

Mrs. Betty Eiskens

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attn. of

Mr. H.

King

Caldwell County

Texas

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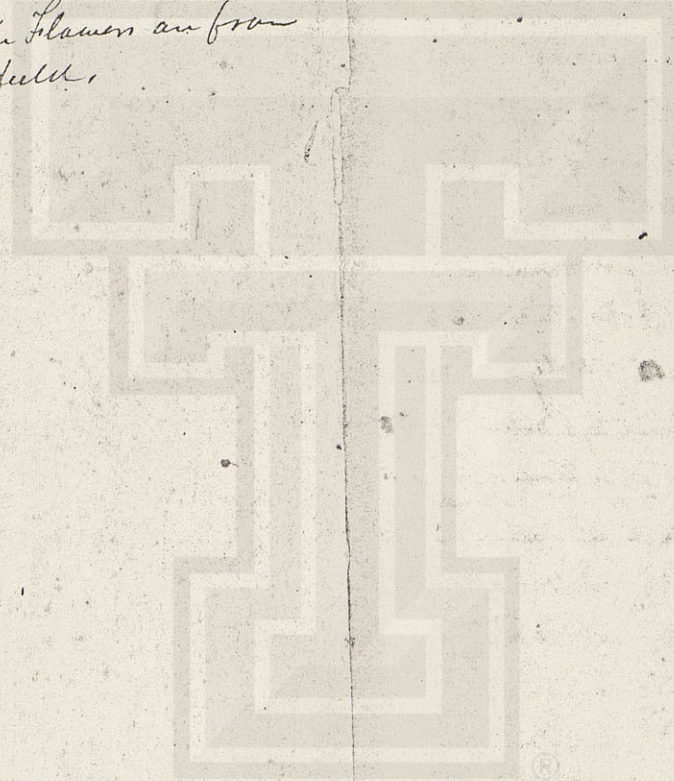
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A. M. Erskine.
Sequin
Apr. 4th 1862 Texas
Account Book
&
Diary

Apr. 27 1862
Pay to Cash on hand
for 1862

Spt 3^d. The flowers are from
the little field.



1862 Cash Account Cr
 Apr 1st To Cash taken for
 Expenses to list of Man 53 75
 Apr 26 Cash recd from
 Lieut Rich as Commutation
 for Subsistence 35 00
 " Cash of Mr. Beatty 4 00
 May 24 " Return by E. Miller 70
 " " " " Thompson 2 00
 June 4 " " Lieut Rich 5 00
 " " " Lieut Rich as
 Commutation for Subsist. 16 00
 Total Amt of Receipts = \$ 116 25

1862 Cash Acct. Cr \$
 Apr 6 By Cash for Hdk in P. Co 1 15
 " " " Soap 25
 " 11 " " Flour, Sugar & Coffee 3 15
 15 " " " Pelance 50
 " " " " to Peter 50
 " " " Postage 35
 " " " Shavers for Body 1 00
 " 26 " on acct R. & Miller 7 50
 May 1 " " to Peter for postage 50
 " " for Eggs 30
 " 3rd " for Coffee & bread 2 50
 " 4 " Hotel Rice self & Susan 1 50
 " " " Alimony at Richmond 50
 " " " Omissions for self & S. 50
 " " " Corn for basket Red 20 20

1862 Cash account \$20.20

May 6 By amt for Umbrellas 5.00

" " " " " " " " 1.50

" " " " " " " " 40

" " " " " " " " 10

" " " " " " " " 1.50

" " " " " " " " 3.50

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" " " " " " " " 75

" " " " " " " " 25

" " " " " " " " 50

" " " " " " " " 50

" " " " " " " " 1.70

" " " " " " " " 335.68

1862 Cash account

By amt. lnt. found \$35.68

May 16 Cash for Eggs 1.00

" 17 " " Butter 25

" 20 " " " 25

" 21 " " Soap 50

" " " " Letter paper 50

" " " " postage 15

" 22 " " " 50

" " " " for Reuloh 1.50

" " " " paper & envelopes 75

" " " " " 30

" " " " lnt Lent Rich 5.00

" 23 " " " Letter paper 50

" " " " " for Lenses 10

" " " " " 46.75

1862	Cash Account		1862	Cash Account	74.40
May 23	By Amt let found	46.75	June 1	Cash for money to John	75
May 23	By Cash for money to John	125	June 1	Cash for money to John	75
June 1	" " gold pen	1.00	June 1	Cash for money to John	35
June 1	" " to Let. Rice	10.00	June 1	Cash for money to John	2.50
June 24	" " to Thompson	2.00	June 1	Cash for money to John	1.00
June 25	" " to Thompson	2.00	June 1	Cash for money to John	1.00
June 1	" " to Thompson	60	June 1	Cash for money to John	1.00
June 3	" " to Thompson	45	June 1	Cash for money to John	50
June 4	" " Postage stamps	5.00	June 1	Cash for money to John	10
June 5	" " to Thompson	1.85	June 1	Cash for money to John	105
June 5	" " to Thompson	75	June 1	Cash for money to John	7.60
June 5	" " to Thompson	75	June 1	Cash for money to John	2.25
June 5	" " to Thompson	75	June 1	Cash for money to John	93.25
June 5	" " to Thompson	125	June 1	Cash for money to John	23.00
June 5	" " to Thompson	74.40	June 1	Cash for money to John	116.25

1862 Cash acct Cr

June 20 Amt on hand	23 00
" due from Aunt	
Recd. for money borrowed	
at Alexandria	(10.00)
July 16 Cash Recd. of Cousin A.	
as party pay.	\$50 00
" " Postage Stamps	60
" 18 Recd. of E. Miller	75
	\$ 74.35
" 21 Borrowed of Mrs. George	20.00
	\$ 94.35
Aug 1st Amt. received from Aunt	
Recd.	10.00
	104 35

1862 Cash Account

June 23 Cash to pay Henry	25
" " " for night's lodging	75
" 30 " for washing	21 50
" " " to pay	50
" " " for shirt	6 00
July " to Leonard	75
" " Sherry cutting hair &c	1.50
July 18 " to Austin	75
" " Papers	20
" " " Confectionary	40
" " " Book for Mrs. Webb	3.50
" " " Envelopes, pens &c	45
" 20 " " Henry & Eli	1 35
" " " for Remis	25
	\$ 188.80

Cash Account \$18.80
 July 21 Cash Bille at American 3.50
 " " " Omnibus fare 25
 " " " Morning paper 10
 " " " for Cop 3.00
 " " " Mail of Paragoni 25
 " " " for Dinner at American 1.00
 " " " " Meals to Scallville 100
 " 22 " " " " Fare to Harwardsville 75
 " 23 " " " " Hotel Bille at " 125
 " " " " Hire of vehicle to
 " " " " Rock fish Station 2.25
 " " " " R. R. Fare to Charlottes^{ville} 1.10
 " " " " p.d. Truck 40
 " " " " for dinner 1.00
 \$34.65

Cash Acct. for

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Aug 23 Amt b't. forward \$34.65
 " Cash for fare to Staunton 90
 " " to boy for carrying valise 50
 Aug 5 " for Envelopes 30
 " 7 " " Mending Conkell's watch 1.00
 " 6 " " Candy for Chit down 1.50
 " 8 " " Lint brush & put. clo. 80
 " " " Stud pens 20
 " 7 " " Visit of physician 2.00
 " 11 " " Stage Fare 5.00
 " 2 meals 1.50
 " " for pens 10
 " " to pay for Mr. Gay's 1.85

Aug 19 " " " " " " " " " " " "

Amt b't forward

Aug 19 By cash for dinner 50
 " " " " Hotel Bell Lyndborg 200
 " " " " Cash to Tablans Buck 45
 " " " " for pens & paper 20
 " " " " dinner 50
 " 21 " " Mowing paper & paper 35
 " " " " Carrying valise 35
 " " " " Crackers 25
 " 22 " " Hotel Bell American 6.00
 " " " " Con t. (pocket) 1.00
 " " " " Haversack 2.50
 " 23 " " at Vernon house 1.75
 " " " " Crackers &c 20

Aug 23 Dinner & Breakfast 1.50

" " Sent to Mr. Rogers - 1.00

24 Trench for all the 50

24 Breakfast 1.00

The first of these is the Journal of the
 voyage, which is a very interesting
 account of the voyage, and of the
 country, and of the people. It is
 written in a very simple and
 direct style, and is full of
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Notes on Grafting Fruit Trees
In layering the bark must be
somewhat soft & ripe.
Split the shoot where it is to
take root. Making the slit
just below a bud. Press the
dirt firmly & keep it straight.
Layering can be done in Spring
Midsummer or Autumn.
The pears, apple & quince
layered early in Spring, or grapes
in Summer will be well root-
ed in Autumn. Most sea-
son most favorable for rooting.

Grafting Recipe
3 parts of rosin, 3 of bees
wax & 2 of tallow. Also
1 pint of linseed oil, 6 lbs
of rosin & 1 lb of beeswax.
Apply them either with a
brush when warm, or thickly
over sheets of muslin, or thin
tough paper, which are after-
wards cut up in sizes for ap-
plying. Best when the bark
will peel readily when there
is a space between the
new and old bark. Or
inner bark. Badding best for
quince, & for peach & nectarine.

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Diary

Means for Fruit Trees.

Ashes, Pulv. Bones, ~~Manure~~
+ Stable Manure, ~~Manure~~ same
Limes essential.

	Pear	Scrub	Apple
Potash	22	6	
Lime	13	30	
Phos lime	27	6	
	Apple		
Potash	16	5	
Lime	19	51	
Phos lime	17	3	
	Grape		
Pot.	21	2	
Lime	17	89	
Phos lime	15	5	

Diary continued from the back of
 Aug. 11. Left Staunton this morn-
 ing in company with Mr. Estlin
 in the stage for Buchanan.
 We were told the stage would
 leave at 10 o'clock & for fear
 of being left we arose at
 2 o'clock & had to wait in
 the road until 8 o'clock.
 We had a crowded stage
 warm weather & dusty roads.
 Was sorry to leave cousin
 May who in her grief dread-
 ed to be alone. Promised to
 correspond with Fannie.

Took breakfast at Greenfield 12
 miles from Staunton & dinner
 at Lexington 36 miles. The per-
 sons stopped at the Natural
 Bridge, but having a snack
 in our pockets Mr. E. & I went
 to the bridge to view it again
 & supped on the bridge.
 I never tire of looking at this
 great wonder 190 ft high, 50
 long & 30 broad. Picked up a
 stone & gathered some ferns
 under the bridge. The rock is
 dark limestone. Arrived
 at Buchanan at 11 o'clock
 P.M. Found cousin Jane well.

and but little ⁷⁸ changed. She has
five children being oldest about
nine years & the youngest three
months. Mr. Boyd has added
to his house & improved
his yard & has now a beauti-
tiful place. As they were
about establishing a hospital
at Buchanan the ladies gave
tickets on the 13 & 15th inst
to procure money for the benefit
of the hospital. I attended &
was pleased with their efforts.
Aug. 19. Left Buchanan
on the Packet boat at 5 1/2
o'clock this morning. The boat
was crowded & the day in-
₇₈

comely hot. ⁷⁹ Reached Lynch-
burg 8 o'clock at night. Deposited
my baggage at the hotel
& hastened to the Transpor-
tation Office to get trans-
portation so as to go on the
morning train. I succeeded
in getting it. Then I eat
supper & went in search
of Mr. Strango. Did not find
him. Left Lynchburg about
7 o'clock. but was detained
at Nyanate Station 42 miles
from Richmond in consequence
of the train ahead of us run-
ning off the track.
Got to Richmond 9 o'clock
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at night, too late to get trans-
portation. As Congress was
in session the hotels were
crowded. I had to sleep
on a settle in the drawing
room. I went to the In-
telligence Office & learned
that my Regt. was at Gon-
doville. In consequence
of the number of troops in
organized battalions going
up on the Central the stray-
ling soldiers returning to
their Regts are sent by way
of Lynchburg, so that I had
to go back the route I came
130 miles. Went to the -

Senate Chamber to day & while
there met with Mr. Sumner of
Sequoia & had a long talk
with him. Then we entered
the Sen. Chamber & heard Sen-
ators Yancy & Wigfall speak
on a resolution to resort
to retaliation, to stop the
hostilities of the South.
In the evening went to Mr.
Lechman's, left my valise &
visited the St. Francis de Sales
Hospital way down on Brook
Avenue. Saw the Chaplains
McDonis, & Tom Ewing, John
Fennell, White, Capt Wade,
& Mr. Fennell.

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Was introduced to Col Reley
by Mr Gibbs of Orleans as he
asked Col Reley about Mr
& Henry Maney. He said he
thought they were released &
were at home by this time.

Aug 22. Could not get off
on the Danville Cars. Her
Friend Mr Barreger & I went
down in the rain & waited in
vain to get off. Having settled
my bill at the American &
fending it large, went to the
Vernon House near the corner
of 1st & Broad St. ^{of by churches} ^{broken nearly entire}

23. Left this morning at 7 o'clock
on the Central Road. Went on cars
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as far as Hopeport & then on Orange & Allen
and in R.R. Station from there a foot

at 10 o'clock in the evening & walked 8 ms.

Had no supper, but got to sleep in a
house on the floor. 24. Started early

& walked several miles & got breakfast
at a roadside lady's near the Statute

field of Cedar River. Got a good break

fast & see did not wish to charge but

25. but we all agreed to pay \$1.00 as

the beds were almost robbed by the

Yankees. Walked to Brandy Station

on the O & A. R.R. & then took up Hazel

River 6 or 7 ms, making a dist. of 19 ms

25. We eat no dinner & but little supper.

Rose at day up & resumed our journey
breakfasters & after 6 or 7 ms travelling

joined an regimentth & then got a good
meal the first for 24 hours. Found

Camp in an hour after my arrival. Mr
Hennel & F. Berger came with me from
Rehms. Got a gun on going to the left.

Aug. 25. Camped near Hoppenhans No. 50.
ms. I suppose from Landaukloster.

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1862 *Diary*

May! Left home to day with a sad
heart, bidding farewell to my
sisters & my dear wife & darling
baby. Poor Bettie, it almost broke
her heart to give me up. Had a
sad heart this day. Set out in bug
gies with brother Andrew, Igg J.
Emmeline & Will Ehringhaus & several
others. Had a merry, witty, though
profane Frenchman, named Loe^{lein}
along. Went seven miles below
Gonzales before stopping. When the
solemn, meditative hour of two
o'clock came round, the hour

when I had been accustomed
to sit with my dear wife & take my
little babe in my arms, my thoughts
naturally reverted to home & its
loved ones, from whom I was to be
separated for a long time perhaps
for ever, and my heart grew sad
& tears bedewed my eyes. I thought
how sad, painful & anxious would
be the watching of that lonely heart,
and my soul was pained. My only
relief was in prayer to my "Heavenly
Father" who heareth the cry of the
young ravens, and who surely would
not turn a deaf ear to the earnest
supplications of a sorrow-stricken heart.
We camped 7 miles from Gonzales.
At bed time I went out in the woods

and again commended my home
treasures to the keeping of the ever
watchful - merciful God, & asked him
to keep me from the temptations of
camp, shield me in the dreadful
hour of battle, & restore me safely
to the loving heart that was longing
for peace & the return of its mate.
I prayed fervently my accustomed
prayer - that the beams of peace
might again bless our torn &
bleeding land.

May 2. To day we took a wagon
filled with Lieut Buck's recruits
that were going to travel with us for
Allegan. Camped on the Navidad
36 miles from Gonzales. The wagon stop-
ped near us. We were shy of the new

acquaintances, as we learned that one of them, Tom Dimmit, had badly lice on him, which forced him to throw away a quilt & some clothing. When any of them came aboard I had nervous itching sensations.

At night as before the separation from my dear wife would be more strongly impressed on me & my comfort was in prayer.

May 3. At noon this day while eating & resting our horses were overtaken by the rest of our party who separated from us at Gonzales, viz. Erskine, J. J. Will & Davine. Reached Columbus at dusk, crossed the river on a boat & encamped on the left

bank. This day heard the news of the Fed. boats passing Ft. Jackson & Philips & taking military possession of MO. This news filled me with gloom. The most powerful city of the Confederacy had fallen & the enemy had possession of the Mississippi River, thus dividing the Confederacy.

May 4. This morning went to Alleton the ^{western} terminus of the R. Bayan, Brazos & Colorado RR situated on the Colorado 3 miles below Columbus. Here we found Lieut Rich awaiting us who had left on the night of the 1st in the stage. We did not go

to the Hotel but encamped on
the river. Eat our dinner at the
Hotel. In the evening brother A.
Liest R., Erskine & myself took a
bath in the Colorado, which although
the river was up & very muddy,
improved our condition & feelings.
We had been compelled to walk
a great deal on account of the
heavy load, & we were very dirty.
Wanted very much to day to go
to Church, but there was no ser-
vice in the place. Here met with
Mr Nugent who was taking his family
to Sequim, having feared the fall of N.O.
a Joe Johnson & Baby Park having over-
taken a locomotive on rail road, I

took them to the Engine House &
explained the ^{machinery} to them, and they
left with a tolerably good idea of it
May 5th. Left the hotel at 8 1/2
o'clock, (where we had passed
the night in consequence of a rain)
& took the cars to Houston.
Brother A remained behind with
Will, who had been ^{with measles} latter sick,
at Columbus the evening of the 3^d.
Alonzo Gordon
& young King were left at Alhuyton
with the same disease.
Arrived at Richmond a small
town on the right bank of Brazos
at dinner time & got a good meal.
Here in consequence of the water

being over the R.R. Bridge, we
were detained at the ferry in
the hot sun 2 1/2 hours &
there being but one passenger
car on the other bank, & we
having much baggage to look
after lost a seat & had to sit
in the baggage car. Reached
Houston at 5 P.M. & stopped
at "Rusk House". The city was
full of soldiers & the hotels crowded.
May 6. Met with Capt L. N.
Minter who was stationed at Hemp-
stead & performed the duties of Com-
missary & Q. Master for a part of the
Regt. I was dissatisfied with his
duty & short pay, &

Houston is a considerable place
said to contain 6000 inhabitants
& has some fine buildings, among
which the "Morris Building" with
iron front, on main st., is con-
spicuous. The streets are made
firm & dry with shell brought from
Galveston island, but they
are dirty & smell bad. And
at this time the ^{city} was full of
drunken soldiers, a good
many troops being quartered
in its vicinity. The accommo-
dations at the hotel were bad &
the charges very high. Every thing sold
on the city is high. Here I in-
dulged in the unaccustomed lux-
ury.

way of an ice-cream.
At Houston we found out positively
what we had before supposed, viz
that we could not go through
N. Orleans, & Lieut R. after inqui-
ry determined to go to Beaumont,
thence ascend the Neches to Weiss
Bluff 30 miles, by water, & from
thence hire conveyances to Alexan-
dria La. by way of Jasper, Tazewell Co.
Wrote two letters to Bitter for her
One enclosing an extra with the news
that the garrison of the ^{city} ^{no. 10} had sur-
rendered after the surrender of the
city, and capitulated, with the
honorable exception of a regiment for
St Mary's hands, 10

This news was very distressing
more so than several defeats
May 7th. Left Houston this morning
before sun up for Beaumont
on the cars. Forgot to mention
that four R. Roads terminate
at Houston the B. B., B & C. R. R.
the Houston & Galveston R., the
Road to Hempstead & the one to
Beaumont on the Neches, which
when completed will cross
the Sabine at Orange & connect
with the Opelousas R. R.
Lieut R. remained behind with
more sick soldiers & Dr. Commit
was left Loringham out of place.
The R. to Beaumont passes through
" "

Liberty on the left bank of the
Trinity River. We arrived at
Beaumont about 2 o'clock P.M.
having had no detention.
As it looked like rain we pro-
cured a vacant house, of
which there were a number, and
moved all of our blankets &
provisions into it. As soon
as this was done, I went aboard
of a boat which had just arrived
from Riblett's Bluff, to look
for father or Mr Shelley. Found
Mr S. but could have but a few
minutes conversation with him
as the cars were about starting
back. He told me that father

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was on the ¹³Mermentau on
a little island where he had
purchased beef. ^{Mr S.} Said that
the beef market might soon
open, or the people of N. Orleans
starve. He said also that there
was a rumor of a large fight
on the Rapahannock in which
we defeated the enemy with a
loss of 40,000 & they ^{lost} Gen Mc
Culland, we losing Gen Tan-
Johnson & Lee. I do not credit
the report in full although it may
be founded on truth, also there
was a rumor of another fight near
Corinth. We had supplied
our selves with cooked food

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for several days & had but little
trouble cooking. Harry eaten a
daylight breakfast & a late din-
ner. I eat too heartily & felt un-
well at night, feverish & with
aching in the bones.

May 8. Went a fishing this morn-
ing at the S. Boat landing
& our party caught nine very
pretty blue cat fish. Commenced
raining about 9 o'clock & I had
to hire a boy to bring me a pair
of heavy shoes & an over coat
as I feared to get wet in this
low swampy country. Waited
on the boat until the boy returned
& got to our lodging place without
getting wet & took some quinine.

We borrowed a spider & had
our fish for dinner. As it
continued to rain there was
a motley group in the house.
Some lying on their blankets sick,
some cooking & eating, some writing
and others playing cards, and
I regret to add generally for
money. I engaged in reading,
meditation about home and
in keeping up my diary.
As the rain continued to
pour in torrents the weary
hours were beguiled by some
music & song. One of the
finest voices, I suppose, has a
fine voice, yet he sings with

a vain & affected air
Sometimes he sang the songs
which my dear Bette used
to sing to me in courtships.
Happy days & tears would
start into my eyes.
To day while passing through
town I plucked a rose bud
for Bette, which I pressed
& intend sending it with a
Kiss upon it in my next letter.
May 9. Still raining. Employed
myself pleasantly writing to
my dear wife. Wrote a long & full
letter. Sent birds arrived this
morning with out Will & Bro. A
Will was too unwell to leave
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Alleyton? Expect then the next train
cleared off about 11 o'clock.
We occupied the C. House for
the last two nights on account
of the drunkenness of some of
the party. Recd a bouquet of
flowers from a lady staying at
Mrs Alexanders (relative of her
Baldwin of Va) & was entrusted
with some letters to Va.
Took a "heart's ease" & piece of
Arbor Vitae to pass for Bette.
Were treated very kindly by the
people of Beaumont.
May 10 Left Beaumont this morning
at 10 o'clock AM in the Steam
boat "Sun Flower" Capt Word.
After a pleasant run of five
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hairs arrived at Miss Bluff a distance of 50 miles. Had the use of an empty Ware House which we swept out & would have had comfortable quarters but for the mosquitoes & fleas.

Here a yeilding was purchased for us & we divided our party of 23 into 3 messes, Our mess consisting of Jas Thompson, E Miller, Thomas Cunningham, Jas Campbell, Jas Gimmet, O. Menger, Jgg Johnson & myself, who cooked on turn two each day in the order in which their names are placed. L. Ruck had procured from the Com. Department 2 Sacs of Flour.

30 lbs of Coffee, 3 large tin pan, 3 skillets & a kettle so

that we were provided with provisions & camp equipage.

May 11 Left Miss Bluff in two ore wagons. The teams were so broken down, we had

to walk a great deal of the way. Jgg, Eskine & I walked 9 miles the first day. At noon we got another wagon & found better. Travelled 18 miles the first day. The country was low sandy poor land.

May 12. Teams worked down to day in the sand & we had to walk a great deal. Twenty five miles

from Beaumont, we struck a hilly
country. Dined pretty well along
the road. Bought eggs, chickens
butter & milk; generally paid 25¢
a dozen for eggs, 25¢ for chickens &
the same for 1 lb of butter. Milk 10¢
a qt. ^{fairly} great many blk berries
on the road, but few ripe.
Came 19 miles this day. At
night got to sleep in a good bed
& paid nothing for it.

May 13. Arrived at Jasper in
the evening. Having travelled
from this bluff 50 miles.
Camped on a pretty little creek.
Took a good bath & put on clean
clothes & was much improved in
feelings. We were offered a ra-

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cont house here, but preferred
to camp on the beautiful creek
over shadowed by pine, beech
gum & magnolia.

We were detained here half
a day procuring teams. I employed
the time writing to my dear
wife. Procured two ass teams
& stabled in the afternoon.

3 o'clock P. M. Jasper is
about as large as Prairie Lea.
There are a good many fruit
trees in the place. peach,
apple, cherry, quince, plum &
mulberry. In the evening
was overtaken by Lieut. Ruck.
He had heard nothing from brother
Andrew. He supposed he had

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like taken some other route or
that mile was too unwell to travel
Came out of town 7 miles & camp-
ed. May 14. Still in the pine
woods. Near Jasper there was
a kind of bottom, but soon
after leaving it struck the hills
again. Travelled 15 miles to-
day, May 15, to reach a
little place called Burkville.
Campbell & Coda taken on the
measles. While walking ahead
stopped at a nice house 1 1/2
miles west of Burkville.
Saw a nice lady Mrs. Norvell
whose husband was in Whitfield
Battalion. Shamed us her da-
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gumwyle²⁰ that we might re-
cognize him if we met.
Camped at Burkville & got the
use of a porch to sleep under
May 16. Crossed the Sabine
in the afternoon "Drank of
its waters." Trusting however
that they would not have
the pernicious effect for-
merly ascribed to them.
Name of the Terry River.
Pearl Creek empties in part
at the crossing on the La-
salle side. Newton is the last
County & Sabine Parish
is the first that you enter
Camped on a little creek
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2 miles from the ferry. Made
13 miles

May 17. Crossed a Considerable
Creek soon after leaving
Camp called Ana Co Co.
Travelled only 13 miles and just
Rich wished to procure another
wagon. Most of the men took
lodging in the school house
Erskine & I preferred to lie
under the tall pines in the pure
air, as the atmosphere of
the room had the odor of
unwashed feet. Sat up
late writing to sister Ellen
& reading "Tom Burke" by Lever
in which I was much interested
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Did not write to Bettie as
I had done so from our last
encampment & handed it to
the mail boy to day. Yesterday
felt low spirited & kept thinking
of dear Bettie. She was constantly
in my mind & I frequently
prayed to my Heavenly Father to
comfort her sad heart & restore
me to her. This night went
out in the woods & fervently
commended her to God's care.
May 18. It's Sabbath & in order
to commune with my own
thoughts & to recall the sweet
images of home & commit its
treasures to my Heavenly Father
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I preferred to walk a great deal. Walked 6 miles in the forenoon. This afternoon I left the wagon & walked a head & gathered some beautiful flowers & arranged them in a bouquet & thought I would give anything if Bessie had them, both because they were beautiful & because they were plucked by the hand of love. How beautiful & pure are flowers! They are always associated by me with everything good, lovely & pure. They are tokens of God's goodness to us.

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While I held these sweet flowers in my hand & remembered that God made them in all their beauty & placed them where they would waste all their sweetness on desert air, I took courage & was hopeful; For I said surely if God so cares for these little flowers as to deck them in beauty & place them here, he will surely care for me, & restore me to that heart, that longeth for me.

Again these little flowers reminded me of the time when I used to gather them for & with my heart's only

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Love, now my dear wife,
and memory went back over
many a pleasant scene, until
tears suffused my eyes.

I wrote seated on a fallen
pine, the air redolent with
the perfume of Magnolia &
Laurel (white Swamp).

My banquet consisted of ^{crimson} Verbena,
butterfly-weed, wild pea, white
honeysuckle, a species of morning-glory,
white laurel, pinks, a beautiful
luffed flower, a delicate tassel flower,
a swamp flower resembling elder &
several other varieties. Carried them
all evening & it seemed as if

I was going to give them to Betty
18 miles were travelled this day. 28

May 19. Rose ²⁹ early to make a good
day's travel. Passed the day
reading Tom Burke. Forgot to men-
tion that we failed to get the wagon
we engaged but got another
at noon Sunday. Crossed the
Colcasien late in the evening. It
is but a little creek here. Inten-
ded to bathe but it was so muddy
& the banks so boggy, did not go
on. Passed beyond the creek about
4 miles & encamped. Found great
comfort in prayer at night in the sol-
itude of the pines. Had good
level roads to day. Made 20
miles

May 20. At noon camped on
a beautiful little branch
thickly overshadowed by beech
& stately pines. Took a fine bath &
put on clean clothes & felt better.
Washed off the dirt of a hundred
miles. Our camping place was
beautiful & water fine. Felt
in fine spirits. Met some crocoders
from Alexandria who told us
that the Reds were expected there
to day. Lieut Reid had gone ahead
write this on the banks of the beautiful
brook beneath a most dense & re-
freshing shade - sub-tigme ne pagi.
Traveled until after dark & we camped
on Bayou Rapides 11 miles from Alex
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Alex³¹ we struck this Bayou
about 16 miles from Alex³². The country
immediately changed from barren
pine land to flat rich clay soil
deep red. The entire road was
lined with pretty farm-houses
& large plantations of sugar, cotton
& corn in a high state of cultivation.
May 21. Rose at 3 o'clock & con-
tinued our journey in order to get
to Alex³³ in time for a boat which
we heard would leave at noon.
The last five or six miles was beau-
tiful. We were in a lane 30 ft wide
formed by high hedges of roses in
full bloom. The bust was coarse but
the landscape was beautiful. Some of the most
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lonely yards I ever saw since here
Arrived at Alex. about 8 1/4 o'clock
Went on board the boat expecting it
to leave but in this were disappointed.
Alexandria is not so large as I
expected to find it I seemed no larger
than it did ^(nearly) twenty years ago.
Called at Mr Robertson's store to see him
He lived out of town & as his wife
was not well did not stay much
in town. Bought "Ben Loh" & employed
my time pleasantly reading it. Wrote
home to Betty also to Lin.

May 22. Remained on board the boat (Doctor
Batey) all day reading. Took a walk late
in the evening down the river. Saw some pretty res-
idences. May 23. To day it rained.

all day. After finishing "Ben Loh" I
wrote to dear Bessie & enclosed a spray
of arbutus gathered in yesterday's
walk. Became very much wearied
with staying at Alexandria, & being
deceived about getting off.

This evening Lieut. Rich took a party
of ten men & went on board the
Grand Duke to compel her to
take us.

May 24. The Grand Duke is stirring
up & taking in wood & we expect
to be off in a short time, but it
is probable we may be disappointed
again. Orders came for us to remain
on the "Dr Batey" as the Grand Duke
would take provisions & beef cattle.

for the army at Corinth & might
pass fearing to be going to N. O.
as Gen Butler allowed all boats
carrying provisions to pass down.
Got off at sundown, ran down
to the cattle pens waited awhile
on the Duke & left, running 22
miles. We then tied up waiting
for the Duke who was to precede
us. May 28. Grand Duke did
not come up until late in the evening.
We had run about 50 miles &
were wooding & waiting for the Duke.
While we were wooding two men
passed down in a yawl & being
suspected by Maj Dawson who
was A Master & in command, we

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got up steam³⁵ & over hauled them
brought them on board & went
back to the wood yard. One
of them had no pass but I
think their intentions^{were} good.
They were going to N. O. to their
families. After the Duke passed
we followed. Red River
below this point had overflowed
its banks. The water was running
all over the country, fields, yards
& even in the houses. Those fam-
ilies that remained moved from
place to place in boats. I saw
a ^{man} ~~man~~ ^{about} dressing cans.
Hogs were swimming about & poor cattle
& horses up to their sides in water.

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All the stock must perish.
About dark entered the mouth of
Black River which is formed by
Little River, Washita ^{Quadrata} & Texas.
We ran up a few hundred yds
& tied up. Found the blake there.
We were 100 miles from Alexandria.
The color of the water was dirty
brown from the concretion of
Black & Red Rivers. Red river much
narrower than at Alexandria & had
no current as it was backed up
by the Mississippi. Eight or ten miles from
Black River ran through a raft
440 yds long of heavy timber com-
pletely stopping up the river.
We had not been tied up but a

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little while ³⁷ I had fallen
asleep when I was awoken by the
men running over me, & all were
calling out "a boat, a gun boat".
I quietly asked them not to run
over me & started to lay down.
Knowing that no enemy's boat
would run up such a crooked
stream at night but I was sur-
prised so much I got up & went
on hurricane deck to the pilot house
and kept a look out down the river.
In the mean time we had run
a mile up Black river. Maj. Dawson
went down in a yawl to reconnoitre
& make signals. Several thought that
signals were made to go up higher

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I saw none. Presently I saw a
light down the river & asked the
pilot. He waited it a while &
said it was a boat coming up. At
first we thought it the Duke but he
soon told by his puffing that it
was a little boat called Homer
going from Atchafalaya Bayou
up Black River. The fear being at
laid we tied up & went to sleep.
May 26. Started at Sun rise ran
back up Red River a mile
to get a little flat bottomed steam
boat. The intention was to go up
Black & Texas & take the flat
to go from Texas across the rap.
^{Just above Chickasaw Bayou}
All the country was under water.
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Stopped for the night at Trinity
at the confluence of Little Ouachita
& Texas Rivers. The town was all under
water. Ran up Ouachita 15 or 20 miles
to Harrisonburg & delivered the cattle.
Harrisonburg was dry ground. The
only piece seen since leaving a
point 60 miles below Alexandria.
Returned & went up Texas 40
miles & up Chickasaw Bayou 15
miles on Dr. Brady & then got on
the little steam flat. Some spar
ring between Lieut Rich & Maj. Daw
son about all getting on.
Stopped for the night on the bayou
6 miles from Mississippi. Slept on
the pilot house. Some went ashore.
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May 28. Got up early & started
up the Bayou. Ran a few miles
& waited until a party went
towards the Mississippi distant
3 miles & make a reconnaissance
& saw the Provost Marshal who
would endeavor to get a ferry
boat to take us over. Waited
until in the evening ran up
a lane for a mile & a half
on the flat & then went to land
in the canoes. Camped near
Prof. Preston's. Had a very uncomfortable
night in consequence of Mosquitoes.
May 29. By 10 o'clock this morning
Prof. Preston had 3 wagons to move us to
the ferry. He was very kind to us;
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He has a fine place & splendid gun
& great mill propelled by steam.
In going to the River we passed
two miles through a splendid
farm of Mr. Bass, a single man.
It was but little overplanted
although the river was 20 inches
higher than ever known. All that
we could see was in corn and
looked beautiful. Got on the River
2 miles above Water Proof at 11 o'clock.
Ran down the Mississippi
6 miles & then up Cold Creek to
Bever's Landing 4 miles. When we
took the boat was on island
& the stream we were on was narrow
not being the main one & thus we
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and hidden from the sight of boats
passing (the night we
stood on shore cannon were occasion-
ally heard). Water level was under
water. In going down we could
see the river for 20 miles below
such was the bend; it lay only
one mile across. By 1 1/4 o'clock
reached Brown Landing & an
haver started for Fayette distant
15 miles. He had one six mule
team & many had to walk. I rode
4 miles, then got out to walk. I got
myself & others. Stopped at a Mrs.
Scotts to get water. Here there was
a piano & two nice young ladies
we asked for music & being much
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entertained let the wagon pass us
half an hour & we never could
overtake it again until it reached
Fayette. Mrs Scott was a sister
in law of Col Marshall. She
was very kind to us, handy with
milk & cooking to cook some dinner
for us. But we would not suffer
her. Ever since entering Miss we
found the people very hospitable.
Reached Fayette at dark broke
down. At night had company &
the boys serenaded the girls of
the female college & as it was
very near & I listened to them, did
not get much sleep.
May 30. Woke up so late this
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morning that I could scarcely walk
Got another wagon at Hayette.
The people were very kind to us all
along the road coming out to meet
us with buckets of cold water
& blankets of beautiful flour
as & away their handkerchiefs &
cheering us on to the car of
glory. If we could not fight
when inspired by the smile of bea-
uty, we surely would be cowards.
Camped 5 miles from Union Church
having travelled 26 miles. People here
very kind giving us eggs, butter, milk &
honey & cooking bread & charging nothing.
We left them some flour which is
a rarity there.

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May 31. This morning made the re-
maining 20 miles by 12 o'clock
to Brookhaven on the N. O. & Great
Northern Railroad. 46
miles from Jackson saw Mr. Rogers
& learned that brother Andrew & Will
had preceded us, having gone to
Natchitoches, thence by cars & boats
to Natchez & from there to this point.
Left Brookhaven at 3 o'clock
P.M. & reached Jackson at 6 1/4 a
distance of 55 miles (dist. from N. O. 183).
Reached Jackson too late for ^{the} cars
& had to remain over until next train.
June 1st. Had an unpleasant night
and rose with a painful knee.
Went to church. Episcop. in morning & Pres.

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Hydron at night. Wrote to Betty
from here. The mail train from
Vicksburg was so crowded that
we could not get on it.

Jackson is a small badly built
dirty place. But few good
buildings. Confederate House,
Bowman house & Capitol. The
Capitol is an ugly natural gran-
ite but not ornamented.

June 2^d. As we would not
get off until 9 o'clock A.M.
went to the foundry to see the
cannon cast here 2, 4, 6, 8 & 12
pounders. Mostly for ^{Gen} Price.

Saw a good many plastered bells
which were to be cast into cannon.

Left Jackson⁴⁷ at 9 o'clock on the
freight train. Passed through ^{Brandon} Norton
Fonat & Newton to Mendon a
distance of 96 miles, reaching it at
6 o'clock. Met with Capt. Evans
& Ashby & went Baljell on their way to
Corinth. They took supper with us.
Laid down on the platform & slept
until 12 o'clock. Expecting the train
got up then but it did not arrive
until 3 o'clock. Made some coffee
& offered it to Mrs. Jordan. She
authored of some stirring words
to the tune of "My Maryland".
The train was so crowded
that by the trickery of the con-
ductor we did not get on.

Had to lie here all day & risk
the chance. The train are crowded
with sick soldiers & others.
A great many sick are lying here
in a pitiable condition. Very dirty
lodges & need of attention.
One poor fellow under the influence
of liquor fell off the cars
& had his leg crushed below
the River. Meridian is a very dis-
agreeable place, & smells & dirty.
Slept first night in the depot plat-
form; second in a new ware house.
We eat our own provisions.
Left at 12 o'clock Tuesday night
June 4th. Arrived in Mobile 9 o'clock.
A train a dist. of 130 miles

Took breakfast & dinner
at Battle House. Wrote to
Betty & father. Left at 2 o'clock
P.M. in a boat for Texas Landing
on Texas River 15 miles. As we
were going out of the River saw
two Confed. gunboats & guns.
& a "ram" also two forts at
on the bay. Took the cars at
5 o'clock for Montgomery, by
way of Pollard & Greenville.
June 5th Reached Montgomery
this morning at sun up.
Breakfasted at Mt. Hall
& took the 8 o'clock train
for Atlanta passing thro' West
Point the mid way point. Dined
at Opelika

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Took supper at Atlanta depot.
from Mt. 174 miles. Changed
Cars at Atlanta. Reached Augu-
sta by 6 o'clock Friday the 6th.
passed thru Branchville & Kingsville
stopped at Laurens in S. C. at Marion
made the acquaintance of Mr John
son who was much taken with
Texas. Reached Wilmington about
2 o'clock Saturday morning.
Breakfasted at Goldsboro' N. C.
Got to Weldon about noon but the
train to Petersburg was about to
leave & only a few as got on.
I got a seat & gave it to a lady
& had to stand all the way. Was com-
pletely worn out. Could not keep

my eyes open. Slept at Petersburg
to wait for Capt. Rich & others behind.
Got supper & went to bed as I
was completely worn out. Caught
a great cold. Petersburg under martial law
Scene 8th. Was engaged this morning
in reading the Bible when I was called to go
to the depot as we expected to get
off at 9 o'clock but found we
had to wait until 4 1/4 o'clock.
Waited at the depot. Waited very much
to go to church. Left in the after-
noon at 4 o'clock for Richmond. Went
to the Columbian Hotel after depositing
our baggage at the depot. After supper
went to the Exchange & found brother

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And then waiting on Mr. Burgess
who was sick. Took lodging with him.

June 9
This morning after writing to Betty
we moved our baggage to Mr. Debrill's
house and after waiting at the Texas
Depot for our accommodations went
out to Camp 2 1/2 miles below Richmond.
Arrived there at night found many
acquaintances. Remained that night &
our trunk lodging with Aunt Holloman.
June 10. A disagreeable day rained
all day & we had but little to eat.
Took cold from damp blankets.
June 11. It having cleared off we
were preparing to go to our Regimen-
tal Camp, when we rec'd. or-
ders to cook 3 days rations.

As we were going to join Stonewall
Jackson in the Valley of Virginia.
While cooking supper our baggage
came by & we had to leave our
supper & move off. Passed thro.
Richmond that night & crossed the
River & encamped near the Richmond
road & Danville Depot. Arrived
about 11 o'clock. Expected to
move that night & left in our
clothes. June 12. Did not
get off until 12 o'clock A.M.
Rode on the flat cars. The
heat was oppressive. Had de-
heads & a few headaches. Was
quite unwell at night. Saw on
a plank six inches wide which was

used for a seat. Had nothing under
me & did not sleep well.
June 13th Arrived in
Lynchburg about day light. Was
moved into town & our regiment
quartered in a beautiful yard
very shady & commanding a fine
view. Saw a muddy brook & learned
from him that Cousin Lewis Ca-
perlen was in town & that Gen.
Echols & family were at Mary's
2 miles from town & that he
& Henry had been fellow passen-
gers with us. In the evening Henry
& Cousin Lewis called at our camp.
We all went home with Henry &
stayed all night. Had a pleasant time

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Not with Gen John Echo & family
June 14th This morning while on train
saw Mr Lo Norvell on Street &
called to see Mrs Norvell. Mrs
Mary was married. Hurred off
from Mary's thinking we would
leave early ^{but} did not.
June 15th Spent this day reading
my bible & going to church.
June 16th Left this morning early for
Staunton. Arrived there 11 o'clock P.M.
June 17th Went early to Mr Gay's which
was in a $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile of our camp.
Met Fannie at the door & knew
her. Mr G & Cousin Mary much
changed. 4 child. beside. Elisha Chad
& Fannie. The first two in the army

Gen Tallentire's 3rd Va Brig. Capt.
Wooden's Battery of Donnell's.

San Ches.^{My} had come home the night before. Left that evening. I had a very pleasant time.

June 18. Rose at last up & found
that air. Bg. had moved.

Hastened away from Mr. G. without
 regular breakfast. Had not over 10

and reg. until 10 o'clock at the
foot of ^{the} Blue Ridge on the Char. C. R.

Wille & Staunton road, sore footed
& is easy when I arrived. I walked 18

miles that day over the B. Ridge. When I got to camp I was completely broken down.

June 19. To day went 12 miles with
great diff^{culty} here put on the back

list - vide memory - last Cambridge
• bagonet & disk

June 20 Took the Cars 1st day at
Woodville & came to Fredrick Hall

on the Central road & encamped
in the woods. Slept badly; in

fact have not had a comfortable
night in camp since reaching Va

it being too cold. Have a very
bad cold & cough. Write later to B

June 17. Employed the day reading
"Alone". Excellent book beautifully.

written & moral effect good,
June 22^d Remained at the encamp

not to say, cooking up three
days rations of provisions.

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June 23 To day made a long
march & camped in a pine
woods as usual. About dusk there
came up a very heavy thunder storm
& it rained all night. I sat up
all night with my oil cloth & blan-
ket around me & held my knapsack
& Knap sack under them. Was much
fatigued in ^{the} morning & had cricks
in my neck. Had no fire until evening.
June 24 Took all morning to dry
my blankets & when I got them
dry had to move. The mud was
deep & sticky & the day warm & I
became very much fatigued. Capt
Bane kindly carried my gun &
Mr Jeffers my knapsack a portion

of the way which relieved me much.
My knee pained me again & I am afraid
it will continue to do it. Lieut
Holliston joined us this evening
coming from Richmond. It threatened
rain at night & as I had not slept
any the night before & was unwell, I
got permission to sleep in a night
box car for which I paid 75¢.
Could not induce them to give
me anything to eat. Said they had
nothing. June 25. Joined the
Regt & got breakfast & we soon
started. I gave my knapsack
to a boy to give to Mass who
previously had charge of it.
Doubted whether I would see it

again. Moved on slowly to
day get ^{to} near the enemy. Crossed the
North Anna today. S. Anna yesterday.
Just a considerable stream. Camped
in a pine woods & had to make
bread & cook it without pans or
ovens. Made it up on a piece of tent
cloth (some on bark) & baked
it on sticks. 1 dep rat of flour
& 2 of hard bread.
June 26. Next day rose before day
to march. Last of my casters.
Hear Benaire Rudy gave me his.
This morning some Cavalry scouts
& our Skirmishers came upon the
enemy. One or two ^{men} killed. ^{some} Captured.
All day Skirmishing continued on
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a fire / 1100 men were taken
About 4 o'clock P.M. the advance
came on the enemy burning a bridge
which they nearly destroyed. Our art.
illery soon came into position & shelled
the woods all around. Then we, (the
1st) were ordered to cross over & cause
the woods to act as pickets.
In an hour the bridge was re-
built & the troops soon crossed &
were moved cautiously along
having first removed some ten men
followed by the enemy. At sunset
as we got upon a hill. Gen
A.P. Hill's troops engaged the
enemy near us. We had been
hearing the cannon for some time
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They boomed just at mid night & the
flash & the casting of the bomb
was distinctly seen. We left
on our arms near the road.

June 27. Ate a hasty meal & started
shot off my gun & reloaded it.
All day we passed abandoned
camps of the enemy, a great deal
of plunder & hospitals full of sick.
Many prisoners were taken.
In hearing of firing ^{near} all day.
In the evening about 4 o'clock P.M.
halted in hearing of the ^{firing} whilst halted
I plucked two wild geese, me-
ments of the battle field. Just
then we were ordered to form line &
battles marched on for some dist.
& halted. Shells shot flying over head.

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Don^m moved into an open space
near shell & shot flew thicker

& did some execution. Don^m
ordered to take a destructive
battery. Here there was a storm
of bullets & shell. Commended myself
to God & went into it coolly. Had
to make a swamp before forming
in front of the battery. Here we
passed in the charge for more
than $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile. I was wounded
150 yds from ^{the} first fortification
of the enemy. Shot in ^{the} right side
Many others fell. E. Miller, Lieut. Rich-
& Hollaman & Capt. Bane & others
I ~~then~~ returned to ^{the} rear. The surgeon did
nothing for me & I walked 2 mls.

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to a hospital. Could get nothing
done for me ²⁸ Next morn

Back to learn the fate of friends
Heard but little of them. Heard E
Miller was wounded. Brother A safe
At 10 AM in Middleton Lun

I started for Richmond at 10
walked some & got to ride in

a wagon picking up on the

ball field. Walked from American

to Middlebury got my ticket

They treated me with great kind

ness & sent me to Baptist Insti

tute Hospital the best in the City

Had nothing done for my wound

except to put it myself until 12

o'clock at night.

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28 Jan ⁶⁵ 18 July on elusine.

Have been at ^{the} Hospital all this

time. Ladies very kind & Company

friends very kind especially

Mr. Berger & the Danes. Chas

W. Miller. Mrs. Lyons & Mrs. Miller

especially the Mrs. W. W. very kind

Mrs. Miller had me moved to

a comfortable room. My room

mate a clever gentleman. Adj

tant of 13 Mrs. Regt. Mr. Har

mon. Prof. George R. sent

me a bag to wait on me

Was well cared for. Recd a

letter from Better 3rd of June

dated 18th of May also on 18th

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dated 7th of June: Should
have had this a week ago.
Wrote General Celler home.
On the 15th was overwhelmed
with grief at the sad news of
my father's death & the Captain
of Henry & his Mary by Field?
Was made sick. Found no
comfort but in prayer & reading
my Bible. My bible has been
the greatest source of comfort
since ^{being} wounded. I thank so
much of my dear wife & little
Boh & constantly commend
them to God & pray that peace
may soon come & I be restored
to them.

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E Miller was moved to this
hospital from Chambersburg
on 11th. Treated so much better here
18th. This evening took a walk
to the Capitol Grounds. Saw the
equestrian statue of Washington
& the statues of Jefferson, Mason
& Henry - All bronze. - Washington
not good. Was very weak & rested
a good while in the yard. Then
walked to Main St. to P. O.

June 14. Received

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the purchase of the land for the purpose of building a new school house for the use of the children of the colored community of this city. I am very glad to hear that you are so interested in the welfare of the colored people, and I am sure that your efforts will be successful. I have already written to the Board of Education, and I will continue to do so until the matter is settled. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours truly,
 J. M. Smith

July 24th 1867. Write to the Secretary of the
War Department, Washington, D.C.
at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. and in reply
to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the
proper authorities for their consideration. I am,
Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, very truly,
John A. B. Smith, Major, U.S. Army.

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24th In consequence of the travelling
wound did not feel so well. Ran
bruised blood.

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While at Mr Gays on Saturday the
26th about dark Gen Echols came.
Staid until after supper,
was going to bed. His wound not healed.

Aug 6th. This morning walked to
town & made some purchases.
On returning staid "Bookkeeping"
a while & then read Goldsmith's
"She Stoops to Conquer".
Was charmed & laughed aloud
at the humor & wit of the piece.
Tom Lumpkin's pretended idiocy
& his mischief is inimitable,
All the characters are good
Miss Hordcastle especially.

But have ⁷³ sunshine & cloud these
each other. Aunt came in & I laid
down my book & we conversed.
She questioned me about my fam-
ily. We were silent. A storm was
brewing over the distant hills.
Murmurs & noises came the muffled
thunder & the sky was being
overcast with a dark cloud.
A dark cloud hid also on my
soul. My thoughts went to my
sad home - a lonely wife left with
her aged parents who have but
promises of but few more years,
her husband & brothers in the
army liable to the casualties
of war. I think of the bereaved

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sisters at home, ^{one} without a pro-
tector, one with her husband absent
and a prisoner & the other with
her young hopes dashed by the
capture of her betrothed.

I think of the Captives ones far
away from friends in a rude
country, of absent brothers
whom we may perhaps never
see again; of my sister in Carolina
driven from home & very depen-
dent with a large family. Of brother
Andrew & Mrs. Tolson's family with
their only protectors gone; of the
sad changes that will soon occur
at the old homestead. And
thinking of all these things my

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heart grows sad & tears spring
into my eyes. How dark the
storm-cloud without & how
dark the storm cloud within.
But the storm abates, the cloud
passes off, the dark again sky
& seen & the blessed sunshine
these are harbingers of hope.
I will look up in faith to
Him who has ruled this storm
& ask Him to let the bright
sunshine come into all our
hearts, by bringing peace upon
the land, by ending the murders
releasing the captives, & bringing
us all to our dear homes & the
loving hearts that constantly long for us.
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Do you remember all the sunny places,
Where in bright days long past we played together?

Do you remember all the old home faces,

That gathered round the hearth in wintry weather?

Do you remember all the happy meetings,

In summer evenings round the open door?

Kind looks - Kind hearts - Kind words & tender

And clasping hands, whose pulses beat no

Do you remember them?

The forms of the departed,

Enter at the open door:

The beloved, the true hearted,

Come to visit me once more,

With a slow & noiseless footstep,

Come those messengers divine,

Take the vacant chairs beside me

Lay the gentle hands in mine.

Song/William

greetings

more;

Table of Distances

Sequin to Gonzales	35 miles
Gonzales to Allegeton	70 "
Allegeton to Houston	80 "
Houston to Beaumont	85 "
Beaumont to Mrs Bluff	50 "
Mrs Bluff to Jasper	50 "
Jasper to Alexandria	125 "
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Alexandria to mouth of Blk River	100 "
Blk River to Trinity	80 "
Trinity to Choctaw Bayou	40 "
Choctaw B to Miss. River	34 "
Miss. River to Bivens Landing	12 "
Bivens Landing to Brookhaven	61 "
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Table of Dist. Continued.

Brookhaven to Jackson	55 "
Jackson to Meridian	96 "
Meridian to Mobile	135 "
Mobile to Montgomery	150 "
Montgomery to Atlanta	174 "
Atlanta to Augusta	171 "
Augusta to Wilmington	171 "
Wilmington to Weldon	160 "
Weldon to Richmond	82 "
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No.	Species	Count	Notes
12	White-bellied Swallow	1	M. E. Miller
13	Coastal Sparrow	2	5 Bant in Grandville
22	Coastal Sparrow	2	6 similar fore
20	Coastal Sparrow	20	20 Cash

Charles & Eskine Gay belong
to 3^d Va Brigade Gen Talliaferro's
Horse Battery - Charles killed
in battle near Richmond July 1st

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Joseph Gibbs

O. P. Garrison

The bag I gave my knapsack to
 was Henry under Stevenson or
 Stevens, Engineer of Prof. George

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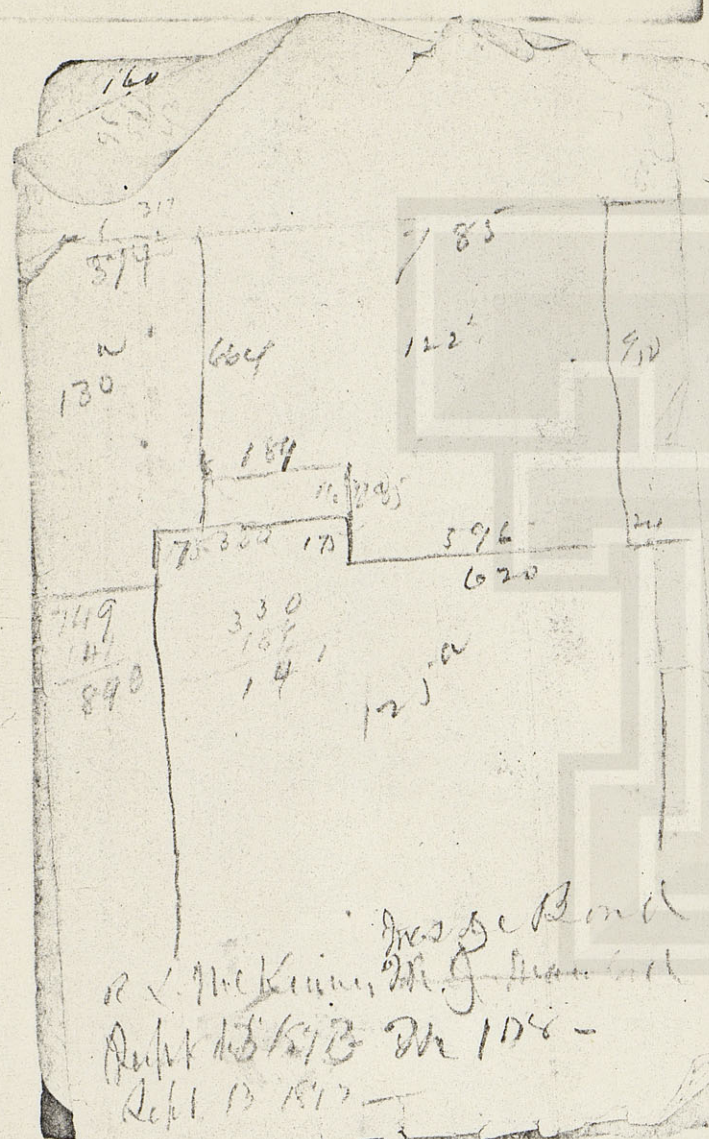
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Account of Expenses from Texas
to my Regt. in Va. Commencing March
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Apr 4 In Recd of Amos 60.00

March Ant. up Cash on starting from home

In Confederate Money &

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by Chinault by mistake 10.00

March Sold transportation from

Clinton to Tangipahoa 3.00

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April 13 Returned by L. Jones

on the same author's order 10.00

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March By Cash for sent from San Antonio

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" 12 Supper at Gonzales 1.00

" 13 Breakfast Nallettsville 1.00

" " Dinner 1.00

" 14 Lodging for self & Mr. Allyn 3.00

" " Omnibus fare 1.00

" 15 Bill at the Old Capital 3.75

" 17 " " Liberty 5.00

" " Fare & Lodging on boat 3.00

" " Postage on letters 60

" 18 Bill at Nettles Bluff 2.00

" 19 Dinner 22 mi p Nettles 1.00

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21 Breakfast 1.00

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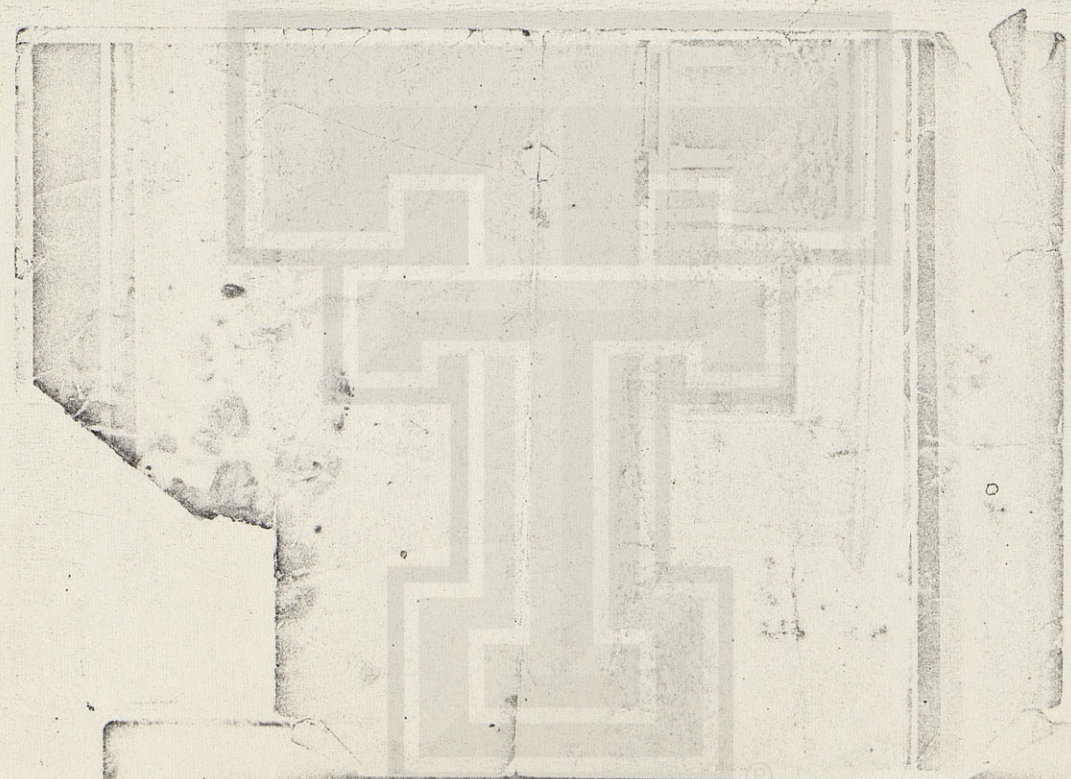
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 to Port Hudson 2.50
 " 27 Bill at Port Hudson 2.00
 " 28 " " Clinton La 2.50
 " " For carrying baggage 67
 " 29 Bill at Tangipahoa 4.50
 " " Dinner 1.00
 " 30 Bill at Jackson 4.00
 " " Washing 7 pieces 1.25
 " 31 Breakfast at Meridian 1.50
 Envelopes " Jackson 1.00
 One piece of Hank from L. C. Moore 15.00
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March 31 st	By amt b't forw ^d	1058.00
" "	Cash for dinner	1.50
April 1	Fare on boat	5.00
" "	Pd bus	.50
" "	Ink & Envelopes	1.50
" "	Mending boots	2.00
" "	Bill at En. Hotel	3.00
" "	Expense of box blacking at Alexandria	1.00
" "	Coffee	.50
" "	Pea nuts & pie	.50
" 2	Dinner	1.50
" "	Let Gould have	1.00
" 3 ^d	Receipt at St. Louis	1.50
" 3 ^d	Breakfast Knoxville	1.00
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April 8 th	By Ant. to Panama	129.50
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" 11	Breakfast - Meldon	1.50
" "	1/2 doz Eggs	.50
" "	Lent Tom M	10.00
" 14	Potatoes & Bacon	1.00



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Jan 27: Went out to buy corn & my outfit -
This was excused for the people they
looked so frightened - Our soldiers
committed many excesses by way
of retaliation.

28th & 29th - Remained at Chambersburg
30th - Moved on the Baltimore pike to
Fayetteville & remained until the evening
of Feb. 1st - To day the whole army was in-
motion eastward on the pike - Hooker reported
at Fredericktown - General fight on the
east side of the Blue Ridge.

In the evening nearly sunset left the
little town of Fayetteville where we
were encamped 7 hrs from Chambersburg.
Moved nearly all night - August moonlight
Crossed the B. Ridge, passed thru Carlisle town
15 hrs from Fayetteville & started at early
morning on the Battle field of Gettysburg
where Early's Div & Rhodes & Heintz Div. engaged
Meade's Army Corps - Campbell & Mearns of Gettysburg

After taking a note of sleep under the
little field, & onto Gettysburg - Early's forces
on the left of the Hagerstown road. Heintz & Rhodes
on the right - How many dead & badly wounded
perhaps 300 & I did not see more than half of
it. Then loss 1000 killed & wounded & 6000
prisoners - The Mich. suffered severely - Saw
at least 150 dead & badly wounded on the
ground they fought on not more than 5 acres.
Early's army went along the lines to see
the disposition of the troops - Smith on
left wing. Heintz in center, Longstreet on
right - Pickett - Hood - McLean's
Saw Ewell's Corps - In center of Ewell was in
three lines - rode two miles on left to Ewell's
Soon after leaving them 5 o'clock firing with
artillery commenced & was kept at briskly
along the line - One dead, wounded, & many others
Regiment 2nd in command was killed (report 500) also
two brigades - Meade said to be surrounded
said to have succeeded Hooker.

Diary of Travel

11. Left "Sweet home" dear wife & dar. little Agnes for Siquin to take the stage for the usual scenes of Van. Brother John & Henry Maney accompanied me. Left Siquin on Thursday, the 12th dined in Belmont, supped in Gonzales. Travelled with Maj Jackson former Q. M. in Silliges Brig. Capt Harrison on his staff. Found them to be agreeable gentlemen.

13th. Travelled all night, & breakfasted in Hatillo. Arrived at Allerton at dusk & there found Col. Wm. Herdman who informed me that Gen Maney was in Columbus. After going to bed he came in & slept with Mr. Haggerty & myself. Has charge of the post in Columbus & has for a train for this.

Next & consumed an hour on again. Left on board of the Palo Verde, about 9 1/2 o'clock. Left morning about daylight. Arrived at the mouth of Neches at 10 o'clock, ran in beside a schooner on Sabine Lake & put off some cotton passed the mouth of the Sabine at 11 1/2, shot Bar fort ahead 12. Orange at 2 o'clock. River very crooked. In one place 75 yds across & 5 ms. around. River very high, all the land covered. Passed the prize schooner at Orange that was captured at Sabine Pass. Distance from Beaumont to mouth of Neches 30 ms. from mouth of Neches to mouth of Sabine 8 ms. Mouth of Sabine to Orange 15 ms. to Triblets 17 ms.

Arrived at Triblets at 6 P.M.

for agent to secure seats in the stage
Austin succeeded in getting ours.
Put up at "Travellers Home" Mrs Turnbull
March 19. Left at 5 A.M. travelled early
dined 22 ms from Hibbotts. Roads very
muddy & stormy. Had to wait at Em-
g hot Bazar for the arrival of other
coach from 1 o'clock to 5 A.M. (20th)
At Mansfield got dinner & changed coaches
got a fine train & were dashing away
finely when after going 7 ms we ran
into an ugly mud hole & broke the
lead bars & got the wheel horses kugged.
The leaders ran away & injured themselves
a good deal & we were left sticking
fast. We sent 5 miles for wood for
the horses & 7 ms back for back horse
& were then detained four hours.
After travelling 14 miles we got
fagged & lost & had to lie up.

until morning. In the morning we
discovered that we were several
miles out of the way.
21st: Reached La Fayette about 10
o'clock A.M. Got breakfast & started
in an extra for Washington, Sep-
ately from the most of our
passengers. Arrived at Wash-
ington about 7 o'clock.
22. Lay over to day, passed the day
reading my bible, going to church
meeting to Betton & Hursey, a gentle
man from N. O. told some of
Butters infamous acts.
Prospects for a disagreeable
trip as it rained all night, & is
still raining. Had very bad roads
mud & water all the way. Creeks very
high. At one place it ran in the
coach & wet most every thing in my
valise. Sat with the driver the

rest of the night & was sleepy.
24th. Saw some beautiful residences
near Alexandria, among others those of
Mrs Moore & Mrs Flowers very beau-
tiful. Arrived at Alexandria about
5 o'clock P.M. Got lodges & arranged
transportation & wrote home to Bettie
Sister Ellen & Dr. Massey.
25th. Got transportation on the "Dan-
bloom" loaded with provisions for
Port Henderson. Started about 10 A.M.
got near the mouth of Red River & lay
up for the night. As the difference in
cabins & deck passage was
we took the latter. We bought
some provisions in Alexandria & slept
on our blanket on the corn in the
went to sleep in the men's room
but we had to leave there as it was
suffocating. 26th Passed

the mouth of the river about 8
o'clock A.M. There saw & lay up
beside the "Queen of the West" it
was captured at Fort De Russy.
She had been shot ^{21.5} ~~21.5~~ ^{21.5} ~~21.5~~
gun 32 pounds. She had been
shot through her scope pipe.
She seemed to be at the mouth
ing a look out. - Forgot to say that
we passed Ft. De Russy about 2 o'clock
the 25th. All being right we steamed
down the river & arrived at Port
Henderson at 1 1/2 o'clock. Got a number
of the Red River boats & transporters 3 or
4 miles below. So we
an officer came down & finished
boat's landing as the boats
had taken position below &
commenced shelling. We came up a
little creek above & landed

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 bundles. 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 were told to head
to his 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 line over house. 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
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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, Staid
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 Star-
lin 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 Star line, 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 Wash-
ville 15 miles -

18th 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 19th - Started at six 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 8 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 pike & took a left
hand road by Morgan's Ford on Shenandoah
river. Wagon broke down

12 ms from ford - Took supper with a 2nd
Scrimmons - 18th Camped 1 mile from Shen
andoah on the left bank - Beautiful
Shenandoah - 18th - Traveled 9 ms & came to
Millwood. Here camped & delivered the
commissary stores to the Brigade Com-
missaries - While doing so, rained on us hard.
Thomas left with most of the wagons (23) &
I slept in one of the remaining six -
19th - Left Millwood, passing thru Perry
ville (Clarke Co) & camped 3 ms from Perry-
ville & 1 from Snickers Ford on Shenandoah
& 16 ms from Winchester, same dist as from
Millwood - Dist. from M. to Perryville 6 1/2
20th - Remained in camp to day, shoring hor-
ses & mending wagons - Beloved of team came
up - Had a terrible run last night. Got
lost & had to climb on seat sacs & horse shoes
Hanging again this afternoon - Expected to spend a
hard night - 21. Rained West to Kahla
to day for plain dist. for B. 16 ms

22nd Went to K. I again for flour remained
all night. 23rd On my return found the dis-
cussion coming towards Martinsburg.
Camped near (22nd) of Smithfield about
12 ms from Perryville & 12 from Martinsburg
24. Overtook the train at M. at 3 P.M.
Moved down within 3 ms of Williams-
port. Rained on us all day & night
25. More rained all day, before day to
cross the river Patuxent, very still -
Williamsport 10 1/2 ms from M. Crossed
the river about sun rise - Had to get
on to save a mile from drowning.
Rained on us all day. Staid several
hours near W. then took the road
for Green castle Penn. dist 14 ms.
Only Hoods' Co. moved on this route
7. H. & McLean moved towards Hagerstown
dist. 6 ms. Green castle to Chambersburg 11 ms.
Camped 2 ms east of Green castle
27. Passed thru G. & then Chambersburg
& camped 2 ms north of Chambersburg
Coles looked at stones had a sack.

A. M. Easkin

1863 To Maj. M. B. George Dr
June 21 To amt recd of Mr. Thomas 60.00
" 23 " " " " 60.00

1863 Dr
June 21 By cash for Coal \$ 14.00
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Mr. E. Miller to A. M. Easkin Dr

To Cash due A. M. Easkin 22.75
May " Cash loaned on Repaid in
to pay E. Miller 5.00
June 7 " Cash to E. Miller 3.50
" 10 " " " " 5.00
" " " " to order of J. P. Bane 10.00

By Cash 22.75

Scott Green to A. M. Easkin Dr
June 5th To cash this day 5.00

Hulmes to A. M. Easkin Dr
To cash 2.00

Samuel Williams, Major-General

C. G. Lamb Camden N.

Slaughter Mountain

Battle Field, June 14th 1863

Saw marks of the battle of the
8th of last August.

20 lbs of Flour } For Maj. Gen. G.
24 " " Bacon } June 19th 1863

This night & nature calm / profound
In a stillness dumb!

But look what / real of awful sound
Rocks on Creation's clunk?

The huge bombs burst, then cooling night

Seems the firm hills to shake

And in limbo slender bright

The solemn presence quakes

Differs April 29th 1863

When I saw sunset on / in the
field at / by the side of

Major-General

General

I have
heard from you with
the men living right
and promised to conduct
across for the army.
in mind. I rely on these
in all right places
have called upon them
They have fought right
in most hard cases of the
the every possible case
them in & send them on to
must help us in this war
a fine man that right
in his, as an example of
a bravery I cannot put out
of sight of the campaign
of the very best of the
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The cannon
seen the

Semuel Hildreth

C. G. Lamb

Slaughter Mountain
Battle Field. June 14
Saw marks of the battle
8th of last August

24 lb of Flour } For May
24 " " Bacon } June 17

It's night & nature calm
Is in a slumberous sleep!
But look what peal of
Bucks on Creation's cheek
The huge bombs burst, then
Down the gun hills to the
And in long slender
The solemn procession goes

Difficult April 29th 1863

The cannon roars, its rolling notes
Seem the gun hills to shake
And in long slender
The awful bombs do break
The solid earth doth quake

Sen Lewis L. Mayfield

General

I have
not yet heard from you with
regard to the new Texas Rights
which you promised to endeavor
ours to raise for the army.
I need them much. I rely on them
we have in all light places
& fear I have called upon them
too often. They have fought grand
& nobly & we must have more of them.
Please make every possible
effort to get them in & send them on to
me. You must help us in this mat-
ter. With a few more such rights
Hood now has as an example of
daring & bravery. I could feel much
more confident of the Campaign.

Yours very respectfully

2 Shorts.
1 Collar.
2 pr drawers
2 pr socks
1 P. Handkerchief.

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Jan 27: Went out to buy corn & my supplies -
 this was needed for the people they
 looked so frightened - Our soldiers
 committed many excesses by way
 of retaliation.

28th & 29th - Remained at Chambersburg

30th - Moved on the Baltimore pike to
 Fayetteville & remained until the evening
 of Feb. 1st - To day the whole army was in
 motion eastward on the pike - No other reported
 at Fredericktown - Arrived first on the
 east side of the Blue Ridge.

In the evening nearly sunset left the
 little town of Fayetteville where we
 were encamped 7th miles from Chambersburg.
 Moved mostly all night - Arrived moonlight
 crossed the B. Ridge, passed the East town
 15 miles from Fayetteville & started at early
 morning on the Battle field of Gettysburg
 where Lee's army & Rhodes & Hewitt's Div. were
 Meade's Army Corps - Campbell & Miles of Gettysburg

After taking a note of the road over the
 battle field & into Gettysburg - Smith fought
 on the left of the Hammer road. North & Rhodes
 of the right - The Lee army died & body wounded
 perhaps 3000 & I did not see more than half of
 it. Then loss 1000 killed & wounded & 6000
 prisoners - The Mich. suffered severely - saw
 at least 150 dead & body wounded on the
 ground they fought on not more than 5 acres.
 During the day the lines to see
 the disposition of the troops - Smith on
 left wing. Healy in center, Longstreet on
 the right - Pickett - Hood - The "Louis
 San Exterminator" boys - In center of the line was in
 three lines - rode two miles on left the troops
 soon after leaving them 5 o'clock firing with
 artillery commenced & was kept at briskly
 along the line - Our dead buried, among them
 Reynolds 2nd in command was killed (report says) also
 two brigadiers - Meade said to be wounded
 since he has succeeded Hooker.