

from the Port Hudson. We had to work & I walked about two miles & then went to a plantation & hired a couple of horses & a negro to take them back. He carried the valises & the bundle. Arrived at town about dark.

There was only one place that any body could stop at & there were eleven already there & after one thin supper. We eat coarse corn bread & meat & slept on the floor on our blankets. The town has been evacuated by citizens for fear of the Yankee shells. They have holes in the hills back of the town to which they go. The country is very broken around Port Hudson & very favorable for defense. Many little creeks to cross.

Many soldiers are encamped here & many are in town in the houses. Went out this morning (27) & had a good view of the Yankee boats. This is the day the President has appeared for fasting & prayer. Had no place of worship to go to & did not stop. My heart united with the rest through a prayer for peace. Left in the evening at 1 1/2 o'clock for Clinton, a distance of 24 miles upriver N. River. Arrived there at 5 P.M. Got transportation, engaged a hotel & put up at the hotel until morning. ~~March~~ Feb 28th. This morning after a deal of trouble succeeded in getting the hotel started at 10 o'clock for \$15.00 a piece. Then the last to start with a rickety vehicle & sorry team. The road was bad in places & we drove carefully & smelted a good deal.

When we got in two miles of the place, Ed got careless & drove carelessly & broke the vehicle & we had to foot it the balance of the way. Arrived at Tongipahoa, or Camp Mone, at night, distance 34 miles. Tongipahoa is 78 miles from N. O. & 183 from Jackson Miss.

Left Camp Mone at 8²⁹ A.M. & arrived at Jackson at 11 P.M. cars being delayed & no ferry connection. Passed the night at Confederate House.

30th - Wrote to Belle, her & brother John. Got transportation through to Richmond by way of Selma. Left in afternoon at 6^{1/2} o'clock. Got to Meridian 96 miles at 8 A.M.³¹, breakfasted & left at 7 A.M. Arrived at Tombigby River, dist. 56 ms at 1 o'clock. Took down last mile going up the river to ms

Then took the cars at Demopolis for Selma dist. 50. Demopolis is 2 ms below the Junction of Tombigby & Black Warrior rivers. Beautiful country between these & Selma. Something like Texas. Arrived at Selma at night & took the boat for Montgomery, dist. 80 ms. April 1st. Arrived in Montgomery at 7 A.M., two hours too late for cars to West Point - Forget to say that Austin Jones went down to Clinton from Jackson to see Dick, & Campkin, Gaudin, Herby, Fudges & others went by way of Mobile, leaving us at Meridian - Remained in Montgomery until 5 P.M. - Wrote two letters & walked over city - Ladies at Capitol engaged in signing & clipping money. Slept at Exchange Hotel. Home pretty good - Reached West Point at 7 A.M. & Atlanta at 7 P.M. April 2^d.

Jul 2^d

Did not have time for breakfast at
Atlanta - Arrived at Dalton at 3 1/2
P.M. & here we waited here had
to be over for the regular train
until 2 o'clock A.M. next morning
but preferred to get on a freight
train going out & wait at Knoxville.
We had a passenger car
& had a whole seat to myself &
slept all the way - Ripped at
Stale Lee near home. Arrived
at Knoxville at 4 A.M. Apr. 3^d
Took breakfast & waited until
12 o'clock for regular train.

There is a great deal of
work to be done in the
country & it is necessary
to get the work done
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April 12th Sunday joined the army this
evening while it was besieging Suffolk.
Remained around Suffolk
until Sunday night the 3^d of May, the
day of the fight at Chancellorsville.
May 3^d Made a very hard march

21 miles in 24 hours besides
cavelling rations at Franklin
May 5th Got to Petersburg, Slaid
there until the morning of the 7th. Passed
through Richmond the morning of
the 8th & camped about 17 miles from
the city on the road to Louisa C.H.
Having marched 4 ms beyond Richmond
Next day marched 19 miles (9th)
10th Reached Fredericks Hall 12 miles
Left F. Hall morning of 13th camping
at Louisa C.H. 14 miles.
Next day went to camp 4 ms of Rap-
idon River & remained until the eve

ing of the 1st when we moved to
a camp 1 mile from Rapidan
Remained here on picket until Sunday
the 31st of May when we started for
Fredericksburg. Marched 16 miles &
then went back to a camp near the
old one & there remained two days.
(1st - 3rd June) - June 4th Started
for Culpeper crossing at Raccoon
Ford - 5th Went to see Stuart's
Cavalry review at Brandy St.
6th Went down the Rappahannock
17 miles to a ford, starting at 2 P.M.
& returned by 1 P.M. the 7th -
8th Moved camp 1/2 East -
9th - 4th Va & 2^d S.C. Cavalry sur-
prised by Yankee Cav. & caused
us to take up line of march to
look out Mt S.E. of camp.

I forgot to say that on the 7th
& 8th Gen Lee brought his whole
army thro' Fairfax except one
Division - This morning the 9th
began firing N.E. of us supposed
to be on the Rappahannock
10th - Was detailed on Engineer Corps
found to be simply a "pioneer corp"
and I returned to the Regt on the 12th
13th At 1 o'clock moved camp to Sta.
Lee Mt. seem of one of Gen Jackson's
great victories (Aug. 8th 1862)
14th - In the evening walked over the
battle field & saw many skeletons
& saw marks of bullets on the trees
15th - Left camp at Lee's base, came
through Culpeper en route for
Winchester - Was detailed to take charge
of Gen. Lee's Train - Along took
right hand road & we the left

We came through Boston & Nash-
ville carrying 1 mile west of Nashville
The country is beautiful - Low hills
of the Blue Ridge - Culpeper to Nash-
ville 15 miles -

1st Rose early & got off by San Antonio
mailed a letter which I wrote the
evening before to Betty at ^{Sperryville} ~~Nashville~~
5 ms from N. - Here we turned to
the right pretty abruptly & travelled
E of N. - Had been travelling W of N before
Passed thro' Lewis Washington 5 ms
from Sperryville & Lewis Cross Roads
10 ms from Sp. & Forest Hill about
3 ms from there on - Camped 3 ms from
Forest Hill towards Mount Royal
Sperryville at foot of Blue Ridge - The town
was parallel with the mts. At S X
R the troops came into our view but
immediately took a left hand road
by

Had great deal of trouble with wagons
breaking down
Jan 1st - Started at 10 o'clock for F.R.
dist 18 ms - I went on with a crazy wag
on to have arrived but did not see -
and - Got dinner at F.R. with wheelwright
Petty - We crossed Blue Ridge 5 ms from
F.R. - Then entered Warren Co. Had been
in Rappahannock - Heard other rumors
concerning the capture of Meloy & forces
at Winchester by Gen. Smith, viz 6,000
troops & \$100,000 worth of commissary
& ordnance stores - Hope it may all prove
true - Our troops reported to hold Williams-
burg & Charleston - Evening at H. Ferry
Had another break down this evening 3 ms
from F.R. I had to get up the wagon
Day before hot & dusty - Saw a man
carrying cabbage plants & he said it
had not rained for six weeks. At F.R.
left the Winchester people & took a left
hand road by Morgan's Ford on Shenandoah
river. Wagon broke down