

DIARY: ELEVENTH BOOK
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Friday 24th June 1864

I have just finished my 10th diary and sent it home. We were up this morning at 5 o'clock and hitched up. Remained so until 10 o'clock when we received orders to unhitch and put our horses in the woods which are just to the rear of our camp. There was very heavy cannonading to our right this forenoon, did not last long. Report says that it was at Fort Lashing [Darling?]. But it did not sound so far off. We also had a very brisk cannonading on our immediate front this forenoon for nearly an hour. Not but very little musketry today. Saw a few Rebel prisoners today that were on their way to the Provost Marshal's. I received a letter from A.C. and wrote one to M.E.B.

Saturday 25th June 1864

I went in charge of the horses to water this morning. Had to go nearly four miles before we could get any that was fit for them. It is awful warm here today. The dust is awful thick and at times the air is so filled with it that we can scarcely see at all. The boys have dug a well today and have succeeded in getting very good water indeed. I received a letter this forenoon from M.E.B. We received orders to move at 10 o'clock at which time we hitched up, but did not get started until nearly noon when we walked about a mile and went into camp in a much better place. We received a ration of soft bread today, the first that we have had at this campaign. The supposition is that we are going to remain here and stay a while[?].

Sunday 26th June 1864

We did not get up this morning very early as there was not much going on. We have fixed up our tents very well today and have got them well shaded. There was some very heavy cannonading and musketry last night for nearly two hours, but it was a good ways off to the right. Today everything has been very quiet. I wrote two letters today to Mollie and A.C. As warm as usual today with plenty of dust. Boys have been at work very hard this afternoon digging a well and have succeeded after digging 12 feet in getting a little water, but not very good. I had to take the caissons of the left section and go after ammunition this evening and did not get back until 11 o'clock at night, it being after 8:00 when I started after it.

Monday 27th June 1864

Laying around camp and resting is the order of the day. There is some of the men returning to the army now that were wounded and sent to the hospitals at the beginning of the campaign. Everything is very quiet indeed in our immediate front today, but some firing on our right as usual. We had a nice little shower this afternoon which makes it much cooler for us. Everyone seems very merry this evening and the men are all getting pretty well rested. I wrote a letter this afternoon to Adela Merrell. Most of the day I have spent in reading the History of the U.S. by John Russell. I like it very much. We have got everything fitted up in the best of style.

Tuesday 28th June 1864

This has been a very cool day compared with yesterday and day before. We have had the park all policed up nicely this afternoon. I went over with Phy [?] to the Sanitary Commission and got a lot of vegetables for the men. Some of the boys have been to the sutler's who came up yesterday and have got some whiskey and are having a glorious time making fools of themselves. I wrote a letter this afternoon to M.E.B.

Wednesday 29th June 1864

It was very cool indeed last night and not near as warm today as usual. Everything is very quiet this forenoon. We were somewhat surprised this afternoon by having orders to move. One division of the 2nd Corps who had just come from the rear where they had been fighting the Rebel Cavalry relieved our Corps and we marched with them off to the left starting at 3 o'clock p.m. Continued in our southwesterly direction until 11 o'clock at night when we reached the Weldon R.R. We remained in park and the infantry went at work destroying the track and worked all night. We have come about 10 miles today. This is Reams' Station. Watson's [?] Cavalry Division had a good fight with the Rebels this evening. Loss is very heavy on both sides considering the number -- ----.

Thursday 30th June 1864

The infantry are still at work tearing up the track. some of the Batteries have taken position and are in readiness for the Enemy. We were mustered this morning for pay at 7 o'clock. Some of our boys have found some most excellent blackberry wine that was buried in the garden of an old secesh preacher. I lost my gold pen this morning and we have hunted all around for it but have failed to see anything of it as yet. We remained here at the Station until 3 o'clock p.m. when we received orders to move back. Marched about 5 miles and went in park for the night near the plank road coming from Richmond to ----- . Our men have succeeded in tearing up 10 miles of the RR track and our whole Corps has fell back to this place. We took a few prisoners.

Friday 1st July 1864

We remained in park all night with our horses hitched up ready to move at a moment's notice. We unharnessed at 8 o'clock and laid around in the shade until 10 o'clock when we had orders to pitch our tents in the woods and made ourselves as comfortable as possible, which we did without very much coaxing. The Capt. sent me off to find a good place to water and graze our horses. I rode about six miles and could find no running stream or good meadow and returned to camp at 2 o'clock p.m. somewhat tired. One Captain and two Privates of the 2nd Pennsylvania Cavalry had their throats cut by the Guerrillas last night out near where I went. They told me that it was not safe for me to be out alone so far from camp.

Saturday 2nd July 1864

Orders to move this morning at 5 o'clock but we did not get started until 7 o'clock when we marched towards Petersburg until we reached the place we left three days ago when we went in camp on the same ground we left. Everything has been torn up pretty

well but it did not take us but a few moments to get everything in good shape again. We have been lowering our well this afternoon and have succeeded in getting down to good water and plenty of it after digging nearly twenty feet. I received a letter with five photographs in it this evening from Mollie. It has been most awful warm today.

Sunday 3rd July 1864

It has been quite cool today compared with yesterday. Nothing of importance going on. I wrote a letter to Mollie and received one from M.E.B. The sutler's are coming up now from City Point and have a large supply of goods which they sell very reasonably. Some of the boys have succeeded in getting some wine and are making perfect brutes of themselves. One of the 100 day men came up from Bermuda Hundred to see the boys. He is from near Toledo and appears to be a fine fellow. His name is Houghton.

Monday 4th July 1864

I have a very severe head ache this morning. Everything is very quiet in our immediate front but there is some heavy cannonading in our right this afternoon. I wrote a letter to M.E.B. and one for Phil Blackstone to his sister in Iowa. Received a package of envelopes by mail from Mollie. My partner has gone down to the 5th Corps' H.Q. to see Pray. He did not get back until 10 o'clock p.m. Says he had a first rate time. There was a little picket firing in our immediate front this evening but did not last long. General Wilmer[?] has returned from his raid. His loss is very heavy but he has succeeded in destroying a large amount of property for the enemy.

Tuesday 5th July 1864

There has quite a number of our boys gone down to City Point to see the one hundred day men that are there from Ohio, many of them having friends in that organization. Everything is most awful quiet today. I have been laying in the tent the greater part of the time reading and writing. Wrote a letter to Bro. Thomas this afternoon. The Scouts Dodd and McCord have just come over from H.Q. to see the boys. They have just returned from a raid in the Rebel's rear. Have had a hard time of it, according to their own tell. They were out with General Wilson who succeeded in cutting 20 miles of the Richmond and Danville Railroad.

Wednesday 6th July 1864

One division of our corps marched off to the right this morning. They say that they are going to City Point. I saw 1000 convalescents this morning that had just come from Washington. The most of them were wounded at the beginning of this campaign. There has been much more cannonading today than usual. We had orders to march this afternoon at 8 o'clock. Got ready and expected to move but just before dark the orders were countermanded and we pitched our tents again. We expect to leave in the morning and go on picket. I wrote a letter this afternoon to Bro. Spencer.

Thursday 7th July 1864

Orders to move this morning at 7 o'clock at which time we marched right off to the left about a mile and took position near Black--- Creek. It is on the left flank. The infantry

are making gun covers for us. I am with the caissons which are just to the rear in heavy pine woods. We have been very busy this afternoon fixing up camp and things look as though we might stay a while if the Jonnie Rebs do not drive us out, which is the least of our fear. We have splendid water here. The infantry have a very nice well dug and let us have all the water we want to use. It has been very warm today and I never came so near being sunstroke before in my life.

Friday 8th July 1864

I bunked alone last night as my partner has to stay over with the guns since he was assigned to Det. A. We have got everything fixed up in perfect style and like our new camp very much. Have most splendid water. There was some very heavy cannonading off to the right this afternoon. It sounded as though they were using large mortars. The infantry still continue to work on our gun covers but have not got them near done yet. I received a letter from ----- and answered it. Phi Norton has gone to City Point today to Express some things that belonged to the men that have been killed. Sam Cass was at the battery today. It is the first time that we have seen him since he went on the raid with Wilson. They had some rather hard times. Wilson lost all of his artillery wagon trains and ----- ambulances and 320 men.

Saturday 9th July 1864

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Sunday 10th July 1864

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Monday 11th July 1864

We lay quiet all night but some of the batteries have embarked and we expect soon to follow their example. I was quite sick this forenoon with a severe headache but feel much better this evening. There was heavy cannonading in the direction of Petersburg this morning and continued all day, but not so hard. We received a very large mail today. I got a letter from M.E.B. Do not feel well enough to write any today. Sergeant Perry has just received his commission as 2nd Lt. and is assigned to this battery. Had a very refreshing shower just at dark which laid the dust nicely indeed.

Tuesday 12th July 1864

We drew 14 new horses this morning. Have been at work most of the time this forenoon policing up camp and have everything fixed up very nicely indeed. Simmons and I went down to the Point this afternoon and stayed until nearly night looking around to see all that was to be seen. There is a large quantity of Sanitary Commission stores constantly arriving daily and immediately forward to our Army Corps which are at the front. Wrote a letter to M.E.B. today and received one this evening from Adella Merrell, and found enclosed her photograph which looks very natural indeed. Wiltse is very sick this evening.

Wednesday 13th July 1864

I was up with Wiltse all night. He was very sick with the cholera m----- and suffered very much indeed. Captain ordered an ambulance this morning and I took him over to the Dr.'s who said that he would get along soon if properly taken care of so I brought him back to my tent and have everything fixed up very comfortable for him. We received orders to embark this afternoon and in two hours we were on our way to Baltimore. We are on the *Eagle*. She is not a very fast boat but rides very easy. We had not gone more than ten miles when a dispatch(?) boat came after us and ordered us to stop as the Rebels had a battery planted on Wilcox Point, so we dropped anchor and waited until 1200 when we came up river clear and proceeded on. One of our gun boats came down from City Point and the Rebel battery left.

Thursday 14th July 1864

We have run along nicely since 10 o'clock last night, got at Ft. Monroe at 10 o'clock a.m. Stopped about half an hour and then continued up the Bay. Saw several gun boats here at the fortress. Among the number was the *Roanoke*, a splendid ship with three turrets. There is some very heavy guns mounted here on the fort. I saw the Union gun, also the Lincoln gun. Saw the wreck of the Con... and where the *Merrimack* was sunk by the *Monitor*. The Bay is very rough today and some of our men are a little sea sick. Wiltse is about well again and is around on deck most of the time. We are all having a gay old time and enjoy it much better than marching in the dust.

Friday July 15th 1864

It is not quite as rough as it was yesterday as the Bay is not near as wide. We arrived at Baltimore at 11 o'clock a.m. and at 3 o'clock we disembarked and laid in the streets. I went around town some this afternoon. Had a good super at the market house. Two of our Corps (Hale and Daily) have got drunk and raised a row such that they were escorted to the watch house by the police. Captain went up and got them released just at night. Brought them to the battery, had one tied up to the wheel and the other made to walk with the guard for four hours. We had orders to load on the cars at 10 o'clock this evening for Washington. The Rebels are all across the Potomac and retreating south.

Saturday 16th July 1864

We got everything loaded in the cars just at daylight and at 10 o'clock left for Washington. We ran along at pretty good rate and arrived at our destination at 12 a.m. when we unloaded and went in camp at Camp Barry. Here we went in the barracks and fixed up everything very nicely. Things look as though we might remain here some time. There is twelve light field batteries here and some of them have been here for four and five months. They all came out on parade this evening and it reminded me very much of the time that we lay at Camp Dennison when we used to put on so much state.

Sunday 17th July 1864

The boys are still at work fixing up their quarters. Our old Captain (Huntington) who is now in the Veteran Reserve Corps came over to see us this morning. He was very sociable indeed and came around and shook hands with all the boys. I had a very

pleasant chat with him. Just as we were sitting down to dinner we were very much surprised by receiving orders to go to City Point. We packed up at once and marched down to the river. Embarked in the *Geo. Wecess* [?] and at 3 o'clock we started for our destination. Went as far as Aquia Creek and laid during the night under the protection of the gunboats. Boys are all in fine spirits. I received two letters today.

Monday 18th July 1864

We raised anchor this morning at 4 o'clock and continued down the river. Saw some splendid scenery. We got down to the bay about noon. It is very rough indeed and our old vessel creaks considerable when riding some of the large waves. We arrived at Fortress Monroe at 5 p.m. and tied up for the night. There is quite a number of gunboats here in the harbor and some from foreign nations. The boys are very busy fishing and have caught a good many large crabs which make very good eating. We saw several [porpoises?] as we were coming along today. They look just like mules [?] swimming in the water. I wrote a letter to sister Mollie today. Our officers have gone to the shore to get some supper.

Tuesday 19th July 1864

We started up the James this morning at 4 o'clock. It has rained nearly all day which makes it very disagreeable for us. We arrived at the Point at 1 o'clock and immediately commenced to disembark. As soon as we had everything off we hitched and harnessed and went back to the old camp we left six days ago. We had just time enough before dark to get our tents fixed up nicely. Our boys got a good supply of dried apples and ---- tomatoes of the sanitary commissioner today. We are once more where we can hear the thunder of cannon very plain. There was very heavy firing on our left near Petersburg. I saw some of the 19th Corps today.

Wednesday 20th July 1864

This is a very beautiful day, very cool after the rain. We have got everything fixed up very nicely. Have plenty of good grub. I went over to the Doctor's this morning with all of our sick, some eight in number. There has not been so much cannonading this day as there was yesterday but has been a little all the while. Our Corps Batteries still continue to arrive here but we do not hear anything from our infantry yet. My partner took my horse and went over to the 130th G.N.S. [?] got back at 8 o'clock. Says he had a good time. Lt. Richard went over to get transportation to the Army of the Cumberland.

Thursday 21st July 1864

Not very much going on today. The drivers had to clean up their horses harness this morning which took them about two hours. I wrote a letter to Adela Merrell and this afternoon I went to work and made some good apple pies which are very palpable indeed. Have spend the greater part of the day in my tent reading. It is reported that we are going back to Washington again in a few days to join our Corps there. James Wall arrived to the camp this afternoon. Has been home sick since last January. Wm. Lewis got very badly hurt wrestling with Hank Cass this evening.

Friday 22nd July 1864

This is a very pleasant day. Had to wash the carriages this forenoon which took us for nearly three hours. They look very much better. We all took a good wash in the Appomattox River. We could hear but very little cannonading today and that all being up the James River. Supposed to be our gun boats engaged with some of the Rebel Batteries. Sam Cass was over to see us today. Did not stay but a short time. He is now at Army HQ in the reserve Signal Camp as the Captain that he was under has resigned and gone home and another set of men has taken his place.

Saturday 23rd July 1864

This has been a very pleasant day indeed with but little more than usual going on. I got up some very nice apple dumplings for dinner which Wiltse Clark and myself did perfect justice to. There is very good news in today's papers from Atlanta and it is believed that it is now in our possession. Some of the 130th Ohio rode over to see us. They are National Guards and are very tired of soldiering. They have but ten days longer to serve ere their time expires.

Sunday 23rd July 1864

Everything has been very quiet in camp today, it being Sunday. I never saw the flies thicker in my life than they have been for the last few days. My partner went down to the landing today and got a nice haversack full of potatoes which we cooked for dinner and supper. We have had no mail for a week and many of the men are getting very impatient to hear from their relatives and friends. I have been in my tent reading nearly all day. Quite a number of the men have been off riding.

Monday 25th July 1864

Woke up this morning and found it raining and blowing very hard. We slept very cold last night. Tis very cool and pleasant today. I got up a good dinner for the boys today. There was very heavy cannonading on the extreme left this evening which lasted until after dark. Have been reading a very interesting book today titled "Amy Lawrence". Wrote one letter today. Boys are all in fine spirits tonight and have got out the violin and are having a gay time.

Tuesday 26th July 1864

We received a very large mail this morning, first that we have had for a week. But for some unknown reason I did not get any. We received orders this morning at 10 o'clock to move. Did not get started until after 12 when we proceeded up the river towards Petersburg. Passed up to the left of town and went in camp where the 2nd Corps has just left this morning. Report says that they are going to make a raid. The firing in our front is very lively this afternoon and we can see the rebel shells explode very plainly, but do not reach our camp by several hundred rods.

Wednesday 27th July 1864]

We have a very nice camp and with very little fixing make it very commodious indeed. The 2nd Corps have all moved off to our right but have not learned their destination yet. The firing in our front was kept up very lively all last night and all day

today. We have a splendid well of water which affords sufficient water for our horses. There was one division of colored troops passed here towards the left today. All seemed to be in the best of spirits and anxious to meet the Enemy. We received orders this afternoon to be ready to move at a moment's notice if called upon.

Thursday 28th July 1864

We have just heard from the 2nd Corps that are at Malvern Field and are engaged with the Enemy. Have captured four heavy pieces of artillery. J.S. Pray was over to see us this afternoon and we had a good visit with him. The firing in our front is about the same as usual. It was very heavy about 5 o'clock this morning. Our mail came in this evening and I received one letter. Have been reading *Amy Lawrence* this afternoon and finished it. Am very much pleased with it. We have a most splendid camp. Like it much better than any that we have had since on this campaign.

Friday 29th July 1864

There is considerable stir about camp today. This afternoon we received orders to go to the front in a fort at five o'clock but we did not get started until nearly dark. Our guns and limbers of the caissons was all that went in. We found a splendid fort which was fixed for 18 guns within 500 yards of the Enemy's lines. Everything went off in a very quiet manner. There is some 32 pounders to go in near the center of the fort. They came up and were put in position at 2 o'clock when everything was in perfect order to open fire. We came back with our horses and the limbers of the caissons after dismounting the chests and fixing them in magazines.

Saturday 30th July 1864

We were up this morning at 5 o'clock and fed our horses, had breakfast, and then hitched up and struck our tents. The ball opened all along our lines just before sunrise and the first thing we saw was the blowing up of the Rebel works all along in our front, and then all the artillery along our lines opened fire at the Rebels. I believe that it was the heaviest artillery fire that I ever heard. Our whole line have advanced and taken the Enemy breastworks. We captured nearly 5,000 prisoners. Our battery has fired 400 rounds today. We have not lost a man in this fight. The Rebels did not throw but very few shell at us and they exploded to the right of us. One of them was a 100 pound mortar shell. The 2nd Corps came back this evening and went into their same old camp. The Cavalry Corps has gone off to our left. Not but very little fighting this afternoon and this evening is very quiet with no firing at all. I went over to H.Q. of the Army this evening to get some daily papers and saw quite a number of Rebel prisoners. There was quite a number of them wounded. They looked very ragged indeed and seemed pleased to be in our possession.

Sunday 31st July 1864

The 2nd Corps came back last evening so that we have to move our camp that they may come in the camp that they have fixed up for themselves are they went on the expedition on our right. It is most awful warm with but little going on in our immediate front. Our men were forced to fall back last night and are now in their old position again the same as before the fight of yesterday. Moved at ---- on about a mile to the north and

have found a very pleasant camping place in the edge of some nice pine woods. We took our guns out of the fort this evening. The fort is called Tilton.

Monday 1st August 1864

We have spent the day in cleaning camp and digging two good wells which furnish us abundance of most splendid water. Every thing is very quiet along the lines since the fight of July 30th and the general opinion is that we did not make anything by the move more than to take a number of prisoners and blow up one of their best forts. Our Negro troops suffered severely and some of the wounded lay on the fields between the lines yet as the Rebels will not allow us to bring them off the field but will allow us to carry them water.

Tuesday 2nd August 1864

I took a ride over to Army H.Q. this forenoon and bought a large quantity of postage stamps for the boys. The heat is very oppressive indeed today and the flies are so troublesome that a person cannot sit down with any comfort unless he is at work all the time keeping them off of him. We had a nice little shower of rain this evening which makes it very refreshing for us. I let Phi Norton have my horse this afternoon to go down to the landing. Lieutenant Richard left the Battery this afternoon. He is promoted to 1st Lieutenant and is assigned to Battery E 1st Virginia.

Wednesday 3rd August 1864

Wrote a letter this morning to sister Mollie and sent home two more photographs of Coz. Al and Lieutenant Richard. One of our men lost a very nice watch out of his tent last night. He thinks that it was taken by one of our boys and reported to the Captain when he had the suspicious person searched and all of his clothing also but they found nothing. Orderly Pixby and Corpl. Dayly went to City Point last night with Lieut. Richard and they have just returned this evening and are as drunk as they usually are when they get where there is any whisky.

Thursday 4th August 1864

Today's papers bring us glorious news from the south west. Sherman is gaining many laurels with his army in front of Atlanta. We had a lot of our ordnance condemned this morning by Lieut. Ewing. The monotony of camp life is still increasing and we have but little to do to pass away our time pleasantly. I have laid in my tent reading *The Border Slave* [?] most of the day, like it much. It is written by Sylvannus Cobb. We will do most anything is order to have the time pass off quickly.

Friday 5th August 1864

I read a letter this morning and answered it. We put up our Company flag this forenoon on a very nice flag pole which we got here back of camp. It is gum wood and is 60 feet long. There was a great deal of heavy cannonading in front of the 18th A.C. this evening. I went over to 5th Corps H.Q. this evening and had a short chat with Pray. He says that they expect an assault on the 18th Corps by the Rebs in the morning. I saw two brigades of the 2nd Corps going to the right last night.

Saturday 6th August 1864

Everything is very quiet indeed this morning all along the lines and the Jonnies have not opened as was anticipated last evening. We have just heard direct from the front and find that the Rebels tried to blow up one of our Forts last night but our men were too sharp for them and sunk a countermine and took out 2000 lbs. of powder out of the Rebel mine and wet the remaining but left the fuse as it was. The Rebels waited a long time after they put fire to their fuse and when they found it was a failure they charged our lines and were repulsed with great slaughter.

Sunday 7th August 1864

We were inspected this morning by Capt. Dorsey. He drilled us a few moments and then we returned to our quarters. I received a letter in this morning's mail. Wiltse and I went over to the 5th Corps this afternoon and had a good visit with Pray. We stayed and took supper with him. Went up with look out which is in the top of a house and took a good look at the Rebel works through a very nice telescope which belongs to the signal corps. We could see the Rebels very plain at work in their works and I saw one fellow that was picking gray backs off of his clothes. We returned to our camp just after dark. Pray came most of the way with us.

Monday 8th August 1864

Phi Norton and I went over to 5th Corps HQ this morning and from there we went to the 18th Corps HQ to see Sam Cass. Had a good visit with him. Went up to the lookout and took a good view of Petersburg and surrounding country. Everything looks very much as it did when we were there in position only they have got more formidable works with heavy guns mounted in them. The fort that we build has some 60 lb. Parrots in it. I wrote a letter this evening. We received a letter from Mar--- City this evening, states that Will Cass was dead. He left the battery on sick furlough.

Tuesday 9th August 1864

We were paid off this morning and now the boys are all in pretty good spirits and are beginning to live high once more. I sent \$60.00 to Bro. Thomas by Express today. There was a barge loaded with ammunition at city Point which blew up this forenoon killing and wounded about 300 persons. Among the number were many Negroes. Daniel Thomas' brother was killed by the concussion of the powder. He has gone down to see him. Lieutenant Perrigo was near by when the thing exploded and says he never saw such sights in his life. Some men were blew into a hundred parts. I went over to the sanitary commission with Phi this evening. We succeeded very well in getting vegetables.

Wednesday 10th August 1864

We have received a large supply of sanitary stores today. Three barrels of onions, one of pickles, one of sour curd [?] and one hundred lbs. of canned tomatoes. We begin to think that the sanitary commission is a pretty good institution after all. I wrote a letter to Mollie today and enclosed \$10.00 (ten dollars). Sent home two more photographs of John[?] Dermott & S. Davis. It has been very warm today with nothing in

particular going on more than usual. Report says that we are going to Washington tomorrow.

Thursday 11th August 1864

Had Reveille this morning earlier than common and as soon as roll call was over we went out to drill. The front right sections went out mounted and I drilled the left section at foot drill. The men made some awkward movements as it has been a long time since we have drilled any. We had another drill this afternoon for one hour, drilled at the manual of the piece and foot drill. I wrote two letters today to J.H. & M. The loss caused by the explosion at City Point day before yesterday is nearly 300 killed.

Friday 12th August 1864

Had drill this morning and I went out in charge of the caissons. The Captain made one or two mistakes, otherwise things went off very well indeed. The 2nd Corps is moving to the right and report says that they are going to cross the James River at City Point. Had drill this evening as usual. I drilled my detachment at the manual of the piece and the right section went out in foot drill. I received a letter from Adela Merrell this evening. J.S. Pray and ----- were over to see us this evening, stayed until 10 o'clock p.m.

Saturday 13th August 1864

Drill this morning and I went out the same as yesterday morning in charge of the caissons. I went over to the hospital today to see Sibley. He is getting along finely. Did not drill any this evening as we had orders to fix up for an inspection tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Wrote a letter to Adela and received one from Harlow. There is considerable cannonading up the James River this morning. The gunboats are engaged, supposed to be covering the advance of the 2nd Corps.

Sunday 14th August 1864

Had mounted inspection at 9 o'clock a.m. I went out in charge of the left section. Was inspected by our Captain (Dorsey). He seemed pleased at the appearance of the Battery. It has been most awful warm today but we had a splendid thunder shower this evening which makes the air much cooler. I wrote a letter to Harlow and one to Thomas this evening. There is several of our boys who are not feeling very well. Mostly troubled with diarrhea but are still marked by the Dr. for duty.

Monday 15th August 1864

Had mounted drill this morning. I went out in charge of the caissons. Everything went off very much the best drill that we have had yet. We received orders this morning to be ready to move at 10 o'clock at which time we struck tents and started. Reported to the 9th Corps when we were sent off to the left nearly in rear of Fort Tilton. Had a severe thunder shower and received the benefit of it all as we were laying in park in the field. Got in camp at 8 o'clock p.m. all wet to the skin.

Tuesday 16th August 1864

Did not sleep first rate last night as every bit of our clothes was wringing wet. Have been at work today fixing up camp as though we might remain here some little time. Some of the 5th Corps have moved but where to is not known by any one that I have seen. There is only three of our batteries that came out with us yesterday, the remaining three are still where they were. We are not in plain sight of the Rebel lines but everything is very quiet indeed in front.

Wednesday 17th August 1864

Had quite a heavy shower last evening but very pleasant this forenoon. Part of the 5th Corps left here last evening; could not learn where they were going to. They were marching to the right. I wrote two letters today. It commenced to rain at 4 o'clock and is still pouring down very fast. Capt. Dorsey is very ---- ---- and has been so ever since we came in this camp. I received a letter this morning from Mollie. Everything is very quiet all along the lines today, but there is a good deal of "picket firing" this evening.

Thursday 18th August 1864

We were all aroused from our slumber this morning at 2 o'clock by heavy cannonading all along our lines. Had orders to harness as soon as we could for the Rebel shells were exploding near our camp. There was very heavy firing until near 4 o'clock when everything calmed down and again things were very quiet and we unharnessed. The 5th Corps have all moved to our left this morning. They started just after daylight and about noon we could hear heavy firing in the direction of the Welden R.R. Report says that they are progressing finely. Wrote a letter to Mollie.

Friday 19th August 1864

There was very heavy cannonading again last night and their shell came over very thick and fast. One sutler killed just off to the right of our camp. The 9th Corps have all moved off to the left today. They have had a very disagreeable time of it as it has rained hard all day. The Rebels shelled us a little today but did no damage. The 2nd Corps have come back and relieved the 9th Corps from the front. They (the 2nd) came from the right last night. Wrote a letter today to A.W.

Saturday 20th August 1864

Cannonading again as usual last night for over three hours, but there were no shell came into our camp yet. There was several struck very close by. It has rained nearly all day and the ground is getting to be very wet indeed. There has about 500 prisoners passed here on their way to City Point today. Most of them were very cheerful indeed. I have spent most of the day in my tent reading a novelette which I find very interesting. But very little firing along the lines today.

Sunday 21st August 1864

There was very heavy fighting up on the left today. The Enemy made an assault on the 5th Corps and were repulsed with very heavy loss. Cannonading all along our lines today. Battery E 35th Regiment lost seven men today by having a chest blown up by a rebel shell. We had orders to move at 2 o'clock and went to the left some two miles

and went in park. Here we remained until dark when we received orders to take position in a fort which was near by and camp. I saw 800 prisoners pass in their way to City Point this afternoon. They were taken this morning by the 5th Corps. Two Lt. Colonels among the number were very poorly dressed indeed.

Monday 22nd August 1864

Up and harnessed this morning at daybreak. Remained so until ten o'clock when we unharnessed and laid around camp all day. There has a large train of our ambulances come from the front loaded with Rebel wounded. There was a very hard fight on our left yesterday morning but the 5th Corps held their own well, yet their loss in artillery was very heavy indeed. This has been a very beautiful day indeed, so much cooler than usual. Had a heavy rain storm just before dark, but we had our tent fixed so that we kept perfectly dry all the time.

Tuesday 23rd August 1864

Boots and saddles sounded at 8 o'clock and we marched at 8 o'clock, went over near where the 5th Corps HQ was before they went up to the left and went in camp in a large open field right in sight of the Rebel works, which are not more than three-fourths of a mile distance. It has been quite warm all day. I received one letter this evening. Went over to Army HQ just at dark and got some daily papers for myself and the boys. There has been but very little cannonading or fighting along the lines today.

Wednesday 24th August 1864

At work all the forenoon fixing up camp. While we were eating dinner orders came for us to get ready to move and at two o'clock we changed camp, went about a quarter of a mile and went into camp again. They seem to be marching us around just to blind the Rebels and keep up a bold front to make the Rebels think that we have got a large force here. The 10th Corps is now in our immediate front. Some of the boys of the 39th Illinois was over to see us this afternoon. Our guns took position this evening out on the front line. Wrote a letter today to M.

Thursday 25th August 1864

William Briner was slightly wounded last night in the pit of the stomach but will not be laid up at all. Boys have not fired a gun yet since they went in to the fort. Pixley went to City Point today and now I am left in command of the caissons. I received a letter from Al Morgan this morning and wrote one to Mollie. There has been some very heavy fighting upon our left this afternoon. Report says that the Rebels are trying to retake the Weldon R.R. I was over to HQ of the Army this evening after papers. I received a letter this evening from Mollie.

Friday 26th August 1864

There is but little more than usual going on today. Everything is very quiet indeed since the fight on the left Last evening. There is large trains of ambulances passing to the rear loaded with wounded. Not much fighting going on today. Sam Cass was over to see me this evening and we had a good visit together. Wrote a letter today to A.

Morgan. Pixley got back from City Point today at noon. I went over to the HQ of the Army this evening after the daily papers and spent the evening in reading them.

Saturday 27th August 1864

I went out to the Fort this morning and stayed until noon with the boys. Had a good time. We shot two shells at a working party of Rebels which somewhat demoralized them. The name of the fort is "Wilcox" and is fixed up very nicely indeed. Have laid around in my tent all of the afternoon as there has been nothing to do. There was a great many mortar shells thrown from both sides this evening and I never saw a more beautiful sight in my life. There is one large 10 inch mortar on our right which has thrown several shells into Town.

Sunday 28th August 1864

I went over and laid around in the Fort nearly all of this forenoon. Had a good old time with the boys. They have everything fixed up very nicely indeed. This has been a beautiful day. The 2nd Corps have moved back from the left and are now encamped in rear of us. I was talking with them and they say that they had a very hard fight with the Rebels last Thursday. Wills was over from the Fort today and we had a fine chat together. It is somewhat lonesome to have part of the battery away.

Monday 29th August 1864

Things were very quiet along the lines until about 1 o'clock last night when the Rebels opened with some 30 lb. Parrots and several mortars. One shell struck very near our camp and exploded but no one was hurt. Wrote a letter to Bro. Harlow this morning. Have fired several shots today at the Rebels who were working on their fortifications. We put one shell right in among them and such skedadling I never saw before in my life as there was among the Johnnies.

Tuesday 30th August 1864

I was out to the Fort nearly all this forenoon. We made some splendid shots which made the Rebels lay low for some time. There was considerable cannonading this afternoon all along the lines but everything is very [word omitted] indeed this evening and the picket firing is ceased for the first time since we have been here. Sam Cass was over to see us this afternoon, and we had a good chat together. He went over to HQ of the Army with me after the daily papers. Good news from Mobile, reported capture of Fort Morgan.

Wednesday 31st August 1864

We were mustered for pay this morning by Capt. W.E. Rhodes of Bat. E, 5th U.S. Artillery. Wrote a letter to M this morning. Phi Norton and I went over to the 5th A.C. this afternoon to see Pray. Found him at his signal station which is on the Weldon R.R. about three miles from Petersburg. They had just been driven in from their post which was out in advance of our picket lines and were at work fixing up a lookout in the top of a tall pine tree which is right on the picket line. We had a very good time since I went up the tree and took a long field glass and had a good view of Petersburg and the surrounding country. Could see the Rebel works very plain.

Thursday 1st September 1864

Went over to the Fort this forenoon and stayed until nearly noon. The boys made some very good shots indeed at the Rebels works which caused the Johnnies to lay low. Sam Cass was over today again to see us and we had a very good visit together. Lt. Harris, Phi, Sam and myself went over to HQ this evening. They had a friend Currier which they wanted to see and I was after mail and papers. We are having most beautiful weather here now. Tis very cool and pleasant.

Friday September 2nd 1864

Wrote a letter to Coz. Al this morning. Pray came over to see me this afternoon and stayed all night. I went out to the Fort this evening to take out some ammunition to the boys. We did some splendid shooting just before night at a Rebel Fort, putting every shell right inside of their works. It was reported that our men on the left were going to drive in the Rebel Pickets in front of them this afternoon but they did not try it for some unknown reason. The Rebel picket lines are 300 yards this side of their main line of works.

Saturday September 3rd 1864

Col. McGilvery died last night. He was wounded in the finger in the Battle of Deep Bottom [?] and last night thought that he would have his fingers amputated so the Dr. gave him chloroform and he only breathed twice and expired. I saw him riding by here yesterday and appeared to be in good health. He is chief of Artillery in the 10th Corps and was a good officer. Saw a person hung today for murder. He was from the 7th Connecticut Regiment. His name was William Green, a very smart looking person. He seemed to meet his fate without a struggle. Received three letters from Mother, Mollie, & M.

Sunday September 4th 1864

There is a R.R. being built just in rear of our camp which comes from the City Point Road to the 5th Corps and we connect with the Weldon R.R. near the Fellow House. We have received an official dispatch today stating that Atlanta is now in our possession. I wrote a letter to Mother today and one to M. Very quiet all along the lines today. Everything is very encouraging with our national affairs and the soldiers are all very jubilant over the news.

Monday September 5th 1864

There was very heavy cannonading last night commencing at 10 o'clock and lasting for two hours. It was all along the lines and the mortars on both sides were worked very lively indeed. The Rebels set up a yelling for nearly half an hour and gave our [soldiers a] [?] very polite invitation to charge their works. Our boys done a good deal of cheering and all had a gay time in general. There was another heavy artillery duel this evening lasting for nearly an hour. One of the Rebel shells came very near our camp. No one hurt. We drew clothing this afternoon. Could get no papers tonight.

Tuesday September 6th 1864

It rained quite hard last night. The new R.R. is getting along very fast and the cars now run up as far as the Suffolk R.R. and they still keep building on in the direction of Warren's[?] H.Q. which are on the Welden R.R. We moved our guns out of Fort Wilcox this evening and put them in Fort Tilton about a half mile further to the south. It is the very same Fort that we were in when the ---- was sprung[?]. It has rained all this afternoon but not very hard. Received a letter from A.C. Our battery fired a salute of 64 guns this evening.

Wednesday September 7th 1864

The Rebels opened fire on the R.R. which has just been built in rear of our camp and threw one shell very near the Locomotive as it was passing. They use their Whitworth guns and fire a distance of nearly two miles. We changed our camp this forenoon moving to the left about half a mile almost in rear of our Battery. Have A very nice camp indeed which does not require but very little fixing up. The Capt. sent me off to draw some new horses this afternoon. I succeeded in getting eleven very good ones. We have just received the bad new of the death of Mark Sibley. He died in the Hospital at Washington.

Thursday September 8th 1864

Cleaning up camp has been the order of the day. We have succeeded in getting everything up in the best of style and like our camp very much. We turned over eleven condemned horses today in place of the new ones which we drew yesterday. We fired several shell today at the Johnnie Rebs with very good effect. The Rebels still continue to shell the trains on the new R.R. but have not succeeded in hitting them yet. The new recruits are arriving every day now in large numbers and are being drilled as soon as they get organized in with the old Recruits. Sent a letter to Mollie with Vignette[?].

Friday September 9th 1864

I went out to the Fort today, stayed nearly all this forenoon and had a tip top time with the boys. Went out within fifty yards of the Rebel pickets and tried to exchange papers with them but they did not feel inclined to do so. I presume that their officers were out with them. Wrote a letter to Mollie and sent home some photographs of the boys in the Battery. Our men made some splendid shots today at a working party of Rebels about a mile off. There was heavy cheering all along the lines this evening.

Saturday September 10th 1864

Our men advanced our picket lines last night and captured two hundred prisoners. There has been heavy picket firing all along the lines today and the Johnnies feel somewhat provoked to think that we surprised them so last night. Our men have to lay low or the Rebel sharp shooters will pick them off. I wrote a letter today to A.C. and received one from Adela. The new recruits still continue to arrive in large numbers and are strengthening this army greatly.

Sunday September 11th 1864

One of our men, Isaac Cooper, was wounded in the left leg this forenoon. He is sent to the hospital. Think that he will get along without much trouble. There has been a great deal of picket firing today and several of our men along the lines have been wounded and quite a number killed. Cousin Albert arrived to the Battery this evening. He looks very well indeed. His wound is nearly healed and he is almost well enough for duty again. The Rebels threw ----- shell today which came very near the camp. One struck [a tree?] and blasted it all to pieces.

Monday September 12th 1864

But little more than usual going on today. Saw about two thousand recruits pass here on their way to the 5th and 9th Corps. They were very good looking men indeed. I had a good long talk with Coz. Al this afternoon. He told me all about the way things were going on in Cincinnati and the many pleasant times he had while at home. It has been quite cool today and the flies do not bother us near as much as they have done heretofore. I have been in my tent most of the day reading or fixing my clothes. Quite a number of the boys were(?) ---- over ---- the Fort today.

Tuesday September 13th 1864

I let Wiltse take my horse this morning to go to 5th Corps HQ. He went up to see J.S. Pray. I went out with a detail of 20 men today to cut timber for our officers, a bomb proof [?]. I succeeded in getting them all cut but did not draw but a little over half of them up to the Ft. as it was late before I began to haul. I went up to the Ft. twice today and found the rebel bullets coming in from all directions. One just glazed my hat brim and struck in a large pine tree just beyond me. Had a letter from Thos. this evening.

Wednesday September 14th 1864

I went out with the same squad of men that I had yesterday and finished getting the timber up to the Fort. There was but very little picket firing today along the lines here but very heavy cannonading in the night down along the Appomattox. I received a letter from E.S.M. this evening and wrote one to Coz. Adela Merrell. It has been quite warm all day and the flies are full as troublesome as ever. I found my gold pen today that I lost last June while at Reams Station.

Thursday September 15th 1864

Went down to City Point today with Phi Norton and stopped and saw Sam Cass on our way back. Had a first rate time, take it all together. Sam came up to camp with us this evening and stayed until dark when I went over to HQ with him after papers and from there he went home and I came back alone. Wrote a letter this evening to M and received one from her, also two papers. There is very heavy picket firing this evening and some of the bullets came near our caissons.

Friday September 16th 1864

Everything has been going off as usual today. I have been getting some shell to take home with me when I get my discharge and have succeeded in getting one of the Richmond manufactures and a piece of a Whitworth shell that exploded over our camp a

few days since. I found the shell buried in a large cherry tree and had to work a long time ere I could get it out. I received a letter and photo this evening from J.H. The 2nd Corps are out on a reconnaissance off in the rear of us trying to recapture some cattle[?] that the Johnnie Rebs took from us last night.

Saturday September 17th 1864

There has been the least firing today of any day this week. Wiltse came over from the Ft. this forenoon and we have had a good time. I let him take my horse this afternoon to go to City Point. I went as far as Army H.Q. with him and got some papers to read. I wrote a letter today to Bro. Thos. There has been but very little going on in camp today. The construction Corps have been putting up a covered way for the cars and now the Rebs do not fire at all on the train as it passes by here.

Sunday September 18th 1864

Everything is more quiet today than usual, neither party seem to break the Sabbath more than is necessary. I wrote a long letter today to M and received one from M. The men have been at work today making a new magazine at the Ft. and have nearly finished it. Had a very little rain this evening. I have been in my tent most of the day reading.

Monday September 19th 1864

Nothing of great importance has transpired today. Still there has been considerable cannonading on the right. I went over and had a good talk with Coz. Albert this morning. He says that he will do all that he can to get us out on the 28th of this month. The trains are coming very briskly this evening all heavy loaded with supplies for the army on the left. The right sections took their teams and went and hauled some 32 lb. Rodman guns from one Ft. to another. Did not get through until 10 o'clock p.m.

Tuesday 20th September 1864

Have been reading "The Days of Stoddy"[?] today most of my time and like it very much. It is written by Henry Mosford. Had a good chat with Coz. Al this morning. He has gone over to the Fort this afternoon. J.S. Pray was down to see us a short time today. He reports everything quiet upon the left. The cars run up this evening loaded with new recruits. They all seemed very merry indeed. There was considerable mortar practice this evening off to our right. It is reported that Sheridan has gained a great victory over Early in the valley.

Wednesday 21st September 1864

We were all aroused up very early this morning by hearing heavy cannonading all along the lines. They are firing a salute in honor of the Victory at the Valley. We have routed the Enemy there taking 3000 prisoners besides 1500 wounded and several pieces of artillery. No mail this evening for some unknown reason. There has been a little cannonading kept up all day long. One man killed in our Fort today. He was an Orderly ---- [sergeant?] in the 40th Arty. Reg't.

Thursday September 22nd 1864

Everything is going on about as usual today. I went out with the limbers of the two left caissons and brought in some ammunition chests. Had to make two trips for them and before I returned the last time the Rebels opened quite heavily on our Fort with several pieces of their artillery for nearly half an hour but our men finally succeeded in drying them up and shot several shots after they had ceased firing. There was several shell exploded in our Fort but no one was injured by them.

Friday September 23rd 1864

There was a salute of one hundred guns (all shotted) this morning in honor of Sheridan's great Victory in the Shenandoah Valley. There is great rejoicing throughout the army today by our grand successes. I went down to City Point with Phi Norton today. We had a good time of it. Took supper with Jno. [Jonathan] Covert. Hank Cooper came up with us. He has some business with our Captain. Think that he will be our next Q.M. Sergt.

Saturday September 24th 1864

Things are working rather more active today than usual here in the army. The 2nd Corps has relieved the 10th who has gone back in the reserve and there has quite a number of troops passed in the cars towards our left. Had a very pleasant rain this forenoon. Our horses are dying off very fast with the lung fever. We lose about two a day now. I wrote a letter to M this evening. All quiet in our Ft. today and we have a regiment of Engineers at work strengthening our works.

Sunday September 25th 1864

I have been killing time today reading *Timothy Titcomb*[?] which I like very much indeed. There is heavy cannonading in the extreme right this evening and had been more or less all day. Wrote a letter this afternoon to J.H. The 9th Corps has moved from our left and are now camped in our rear. Everything indicates a move of this army very soon. The cars are running night and day carrying new recruits to the left.

Monday September 26th 1864

J.S. Pray came down and spent the day with us. Had a good time. We are now expecting our discharge soon as the Capt. is having them made out now. I received a letter from Mollie this evening with a number of photos in it. It rained quite hard this morning but is very pleasant this afternoon. Had a long talk with Al this evening. He is going out of the service next month. I found some very nice Rebel fuse plugs this forenoon and shall take them home with me.

Tuesday September 27th 1864

Wilcox and I went up to 5th Corps HQ and made Pray a visit. Had a first rate time of it. We went up on the lookout and took a good view of the fortifications and the City of Petersburg. We got quite a number of relics such as Rebel plungers and sharp shooters bullets. We found Sam Cass at camp when we returned and he has just received his discharge and is very happy indeed. I received a letter this evening from Coz. Adela Merrell. This has been a very pleasant day indeed.

Wednesday September 28th 1864

I went over to Army H.Q. with Coz. Albert this morning to see about our discharge. We found that our discharges were not right and I had to go back to camp and over to H.Q. three times when I finally succeeded in getting everything corrected and seven of our numbers are now Citizens. The Capt. sent for us this evening and handed each of us our discharges and then he treated us to Whisky but I did not take any as I never drink strong drinks. The Capt. spoke well of us and wished us a happy time.

Thursday September 29th 1864

There was a charge made last evening by the Rebels just to our right but they were very handsomely repulsed and then they kept up a heavy fire of the mortars for nearly two hours. Our Battery received orders to move at 3 o'clock this morning. We boys left for City Point to take the boat for Washington at ---- this morning. We got there (City Point) just in time to take the boat (Express). We passed Fortress Monroe just before dark. Found it quite ---- in the Pay[?]. I had a good chat with some Rebel prisoners coming down[?].

Friday September 30th 1864

We arrived in Washington this morning at 9 o'clock and put up at the Metropolitan and went and saw the Ohio State agent who informed us that we could get our pay in a short time. He directed us to the Paymaster General who paid us off at 2 o'clock p.m. We went around town some today. Went in the Patent Office and Smithsonian Institute. Saw many curiosities and things that I never thought of seeing before in my life. We left on the six o'clock train for N.Y.

Saturday October 1st 1864

Phi Norton left us at Philadelphia to go and see one of his Uncles and Sam and I continued on, arrived at N.Y. City at 1 o'clock this morning. We put up at the Western Hotel on Courtland Street. We looked around town all of this forenoon. Went to Barnham's Museum and several other places. We were up in our room a taking a little rest when Phi came to us. We were sure surprised to see him. We all agreed to start our at once for the west if we could so took the ---- o'clock train.

Sunday October 2nd 1864

We arrived at Rome at 4 o'clock this morning and put up at the Stanwicks Hotel, slept until 9 o'clock when we got up and had breakfast, then stayed around until 11 o'clock and started for the old homestead at which place we arrived at a little after noon. I found the folks at home all well and completely surprised them all. It has rained nearly all day today and has been very disagreeable indeed. It seems real good to once more get back to my old native home. I went up to see M this evening, had a grand time as usual.

Monday October 3rd 1864

We stayed around home this forenoon and this afternoon we went down to Hampton. Had a very good time indeed. Saw several old acquaintances. We went all

through the furnace with Frank Green and was much pleased with the many curiosities and different articles which are manufactured in the furnace. We got back home just before dark and spent the evening singing and playing cards.

Tuesday October 4th 1864

I took the boys down to Lowell today and had dinner at Aunt Pearson's. Had a short visit with several of them and then returned home. Went up and had a good visit with M this evening.

Wednesday October 5th 1864

Stayed at home and visited this forenoon and this afternoon we went down to Hampton and called at Mr. Halleck's and Mr. Smith's. Had a passable time. Got back home just before dark. All stayed at home this evening and had a good visit.

Thursday October 6th 1864

Sam and Phi thought that they must be getting home so I took them to Rome this afternoon and waited until they left which was at 3:20 p.m. I bought me a new suit of clothes today for \$35.00 and not very fine ones at that. I got home a little after dark. Am very tired this evening. Got off to bed at 10 [?] o'clock which is much earlier than usual for me.

Friday October 7th 1864

I have been at work all day helping Father pick apples. Have got along very well indeed. Had company this evening from Hampton. There was six couple of the young folks came up. They all got some wet as it rained quite hard ere they got here. They stayed until 2 o'clock and then started for home again. It is very dark indeed this evening.

Saturday October 8th 1864

Went to Rome today with Father. Took up a load of fruit. Stayed and heard Horace Greely speak on politics. It has rained most of the time today which it very disagreeable indeed. We got back home just after dark somewhat wet and tired. Wrote a letter to Thomas this evening.

Sunday October 9th 1864

Went to church to ---- Hampton today. Had very good preaching. Went up and saw M this evening.

Monday Oct. 10th 1864

I have been helping Father pick apples all day today. Mary Ann Stephenson is here now.

Tuesday October 11th 1864

Picking apples as usual today. Went up to Brewers with Mollie this afternoon, had a good visit. Went down and saw Ev's Factory. It is got up in very good style. Got home at 5 [?] o'clock.

Wednesday October 12th 1864

We sold a lot of apples to a man from Lewis Co. this forenoon. It has rained quite hard all of this afternoon. I went down and saw Fletcher Barber this evening.

Thursday October 13th 1864

I helped Frank pick apples this forenoon and worked for Father this afternoon. But little going on today.

Friday October 14th 1864

Worked with Father until 3 o'clock this afternoon when I went to Hampton with a load of apples and found three letters fro me. Called on M-- Halleck a few moments. --- -- was up to see me today....

Saturday October 15th 1864

Have been helping Father today as usual.

Sunday October 16th 1864

Did not go to church today as it rained so hard. I went up to see "M" this evening.

Monday October 17th 1864

Picking apples with Father today and taking them to the mill for cider. Have succeeded in finishing them. Went to Rome today to a Union meeting. Gov. Andrews of Mass., Foster of Va. & Conklin of NY was the speaker. It was rainy part of the day, otherwise everything went very pleasantly.

Wednesday October 18th 1864 [18th was Tuesday]

Have been getting home our cider today, have nine barrels. Saw "M" this evening.

Thursday October 19th 1864 [actually the 20th?]

Have done but little more than visit today. Helped Father fix his orchard fence.

Friday October 20th 1864 [actually the 21st?]

Coz. Albert arrived here today direct from the army. Was somewhat surprised to see him. We went to Hampton this evening to a Union meeting. Conklin and Croffered [?] were the speakers.

Saturday October 21st [actually the 22nd?]

Have been digging potatoes with Father today.

October 22nd Sunday 1864 [actually the 23rd]

Went to church to Hampton. Visited "M" this evening.

End of daily diary entries.