

## BOOK THREE

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> [May 1862]

Started on again at 7 o'clock. Went 18 miles to a place called Warren. It is quite a large place of 1800 inhabitants. Had to ford the Rappahannock as the rebels burned the bridge. Saw lotsof negroes. Had a splendindcamping place. It has been a beautiful day. There is but ... .. but lots of good looking girls.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> [May 1862]

Did not move until afternoon. Only walked(?) six miles this day. Saw a (remainder illegible). buried. Manassas(?) is 15 miles from here. ... through town saw some very fine looking women. Camped six miles out of town.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> [May 1862]

Started on at 7 o'clock. Went 5 miles and came to where some of McDowels troop ... and went into camp about noon. They fired a salute as we came into their camp. Had a very nice place to stay. I went down to the creek and took a good wash. The water is very warm and nice.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> [May 1862]

Did not move at all today and so we had a good rest. I took ... (top of page torn?). This afternoon we came much farther, got to Bull Run creek where we camped all night, some sixteen miles from camp Lyon(?).

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(20th?) ... a walk around camp. Went over where the New York boys was camped. They have but 4 pieces of artillery. I received a letter from Mate and answered it. Had roll call and dress parade. Went through with the same old still that we had at Camp Dennison. This camp is called Camp Lyon. It is on the R.R.

21st. Had orders to move at six o'clock this morning. We went very slow as there was such a long train of ... with us. Did not take(?) (remainder illegible).

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(unknown date)...went right along without stopping for dinner or anything else. Got at Bristol station at 4 o'clock, distance 20 miles. We fixed up all the tents as we see that we were going to have a thunderstorm. I never saw the wind blow harder in my life. It upset all our tents and the most of us got wet as (??)

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Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> [May 1862]

Marched on at the usual hour. Got at Fredericksburg at 3 p.m. Camped across the river from the city. There is a large force of McDowell's in here, mostly eastern troops. Had rather hard roads to travel as we came through the woods part of the way.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> [May 1862]

Took a view of the camp ground this day. We were reviewed this afternoon by Slwealer(?) and Secretary Staunton. It took them all day to get around, there was so many troops. Did not get through until after dark. Had a tip top time today.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1862

Received 3 letters, one from BA. Abot, one from Nell Knapp, and one from W.E.B., answered them all. Had to take some horses and get them changed for better ones. Got some good ones. I had orders to be in readiness to move in the morning.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1862

Orders to move to the Shenandoah Valey. It makes the boys all feel down in the mouth. They are anxious to move on towards Richmond. We started on towards the Valley at 10 p.m., went some 15 miles and camped on the same old ground that we did when we came out here. It is reported that Jackson is advancing on Banks, driving him back towards Winchester.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1862

Started on again at the usual hour, went right along. Did not have to stop much for the infantry. We did not stop until we got to the Catlette station. Stopped a few moments, then started towards Manassas Junction. It is reported that Banks is started back to Harper's Ferry and Jackson is coming towards the Junction. Went on 4 miles beyond the station and camped. Gen Shields went to Washington when we started from Fredericksburg and is now at Manassas Junction waiting for us to come on.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 1862

Started at 6 o'clock, got at Manassas Junction about noon. Saw two of their wooden guns that they fooled Mack with. They had splendid/ fortifications. It seems as though they were impregnant (sic). Such a splendid place to hold, it would have taken an awful force to have taken it if they had resisted. We stopped and looked around for quite a while, then went ontowards Thorofare(?) Gap. It is reported that the Rebels are in there with a large force. We went some 10 miles towards the gap and camped all night in a nice meadow where there was plenty of grass so that our horses had a good chance to eat. This forenoon just before we got to the junction we came across a lot of clothes our forces had left, so the boys went in. I got 2 blankets and a pair of shoes, also some shirts.

This is one of the worst places that I have been in. There is so many dead horses around it makes it very disagreeable for us. We saw a lot of graves, mostly Secesh. One Alabamma Regiment has buried over a hundred in one place or small yard.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 1862

Today we went nearly 20 miles, Went through a place called White Plains. Saw several Secesh graves, some that died last summer. We camped near a small town called Rector(?). We crossed the Manassas Gap mountain, found where Col Gary had left a lot of things. He burned several thousand dollars worth of things. Two of our boys got taken this afternoon just before we came in to camp. They were out skirmishing. We got a lot of flies to sleep under, some that Gary left.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1862.

Laid in camp all day. Went on again at 6 o'clock. Heard cannonading off at a distance this afternoon. It is reported that Jackson is getting in our rear. We went on until 12 o'clock when we camped right at the edge of the mountains. We all slept well, laid out in the open air. never enjoyed a sleep more in my life. Old Col Dann(?) was going to split one of our boys' heads because he did not sit up straight on his horse. He also gave Phy a blowing for smoking a cigar. I think that he is one of the meanest men I ever saw in my life.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1862

Up at sunrise this morning. Marched at 1/2 past 6 o'clock. It was very warm today. We crossed the mountains and 166 went in to Front Royal in a hurry. Got some over a/hundred. We lost 8 men on one cavalry company, among them was one Captain and 7 privates. It is the worst thing that I ever set eyes on. It was awful. We stopped nearly all the afternoon in the town. it rained quite hard. The prisoners all seemed to be in good spirits. They laid out the dead in a room which the Rebels used for hospital. It is the most horrible sight that I ever witnessed. The Capt. had 7 ball holes in him. The prisoners are coming in all the while. We camped just in the edge of town. It rained quite hard in the night.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1862

We took in quite a number of prisoners last night. We have about 150 now. We sent the Captain that was killed home and had the rest buried here. I went over to the secesh burying ground. They have 100 buried here. They are from eight different states. We had orders to move just after dinne. Went out the other side of town about a mile and placed our guns up on a hill (just one section of us). Our men got one of the rebel's 168 guns. It is an English gun, one of their best ones that they have. Our men had a skirmish out some four miles. We lost one Lieutenant but we routed them. It rained hard in the night. We heard cannonading at a distance in the direction of Strasburg.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1862

Heared heavy cannonading toward Strasburg all this forenoon. We had orders to move out west of town which we did after dinner. I captured a pair of breast plates which the secesh threw away when they retreated. As soon as we had all got up west of the town we had orders to march to Luray 25 miles from here. We naturally dug out, Had not gone far when it began to rain. It just more than poured down. I went up in a cave some 5 rods, got some stalactite which are formed of water which drops out of the

rocks. It was as cold as an ice house in the caves. We continued our marching until 10 o'clock at night when we camped. It is 10 miles from Front Royal. It rained hard in the night so that we got wet, every one of us. Where our other part of the Battery is we know not. Have not seen it since we left Front Royal.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1862

Up and going at the usual hour. The grub is about played out and the boys are getting discouraged. We left our caissons behind and went on without guns expecting a fight at Luray but when we got there we could not find a secesh, so we continued on through town. Took two prisoners, and after staying out in the about two hours we went in camp. We heard cannonading through the day in the direction of Strasburg which indicates that Jackson is still there. The Rebels have burned the bridges across the Shenandoah to prevent us crossing the river. Old Jackson is in a tight place this time anyhow they can fix it. Gen Shields is here in person. He says that we stood the march well. Our caissons got up with us about 9 o'clock in the evening. The boys are all very tired. Tonight we found a good house to sleep in. I never enjoyed sleep better in my life.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1862

Nice and pleasant this morning, very warm. Looks like rain some it being so warm. Had orders to move back to our brigade. Our men found where there had been two union men killed and left without being buried. They were killed by the rebels, have lain some two weeks. Our other part of the battery passed by about noon. They have camped a mile beyond us. Do not know when we shall get together again. We killed some pigs and had a good supper. It rained nearly all night.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 1862

It continues to rain. I went off with one of detachment B and got a good lot of cream and dried beef. Our boys captured a wagon and five horses. It makes the farmers look down in the mouth to see us around. They put on some long faces. I told one old man that he had got to come down to soldier's fare, that we did not come down here to starve to death, not by any means. It is quite muddy here since the rain. Our boys got a lot of hams for us. We live like pigs in clover.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Orders to march at half past 5 o'clock this morning, so we got our breakfast and was off by the time mentioned. Found the roads very bad. We went down near the Columbia bridge and camped on a good dry place. Lots of feed for our horses. It is quite pleasant this day. Found two secesh soldiers near the bridge in an old hose. They were from Louisiana. We stayed in camp the remainder of the day. Nothing of importance transpired today.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Orders to move down near the bridge this morning. They are building a bridge across the Shenandoah river and we have to guard it to keep the rebels from shooting at our men who are at work at it. There is talk of our moving over to New Market(?) as

soon as we can get across the river. Shields is bound to fight old Jackson. Says that he must never get out of that valley, only as a prisoner. He says all the commissioned officers who want to resign can do so & he will fill their places with better men, and all the privates who do not feel it their duty to go and fight Jackson can stay at Luray.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Orders to move on towards Harrisonburg this morning. We had not gone more than three miles when our limber chest exploded. It flew all to pieces. One part of it came very near me. It hurt Ed Jacobs very bad, scorched nearly all the hair off his head and wounded him in the arm. We got the limber off the caisson and put it on and away we went. Traveled 22 miles this day, all.....

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...fly so fast in my life. they would just more than pop against our gun but we soon stopped their fun for we just let the canister(?) into them as fast as we could. then we commenced shelling a rebel battery, worked our guns on them a few moments and then had orders to advance. On the right is a wheat field. We had warm work there but made the enemy retreat. Took one gun of theirs, shot at a rebel flag several times, just more than moved them, then we saw their cavalry coming, gave them a few shells and then took a new position. Threw canister right in front of our four guns which were on the left right where we were before we went into the wheat field. The rebels were charging on them again. They were obliged to leave their pieces and retreat. Sergeant Allen was killed and Wm. Pierce was wounded. At the same time we were going their canister and after working our gun for half an hour we drove them in the woods. In the meantime George Akins was wounded in the leg. We then took our first/ position right by the side of the guns that were deserted. Stayed there a few moments and then had orders to retreat, which we did in good order, but our piece was the last on the field. I found a horse just as I started and rode along with our Battery all the way. We met the other two Brigades out some 2(8?) miles where we stopped and took supper, then continued on again back to our (an?) Iron furnace. Got in camp at 10 o'clock. All slept well. There was a man came and got my horse.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1862

When we woke up found it raining but we did not stop for rain. Started on at 7 o'clock, marched all day through the rain, camped at Columbia Bridge.

Wednesday 11th June 1862

Continued on at the usual hour, went within three miles of Luray and camped. I went down to see Wm Pierce. He has had his leg amputated just above his knee, says that he is not in much pain. I received two letters from Maumee(?), one from A.C.(?) and the other from R.J.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 1862

I went in a cave nearby a ....., got some very nice stalactites. It was awful .... in the cave. Went back to camp and then took a good swim in the River. The water is just nice.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Nothing of importance going on this day, yet it is reported that Jackson is advancing on us. I feel about as tired as I did the day after the battle.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Charley (Fa?) has gone home on furlough & the Captain is going to Columbus to see if he can get some new guns. There had been some talk of our going to be put in to other Co,'s but the boys all swear that they will desert if they do any such thing. General Shields reports to the Capt. that we all fought well and those that left their guns were obliged to do so or all be shot down at their posts.

[Saturday]14th [June 1862]

Nothing of importance transpired this day.

Sunday 15th June 1862

Had orders to march this day. We went about ... miles towards Front Royal and camped. Found lots of ... when we had a ... wanted to eat(?) for the first time.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1862

We reached Front Royal this afternoon and went into camp on our old ground. Found some of ... Dowel's troops here. It is reported that Jackson is follow us up close. Just hear that Will Hutchison is dead. He went to the hospital when we were at Falmouth. The news came very unexpectedly to us. He died near Philadelphia Mass.

Tuesday 17th June 1862

Stayed in camp all day doing nothing at all. I went and got some bread and wrote a letter for Philip Blackton to his cousin.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Nothing going on of any importance this day. I wrote two letters to A.C. & R.S. had some good papers to read.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Staying in camp expecting to move on to some other point, awaiting orders. I went down town, looked around some and returned. Not much of anything going on. Did not have any orders to move this day.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1862

I have been trading nearly all day. Bought a revolver and traded it for another one, then traded that for a watch and sold the watch for 17 dollars, making clear 11 dollars.

[written in margin] Got ... .. gave Billie ... 60 dollars ... as he has had to have his leg amputated.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1862

Orders to move this morning. Started at 9 o'clock. Only went about 10 miles and camped at Markum(?) where the notorious rebel Ashbey lives. He has a large house but/nothing very nice.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1862

Started on at 7 o'clock this morning. I had to take charge of the detachment as Harris sick with fever. We went some 20 miles and camped at a place called Haymarket. had all the cherries that we could eat, they are very thick all along the road. Harris is no better this evening. I went and got the Dr. for him.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1862

Orders to start at 5 o'clock this morning so we got up very early and fed our teams and had breakfast, then started...

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(23rd?) ...went right along without stopping for dinner or anything else. Got at Bristol station at 4 o'clock, distance 20 miles. We fixed up all the tents as we see that we were going to have a thunderstorm. I never saw the wind blow harder in my life. It upset all our tents and the most of us got wet as (??)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Received 2 letters, one from EEB and one from MEB. Gay old letters too, they were. We layed in camp all day. Had another thunderstorm just before night, but not so hard as the one yesterday.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1862

All quiet this morning. Quite cool. The wind blows some but not to do any harm. We had orders to move over to ... headquarters the other side of the river. Had a very good camping ground. Harris is quite sick yet.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Had to prepare for review this morning at 11 o'clock. It lasted about three hours. We were reviewed by Gen. Rentzelier.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Nothing of importance going on this morning. Will Ewing came about 11 o'clock. He brought me two letters, one from T(?) & one from Brigham. Also a flag for Detachment C and a large Co. flag. They are very nice. We had orders to move just before night but the orders were soon countermanded and all was quiet again. The infantry all went to Elexandria this afternoon and we are to march tomorrow morning.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Orders were countermanded about our going this morning. Laid in camp all day. Nothing to do. I wrote ... letters.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Very warm ... day. I took a ride up to the ... and looked at the ...s. There were a great many of them, one which was much nicer than any of the rest. It was Fort Henry(??). It ...ed 14 guns. I got back to camp with ... .. this afternoon. Wrote a letter to E.E.B.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1862

Had general inspection of our ... by Lt. Col Hayward(?). The Capt. came just as we were getting mustered in. We moved just before night, went up near the junction.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 1862

All quiet this morning. We got a pole and raised our flag which Will Ewing brought us. Then the Capt. made a short speech, also read a letter from Gertie Smith of Toledo which was brought with the flag.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1862

Laid around camp all day. Nothing of importance going on this day.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1862

Had to go out on inspection. Shot our guns at target, made some good shots. It took us some four hours before we got through. Rather teadeous.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Heard heavy cannonading this morning they were firing a national salute. We stayed in camp all day eating pies and cakes. Just had a gay old time.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1862

We washed and greased our harness this forenoon. I went up to see the Dr. for Jacobe, his eye is very bad. Think that he will loose it. Had orders to move to Alexandria about five o'clock. We marched until 12 o'clock when we camped near Fairfax Court House. There is quite a nice little town here, yet most of the houses are deserted.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Started on our march again at 5 o'clock. Moved in camp near Alexandria about noon. It is awful warm. Went to the creek and had a good wash just at night.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1862

We laid in camp all day, nothing to do but rest ourselves. Had a heavy thundershower before night. it rained very hard.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Had orders to move our camp which we did in the forenoon. Found a much better place on a dry hill near excellent water. It is only a mile from town. Such warm weather I never witnessed before in my day. Hot enough to bake bread or fry crackers. The officers have got a good house to stay in. It is close to the Battery which makes it very convenient for them. The most of sody water went to town and have not returned yet. I have to act Corporal just because they have not got back. One of them is back and I have just tied his hand and feet. He is drunk and insulted the Capt. Capt. says that he is going to stop some of this rowdyism. Bully for him.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1862

All quiet this morning. The most of sody water got back last night, still there is two in town yet. Inspection by Geo. McM... who made a good speech. Senator Hotchkins from Ohio also made a speech which was excellent. We was bothered nearly all day as we had to wait a long while for them to get ready. All very tired when we got back to camp.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1862

It rained some this morning. We got ready, Sam and I, and went to town. Staid until after noon. Went to the Elsworth House, staid a spell, and then went to Fort Elsworth. It is the nicest fort that I have been in yet. It has 17 large guns, four brass guns, and one Battery Whitworth guns. Everything is so nice about it.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Nice cool day. Wrote a letter to F. Barber. Read the papers and laid around as usual.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Capt. went to Washington. We had orders to go over to headquarters and hear a speech from Gen Cary of Cincinnati Ohio. It was the best speech that I have heard since I came in the service, part on temperance and part on a soldier's life and many other important things. He spoke for two hours, we then came back and I went to town. Got me some paper and a chessboard (cheesboard?) and several articles.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1862

We got a lot of new clothing. I do not feel very well this day, have a severe pain in my shoulder.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Will Merrell came up to see me today. Says Albert is better so as to go home in a day or two. He has got a furlough for 30 days. Lieutenant Norton is going home to recruit, takes Will Corlett with him. Phy Norton was up here today. He is getting along fast, will soon be able to attend to his business. Harris is still at the hospital, gaining slowly but is very weak yet. Had a very hard thunder shower this afternoon.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Very warm this morning. Shower this afternoon. One of Robison's horses were struck with lightning. Nothing of importance transpired.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Corporal of the Guard today. Spent most of my time in reading a most interesting novel, title The Arrow of Gold. Rather dull here today, nothing going on.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Got some sibley tents. Had to pitch them and clean up the camp which took nearly all day. Rather warm for comfort. The boys all expect to get paid off this day but there was no paymaster come yet.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Not much of anything going on this day. Went down town, had a pip pop (tip top; pif pof;?) time. Could not get in the hospital to see Harris and Phi as I was too late. We had a heavy thunder shower this evening.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Got paid off this day. it is a very warm day. Nothing of very much importance going on, yet the boys all feel very merry as they have got paid off. I went down town to a show. It was very good.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Will Ewing read a sermon this forenoon, it was very good. This afternoon some of us went down town to church. We went to Washington's old church, after which we went to the hospital and saw the boys. They are getting along well, just rasing (?) Ned. Phy says that he shall go up to camp this week.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1862

General inspection by Gen Sturgis, one of the 204 best inspections that we have had yet./It was done up in perfect style. Did not have to waid as on the most occasions. A nice cool day. We fired a salute just as the Gen. came up. There was some citizens out to see us.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1862

Got three letters, one from home, one from R. Skinner, & one from A. Cass. Had a good time reading them. Phy has just returned to camp and has got his discharge from the hospital. It seems like old times to see him back again. Just as full of the old harry as ever. We have got a Doctor for the artillery brigade.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1862

Another review of all the troops here. I did not learn the General's name. Everything went off in perfect order. We had the honor of firing a nation (?) salute. We arrived in camp at 2 p.m. hungry as dogs.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Nothing of importance going on until nearly night when 206 we had orders to move. First thing was to get all/guns at the depot ready to load on the cars. We took our secesh gun and all extra rubbish and turned them over to the quartermaster, then loaded our guns and then tok our horses back and stayed in camp.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 1862

I was taken with a fever this afternoon. We went down town expecting to put our horses on the cars and go along but could not go, for we could not get transportation, so we laid over all day in town and went into quarters at night.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Got ready to move this morning, so about 10 o'clock we started on our way for Warrington. Stopped at Manassas Junction for 4 hours, then went on and got into Warrington just after dark. Laid in the cars all night. I had quite a hard fever today, commenced to take quinine.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Got into camp about noon. It is very warm. i went in Phy Norton's tent and stayed. Dr. gave me more quinine. My fever came on as usual today.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1862

No fever today. I feel about the same but am very weak, can not sit up at all, have no appetite.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 1862

A slight fever this day. Our battery was inspected by an ordinance sergeant.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 1862

Think I feel a little better. Had a little fever just at night. They had me up to the hospital tent where I will be attended to better. Still continue to take quinine.

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 1862

No better today, continue about the same.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1862

Think that I am a little better. Have a pretty good appetite. Ate quite a hearty breakfast this morning and think that I shall get along now all right.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1862

Not any better this day. No fever but still I am very weak.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1862

Orders to move back to Alexandria. Started on the cars just before night and got into Alexandria before daylight the next morning.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 1862

It took us all day before we got into camp. I was very tired as I stayed in the ambulance all the while. Got about discouraged.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1862

I am much better this morning after a good night's sleep. I have no fever at all this day.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Still yawning(?) lent(?), not able to sit up yet. I received a letter from home written the 29th of June, it has probably been around by Richmond.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Dr. thinks that I will get along now without any trouble. I have a good appetite, eat nearly as much as ever. Capt. and the Ewings have gone down the river to a picnic.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1862

I received four letters this day, one from Albert Merrell, one from home, one from Stanley Brigham, and one from Corlett. Wrote one to M.B. Mrs. Ewing came in to see us. She is a very nice woman. Sent down town and got a lot of peaches, they tasted good.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1862

We turned over all our guns this day and expect to have a new set soon. Capt. has telegraphed for Norton to come back with his recruits, he has about 40, enough to fill the Co. up full again. The officers had a sort of a picnic here last. There was several ladies up from town, stayed until 11 o'clock.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Not much going on this day. Had a Co. inspection and read the several articles and orders in the Army regulations. Expect to see Albert here tomorrow as I have just learned that he is at Washington. Will Ewing read a sermon this afternoon, had quite an audience. I received a letter from Fletch.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1862

All quiet here today. Not much of anything going on. I wrote a letter to Harlow, also one to Brewer. No mail today. I am getting along fast, got so as to sit up and write a letter.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Albert has just got back. Seb Akins came around with him. They both look well, are getting along fine. Al brought me a letter from Harlow. He says the friends are all well. He sent me a lot of paper and envelopes and some postage stamps. We had a hard rain just before night. The wind blew very hard for quite a while. I answered Fletch's letter. There was a large war meeting at the City last evening but I did not learn

who the speakers were. There was quite a number of wounded soldiers came in on the cars from Pope's division today. They have had another hard fight with Jackson's force.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Very nice and cool this morning. I had a tip top sleep last night. I have got so that I can walk around some little. I wrote a letter to Rob Skinner. We have rec'd 4 guns. They are at the depot. Will go after them tomorrow. Capt. is not very well. Will Ewing came in, bought us some cakes, peaches, and ice cream. All very nice. I like him very much. He is so pleasant and has good command over the Co., very different from any of the other officers.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1862

A very cool day. Lt. Devenport has just rec'd a telegraph dispatch stating that his oldest boy is dead. He feels very bad over it. Read a letter from Will Mann that Ed Jacobs had just rec'd. He speaks of my cousin M.W., says her cheeks are red as roses.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Norton has just arrived with his new recruits. There is 34 of them, good looking boys. Will Ewing has got the fever, is quite sick too. It is a nice cool day. I rec'd two letters, one from Thos. and one from Brigham.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 1862

A very nice cool day. All the new recruits seem to enjoy themselves very much. We have foot drill twice a day now. There is some talk of our going into Gen Sturgis' Brigade but we do not like it very much. We all want to go under our old General Tiler. The boys all like Tiler very much.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 1862

All quiet around camp today. Not much going on. Had preaching just at night by a man from town. Most of the boys turned out to hear him. I am getting along very slowly, got so as to sit up long enough to write a letter.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Rec'd a letter from home. Capt. is quite sick with fever, but is not very bad off. He is around about half of his time. Ewing is no better. Wrote a letter home and one to Rob Skinner. It is a nice cool day, not much going on.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Drill as usual. the new recruits are taking a few good lessons. Some of them complain a little but it will do them no good. They have got to come to it. No use talking. Had a talk with Lieutenant Norton about things at Toledo.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Very warm and pleasant this morning. Some talk of our going to leave this place soon. Sargeant Harris has just returned from the hospital. He looks rather poor.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 1862

We turned over one of our guns which had a flaw in it. Will get another in its place. Went after some new horses but could not get them. Will have them in a few days. Lieutenant Robbison of Battery L has just arrived. He was taken prisoner at Fort(?) Republic, says that they used him very well but they used the privates shamefully. The men are making a great fuss over him. He leaves for home in the morning. I feel much better today. I have sat up 3 hours, am getting along well.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1862

Quite cool this morning. Had a little rain which seems good, as we have not had any rain for so long a while. I read a letter from Rob Skinner. He is still at Suffolk, expecting a fight every day. Miss Ewing called to see us this forenoon, said that we must wash all over in whiskey. There is a great many troops coming in here today. The roads are lined with soldiers all the while. Our Co. still continue to drill every day. The boys do not like it much. It is getting to be an old story with them.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1862

Lively time here today with soldiers coming in and going on to reinforce Pope. Cars running night and day carrying nothing but soldiers out to Pope. We expect to hear of a big fight soon. Pope has fell back on this side of the Rappahannock. There is a great many Reg. camping near us. They came in so fast that it is impossible to get transportation for them. Both of the Ewings are down with fever. I am getting along fast, got so that I can walk around considerable. Capt. Has gone after some new horses, also the remainder of his guns. He got the horses but could not get the (guns) just yet. They will be here in a few days.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Everything is quiet in camp this day. The new troops are coming in as fast as ever. I donot feel quite as well today as I did yesterday. I ate a little too much watermelon. I answered Rob Skinner's letter. Harris called to see me today. Had a good chat with him. He is getting along very slow. Had a slight fever this afternoon.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Mrs. Hayward called to see us this morning. She enquired all about us, wanted to know if she could do anything for us. I think that she is a real nice woman. She seems to have an interest in the welfare of the sick soldiers. I rec'd a letter & paper from Stanley Brigham, it seems good to get a Toledo paper ro read once in a while. I do not feel much better today. Perrigo is so as to sit up most of his time, has rather got the start of me. Gen. Tyler was up here today. His daughter came with him. She is a little girl about 12 years old, very pretty. She rode horseback, makes a very graceful appearance. Capt. Robbisons Battery is going with Tyler's Brigade, do not know who we will go with yet. We was in hopes that we might go with Tyler, but Robinson got the start of us.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Quite cool this morning. Capt. has gone after the rest of our guns. Got two Najobian(??) smooth bores, they are for the center section. There is a Major just come in the yard here in front of our tent. He is so drunk that he does not know what he is about. He got the Capt.'s darkey to take care of his horse and he has laid himself down in the shade. He belongs to some infantry Reg. I would just like to give him a good thrashing. I believe that it would do him some good. He not only disgraces himself but the whole camp. The boys are out making all sorts of fun of him. Pretty specimen of a soldier. Perrigo has gone up to the Battery today, he is getting along fast. I am getting along very slow. My appetite is not as good as it was before I had my last fall back. Report says that Siegel has taken 4000 prisoners. It makes us all feel well to hear such reports. All wish that we were with him.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Robertson went to join Tyler's Brigade. He was gone nearly all day, but came back at night. There was some mistake about the order. There is considerable excitement about camp. Report is that Jackson is coming in on us from towards Manassas. It is all excitement here just now. Our cavalry brought in some prisoners from out towards Fairfax. We heard cannonading out that way several times today. There must be something up there. Rec'd a letter from E.B.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 1862

The troops seem to be all in motion about here this morning. Hear cannonading at a distance out towards the junction. We have orders to pack up and get ready for the hospital. The doctor is some excited, thinks that the Rebels are receiving shame. I like to laugh at him. Told him that some folks were more scared than hurt. We started for the hospital about 2 o'clock. Went down town and had to take a boat and go up to Washington. Got up there just before night, then took an ambulance and went up to the Mount Pleasant Hospital where we found everything nice. Got some tired but had a good bunk and soon went to sleep. I rec'd a letter from E.E.B. this morning.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1862

Up at the beating of the drum. Went out and took a good wash and then went to breakfast. Had to walk a good ways which made me feel more tired. I sit up the most of the day. Had them bring my dinner to me. I wrote a letter to Harlow. There was a lady came in and brought some peaches to us. They went first rate.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 1862

A nice cool morning. I feel some better today. I saw a Pennsylvania Reg. pass by, they were on their way to Alexandria. Report that they are fighting at Bull's Run.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 1862

It rained nearly all day. I wrote two letters, one to Sam Cass and one to Mate. Part of our boys left for another hospital. I expect that we that are able will have to leave in a day or so to give room for the wounded soldiers. Sergeant Harris left today. I do not know where he will go to. Some talk of their going to New York City.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1862

There was over 200 soldiers that were wounded in Saturday's fight brought in today. Some of them looked rather tough. We that were well enough left the wards and went into tents so as to give room for the wounded. Orders came for us to be ready to move to another hospital so we got our knapsacks and waited for transportation, but we could not go today for some unknown reason. It rained nearly all night very hard, just cool enough to sleep well.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1862

Up this morning and took a good walk before breakfast. Ate very hearty, then returned to my tent. Went over to an orchard and got a good lot of apples and tomatoes.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1862

A lot more sick and wounded came in today. They look pretty tough. Most of them were in the fight at Bull's Run. They tell some rather hard stories about McDowell, think him one of the greatest traitors in existence. Every one is talking and cursing McDowell.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1862

Not much of anything going on today. There is about 50 dry good peddlers around the hospital, trying to sell their trash to the soldiers.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1862

Very warm and pleasant today. I took a long walk down towards town to see some of the troops that have just crossed the river. Could not find our Battery. But saw several other batteries and a good deal of infantry. Went around by the Clifborn(?) Hospital. Everything is very nice and clean about there.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1862

I went over to a house and got a lot of apples and a haversack full of tomatoes. I find them very nice folks, give me anything I ask for. One man died this morning in a tent. He was wounded in the late battle at Bull's Run.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 1862

Troops marching by nearly all night, going on towards Leesburg. Expect to meet the enemy there. I went out this morning and stayed nearly all the forenoon. Could not see any of our batteries. I went and saw the Lancers, the first I ever saw. They look as though they might do good service. Had preaching in the hall at 2 o'clock, had a first rate sermon. There was quite a large audience. Wrote a letter to M.E.B.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 1862

Very warm and pleasant this morning. Troops been passing nearly all night. We had a lot of baked corn to eat. Some that we captured about a half a mile from here.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 1862

I rec'd a letter from Sam Cass. They are near Falls Church, at Miner's Hill. I went and got some tomatoes, had a good mess(?) this forenoon. A Zoave died in the 9th band today. He was shot through the head accidentally. They have sent for his sister and father.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 1862

I went over to see the 5th regular cavalry go off. There is quite a large ... of them, all well drilled. When I came back back I saw them taking off the corpse of that Zoave that died yesterday. His Co. was out as an escort to his burial place. His father and sister are here. They feel very bad over it. There was 160 left here for New York so as to give room for more wounded. I put down my name to go to my Co. I have got tired of staying here in the hospital.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1862

Not very much going on today. It rained most of the time so that we had to stay in the tent. I saw a fellow that was shot through the groin. He was out of his head and will not live long.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1862

Got ready and started for my Co. Went as far as the city and stayed around there nearly all day. Had a good view of the place but could not see much as I was in a hurry to get on to the Co. We took the boat at 3 o'clock and went up to Alexandria where we stayed all night. We found Harris who went with us. Had supper at the Soldier's Home and then went down to the Provost Marshal's office and stayed all night. We all got very tired. Had to lay down on the floor with nothing but our overcoats. Very different from hospital fare.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1862

Got our breakfast and then started for our Co. We marched all day and found our Co just at night near Arlington Heights. We have traveled nearly 20 miles. Went way around by Falls Church & Miner's Hill. It seems some like home to get back with the boys again.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1862

We heard heavy cannonading all day in the direction of Harper's Ferry. Capt. and Lt. Ewing are at Alexandria sick. They have been sick for a long while. We had morning inspection at 9 o'clock, then had a short drill and returned to camp and laid around all day.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 1862

Heard heavy cannonading in the direction of Harper's Ferry. Report that they are fighting there. Not very much going on here today.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1862

Had Co. drill this forenoon. They have got so that they get around first rate. The Col. is very strict. Report that we have gained a great victory near Harper's Ferry.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 1862

It rained nearly all night but cleared up before morning. Some of our boys went to town to return some horses over to the government that are disabled so that they are not able to do anything. It rained by spells through the day.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 1862

We had orders to clean up our camp, it took nearly all the forenoon. I went out on drill this afternoon for the 1st time since I got well. Everything went off well. Norton was the only Commissioned officer out. I traded my revolver for a spyglass and watch. Reported myself fit for duty.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1862

Our sutler has just arrived and set up his shop. He is a genuine Dutchman. Went out and had a good drill this forenoon. Very warm. Had inspection this afternoon by Gen Pratt and Gen. Whipple, it went off very well.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 1862

We cleaned up our camp this forenoon. Had general inspection this afternoon by Gen. Whipple, didnot get back until nearly dark.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1862

Harris is quite unwell today. Had Co inspection at 9 o'clock this morning. I wrote a letter to Spencer. Had no drill today. Very warm all day.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1862

I ... (writing very faded, illegible) this morning. Took a good(?) m... which made me feel better a good deal. I ..... today. Our Co. had general inspection this afternoon.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1862

I am Corp. of the Guard today. There is not much going on. I rec'd a letter from A.C., wrote one to Father. Co. drills on foot today. Lt. Ewing has just returned from Alexandria. He looks well again.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1862

Had charge of the police guard today. Did not have much duty to do. Rec'd two letters, one from E.E.B. and one from Harlow. He sent me \$5.00. Great excitement in Cincinnati. I wrote a letter to A.C. this forenoon. It rained quite hard this afternoon so we all have to sit around in the tents. Chas. Davis is quite sick with the fever.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 1862

We had orders to move about ten o'clock but did not get away until three o'clock. We went as far as Miner's Hill where we stayed all night. Capt. came a short time after we got here. I am glad to see him back again. One of the (e..trees?) to B caisson broke in two so that they had to take it to Washington and get a new one. They will not come back until tomorrow. Miner's Hill is a very nice place to camp. You can see the country for miles around. It is right in sight of Fall's Church.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1862

A very nice warm morning. Had to get out the Detachment and clean up the park. We had everything looking as well as a parlor. I wrote a letter to E.E. Brewer, also one home.