

DIARY OF JOHN S. MORGAN, COMPANY G, THIRTY-  
THIRD IOWA INFANTRY<sup>1</sup>

*Sunday, January 1, 1865.* A nice enough day, did not go to church. worked part of the day on Pay rolls. Evening spent at the house of Mr Goins in co with Mr Miller, in camp at 9, P. M. and drink Egg nog.

*Monday, January 2.* Not very well today. drill the co part of the time this P. M. Recd mail, a letter from Mattie

*Tuesday, January 3.* Feel rather blue but finish the Pay rolls P. M. Battalian drill was not out.

*Wednesday, January 4.* Still on sick list. Flag of truce at Picket port, News (?) 2,000 Rebs outside the lines desiring to come in and take the Oath.

*Thursday, January 5.* Rains incessantly from 5 A. M. Charles Shaw "E." Co. Detch'd as Post teamster shot in shoulder by an Indian soldier of the 9th Kansas, while coming after dark with load of wood. Genl. Orders No. 3 Regt Hd Qtrs. issued. Genl. Salomon now in comd of Post. Dist of Little Rock relieved pr Orders War Dept. Capt. Rankin gets his pistol stolen by a soldier of 3d Mich. with a box for K. co, whose conscience smote him to a confession and giving up the goods he yet had and paying for the balance. Capt Wright of 3d Iowa Battery, dismissed the Service for drunkenness on the street, subject to the approval of the President, Camp rumor (not reliable) 800 rebel soldiers came in today and took the Oath—

*Friday, January 6.* Begins to rain soon after revelie, turns to snow about 8. A. M. snows till 12 M, P. M. clear. At the theater, night.

*Saturday, January 7.* Beautiful day—Scout starts out lines closed—.

*Sunday, January 8.* Short light showers at intervals Genls R-s arrest of horse race proves to be 4 men all released Monday following. Rebels at Picket Port 170, to come in this week, others reported in camp 8 miles this side of Jenken's Ferry. (The 170. is reliable)

*Monday, January 9.* Gloomy day—Raining all day without any intermission. Mail in this P. M. see no Northern papers and hear no news

*Tuesday, January 10.* Was some what surprised this morning to find ground covered with snow snowing till 9, A. M. melts off P. M. Lt Sharman arrives at co.

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<sup>1</sup>In our January number we published the part of a diary of Lieutenant Morgan from February 24, 1863, to December 31 of that year. Herein we publish his diary extending from January 1, 1865, to August 10 of that year, when he reached home after being mustered out of service. The original diaries, well preserved, were presented to the Historical Department of Iowa by Lieutenant Morgan's sister, Mrs. I. M. Earl of Des Moines. As in our January issue, we follow the spelling, capitalization, abbreviations, etc., as they appear in the original diary.—EDITOR.

*Wednesday, January 11.* A splendidly beautiful day. I hear that the 2d Div is ordered down the river. Wm S. McCullough tells us he is mustered as 2d Lt.

*Thursday, January 12.* Beautiful day—The forces at Ft. Smith ordered to remain. rations sent up by boat. New organization of troop in this Dept talked of.

*Friday, January 13.* Drew Clothing, and issued same. nothing unusual transpires.

*Saturday, January 14.* Cross the river and spend the day in Col Whipples camp, his men appear well.

*Sabbath, January 15.* The 40th Iowa ordered to Lewisburg where it is reported our cavalry are attacked; they start at 2.30 P. M. on steam ferry boat Davenport.

*Monday, January 16.* Splendid weather. Lt Sharman quite ill and in our qtrs. Reported (?) Shelby on the Ark river above here. I. N. Ritner dies in Hosp. Battalain drill P. M.

*Tuesday, January 17.* Warm & pleasant. Genl Inspection by Capt Barnes A. A. I. G. 1st Div at 2 P. M. Sharman removed to Officers Hospital

*Wednesday, January 18.* Quite warm beautiful day. hear Lt S is no better. disease Pnumonia, Rumors (?) of fighting near Ft Smith and boats captured

*Thursday, January 19.* Battalain drill P. M. Lt. Sharman some better.

*Friday, January 20.* Reviewed at 12, M, by Genl Reynolds who compliments our Regt. Lt. Sharman, much worse. Capt L— and Lt Rice go to sit up with him Mill 7 mile from town burned by Rebs

*Saturday, January 21.* Wet drizzly rain all day. Fort detail relieved. Lt Seevers brings report of a march for 10 days. No orders until near noon, orders come to be ready by 8, A. M. tomorrow over to see Lt Sharman. he is better. Evening prevailing opinion that it is good bye Little Rock how are you Shrevesport. A cooperating column reported moving up Red River. nearly all the troops cav. & Inft to go.

*Sunday, January 22.* Morning drizzly, over to Amb. C. & to see Lt Sharman who is better before day. Regt to St Johns Square at 9 a. m. all there at 11.30 and start. 1st Mo cav. 1st Iowa cav 43d Ill Inft. 50th Ind Inft. 28th Wis Inft 9th Wis Inft 33 Iowa Inft. 2 secs. of 25th Mo battery, all light order. Roads rough. Camp at 4. P. M. at Mill burned by Webs jeorillas 8 miles from town. Snow from 3.30

*Monday, January 23.* Morning clear & cold with 3 inches of snow. off at 7.15 walking tolerable. teams sticks. P. M. bad bottom roads very bad camp at 1. P. M. at Widow Campbells marched 12 miles. Evening cold

*Tuesday, January 24.* Night cold, off at 7.30. Regt in rear roads very bad. Camp at dark in a wet swamp. marched 12 miles

*Wednesday, January 25.* Cold. off at daylight. road tolerable in Pine Bluffs at 12. camp at 1.30 ½ mile from town 40th Ia reported at the Rocks, and boats captured on Ark river. March today 13 miles Rations come up this Evening. 33d in advance today

*Thursday, January 26.* Night cold. ice 2 inches off. at 7. road bad 4 miles slow. rest of march fast. 1 pris. taken. 25 Rebs seen by scout. Make 12 miles. troops from Pine Bluffs with us 106th & 126th Ill. Inft & 1 sec of Negro battery

*Friday, January 27.* Not so cold. prospect of rain, road muddy, marching hard. Mount Ebby at 2. P. M. camp at river at 3.30, after marching 18 miles, from Cav in camp, had killed one and captured 15, of Webs band. 1st Mo lost 1. Killed Pontoon laid cav with 2 days rations cross at 4. to ride all night to scare at Camden some of prisoners Haskells Employees

*Saturday, January 28.* Inft in camp all day, forage party find plenty. 9. Wis Party bring in two prisoners Col Mackey & 3 of staff with guard of 50 cav cross river to get news of cav. Pantoon boats canvass. Fagan with 2500 reported at Montocello

*Sabbath, January 29.* Inft in camp all day. A wounded Reb found in the brush near the bridge. at 12. M, Col Mackey returns. was out and camped 10 miles, heard nothing of Cav. At 1. P. M. go to see the Prisoners 25 in no. 1 spunky sergt. 2 little boys only temporarily detained. Cav return at 4 P. M. with 20 Prisoners & 95 head of cattle had been within 15 miles of Camden 2 last days pleasant.

*Monday, January 30.* Start back at 7. Morning drizzly Very hard marching. one Pris taken by the 9. Wis. dressed in uniform will Not say who or what he is. drizzly rain nearly all day.

*Tuesday, January 31.* Column moved at 7. Roads bad & marching very heavy. pass through Pine Bluffs at 1. P. M. camp 2 miles from town. The cavalry rec marching orders & turn over all thier Govt property Horses Wagons &c at Pine Bluffs

*Wednesday, February 1.* 33d in advance, drizzly rain most of day. Roads bad. train did not get up. we camp at 2 P. M. in field where is plenty of wood. Evening raining and prospects dismal

*Thursday, February 2.* Rained all night. train all day getting in. lie in camp. drizzly rain all day. to lighten the teams all the rations are issued 2 days bread, 4 days meat to last to the Rocks. 10 wagons sent to Bluffs. Could not cross a stream which was swollen. Rain ceased at 9. P. M.

*Friday, February 3.* Column moves early. make 8 miles to widow Campbell's, at 1. P. M. train up at 2.30. hot today & marching heavy.

*Saturday, February 4.* Last night pickets of 43d Ills Kill one capture one and see another bushwhacker. Colm moves at 6.30 for the Rocks, Roads ½ good ½ very bad. at the burned mill at 12, in our quarters at 3 P. M. Marching orders awaiting us Find our details all back from up rivers except corp schippers wounded in head and left

at Clarksville. Rebs captured the Chipawa with detail of 50th Ind. Rebs were 1500 with 3 pieces Artillery. boat crew parolled Raining this Evening. recd our mail but little of it.

*Sunday, February 5.* Morning ground covered with snow & sleet. damp ugly day. tore down our church for wood. Busy all day with Returns. 4 transports up Ark river. Peace rumors. Shreveport reported taken. Wilmington ours raining at night

*Monday, February 6.* Cool damp ugly day. busy all A. M. collecting unserviceable property, for the action of an inspector who inspected at our co at 2. P. M. until night busy about Dingemans watch, A. N. Corrin spends the evening. the 77th O left today on 6. a. m. train. 77th Ohio, 27th Wis. 28th Wis 50th Ind. 29th Ia. & 33d Ia in a detached Brig. under comdg of Gen Car.

*Tuesday, February 7.* Day cool. A. M. making Inspection reports. P. M. rec my commission as 2d Lt of co G. aggregate too low to muster. The Negro Brigade from Ft Smith is doing most of the Picket duty

*Wednesday, February 8.* Pleasant day. All day in quarters at night at the theatre. 6 cos of 27th Wis. leave this morning.

*Thursday, February 9.* Cool & raw today. a. m. spent running about. Called to see Charlie who is mending rapidly. Cory pretty sick H. Bowman back to the Co. Genl. Car relieved from the command of the Detached Brigade & Genl Veach late comdg at Memphis assigned to comd the Brigade The 29th Iowa left at 6.30 A. M. on the cars. P. M. drew & issued clothing. Boxing up surplus clothing to ship to Keokuck Subject to the order of Co commanders. Evening cool

*Friday, February 10.* Pleasant day. Lt Sharman made Regt. adjt. Lt Cory mustered us 1st Lt of co "G" Spend the Afternoon running over town. Parade at sunset. Evening in quarter.

*Saturday, February 11.* Beautiful day. 28th Wis leave this morning. A. M. in town for hinges for co desks. P. M. in camp. Evening in quarters. Sergt Killenbarger of 9th Iowa Cav in camp.

*Sunday, February 12.* Genl. Inspection at 10. A. M. P. M. with Sergt Killenbarger to see Lieut Sharman, who is improving daily, then to river. 50th rec orders to move tomorrow morning. Evening at Mr Goins, pleasant time. Day beautiful.

*Monday, February 13.* Rained all day. A. M. Send Boxes to express office, addressed to Alexander care of Wells & co Oskaloosa, 12. M orders to move at 5 A. M. tomorrow. P. M. in town to see frinds Ewing boys from 40th Iowa over, go to 9th Wis & have a gay old time. 2 recruits to Regt recd from Davenport.

*Tuesday, February 14.* Revelie at 3 A. M. Raining Regt moves out of camp at 6:30 a. m. & are on the cars at 8, a. m. cars were crowded, 1/3 of men on top, at Duvalls Bluff at 1. P. M. on board steamer Paragon at 4 P. M. 50th Ind on board Rowena we tie up 30 mile below. Duvalls Bluffs a perfect mudhole. Left mail at the Rock, which was not destrubuted. Rained almost incessantly all day.

*Wednesday, February 15.* Start at 2 A. M. Rowena passed us in the night. touched at St Charles at 8. A. M. negro Regt. there & fortifications Landed at mouth of White river at 1. P. M. & camped  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from river at 2 P. M. carried all our water from the river 126th Ill & detachment of 1st Ind Cav garrison this Post under comd of Genl \_\_\_\_\_ . Liu Wm Wallace arrives from Pine Bluffs with F. I. & K cos of 1st Iowa Cav enroute for Memphis. Some 6 or 8 boats here Weather Pleasant.

*Thursday, February 16.* Revillie early, at 8. A. M. went on board the Ben Stickney, 50th on board Peytonia, both large boats were fired on above Helena. Peytonia had 4 men Killed 4 wounded. Stickny one wounded Genl Lu. Wallace & Luit on board the Ben Stickny. At 8:20 leave for below Meet the A—— with an Ill cav Regt on board meet several boats not loaded with soldiers. Officers on a gay. No enlisted men allowed in cabin this evening. going to dance. 2 recruits recd 13th assigned to co G. fills our co to the minmum. finest kind of weather

*Friday, February 17.* Boat landed at 12. O clock last night at Scippers landing to unload freight was up saw several hundred bales of cotton guarded by a gunboat. at 9. a. m. landed to ward 1 mile below Millikens bend got off and took a walk. At 12. M. landed at Vicksburg. walked over town was in some 20 of the celebrated holes, & on top of the Court house boat leaves at 7. P. M. Genl M. L. Smith commands here. Genl A. J. Smith will comd an expedition from here soon. his comd is here. Met & recognized Dr Huntsman [?] Beautiful weather.

*Saturday, February 18.* Had a good run during the night A. M. Passed Natchez but did not get to see any of the city except "Natchez under the hill." boat stopping but a few minutes. At 11.30 at the mouth of Red River where are stationed 8 gunboats & Monitors to guard the river. here had a sight of the formidable Rebel Ram Tennessee. She is a formidable looking vessel. at 1.45. landed at Murgauge. Saw Warren Alney, & took on board 1 battalion of 2 N Y. Cav. Place defended by 7 negro Regts & battery. Rebs close. Start down at 6.30

*Sunday, February 19.* Pass Port Hudson in the night also Battan Rouge. all day passing through the richest contry I ever saw. fine plantations splendid houses & villages of negro houses in regular order with streets; land at Carrolton at 3. P. M. go off & look around but few troops here. Saw flowers in bloom, & oranges on trees. town all the way from here to New Orleans which place we land at at 4 P. M. Gnl Reports. we then cross & disimbark at Algiers at 4.30. any amount of Black troops, & our Brigade which is again disorganized. Hear that Genl Steele is removed. Genl Veach assigned the comd of a Div, raining when we land and 10. P. M. before our things get to camp. no wood & no fire. More than 200 sailing vessels lying in river here and about 50 to 100 steamboats some 20 gunboats, no end to small craft. Some troops leave on a steam sailing vessel for 3d time wrecked and loss 15 men

*Monday, February 20.* Cleared off at night. Any amount of huckster women in camp by day light. A. M. in New Orleans to muster, did not succeed. P. M. in N. O. for order of discharge failed on act of not finding Genl & staff. Regt inspected P. M. clothing cut down. 27th Wis 29th Iowa & 35 Wis leave on board W. Thomas this P. M. Algiers a small place & dirty. New Orleans a fine City streets clean all stone. was in the St Charles Hotel. Orders to start tomorrow

*Tuesday, February 21.* Was over in town A. M. Regt. expected to leave P. M & Genl V— would not forward application for discharge. P. M. Regt drew twins, "Belle ve Dere" our ship, come but the Capt would not take on more than two Regts. The 77th Ohio embarked Storm comes up about 5 P. M. Men all get wet, but make merry. Go to bed about 8, the storm still raging. Seagulls plenty

*Wednesday, February 22.* The 28th Wis embark on the Belle ve Dere. Raining still. Our wagons loaded on Belle ve & detail sent around with them, the Regt to go by car to lake Ponchertrain Genl A. J. Smiths Corps landing 4 miles below on the east side continues to rain & blow. Washingtons Birthday hundreds of flags & a national salute.

*Thursday, February 23.* Very little mail Belle Ve Dere starts A. M. at 2 P. M. our Regt on board the Izetta to cross to depot. drop 4 miles below, & return to depot. unload at 4 P. M. raining hard. move up to depot. an Irish girl brings out hot coffee for some of the boys. at 7. load on the cars & have a 20 minutes run to Lake city, on Lake Pontchastran where at 8. P. M. cos B. G. & K embark on board steam ship Alabama. find it full of mules & about 300 men of some 7 regts. 35 Wis, 7th Vermont, 27 & 28th Wis 1st La. &c. at 10 weigh anchor and are off.

*Friday, February 24.* Rained all night. Boys all wet. offs of 33d. no blankets & lay on cabin floor. rains all day and heavy wind, at 12. see no land. at 5 P. M. at Grants Pass. an draw cats. have to give up some to our officers. I am ordered on duty. wind up so that the gulf is not safe boat draws too much water to go through the pass. quite a no sea sick today. rations running low.

*Saturday, February 25.* Slept well, rained all night. At 10. a. m. start through pass. aground at 11. Brown with 4 co of our Regt passes us here. Men running short of rations & begin to complain at 2 P. M. Small steamer Mustang comes to our relief. transfer men and baggage. Ship floats fast an hour again right in the pass abreast of Ft Powell, when she gets off Mustang runs alongside and transfers back. 3 reb deserters from Mobile come to us on Mustang. about 5.30 Ship touches at Ft. Gaines. thence to 4 mile above Ft. Morgan, at 7. P. M. disembark, march through sand  $\frac{3}{4}$  of mile to camp. on the beach of Gulf. sleep within 200 yds of Gulf. breakers high & night clear. a Grand sight. 30 000 men here now.

*Sunday, February 26.* Fine day. hunt shells on the beach, see the porpoises, &c camp on banks of white sand covered with scrub oaks

plenty of fresh water by digging in the sand. boys wade in the bay & gather oysters Plenty of them. troops landing nearly all the time, can send no mail

*Monday, February 27.* Make out Muster Rolls. Co draws shoes & dog tents. Raining this evening. The balance of Regt get in a little before dark

*Tuesday, February 28.* Rain during the night. this morning go up to Ft Morgan 5. Miles to try to be mustered. No mustering officer this side of the Bay. P. M. Regt mustered. Evening sets in raining again. News that Charleston is ours.

*Wednesday, March 1.* Raining this morning. get a pass to go to Ft. Gains to Muster. So foggy boat does not run. continues to rain by spells all day—Discharge read

*Thursday, March 2.* A. M. to Ft. Morgan. at 12 M. Steamer Tamalapas crosses. to Ft Gaines, I succeed in being mustered to date from Feb 21 st 1865. Judge Ft Gaines not so good a fort as Ft. Morgan. Return to camp at 5 P. M. Regt just from Parade listening to speech from Agent of Orphan Asylum, Regt Subscribed about \$5000. a brig loaded with lumber & hay was wrecked on sand Island yesterday during the fog. Meet an old friend Joel Deweese of 23d Iowa

*Friday, March 3.* Rumor in camp today that Mobile is evacuated. dont know. & that a blockade runner was captured. Evening both rumors false. Jewish smuggling craft loaded with Liquors was seized & confiscated beautiful day but misty rain in the evening

*Saturday, March 4.* Storm in night. sand wouldn't hold tent pins. get wet &c. day somewhat cool. Nothing unusual going on. 24 yr's old.

*Sunday, March 5.* Morning with major Boydston to Ft Morgan to go to Ft Gaines No boat. All through fort. Near the pier & within 400 yds. of Ft. a pole which is fixed to the turret of the Gunboat Tecumseh sunk by the explosion of a torpedo, shows the watery grave of 100 brave boys, who are yet in the great iron coffin 30 ft below the surface, 1 mile out a smokestack sticks out of the water. a little this side the pier is the wreck of the Reb Gunboat Gaines, crippled & beached during the action P. M. in camp. Service at 3. P. M. News—35 men of our Regt lately exchanged are at New Orleans—Col Benton of 29th Iowa, & Col Glasgow of 23d Iowa appointed Brevet Brig. Genl's by the President, Detailed tonight to take charge of fatigue party tomorrow. All experienced Rail, Road, men called for, to report to Capt Jackson. It is the purpose to make a permanent Rail Road from Ft Morgan to Navy Com & extend around the Bay to Mobile as the Army advances.

*Monday, March 6.* Start with fatigue party at 7.30 work until 5 P. M. grading Rail Road tracks. 700 men at work grade about 2 miles. At 12. M. great smoke in the direction of Mobile, at 3 P. M. it is reported that Mobile is burning (?) in camp all evening.

*Tuesday, March 7.* Day rather cool to be agreeable drilled the co. P. M. 1 hour, rained at 3 P. M. News is that a Rebel Ram French built has appeared in the Gulf, monitor moves up to Flag ship. Reb flag of truce report that news in Mobile is Beauregard has defeated Sherman, & that Lec was evacuating Richmond. The Rebel force at Mobile is augmenting. Deserters report one division of Hood's army 10000 strong to have arrived there.

*Wednesday, March 8.* Last night rained hard with heavy thunder & vivid lightning. The Brigade is inspected at 2 P. M. by Maj Genl. Osterhaus. hear artillery all the time every day from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. batteries practicing. Dan Costellos Show exhibits at the Cove tonight. Col Lofland presents me a sword.

*Thursday, March 9.* A. M. Go to Commissary at Ft. Morgan to buy provision for Mess. get to ride most of way to & from. Ship load of troops at the pier near the Ft. papers from New Orleans of the 6th nothing new. Gen Field order no. 1. from Genl Canby Capt Prince detailed to take charge of Pioneer Corps. Some Regts rec large mail, Henry Shull arrives. Reports Dan Wiser dead Raining from 2. P. M. Evening stormy

*Friday, March 10.* Last night quite cold, strong North wind, morning very cold & windy, no wood, water in Gulf two ft— lower on beach than any time since we have been here, bushels of shells, see a small porpoise lying out on the beach, too rough all day for drill, P. M. after Oysters up the bay. At 8.30 P. M. notice signal lights followed by a rocket from one of the Monitors, Reported that 3 Reb Rams were seen in the Gulf. A rumor current that our Brigade will be sent to Charleston. Evening cold

*Saturday, March 11.* Much more pleasant today. All the Gunboats & Monitors move out early this morning, going up the Bay toward Mobile, A little before 9. A. M. heavy firing. Many rumors as to where the fleet was at work. the firing was a good distance off & kept up incessantly all day except from 1.30 to 3 P. M. No news in from the fleet this evening

*Sunday, March 12.* A. M. Inspection & Reading Articles of War to the company P. M. reading Fabiola, N. O. papers of 10th no news, this morning all the Gunboats lay in the cove. the firing was on some of the forts in the vicinity of Mobile. Service at 3 P. M. weather cool Genl Canby on the Pout this P. M. artillery practice today

*Monday, March 13.* Rather a pleasant day. Officers ordered to take to dog tents. G. Steenwyk joins company Lieut Sharman gone home with his mother. Lt Cory recs his detail this evening.

*Tuesday, March 14.* Commenced raining at, 12 O'clock last night, rained all the balance of night with moon shining brightly took breakfast in our tents, rained until 2. P. M. Gulf sure high.

*Wednesday, March 15.* Rained most of night, A. M. clear, drilled



co., P. M. driven from drill by rain. rains all evening & most of night. T. Thomas joins co from N. O.

*Thursday, March 16.* Pleasant day although cool morning, drill A. M. at 2. P. M. orders to move tomorrow with 3 days cooked rations. Go over to Commissary for box of sea biscuit & see the supply train loading, popped the last of the pop corn from home. Mail comes to the Regt at 9. P. M. was up late getting ready.

*Friday, March 17.* Revelie at 2.45, breakfast at 3.30 Genl call at 5. Brigade forms on the Gulf beach at 6 column of the 3d Div moves out at 8.30; in a quandary about Corys valise; at 11. pass the camp of 1st Brig 2d Div which is ahead, all Kinds of supplies left in camp & no one to pick them up. road sandy & marching heavy, we camp at 2 P. M 10 miles from the Cove Miller & I take a stroll through the woods which we find full of spanish moss flowers cactus &c find some families on the Bay Beach got some sweet milk to drink. Boys get plenty of Oysters in the slough near by where they have been planted hear that the Monitors and Gunboats all left the Cove soon after we did. We had a long talk with the women, brush so thick could hardly get back to camp. day has been warm.

*Saturday, March 18.* Regt on the road at 6. at 7.30 made Bon secure bayou. see great heaps of oyster shells more low ground today. they bay & gulf one place at the neck not more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile apart. Hear heavy guns all P. M. supposed to be the fleet at Mobile, move about 10 miles today. We see one happy wench. we were the first yankees she had seen. After dark a squad of 15, belonging to the Div. 2 of whom belong to our Regt get into camp. They were at Ft. Gaines Hosp. crossed to Morgan & finding their Regt gone pushed on & walked all the way from the Cove today. They report Genl. Veaches Div. coming right on & Genl Smiths Corps landing at the Cove & will start Monday The Estimate is 10000 men with us & 20000 more to follow & we expect to form junction with Steele, who started from Pensacola the 17th with between 20000 and 25000 men

*Sunday, March 19.* Breaks camp early but wait to corderoy the road, move but 6 miles today  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the road had to be corded bfore the train could be taken across, rests frequent & long. I read several papers during rests. Pass a house in which is found powder & back of which a few cavalry sabres & plenty of sweet potatoes nice ones. have now a continued pine swamp with no under brush, but a thick growth of grass a great deal like our prairie grass, this is called the Meadows

*Monday, March 20.* Regt in line to move at 6. Rec orders to wait. At 12. I am sent with a detail to corderoy the road. The train all stuck in the mud. men pull the wagons out with ropes. At 3. I am relieved and report to the Regt. At 3.40 Regt in line to guard a train of 20 wagons, (all that had been got over) to the other Brigade ahead, as they are out of rations. Met Genl Grangers ambulances one mile out, begins to rain before we get through rains hard & is very dark. Get through

at 9. The train sticks in the mud & is hard to get through. hear cannonading on the Bay all P. M. we are now in the turpentine orchards, hundreds of pounds of resin on the trees, get supper at 9, raining, retire at 10. Genl Veaches Div has overtaken our rear. The Regt moved 6 miles today.

*Tuesday, March 21.* Rains hard all night. ground flat & all drawn out of bed Rains all A. M. 1st Brig 2Div starts out early men pull the batteries through. Some Rebs seen yesterday, one Brig reported within 3 miles (?) train did not get through, heavy detail out cording the road & building a bridge washed away by last nights rain heavy cannonading on the Bay. all P. M. Bertrams Brigade gets through to Fish river & find 1 Div of Smiths corps there, we have good fires of resin

*Wednesday, March 22.* Fine day; lay in camp all day quite a no of the men out to forage. see some Rebs. Capt sent back with detail for rations. Men pull the wagons. Evening Genls Granger & Veach have Hd Qtrs in our camp. Heavy artillery heard all day supposed by some to be Steele fighting Genls. Canby Smith & Osterhaus are at Fish river Foragers sees the ruins of a large turpentine factory. destroyed by fire about 2 weeks ago, which accounts for the big smokes we had noticed & find 100 prs good new drawers & 200 prs negro's cotton pants

*Thursday, March 23.* Revelie late, the Genl had blown in the 50th Ind & 7th Vermont before our revelie. Our Brigade gets up before our breakfast is over this was unexpected. Genl blows before the men have breakfast We are on the move at 7 hear the troops at Fish river are in line of battle expecting an attack move very slowly first 2 miles cording nearly all the road. latter part of the road pretty good & move right along. At 1. P. M. cross the river on the pontoons to the tune. "Out of the wilderness" or "Johny stole a ham." Was until 4. A. M. getting camped were on 3 different grounds before we got settled, one time tents were being pitched & supper preparing, several boats & gunboats lie in the river. This morning the pickets were driven in by a force variously estimated from 600 to 1000. 3 rebs killed 3 of ours wounded, the 4th Iowa & 32d Iowa are here with Smith 25000 men here now

*Friday, March 24.* Fatigue party goes out at 5. a. m. to unload boats. spend A. M. going to the Commissary for grub. and writing. P. M. go with Lt Loughridge to camp of 8th Iowa, while there this Regt rec's orders to be ready to march at daylight tomorrow morning with 4 days rations in in their haver sacks. Genl Smiths whole corps rec's the same orders. We see post of the line of breastworks about this camp, which are good & strong & 9 miles in extent, seems as though these things come by magic, they rise so quick. Genl Veachs Div gets in this P. M.; After dark the train comes in, there is a big shout when the train crosses the pontoons. They lost by bushrangers 14 men drivers, & as many

mules Lt Loughridge & I were out after Tattoo to learn the cause of the cheering when the train was coming in, & hear some sweet music in another Regt. Word in camp that in a skirmish 3 miles from camp this P. M. several men were wounded. 2 ambulance loads said to have come in.

*Saturday, March 25.* Genl Smiths corps commences moving at daylight; go out to see them pass; we rec orders to drill from 10. to 11. A. M. This order is countermanded & orders to be ready to move immediately. 5 days rations are issued to the men to be carried in the haver sacks. The 13th Corp begin to move at 1. P. M. at 3.30 Regt falls in line & moves out. march slow, and are to 9. P. M. getting to camp 5 miles from Fish river station. Saw where the trees were marked where the skirmish had occurred. I was detailed for picket as soon as I got to camp, had to go right out. The train sticks in the mud 3 miles back & our grub did not get up, boarded with the boys. Lt Hook Co C. detailed today as A. C. M. 3d Div. The following promotions in co "G" are announced today. Sergt A. Templeton to be 1st Sergt. Corp A. J. McCollum to be sergt. Privates W. H. Downing T. J. Vineyard. H. J. Vanderwan & J. Lemons to be Corporals, Corp W. Thomas at his own request is reduced to the ranks

*Sunday, March 26.* Nothing unusual last night. I am relieved at 6. A. M. & marched the pickets to the Regt. which is on the road at 6.45, at which time the train is getting up. The troops move out on 3 roads. Bertrams Brigade on the left, Smiths Corps on the right & Grangers corps in the centre, as we march through the camp ground of 16th Corps am surprised at the completeness & extent of the breastwork constructed by them last night. At 12. M. our advance is fixed on by a Reb Picket post, on a hill on which the corps halts & goes into camp at 7, good running water near. We fortify immediately. A negro comes in who reports having seen Steeles army near Blakely, we are tonight within 2 miles of Spanish Fort a strong position on top of a hill mounting 16 heavy guns besides other bateries about it, the 3 columns fire each a signal gun on their camp ground to denote their situation. this is responded by the Gunboats, in the Bay. Expect to invest Spanish Fort tomorrow. It is rumored that Bertram captured by surprise battery of 6 guns. (doubtful)

*Monday, March 27.* The whole command stood to arms from revelie until daybreak. troops in the rifle pits too. at 9.15 the column moves out at 10. we are in line of battle & the artillery opens on the forts of which we discover 3. Bertram brought his brigade up to our camp at daylight but was ordered back double quick, he had taken out of the road 15 torpedos, an orderly had been killed by the explosion of one last night, begins to sprinkle at 10. & P. M. rains quite hard. Our batteries keep up a steady firing to get the range & get a reply but the enemy replies but little. The skirmish line pushes up to within 150 yds of the Reb works and keep them well down behind them, it is re-

ported that Smith who has closed in on the right had captured a rebel ammunition train. Regts are camped at dark in hollows behind hills protecting them from the fire of the enemy, large working parties are out all night building breastworks & strong skirmish line is kept out to protect them. I hear of 3 men killed & some 10 wounded. The Bay in front of the Fort is said to be litterally sown with torpedos & this Fort is said to be the Key of Mobile protecting one of the main channels of the Bay

*Tuesday, March 28.* Working parties return at daylight at which time the ball opens again. The Enemy were reinforcing last night from Mobile, a little bolder & give us a shell occasionally & quite a no of minnie balls fly over our heads, one of the 35th Iowa is killed in camp near us while packing his Knapsacks. At 9.30 Cos. "G" & "B" ordered out as sharpshooters & skirmishers had to advance 400 yds through fallen timber exposed to the fire of the enemy, while advancing, Martin Walraven was wounded in the right fore arm. gain our position within 100 yds of the Fort & throw up earth works to protect us, were relieved at 3.30 by co K, in coming away John Metz is wounded in the left shoulder & Jo. Dungan in the back passing into the thigh, K Co is to stay until morning. Our Gunboats get up close enough to lift a few shells into the main fort this P. M. When this is seen the boys raise a shout for we all depend a great deal on the Monitors. All the Regts build earthworks from 6 to 10 ft. high to camp behind, 1 man of the 50th Ind Killed by a shell while in camp some guns in our camp broken by a shell. The 1st Ind heavy artillery is reported to have arrived at the landing with 72. Mortors & heavy Parrot guns. It is rumored that our gunboats sunk one & disabled one transport for the enemy. 4 rockets sent up from the fort & it is rumored that the Infty is being transported to Mobile.

*Wednesday, March 29.* E. Co relieves K. before daylight. The enemy & our skirmishers talked all night. Rebs say their torpedos had sunk one of our Monitors & would sink the rest of them. Rains part of the day. We strengthen our protection. I learn that the Monitor which was sunk is the Milwaukee she is not destroyed & will probably be raised soon. another the Osage was sunk today by a torpedo name Osage. The Pioneer Corps have taken out of the road 18 more torpedos made of 64 lb percussive shells, barely buried, the weight of a man on them will explode them. The Gunboatman have raised several from the Bay are out in skiffs hunting them. The enemy shell the skirmish line sharply all day.

*Thursday, March 30.* At 12. last night the Jonnies made a charge out of their forts on the skirmish line, draw it in on the left where the 7th Vermont was stationed, camps wise all around & on the alert. brisk firing for an hour, some rain falling about this time. At 3. A. M. co C. relieves Co E. on the skirmish line. They come in all whole & were not drivn back. reported that about 30 of the 29th Iowa were gobbled

by the 7th Vermont giving back & letting the Jonnies in their rear; The day passes so so. Artillery firing from both sides. Reb Mortar boats shell us considerably & heavy firing on the skirmish line all day, some of the heavy guns to be put in position tonight. This evening the reported capture of the men of the 29th is contradicted Co "C" is relieved after dark & bring off 3 prisoners with them, they were out sharp shooting & got to close They talk confidently & say we can never take Mobile or Spanish Fort which by their act is manned by 6000 reinforcing every night, one Brigade of the 16th A. C. is sent off this P. M. as guard to supply train with rations for Genl Steele who is in the vicinity of Blakely & reports to Genl Canby that he can keep reinforcements from coming here by land or allow it. Genl C. says to allow it. (this is rumor) There is a telegraph from Genl Canbys Hd Qtrs to all the Div Hd Qtrs & to the landing at our new base about 4 miles from our position. The Rebels use heavier guns today. Have a chill this morning & feel quite ill all day.

*Friday, March 31.* Rested tolerably last night, At 8. A M. The batteries open on the Forts & keep up a vigorous shelling for 3 hours. P. M. the felled timber front of the forts where our skirmish line is gets on fire. Rebs open on them with shell & small arms. Could not see how the skirmishers could stand the heat & firing but they did it nobly, firing became so heavy at 6. P. M. the men were ordered to arms Co G. was ordered to the forward rifle pits to reinforce Co. B as a support to the skirmishers, Capt Ledyard was on duty as Brig off of the day, which left me in comd of the co. I took them down on the double quick although almost too weak to stand. The bullets whistled thick around but no one was struck. At 11. P. M. the heavy firing ceased & I recd orders to keep my co in the pits all night. I hear of several men being killed but none from our Regt, hear a report that on our right Smith with some of the heavy Parrots disables one of the Enemy's gunboat & drives another off 2 miles, one battery of heavy guns on our left is silenced by the fire save the main Fort. It is rumored that Thomas has made connection with Steele. The Gunboats advance slowly taking out the torpedos, advanced about 100. yds and that Genl Maury commands at Mobile & Genl Gibson at Spanish Fort. We rec mail today one from cous John who is with Thomas & says under date of 10th Feb that the comd was preparing for an expedition against Mobile.

*Saturday, April 1.* Lay in the rifle pits all night. Could hear Smith in the night shelling the Reb transports during the night. Were relieved at 8. A M. & march the co to camp, have a chance to send out mail at 10. I write in a hurry a letter home. Alexander Moore, who has been guarding at the wharf was up today & reports the Monitor Milwaukee to have been raised, but another Monitor lies over a torpedo which they are trying to remove without exploding it, one man lost his life by fooling with a torpedo which had been taken out. Capt Ledyard hurt himself last night while inspecting the picket line & is ordered to the

rear by the Doctor leaving the co in my charge, P. M. am told the torpedo exploded in the bay & sunk the monitor which was on it. Boys busy all day building bombproofs to get into where the enemy begins to shell us. There was a vigorous shelling kept up all day. After getting to bed was waked by the Adj't who brought me a detail for the co to go out at 3 A. M. to the paralel about 100 yds to rear of the skirmisher for a support to them

*Sunday, April 2.* Get the co up at 2. A. M. to get their breakfasts. At 3 take them to the paralel & get our position before daylight, bullets & shell keep a continual screeching & whistling over our heads. About dark Co B which was on the skirmish line bring down a man wounded in the head, his name is William Harris, at 8. we are relieved & return to camp, is after 10. before we get supper over & get to bed. not being right well the day has worn heavy on me. One piece of good news is the arrival of 300 prisoners captured by Steele, one Maj Genl was killed I am told that when the prisoners were captured a soldier presented his gun at the Genl saying to him dismount & surrender, the Genl said I will surrender but will dismount for no one but a commissioned officer Mr. soldier thought he was not safe on horseback & as he still refused to dismount shot him killing him instantly.

*Monday, April 3.* Go to the rear this A. M. to see Capt who I find keeping pretty quiet, go to the Commissary & draw 30 days rations, as money has played out. Tobacco is issued to the men today. Every thing about the same today along the line, Heavy details out building forts to mount heavy guns behind The enemy shell those working parties so that it is not a safe business. 75 more prisoners arrive from Genl Steele, the night of the 1st Genl Smith fired on a tug towing a barge, the tug cut loose & run leaving the barge to float in to land, it was loaded with hospital supplies & there was found on it a letter from the surgeon of the fort to some friends in Mobile which stated that "the enemy's sharpshooters annoy us a great deal" & "have killed many of our men"

*Tuesday, April 4.* Mail was to leave the camp at 12 today; sat down to write a letter before I was  $\frac{1}{2}$  through was detailed to take charge of a squad of 30 men with spades for fatigue & report with them at Div Hd. qtrs. I reported with the detail at 11. A. M. some mistake had been made with reference to the detail as the A. A. G. expected my detail to have axes. waited with the men until he rode to Brig. Hd. qtrs to ascertain how the mistake had occurred, he returned at 12, M. & ordered me to report at a two gun battery. on the left & near spanish fort. I found the battery & put the men to work to finish it. The 1st Ind heavy Artillery mount 2 30 lb Parrots here while we are at work. These guns are intended to play on the Rebel water battery which annoys us more than all their other guns, while we were at work a staff officer rode around giving orders for all the batteries around the whole line to open out at 5 P. M. & fire 40 ronds to each gun, with intervals

of 3 mins. finished the battery a little before 4. but had to hold the detail to tear down a breastwork in front of it which was to come down just before time to open out, at 20 mins before 5 Capt of Battery ordered the work down, men all worked lively as there was danger of the Rebs firing on the party, two men having been wounded here yesterday. Just 3 mins before 5 finished that job & falling the men in started for camp about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile distant & if the Rebs replied to our batteries in point blank range, had not advanced from the battery more than 200 yds until the whole part of our line was ablaze, walked fast to camp. Rebs did not reply & no accidents occurred. after arrived in camp the Jonnies lifted a few shot over, they tried to sharpshoot our gunners from their fort & sent the balls uncomfortably close. The 33d Mo. & 35th Iowa & 12th Iowa moved in this evening again to our camp our Brig is ordered to the left to fill the places of these Regts. At 8. P. M. fall in & move in the darkness with a little sprinkle of rain 1 mile to the left of our camp, find very poor quarters, lie down almost anywhere for the night.

*Wednesday, April 5.* Was late in the morning before I arose as being fatigued by the tramp over last night I felt like taking all the rest I could get. At 9. the Col laid off the camp & ordered each co to construct a bomb proof large enough to contain all the men. We all worked hard until noon when the Regt was ordered to move to the left about  $\frac{1}{2}$  its length, this by order of genl Granger. This move cheated the 4 cos on the left out of their forenoon's work; we all went at it with a will to make the best of a bad bargain, worked until 4, P. M. when the men were all so fatigued that I thought it best to suspend active operations although we had no cover yet This was more especially necessary as I was ordered on Picket on the skirmish line with my co. each man to be supplied with 100 ronds of cartridges, & we are to remain 24 hours, at 7. follow out my written instructions & report with the co in front of the 27th Wis. to the left of our Regt, where I find the Brig. off. of the Day. ordered by him to the right of the 28, Ill. where I was to find the off. of the Day of the 2 Brig. halted the men & hunted about 15 minutes before I could find any one to report to, was ordered out on the line in front of the 2d Brig, went out through a sap. I was ordered to work my men all night to widen the ditch we stood picket in. I tried it but the men were so tired & worn out, that although they did not complain much I had not the heart to keep them at work, & arranging for  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the men to be on the watch all the while I allowed  $\frac{2}{3}$  of them to sleep.

*Thursday, April 6.* The Rebs in front of us fired but little during the night, they shelled our working party at the 6 gun battery close by us from the mortar battery. In the Afternoon, I worked the men some. The Rebs were quieter than usual all day, our batteries give them a few rounds in the evening. After dark the mortar battery of the Rebs opens on our working party again. Several bombs are thrown at it by our

mortar batteries. Some think by the signs of the times that the Jonnies are silently leaving the place, the news from Grant Sherman & Thomas is good, in honor of which successes by order of Genl Canby a salute of 100 guns is fired by the Gunboats & the land batteries. I am told by those who had an opportunity to know, that during the cannonading the evening of the 4th something blew up in Spanish fort throwing 5 men 10 or 15 ft above the work. Men on picket that night say they said 16 men carried out of the same fort & buried. The battery men say the cannonading killed & wounded 100 rebels. I dont know how they get their information. I am relieved at 8. P. M. by co "C" & march the co to camp, find supper ready. Temp & I put up our tent gather bedding and retire at 11. P. M. at which hour shells are flying freely on the right & centre.

*Friday, April 7.* Had bad cold & did not rest any too well last night did not get up until called to breakfast. sky has the appearance of rain. I go to the camp of our teams in the rear to draw clothing for the co, send it over by Bowman & go on to the Commissary to get some grub for our mess see a train starting to Steele who is said to have taken Blakely destroying with his artillery every house but one, he can not hold his army in the town on account of the Reb iron clads shelling him out. A sergent from Steeles comd. says the Mobile paper states their loss the 1st day we came in here at 400 killed & wounded, estimates our loss at double that when in fact it was not over 100 begins to rain while I am at the com. I stop at camp of teams to talk to Capt & wait for the rain to cease Capt is getting along finely & expects to be for duty within a week, he tells me of one of the 35th Wis who had his leg blown off by the explosion of a torpedo in the road not far from his camp, ceases raining & I retire to camp at 11 o'clock, after dinner issue the clothing & then work on our bomb-proofs except about an hour from 1.30 to 2.30 while it was raining, heavy detail for picket from our regt. co I is out tonight for a reserve & a detail of 2 com. off & 60 men in front with orders to advance the line. Each man takes a spade. At, 11. P. M. heavy firing on the Right of Smiths corp small arms used much there are a great many reports flying about camp, of which the following are some, & I cant say they are true or false. Faragut has arrived & taken comd of the fleet. a chain of 78 torpedos was taken up. a mine is nearly completed under the forts.

*Saturday, April 8.* There was tremendous heavy firing last night from 11. to 1. the sky was lighted with the flash of small arms, could not determine whether it was on the right of Smith or left of Steele, some heavy guns used. After breakfast heavy Guns & rapid firing off to our right. I go out on the left to the bay & take a look at Mobile. The Jonnies throw shells uncomfortably near me out there. returning to camp spent most of this day writing. Capt sent me a paper of the 5th full of good news & rumors of peace propositions from Lee. This afternoon news from Steele is that last night Steele charged on a water



battery which the gunboats try to shell him out of & not succeeding the Jonnies charge him 3 times without success he is reported to have taken some prisoners, & later in the evening the report is in that he turned the guns of the captured battery on a ram & brought her in. At 5 P. M the batteries all round the line opens on the enemy's work for one hour, the enemy replies quite briskly for a little while but cant stand it long. About 5.30 heavy musketry firing was heard in front of Smiths Corps & by the yelling it was evident one party or the other was making a charge I was detailed for picket & reported at 7. at Regt Hd Quarters where the detail was formed under the immediate command of Lieut Sancheztereso co F. the picket firing on the right keeps us pretty heavy the Rebs throw a shell occasionally & our batteries throw shells about every 10 minutes. we report with the detail in the pits by the camp of 27th Wis. & wait  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour for the coming of the officer of the day whose business it is to relieve the pickets with the new detail, when he come he put part of our detail with a co of the 27th Wis as a reserve & working party. I was ordered to remain with this reserve, we divided the squad into 2 reliefs & making arrangements to work each relief 4 hours the capt lay down leaving me in charge of the 1st relief. Presently. Col Patterson & some other staff officers came through & told us to work with a will for all the saps & paralells must be widened to 6 ft. & finished before morning so that a regt could march through them easily for the works must be carried by assault within three days, the army had been waiting for the fleet to get up & word was it had cleared the channel of torpedos to opposite the fort & would move up in the morning, It is said the engineer who planted the torpedo is taking them out for the fleet. The Off. of the day thinking he needed more men sends in for a detail of two companies. Co D of 27th Wis & Co H. of 35 Iowa came out to work, they bring news that the charge on the right was by Smiths men who took one line of the enemys works & captured 200 prisoners. I rec instructions from the off of the day to work my relief 2 hours as the no of men engaged would finish the work if all worked that long. My 2 hours was up at 11, at which time I waked the capt. & lay down on a rubber blanket to sleep but it was too cold. I went to our camp to get a woolen blanket, & had returned & got into a good nap out of which I was awaked by loud & continued shouting on the right. Could not imagine what was up as the firing had entirely ceased on that part of the line. I looked at my watch which indicated 5 mins after 12, I go forward to the front rifle pits where the picket line is there listen to hear what is said but can distinguish nothing but the commands "cease firing you kill our own men. 2d Brig forward march." then rose cheering again. The word cease firing passed all along the line. The Off of the day was present. (Capt. Gunn 28th Wis) with whom I jumped the pits and advanced somewhat, but not a jonnie could we hear where not 10 minutes before they had been shooting at us, not yet being satisfied with the

looks of things no one was allowed to go to the fort until we see Smiths corps in the middle fort cheering. Then Lt. Sanchez, take about a doz of his detail & advances. I did not know he had gone until he was half way over, & followed immediately entering nearly the same time. The Lt. was the first Yank, to mount the work. There was some fear of torpedos which had been reported so thickly strewn about these fortifications which made the men move very carefully for a while, it was half past twelve when we entered the fort. I found it not so strong a position as I had immagined it to be but to assault it would have been an ugly business if resolutely defended. Our shell & shot had handled the inside very rough tearing great holes. The grond nearly every foot of it, was torn up by our Mortar shells & how men could live in there during the heavy cannonading it was several times subjected too is more than I can understand, found 9. pieces of artillery in the fort all in position & spiked. 2 of the guns were splendid 64 lbers. There were bomb proofs enough to about hold the gunners required to work the guns but these were not of the strongest kind, out of one come so strong a stench I was willing to pass it others more inquistive report a no of dead men in it. 8 jonnies come in from the picket line, the Rebs had left in such a hurry they had not taken time to relieve them although they lay within 100 yds of the fort, these say they did not know the forts were to be evacuated, after examining the works to my satisfaction the 94th Ill regt having marched in & unfurled the Stars & stripes I go back to camp bearing no relic but a Reb envelope with stamp on it, on my way in meet floods of yanks going out to see the forts. I was disposed tonight to think the torpedo question on land more talk than cider

*Sunday, April 9.* Revelie this morning on the drums which is the first time while we have been before Spanish fort. Soon as breakfast is over many of the men go out to see the forts. The report on their return the roads & all arond the forts in the very grond we walked over was planted with hundreds of torpedos & it was a wonder that hundreds of men had not been killed, the reason is the caps over the tops put there to protect them had not been removed the Pioneer Corps are taking up dead loads of them, the cannon 30 in no were spiked with wrought iron which is taken out of most of them allready, directly after breakfast the general blows, it begins to rain, is 12 before we move up on the hill by Div Hd Qtrs when 4 days rations is issued to the men, is 1. P. M. when we start out for Blakely when, we had gone about a mile Lt Rice rides up & tells us the news at the landing is that Petersburg & Richmond is evacuated & Lee fallen back to Lynchburgh, 2 mile out & just outside of Smiths rear the 13th Ind cav is out on review. Latter part of the roads very bad & were until 9. P. M. getting to camp, in the evening we are on a forced march for some purpose, as we near Blakely meet some soldiers who say. you need not run yourselves to death for Blakely is ours. on inquiry learned that it had surrendered

about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before having been carried by assault. Our men lost heavily many of them torn to pieces by the explosion of torpedos captured about 2400 prisoners & 25 pieces of artillery, some 100 lbers we meet 9. ambulance loads of wounded, hear that 2 rams run in & surrendered after the fort had surrendered. The negroes in the charge are said to have taken few prisoners on account of one of their men having been shot who was captured, (this is all rumor) a slight sprinkle of rain this evening.

*Monday, April 10.* All the Regts rec orders to be supplied with 5 days rations in their haver sacks. Capt Lacy was in our camp looking well & hearty. Mail is to go out at 10. a. m. until which time spend the time in writing. After dinner Templeton & I go out to see the fortifications, see many pools of blood. Can see Mobile from the forts & see some rebel batteries out in the Bay firing at our gunboats & shelling a pontoon bridge we have across Spanish river See a squad of rebs under guard taking up the torpedos which are thickly strewn, the roads are full, they uncover them & build a fire on them to explode them. the pieces fly about with a wicked noise. Saw one place where in the charge 4 men were Killed by the explosion of one torpdo. The Jonnies had extensive works laid off here which would have taken a year to complete but the works completed are ugly to get to over fallen timber & brush thick abbattis & dead loads of torpedos. About 150 of the men who had been at Spanish fort were captured this morning they not knowing this place had been taken were making their way up here. I was to see them & pronounce them the best looking confeds I ever saw, when the forts here were charged yesterday there were two Genls there, but one was taken & it is supposed the other escaped with some of his men who swam the river, but this evening he was captured. he had secreted himself in an commissary boat & undertook to get out & run for it but there were too many guards with muskets close by to allow that. It is rumored here this evening that about two hundred prisoners were taken, found in their holes close by Spanish fort think this not reliable. A supply train started to Thomas early this morning, saw a small detachment of cavalry from his army who say they saw no rebels between him & no report his men wanting grub. Genl Steeles command is ordered to be ready for a forward movement where to not known, the way to Mobile by land is 135 miles & there is a camp rumor that Steeles corps & Smiths corps are to go to the rear of Mobile & Grangers corps to Thomas who will operate somewhere above. heavy firing has been kept up all day in the bay but do not learn with what effect

*Tuesday, April 11.* No marching orders yet this morning & as our teams had all been called for during the night & sent back to the landing for supplies did not think we would move today. took out the co Books & spent all the forenoon posting the books & making out returns. Some of the men who go to the forts today say the white flag is waving

over Mobile. Mr Sperry says he saw it & as near as he could discover from this distance it was a white flag, but the firing in the Bay still continues. At 1. P. M. rumors in camp are that Genl Lee has proposed to Genl Grant to surrender the whole so called Southern confederacy with but one condition which is a free pardon to all. Also rumor says Genl Canby has recd orders to make no forward movement until further orders, but the firing in the Bay still continues. A brigade of Steeles men move out at 2. P. M. going I dont know where or how far. The 1st Brig 3d Div 13th A. C. move to Spanish fort. Hear this evening that the Gunboats have advanced to mouth of Spanish river just opposite Spanish fort & are engaging the batteries in the Bay. All the teams are employed today hauling supplies from the landing, a report was arond that Thomas was in Mobile but contradicted as the best glasses show nothing waving above Mobile but the confed flag. Just before dusk without a moments warning the Genl call was blown. Could hear the call all over the corps, & before 15 minutes the 13th A. C. was in the road ready to move not having heard where we were to go I made inquiry & learned it was to Starks Landing below Spanish fort & by the new road across the pontoons 11 miles. At 7. P. M. the column moved & it soon became evident we were on a forced march, when we cross the pontoons at 9. P. M. could see a fire in Mobile which lighted the whole sky. Our Brigade took the wrong road & detained us besides giving us a march of 2 miles extra. men give out almost by companies, we were marched to the landing & there stocked arms at 2. o clock, there were not more than 15 men in my co when we halted remained here about an hour, during which time some of the boys come up. we were moved down on the beech to await transportation, could see the fire yet at Mobile. Regts going on board transports all the while, not certain yet where we are to land.

*Wednesday, April 12.* Were waked up at daylight & most of the men had made coffee when the Regt. was ordered on board the Gulf Steamer. Genl Banks, Genl Granger & suit embark on the same boat, as we are about the last Regt to embark the fleet set sail immediately, the fleet consisted of 6 musketo gunboats & about as many transports, two men of war, these boats carried the 13th A. C. the gunboat Cincinatti took the lead across the Bay arond with a torpedo rake. I was surprised that the Land batteries in the Bay did not open on us as we were in good range of it, crossed over to cat fish landing. A man of war run up close & lifted a shell over which called no reply but caused a display of white rags at every house along the landing. A boat was sent ashore which brought back word that there was no enemy in Mobile & the Mayor would surrender the city at the approach of our army. Genl Grangers orders were to beach the boats & men to wade on shore, but these orders were not carried out where it was certain there was no enemy, the boats run up to an old pier hardly stout enough to hold itself up. & the men disembarked. slowly, our

boat was not light enough draft to move up to the pier & we were transferred to another boat and landed at 11. o clock. Admiral Thatcher was on board our boat before we disembarked. I hear the navy feel very soar about the little work they have done to reduce Mobile. When the sand forts were fond to be evacuated Genl Granger determined to run the Genl Banks to the city although the Admiral was afraid to run his musketo boat with a torpedo rake to the city. Col. Mackey wanted to have the regt remain on the boat & go in with the Genl but he would not allow it saying "I dont want to loose the men but if they blow me up with a torpedo they may blow & be D——d" his boat went in without running an any torpedo although the pilot was unacquainted with the channel & run by guess we lay arond on the banks after disembarking until 1. P. M. when we started for Mobile but from some cause we moved slow moving about 200 yds & then rest an hour so it took until dusk to get us in camp between the 1st & 2d lines of fortification about the city & about 1 mile from the city, I take a look at some of the forts an the line of forts which are the best earth works I ever saw & cannot understand how Genl Maury got the consent of his mind to leave such works without firing a gun. The forts mounted large Siege guns of heavy calibre many of them marked "Selma Mch 1865." the guns were all well spiked & carriages mostly destroyed most of the magazines were open & much of the ammuniton destroyed although there was a great amont left, the citizens close by tell me that not much of the cotton was burned for Genl Canby sent in word if the cotton was burned he would burn the city. The big fire we noticed last night was the burning of the navy yard. Say when the Rebs left the commissaries with 6 months rations for the men were thrown open & citizens helped themselves, in the rush several citizens were hurt. a Co of Reb cavalry did not leave until our army was disembarkng & a small squad remained in town until the straglers who run ahead of the command were entering the city they snatched up one of these straglers & made off with him. The 1st Brig marched into town & 8th Ill was put on provost duty.

*Thursday, April 13.* Rained last night & thought myself quite fortunate in having procured enough pieces of Reb tents to make a tent large enough to hold Temp & I, we having no tents they being with the teams none of which were brought over I went out after breakfast although the rain was still falling to see fort Sdney Jonston. just finished, a work that 100 men could have held against 1,000 with ease the more I see of the works the more I am glad we did not have to charge them for it would have been attended with great slaughtr. I wished to visit the city but no one was permitted to go. I visited the cemetery where I saw the graves of about 60 men killed in Spanish fort. Some splendid marble mouments, the grond is all laid out in small lots these fenced & the whole enclosure a beautiful flower garden, the graves ornamented with some of the most beautiful shells I ever saw, I returned to camp at

11. at which time unexpectedly to all the Genl was blown the whole Div moved out. The men had without leave gone to the city so that I had but 14 men when we fell in, did not know where we were to go marched through town in platoons, colors flying music playing many remarks made by the by standers about our no's Streets full of negros & creoles. saw thousands of bales of cotton marched through Royal St. the whits did not show themselves much, two Brigs of the Div take the wagon road, an Brig take the R. R. track march out to the 6 mile staton, 2½ mile Citizen rides up says off to the left is a squad of Reb. cav. Col Krez goes to rear, to see about, thinks there are bout 25 same cit says we will find more at the station at Whistler where the R. R. shops are. When we approach, the other Brigs are arriving. See them unslingin knap sacks & double quicken to the front. Our Brig ordered to do the same. Some sharp skirmishes in front. & can see the bridge at 8 mile creek burning. they were destroying the work shops when our men come up. The Reb run & co G. & B. of 33d & a co of 28th Wis were sent back immediately to a bridge across Black Creek just 2 mile from town to guard it. we marched back reaching it about 5 P. M. on the march back met most of my runaway boys. coming up. Several negros come in from the Rebs & report their force at 700 cav & 4 pieces of Artillery. All quiet in the front Rumors.—That Lee has surrendered his army to Grant & with it the Southern confederacy.—A salute of 100 guns was fired in Mobile Bay at 9. A. M. in honor of the fall of the city.

*Friday, April 14.* Spend a pleasant day, have a skiff ride, boys fishing a great deal. plenty of eels in the creek, the train gone in with 3 wounded of the 91st Ill. our whole loss of yesterday, the Rebs lost by accounts of negros who have come in since 10 killed besides the wounded, boys go out to the houses close by & get milk butter & eggs. forage good fat beef & plenty of meal at an old Reb commissary. at 5. P. M. cos B. & G. are relieved & ordered to report to the Regt. 4 miles distant, get our supper over & start at 5.30 making mile heats, it would have been all right had we not tried to take a short cut across to save a few steps. got lost & marched about in the brush & sloughs for a mile before we found the regt. by which time it was 9 o'clock. found Capt with a tent up. Many flying rumors in camp.—that Grant captured 37000 of Lees army then Lee surrendered 40,000 more,—That Thomas has captured Forest & his men. & Thomas men scalped Forest (?)—that Steele captured a train & 5 locomotives which attempted to run out last night. Capt Gibson (Ex Major 33 Iowa) in C. S. Post of Mobile,

*Saturday, April 15.* Soon as breakfast is over sit down to write a letter, not finished before I was detailed to take charge of 40 men & report to Div Head Quarters, was about 9. A. M. when I reported, the detail was to go on the train to Mobile for the purpose of loading & unloading 200 sacks of corn, while we waited for the train saw a squad of 10 negro soldiers with arms come in who had deserted the Rebs &

report none closer than 20 miles, they say the Rebs declare they will bush whack us. & also report that Genl Lee had issued an order that all Rebs found in arms after the 1st of April (I think they meant May) should be considered as outlaws. The train started at 9.15, & run down in 20 minutes, left the detail at the depot & went with Capt Jordan A. A. Q. M. to the wharf to see about the corn. was in the Provost Martial's office & the citizens of Mobile was doing a big job of swearing swallowing the oath at a gulp. The streets are full of Yankee officers with their starch on. It was 1. P. M. before the corn was brought to the cars, after which we waited for Cols. Patterson & Grier to come before the train starts, while we wait the coquette a reb. steamer comes down the Mobile river loaded with cotton, she had tried to get off with it but the Yanks got on the river ahead of her & she returned with her cargo. about 4. P. M. our teams just over from the Eastern shore start out to camp. train starts at 4. unload the corn & get to camp just in time as it rains soon after. I have just time to distribute the mail, of which there was but little before the rain fell in perfect floods, rained hard for about an hour, a Regt of Cavalry camp out beyond us tonight & the artillery belonging to the Div moves out, rumors of Lees defeat & surrender grow more in favor. Reported that a fed. force had taken Meridian & that Galveston Texas had surrendered & Texas had sent commissioners to Washington asking to come back into the Union & the privilege of free trade as the residents were starving.

*Sunday, April 16.* Spend most of this day writing have a little difficulty in co. col Mackey orders me to tie one of my men for refusing to clean his gun which he brought on inspection dirty. Dick Tol heads a party to cut him loose & is arrested by the col & sent under guard to the Provost Martial to await trial for Mutiny. I prefer charges. & c This P. M Genl Canby sends around a circular that he has official notice that Genl Lee has surrendered his entire army to Grant. The Chaplain deliver a sermon in camp this evening. Reported that money to pay this army is on the way. see quite a no of ladies promenading today but do not go out of camp to look around.

*Monday, April 17.* Spend most of day writing, at 12. m. a salute of 200 guns fired by order of Genl Canby in honor of the surrender of Genls Lee to Grant & Genl Johnston to Sherman, Maury is reported in camp 40 miles from here & Meridian is in the hands of the yankees, take a stroll this evening, find the whole army in fine spirits & it is reported that Col Forest has surrendered at Memphis. weather very warm.

*Tuesday, April 18.* Rec orders to be ready for the road at 12. m. with 4 days rations officers & men. at noon rec orders to be ready at 6. a. m. tomorrow. It is reported that a fort on the Tombigbee has surrendered to Smith on same conditions Grant gave Lee. Flag of truce in from Genl Dick Taylor, Business not known. Lt Loughridge & I take a walk after supper. call on Lt Hook we talk with a deserter

just arrived who says the Rebel reports are that Lee left Richmond in 3 columns commanded by Genls Lee, Bushrod Johnston & Ewell. Lees column was captured. The others escaped & joining Jo Jonston make a combined attack on Sherman capturing 18,000 prisoners. That all the forces in this Dept. are concentrated at Meridian under Taylor. That Thomas captured Montgomery. That Kirby Smith has 80,000 men in Texas & intends to take them to Missouri.

*Wednesday, April 19.* Revelie at 4. a. m. Div on the road at 6. Lt Cooper tells us our destination is the mouth of the Tombigbee distant about 30 miles. We leave the R. R. at Whistler. Find the marching hard although the Regt was in the advance. We travel about 11. miles & camp near a large & deep creek. Lt Loughridge & I go down to fish but after 3 hours faithful fishing returned to camp with nothing, just after dark hear one report of a cannon. See today the best looking rebel I ever, saw. he was a deserter & was marched by our Regt while we rested. a large close built & splendid looking man. Reported that 8 miles from this camp is a Reb force of 8000. & 12 miles is a U. S. Arsenal at Mt Vernon. The clk of Div Com. says that yesterday a fleet of Gun boats & Transports went up to the mouth of the Tombigby carrying 400,000 rations. It is the talk that we will establish a base there & move next to Lt. Stephens, has been a very warm day

*Thursday, April 20.* Revelie at 3. Genl. at 4. column moves at 5. 33d in the rear. co. G. in the wagon train. very warm roads tolerably good. At 2½ P. M. leave the road & turn to the left to strike Cedar creek at a point above narrow enough to bridge easily as the bridge on the main road was burned & the stream too wide to be bridged easily. reach the creek at 3. & are ordered to make coffee while the Pioneer Corps build a bridge. a small scout of cavalry ride to the river about 3 miles from the road & bring in 5 deserters & report that our gunboat captured a transport & barge loaded with cotton. The deserters say all the Rebes have gone to Meridian. The bridge is completed just at dark & the column begins to move over, is 8:30 when the 33d crossed & 10. before we are ready to lie down. The prospect for rain made it necessary to cross the creek as a hard rain would render it impassible. It is reported that Thomas has whipped Dick Taylor

*Friday, April 21.* Has been an unlucky day. begins to rain at 3. A. M. Revelie at 3:30 & Genl sounded at 4. The rain pouring down & no one having breakfast, fortunately our cook had coffee. It rained hard while we loaded the wagons. The Regt moved out at 5. rain slackes up. & we cross a swamp of a mile which much rain would render impassible, it was half knee deep of water as it was. at 6.20. We march through the Arsenal at Mt Vernon no town ½ doz houses within a mile or so, some of them very fine and nice flower gardens. The Arsenal was deserted. is a much finer gronds & buildings than the Little Rock Arsenal & all in good repair, is enclosed by a thick wall of Brick 10 ft high. begins to rain as hard as I ever experienced as we pass through



this Arsenal, & keeps it up almost incessantly until 2. P. m. creeks & sloughs from 2 to 3 ft deep & all have to wade. No dry feet in this army. The pine flats are covered with water 6 inches deep. Camp at 12. at Monroe—hubbah bluffs, on the Tombigbee R. I am detailed for picket. & by the time I am on post is 2. P. M. & the rain ceases, build up large fires & dry off. The 29th Iowa send in for rations from the Arsenal where they are left with one section (2 pieces) of artillery. I send to camp for my supper, & as soon as it is night make arrangements with the non commissioned offs. to run the guard & lie down for a nap & sleep.

*Saturday, April 22.* Quiet all night, a little shower about Midnight. As I was not notified that we would march today lay in bed until late. Our Nigger Charlie brought breakfast for me which I greatly relished. It is talked that this is about the only place on the river the Jonnies could bring guns to bear on transports & is to be fortified & held by a garrison a gunboat lies in the river here & I hear that 5 more are 5 miles above. I am relieved & return to camp at 11. a m after dinner Lt Loughridge & I walk to the river about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from camp. The bank a very steep bluff 50 ft high, on the bank a good & large frame house splendidly furnished & the folks at home. I hear the man is a parolled prisoner from Lees army. I understand that there are two cuts off one about 3 miles & the other about 10 or 15 miles above here & that it is the object to go above these & plant guns large enough to keep the Reb fleet which is above from coming down. Patrolls arrest quite a no of men for foraging and more fore nothing, march them to Div Hd Quarters, all punished alike riding a wooden horse, a beautiful day but Evening somewhat cool, a negro dance in the battery near by. Amusing.

*Sunday, April 23.* Inspection at 9. A. M. Lt Hook comes to the Regt with the sad intilgence of the Assassination of President Lincoln & Sec Seward which is published in the Mobile paper. The news quickly spreads & groups of men can be seen all arond talking in low tones with a look of sadness never worn by them before, at 10, a. m the Div Brass Band plays the "dead march" & is followed by the bands of Regts in order. It is truly a solemn day & the boys one & all vow to take vengance in Southern blood, many who favored peace this morning now favor utter extermination; about noon we are greeted with the arrival of Luit Sharman looking like altogether a different man from the Luit Sharman we left at Little Rock the 14 of Feb he brings an extra which states that it is thought Seward is not mortally wounded & hopes of his recovery is enertained, he spent the night last night with Capt Lacy & reports that Genl Steeles Corps proceeded up the Alabama river this morning, embarked on 15 transports escorted by a fleet of gun boats, says a very fine Gulf steamer was blown up in the channel in the Bay by a torpedo of which there remain some yet. Luit SeEVERS

is detailed to proceed to New Orleans to bring up our Books & Records. Weather cool.

*Monday, April 24.* Night unpleasantly cool, do not move this morning, a. m. to the commissary for grub. after dinner Lt Sherman & I take a walk to the river, go in the garden attached to the house & enjoy a mess of fine ripe straw berries, rec orders late this evening for the left wing of the regt to be ready at 6. a. m. tomorrow to go on board the gunboat Octorara, all to take two days rations. I understand we are to be sent up this way to take possession of a mill so as not to allow it to be burned.

*Tuesday, April 25.* By 6. a. m. all ready march to the river descend at a steep bluff. was possible to get down but impossible to get up if up was the word, were conveyed from the shore to the boat on a coal flat at 2 loads, & at 7.15, the boat started. the weather was fine & had a pleasant ride no accidents, the boat laid in too close in making one short turn & was some 10 minutes getting her clear. All the country until we reach Mc Intoshs Bluffs is over flowed we disembark at Mc Intoshs Bluffs at 11 a. m. Bluffs here are not more than 12 ft high, there are 4 dwellings, 3 families living here one story & a half dwelling house through which one of the gunboats fired a shell just a week ago at a Mr Vaughn who shot at a skiff load of negroes coming down to the Boat. is vacant the family having left soon after the gunboat left which stayed but a short time, a black smith shop with 6 forces & cranes built for heavy work, a large carpenter shop & piles of timber which were to have been a Gunboat had not the yankees come too quick a good saw & grist mill at work, the hull of an unfinished ram built 20 miles above & float here & burned lay at the landing. Several small flats of negros & some whites come down the river, all report the Reb fleet of 2 gunboats & 27 transports at Damopolus, found chickens & pigs plenty, no fat cattle. at 4, P. M. just as a transport was landing we were about to build breastworks, but being reinforced thus did not. & I took a cart & five men to the contry for some bacon. Capt Rankin took two others out to old Parson Rushs (an old nigger driver) for Sweet potatoes. I got back just at dusk. fond the Regt together & camping about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the river. The whole Brigade had arrived on Transports. The Regt teams not coming we took the cars & were to 10. P. M. getting all our baggage up to the Regt. Quite a no of citizens come in amongst whom was the wife of Capt Jonston who surrendered the Tennessee. Capt Taylor & river Pilots, Mrs Bates & others. Any no of darkies, the balance of the Division is said to becoming by land.

*Wednesday, April 26.* The Div gets in about 10, A. M. by land, our camp is made permanent & the officers of the Left wing quarter in a double log cabin near by busy all P. M fixing up. The news is officially announced once more that Genl Jo Jonston has surrendered 30,000 men to Genl Sherman.

*Thursday, April 27.* Genl Inspection at 9 A. M. co come in at 11, an extra Roll call was ordered by Genl Benton at 1. P. M all absentees to be reported to Div Head Quarter. Cos A. & B. were sent out to patrol & bring in soldiers found pillaging, several were sent in, A soldier from Forests army says that his men declare publicly if he does not disband them if Jonston surrenders they will kill him & go home, a slight shower at 1 P. M. and sprinkles semi occasionally during the afternoon after supper walk down to the river, call in to see Lt Cory, & after return to camp take a stroll with Lt Sharman. No boats in, no mail, no news!

*Friday, April 28.* A. M. to commissary for stores. The fort is laid out today, & details made to work on it. At noon was detailed for picket to report immediately. The Off of Day did not know where the line of our Brigade was, took us out on the wrong road making a walk extra of about 3 miles, was 4 P. M. when we arrived on our own line, found there the detail of 33 had been sent away to a bayou 1½ miles below the bluffs. Which post was to be relieved, having no place on the line for me The Off of Day ordered me to march my detail to camp. Short picketing that soon after return to camp supper ready. After supper Lt Laughridge & myself go to the river for a bath. talk with a squad of a Sergt of 4 men bearers of dispatch from Mobile & just arrived say a flag of truce from Taylor had been at Whistler for 5 days & rumor said Taylor wished to surrender. Told us of a Reb gunboat running out of Red River past New Orleans & being too closely chased beeched & blew up, saw a little nig. who gathered a mess of ripe haws to make us a pie, we to give him his supper of which he had had none, when we return to camp Lt Sharman says "the dispatch is just recd from Genl Canby announcing the surrender of Genl Taylor & all his forces. & that our men should respect him & his officers enroute to Mobile" as this order is published cheer after cheer rends the air, Lt Stocker 29th Iowa stays with us tonight, he come up from the Arsenal with an escort of 10 men & says that his segt captured 2 men of the squad who captured the teamsters near Fish river & that all the teamsters were sent to Vicksburgh for exchange. The Lt says there is no doubt this is a correct statement, Fleas Fleas. Fleas

*Saturday, April 29.* Work on Muster & Pay rolls all day, boat cam up last night bringing Mobile papers of the 28th with information that at the Mouth of Red river The Rebs were communicating for flag of truce relative to a speedy surrender by Kirby Smith of all the army west of the Mississippi. Many Citizens came in today some from 20 & 25 miles back & all express themselves astonished at the good treatment they rec from our soldiers. We wait patiently for something official from high authority confirmatory of the surrender of Joe Jonston. There is a report that somewhere near there is a rebel force of 400 & that the 1st Brig are ordered out on a scout with 2 days rations, Dick Taylor has not surrendered but is reported with his staff in Mobile. Papers note the arrival at Mobile of a paymaster & rumor says he is paying there. Take a walk after supper with Sergt Miller.

*Sunday, April 30.* Inspection & Muster at 7. A. M. Major Boydston is appointed Provost Marshal on Genl Bentons staff, in place of Lt Col Smith 35<sup>th</sup> Wis returned to Regt for laying outside of the lines 3 nights handrunning The 1st Brig return to camp at 3 P. M. Capt Williams of 28th Wis up to see us today rec notice of the discharge of Stephanus De Kock, Citizens say that sharks come up this river from the Bay

*Monday, May 1.* At 9, A. M. am summoned to the rooms of Genl. Court Marbial to testify in the case of Deik Tol Witnesses beside myself Col Mackey. Capt Ledyard & Rankin. P. M. writing all the time, News the Reb Sec. of war has surrendered everything under his control. Smoke seen this P. M. apparently up this river causes some concern as it was supposed to be rebel boats coming down, conclusion afterwards that the smoke was from our own boats on the Alabama river dust is becoming intolerable, & weather warm. The fort laid out—landwerd.

*Tuesday, May 2.* The 2d Brigade starts at 7 A. M. with 4 days rations & in light marching order are accompanied by one battery of 6 guns & 30 empty wagons, about an hour after was surprised to see the whole column returning to camp. I learn the cause to be that at the picket post was met a Liuet & 15 men with a flag of truce who reports that there is a cessation of hostilities in this Department for 30 days he had with him an order purporting to be from Genl Dick Taylor with his name attached forbidding any demonstrations of hostilities for 30 days. The Div Adjt goes out to see him and asks by whose authority he comes with a flag of truce to our lines, says by no other authority than his own. The Adjt tells him to get inside of his own lines as speedily as possible & not to come again without clothed with proper authority. This is talk, but there is other talk no more reasonable. That the flag brought a sealed dispatch which was sent to Mobile unbroken, there being no other boats here the Octorara (Gunboat) was dispatched immediately. I think there is more of it than the authorities would wish the soldier to know, for there must be something important or the brigade would not have turned back neither would the Octorara the only Gunboat here have been sent to Mobile. I spend the forenoon reading, about noon Mr. Rush is in & brings our mess some pickles, he says that he saw a Capt Foster just from Mobile yesterday morning who says there is an armistice of 30 days & that Genls Granger & Taylor have been in conference at 8 mile creek near Whistler for some 4 days, P. M. spend napping. After supper Lt Laughridge & self take a walk to the river, take a boat ride in a canoe returning towards camp stop at Lt Corys quarters, are soon joined by Maj Boydston. Spend about an hour here smoking & talking. The Maj tells us that it is a truth strange as it may seem that the pickets of both armies occupy Citroville amicably & the Reb army are repairing the R. R. from C — to Meridian, & our army repairing it from C — to Mobile, also thinks the paroles are made out & signed by this time for all of Taylors men, weather warm dust almost

in tolerable, & fleas "thicker than the hair on a dogs back" as Brass band serenades Brig Hd. Qtrs, tonight.

*Wednesday, May 3.* Kept close to quarters all day except a short visit to the commissary for some candles. At 11 A. M. the Gunboat Octorara returns bringing 4 or 5 men of our Regt. who had been up to Selma. Boat brings no news. Mr. Rush gives a dinner to which Genl Benton & a no of other officers were invited. At 12, M. a flag of truce carried by 2 Luets & 4 Privates goes out, destination not made known. After supper attended prayer meeting in camp. About tettoo time heard loud cheers in the 27th hearing that a boat had arrived Lt. Laughridge & self go to the landing to get the news. No boat, but hear that Col Patterson said "The news is glorious the war is over it is entirely played out." This was the cause of the cheering, how the news got here I dont know. Rumors of the day—a deserter reports Forest 75 miles form here with 2500 men determined to fight us.—The Reb fleet & between 2 & 3 thousand men lie at St Stephns 25 miles above waiting to hear from Genl Taylor.—All Regts with less than 9 months to serve ordered to New Orleans to be sent up the river preparatory to muster out.

*Thursday, May 4.* Was detailed for Picket & attended Guard mounting at 7. A. M. just at which time the welcome whistle of a boat was heard was 7.30 when I arrived on the Picket line. Sent to Miss Vaughns for a book to read she sends me Capt Bounevilles Adventures, very interesting, send in for the mail, which comes out at about 11 News of Sherman rather bad, 4 Paymasters arrive on the boat but none to pay our Brigade Our Pay Rolls to be sent to Mobile. At 4.30 return my Books & have the pleasure of seeing Miss Vaughn. also her Bro who is on parole borrow another book, evening Genl Benton passes out to Miss V—s Maj Boydston & Lt Sharman ride out to the post. Maj says that the no. of Rebs from Lees army in Mobile out number the yankees, the day passes very pleasantly indeed.

*Friday, May 5.* Night quiet. Relieved at 7.30 at camp at 8. find the whole Regt at work on the fort. I go down to look on, large fort, visit the paymaster on board the boat to try to get pay, he puts me off until tomorrow Mr. Vaughn at the landing drunk. P. M. spent reading. Evening call on the P-M- as boat starts tonight, he refuses to pay me, has been a very warm & sultry day & dust almost unbearable.

*Saturday, May 6.* About 8.30 hear a boat whistle soon after hear loud cheering at the landing Know the news is good. News soon reaches camp that Genl Taylor has surrendered to Genl Canby & Com. Farring to Admiral Thatcher, that the details at work on the fort have been set to chopping wood for the fleet which the boat was to go up to escort down This Div is ordered to Mobile on the said fleet. I go to the landing & see the steamer Crawford just starting up the river with the white flag on the Jackstaff, she is ½ loaded with parolled soldiers going home Hear that Jonston had surrendered again conditions all right. Every one is in high spirits & the opinion is 4 to 1 that we celebrate the 4th of July at home Every available team is hauling cord wood from the

country to the landing, see a man who says he had just come from Columbus Ky to Mobile by rail, Go to river to bathe in the evening notice the Oclarara is gone Has been quite warm all day.

*Sunday, May 7.* In camp reading all day. Men down the river at 10 A. M. report the fleet of 3 gunboats & 40 transport 40 mile above & will be down tomorrow night. Orders to keep arms bright & in order to march through the streets of Mobile. Hear a salute fired at Mobile at 12. M, At 6. P. M. hear a salute fired at Mobile those who counted said there were 34 guns. Sprinkles a little just at sun down. Preaching in camp in the evening. at 9. P. M. begins raining hard

*Monday, May 8.* Rained very hard during the night, hearing that during the night a boat had come in Luliet Laughridge & I go to the landing. find no boat; cross the bayou & gather a mess of blackberries, dewberries & huckleberries, was on our way back when we see coming down the river the Reb steamer "Jeff Davis" by the time we reached the landing the boat was tying up we went on board & saw the effect of a shell which had burst in her cabin this while we were besieging Spanish fort. She is quite a nice boat. Took a ride on her from the landing up to the wood yard, & learned from a capt aboard that there were 19 transports & 3 Gunboats to come down & that they would be arriving until tomorrow evening, on my way to camp Lt. Cooper told me the Regt was detailed for fatigue, reached camp at 10 Regt detailed to wood boats. While we load the Jeff Davis these transports & the Gunboat—Ram, "Baltic" come down, the Baltic bring with her their torpedo boat, a strange looking affair small & nearly entirely under water. The Regt woods the Jeff Davis, Magnolia & another boat no name on, & are relieved for dinner. after dinner march back, the gunboats Morgan & Nashville have arrived & lie anchored in the stream the Reb flag flying on the Nashville. Every boat carried a white flag. The "Southern Republic" a double cabined concern, one of the largest class of transports lies at the wood yard. The Regt was relieved & sent to camp without working, soon after getting back rec orders to hold everything in readiness to embark at a minutes warning, waited all P. M. no further orders. after Supper Capt Rankin Luit Harter & self go to the landing see several other boats which had arrived amongst them the Reindeer, Watson, & Admiral, begin to rain hurry to camp, get a little wet but reach quarters in time to miss the hard rain which fell for about an hour, during which time a train of some 20 wagons come in loaded with resin 10 bbls to each wagon, Spend the evening writing & killing fleas.

*Tuesday, May 9.* Revelie at 3. A. M. At 5 Brigade falls in & starts to the landing. are ordered back to camp to await for more boats, at 8 A. M. ordered to the river again march down & stack arms The Blockade runner Heroine lies here. At 11. Cos G. B. & K ordered on board the Robt Watson a stern wheel craft, balance of Regt go on board the Magnolia, at 12, m. signal gun is fired for the first boat to start, our boat starts at 1. P. M. We left the Rebel fleet at the Bluffs, they yet have their colors flying over a flag of truce, officers of their fleet on

shore dressed in new suits, wagon load of contraband come in to go to Mobile, take on most of them & just as we leave another boat comes down the river & begins to load the balance. Was asleep when our boat passed Nonnohubbah Bluffs, meet in the river about  $\frac{1}{2}$  way down one monitor & 2 gunboats going up to accept the surrender of the Rebel Gunboats & escort them in. Meet also 2 transports, about 8 miles above town pass the Gertrude sunken to midway of the cabin, land at Mobile at 7.20, having made the run in 6 hours & 20 minutes passing on the way the Jeff Davis & the C. W. D. which was a very slow boat. Men were not allowed to go off the boat, Mr Day of co A. just from Keokuck on his way to Regt tells us that the order is published in the todays paper that the '62 troops are to be mustered out before June & c. some contro-bands unloading a wench dropped her baby in the river & it was lost, the mother didn't seem to care & tis thought the affair was intentional, at 8.30 the rest of Regt coming up we disembarked & by the light of the moon marched out 3 miles to camp arriving at 10 P. M. teams soon arrived with our baggage & we turned in for the night very tired.

*Wednesday, May 10.* Slept sweetly. Sun arose hot. Myself rather lame with a boil on the right ancle, Temp & Capt hard to work get up a good shade & at 10, A. M. ordered  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to the right & camp in the brushy woods where we have to cut out the brush to make camp. The report of our likelyhood to be mustered out arose from the publication of Genl Orders No 77, news here that Kirby Smith tells his men by a proclamation that he intend to fight, are told that tomorrow at 8. a. m. we get our Greenback rec mail today.

*Thursday, May 11.* Sprinkled a little during the night cloudy & promising rain this morning. Spend the forenoon making out some Returns. Afternoon spend writing, sprinkled a very little A. M. Pay Master Maj Gifford commences paying the regt at 10. 45 pay all the companies except "K" "G" & "B, which have to lay over until tomorrow. Lt Cory come over this evening when he & I went to the pay master & drew our pay. I was paid in full up to time of discharge Feb 20th 1865, & rec'd \$253.30. Genl Steel has arrived with his command & Genl Smith is coming with the 10th Corps. Men visiting the city today had to have passes approved by the Pro Marshal of the Div which had to be approved by the Pro Marshal in the city before they could return on them, evening cool, about 300 of Genl Taylors men come in from Meridian today & the town is alive with grey backs.

*Friday, May 12.* Quite cold during the night, find myself almost too lame to walk when I get up foot swelled badly The co is paid at 10.30 A. M. after which have a time settling up old scores I pay out over \$50.00 debts, Capt Lacy in camp, says their expedition to Montgomery was a pleasure trip. The Rebel commandant at Montgomery recd a telegram from Genl Dick Taylor announcing an armistice & ordering him to make no hostile demonstrations, when Steeles men took possession of the town the Rebel command marched out with all their arms & c & colors flying, & while Steele remained there citizens & soldiers of

both armies went where ever they pleased without passes mixing around most amacably. The citizens invited the Fed officers out to dinners and were as friendly as could be, also that Jeff Davis & his crew passed within 50 miles of Steeles camp & he had plenty of cavalry to have over taken & captured him but couldnot on account of the armistice he heard from his whereabouts daily. Genl Canby has gone to New Orleans & has left orders not to move here until his return,—So says madam R— One Div of Jonstons army 5000 men arrive at Mobile on the morning train from Meridian. Smiths corps is reported arriving & there seems to be a change in affairs, men now go to & return from the city on a pass approved by the Brig. Comd't, & citizens pass the picket line without passes from 9. A. M. to 6 P. M. The 29th Iowa is relieved at the arsenal at Mt. Vernon by one company & have come down to the comd. Stock in Sherman is taking a rise

*Saturday, May 13.* Confined to camp all day on act. of my leg. No news of any kind in but rumored that Jeff Davis is across the Mississippi, One Regt go on the cars to Meridian today. (The 43d Ind, I believe), a steamboat took fire at the wharf & burned today, yesterday at the dinner table at the Battle House it so happened that a federal officer sat between two confed officers, pie was placed on the table on plates one to each man, one of the Jonnies who I suppose had been a long time without such luxuries having eaten all on his plate spoke to the other, saying "If you are not going to eat all your pie pass it to me." The other Mr. Jonnie seems had as deep an affection for the good things as his comrade & instead of handing his own pie handed that of the Federal officer, who said not a word at the table of the insult, but dinner over as the Co. was going down stairs the federal officer struck the Reb a blow that laid him out in a state "Hors du combat," I guess the Jonnies will learn that the Yankees know which party holds the highest cards. The excellent treatment they receive makes them bold & insolent. The Reb Gunboats arrived out of the Tombigbee last night. Times are dull & nothing doing of interest, Mr. Teft formerly a plasterer at Pella, was all day in our camp with a portable museum, leg well enough to take a short walk this evening

*Sunday, May 14.* Arose late this morning, lameness much better. Capt. on duty as Brig. off. of the day & I take the co out on inspection Spend the forenoon reading & writing, sleep all the afternoon Nothing new in the papers today published in Mobile. The steamer which burned yesterday was the Lt. John, everything on board was a total loss, two lives lost one a passenger the other the cabin boy, fire broke out in some cotton alongside the boiler Boys who have been to the city today state that the 1st Div Quartermaster had drawn the clothing & entrenching tools for that command but was ordered not to issue, & I learn positively that the 26th N. Y. Battery had drawn the complement of ammunition for field service & had again turned it over, Preaching in camp this eve After supper go to the river, While there the steamers Thomas and Lockwood come down the latter carrying about 300 Jonnies.



*Monday, May 15.* Seems to be the opinion that we will remain here sometime Regt are ordered to clear the brush from about the camp & keep them well policed. I go to the pier at the river & take a canoe & am rowed to the city by "99" in the short space of 43 minutes, find the town crowded with Jonnies, plenty of stores open but no stock on yet, go to more than a dozen shops before I could get a pair of shoes to suit me & payed the small sum of \$8.00 The city did not interest me atal & I remained but about  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour, going back to find our canoe it was gone, & I had to foot it to camp  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles which I found no fun for a lame man especially as the sun was most unsparingly liberal with its heated rays. I heard no news in town, no paper published this morning, a regt of Jonnies from the state of La. came in on the cars they look pretty rough, stopped at the bridge to wash & cool off saw 2 recruits green from the north for an Illinois Regt arrived at camp found John Alsup of co B had been a prisoner with our men in Texas is now exchanged. reports that there is an order in New Orleans to muster out all the troops enlisted in 1862, Reports from Div Head Quarters are that a flag of Truce has been sent to negotiate terms of surrender with Kirby Smith & that the reb Genl Hood accompanied the flag to use his influence with Smith. This P. M. Div rees orders to be in readiness to move at an hours warning & to store all surplus baggage immediately in Mobile. This looks toward Texas. It is yet a hidden mistery how we will move from here. Some say by water to New Orleans others direct to Galveston & yet others that we will march to Batonrouge went to the river this evening & had the pleasure of a fine boat ride leg gives me but little pain

*Tuesday, May 16.* Quite unwell this morning, with a severe attack of flux Keep my bed all day, & at night feel no better. Lt Loughridge was in town but could learn no news. A boat had arrived from New Orleans & brings important dispatches for this Army but they are secret This evening 300 Negros Ft. Pillow prisonors are brought down the river which proves they were not all killed at least, at 8. P. M. hear loud chearing soon learn the cause to be a dispatch recd from Wilson through Smith announcing the capture of the Traitor Jeff Davis. There is a rumor that Texas is surrendered but needs confirmation, & it is the Opinion that this Corps will go then whether or no, & it is said Hawkins Div of negros will be transferred to the corps in place of Veaches Div to be left at Mobile Smart Thunder shower this P. M.

*Wednesday, May 17.* Spent a miserable night which was more disturbed by a gang of officers of 28th Wis coming around about 12 oclock on a high. They tried unsuccessfully to get Cap. out with them, have a shower at 2. p. m. The woods about camp full of gamblers, many gambling now who never did before. Am feeling some better this evening

*Thursday, May 18.* Rained very hard during the night, feel much better today & am up most of time,—Sanitary Potatoes begin to work—Capt Lacy was out & took supper with us, announces the arrival this P. M. of Genl Canby. Nothing new going on but Rumor says a

train of 900 wagons is to be sent through by land to Baton Rouge with the 50th Ind to guard it.

*Friday, May 19.* Feeling much better today went to the city in sailboat in company with Capt Gore, Cormly & others reach the wharf at 11.15, A. M. Each goes his way to meet at the boat at 1. P. M. My business was to find some clothing but did not find it in Mobile. Met several officers of the Regt. Capt Bell informs me that he hears the transportation of this Div & all our surplus baggage were loaded on steamers & ordered to New Orleans. Get dinner at a Resterant & meet at the boat as pr appointment, have a fine run up in 20 minutes. The Rebel officers in the city do not hold their heads so high as at first. They seem to begin to feel their condition. The town was lively & quiet a no of ladies out in the vain pursuit I suppose of the new fashions which have not yet arrived. The 50th Ind from our Div & the 10th Ind start this eve for Mt Gomery to consolidate with the 52 Ind & it is talked that Regts are to be Brigaded by states, Weathers today very warm

*Saturday, May 20.* Spend the forenoon writing. In the afternoon Lt Laughridge & self take a canoe & go a mile or two up a bayou to fish, catch no fish but get a small bait of blackberries Hear this evening that the 11th & 12th Ind. Infty turned over their arms at Mobile & took shipping for Columbus Ky. It is thought by some officers that we will get away tomorrow or Monday. Beauregard in town.

*Sunday, May 21.* Very hot, not very well, Regt recs the following order from Genl Canby dated N. O. May 16, 65 Commandants of Regts. Batteries & Detachments will whose turn of service expires on or before the 1st day October will report immediately to these Head Quarters the exact date of the expiration of service also their effective strength. It is opinion at Div & Brig Hd Quarters that our Regt will be mustered out soon. Preaching in camp.

*Monday, May 22.* Still waiting for orders. Nothing new. Go fishing with Lt Loughridge, no fish. Camp talk is review in N. O. the 1st of June & home by 15th

*Tuesday, May 23.* Dept all A. M. P. M. Lt. L. & self go fishing, back after dark with a string enough for a mess for breakfast. 20th Wis transferring recruits. Orders for drill & parade daily.

*Wednesday, May 24.* Drill co from 6. to 8 A. M. Writing most of day Parade at 6. P. M. Nothing new, weather warm

*Thursday, May 25.* Sleep all A. M. At 2 P. M. Ordnance depot in the city blows up with a terrific explosion. Killing & wounding 1000 people, & destroying 8 blocks of building mostly warehouses, 3 steamboats burned & 8000 bales of cotton. In the city in the evening, shells still exploding. Dock all on fire hardly a whole glass in town, & sashes all shattered to pieces.

*Friday, May 26.* Conclusion, that the accident of yesterday was caused by a workman dropping a percussion shell in the shell room which exploding ignited 30 tuns of powder. P. M the 1st Div ordered to New

Orleans & part of them embark. We rec orders to hold the Comd in readiness to march with 2 hours notice with transportation &c the same & 100 ronds ammunition to the man. Patroll duty today.

*Saturday, May 27.* At 11. A. M. Lt Cooper rode along line of Brig announcing the rect of telegram announcing the surrender of Kirby Smith, Men cheered lustily & fired a no of mines &c. On the lame list again

*Sabbath, May 28.* Can hear an occasional shell burst in the fire of the ruins in town yet. Today there is an impression that we stay here but one or two days then to New Orleans thence home. Preaching evening, take a ride in skiff. Ship loaded with Negro soldiers passed out for New Orleans.

*Monday, May 29.* Guard of 60 men around every Regt camp men firing mines, a change in program. thought we will go to——— City La The Enginger Corps plays out. & an order from War Dept is Recd to muster out Regt in the Field. Genl Steel assigned to an important comd in Texas 6000 men from this Div to go with him. This evening not so much faith in us going out soon.

*Tuesday, May 30.* At work today posting up the Co. books, making out Receipt Rolls of Clothing &c during A. M. P. M. sleep. It seems to be the opinion at Div & Corp Hd. Qtrs that the 33d will be mustered out, will probably know by tomorrow night

*Wednesday, May 31.* Go to the city to make some purchases while there hear that the Div is under orders to embark, hurry to camp find the Regt under said orders at 3. P. M. start to Mobile. Stack arms at the dock. 27th Wis go on the Peerless to the Continental in Mobile Bay 28 miles off. 33d to wait. Spend the most of evening running about town Lt Sharman & self attend the Theatre. play Pochohontas.

*Thursday, June 1.* About town until 8. A. M. at which time Regt embarks. wait for Commissaries &c, until 10 A. M. arrive along side Continental at 12 M. find her fast on the sand in 14 ft water. Peerless & Iberville failed to help her off & wait the tide boat very warm

*Friday, June 2.* Continental succeeded in getting free at 12, M. run down in Bay near Ft Morgan anchored Regt embarked at 2. P. M. Men so thick cant all lie down. No orders. Star light runs along side loaded with Commissaries for the Ship load part of them, G. C. Richardson & James Smith sent back to Mobile sick. No orders yet where to go to. Evening ship passes with Capt Lacy on board, weather very warm.

*Saturday, June 3.* At 12 M. BelleveDeere from Mobile we are to follow her, the Morgoretta to follow us. All the orders the Capt of B. V. D. has is his order to load for Brozos, the Ships start at 12, M Big turtle, & porposes

*Sunday, June 4.* Smooth sea. Our ship by order of Col Krez did not wait on the others & is far ahead See a school of thousands of porposes, speak a schooner at 6. P. M.

*Monday, June 5.* Sea rather rough. Many sick See flying fish

*Tuesday, June 6.* Ship anchored at ¼ past 12 boat right in the gulf

front of Brozos Sanbiago. Morning see the Clinton & another steamship with troops on board. Gunboat Princess Royal (Captured of Charleston) & a few schooners. counted 38 sails laying off Bagdad Pilot boat conducts the Clinton in, & unload the other ship.

*Wednesday, June 7.* On duty as officer of guard A. M. cos D. G. F & A. of 33d & 4 cos of 28th get off. P. M. balance of 33d off. I left on board with detail to guard & transfer Regt property. Sea rough Bellevedere in

*Thursday, June 8.* Rained most of night & nearly all day, the lighter run along side but seas too rough to do anything, Scaomp strikes the bar in trying the channel.

*Friday, June 9.* Sea calmer, schooner alongside I. co of 28th embark, and over about  $\frac{1}{2}$  Regt Baggaged &  $\frac{1}{2}$  detail goes over, P. M. The Lighter comes alongside & takes the balance of 28th except a small detail. Morgoritter arrives at 12, M. About 2 P. M. a schooner is towed alongside. our orders to load everything on her. get the horses. Regt stores & part of Com stores aboard, 3. P. M. the lighter brings out 50 passengers 15 ladies amongst them. The Hudson arrives with troops, sky cloudy & capt talks much of danger of a norther

*Saturday, June 10.* Soon as breakfast over finish loading com. stores. No of bls bread lost by breaking open at 2, P. M. turned in, land on the island of Brazos at the city of Brazos Santiago about 4 small houses, all the water used is condensed. ration 1 gal per day, plenty of fish. hear the sad news that the Col Lt Col & adjt of ——— Regt were bathing, the tide carried them out, the Lt Col was saved by his servt but the Col & Adjt were lost

*Sunday, June 11.* Always a cool breeze. Some talk about a battery Max, recd of the Rebs after their surrender, hear it is all right now, rained a little during the day, talk of moving our Brig. to mouth of Rio grande.

*Monday, June 12.* In camp all day. Orders this evig for Brig to march at 4 A. M. tomorrow, see a young shark.

*Tuesday, June 13.* Revelie at 3. A. M. breakfast at 3.4', March at 5.30, follow the beach. Pleasant wind good traveling, reach Clarksville at 8.30, quite a no go across to Bagdad. No poles for tent.

*Wednesday, June 14.* Visit the Mexican side get poles for tent. About 300 of our soldiers over. Many drunk, drink & everything else cheap. return at 12, M. a fun over the swim P. M. the Riogrande is narrow swift and so muddy one cant wash in it.

*Thursday, June 15.* Communication with Bagdad stopped today. Several vessels arrive at Brazos with troops of 25 comps———— a shot was fired at one of our guards by some one secreted in a schooner across the river. A fleet of 40 sail lays in the harbor loaded with cotton for french

*Friday, June 16.* Genl Slack is assigned to command our Brigade. Issues orders for drill 2 hours. Parade sundown, no enlisted men to

cross the river. Gulf so high that the black troops at Brazos cannot disembark.

*Saturday, June 17.* Go with some other officers to Bagdad stage was robbed last night from Matamoras by Cortimer's men. 2 custom house officer on a drunk stopped stage for \$2.00 about 6 weeks ago & was shot for it. Shoot is the word in Mexico. A schooner lightening troops at Brazos missed the channel running in & was wrecked. A total loss, no lives lost.

*Sunday, June 18.* Cholera morbus all night, was 6 cases in Regt. quite weak today. Yellow fever in Matamorass. awful hot & poor water.

*Monday, June 19.* Nothing of interest, a schooner wrecked at the mouth of river an occurrence so common it scarce demands attention. Weather hot & getting hotter.

*Tuesday, June 20.* At 12 M. A salute by 2 English Men of War in honor of the Queens birthday. another schooner wrecked at the mouth of the Riogrande.

*Wednesday, June 21.* 5 P. M. French practice firing about 3 or 4 miles out in the Gulf. Rec mail just at dark.

*Thursday, June 22.* Drilled co A. M. French artillery practice all day. Mirage

*Friday, June 23.* Drilled co. a. m. cooler today. One Regt of nigs come up Wednesday evening, go to Brownville this P. M. At 2. P. M. detailed with 25 men for fatigue. wait 1 hour at the landing for wagons for lumber. during time  $\frac{1}{2}$  detail get drunk, hear 2 of 35th Wis to be shot at Bagdad tomorrow for stealing. At camp at 5. P. M. Genls Sheridan & Granger arrived at Bagdad.

*Saturday, June 24.* To Bagdad a. m. for provision for mess. most of streets foot deep in water. return 11. A. M. attend Off's call. Col sends communication from Capt Lacy, that the 33d would go home, orders would be issued immediately & to prepare the enc papers for muster out, go to Bagdad P. M. with nearly all the offs of Regt return at dark, parade this eve & two offs in the line. Genls Sheridan Steele Weitzel & Granger, pass up river for Brownville per steamer Heroine, (of Mobile), We await Genl Steeles return for transportation. The British ship Wolverniefired a national salute at daybreak this morning in honor of the anniversary of the Queens Coronation, 2 Brigades of Nigs moved up to White Ranch last night

*Sunday, June 25.* In camp all day. Weather very warm. Juluis Peters joins co.

*Monday, June 26.* Very warm. Rec marching orders & a small mail ordered to be ready to march at 4 A. M. tomorrow transportation furnished to Galveston on the Warrior

*Tuesday, June 27.* Revelie at 3. smart shower at 4.30 get off at 6, 2 hours & 40 min. to Brazos. Lighter just starting out not unloaded before night had to camp, sleep on a board pile See Lt Henry Whitney.

*Wednesday, June 28.* Embark at 9. a. m. on Louisa. go out to Warrior seas run too high. cant effect a transfer return disembark & form

camp Wind increases. P. M. Capt & I go on board the boat & make out muster Rolls.

*Thursday, June 29.* Last night a little rain a great deal of wind & sand. Wait all day wind still up.

*Friday, June 30.* Calmer: A. M. Muster. working until 2. P. M. on papers. At 2 P. M. A norther lasts until 6. P. M. go on board Louisa for the night.

*Saturday, July 1.* Raining. Embark on Louisa at 9. A. M. at 11. go out until 6.30 transferring to Warrior. Stormy indications Rains a little at 6. W—— starts at 6.30, quarter on deck under awning. Ship rools much.

*Sunday, July 2.* Storm nearly all night. Wind high all day but so unsteady that the sea remains comparatively smooth. Several of the officers and quite a no of the Men become sea sick Col. bears dispatches for Indianola, run into harbor at Corpus Christi. find the mistaken coast along to Indianola at 5. P. M. leave dispatches on board gunboat, & strike out for Galveston.

*Monday, July 3.* Run into Galveston at 8. A. M. lie all day with orders to proceed at high tide tomorrow, business part of town dead. Suburbs beautiful, fine residences, with shade trees & flowers in profusion. Citizens scarce. 29th Ill. Vets. just arrived this morning. 7th Mass. Bat arrives on the steamer U. P. Banks, at 6 P. M.

*Tuesday, July 4.* National salute at daybreak. Ship starts at 6. A. M. sea very smooth, day pleasant. See lines of vegetation on the water

*Wednesday, July 5.* Early this morning pass over ship island shoals the light house in sight. A. M. quite a sharp shower, reach the S. W. pass at 6. P. M. Pilot boarded us immediately & run in behind the McLellan. Pass the Forts at night, reach the quarantine station at 11. P. M. anchor for the night, Musketoos so bad none can sleep.

*Thursday, July 6.* Dr boarded us at 4 A. M. & sent us on our way rejoicing. Scenery beautiful. Hard rain A. M. arrived at N. O. at 1. P. M. Get off & run around, anchor in the stream for the night

*Friday, July 7.* At 7. A. M. go up river & turn go down river & turn go up river & land near the Ala. cotton press our quarters for our stay in city: detailed to take charge of party to transfer baggage from ship, begin at 12. M. finish at 3 P. M. go up town for dinner ride in St. cars while it rains Evening attend Academy of Music Performance good.

*Saturday, July 8.* Musketoos & fleas. drove Morpheus out of the Bks, A. M. to Com for stores for Mess, writing a little too hot to work much. Orders to transfer recruits to 34th Iowa, Brass band comes to quarter in A. Press, Genl, Herons band & are here for Muster out.

*Sunday, July 9.* Inspection at 9. A. M. busy all day working on Rolls, eve with Mr. Ellis & Dr Rice for church, no church take a look at the city. Warm bright and city lit with gass. Canal St. alive with feminine &c, saloons full, and everything gay.

*Monday, July 10.* Worked hard all day. P. M. hard rain, progressing finely with Rolls. Eve Mr Ellis & self to Ac. of Music

*Tuesday, July 11.* Quite busy all day & late at night Musketoes & fleas bad.

*Wednesday, July 12.* Hard shower P. M. busy all day on Rolls, the Recruits are transferred today, Relieve Lt Hiatt this P. M. as Off of day, up until 12. P. M. with Guards arrest I. for sitting down on beat. Fire engine (steamer) passes under the whip for a fire about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile up river.

*Thursday, July 13.* Hard at it all day. The Recruits leave for Houston Texas at 12, M. Heavy shower P. M. 29th Iowa ordered mustered out. The battery, encamped in these Quarters leave for their state Illinois

*Friday, July 14.* Were blessed with a good mail today. Work hard all day. Mustering officer. Examines Rolls: right as far as gone. Shower P. m. The Recruits return to New Orleans. Wheel shaft of Beleverdere, broken had to put back.

*Saturday, July 15.* Quite warm all day, get a little rest today while the mustering officer is looking over Rolls. Rolls are returned & ordered dated the 17th.

*Sabbath, July 16.* Work most of day to finish up Rolls. hard rain P. M. to church in evening.

*Monday, July 17.* Discharge & Rolls signed, more remarks to make & do not get ready. Rain P. M. hard, are to get transportation on the Sunny South, to start tomorrow, evening in city with Ellis.

*Tuesday, July 18.* Wait until 11 A. M. for mustering officer to bring down Rolls, at 12 start for the boat  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile below. Embark at 2 & at 2.45 start away, bought some fine shells at the river slow boat but pleasant night meet 4 boats with cotton out of Red river.

*Wednesday, July 19.* Pass Baton Rouge A. M. while I sleep at Fort Hudson at 1 P. M. Morgans bend at 5 mouth Red river after dark. Lockport passes us at 9. P. M. with 19th Iowa, several boats pass us we are on a very slow tub

*Thursday, July 20.* Land at Natchez at 8. a. m. boat boilers in dangerous condition. Engineer & firemen run from their places last night for a while fearing an explosion, 3 of the Boilers blistered badly fix them up but slightly A. M. & P. M. in the city. suburbs fine, & shade, but the day awful warm, take a stroll in city while boat cools, get off at 6. P. M.

*Friday, July 21.* Slow run several boats pass us, reach Vicksburg at 5.30 P. M. take a stroll in the city at 8, orders to transfer to W. H. Osborn, at 10, P. M. under weigh. quite a no of citizens on board, large roomy boat & faster to boot.

*Saturday, July 22.* fine run, & pleasant, have the pleasure of passing 2 boats touch at Greenville, at 6. P. M. run against snag about 11 jars the ——— but no damage done.

*Sunday, July 23.* touch & wood at mouth of White river. 1 co. of Whipples Regt there as guards. See them on inspection. touch at Helena at 7. P. M. Had a sermon by our Chaplain at 2 P. M. Evening cool & pleasant

*Monday, July 24.* Numerous islands, reach Memphis at 9. a. m. off in town a while the 18th Iowa on bank with arms stacked: will start up at 5 P. M. our boat starts at 12. M. afternoon pleasant. have to sound often.

*Tuesday, July 25.* Rain quite a shower A. M. at New Madrid 10:45 wood above pass Island No. 10, 1.45 P. M. Land at Cairo, at 9.30 P. M. fail to procure Transportation by Rail ordered on to St Louis on the Osborn, proceed to coal, & get off at, 1. A. M. the 26th. Humorous incident, woman tossing up her baby to the boys.

*Wednesday, July 26.* A. M. pass the little town of commerce, see the Devil thrown a round rock in the river high perpendicular ledges Rocks on the Mo. side. P. M. rains evening cool & night dark.

*Thursday, July 27.* Morning Corondalet in night Iron Mountain R. R. running on river banks below the bluff Land at St Louis at 8. A. M. Land by the side of the Muscatine, the steamer which is to convey us to Davenport, transfer at 9. A. M. then go up to the city & stay until 3 P. M. most of time with Mr Ellis. I get dinner at a saloon. return to boat find the 18th Iowa on Silver Wave ready to go up. Our boat crowded, about 150 passengers besides the Regt. some 25 ladies, get off at 4.15 P. M. at Alton at 9. P. M. takes on 10 passengers & take a barge in tow, Raining

*Friday, July 28.* Morning quite chilly A. M. hard rains, in cabin most of time, boat lands often but do not go out to see the towns, pass Hamilton, seems quite a business town.

*Saturday, July 29.* Arrive at Keokuck at 9.30 takes  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour to coal, go up in town, return just in time, several of the boys left cross rapids very slowly. feel the keel grate. boys left go up R. R. to Montrose Boat lands & takes them on. take another barge at Ft Madison leave 1st barge, arrive at Burlington just at dark stop for about 10. minutes 18 having passed us reported our coming about 1 hour before, quite a no of citizens at the wharf. As we push out part of the 6th Iowa arrive from Davenport enroute home nights cool.

*Sunday, July 30.* Day warmer, arrive at Davenport at 11, A. M. Regt disembarked on the Island, have permission to go to Clinton, boat starts at 3. P. M. slow over the rapids. the———opera troupe on board, arrive at Clinton at 11. P. M. Put up at the Iowa Central House

*Monday, July 31.* Up early. No one astir, but one gent who come up on boat with me a stranger in the place. we walk out together to the bridge, & work shops watchman at Lambs mills was acquainted with Mr Pasdrol & told me where he lived. Could not then wait until after breakfast as I had intended, but started post haste to see Mattie took breakfast with them & stayed with Mattie all day.

*Tuesday, August 1.* Go with will this Morning to the Mill where he tends the shingle mill all day with Mattie. No packet down. Evening take a walk with Miss Dennis &c Had calculated to go to Davenport this P. M. but missed the boat.



*Wednesday, August 2.* Stay with Mattie until noon, go to river & stay with Will at the mill until boat arrives get off at 3.20 P. M. on the mail steamer Charley Cleaver. Storm struck us at Camanchee, blew the boat on the island wind & rain passed over in ½ hour & we started on soon commenced raining & rained most of the time, down, loaded at R. I. at 8.20 P. M. cross to the island & rode to camp in a wagon.

*Thursday, August 3.* Rained all night, went to a boarding house & breakfasted then to R. I. & made inquiries for Uncle Jamison's, having chance to ride to camden with some of the 126th Ill. accepted it. walked from Camden out (7 miles) rained nearly all day. Found uncle with a big family, just lots of cousins

*Friday, August 4.* Rained all night, clear P. M. Evening went with Fannie to call on Miss Wright. Wrights a pleasant family.

*Saturday, August 5.* Rained hard during the night Uncle takes me to Camden in wagon ride from there with one of the neighbors, get to camp in time for dinner. P. M. in Davenport to settle with Govt. see a man arrested.

*Sunday, August 6.* To Presbyterian church, P. M. reading evening to M. E. Church in R. I. Evening fine, bright moonlight. Fancy women thick in the woods on the island.

*Monday, August 7.* Morning talk of pay. P. M., did not get it, fine day. Go to see the Swiss Bell Migets perform, in R. I. this Eve. Pleasant exercise

*Tuesday, August 8.* Col. makes a short Speech at 8. A. M. Paymasters arrive at 9. a. m. G. co. paid off at 10. at 11. Capt busy & I go over to Davenport put up at the B—— house, take the train at 6.30. At Rond creek station at 10. get over to Wyandot, at 12. No beds.

*Wednesday, August 9.* Take train at 6. A. M. breakfast in Galesburg at 9. at the river at 11, & across at 11.30 Put up at the Barret house conclude to lay over, buy a few articles. Go to theatre evening. rains.

*Thursday, August 10.* on Morning train at 6.30 A. M. dinner at Ottumwa & at Pella at 4 Folks in with buggy to carry me home again once more<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>In the diary of Lieutenant Morgan published in the last edition of the ANNALS we included lists of "letters received," "letters written," "accounts as mess treasurer," etc., for the dates covered by that diary, but we are omitting those belonging to this one.—Editor.

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