butler has not yet
come ashore. the tide is very
high and driving right on
shore. it is dangerous for
a boat to make the attempt

Col Dudley was on shore to day
looked the Regiment over and
consider it a fine one.

I suppose there will be some
changes in our line Officers
very soon. Though probably must
for a week or two.

No drills at all to day on
account of our [---] having
no Officers that have any
authority for the Mass 30
as this Regiment will be known
hereafter. though we are have had
no orders as yet.

Lieut Louvrin is on gaurd to
day. a nice day for it.
March
22-Saturday

Wind still blowing high and General Butler not come ashore yet.

Col Dudley came on shore and assumed command of our Regiment to day under the title of Mass 30th Reg’t of Volunteers. I have no commission or appointment in that Regiment. merely acting in that capacity.

Capt L. & Lieut L. say they are a going home at any rate. as for myself I know not what I shall do as yet no doubt I should be warmly welcomed by my wife and friends should I go, but still I do not like to go for the name of it. for nothing more. some think we can go honorably at this on that point I have yet to make my mind. if I come to that conclusion I shall return home if it is possibly. for I can never be counted under new Field and staff. and a change in the line Officers I did not want to see.

Col French made us a speech in which he gave us many thanks for our uniform [---] of his orders. and thanked us all for the assistance we have rendered him since he had been connected with us and the Regiments. when we were neither of us recognized
by Mass on every legal authority
only by our own personal friends.

Col Dudley made us an introductory speech in which I could
[---] make my mind as
to his ideas and character.
I should much prefer Col French
for a commander. and felt
very bad when I know I must
[---] him from our Reg’t.
March
23-Sunday

Pleasant and quite warm though still windy.

Col Dudley went through inspection this morning he appears like a smart man and I guess he is so.

Still more trouble Col Shipley has been appointed Brig’r Gen 12th 13th 14th Maine and our noted Regiment in his brigade. this is like the last straw that breaks the Camels back and it seems as though I could stand no more.

Freeman Butler was in this morning and says there is a package on board the Mississippi for me. I should like to see it.

Captain Brown’s Company E. has been detailed on detached service as Pioneers or Sappers & Miners. they are under orders of Lieut.— of the Engineer Corps.

Sergeant F. W. Clark of Comp E received his commission as 2nd Lieut in this Regiment to day but has not as yet been assigned to any particular Comp. probably will go into Comp. E as Lieut Gardner has the offer of 2nd. Lieut in 2nd. Vermont Battery.
March
24-Monday

Weather very fine. warm and pleasant.

One of Gen. Andrews newly appointed Lieut has been assigned to Comp. F. Relty's fire Zouares as 2nd Lieut Vici Claiborne mustered out or discharged.

Lieut Penny another of the same stamp has been appointed 2nd Vici Parker. Post Master of the Department of the Gulf as our Dept. is known now the poor N.E 2nd is no more it has had its last struggle but died game and no doubt the officer of the Eastern Bay State will also.

Lieut N.R. Reed of Comp. D has been appointed on fatigue duty permanently. got his appointment yesterday. A hard job and neither thanks or honor attached to it.

Had out first Battalion drill today under our new Colonel today. He knows his business thoroughly I should judge. and I was lucky enough to appear in command as Lieut L. was sick. Lieut Lovrin has tendered his resignation. and is going home if it is accepted. no doubt it will be for applicants for us poor unfortunate Lieuts are as plenty as fish in the sea for our positions. it matters not wether they come by them honorably or no as long as they get them. that
is all they want.

Three Rebels came over here to day from New Orleans in a small boat. they report things as getting quite desperate there now. no provisions, no ammunition & no anything, and not much feeling for Sesession. but this is all humbug.
March
25-Tuesday

Weather warm and pleasant as usual.

Santiago sailed this morning our mail contained 1017 letters to day. Sent one home to night.

Orderly Sergeant of Mounted Rifles died and was buried at 2 O Clock P.M.

The New London brought in a prize taken some 2 or 3 days since. Loaded with fur-nature. and of a very nice kind. A fine Piano was among the lot. I hear it has been turned over to Major General Butler, for his use.

The New London had quite a brush this P.M. she had 2 Heavy Gun Boats against her but did not get hurt in the least. and done no special damage to either of them. the report was that she had been captured. but at about 8 O Clock she very quietly came into the Harbor and dropped anchor. it at once removed a load from our hearts. for without her we would be in a precarious situation, for she is the only protection we have here.
March
26-Wednesday

Weather warm indeed it is a very hot day. perspiration run quite freely have an hour very fine drill as Battalion.

Lieut. Wm. F. Lovrin recieved the acceptance of his resignation. Lieut Whitcomb of Comp A being Senior 2nd Lieut. has recieved the appointment. takes his position tomorrow.

There has been quite a fluttering among the line officers to day Lieut Col Jonas H. French & Lieut Finegass & [---] mustered out of the service to day. & Capt. Nelson of Comp H. recieved the appointment of Provost Marshall for the Dept. of the Gulf. Briggs put into Comp. H. vice Finegass mustered out. Lieut. Brown into Comp. A. vice Whitcomb promoted these two last are Gov. Andrews appointment. and met with rather a cool reception. and no doubt will continue to receive all annoyances that can be given them.

To day we recieved quite a mail. I got a letter from my Mother dated Feb 2nd and one from my wife dated Feb 16th they were both very welcome although some what old. but old letters are a great deal better than none. for I now do know at least how my wife and mother were situated a little more then a month ago.
March
27-Thursday

Weather warm and pleasant this morning.

I am Officer of the Guard this day find our new regulation as guard more strict than they have usually been. I have to be up all night to night and not allowed to take off any of my equipments. Capt. Wells is Officer of the day. I like him much.

Got a letter & box from Jane dated Feb 16th some time ago but I am very much pleased to get even old letters. She sends me 2 books and some papers which were also very acceptable to me. I also got one from my Mother which was written in expectation of an answer from me before leaving Fortress Monroe.
March
28-Friday

Weather warm and pleasant as usual.

Relieved from guard at 9 A.M. by Lieut Brown one of our new Officers appointed for Comp. A. fired at target and went on Battalion drill in the afternoon.

Got two letters from my wife this morning dated Feb 5 & 7th wrote one and put into the office an shall another if I can get the chance before the mail [---] there is nothing new to write that I can think of now. except that we expect one of our Brigades will move from here soon and is still probably be Gen’l Williams Company 26th Maine, 9 Conn. & the 3 Western Regiments, 1 Battery 1 Company Mounted Rifles.

Our Colonel I find to be a fine man and a gentleman, and one who knows his business thoroughly. I like his style of drilling and am under the impression that he will be liked & respected by Officers and men. I for one have taken altogether a different view of him from what we expected to.
March 29-Saturday

Still fine weather, very warm.

Tomorrow is our Inspection by Brigadier Gen’l Shepley the first appearance of his honor since taking command of the Brigade.

Drill in the morning as usual. Battalion and Company ditto.

At noon the heat was almost intolerable. It seems as if it would burn though our clothes.

Capt Brown expecting orders every moment for a man.

Capt Shipley getting along finely. Lieut Louvrin getting tired almost of waiting for transportation home.
March 30-Sunday

An awful hot sultry and oppressive morning at 9 or a little [---] it cleared was a little and is the warmest day we have had since we have been here.

Review and Inspection by Brg’dr Gen Shepley. pass in review about one mile March. Wm. B. Smith had to be carried to Quarters. had a sort if a faint brought on but the heat got better very soon. Inspection by Comp. Commanders on parade ground and march Comp to Quarters.

The first Brigade commence to embark to day are going some where but no one knows just where it is. except there at Head Quarters.

Capt Brown Sappers & Miners go with them.

A Steamer or rather two Steamer passed just in sight of here with Rebel soldiers on board towards N. Orleans, the New London put after them but did not succeed in catching them.

Wrote to Mother and enclosed $10.00 will be sent by the next mail.

[Illustration]
March
31-Monday

It really seems hotter than yesterday if such a thing is possible. I never saw such weather in my life. it is entirely impossible for a person to keep at all comfortable.

We are drilling hard and improving fast every day and I think we are just as fit now for service as any Reg’t that is going away now. but our turn has not come yet & we must await it.

Troops are still embarking the 26 & 9 Conn. have gone back to 2nd to wait until more transport are ready for them.

Lieut Whitcomb has been detailed on Court Martial.

Col Dudley is on the same court. it is a General Ct Martial. Capt Haggerty has been appointed Judge Advocate.

Drills as usual.
April
1-Tuesday

Sun very hot but a fine breeze blowing which makes it quite comfortable out side of our tents

The first Brigade have not all got on board.

Col Dudley is sick or we should have been under orders to go with them as it is we will be left behind.

New London is aground blown on by the wind last night she has been got off at noon. after pulling with try boat and breaking every quantity of calles and [---].

Parker went over to Biloxi with a portion of Gen’l Butlers staff. with a little girl who was captured a few days since on board of a schooner with 2 or 3 men. the flag of truce was fired into. the party was under charge of Major Strong.
April
2-Wednesday

A very warm day, as usual.

Capt. Shipley on drill to day for the first time for a long while.

Whitcomb on Court Martial.

The 9th Conn. Regiment have gone on an expedition over to Biloxi with Mannings Battery. under the charge of Major Strong. Col J. H. Freeman has gone with them.

No news here of any consequence everything is very dull & quiet. we are looking for news from the Conn. with considerable anxiety. are in hopes they will make a good strike.
April
3-Thursday

Another very hot day.

Had our usual Battalion drill this morning. but our Company drill was dispensed with on account of the extreme heat.

Nothing has been heard from the Conn Regiment as yet
A very heavy firing heard this morning. it seems to come from Rebels Gun boats & the New London. at 9 O Clock they were in sight of the Island.

Capt Shipley on as Officer of the day.

Batt drill at 4 O Clock under Major Paine. we had the poorest drill we have had for a long time.

A larger loaded with coal for our naval fleet has just arrived from Phila. she was 20 day and over on the passage. she bring no mail.
April
4-Friday

Weather very comfortable this morning.

The Great Republic in this news from Portland she brings a portion of the main troops and some Horses, one other ship which came in with her I could not get the name of.

Robert Dale Court martial to day he plead guilty to the charge and his sentence has not been made known as yet.

About two hours engagement between 3 Rebels Gun Boats and the New London. right in sight of the Island. it created quite an excitement.

Rebel Gunboat Wallis captured by the New London with a cargo of Spirits turpentine & Rosin, & 20 men.

Batt. drill under Col Dudley to day it seems quite natural. We have lots of work on hand. making Quarterly returns of Ammunition & Clothing and everything we have.
April
5-Saturday

Weather very warm and pleasant.

Conn 9th arrived this morning have had a perfect success. not one Mississippi Regiment. who fired one volly of Grape Shot into their ranks. the Conn charged into them. and they ran throwing away everything they had in their flight. Their Camp was burned by the 9th and all equipage except for what the men stole and brought away with them. they also got quite a rebel mail with them. Pistols. Powder Horns. Uniforms Watches, and numerous other mementos the boys have with them.

Capt Wm. O. Fiske was down to see us to day he is looking finely. fat as possible.

Saxon arrived to day. with Lieut Bullock on board as Lt. Col & Lt. Appleton also. Lt. Emerson & Robinson were mustered out to day. still the changes come.

Quite an accident happened here to day. and a race after 3 men from the Maine 12th and two from Comp G. Capt Yeaton were drowned while bathing in the So. beach.
April
6-Sunday

Had our Sunday inspection on the South Shore. under Comp commanders. it is tremendous hot day the perspiration rolls down my back in streams and stands still at that.

Three men who were drowned were buried to day. it was a solemn sight to see them dragged away. and only a few minutes before their death they were in good health and spirits full of life and anticipating no doubt their time when they should go home.

Had orders to day to move but they have since been countermanded.

Lt. Fox has resigned and also Capt Ferris of Comp D. Fox’s was accepted and Ferris not.

Lt Col Bullock read into the Regiment to day. to be obeyed and respected according to his rank.
April
7-Monday

Weather very warm as usual.

My turn on Police or Regimental gaurd to day. Had a Batt drill this morning on firing with blank cartridges. fired by Battalion by Wing Company, Rank. & by file. done very well much better than was expected

3 or 4 vessells in to day. our tides very high and a strong wind blowing from off the shore

Js. Bohannan was down and [---]. Bills watch and chain

Bill went up to the 26th & by good luck got it back. no knowing how soon Bill will get away from here. he is waiting for the undaunted.
April
8-Tuesday

Still very windy and cold
a severe change in the weather.

Batt drill this morning
in the firings it is almost
remarkable how this Regiments
improves under Col Dudley.
it is as well drilled as a
Regiment I have ever seen.
Col Dudley says it is one of the
best Volunteer Regiments he
ever saw. and is very proud
of it.

The Hatteras came in this
morn with Gen. Butler from
the South and pass. an
attack is to be made on
Friday morning on the
Forts by the Fleet. and
then is no doubt that it will
be successful. with such a
force it would be impossible
to fail. Jane would say
if she was here that Friday
was an unlucky day. time
will tell if it proves so in
this care. I hope not.
April
9-Wednesday

Beautiful day to day sky as fair and clear as a crystal. though if I were at home I would call this a hot day even in our summer season there. but this climate is so different.

Morning drill as Battalion from 10 untill 12 ½ O Clock; on firings, the Col is going to give us plenty of drilling with Blank Cartridges, so we may be ready to use the Ball when the time comes. and no doubt that will be soon. from apperances now.

To day we had a review of the whole division nearly 16 thousand men. it was indeed a fine show. Gen Butler was the reviewing Officer. It formed a very long line covering some 3 miles or more. I should judge more but could not see the whole length of it. We had a hard march from 2 ½ until 6 ½ O Clock P.M.

Bill’s trunk has at last gone on board the undaunted & I am glad of it. for the company will not mourn his loss.
April
10-Thursday

Some 6 or 8 transports in to day lights. it is reported that they are to take troops to South West pass.

We had 2 Glorious drills to day our Regiment improve some at every drill. and can be beat but very little, at the present time.

Bill has at last got on board the undaunted ready to sail for home. a large number of discharged men. some Sesesh prisoners. and a number of Officers who have resigned & been sent home. I sent another letter to Jane, by Bill.

[Illustration]
April  
11-Friday

We this morning received marching orders. packed up our baggage and got all ready. 40 rounds Ball Cartridges given to each man. look like fight a little but we cannot tell.

Afternoon came up a heavy storm. Thunder & Lighting Tents blown down. Artillery had to move all their horses up on our Regimental parade ground to keep them out of water and from drowning. 3 or 4 pools of water on the Island between our Quarters and the Wharf. It is a very hard storm.

Impossible to drill any today on account of the storm.

[Illustration]
April
12-Saturday

Great Republic and Idaho blown on shore last night but not damaged very badly. this morning is very pleasant but quite cool.

3 men killed by Lighting in 31st Mass Regiment. one man knocked down while standing gaurd, at the Wharf. Comp K of our Regiment.

Kanawha came in with 5 prizes. small schooners loaded with cotton.

Washington reported wrecked on coast just down Island she is supposed to have a mail on board for us. I hope so. Quartermaster 7th Vermont under arrest.

New London is with 2 prizes loaded with Molasses.
April
13-Sunday

Once more under marching orders it is supposed for New Orleans as our fleet has all gone up there some days since.

Drill in afternoon through the wet sand and a pretty wet drill it is. our Regiment has got worked up to a very nice thing. we can drill as well as most any of them who are much older than we are and it is rather remarkable. for we have had to work against everything but have usage. that we have had plenty of.
April
14-Monday

Pleasant day once more all is bustle and confusion about embarking on transport North America.

All baggage packed up and to be turned over to Quarter master. Officers carry only blankets, Rubber Coat and 1 change of Clothing. leave our trunks behind us.

After getting all ready find we do not go on board until tomorrow. Had a severe drill this afternoon boys all feel well and eager for the fray. bound up the Mississippi it is supposed New Orleans is our destination.
April
15-Tuesday

This morning we got our final orders and at 10 O Clock are ready to go on board. We leave behind 2 men sick and 4 discharged to go home on undaunted.

Commence going on board about noon Saxon put us on board North America Capt Collier and at 6 O Clock we are all on board find our Quarters are rather small and if we are to stop long think a great deal of sickness must come.

Officers are Quartered in Steerage and fed by the Captain of Transport.

I went on shore with orders for Col Dudley and returned by next boat.
April
16-Wednesday

Pleasant weather for our voyage.

Got under right about 5 O Clock A.M. under tow of the Saxon most all day. No news but now commences another monotonous life for of all life’s to lead a soldiers on a transport is the hardest. no comfort, no pleasure but plenty of grumbling, poor food & ½ enough at that. sailors and soldiers always hate one another and try to annoy each other all they can.

Officers seem to have a regular bill of fare consisting of poor ham & hard bread with some slops which they call coffee and tea.

Our Routine on transport consists of Roll Call at 6 A.M. Breakfast all 7 A.M. Gaurd mount 9 A.M. (which has 1 Captian Officer of the day 2 Lieuts. of Gaurd, 3. Serg’l. 3 Corp’l. and 45 men. a very strong gaurd for Shipboard) Roast beef 12 M. Inspection in full Marching order at 6 A.M. and 4 P.M. supper at 6 P.M. Tattoo 9 P.M. taps 9:15 P.M. we have as many calls as we would in camp and our Police duty is more than in any camp. We manage to keep busy all the time nearly. All Officers are to be present at roll call in full equipment.
Laying to nearly all day at Pass a Santos pass waiting for other transports to come up to us. After dinner the Matanzas and Farley arrived and we get under weigh for So west pass up which we are to go. We can hear the reports of our Fleets guns very plainly from where we are now situated and we are fast coming nearer to our work all our men are impatient to get a chance to build for this Regiment a name and if we land in the rear and march on the Fort no doubt we shall earn it and dearly to.

Services and prayers to night on Quarter Deck by Dr. Cleavland Singing by our Officers among whom we have some very good singers. Dr. Cleaveland is a fine man. and speaks right to the point, so that all men can understand what he says and its meaning.

Oh if I could only hear from my wife at home to night I should feel a great relief. but I shall see a great change when I reach there no doubt it must be so her Father gone. a man I loved as well as if he as mine own Father. My Mother and her dear little family I have not heard from very lately either and they are doubtless worrying about me. but Jane will write them and give them all the consolation in her
power for she has a kind heart
God bless her and the day that
made her mine for life.
April
18-Friday

Weather very warm but pleasant

All we find to do to take up our spare time is watch and hear the reports from our Guns up to the Forts. smoke can be seen very plainly and it shows us that Commander Farragut an Porter are by no means idle. we get no news from them yet and do not know what success they are meeting with but put all our trust in them. after we get the Fort, New Orleans is ours without a doubt.

We are getting along slowly are now at the head of the passes and going slowly on.

Matanzus and Gunboat Jackson have gone down after the Great Republic. she is so large she cannot get over the bar.

Flashes seen to night very distinctly and the reports heard more distinct than at any time previous.

We get up on top of the Wheelhouse and hear Dr. Cleavelands patriotic sermons and good prayers for our Country, our homes, Wives Mothers, Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, and at the same time hear our Guns boom away in the distance. the Flashes going though the Heavens like lighting. it forms a picture must be seen to be appreciated. and one that thrills threw a true Patriots bosom with feelings of admiration and love for both God and his country.
April
19-Saturday

A very pleasant but warm day as usual.

This is the anniversary of our riot in Baltimore it would be well celebrated could we only march into New Orleans but we must wait for a few days longer before that pleasure is allowed for us. no doubt but it will be soon and it remains to be seen, wether that murderous scene awaits us there.

Gunboat Winona came down the river but brings no news from our fleet. she has one hole though her cutwater made by one of the enemy shots. it shows that all their lead is not thrown away.

Great Republic can not get over the bar and she in company with Saxon and Matanzus go around the point and land their troops in the rear Fort St. Phillip and be ready for an attack in rear if needed. 26th and Western Reg’t are on board with 31 Mass. Farley and us stay here to go up river.

Our boys who have a fancy that way enjoy themselves by pulling against the tide of the Mississippi in Captains Gig. Capt Ferris, Wells, Lieuts Howe and some others & they make quite a boat club.
April
20-Sunday

A stormy day. slow drizzly rain all day very uncomfortable day no pleasure at all we can not enjoy the Deck at all.

Although stormy it has proved one of the most eventful days since we came to anchor.

A Gun Boat came down with 7 men belonging to gun boat Oneida who were wounded by the bursting of a gun. and were carried to Pilot town on So. West Pass where they have established a naval Hospital a temporary one for present uses. Called for all Surgical instruments and items we have on board for use of navy

To night we had quite an exciting time on board. Gen. Butler, and Lt. Kinsman of his staff were coming up from Pilot town in a gig of the Mississippi undertook to come on board of our ship when there being no rope for them to catch and hold to keep their boat fast the tide took her down stream and on top of our boat which lay astern she ran athwart her amidships and nearly filled with water. and they were both fast and no getting away. the boats filled rapidly and in a few minutes more it would have been Gen. Butler last and our Expedition would have a new commander. We succeeded in lowering a boat and rescuing him from his perilous situation. Capt Collins seemed to have lost his senses and were it not for his mate
we would have done nothing at all. The mate is a smart fellow and to him Gen Butler and Kinsman owe their lives. Capt Collins was excited so that he struck Lieut. Dean in the breast very severely, and is condemned by all the Officers on board for his harsh and very violent temper which he exhibited so strongly in this case. he has treated us like so many dogs ever since we have been on his ship.
April
21-Monday

Weather warm and pleasant to day.

We are to day having a little target practice from Quarters Deck. the Col. having got a few rounds of Cartridges, to give the men some idea if estimating distance. and the use of sight. some make very good shots. and some make very poor there is a great chance for improvement in nearly all. besides instruction for the men it seems to relieve the monotony of ship life which is getting very irksome. in fact we are getting to think that we are attached to the marine Corps. I for one shall be glad when we get off Shipboard for good. and once more settled on land where we can live natural and seem like men and have some health for it uses up our men to be crowded on a ship so long. Firing continues as usual but we get no news. Services to night as usual. Dr. Cleaveland is getting along on to Abolition a little to strong to suit us. and is in my opinion should be stopped for we are not here to fight for the freedom of Slaves. when we come to that I for one will resign and go home.
April 22-Tuesday

Weather warm and pleasant but remarkably warm.

Lieut Johnson and I on gaurd to day. We as yet get no news from our fleet but hope to soon for our men are getting discouraged at their long stay on Shipboard & I am very tired of it to say the least.

To night we have had the most painful occurrences of our trip a sad and melancholy affair the loss of Capt Harry A Durivarge a Gentleman and a true Solider a man who was loved and esteemed by all who knew him both as a soldier and a Gentleman. It was on my tour of duty. I heard a Sentinel cry a man overboard but he did not know where he fell from. or could not tell me anything about it. he heard the splash and cry as he fell. but that was all. I sounded the alarm and went astern. But nothing was to be seen. and he never rose to the surface of the water again. and was never more seen, it was a sad thing and one I shall never forget. it is a loss to our Regiment although he does not belong to it. and a sad loss to his Father who doats upon him. he was his favorite son. and a particular friend of Gen. Butlers. was an aid to him at Fortress Monroe his Father was Francis A Durivarge the Poet.
April
23-Wednesday

Gunboat Saxon down river brings no news. says the rebels are sending down five rafts upon our fleet. one came down last night the ruins of which passed by our vessel this morning about 125 foot long. The boats send our small boats and tow them away and tear them apart.

Capt Shipley sick to day. John Foster sick also men getting sick every day from laying aboard ship.

Services to night as usual prayers and singing Dr. Cleavland never forgets our wives and families at home. neither does he forget his country’s cause.
April
24-Thursday

Weather warm but pleasant

A Great Explosion seen this morn in the vicinity of the Forts. Whitcomb on gaurd duty to day. The companies to day have the day to wash their clothing and them selves Saxon down this morn and says we have whipped them. Our fleet went by at 3 this morning under a Gallling fire from both Forts with a small loss Ram Manassas sunk and their boats taken Varuna of our fleet sunk went down with colors flying and discharged her last broadside while ½ under water.

Savage tied in the rigging for refusing to do duty.

Services to night as usual our victory called out an extra burst of patriotism and eloquence from our noble Chap lain. and a fresh prayer for our dear families at home.
April
25-Friday

Weather fine warm and very pleasant on shore in good old Massachusetts how I would enjoy it. but then there is nothing to make one life pleasant. home, friends, all away. no I will not say friends for I trust I have some good ones in our Regiment, but old friends. far away, and worse than all my wife away and no letter coming to me from her keeps me continually thinking and worrying about her.

This morn when going on Deck the first thing that meet our eyes is our Mortar fleet all at anchor close by or I may say some at anchor below and the rest coming down river slowly with the tide it cannot be a [---] but still it seems so strange. Gunboats coming down at noon. Sloop of War Portsmouth also down. And all go by us and in answer to our hail we get the same reply nothing new. it seems very strange

Gen Phelps came on board and is going to make our ship his head Quarters.

Lewis came up river reports Steamer Wallace sunk. hands all saved. Lewis has Vermont Battery on board. stopped and got some wood from us and as usual coming alongside stove her wheelhouse all to pieces. Lewis leaking badly, is going round the point with her Battery by order Gen Butler.

1 Capt Meatons men and 1 of Capt
Reads Cavalry died to day.
April
26-Saturday

Quite pleasant very warm.

Funeral of the two men who died yesterday services about two O Clock P.M. they were buried on shore at the head of the passes on the banks of So. West pass and had a soldiers burial discharge of mustering on their graves. all the honors that can be paid to a poor soldier who dies away from home.

John is quite sick to day Capt much better is Officer of the day.

A large fire raft came down upon us last night but fortunately the current took it to one side of us so it done no harm. It floated down and run aground on the flats. it was composed of the hulk of a large vessel of some kind coppered and copper fastened. filled with cotton & tar and other combustible materials

News from up river is as slow as ever nothing having been recieved as yet to order us up river.

Recieved quite a variety of papers dates Mar 26th the latest by the Lewis Yesterday.
April
27-Sunday

Warm and pleasant as usual.

Our usual Sunday Inspection this morning. the men are all looking finely and doing well considering their long confinement on board ship.

Gunboats to day have been going up the river 5 or 6 have gone up. but none come down to bring us news. I do wish we could go up and see what they are about and if we can judge from appearances Gen Phelps & Col Dudley are both anxious to be doing something besides laying here idle. Gen. Phelps says if the Rum comes down he thinks we can take it. at any rate we will make the trial. and I think he would. For he does not know the meaning of the word fear, and is as cool us a piece of ice on a 4th of July.
April
28-Monday

Weather fair –

Reported landing of Butlers forces 6 miles above Fort Jackson. or rather Philips on the other ride of river New Orleans side.

Gun Ferry boat came down & Reports surrender of both Forts and wants 5 companies of our Regiment to go up and hold them. Gen. Phelps says too us up and take the whole Regiment of Companies go on board the Gunboat of which number 6 is one of the lucky ones and she tours the North America also. this is at 10 A.M. we run up in sight of the Forts and the Gunboat leaves the transport and proceeds up to the Forts. two river boats loaded with prisoners who have attempted to escape are up against the Bank of the river. having been brought to by a Gun from the Harriet Lane. landed our prisoners at Phillips under charge of a gaurd. the Flagg was run up at 3:20 P.M. amid the Cheers of Navy and army. Company was the first in each Fort having landed left Lieut Whitcomb in charge of the prisoners and Major Whittemore Comps H & G in Fort Phillips. we go on board Gun boat and proceed across river to Jackson and take possession there. it was so filthy we could not go inside but lay out over the moat on the bare ground what little time we slept. their are some 700 prisoners in all. the big Ram was blown up by the Naval officers. after the articles
of surrender were all signed we have them in close confinement. The Fort had plenty of ammunition and stores to last them 6 months but their men were tired of war and mutinied. the Fort was blown all to pieces inside. The Bastion completely demolished 2 or 3 casemates broken completely through.
April
29-Tuesday

Weather fine warm and very pleasant but a tremendous heavy dew. The worst I ever saw wet my blanket way through

Farley and No. America came up and anchored opposite the Forts. we lost a man overboard from the No. America Boats went out but could not save him. when a man once falls overboard in this river he is lost and no power can save him the current is about 5 knots per hour.

Met [---] Metcalfs brother here a prisoner of war he has lived south some 15 years and is a bitter Secessionist curses Mass. and the Northern Abolitionist says Mass. is a d-d Abolition State and I think about the same. but thank God I never voted anything but a through Democratic ticket and am not ashamed of it.
Capt Shipley is command of Fort Jackson quite an honor for Phalanx. Capt Manning Battery with us and one squadron of Calvary without horses with us Lt. Perkins is in Command.

We find the Fort mounted 71 Guns captured about 500 stand of arms in this Fort do not know what is in the other one. Everything is in a most dirty condition. I can not see how white men could live there it is 6 or 8 inches deep in Stagnate water in some places. Commenced taking inventory of Stock. but are ordered away to New Orleans which is said to have surrendered to Commodore Farragut. the 26 Mass Vols. are to have command of Quarantine and the two Forts. and we are
going on to the Crescent City. General Butler came down and went into the Fort as we were leaving. 5 O Clock P.M. I got a letter for John to day but none for me.
April 30-Wednesday

Weather warm and pleasant as usual.
At Quarantine 9 ½ morning wrote letter to Jane this morning
John getting better. A little rain at noon.
The scenery along the river is very beautiful. Orange groves in abundance. Some magnificent Plantation along river but few signs of friends along the whole route. The first time I ever saw a plantation being worked is today I have seen a number and they all seem contented and happier no doubt than if free and have the care of life to contend against no care no trouble when their days work is over dance and sing and then you see a Negro concert in reality.

Dr. Cleavland exasperated Col Dudley and many other Officers of our Regiment, by giving a very strong Abolition speech and I am in favor of having a stop put to it, it is not right we are not Slave catchers, or liberators when we come to that I must go home, it is the Union as it has been, and Abolition of Slavery. I want and the majority of our Regiment are the same Col Dudley is a thorough Democrat and will not fight for Niggers any more than I will and we are not alone.
May 1-Thursday

Rhode Island our mail boat passed up river this morning also gunboat Miami. this is the one we put back to Fortress Monroe with on our trip out to Ship Island. One of our Gunboats aground on the flats. Rhode Island at work towing her off.

Arrived opposite New Orleans at 4 P.M. do not land until to morrow. out Gunboat having left us and gone down river if he had kept us along we would have been the first to land. One of our Gunboats and our Frigate came in collision Frigate came of best. Gunboat carried away foremast and smokestack. but I think no very serious damage done either. one man drowned by his boat capsized.

The 31st Mass. Regiment disembarked to night. 12th Conn Reg’t also landed Col Demming. these are the two first on shore. a few pistols fired through the night but everything seemed to pass of quietly. no alarm. Brent Johnson and I on gaurd again to day we have good luck in coming together. no mail from Rhode Island. she left it at Ship Island for destrubition.
May
2-Friday

Miami landed her troops and returned down river this morn.

Right wing of our Regiment went on board river boat Diana at 12 M and are on their way for a landing some 2 miles up river. the North America is being towed up by a boat of the Seven Star line of tour boats of New Orleans manned by our Yankees.

We landed our right wing and in about an hour the left came up and disembarked and joined us took our way up the Levies and took possession of a large store house for our Quarters said house contains large quantities of Grain, Sugar, and Molasses. Right wing into N.O. 3 ½ P.M. leave John on board Ship to night. he not being able to land.

Found some little excitement jeering and cheers for Jeff Davis, Beauregard and Co. but no trouble.

Recieved 3 letters one from my wife, one mother and one from Chas. Kimball Old dates Feb 27th.
May
3-Saturday

Had a hard drill in morning before breakfast. run hot and a double quick drill does not improve the feelings of sick men a particle our men are nearly all ½ sick from their long confinement on shipboard. Capt Yeaton buried another man to day. he seems to have hard luck with his men has lost more than any Company in the Regiment thus far.

Changed our Quarters marched to Odd Fellows hall and took possession it is a fine building and seems a shame to put soldiers into such places. The Lodge room we do not interfere with at all. Only the hall used for concerts and Dances. Col and staff quarter at Park Hotel. our meals are costing us a little more than a $1.50 per day. everything is very high in the City and only a few places are open at all. the city seems almost deserted.

Almost an hour drill in the afternoon we keep our drills no matter where we are and it has always has been so that accounts for the excel-and drill of our Regiment it is called Number one.

*Ge. Butlers quarter at St. Charles.*
May
4-Sunday

Very quite our usual Sunday inspections this morning Regimental everything looks well. marched down to the Levie and went through with it. a rather sorry looking set of Officers for Inspection. with no good uniforms in the line at all in our old fatigue jackets. Whit and myself with our heavy top boots on in a hot day, and dusty City.

Our Officers are all, nearly all used up with Diarrhea a very violent kind. and some of them are very severely used up. I have had only a slight attack as yet. but may have at any time for it seems to take, them all. Capt Shipley I do not think has been well since he left Ship Island, and I do not believe he will be as long as he remains in this climate. It certainly does not agree with him.
May
5-Monday

 Quite sick to day with my diarrhea but trust it will not last long. Capt no better then I am. Whit is the toughest of the lot I guess after all he seems to stand up and hold his own. He is a fine fellow and we made a very good thing by the exchange.

 Three of our Companies detailed to day from Regiment for Provost duty. Comp C, G, & H. H. has gone to the Jackson R.R. and taken possession of the Depot and track, Stock and all property belonging to the company.

 Company C and G reported to the Provost Marshall for orders but have been sent back to await further orders. our company detailed for patrol duty. I am pretty sick to night and not on duty. Comp G. on patrol duty also.
May
6-Tuesday

Time 11 A.M orders to provide one day rations and go up Opelousas R.R. under command of Lt. Kinsman of Gen Butlers staff, For an expedition. went over to Algiers and took cars. one Section of Battery consisting of two Steel Rifled Guns and one Corp 21st Indiana Reg’t and got under weigh found our Engineer from the Indiana and go on our way at 3 ½ O Clock.

Found that a detachment of Indiana under their Col had been up an expedition and saw 2 French guns they have captured.

Met the Col of 21st up some miles farther without either wood or water and after helping them out of their trouble proceeded on our way. Alligators plenty and palm leaf in any quantity all along out route which is through a very large swamp.

We go some 70 miles up the road and took possession of the Rail R. Station for our Quarters through the night. posted gaurd and I lay down in a freight car & slept until morning. Everything quiet and right.
May
7-Wednesday

Very warm and pleasant a little to warm for our work. we have a 5 mile march to go up to Thibadoux a small French town of some 2000 inhabitants. took one piece of artillery from depot with us dragged by men as we have no horses. got out a short distance and met a team of 4 mules and a wagon driven by a Negro which we pressed into service and made him pull up Rifle & powder for us. had a tiresome march and found that what we were after had been removed for safe keeping—we had to break into an Odd Fellows lodge room as no one would give us the keys. had a great crowd but they offered no insult to us at all. went back got on board and started on our way back to New Orleans. I brought no rations with me therefore had no breakfast except a hard bread which Orderly spared me from his store.

Stopped on the way down and killed 3 cattle for our Hospital in New Orleans. The owner was in the field but would no take a note from the U.S, for pay. He was very much excited but could not help himself as we were too many guns for him and his two Negroes.

Got home at about 7 O Clock and went to Quarters pretty tired but better than when I left here yesterday. The tramp I think has done me some good.
May
8-Thursday

Our baggage has at last arrived and on board the Tennessee a ship formally owned north, but taken when all other property was and now taken back again by our fleet when they came up the river.

Our Officers are all used up. Mosquito thick as toads after a heavy shower and a great deal more troublesome.

5 P.M. Lieut Whitcomb and 50 men ordered out for Special duty for Provost Marshall French. He went to a recruiting office of the Rebel Army found 2 Guns and an enlisting roll but the men were not to be found.

G. Capt Yeaton and Lt. Norcross ordered out to find some ammunition and Guns. Got two small flags 2 Carbines Cooks manufactured and a small quantity of Balls and Ordnance Stores.

My duty is with 10 men to go to Steamers. Lt. Maurice and examine passports and passengers with their baggage. The boys and girls all sing the Bonny Blue flagg. the favorite Rebel song and very pretty song to. does not hurt any feelings at all. got back at 11 P.M. went at 6 P.M.
May
9-Friday

Went down and took a bath
put on clean clothes and threw
my dirty all away. now feel
a little better.
Showering this morn.

Changed our quarters this morn
and enter upon our new duties
as Provost gaurd. We are now
under Col French and out
of the Regiment entirely for the
present. We have fine quarters
2 large rooms for our Company
and one for ourselves. we are
in a building on corner of Camp
and Canal Sts. near the
Custom house and over the
Marshall’s office. Also over [---]
& Co Banking house our room
furnished well with Desk and
Chairs n a very fine style
our furniture all come from
the Custom house and Col
Lovell’s old Quarters.

Col Lovell was in command
of the Rebel in New Orleans when
we came into the city. he is
now at Camp Moore with
his command.
May
10-Saturday

Went on quite a tramp with one Wheeler an informer to find Guns and numerous implements of war. traveled about 5 miles in the hot sun to Thos. Griswold’s and Luther Holmes Foundry’s searched them through but found nothing. found several pieces of U.S. Machinery (so Wheeler says) but it is to solid and heavy to move without machinists help. then went to a dwelling house and found 264 Calvary Saber Scabbards. 78 blades and a number of Hilts that is all we succeeded in finding at this time. I think Wheelers is a humbug.

While I was away Capt Shipley on an order from Gen Butler took possession of the Consul of the Netherlands office, in Hope Insurance Office and found 170 kegs of spices belonging to Confederate Government.

Our company relieved by a company of the 31st Regiment. everything remains quiet in the city and stores are opening a little. think business will soon revive.
May
11-Sunday

Warmest day we have had as
Yet the pavement almost smokes
with the heat.

Spices all moved away from the
Office to day and taken to the
Mint where it will be taken care of.

Wrote to Jane, Mother, and Drew
Lieut. Burt seized 80.000 this morn
No work for us to day unless some
jobs may turn up. The Office is
closed up for the day.

John Foster came to duty to day.

Whitcomb and myself went
up town and looked the city
over a little. It is quite a place
and no better regulated streets
in any of our Northern Cities
all laid out in squares or Blocks
Philadelphia style.
May
12-Monday

Weather warm and pleasant

To day has been quite a long day with me here. put a gaurd on to 4 warehouses and examined them for contraband goods was not very successful.

No news from our forces in any portion of the Army in fact we do no seem to hear anything from any one. are shut out from direct communication with the North. and news is at least 2 weeks old when it arrives here.
May
13-Tuesday

Warm and quite pleasant if we can keep out of the sun, which in my business is impossible for it is sun, sun continually.

This morning I had an opportunity for a fine intrigue but not wishing anything to do with such affairs took no notice. I do not wish to interfere in any mans family between himself and wife. A lady who lives in a building in the rear of our Office came to her window and shows me a note at the same time motioning me to come and get it. I left the Office and went down stairs out in the Backyard and she throws me the note tied to a piece of wood I opened it and find it is in relations to a policeman’s family. She says he raised a company for the Rebel army and also that the property he holds belongs to his wife, who she says he abuses very badly, and tries to kill, and numerous other charges. she winds up her note by saying that said Lady is a perfect Angel (Angle) and implores me to go to her assistance. perhaps she thinks beauty would be some object to me. I destroyed the note after having shown it to the Colonel whose opinion is about the same as mine in regards to it.
May
14-Wednesday

Weather hot again to day as usual, and our usual amount of running about town to do. It is hard work, but still quite pleasant. I have an opportunity to see nearly the whole city am as familiar with it as with Boston almost.

To day our orders were to arrest some Rebel Officers who are in town and have been endeavoring to get recruits for the Rebel Army. in the course of the day our Company have succeeded in arresting 8 of them one Captain and the rest Lieutenants. this is doing well. things are now coming down pretty fine and N. Orleans will soon be a good and prosperous city once more. perhaps it will be from necessity and no doubt it will. though there are many good Union men here. But they do not dare as yet to come out boldly and avow their true sentiments, fear has carried much of the secession in New Orleans.
May
15-Thursday

Weather as usual hot enough to
Bake apples in the sun. a great saving
of wood for the army.
Capt Shipley took possession of a large
Foundry and its contents. said Foundry
having been used for the manufacturing
of Guns and other war implements
for the Rebel Army.

We found a large Secession flagg some
20 foot long and about 14 wide in
the building. we think some of
sending it home to the Mayor of
Lowell as a trophy of the war and
Old Lowell Mechanic Phalanx.

found no property liable to confiscation
except the machinery and that
will not be moved. I think it
so enormous large and heavy,
and it is also just as safe there
as at any other place for
the same reason they cannot
well move it without being
detected.
I am nearly tired of waiting for letter
from home.
May
16-Friday

Recieved an order this morn for the arrest of Tilloton firm of Tilloston & Co. Shoe dealers. Charges, making shoes and supplying the Rebel Army. I arrested him and then went to Gen. Shipley, who examined him. I then put him under arrest according to order and went up to his place of business on Camp. St. and looked it over but could find nothing that looked like Contraband goods. then took him out and up to Marshall’s Office and administrated the Oath of Allegiance to him and let him part in peace. He has a large Manufactory across the river some miles up on the Jackson but he denies having anything to do with it says it belongs to the man who was his partner, and who is now carrying it on.

Lieut Burt had to day seized a large lot of small arms and other military equipments. one very fine Rifle said to be worth $200.00 it is a very fine Rifle Silver mounted and packed in a mahogany case.

Delta Office closed up to day, and also the Bee by order of Major Gen’l Butler commanding the dept. of the Gulf.
May
17-Saturday

The 8th Vermont Regiment arrived today from Ship Island and are Quartered close by the Provost Office just around the corner in the rear of us.

Took an order this morning to go to 7 different places and search for contraband of war. Whitcomb and I jumped into our Hack and commenced our search. one place had been used for recruiting Office for a Light Battery but was boarded up one of their bills were on the door. Got the key and went in found nothing. another was for some tents said to have been moved into a building on Camp St. went there and found nothing the number given me is a vacant lot of land no building on it except a shed. We then visited the other places and met with like success everything had been moved away, and no doubt in many instances never was anything in the places— but men having any emnity against another give such information to injure persons who are really innocent.
May  
18-Sunday

Very warm and pleasant day
nothing doing all day in the way
of business.

Whitcomb and myself strolled around
town and looked around the city.
things are changing very rapidly
in the city. it commences to look
a little cheerful. but still we
find a good many black looking
face and scowls from the ladies.
One of the ladies left a pew in a
Church in which she was sitting,
because the Sexton had the impudence
to show a Federal Officer, into the
same pew. This is the feeling of a
large portion of the (women) here
you certainly cannot call them
Ladies.
Went up to the Office to night and
Whit got an order to arrest one,
Adams a recorder of the 4th district
a noted man and said to be very
desperate. As Whit was coming
up by the office, his man passed
on his way down he immediately
put his hand on his shoulder and
says you are my prisoner he made
no resistance but went down &
was locked up in the Custom House.
May
19-Monday

This day will be remembered by many persons for a long time for this reason. The Mayor, City Marshall, a number of under Officers, Recorders & among whom is our friend Adams of last eve. some of the leaders of the reign of terror which has reigned supreme for so long time. but the sun is now breaking though the clouds, and in a few weeks or more all will be sunshine. Gen. Butler is spoken of highly for the firm and I may say quiet manner in which he has done his duty. He is no doubt the right man in the right place.

Our duties have not been very severe. hardly any running to day. the Vermont Officers are just doing something and we laying back unless it is, something of some importance.

Weather does not seem to grow any cooler and if it grows much warm we shall some of us, have to sell out and go home. For I am beginning to feel the effects of the heat.
May
20-Tuesday

This morning received an order to go to a Store house near Canal St. and seize a Brass Cannon and other Military equipments. by looking around I find that this is one of Wheelers orders therefore send and Sergeant Stinson and a few men to do the work with Wheeler for a guide. And I go up to the Office. Stinson goes down and finds not a Brass Cannon but an old fashioned 6 lb. Iron Gun, and some artillery roundabouts and body belts. White leather ones. the man who owned the property says that it formally belonged to this company it was previous to the breaking out of the war. At that time or a little before the Company was disbanded. He is a French resident and has French protection. He also gave Stinson an American flagg, small size silk flagg, very nice one. Stars wrought in silk. Whitcomb seized 33 Springfield Muskets 1849 pattern and in very fine order also a full set of Equipment for a company.

This does up our days work.
May
21-Wednesday

Heat as usual, tremendous heat Linen pants seem quite comfortable it is quite a relief to get our woolen pants off and put on even a little Linen.

My orders on to day again from old Wheeler, but he has some little recomdation. another man came with him who brings a plan with him in the interior of Griswold’s Foundry, and portions where he says are Muskets Stocks stowed away and some other portions of equipments he thinks there are some rifles there also. sent Sergeant and 8 men with Wheeler for a guide as usual. they were gone all the forenoon and came back with 1000 Carbine Stocks unfinished and one finished Carbine. Cooks & Brothers pattern, rough unfinished clumsy Carbine, very poor affair. took the stocks from the tall chimney had to stave a hole though the bricks to get them. Also got a piece of Machinery belonging to the Mint, a Planing & Boring Machine, made in Springfield Massachusetts.
May 22\textsuperscript{nd} Thursday

Weather hot and sultry. I am afraid that New Orleans is going to be a little warm for me especially if I am to continue in this Department. too much travel in the sun. This has been a very quiet day not much doing here now. put the work on to the Officers of the other Companies I have been at the Office at Lt. Col. Stafford’s desk. find it no more pleasant than other portion of the work and not near so must variety in it.

Col Dudley is threatening to have us in the Reg’t I would not be much sorry for we are losing in drill, and it is no doubt an injury to the Regiment, for so many to be away. Col. is Commander of our district and Asst. Military Commandant of New Orleans—

[Illustration]
May 23-Friday

As usual a very hot day, not much in the weather to make one feel smart or even as though he wanted to do anything but lay down and sleep or keep quiet. No place for a man to feel ambitions at all. the heat takes all a mans energy away from him.

Business quiet done nothing at all to day, true there is always, something to do in the way of looking around, and some small jobs but nothing of any account whatever.

No news to write of any importance. No news from the North for some few days.

[Illustration]
Very quiet day. and very warm indeed have not done much to day in the way of business. though there has been a considerable done. Whit has been duty nearly all day. I do not know about what he has done.

Capt pretty well used up Diarrhea and weakness. he now gives us out our jobs or has command of the Officers and men who are connected with the Office. Col French sends his orders to him and he reports on them, and gives them to whom he pleases for execution, except in some particular case when Col wishes one or some particular man to attend to a job.

4 O Clock P.M. just going to dinner Lt Boles of Gen Shipley’s staff, came in with an order to go and arrest a man, complaint entered by a woman who keeps a bad house up town. She says that this man had threatened her life with a pistol, and thrown a Dirk knife at her several times. We went to look at the house but could not find the man. but Boles got his pistol. a Colts revolver 6 shots and his Dirk cane. So he will not trouble her any more.
A very warm day as usual. I find that I never saw any weather or warm weather before. Sunday and as the office is closed there is not much doing Whitcomb and myself went out and took a walk around town, enjoyed our selves a little. considering we are away from home so far. we can never enjoy myself here unless I could have my friends, home and last but not least my wife, home is nothing without a wife.

I met or rather we had an invitation to go up to the Lake, along with Sam Smith, and Thompson, went up and met Lt. Burt of 31st and a number of friends. it is a beautiful place. he has a century plant which is expected to bloom everyday and he has any quantity of visitors to see it. his place is located on the Banks of Lake Ponchartrain. and is a delightful place a resort of the elite of the City, and is always thronged with people. He has a Pistol Gallery, bowling alleys, and a very fine garden and grounds around it. the road is a hard shell road and a very pleasant drive, had a fine time and a nice ride, some fast horses around him but nearly all Pacers.
May
26-Monday

Pleasant and warm day as usual.

Nothing of importance to day all still and quiet as usual. fast learning the ways of New Orleans. Organizing the police force quite fast and no doubt they will have a better set of officers than has been in New Orleans for some years. I have administered the Oath of Allegiance to some 200 of the old Policemen, and a most villainous lot of men I ever came across. Mostly low miserable Irishmen who would sell their very souls for a Pieagune, and most of them have already done so if reports are true murder is no crime at all among them. 

I have often heard of the vice and corruption in New Orleans, but never realized it until I came here. Sunday is the Holiday of the week, go down and walk up the Levie and every Groy shop will be open, and doors wide open so that anyone going by can look in and see a crowd around a table set out openly in the room playing cards, money laying loose on the table, no one thinks of troubling them at all, in another they will be dancing, low places, low women, poor rum, and degradation are sights often seen. Liquors and poorer kinds are the principal attractions of this section of the City. In the other portions will be found the same things but the Genteel instead of the miserable.
May 27-Tuesday

Another warm day, unfavorable for business.

Not much doing to day. Capt. Clark and Lieut Johnson arrived and brought me 4 or 5 letters. also one for John which I must send to the Hospital. Capt Shipey also got a few letters and papers. they report that Emerson and Prince have recieved commissions and started some time before they did from home, with commissions for our Officers, who have been fortunate enough to receive them, and I hear Capt Whit and myself are among the number. I would like to see the document for I am heartily sick of hearing about them.

My wife writes she has moved into her new store and is doing well. this is good news, all are well, how I would like to see my home, wife, and many other things and persons there, but no I must not think of it, my work lays in another direction. and upward an onward must be my motto. go ahead when this Rebellion is suppressed then Will I go home and settle down once more in civil life. and live like a man again.

Capt Shipley and Lieut of Vermont 8th Whitcomb & myself went out to the Lake to night. Capt had not been out and wanted us to go with him to show him round. we went into the Pistol Gallery and had a few shots. I came out victor and Capt had to pay the bill. we met Capt Crowley, Lt. Gardiner, Lt. Norcross and nearly all of Gen Butlers staff out there, had a very good time.
May
28-Wednesday

Business not very brisk this morning.

Took an order to arrest B[---] of our navy an asst. Purser and take him before Gen. Butler, done so, and returned to Office. the rest of the day I spent in Office at table of Lt. Levi Stafford acting Deputy Marshall, find it harder than the running around the City, continuous talking, answering questions about assaults and battery. confederation money, and thousand other useless questions, which we have nothing to do with at all.

Provost Office continually beat with a hungry crowd for passports & licenses and enough work to keep 20 men jumping all the time more business then I was ever connected with in all my life.

Lieut Covey got in trouble at the Lake and in some manner shot a woman of the town, the ball entering the fleshy part of the thigh but doing no serious injury, Lt is Quartermaster of the 31st Mass Vols.
Very warm to day and more oppression than at all prior. my work to day has been very severe, received an order the arrest Thos. Murray & Richard Estabrook. find nothing by which I can spot my men do not know their business or residence find Estabrook name in directory of Estabrook and also find he left town a week ago, over the Lake, find 6 Thos. Murrays and know not which one I want know no other way than to arrest the whole pack must do it unless I can by some means get some description to go by.

have inquired by our detective but none of them know him or which one is meant but but have a little clue to track tomorrow it is said he is President of the notorious Humbug, called free market if so I will have him tomorrow. this has kept me busy to day all the time business as usual at Office all we can attend to.
May
30-Friday

A tremendous hot day and my work has been hard have traveled a great deal am almost as familiar now with the Orleans city as with Lowell.

At 4 O Clock P.M. succeeded in arresting the Murray who I have been looking for since yesterday morning. put him into the Custom house and stepped into Quarters to get my dinner before making a report. found the Company had been ordered away and were packing up to leave I eat dinner and packed my things and at 6 O Clock was on board Mississippi steaming up the river and once more attached to the Regiment, probably will never be detached again.
May
31-Saturday

A very hot day and any quantity of business on hand.

I am about used up already am worked way down thinner than for years before.

Arrested Murray at 4 O.C. PM put him in Custom house and was on my way back to report when I thought I would stop and eat dinner went in, and found orders to move right away up the river somewhere, we expected into a fight.

Got away from the City at 11 ½ O Clock PM steamed up the river and in good sprits but myself in poor health 7 ½ O Clock PM, we came to Anchor opposite Baton Rouge Col Dudley went ashore for orders and finds we are to land here, with both Regiments, Indiana 21st & our own.

Our Band has enlivened our voyage, very much indeed and is quite an addition to our Regiment they are all Germans and enlisted in New Orleans 12 pieces and fine musicians to.
Weather cloudy and unpleasant

Landed at Baton Rouge at 10 ½ AM and put the stars and Stripes on the Capitol of La. the Senate & Representations rooms where a little more than one year ago Louisiana was voted out of the Union are now occupied by the troops of the 30th Mass Regiment.

It is a splendid building built a little after Gothic style, built of Brick covered with mortar and bears good evidence of the markmanship of our gunners from the fleet in the shape of Grape shot holes in the front walls. Our Comp & Comp A Officers occupy the room of the secretary of State. Found lots of Blank Commissions for La. Volunteers all signed by Gov. Moore. filled out one and sent to Leonard Brown of Citizen & News office of Lowell. We find a very fine painting of our old flagg over the Speakers chair in Representative Hall. Strange it should have been allowed to remain. A beautiful Statue of Washington cut in marble an excellent piece of work stands in the Dome, pictures of Clay, Webster, Franklin and more all of our big men adorn the walls. te grounds around the house are beautifully laid out and full of flowers of al kinds, in full blow,
really beautiful sight and
such a one as we seldom
see north even in midsummer
perfectly lovely.

The inhabitants seem to most
of them have left town
or City as they call it here.
wrote letters to Jane, Deacon Brown
H.C. Drew, and sent by Lieut
Farsons. also one to Nell.
June
2-Monday

Clear and beautiful day though very warm, but how much more pleasant than N.O. we are now on high ground at least and no doubt our health will be much better.

Our Company has come in this morning from Piquet duty the first they have ever done. and it was the first time I have been so that I could not go with them. and I hope this will not last long.

While I am writing the Mc Clellan has come up the river with the 9th Conn Reg’t one of our best and no getting clear of it the story in N.O. is that the Mass 30 & Conn 9th can drink more rum and do more fighting than any 2 Reg’ts in the service, and I guess it is so.

Comp.A detailed on Patrol duty to day. Co. D. & H. are on Piquet and B. on gaurd so we have now only 5 Comp. for duty to day.

Went into the Hospital to day have some Chills, much Diarrhea and some Rheumatism, and am pretty well used up all though, for the first time & I hope the last.
June
3-Tuesday

Weather fine but very warm news is not much. at least not to me for lying here on my back it can’t not come to me and I cannot go out to find news.

Mustard poultice on my bowels to remove the very intense pain. I find I am pretty sick but am in hopes that I shall soon get over it.

Capt is not much better than I am but is so as to do some little duty am in hopes he will keep up at least until I get around for Whitcomb is now doing all the work and I fear he will not hold out long at that rate.
June
4-Wednesday

Weather very warm and pleasant to day as usual
I still on my back in Hospital.

Got a letter from my mother and it was at least one bright spot in my sickness. Oh, how much pleasure it gives one to hear from home when thousands of miles away and impossible to hear from them.

From my wife I have not heard for some little time but am waiting patiently for a letter and know it is not her fault. I have none often from her for she assures me that she writes every week at least and I must wait.
June
5-Thursday

Weather fine as usual but roads getting very dusty from having no rains for so long a time.

News and events to day are dull and I can find nothing to write of interest am still sick and no prospects of being well very soon.
June
6-Friday

Weather warm as ever

Capt came in to see me this morn and brought a letter and some papers from Jane the letters dated April 10th they came in a box from Mrs. Shipley. Jane says she sent me 6 packages I have only got one of them as yet. the rest I may get some time it all is to be seen. But the joy it gives me to get a letter from my wife although two months old no one can tell unless situated in similar circumstances.

I am as yet no better and am almost discouraged. but it will not do, I must keep up my courage or go under, and I am not prepared to do that here in this condemned country.
June
7-Saturday

Weather very warm and pleasant.

This is the most sorrowful day for me since I joined the Regiment, for to day there is some chance of a little brush with the enemy and I obliged to lay abed & see them go away and leave me behind.

The 30th Regiment 8 Companies. 2 Comp Wisconsin 6th and 2 sections of [---] Battery start out under command of Col Dudley of 30th Mass Vols to capture a band of Guer rillas who have infested this region ever since our forces landed here. shooting our picquets, and occasionally rushing by into town even to our guard house firing a volly and retiring. so we are ordered to take some little notice of them. Oh how I wanted to go with them and see the fun, but no this pleasure is denied me and I as well as the Adjutant Dimon have been left here to mourn. I hear also that Capt Shipley was not able to go and is left in charge at the Hall. Lt. Lovring is detailing in my place.
June
8-Sunday

Tremendous hot day.

Our Regiment returned at about 4 P.M. and have had perfect success. found their dwelling, but not the band took their Niggers some men women and children 35 to 40 horses & mules and some of them very fine. a large lot of cattle, sheep Geese, ducks & c. burned their houses to the ground and returned evidently leaving their marks behind them. Whit came down in change of the baggage train consisting of some 5 teams of 4 mules each and 2 or 3 with one each, loaded with Niggers and their effects. Niggers singing and evidently having a good time. they also brought some 3 prisoners, Guerillas who I hope will be shot for this barbarous mode of warfare is against the laws of all nations and will never be recognized by anyone. A man with the descriptive powers of Dickens’ would made a happy picture of this little thing.
June
9-Monday

Very warm as usual.

I am feeling a little better to day than I have been walked up to barbers and got my beard taken off the farthest I have been from Quarters since we took prisoners of Capitol.

Col Wisconsin Regiment while out on a scouting expedition got a sever shot in side and arm by Guerrilla, who came on to them put spurs to their horses and road away but not until one of their number was shot and 2 captured, which were brought in and will have the benefit of a trial by Court Marshall I hope will be hung for shooting is to honorable a death for such men.
June
10-Tuesday

Hot day again as usual
almost scorchs a man as
he walks through the streets.

Went over to Quarters to see
Captain the first time
I have been over since I
went to Hospital. found
Captain down on his back
and quite sick.

Wrote home to Jane about
poor Harvey Wood’s death
and enclosed a letter from
the Doctor to his Father. His
folks will feel this blow
crudely.

Sergeant Major under arrest
for insulting language to
Adjutant.

Adjutant returned to duty
to day. I would could
have returned to duty with him
but must needs wait a
few days longer.
June
11-Wednesday

Very warm and still no Rain. river still high and it is feared that the river will over run the banks of the Levee on June freshet in that case the damage will be fearful.

Startling news from Gen. Banks division removed defeat of a portion of his army, he crosses the Potomac and runs most of his baggage train, his men are murdered all along the route dead men’s heads cut off and wounded men bayonited by the rebels, at Bulls Run and Balls Bluff.

Tremendous excitement North the old sixths once more on her way to vindicate Mass honor. 2nd Battery Infantry Boston ready to go, and a complete tumult of everybody and all anxious to go for to fight but how many will be more anxious to return.

7th Vt. Reg’t arrived here to day 2 Men of War gone up the river and an attack expected immediately on Vicksburg.

Read Gov. Andrews answer to the Presidents call for troops a Black Abolition document endowing Gen Hunters Proclamation.

Gov. Andrews has changed his mind it would seem
and orders out all troops in Mass. to proceed immediatly to Washington independent companies, Regiments, Battalions, and Batterys. everything that can be raised.

John Foster returned to duty to day looks much better
June
12-Thursday

Went over to Quarters and wrote up my journal to the first day of June, and it tired me a considerable it is more work than I have done for a long time before.

Capt laying on his back and not able to do anything Whitcomb doing gaurd duty. Picket duty Drilling and working like a tiger all the time still feels well and is smart as a trap.

News is at a discount and I have nothing worth writing to day. will go back and lay down and get well and go to work once more then the time will pass away a little quicker I think for the days are tremendous long stopping here and nothing to do. am anxious once more to get to work.
June
13-Friday

Weather tremendous warm and mosquitos thick enough and nearly large enough to carry a man off.

Feel quite well to day went over to quarters and stopped nearly all day the Regiment are expecting orders to move up the river shortly. Rumor here that McClellan has had a big fight near Richmond. Hope it is true, but we hear so many rumors that we do not believe anything we do hear lately.

Captain Shipley does not seem to get any better, is continually ailing not very sick but still not able to do anything. is weak and has no appetite goes out to dinner and when he comes back he is all used up, has to lay down and rest. Whit is tough and hearty has done all the work since we have been in Baton Rouge. It is hard for him but cannot be helped just now I shall return to duty in a few days I think. though the doctor says don’t hurry.
June
14-Saturday

Another very warm day

A big mail to night, went over to Quarters and got two letters from Jane dated May 27th 25th this is the first time I have ever gotten any letters from her direct. a number of papers of later dates from the North came in this mail. Jane sends me her card, I will call. They say that McClellan has Richmond, Halleck has taken Corinth, and Memphis has also been taken this opens the Miss. river with the exception of Vicksburg, which will soon be in our possession. Hartford and our Mortar fleet tomorrow for operations.

President Lincoln has raised 50,000 or issued a proclamation calling that number of Volunteers for the war, this is instead of calling for the Militia, as was at first intended. In Mass they have had a tremendous excitement, by the rumor of Banks defeat and stopped danger to the Federal Capitol. Lowell rallied in all her force once more, but their men are not needed and have been returned to their homes, and Volunteers for the war called for in accordance with the above proclamation. Now see if they will turn out, this is what tries their Pluck. no the old 6th goes home 8 months frightens them and they show their backs, and go back like whipped dogs, shame, shame, the Gallant 6th is no more.

Wrote to Jane and Mother this morning before I got my letters.
June
15-Sunday

Wrote a letter to my wife in answer to the one I received from her last night so seldom do I get one straight that I will answer immediately even if I had written this morning instead of yesterday.

the Hartford has gone up the river this morn and our Mortar fleet have nearly all gone up by it looks as though they expected work up above, by the preparations. the Reg’t is under orders to go up tomorrow I think I will be able to go up with them. shall try it anyhow.

It has extreme hot day one of the hotter of the season. Capt remains about the same; I am not strong and do not know as I ever will be in this debilitating climate, there is nothing in the atmosphere to build a man up at all.

Food does not seem to strengthen a man at all or do him any good. Medicine is a humbug in anyplace but here more than any other.
June
16-Monday

Weather tremendous warm.

I reported for duty to day, went over to Quarters and had not been over there but a short time when orders came to pack up and move, on board the Iberville at 1 O Clock P.M. Col Dudley says as I have been sick he must leave me here in charge of the sick men who will have to be left behind, I have Serg’t Brooks Capt Burr among them I have over 100 men and not a well man in the whole lot. I would not value a month pay to have gone with my Reg’t for to be left behind is awful to say nothing of the responsibility connected with it. I have charge of the building, the Hospital, the grounds and all the Comp baggage in the Regiment and will probably have to move it all to where the Regiment goes to when we get orders, but I must take things as they come I suppose and put up with whatever orders. I receive a good soldier has to do nothing but obey orders. Capt Shipley has gone with the Company, the first duty he has done for sometime, the Regiment left here at about 5 P.M up the river. Capt Brown arrived here just in time to go up with them so now Col Dudley has all his companies under his command once more.
June
17-Tuesday

Weather hot as usual.

Our Regiment have landed some 2 or 3 miles up the river and seem to be waiting for the rest of the troops to come up with them.

I have at last succeeded in getting things in some sort of order, but I have had the hardest days work I have done in sometime 119 men and all ailing in some manner is no small job. It takes 12 a day to guard the building, and I can hardly find so many without taking the same ones day after day and none are well enough to stand it in that way. I have given me at least 12 well men to protect us a little, but certainly should, I have to leave the Hospital without any guard as I cannot raise men enough to do it.

I am fortunate enough to have Serg’t Brooks and Corp. Burr of my own Company and one good Serg’t “Penny” from Comp A, if I had not I do not know I should do.

Kelly came in this morning and got his Negro women I am told. I did not know it until they were gone but a person told me who saw him and said she knew him.
June
18-Wednesday

Weather warm and sultry
toward night a slight shower
came up but did not last
long.

The folks got up this morning
at the Hospital and found
that cow and two calves
gone, suppose to have been
driven away in the night.
heard late in the afternoon that
they had been driven out
to a man’s called Major
Dunn’s some 7 miles out of
town.

Our Regiment is still laying
in sight from the tower of
the building do not seem
to have gone ahead from the position
held by them last night.

To day found a blank book and
have now a complete roster of
all the men left under my command
and make my details for gaurd
a little more regular, did not
have much trouble in getting
them to day, have found 3 or 4
very fair Corporals among them.

Take my meals over to the Hospital
while the Regiment is away,
which I sincerely hope will be
but a very short time, though
it may be a long one.
June
19-Thursday

Weather very warm.

Can see our folks from the top of the building very plainly they are still only some 4 or 5 miles up the river.

Adjutant Dimon was down this morning, also Dr Holt and Capt Kelty, came down horseback and over the Ferry and went back the same day.

Col Bullock came down from the Regiment is going down to New Orleans, detached on special duty. Expects to have command of Fort McCoomb near Fort Pike on Lake Pohchartrain, thinks he will have a more pleasant time than with his Regiment but I think when he gets there he will think different for it is a lonely place and nothing but Louisiana marsh around it no hard ground outside the Fort. His horses will be at a discount he says they are having a fine time up river, scouting the country, visiting the Plantations enjoying themselves finely do a little drilling mornings and towards sunset a little just enough to keep their legs limber and their joints in good order for use, rumor says Vicksburg is already ours if this is true our Regiment will probably be back in a few days, or we be ordered on to join the Regiment I do not care much which, though this is a pleasant location as any Southern place quite a healthy one. perhaps if we are to locate and Garrison this would be more pleasant in some respects than many others.
June
20-Friday

Weather warm as ever but now I
am not exposed to the sun and do
not mind it but very little, still
the air is very close and disagreeable
no Rain since we have been here
and it is very dusty and uncom-
fortable in the City everything is dust
and dirt.
Roarke went up to join the Regiment
to day and some other men who came
up from the Hospital in New Orleans,
Mc Cabe among the rest, he says Chas.
Chamberlain is no better and he does
not think he ever will be. Butterfield
getting better and Clay keeping a store
in New Orleans.

Col Bullock stopped here last night &
went down to New Orleans this P.M.
he is ordered to report to Neal Dow. now
Brig. General.
Col took our letters down to New Orleans
and franked those that were not paid
I sent one to Jane and one to my mother

Adjutant Dimon, Dr Holt, and Capt
Kelty were down to day and saw me
no news up river.
June
21-Saturday

A very warm day, commenced a picture in my diary. Stereoscopic views something to take up a little of my spare time.
Mr Kerrigan came here the librarian and Lt Col — Indiana take some Books. (law works) out for the use of the military commission. for which he gave his receipt to the Librarian, Col of Mich — Com. Parr gave an order for me to deliver the said Books

Sherlock went out, got drunk, stole a chicken of a woman’s table here, and insulted two ladies who live opposite made some trouble and I sent out a gaurd and has a search for him but he got clear, out of my sight and came in by himself.

Leader of the band came in and left his shirts and a pair of pants, they were stolen from his room in a few minutes time and have not been found yet.

Emerson & Harry Demeger stopped with me over night, I had a very long talk with Emerson about the way Clark, Johnson, and Yeaton got their commissions from John A. Andrews a vast deal of Humbugging about it. Lawson done the work and took their money. Prince and Yeaton stopped in New Orleans and ordered before a board of Examiners by Gen’l Butler, they will have a hard show for their positions.
June  
22-Sunday

A Barge loaded with coal came up this morning for our naval fleet, towed up by the Tow boat Anglo Americans from New Orleans, Lt. Seamans and Emerson is going up to report to the Colonel.

Surgeon Waters and the Captain of the naval vessel were here this morn and again this afternoon they go up river with this coal vessel, appear it be very fine fellows.

Had a little riot near our Quarter some drunken citizens. sent out a Sergeant and a few men and quelled it had no trouble Emerson and Seamans are going up the river on board the Barge, with coal for Naval fleet. Seamans & Emerson went to Church I would like to have gone but could not leave. took dinner and supper with Brooks and Burr. had a fine dinner - Joseph Burr is not well at all, appears a little consumptive.
June
23-Monday

Tremendous hot day but pleasant, there is but very little air stirring, I went up on the tower with some Naval Officers and gave them a view of Baton Rouge and surrounding country. We get a very fine view from the tower, can see for miles in each direction. I would like had I the time to take a sketch of the city or at least some of the principal buildings.

A Gentleman in to see about a bed which was taken from a house (by Col Dudley) belonging to a young lady who had it presented to her by a dear friend. I had to ask him to wait the return of the Col and he would give her ample satisfaction, everything passed of quietly thus far men answer roll call regularly and there are but few absentees those I punish by putting them on gaurd.

Finished my picture of the Stereoscope to day, am very glad of it for it is more work than I will undertake again soon.

Capt Clark [---] himself to night and not much to his credit either goes over on the corner and takes a woman, one of the lowest kinds takes her over to the Hospital with him, speaks well for one of Gov. Andrews new Officers, I hope the rest will have more respect for the Regiment if not for themselves.
June
24-Tuesday

Weather fine this morning, report that our Pickets were fired on last night and they returned fire. the results was the shooting of 3 Negroes.

(I find this morning on going over to the Hospital, that Capt Clark kept his paramour over the Hospital with him all night. now this places me in a hard position and I spoke to him about, I do not know just what to do, but wish some means could be taken to get him out of my way.)

A large Steamer came up river with 3 mortar boats in tow, she went up river and did not stop here at all.

Thomas Casey out this morning and got drunk, noisy and troublesome sent out and had him brought in. he got a little crazy and struck Serg’t Penny in the eye pretty severely. John McCarty out and drank, and after being brought in went out with his overcoat and clothes, with out leave showed a bit of paper to the gaurd which he said was a pass, upon which he passed out.

Had our bread delivered inside to day and will see if we can make it hold out. succeeded very very well. Mc McCarty came back and pretty drunk, sent up to Col Curtemus and had a gaurd come down and carry him off he was getting up a fight with the cooks, and has got pretty well under way when they came. Kelly and Thos. Casey commenced fighting, I heard
of it and ran down. Separated them
sent Kelly up to Michigan Reg’
and Casey to Quarters.
June
25-Wednesday

Warm and very Pleasant.

Provost Marshall sends me word that he has on Horgan of Comp. A 30\textsuperscript{th} Mass Regiment under his care, on charge of being a deserter he was found going down the river, and was some 5 miles down when found. McGees Cavalry found him and brought him back. Took dinner with Howe today had a fine dinner and enjoyed it very much indeed.

Went up to Robert Reads and bought one cotton shirt and two under shirts for $5.00 and had them charge to my name.

Had two of my men fired into today up town. they went into a mans cornfield and were fired at for doing it served them right they had no business being there. and were out without passes also.
June
26-Thursday

Tremendous hot day and sultry day the hottest of the season I should judge.

The Ber came this morning brought a very small mail from our Regiment what they term a stragling mail. I was fortunate enough to get one letter by it from Jane dated June 1st this is pretty swell but I must have more now, on the way somewhere, back letters.

Sent up and had Patrick Allen released from the guardhouse. I do not think I will have any more trouble from him.

The Iberville and Empire Parish came down the river last night and went right through to New Orleans, the Iberville did not stop at all. the other stopped until 4 O Clock this morning and then went on. they report our Regiment landed at Grand Gulf. A Rebel Battery fired into them from Bayon Sarah, on their way down, done no damage.

Invitation over to dinner with Howe and Harry to day had a fine dinner, a smoke and after dinner played Euchre for an hour or two, overloaded my stomach and when I got back to my Quarters threw up nearly all I had eaten for the last 24 hours I should judge.

Corp Burr does not seem to get well at all. he is pretty well used up, poor and so weak he can hardly stand or move around.

I am now wishing my Regiment back here badly, for I am getting tired of staying here alone, and having the care of so many roughs.
Lieut — of Everett’s Battery was in and spent an hour with me this morning.

Sergeant Penny and myself went up to Mrs. Steins with her and her daughters, she called on us and it was growing so dark that they were a little afraid, for there is a great deal of feeling against them since we came here on account of the Union feeling they have and the fearless way they show and acknowledge it. Mr. Stein has gone up river with our Regiment.
June
27-Friday

Very warm and pleasant no as hot as yesterday by a number of degrees.

Everything passed of very quite last night no disturbance of any kind.

The Tennessee came up the river this morning brings no news, says no mail arrived from the North.

Proclamation of Gen Van Dorm warning the citizens to leave the city within 24 hours, as he should attack it, this is the current rumor of to day, how much truth there is in it remains to be seen.

Last night there was some sharp firing across the river, hear this morning that it was Castle the noted Guerilla Captain, with some 35 men, pillaging and scouring the Plantations for provisions, the citizens would not submit without some fight, The negroes over there rose yesterday morn and owners were obliged to send over here for assistance which they got and things resumed their former position.

Commenced to day dinning with Howe, Harry, Serg’t Penny and myself.

Mrs. Stein and daughters down here and pretty much frightened at the reports about the City being attacked. Sergeant Penny went up home with them.
June
28-Saturday

Warm and very pleasant.

This morning the Gen McLellan a steamer came up with a paymaster on board. Gen Butler and staff came up & paid us a visit at the State House and I showed them around it, in the Library and Senate Chambers also the House of Representatives. They seemed much pleased with their visit.

Nothing new to day, all remains quiet as usual, no mail has at yet arrived at New Orleans.

Michigan 6th Regiment paid off to day. 64 minutes time and it was all done.

Stopped over to Howes some two hours after dinner to day.

Brooks arrested a man to day in complaint of his wife for being drunk and abusing her. I released him, and referred her to the Provost Marshall.

A Naval Engineer in and visited me, wanted a book a few hours on Steamboat laws of the U.S. I loaned it to him and he returned it in the afternoon, as he promised.

Dr. came down and wants to know how many men I have fit for duty as we will probably be ordered to the Regiment in a few days, he does not think it will come back here at present, I find some 80 men who I think can go.
June  
29-Sunday

Private John J. Tarr of Comp. K died last night of consumption at 2 O Clock.

Buried him with what few military honors we could, called called on the Quartermaster for a Hearse and coffin which I think I got, and had him buried at 5 ½ P.M. he has had a long and serious illness, this is the third since we arrived here. 2 by disease and one shot by a member of his own company while on Picket Gaurd. 

Last night Lt. Col. of 21st Indiana Regiment and 60 men went up to Camp Moore, and routed what men were there supposed to be about 150, burned their Camp and Equipage, our loss 4 men, Col’s horse was shot under him.

Made out a list of men who will have to be left at the General Hospital here when we go on, which I have good reasons to think will be in a few days.

The McLellan went down the river to New Orleans to day, with Gen Butler and some 40 prisoners citizens of Baton Rouge principaly.

Had a complaint from a man down by our cook house of some one who stole a chicken from him, and I had him up here to identify him which he could not do.

Last night very quiet all night and still, the stillest night of any as yet, dogs not barking as
much as usual.

A Naval Officer from Marblehead in this P.M. his wife a New Orleans Lady and she has a brother in the Rebel army, also a number of her connections.

Champlain of 6th Michigan Officiated and furnished us with music.
June
30-Monday

Very warm day, hot and the air very close.

Nothing of interest to day, we have a rumor that our Reg. has had a fight up the river and captured some portion of a Rebel Battery, but we can hardly believe it as yet for I do not know how the news could have got down here.

Col Custenus commanding Baton Rouge has reigned and is going home. Lt Col Clark is now in command of the City.

I also heard yesterday that the headquarters of the Guerilla Band that is prowling around us, is at Jackson, La. about 40 miles inland from here, in a building formally used as a college.

An alarm last night in Michigan Regiment at 8 ½ O Clock, proved to be a false alarm. The Michigan 6th & 21st Indiana were paid of 4 months pay yesterday, our Regiment has not been paid as yet, will I hear in about 2 weeks from now.
July
1-Tuesday

Extremely hot and sultry. cloudy morning.

Six months to day since
I left Lowell with the Regiment
a long while.

Went up and saw Provost
Marshall Kilburn, had Dennis
Horgan released from con
finement and sent him
to Quarters, his charge was
desertion but he had not
been away from his Reg’t
long enough to be called
a deserter. McCarty begs
hard for a release but
think I had better keep him
where he is and save any
more trouble.

Nothing new from above
or below.

I have now to make out
a morning report of my
detachment of the 30th to
the Provost Marshall,
everyday, I class them
all under the head of
Quarters, Hospital and
everything.
July
2-Wednesday

Mailed out my morning report according to orders from Provost Marshall and suited him exactly.

Harry and a friend from the City of Jackson [---] were in here this morn, he reports somewhere about 20000 men in that City from Beauregards Army and him with the lawyer portion of his force joined Davis at Richmond.

Tow Boat Anglo American came down river last night, she reports our fleet and Davis formally Footes have come together, also a large force just above Vicksburg on land. Bombardment commenced 3 or 4 days since and the Battalion all silenced with one exception I think we have them foul and we will I have good reason to think go up river in a few days more.

Indiana Band playing on board Gunboat Keno to night sounds very fine coming from the water.

The Bee came up from New Orleans. Rhode Island had not arrived there when she left, she returns to night.

Called up to Mrs. Steins to night with Serg’t Penny. Met Adjutant of Indiana 21st there. Miss Stein sang
us a few songs and played on the piano for out entertainment, it really seems good to go inside a house and sit down for a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour or so.
July
3-Thursday

A very warm morning
quite a smart shower
about noon for about an
hour.
Went up and saw the Provost
Marshall about an order,
to search certain dwellings
or grog shops for a man
of Comp. D who has been
away for some 3 or 4 days.
got my order, and to night
my man turns up without
searching for him.

Recieved an order to report
all my convalescent men
fully armed and equipped
to Capt Clark if the 6th Mich.
Regiment for duty. It is a
hard case for most of my
men who are fit for duty
have no equipments or uni-
forms.
An order from Col McMullen
to deliver 8 chairs for use
of some of his Officers — this
is the second time I have
had to deliver Chairs, Tables
or some other things for
then since Col Dudley left
have also had to deliver
the bed which was in the
Majors whom the owner
under any order form
Col. Curtenus.

Robinson refused to go on gaurd
put him under arrest and
released him at night.

Some 10 or 12 men of Indiana Reg’t
down here on a time, and took
Howe’s pistol away from John.
I happened to see that there was some trouble going on and went up and found out the trouble got his pistol from them after some trouble and back to Quarters.

Bee went down to New Orleans this morning.
July
4-Friday

One year ago I spent my 4\textsuperscript{th} of July in Maryland at the relay house in 6\textsuperscript{th} Mass Reg’t in U.S. Service, now here I am thousands of miles father South in 30 Mass Reg’t and the war which at the time was nearly over (so people who knew said) and still it is not over. I wish it were and I was once more at home with my wife and enjoying myself as I do at home. a true song is,

There is no place like home.

James Williams died last night has been sick for a long time a General Debility, if not consumption. He was buried this afternoon at 4 O Clock had an escort of 8 men and 4 pallbearers. This has been the dullest 4\textsuperscript{th} of July I ever saw since I can remember, nothing at all going on. this morn I reported 5 men for Picket duty according to orders form Col McMullen, Com’y Post Eben Jones, Co. H. Irving Jones & Agnew Co D. Upham Co. E. —Co. B Wm. Abbot Co. I they reported with 2 days rations and may stay for 7 days. Report from a citizen that the Rebel Pickets are in sight of ours some 3 miles out I have but little faith in the report however. The White House came up river this morning loaded with stores, brought no mail or news from the City.
5 O Clock P.M. the Empire Parish is now in sight with a Barge in tow—Lieut Prince up on Empire Parish says John Noyes was broken and has gone home, also says Yeaton did not pass examination, also that Capt Clark will go before the board.
July
5-Saturday

Fourth of July has passed away and we saw no signs of the enemies attack. So unusual here in July we had our daily shower this afternoon, every day since July came in we have had a shower.

This noon just as I was going across to dinner a carrier on horseback came galloping in saying our Pickets were being driven in and for us to prepare to defend ourselves, he then went down to the Gunboat Rineo. She immediately cleared his deck for action, and in a few minutes time he was hauled out into the stream and ready for action. Citizens were running down under cover of the Gunboats for protection. I went over and finished my dinner came back and got my men ready to do what little they could, and waited for further development. The Captain of the Gunboat Rineo sent a signal Officer over on top of the tower to signalize to him which way they were coming from he could see nothing although the position commanded a circuit of from 5 or 10 miles. it proved a false alarm coming from our own Pickets
who were out to
discharge their pieces
preparatory for Sunday
Inspection, the Interior
guard hearing their reports
gave the alarm, and succeed-
ed in frightening all the
Citizens in the City, and
himself also.
July
6-Sunday

A tremendous hot day I think the hottest of the season.
Two Boats came up the river today brought a mail which I stopped and looked into but found none for myself.

McGee went out to day and succeeded in capturing the Noted Guerilla Captain whose Plantation our Regiment visited some little time ago.

3 Citizens whom Gen Butler took down to New Orleans with him returned to Baton Rouge to day.

Lieut Russ was down form Provost Marshall with a Patrol Gaurd and I went with him and examined a Rum shop on Corner near the Capitol Building, found but little Rum but what we did find we poured into the Gutter.
This morning sent Dennis Crowley up to Guard house for running gaurd, and getting drunk.
July 7-Monday

Weather this morning warm and mild, not as hot as yesterday. Gardener this morning brought me in my usual Bouquet and in addition a nice plate of Figs, I have got so that I love them very much. finished my letter to Jane this morning. Brush Comp. I out got very drunk had to put him under arrest in my own gaurdroom, he was crazy drunk.

Provost Marshall came here to day, with Provost Judge and selected some rooms for their Quarters. They speak of taking the Senate Chamber for the Court Room, and two adjoining committee rooms for Marshall’s Office. Reported taking of Charleston this morning. I hope it will prove true, one more step towards accomplishing our object, namely restoring the Union to its old foundation.

No news of any importance from any of our troops in New Orleans from up the river.
July
8-Tuesday

Provost Marshall and Judge came and took possession of the rooms this morning form this time up my trouble will be increased somewhat I expect. Citizens and Soldiers coming in and going out at all times.

Two Steamers, riverboats came up the river from New Orleans with 14th Maine Regiment on board they remain here, in our place I am told, and I am expecting an order in a few day to go on.

Wrote this morning to my Mother, Frank and Capt Follanshee, found a bridle this afternoon up in Representatives Hall. Capt Clark keeps away from me pretty well takes well the hint that I do not need his company.

Tennessee came down from up river brings no news of importance, says that our troops are digging a canal though the neck of land on which Vicksburg is built, and this would leave it alone on an island, 3 of our Gunboats have passed up by. Hallock Army tis close above them. Castle sent down to New Orleans this morning for trial. McCarty released this P.M. and ordered to report to me, he came in and not finding me here went out again &
about 12 O Clock at night was brought in by the Picket and out in the guard house drunk as usual. Pat Allen drunk again and put un my gaurd house to wait until morning.
Weather [---] this morning and very warm. I had a severe headache this morning McCarty over his drunk and tame as a sheep this m

Recieved a call from Lieut of the 4th Wisconsin left in command of a detachment of that Regiment here, he has an order to remove his command to this building and take possession of such vacant rooms as he may select for his use. I also recieved an order from Col McMillen coordinating his and my detachment under one command and the Senior Officer to take com’d Which happens to be him he being 1st Lieut and I a 2nd his men came down about 6 O Clock and a hard dirty and greasy looking lot they are to. I think that I may have a hard time getting along with them.

Released McCarty on his good behavior will try him once more and we also released Allen. Had a call from Ass’t Provost went with him down to settle a little trouble in a Dutch family below here., the woman complains about being beaten, and kicked out of doors, a very common affair a find in this section of Country, it seems they have tried to separate but
could not come to terms. they have a stock of dry & fancy goods, she claims 1/2 and 400.00 which he gave her but she says he gave her goods which she could not sell we finally settled it by his taking the goods and giving her 600.00 more in cash and she to clear out and not trouble him any more.
July  
10-Thursday

Weather as usual though this month showering.

Wisconsin detach went gone into representations Hall for Quarters, my sick in our Hospital have all gone to General Hospital or come and joined my detachment, 111 gone to Hospital and 17 joined my squad here, our Hospital has been taken by the Provost Judge (Lt. Bacon) and some one else. Capt Clark still remains there.

This evening Frost of Comp. D was taken in a fit. got over it in a short time, shortly after Frost of Comp D was taken with violent cramp in his stomach I gave him Gin and had him rubbed with Whiskey & and in a short time he came out of it. I went up for the Surgeon and he said he could not come down, we must put him on Stretchers and take him to Mrs. Victors to the Hospital and there was a surgeon there who would take care of him, wanted to know why they did not come in the morning.

No news to day from up or down the river.

A Marine came ashore to day from the Rineo and got drunk and commenced kicking up a row with a wo-
man who lives on the Corner opposite the Capitol, Sergeant Penny happened to be near and stopped him from doing any material damage though he was being abusive & struck at Penny a number of times, did not injure him any, he pulled open the doors of the house and seemed to be going to take possessions, the woman drove him out with a Brass Candlestick and I should judge would have whipped him alone.
July
11-Friday

Nothing new to day.

As usual our Showers come on though the day.

Lieut Black took com. and changed my program somewhat, but not materially.

I took great pains to have him post a guard at the foot of the Library stairs for a guard to prevent any person from going up into the library.

I also have had him post his guard after given him the method I have used since I have been left in command.
July
12-Saturday

Very warm and pleasant all day.

General Shipley, Col Kimball and a Lieut seen here form New Orleans to day. I went up in Library to day with them, missed an edition of Shakespeare Works, a Bible valued at some 350 dollars and several other works Lieut Black put his own men on guard at the port, and being in com’d of course done as he [---] did not know these books were missing until I went up with Gen Shipley I then went down and informed him, and that in all probability his men were the thieves. he at once commenced to make inquiries about 9 O Clock the Bible, one other Bible and a large number of books were found in the Quarters of his men we propose to have an inspection or examination of Quarters of his Regiment and my own tomorrow morning.

Received an order from Col McMillen this P.M. for a noncommissioned Officers and 10 men to go out on a Cotton expedition sent 5 of my men and 5 of his. arrived home at about 9 O Clock.

Our Mortar fleet came
down river this P.M.
have gone on down to New
Orleans or out the [---].

McCarty once more taken
by the police and returned
for 5 more days in the dungeon
at the Barracks.
July
13-Sunday

This morning had a thorough inspection of Comp Quarters found 3 more books belonging to the Library and carried them up then found one in a room occupied by my men, but he found it in a room occupied by Wisconsin Regiment & sheered me where he got it and I found 3 more valuable works in the same place.

Noon I received an order to go up river in command of all well men belonging to the several detachments. Went up to and saw Col McMillen Com’d Post and he ordered Capt Clark up in command of the men, and I to remain here and to continue to take charge of Regimental Baggage and my men.

Capt Clark says he is going up but shall not take charge of the men.

Had an order for release of McCarty to take him up the river, to take effect when we leave here to go on board, at night he was released and sent down so that I shall still have him on my hand for a few days. was in hopes! I had got rid of him for entirely.
July
14-Monday

Showering as usual, have no news from up the river as yet except that nothing has been done and our troops are waiting for Hallock’s Division. The Boat is not gone up river yet is waiting for a Convoy. as it is not considered safe for her to proceed on her way alone, as the river is full of Batteries, and our Mortar Fleet even was attached Y two Gunboats which came out from Red river to intercept them on their way down. The Mortar Fleet was sent down as they had no use for them up at Vicksburg now, the City having to be taken by land troops. We think that some of our troops will be back here soon. There was a rumor here to day that Lt Col Clark of Mich Reg’t was cut of with 3 Comp Infantry and 25 Calvary of McGeis Squadron Col McMillen immediately sent out Reinforcements, the 6th Mich and 3 Comp’s Indiana 21st but it proved a false or needless alarm, the report was he had been cut off and was being led into ambush and would be captured or killed, the whole party returned safe and unharmed having succeeded in what they
undertook to do, namely foraging for Cotton.
July
15-Tuesday

Got the true version of the affair of yesterday, from Adjutant of Indiana 21st.

As I said yesterday a detachment of infantry and cavalry went out foraging for Cotton under command of Lt Col Clark, when he had got out some 8 miles a Body of Rebel Infantry, came in between him and our Camps, so that his communication was completely cut off from us but he was not knowing to it, neither were the Rebels aware that he had gone out at all but they were foraging for provisions for their Camp. supposed to be in the Neighborhood of Camp Moore, some 60 miles form here, when we get the news it was to late our prey had made their escape with a large train of Mule trains loaded with Corn Meal and provisions, and which they had taken from Union, persons living around the neighborhood.

no news from up the river, but very bad from Richmond if it is time, namely the defeat of McClellan. We can hardly believe it, though the whole [---] looks very possible, and may be true.

Had a mail to day I got a letter from Jane, one from Drew, and a paper from
Each. Also a note from Lt Leamans form up river. Saw an account of a Rebel Commission from the State of Louisiana, being received by one of our Lowell Citizens.

Gen Shipley went down to New Orleans last night.
July
16-Wednesday

Rainy morning bids fair
to be a rainy day.

We were somewhat astonished
this morning to learn that
Capt Henry Castle who went
down to New Orleans to
General Butler, has been released
upon conditions I have
not yet learned.
I have learned a small part
of his history, he was born
in Vermont where he lived
untill he was 22 years old
and them removed here, where
he has since lived, at the
time the polls were opened
he used all if his exertions to
prevent the State from going
out of the Union, even went
so far as to threaten to shoot
men who were about casting
a Secession vote, after the
Ordinance had been passed
he turned around, it may
be for protection, or from fear
of his life, but at all events
he became a leading man
among men here on the Secession
side, and at last recieved a
Commission in Rebel Army
and has of late been acting
as Lt in a Guerilla Band.
he it was who forced men
burning Cotton to move it
out of town, to be burned
on approach of the Federals
all the time remembering his
own and keeping it in
a safe place.
McNering of Comp F and
a man from 4th Wisconsin
got disputing and is finally
settled into a fight, the
Police at once arrested them
and carried them off.

A small river Boat came up
this evening but brings no
news or mail. Nothing new
from Richmond or Vicksburg.
We think our defeat at Richmond
is not as bad as it appears.

Corp Kittredge & Austin Sperry
went down to day on their
way home, discharged.
July
17-Thursday

Cleared of pleasant but very hot.

McNering is here under guard has had his trial understand he is sentenced to five days of imprisonment in our guard house and on bread and water. McNering was sent here by mistake his sentence is 10 confinement in dungeon on bread & water. the Wisconsin man has 5 days same treatment.

No signs of any convoy coming up the river as yet and I do not think their is a prospect of going up soon. No news from Richmond later than July 12th hope to have some soon, also from Vicksburg.

Learn that Horgan Comp A has gone to Hospital, have sent Monarch and Quinn to take care of him while there, he is very sick with a private disease, a hard looking sight to look at, has been careless, and ashamed and I fear his disease has got to firm a foundation to have him get clear of it.
July
18-Friday

Provost Marshall came down and got some more furniture this morning on an order from Col McMillan

A small Boat of the same pattern as the Bee went down by this morning with a load of Cotton on board.

Hanson and Smith Comp B got fighting at the Cook house this noon, inquired into it and found that Smith was entirely at fault dismissed Hanson and put Smith under gaurd untill I see for to release him. Also set Jones Comp D at work on Police Duty in building for 3 days, and on the next offence I shall send him before the Provost Marshall.

Capt Clark says that he has had the offer of the command of this building or the detachment to go up the river, and he shall take command here in a few days, and then there will be no more candles sold, he refers to my selling Candles drawn for the squad, and buying provisions for their use.

Went up and played a fun game of Billiards with Lt Black and Harry to night.

Recieved an order from Col
McMillan to eject all Negroes from Camp except Officers servants and those properly employed for the Government we have none with our command at all.
July 19-Friday

To day make out a requisition for 11 days provision which finishes the month, Serg’t Laird has charge of the Cook house.

Recieved an inventory of O Neil’s property, among it $5.00 in cash, which shall turn over to his Captain when I see them.

Major Hewett here to day he pays of the 4th Wis. Reg’t but not ours.

Put Quinn drunk and making a row, put him under gaurd.

Gunboat No 4 came down touring No 2 which is disabled. they bring bad news from Vicksburg, it seems they are no nearer the taking of the City than when they went up there, our Regiment has Bivwacked in a swamp or morass which has been overflown to the depth of 6 feet with water. they are exposed to most every kind of disease fevers and C.

Gunboats also brings news of a Ram coming down, the Yazoo River. had a running fight with the Tyler of our Fleet, and succeeded in passing though our upper Fleet without sustaining any injury, during the engagement Capt Lynn and 20 men from the 4th Wisconsin Reg’t were detailed as Sharpshooters on board the Tyler. Capt Lynn and 5 men were killed and
5 wounded. Capt Lynn was Capt of the Comp. to which Lt Blake belongs, he feels it very much as he was a man liked both as a citizen and solider.
July
20-Sunday

The hottest day of the season, news nothing. Pursell drunk and insulting had to put him under guard for it, said he did not care a dam for me or anyone else. Gunboat came up river, for a Convoy for Lt Maurice she is waiting for the balance he says there is 5 more coming also a Ram. Thy report also that our men are coming home soon. The balance of the 4th Wisconsin were paid to day.

A Petition signed by some 20 men petitioning for the removal of Edward Smith from the Cook house, says he does not give them full rations. I think him an honest man, and know that some men of my command have stolen provisions from our Commissary, in the cellar.

Had an alarm tonight long roll sounded and we turned out with all our detachments a little over a hundred men, ready to die if need be in defense of the building, and the Paymasters Boxes which are under our charge, it proved to be a false alarm and we broke ranks and returned to our Quarters. Lt Blake thinks of going up the river with some of his men.
James Young and 2 Zouvares came up from New Orleans to day and joined our command.
Very warm morning indeed no news.
Lt Blake went up to Head Quarters and saw Col McMillan, he says no men will go up the river as our troops are coming down here, had the men in here who signed that petition, and find that some of them never signed it and even did not know of it at all, there is a few men here who had no money when our Regiment left that now have plenty.
Can find nothing definite about this affair at all, but I do find that of the number of names 6 were put on without the knowledge of the men at all and none of them were aware of what they were signing their names to, that is what was written at the bottom, as that was added after the names were put on.
To night Lieut Blake received an order from Col McMillan to detail 1 Lieut., 2 Serg’t, 4 Corporals and 75 men for Picket duty, to relieve a company of the 6th Michigan Reg’t I will be the Lieut, and have some dozen of my men. the rest come from our several detachments.
I hear to that all men who are not likely to be fit for duty soon are to go to New
Orleans to General Hospital probably to be returned home. Butterfield was in to see me he does not look like the same man as when he enlisted with us.
July
22-Tuesday

Went out this morning with 2 Sergeants, 6 Corporals on Picket duty, to relieve a Company of 6 Michigan, they have had 2 Lieut, 4 Serg’t, 8 Corp, and 75 privates while I have only 58 privates, towards night Lieut Blake and 14 men from 6th Michigan sent out to strengthen me, it seems an attack is expected from the enemy.

Our Post is back of the Deaf & Dumb Asylum on a large hill and Commands 2 roads in to the City, goes back into the woods about 1 ½ miles and joins the Indiana Pickets making a complete chain around the City, it seems impossible for anything to come in without our knowledge, though we would be in a bad position should an attack commence while our troops are up the river got a tent up and made up our minds to keep as comfortable as we can under the circumstances. Blake & myself taking turns in sleeping though the night Lieut Reed came down with an order for me to join my Regiment with all my men who are able to go and our Regimental baggage, but Col McMillan has later orders from Head Quarters, and say we must not go as our Regiment will be down in a few days. McMillan being Commandant of the post we are under his orders.
at present.
July
23-Wednesday

Night passed very quietly
no alarm at all, and the
boys rather like Picketing.

This morning our whole
line of Pickets ordered changed
we are now thrown out some
3 miles from the City on the
Highland Road near Mr.
Robinson’s Plantation H’d
Quarters Picket on main road
from Baton Rouge to New Orleans
cover with our line some 3
miles, extending from the
Levee on the right to Indiana
Picket on the left. The later
all woods, divided my party
into detachments of 6 & 8
men, each under command
of a non commissioned Officer
and have them [---]
together, Blake came out to
hight so I shall have his
Company. A heavy shower
to night, a thunder shower
in the woods at night a
sublime spectacle, but not
a pleasant one while a
person is obliged to witness
it, want to or not.
we get milk, green corn
and luxurys in plenty. I
think it will be an improve-
ment to all the men as
far as health is concerned
fresh air and plenty of Veg-
atables food is what many
of them wanted instead
of medicine.
July
24-Thursday

Blake went down town for a few minutes this morn got back at noon while he was gone I caught a horse (of which there are some hundred or more running around here loose) he, Blake, and myself went out for a ride among our Pickets, orders this morn to extend our Picket line about 1 ½ miles father on the left we went to see the country and select positions for our men. had to tie up our horses and continue on foot. I got entangled in the woods and came pretty near losing myself so I could not get out but made out at last to bring up night we are now Picketing some 4 ½ miles with only about 60 men, about 9 O Clock P.M. heard a shot but from some other line. formed reserve but no general alarm being sounded I dismissed the men and turned in.
2 ½ O Clock another shot but as the former case no alarm once more turned in and this time slept troubled only with Mosquitoes until morning, Blake I do not consider a very courageous man for he exhibits at time what I call symptoms of fear.
July 25-Friday

An extreme hot day.

Blake went down this morning and made a requisitions for a sufficient Quantity of Mosquito Bars for our Picket the men have actually suffered for want of them. The Michigan Regiment 6th got home to day from their trip to Donaldsonville brought 50 horses and some 3 or 4 men prisoners they have had usual skirmishes without any loss. I bought some Eggs & some milk and guess I will to day have something, besides Salt Horse and hard bread for dinner the first time since coming out on this Picket. I went down town after dinner found Read sick abed, he gives a hard account of the condition of our troops up river, more than 50 percent are sick and used up with Swamp fever, only 5 Officers report to duty. Capt Shipley very sick, Lieut Whitcomb under arrest for allowing our Orderly to eat dinner with him. no disgrace to Whitcomb, at least among our own people at home.
July
26-Saturday

Lieut Blake went away this morning said he would return soon and let me go down as I was inpatient to go down and see who of our Company have come down among the sick, some 300 or more having arrived during the night and are now on board the boat in the river. Our Regiment & all the rest are coming right down and about used up some Regiment turning out only about 100 men to drill.

Find that I have about all I want to do alone having to visit all my Pickets — takes up nearly all the time I have. Blake has not returned & I think I will for I not hear his Regiment has got back and he is the only officer on duty with the Company. I suppose I must stay and attend to this guard alone though it is pretty hard work but I am able to do it and must until relieved which will be when our Regiment returns home.
July
27-Sunday

Tremendous heavy dew last night my clothes nearly wet though this morning
Had a very still night if I except the buzzing of the Mosquitoes which is kept up all night most vigorously.
Our Regiment has returned and Serg’t Penny says that Col Dudley wishes me relieved as soon as possible as there is no Officers on duty with our Company I have sent word into H’d Q’rs and shall probably be relieved very soon Capt Shipley is very sick and a large number of our Officers also.
Sent Penny down to see how things stand.

Capt Brown came out to relieve me with his Company numbering some 24 men and 2 officers [---] himself at about 9 O Clock P.M. he had not more than 1/3 enough men to relieve the Posts to say nothing about a reserve which he must have with him at H’d Q’rs in case of an attack, so he went back and is coming tomorrow — to relieve me & glad will I be when I get of from this job for I have been so long here I am getting sick enough of it. Col sent out his tent which I have out here.
July
28-Monday

2 alarms last night one at 9 ½ P.M. fired at nothing the other at 11 ½ P.M.
Sentry shot a horse this morning shall have him buried with all due solemnity.
Another innocent victim of this inhumane war, a Horse shot down, in the prime of Life. What a sacrifice.
Sent the Cols tent in on a team and am now waiting patiently for a relief to come and let me go in and look after the wants of our poor sick men.
Notified my men and they are all ready and anxious to go in and join their different commands as indeed 2 or 3 Wisconsin boys have already gone without leave. the rest will have one more night to stay for No Relief has come and will not now for it is to warm to march out here and it is to late to relieve a gaurd after dark about 20 contrabands came up to our lines last night let them in this morning and sent them up to Provost Marshall Kilborn under a gaurd.
July
29-Tuesday

Went into town this morning on the Overseers mule, saw Col Dudley, Major Whittmore & Qr Master Tenny at Mrs. Yew-chans Restaurant eating Breakfast. Col. did not hardly know me having of my Mustache and being browned up so by exposure to the sun and rain. He says I must get an order from Gen’l Williams and get relieved immediately for he needs me very badly and I think I have had my share of Picket duty to say the least. I went up to see A.A.A. Gen’l Elliot and he says I shall be relieved to day but my relief must come from our Regiment. it being on our Flank.

I went on and saw Capt Shipley, Wells, Norcross, and any Quantity of our Officers all looking [---] enough. Cap says well Dick if you had have gone with us I should have left you in the Swamp and I guess he would for I was not well when they went away. I then went and saw John and the rest of the boys. John looks awfully and none of them look much better than Skeletons. The Hospital I did not go into the State House was Hospital enough for me. I believe we have some 150 men for duty out of about 750 that went away.

Capt. Brown came out to relieve me to day, or rather this eve.
but so late that we cannot post any men until morning when I will go over the ground with him and post him on his duties.
July
30-Wednesday

Started this morning with Capt Brown and went the rounds relieved my men and started about 10 A.M. for the Capitol building. Find many more sick men than I had any idea off John is quite sick and a great many who are not in the Hospital Adjutant Dimon is quite sick Lieut W.G. Howe acting.

There are many strange rumors stirring about doings up the river some strange revelations I should judge Capt says I should have been there & taken a few sketches of things that happened. our Orderly J.C. Coburn is acting Serg’t Major. Page being sick spent most of my time today talking with Whitcomb and I derived a considerable amusement from some of his recitals. I guess they have had some fun as well as some very rough times. according to all the statements I hear. He says one 24 hours the Brigade buried 24 men Fred [Crowley - ?] died on board the boat laying at the Wharf Boat watches here at Baton Rouge.
July
31-Thursday

This has been a working day
Col Dudley, Major Whittmore
and all the Officers who
were able went to the Hospital
and washed, bathed, and put
clean clothing on to our sick
men, there are some awful
looking cases among the sick
our men are looking better
than those of most other
Companies in our Regiment
they laying mostly a more
clearly class if men, and
men who have had some
pride in keeping themselves
a little Respectable and neat
some fearfully dirty, having
on clothes that evidently have
not been changed since they
left Baton Rouge to go up
the river some 7 week since
This Vicksburg expedition has
put some 600 men on the
Sick list and I know not
how many in their graves
from our Regiment and
dying now at the rate of 4
to 6 a day.
Drills at present are 2 hours
in morning and 2 afternoon
just at night days very
warm and nights very cold
this will not make the
health improve any.
August
1-Friday

Tremendous hot and sultry day. Capt Creasy of old 8\textsuperscript{th} Mass Regiment arrived to day and it is not assigned to any Company, in fact there is none except E. [Porrmaned - ?] by Whittier who has had the promise of the [---] for a long time & if is taken from him he will surely resign and not at all to blame. Col not well to day not out to drill. Another man died this morn from Comp A. still going, when will this thing come to an end? busy day to day signing Pay rolls all day nearly men will not live long enough to get their pay.

Gen Read. Wm. Smith, L.C. Smith, and long Smith also Uncle Ramsey are very low do not think any of them will live long, our Company is fast running down, once the pride of the Regiment and now, nothing but a wreck in 3 yrs. Time there will be none left to tell the tale. death ! death!! death!!! on every side and by disease Horrible to think how many men lives are sacrificed to Politicians.
August
2-Saturday

Warm and pleasant morning.

Gen Read died during the night
Capt Ramsey very low, he will
never get up again, to be able
to do anything, to old to outlive
this fever, David Barnard & Conant
gone to the Hospital this morn.
Col not well and our Regiment
is out under command of Capt.
Ferris this morning. I did not
go out Capt gave them only a
short drill.

We have to day reports of a large
Rebel force moving on the
City numbering some 6,000 men
an attack is expected very
soon, we can I think hold our
own against that number
although it is a great many
more than we can raise at
present. If we can get a little
time ahead many of our men
will be able to go in and do
some little fighting who at present
are doing or care to do nothing.

Our troops are dying so fast
That we can hardly get Coffins
fast enough for them, our
Coffin for Gen Read has not
come yet and ordered early
this morning.
August
3-Sunday

Showering and rather an unpleasant day.
We have Gen. Read buried this forenoon sent a squad of men to do what honors are usually paid to a deceased Soldier.
his is a sad case a very fine young man beloved by all who knew him his familys favorite and one of those who came from pure patriotic notions. always done his duty found no fault and was in fact a true Christian he died easy and I may add contented.
The rumor still prevails about the attack and many expect it right away others do not believe in it at all, but some who have returned from Vicksburg say that there was a large force left there some time before they did. to come down the river they may have though to get here and [---] us napping before our troops could get back if so they are foiled and we have some advantage in knowing of their country.
Had a grand review and Inspection this morning before Gen’l Williams, we turned out some thing less that 100 men or at most not a full Company. Nims Battery had 5 men on the boxes besides their [---]. Wisconsin & Vermont Regiments about us large as we are, marched in review and went though inspection & review and were then dismissed & returned our Quarters.
August
4-Monday

Weather very pleasant.

Scouts sent out though the country and report no Rebel force within 30 miles but notwithstanding all this we hear though other sources that there will be an attack on the City before 24 hours passed away. and by a large force of Artillery and Infantry, this may be so if it is we will know what the old 30th is composed of. our sick keep along about as usual, when one comes out of Hospital another takes his place. Capt Shipley still in the Hospital & I guess will be as long as he is in the service for he does not seem at all well and getting no better very fast. Brent Johnson is not any better. Capt Wells, Cook & Kelty — are still there Adj’t Dimon, Lt Norcross, Tremaine and a number of them are still in Hospital, none very sick except Capt Cook, who thinks it is doubtful about his getting well. Gen’l Williams to night orders all his forces out to Bivouac just outside the city limit awaiting an attack in the morn I went down to Nims Battery, and slept with Snow & Marland on account of my cold, Howe now acting Adj’t went with me. we ate a large Watermelon drank some ale and went to bed.

Tuesday Aug 6th continue (see August 6-Tuesday)
August
5-Tuesday

Waked up this morning by the Rebel drums on our left, mistook them for the Reveille of some one of our Regiments turned out, took some Coffee down, to Nims and while drinking it heard several shots on our extreme left, Marland says it is Pickets discharging their pieces, but I though to regular for that, while discussing the subject and our Coffee, a sharp Volley was fired and so near that we could not help being a little startled, at the same instant the long roll [---] in our Regiment and Howe & myself left suddenly for our commands, immediately formed our line, or Column, and moved in the direction of the firing, we had hardly formed our line when a front man got a shot though his hand this made us consider we were pretty near something besides a high fence moved forward and formed left in front by inversion, in front of Vermont 7th Comp, smoke so thick we could see nothing but hear the most hideous Yelling and very [---] and rapid firing it seemed as though a perfect wall of fire all along the front of us, [---] the 7th Vt. broke and ran, and we at the same instant received a volly followed by volley. Heald was killed and Farnsworth mortally wounded by this discharge we gave them 2 or 3 volley in return and dropped on our faces to load up and advanced into the woods upon them, soon forced to return since, when we made the third grand rally and such with a Volly, but it was of no use, we had
fall back, it was at this time
poor Kelty was killed while Skirmishing
Lt. Gardner wounded early in action
at the first Volley from the Rebels, Gen’l
Williams killed while leading us to the
front. Lt Howe missing and supposed
killed one of his boots being found, on
the ground and his Spur. no signs
of him can be found. we then formed
our new line and Nims Battery poured
in the Grape, which piled their up
in heaps on the ground. The Rebel force
then fill back and we retired in
town for a new position, but they have
not returned to day. Gen. Brickenridge
sent in a flag of truce for 6 hours to
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bury their dead which was granted
they took advantage of this to return and
fall back some 20 miles leaving their
dead wounded and dying on the
field. Whitcomb myself and our Comp
on Picket to night. Our Company under
orders from Col Dudley went to the front
and succeeded in bringing of 3 Caissons
which had been abandoned by Mannings
Battery, fighting continued from 4 ½ to
8 or 8 ½ P.M.
August
6-Wednesday

Morning fair and pleasant quite warm, the night passed off quietly, an occasional Shell from our Gun Boats, exploding being all that there was to disturbances. a rainy drizzly night therefore a long one for duty. 9 O Clock A.M. Lieut Emerson with Comp B. relieved us from duty on our Picket duty, we returned to H’d Quarters and immediately went out with our Regiment on reconnoissance went over the Battle Ground of yesterday, find a large number of the Enemy’s dead and wounded we advanced some 2 or 3 miles no signs of an Enemy and returned. 2:45 P.M. Flag of Truce in from the Enemy’s H’d Q’rs Regarding a Gen’l of theirs who we captured yesterday. Ram Arkansas blown up by our frig. the Essex. we have a reinforcement of 2 Gun Boats from New Orleans. Lieut Howe found. Safe but not sound, his right leg was broken by a minnie ball a fearful wound, his left leg has a ball though it but his leg is not broken. he has also some other injuries. Doctor says it is hard case and his recovery is very doubtful. Gardener has a bad wound though the leg. Tenny though the fore arm bone broken.
August
7-Friday

Back one more to the Capitol building, Capt Whittier and I went down & found Bouny—case and arrested him, brought him down to Capitol building and put him under arrest. he is accused of going out and joining the Rebels against us the night previous to the engagement, giving them information etc. & etc. he is to be sent down before General Butler at N.O. he is son of the French Consul here at Baton Rouge.

Our sick have all been sent down to N.O. another attack expected from the Enemy. Capt Shipley, Brent Johnson, Howe, Gardener, Tenny, and a large number of Officers and soldiers have gone down to N.O. on Sick report. 10 O Clock P.M. all are called out and ordered to our old positions by the Penitentiary to lay in wait until morning not a very pleasant duty such a night as this drizzly rain continually. I have a very bad cold now and I do not think this will improve it. But then the Poets say a Soldiers life is always gay. I wish some of them were forced to try it.
August
8-Friday

Everything passed of quietly last night. This morning I relieved Prince from Picket duty.
The Rebel loss supposed to be about 1,000 men in all Rank and File, in our late engagement ours not over 400 killed and wounded.

We this morning hear of the loss of the river boat Whiteman some of our wounded, also with Gen’l Williams remains on board, her Pilot and Captain were supposed to be Sesesh as they attempted to run into some 2 or 3 Boats before she came in contact with this one but they escaped her. Gen’l Williams body was recovered, the table on which his Coffin was setting floating down the river and was rescued by some other Boat. Most all who was on board went to their last homes.
August
9-Saturday

Relieved from Picket duty this morning by Lieut Read.

Our loss in killed was 71 and 178 wounded.

Everything remains quiet on the lines at present.

Howe, Gardner, and Tenny doing as well as can be expected considering how they are situated.

I this morning got a knife and 4 Books from our late battle ground.

Rebel Pickets are reported as being within 3 miles of our Picket line.

Lieut Whitcomb, Fuller and Fiske on board of serving Quartermaster Department.

I am not very much well this morning and have not been out since coming off Picket this morning.
August 10th Sunday

Inspection 8 A.M. Regimental.

Orders to move from the Capitol, and pitch camp at the Barracks. The forces to be all concentrated around the Barracks, in expectation of another attack from the Enemy.

Have already commenced laying our fortifications or Earth works, digging entrenchments. I think we can hold the force several times our size, with the assistance at all events let us alone for one week and I am ready and willing for another trial at them.

Got 2 letters from Jane 1 from mother, from D.B. Hall & 1 & a paper from H. C. Drew quite a mail.

Got moved and pitched our encampments about 4 P.M. are a going to feel the heat some thought the Canvas I imagine. Drains the sun terribly, almost impossible to stand in them at noon, no shade at all, but a good breeze outside, we may be more healthy, quite likely so, and we may leave here suddenly, in that case it matters little.
August
11-Monday
to
August
18-Monday

No entries.
August
19-Tuesday

Another warm day, mixed with a drizzling rain in afternoon.

Once more under marching orders, baggage all ordered on board Transports 7 or 8 of which are here and waiting for us, the attack expected in the morning, we are evidently going to evacuate after building entrenchment and strengthening our position. But those at the Helm know best, to use a Saliers expression.

Ordered to form a line at 3 A.M. as usual to day around with no Breakfast until about morn before we get away, were all tired out and Officers feel as though they did not care for anything.

Lieut Marland down this eve and made a short call he says they are the last think on board, we are bound down the river no doubt. My Trunk and Baggage on one boat & myself on another. We are to go on the Ceres I believe Camp looks desolate & I do not like to leave it, although going toward the City for we all in a healthy location and our men are doing well.
August
20-Wednesday

No entry.
August
21-Thursday

Embarked right wing of our Regiment, on board the Ceres and left on Laurel Hill, got on board about noon. One Brat left exclusively for “Cullua presums” a motherly assemblage about 1100 Men, Women & Children mostly women.

Fleet got under weight at about noon, after changing the program and putting our left wing on board the Gunboat Kineo, and led by the old Mississippi we steamed down the river, and left to hold the Ferry Boat burning on the Levee. The Essex is left to hold the place and prevent the putting up of Batteries along the Levee to annoy our Transports while passing up and down the river.

Took our dinner on board the Boat also our Supper had some fine Singing on board coming down river, and finally Whitcomb & myself fell asleep out on the after gaurd and slept until near morning, then went in and lay down as best we could & and remained utterly unconscious until morning. I fortunately, found an empty sofa in Johnston State room which I appropriated to my use and slept very comfortable. Whit not
so fortunate took a Rocking chair for his couch.
Up this morning at about 7 A.M. and find ourselves hurled up alongside the Levee at Carroline. Negroes all landing and I hear we are to land here. Went up about a mile hunting for Breakfast but did not succeed very well came back and made a tolerable one from Rancid Bacon and cold coffee.

9 O Clock A.M. got orders to land, done so and marched up about 1 ½ miles and took down a fence and took possession of a Potato patch for our Camp Ground found Col Dudley have now Acting Brig’er General. leaving Major Whittemore in com’d of our Regiment, Col Dudley takes Adj’t Dimon for A.A.A. Gen’l and Major makes no acting Adjutant for our Regiment not a very pleasant position and certainly not one I much like. Capt Wells Acting Major, the, the ground is low and after a rain will be awful I should judge, boys all turned to digging Sweet Potatoes, but they are very poor ones, hardly pay for digging, Whitcomb & myself went up to Camp of 8th N.H. by invitation of two Lieuts and took dinner a very fine one to, one of them is from Lawrence, the other is Cushing from Nashua I think, saw Hayden Stickney looking finely, he had Coffee made for our boy’s and
brought down to our Camp.
August 23-Saturday

Rained all night and as a consequence our camp has sunk just a foot under the mud and every foot a man puts down he must stop and draw it out at the imminent sink of leaving his boot in the mud.

Put Capt Yeaton under arrest by order of Major Whittemore, for the same cause of which, I myself was guilty yesterday, namely going out from Camp and staying to dinner without leave from the Major. But our Company was provided for and his was not. Camp this morning looks as well as could be expected considering everything rain, mud, an all, We have by this time learned to make quick moves and changes.

Living pretty well I being with Field and Staff am in a house and doing pretty well in a day or two we shall get regulated once more and things will go on as usual.
August
24-Sunday

Weather cleared up and fine overhead very hot mud has assumed the consistency of paste and is harder then when it was mud, to track in, I have had to give up Fullers horse to him us he is detailed on Fatigue duty and has a great deal of travelling to do. I have taken possession of Majors [---] one for the present and must manage to keep him for what short time I am acting in this Capacity.

No inspection this morning on account of the unsettled condition of our Regiment owing to the bad weather and moving of our troops, our Hospital as yet is on board the Natchez when all our Sick must be moved in Ambulances.

No drills or dress parade to day Major Wells not well, and I not very well either but I guess we will come out all right in the end Whitcomb does not like my being detailed, it makes him harder work for him and he is some what selfish.
Orders to break Camp and move up the road some 2 miles we are now in a Swamp on Meterice Ridge so called, where we have to drink Bayou water and go without anything to eat but what we can get from our rations it is what we call living one down to his rations hard living, hard work & poor pay. 1 ½ miles from ½ way home on the road to the Lake, not Ponchartrain I am still acting Adjutant and that saved my legs some little hard, but now to find a place to Sleep, it must be in my tent this time for the [---] is occupied. Major took possession until we can Regulate a mess but sleeps under canvas. Rain again, and grass 2 Foot high and our Camp not wholly pitched, I have travelled around all day and though on Horseback am wet though above my knees, but cold headache and do not feel well at all, was not well when I left Baton Rouge and our life since then up to this time has not been such as would improve ones heath.
August
26-Tuesday

Weather cloudy and unpleasant and I am pretty well and at Chills as every one else has Major says Oh you will all come out right but I do not feel it for I am Sick. and I am not one who gives up lightly.

I detailed Lieut Clark to take my place and I go on Sick report can stand it no longer. Our house has been taken down and the boards and fir floor for the men’s tents. Sergeant Major & Campbell both pretty badly used up 7th Vermont next so us on the left and Nims Battery on the Right. Our usual drills and inspections are now going as usual. Brigade Drills afternoons, the boys have a hard time of it now hard drills field & poor accommodations John completely used up has not done anything since leaving Vicksburg and I am afraid it will be a long time before he will again.
August 27-Wednesday

Our usual course of drills but not anything else going on.

Capt Shipley and Johnston are trying hard to get the discharges but do not seem to get along very well, they both look as though they would get them from a higher power before long.

Lieut Howe, Gardner, & Lieut Tenny are getting along finely I hear and are under the best of care in New Orleans, all three at the Brooks House. I hope they may all recover. Sergeant Penny is in town taking care of Howe. Howe is in excellent sprits and no doubt but he will get well I think. Tenny does not take so good care of himself but still fortune seems to favor him and he improves.
August  
28-Thursday

Still sick in Quarters but I am going in town, if I am to be sick and take care of myself for one can not do anything towards getting well out here in Camp and it is of no use trying.

I have nothing to write at all everything is by and State no excitement or nothing new to write about only that now our Camp is laid out and everything has gone back into the old Military Routine and tap of the drum. I sometimes fancy if at home I must have a drum beaten to go to bed by and get up in the morning as well as eat our meals. we get so familiar Reveille, Tattoo, Retune etc.

Word has arrived that we are paid of tomorrow. I hope it may be true for I am somewhat behind in debt and must pay it off what I owe in the City.
August 29-Friday

Pay day what a sound for a Soldiers ear a welcome one.

Capt Shipley and Johnston are here to be paid our Comp comes ways along on the list but the money is good.

Dr. Holt has given me a certificate saying I ought to go in town and stay a week for my health and I have my peers.

Went in town towards night. went to brooks House. ran House and think by laying still I should room be all night

Major says he orders me to be back Sunday mustered. I told him I would if able, but he says I must at any rate. Dr. Holt says stay until he tells me to come back & I shall do so, and I will run the risk but what I will get my pay when the time comes.
August 30-Saturday to September 18-Thursday

No entries.
September
19-Friday

Lieut Howe and Gardner embarked on board Steam Transport Matanzas for N.O. Gardner is nearly well. Howe doing well. They have gone on Recruiting Service, taken Serg’t Penny with them. I sent by Howe $100.00 to my wife he wanted the use of to and will get full as quick as if sent by mail. Capt Shipley and Brent Johnston were out to Camp to day.

Col Dudley will not give his consent to my leaving the Regiment, but seems disposed to do everything he can to prevent me from getting the appointment. But it will avail him naught for I can have it if I will say so, with out his influence, or consent, he says come in tomorrow and he will tell what he can do, will consider in the meantime over the matter that is equivalent to his saying he will not recommend it or do anything for it, but he says I can do as well when I am at present, Whit I know is not so, for it has been already proven who his priories are.
September
20-Saturday

A very hot day and I have got very much to do, and do not feel much like doing anything at all. I am nearly used up now and shall be wholly if I remain here much longer.

Went it and talked with Col Dudley, he says after thinking over the matter he thinks my mind made up to leave the Regiment and I would take no intent in it should I remain and it would be better for me to go for the reasons he will say he gives his consent, but will not put it in writing, because that would help me he thinks he give me until 8 A.M. tomorrow to go down to U.S. Barracks and see Col Paine and I have to make good use of my time to get back at that time.

I went in saw Col Paine he gave me a line to Gen’l Weitzel, could not find Gen’l Weitzel and took it out to Camp and mush trust to luck to get another one but think I can do it in a few days.
September 21-Sunday to August 28-Sunday

No entries.
Another very hot day and disagreeable day.  
This day I have accepted my commission as 1\textsuperscript{st} Lieut and Adjutant in the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Regiment La. Vols by letter and forwarded it to New Orleans, H’d Q’rs Dept of the Gulf am awaiting orders to report, which I hope I may get soon.  
Whitcomb is down on my taking it and even says he will prevent it that is what he cannot do for it is accepted, although not with Col Dudley recommendation or assistance, and perhaps he will feel much better when he knows of it.  
Whitcomb has been making an effort to make himself a little more comfortable how he will succeed remains to be proved, he has had a large shade (or Arbor as we would call it at home) built of cane and Palm leaf and it readily looks pleasant if it is of on use.  
Our men many of them rather dislike to have me leave being the only Officer with them from home but when Capt returns they will get over this I guess.
September
30-Tuesday

Detailed for Brigade guard duty this morning Dr. Holt says no and put me on sick report says I must lay still and do nothing for a few days.

It is an extremely hot day for no late in the season 30 of September and as hot as we have it at home in July it does seem strange how very severe the weather is as it grows late in the season seems more hard to bad a great deal than when we are looking for it but now when we almost have [---] nights, and such heat daytimes I do not [---] at men taking cold & getting Fevers.

Major Fiske was down & and stopped at our Quarters a few Moments he is looking finely never better I wish I were as well as he. His Regiment leaves our Brigade and goes into Weitzels, it is supposed for Active duty. Weitzels has the Strongest Regiments in the Dep’t in his Brigade & that gives rise to the supported the are going into immediate service.
Major Whittemore has heard of my accepting the Commission in 2\textsuperscript{nd} La. Vols & tells Whittier I have missed it very much, for he should have recommended me for the same position in the Regiment. In the first place he has no Regiment, here being 2 Officers superior to him belonging to it and one of whom I know would not have done me that favor had I have wished it. For he has already left me out and not given me what belongs to me some time ago. Second

Major Whittemore knew that I was expecting an appointment in the La Reg’t some days ago & he never by word or deed made and proposals or hints of that kind tell me, had he have wanted me very badly he would have taken some way to have had me know it in reason, & not wait until I was duty appointed before saying so. Thirdly. The position was not Vacant, nor will be until Major Dimon is permanently relieved which he was not at that time and was there fore likely to return to the position himself. Fourthly I would not have accepted of it, for it did not belong
to me and I would have been superceding one of my own friends, all I wanted to have kept me in my Reg’t was my rights, a first Lieut in some Company, some time since, being the Senior 2nd Lieut who had been commissioned at that time, when Brown one of Gov. Andrews Satellites, was recommended for no reason but for Personal favors for one of our Field Officers. Said Brown having no qualifications [---] him for a promotion as can be proven by our line Officers.
October  
2-Thursday

Another day passed and no order to report has come as yet evidently my letter has been mislaid and I can not get in town to get it pushed though again for sometimes for the Major knows what I want and will do nothing to help me at all to get it. Detailed for gaurd again this morning again and no doubt will be until I leave here, but I shall not go on, or on drill until I am considerable better that I am now. Dr Holts orders Are better than any one’s else at this time Whitcomb Sick and myself, and that Celebrated Capt E.R. Clark in command of Comp C. Oh what a fall was there, not a private in the Company but knows more than he does about drill and everything connected with Camp life Whitcomb, Whittier, and Yeaton all came out from New Orleans this P.M. Whittier’s tells me my order to report has come and that he got it from the Major Strong and brought it out, I shall get it tomorrow I suppose.

Major Whittemore is on a board of inquiry in New Orleans and Acting Major Wells in com’d of the Battalion, numbering about 150 men, a strong Regiment. Capt Yeaton has been quite sick in town.
I am gaining rapidly once more.
October
3-Friday

Recieved an order from Head Quarters Department of the Gulf to report myself for duty to Col C.E. Paine at U.S. Barracks New Orleans for duty, and relieving me from duty in the 30th Regiment Mass Vols this is what pleased me, I go in town tomorrow and report as soon as I can get there. Remains acting Adjutants here now, only 3 or 4 Officers on duty now nearly all on sick list gaurd duty is shared between some 3 Lieuts. Major Dimon also reports in a day or two at same place. Col Dudley is not much pleased at the result of his, trials, to stop our being Commissioned in that Regiment, Hodgen Orderly of Comp A. and Coburn of our Company, are both in town recruiting for same Regiment and I am in hopes Will succeed in doing or getting that position they wish in the Regiment, both will make good Officers.

I am feeling much better & think I can go right on duty when I get down to the Barracks.
October
4-Saturday

Spent the morning packing up my things and bidding adieu to what Officers are in Camp. found Capt Crowley very sick so weak he could hardly sit up while talking to us, we did not stop long as it evidently was with great difficulty he talked. About noon I left Camp for the ½ way house on foot and walked in. it was tremendous hot but I felt as though I must go at any rate. I heat my head I think a little for it felt uncomfortable when I got in to the cars, arrived in New Orleans & took a cab went to Brooks house left my Rubber coat and Sword Pistol and belt then went and made a few purchases, met Lieut Snow of Nims Battery and we went into Edwards Restaurant and took tea or commenced for as I was eating my blood and I went dizzy and with all signs of Fever, Snow took me to his house and bathed my head with Ice water nearly all night, I in the meantime delirious, talking and not knowing anything at all Consequently I did not report for duty to day, future pages will tell where I did do so, I am feeling very badly about it.
October 5-Sunday to October 9-Thursday

No entries.
August
11-Monday
to
August
18-Monday

No entries.
October 11-Saturday to October 18-Saturday

No entries.
October
19-Sunday

I went out this morning for a short walk with Lieut Snow of Nims Battery went down to Port Office to see Parker Hatch & Wright but we are to late, back to Lt Charles and stopped a short time met some 9th Conn Officers and some Naval Officers, commenced feeling tired and started for home, for I do not wish to get used up and I am now doing finely, Oh how I would like to have gone on with Capt and Johnson I would soon have been well and hearty but sometimes think I am never going to get well again for it is very discouraging to lay so long, and not improve anymore than I do I can get no strength , Whitcomb is very sick also Maj. Whittemore and my other officers of the 30th Regiment.
October 20-Monday to October 24-Friday

No entries.
October
25-Saturday

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October
26-Sunday

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October
27-Monday
to
October
31-Friday

No entries.
November
1-Sunday

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November
2-Sunday
to
November
4-Tuesday

No entries.
November
5-Wednesday

Went up to the Camp ground of the 30th Mass Regiment but our Regiment not being there I turned and drove back to the city of N.O. Met Col Dudley on Canal Street and he asked me where our Regiment was he expected it last night, the 30th left and went down to the Barracks Col W.W. Bullock is in command Col Dudley informs me that he has been relieved from his Brigade and expects to go on the Staff as Inspector Gen’l he will make a fine one, knows his business and is a fine Officer.
I then went down to Major Strong and had my Commission dated, then up to Major Giddings the mustering and disbursing Officer of the Dep’t of the Gulf.

Then after making a fewpur chases I took a cab, and my Sergeant Major Coburn who I found in town and went out once more to find my Regiment. succeeded after a while on finding them 3 miles from where I expected to at Camp Parapet under command of Col. Paine of 4th Wisconsin, acting Brig’r Gen’l 1st Brigade 1st Division he is a fine man, and I am very much pleased to think we are under his command.
I went down and slept in the Hospital Boat Natchez
the same old Wharf Boat we had at Baton Rouge.
No entries.
November  
16-Sunday

Rather an unpleasant day it seems as though our rainy season had really commenced.

Inspection this morning as usual.

Gen Sherman was up and Inspected the 12th Maine Reg’t he generally straightens things out when he goes through an inspection. errors are quickly seen by his practiced eye.

Major Dimon and myself went out a few minutes looking up Horses but did not succeed very well for we could not find the Q’r master, Horses are very scarce and I am not sure but I will have to go on foot, or ride a pony and I do not want to do that if I can possibly help it.
Wrote to Jane this P.M. and must trust to luck it get it in town to the mail.
Major went on board the Port mouth this P.M. had a fine time I think, although it rained when he returned She lay close by us with her guns all ready in case of an emergency, although I do not think an old wooden bulk like her would be of much benefit.
November
17-Monday

Drizzly and unpleasant day, played Chess with Major Dimon in the forenoon a little and while away my time as best I could.
Dr. Everett from New Orleans a rather Eccentric individual a Doctor, who has just figured in a little affair about arms or uniforms in his possession against order from H’d Q’r to the contrary. He was honorably acquitted by Judge Bell and is now an applicant for the position of Assistant Surgeon, of our Regiment Dr. Kellogg knows him well and considers a fine Surgeon, but thinks he will not obtain the appointment on account of the above affair.

Major and myself went up to Quarters and had a chat with Cols Paine & Everett this P.M. Col wishes us to come up and stop at the house thinks we will be better off there than on the Boat.
My health seems improving fast at the present time I hope it will continue.
Mailed a letter to Jane engaged a [--] at $5.00 per month get a pair if common regulation Pants of Quartermaster, to save the ones sent me from home.

The first thing I have written in this book since July 21st 1862.
November
18-Tuesday

Rainy and uncomfortable day
cold and disagreeable every day.

Our Paymaster arrived to day
and commenced fatigue of our
Regiment and our boys need
it very badly for they have recieved
no pay since enlisting, and
many of them had commenced
thinking they were not going
to get anything before ordered
away, but this payment will
make many a needy awful
better.
12th Maine Regiment recieved
orders to march tomorrow
it is not known where they
are going, only that they are
to march.
Out again hunting Horse
flesh but could not find only
one, and he has a habit of
going where pleases, without
any offence as to the direction
in which his master rides
wishes him to go, therefore I
passed him and by and will wait
a little longer and perhaps
fare worn.
My new boy Jack came to day
I like his appearance very much
I have got a good boy this
time.
Colonel asked us to day when we
were going to get well he is
getting a little impatient
wants us for duty.
November
19-Wednesday

Morning warm fair & very Beautiful. in pleasant weather one can appreciate good power and wisdom from certain points on the Mississippi as well perhaps as in anyplace, in this United States of ours, and United they must always be or nothing at all and we can all see that struggle as Rebellion will, no matter how hard, its back is already broken, and it cannot much longer live, Foreign powers have long since ceased to talk about intervention and that is the “last feather that breaks the Camels back” no use it is certainly doomed as certain as the Sun is to set in the West at night.

I am feeling once more a little like myself and shall I think report for duty in a day or two at the farthest I am completely used up from lying in Hospital from 5 to 6 weeks I have been under Surgeons care and treatment & I am tired of “Quarantine” and the name nearly makes me Sick.

Sent a letter in by Dr. Kellogg for Jane, hope I may soon get one from her.
November
20-Thursday

Doctor gone into town this morning and just as he is gone I am down again with a terrible shake, Oh dear it seems at times as if I were doomed to be always sick while here only yesterday I was apparently as well as ever and now as sick as ever, well that’s the difference you see so we must take it first one then the other, but give me one or neither, I cannot endure being ½ Sick and ½ well is confounding unpleasant especially down here thousands of miles away from home. Major Dimon down sick to. Strange that when one us are sick, the other follows we are both down at once got paid to day and am going in town and send home some money the first opportunity, got $220.23, must be sure and send home some right away as my wife may need it in trade. Camp is dull, nothing but the same routine nothing to journalize on or make this poor diary interesting except to myself should I live some 20 or more years to come when the wars are over and I am old man with my little Lieut’s and Adjutants around me waiting for stories from — well no matter.
November
21-Friday

Not feeling well at all this morning Dr. Kellogg in town has not returned, my brain is all in a whirl from taking so much Quinine and I shall soon be deaf I am afraid.

A General Review and Inspection this morning at 9 ½ A.M. before Gen Sherman this is the first our Regiment has had before him, will be probably a severe one and a lesson for the future.

Dr. Gossow appeared in my coat and Dr. Kellogg’s Sword and barrings his pants & hat looked very well.

had a very good review and passed off well, Gen Sherman then came on board the Natchez and inspected the Hospital, all looked well, he seemed satisfied.

Dr. Kellogg arrived home very safely and brought home a number of purchases among the rest a pair of Spurs of a very good pattern at a cost up 200 which are low and just the thing. I will have a pair of them.

He also brought home some Kerosene Oil which he intends burning in place of Candles and it seems a great Relief to ones eyes, to once more see something that gives a light a little like gas light.
November
22-Saturday

Pretty sick to day from the
effects of the severe chill
I had day before Yesterday and
Yesterday I hope I may get
over them soon, no one who
has never had them knows
or can imagine anything
like them it racks ones frame
and body for days, now
to day I am suffering from
the severe fever which is
sure to follow by tomorrow
if nothing happens I shall
be up out of bed and feel
pretty well, to be sick so
long and look so well in my
face is troublesome for even
my friends say, why look
well, you don’t look sick,
they would never be guilty of
any such impoliteness.
Dr. Gossow went in town to
day and while there he got
me a pair of spurs for me
like Dr. Kellogg’s, price $2.00 I
like them much I want a
pair of Saddlebags but had
much rather select them,
myself then are so many
different kinds, and I want
a serviceable pair, some that
will last long as the
Volunteer service does. I
hope that will not be a great
while.
November
23-Sunday

Inspection of the Regiment by Col Prince as usual.
Dr. Kellogg, Gossow & Hospital Steward were out, I loaned
Dr. Gossow my coat and he went to Sergeant Major
and borrowed my sword from him. So if I was not present I was pretty well represented in way of some form. I am a little better than yesterday though I kept my bed until nearly night then got up and sat up about an hour, went to bed feeling considerably refreshed; think I can sleep a little more soundly.

Major is still quite sick he has a hard time of it & is of such a nature that he worries a great deal which probably hinders his gaining much. Col is not well at all and had really not ought to be on duty; he suffers considerably from Diarhea, “Chronic” the Doctor thinks. If so this country will be a hard one for him.

Doctor Kellogg on board the Portsmouth this P.M. to dinner had a very pleasant time he says.
November
24-Monday

To day feeling much better Chill has passed of and towards night walked out without Dr. Kellogg as far as the Quartermaster and am feeling very much better for it has taken some of the stiffness from my legs. Tom went in for the mails but none for me. The McClellean is in the river coming up and will probably bring me a letter. I hope so for it is a long time since I have had one from Jane or anyone other person. The news is confirmed of McClelleans removal, to bad, to bad the confounded Abolitionist of the North if the had the same things to go though, and see their [...] Abolitionism would leave them I think, if not they would in my opinion be but than human. as for my politics I shall say nothing until the war is over, but from present prospect where within 50 years. No news here of importance can not find enough to write a letter and fill respectably, all are mere [...] [...], and I am ashamed to write to anyone but my wife I can write so little.
Major Dimon detailed by order from No. 2nd Dep’t Gul on a board of Inquiry as regards the late commander of Comp of 8 Vermont Reg’t on Opelouras R. Road, some time since, he went in town this morn to report according to orders not well, but in remarkable spirits. Dr. Kellogg and myself made a call on Quartermaster [---] and I canvassed the Horse affair a little but not to much purpose. We then went and had a Melaimotype taken with I may say perfect success, came back on board the Natchez and in a few minutes a man came in and brought me 2 letters from my wife, and one from my mother which gave me much pleasure for I had heard from neither for some time and I began to think something was the matter. I have written and enclosed my miniature to Jane and am going to have another taken for my Mother if I live until tomorrow and the weather in fine so I can get out to do it. This P.M. Dr. Kellogg horse fell though this rotten old Boat but as it happened did not damage him any except a flesh wound which will soon heal and he be all right heard from Major tonight he
has to go up the R. Road to the place of the surrender, and to Gen Weitzels Camp for the trial, some 40 to 60 miles.
November 26-Wednesday

Dr. Kellogg went in town this morning took my letter to my wife.

Major Dimon gone up O.R.R & alone nothing to pass away my time, went up to Quarters in forenoon and sent away my Washing, quite a pile.

Lieut Loring & Fay were in to invite me to a ground Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow—given at the Barracks N.O. by the officers of the 30th Mass Reg’t Col Paine is also invited do not know whether to go or not see if I am as well tomorrow after dinner I went up to Quarters saw Col and he is going, says I had better go and have a good time. and I guess I will go with him, nothing new going on at all everything goes along in the same monotonous way.

Dr. Kellogg came home this eve and has brought him a Naval Overcoat, one of the Seamless Coats a very pretty and good article indeed.

Harry Lemegyr was here and I paid him my Sutton bill he had it $42.00 but said there was some mistake and deducted 9.00 from it I am now a free man as far as Sutton are concerned but not so with the Doctors I hope nearly so.
November
27-Thursday

A very fine day for Thanksgiving I went up and saw Col this morning to get my pass signed and he wished me to ride in with him, so I waited until he got nearly ready and then started with Doctor who was going as far Carrolton thinking the Colonel would over take me on the road. We drove to the Hotel, there met Capt Brown he is he informs en going down to the Barracks also.

Col Paine came alone and we proceeded on our way, I rode was done to the City and then after making some stops with him. I concluded to ride on to the Barracks Horseback instead of taking the Horse carts, making some 12 or 14 miles I have ridden to day and I call that a pretty good days work for a sick man to say nothing about eating of such a Thanksgiving dinner as that set before us, but I had rather have had one at home not ½ so costly with my wife and the rest of the family then indeed it would have been Thanksgiving.

Speeches were made by Col. Everett (the toast master of the occasion) by Cols Dudley, Paine, Major Whittier Capt Brown of the 30th Capt Wells also, Capt Hoffman of Gen’l Sherman, Staff, by officers of Navy and Marine Corps Representatives of the press and a great many others, at 6 P.M. Col Paine and myself withdrew from the table, and from the Hall mounted our Horses and returned to New Orleans, where I put up
my horse and went over to
Capt Nims and put up for the
night, Col Paine rode on to
Camp thinking he could not stay
over night. as for me I thought I
had done too good or too large a days
work already.
November
28-Friday

Very Pleasant morning, got up about 7 O’clock, feeling not a bit the worse from my yesterdays enjoyment. In fact I believe it has done me good, for it has started up my blood now if I can maybe to keep of the Chills for a few days more I shall think I am once more save and getting well. Went down to Guions and bought an album or Photograph Album I should say for $5.00 now to get it filled then send it home to my wife, when filled with Military photographs it will be a pleasing souvenir of the war I got Gen’l Butlers, Gen’l McClellans Adj’t Davis and Lieut Kilborn And Provost Marshall of N.O. to day in town am to have Gen’l Weitzel Col French’s and some them among the rest Lt Col. H. H. Elliott who was so highly spoken of at Baton Rouge. After making a purchase of Saddle bags, spurs and a few trifles I once more mounted my Horse and started for the Parapet when I arrived after having a very pleasant ride, at about 1 O Clock , or just in reason to dine with Colonel for the first time since moving into our new Quarters.
November 29-Sunday
to
November 30-Monday

No entries.
December
1-Monday

Sergeant Major Coburn has gone down to New Orleans.

Dr. Kellogg has gone down also Major being down on a board of inquiry to leaves me on this old Hospital Boat alone, as far as Company is concerned although there are some 50 men on board, the wind blows almost a Hurricane and the old Boat shakes and rattles as though she would go to pieces and I should not be surprised to see her go at any minute for she is an ugly old rotten concern.

I moved up to Camp this after noon for I am so lonely I could not bear to stay down on board the Boat.

Have a severe chill since I came up to Camp but I should have been down there alone and had it if I had not have come up here, I now have Company at least, and that takes away something of my miseries.
December 2-Tuesday to December 27-Saturday

No entries.
December
28-Sunday

Grand review and inspection this morning before Col Paine Acting Brigadier.

Capt McGee & Godfrey called upon our Col & brought their whole companys, but Col. Paine being absent. McGee says he shall not give him a present arms as he intended.

I went down to New Orleans on Steamer Iberville on business for the Regiment, also carried papers for a leave of absence to General Banks for myself for 60 days but do not think I will be successful as such documents must go though intermediate Commanders. I carried some 200 or more money letters to the wives and families, of our men a long job I expect a hard one.
December
29-Monday
to
December
31-Wednesday

No entries.
Miscellaneous

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