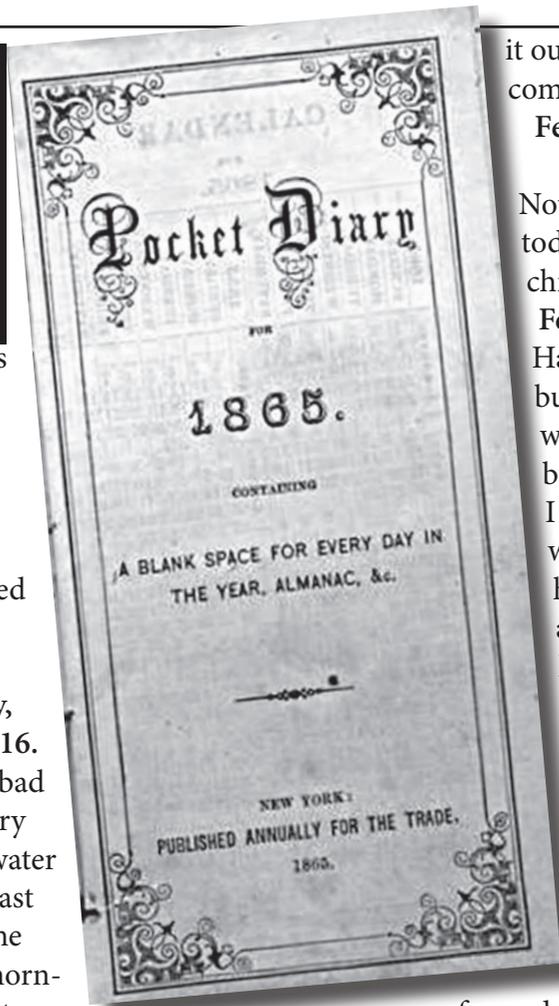


Civil War Diary of Andrew E. Arneson 1865



Andrew Arneson was 25 years old when he began keeping this diary. He had come from Norway to Blue Mounds, Wis., as a child, and when he enlisted in Feb. 1865 he was married and a new father. Arneson served as a private in Co. A of the 49th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and spent most of his days guarding prisoners in Missouri. He spent time in Rolla, St. James and Waynesville. His diary is interesting because it records how the closing days of the war appeared to a humble rank-and-file soldier. Most of its entries are short but beginning on page 56 is a longer "Memoranda" in which Arneson reflects on his experiences. After discharge he returned to farming in Ridgeway, Wis., until he retired in 1897 and moved into Mt. Horeb, where he was active in village politics until his death in 1922.

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Monday, February 13, 1865

This diary was kept by me while in the army. Andrew Arneson.

Tuesday, 14.

Went to Black Earth and enlisted in the United States Service for the term of 1 year and then went home. [The village of Black Earth is today part of the greater metropolitan Madison, Wisconsin area. Arneson enrolled in the Wisconsin Volunteers, 49th Regiment, Company A. Arneson's residence was listed as Ridgeway.]

Wednesday, 15.

Started from home before daylight. Traveled on foot to Black Earth, took the cars [train] for Madison in company with 10 or 12 of my townsmen, arrive in Madison by 12

o'clock, grits our dinner. March to camp, is examined, draws blankets, assigned to different barrack.

February, Thursday, 16. Had a very bad night, got dry bread and water for supper last night and the same this morning, moved to another barrack, gets little or nothing to eat. Waiting for muster.

Friday, 17.

We have now a good barrack and is getting a little more to eat.

Saturday 18.

Waiting at headquarters all day for muster, having better rations, a cold windy day.

Sunday, 19.

At 9 o'clock ordered out for inspection, which was a big thing for me to see about 5000 men in line. About 1 o'clock we have a preaching of the gospel, and again at night.

Monday, 20.

Mustered into the United States Service together with about 400 men.

Tuesday, 21.

Received my certificate of muster and receive my bounty of 315 dollars. My brother comes from home and pays me a visit. Rainy and muddy. Sends my money home by my brother except for 15 dollars.

Wednesday, 22.

Got a pass, went up town. It is a cold and pleasant day. Moves to barrack No. 2, the dirtiest barrack in camp I think, but we go to work and cleans

it out and make it quite comfortable.

February, Thursday, 23.

Nothing of interest today, the day quite chilly.

February, Friday, 24.

Have nothing to do but walking about which is quite slow business for me as I were used to hard work, but then I have to come to it as a soldier I must have plenty of patience. The day is wintery and quite chilly although fine for Wisconsin winter.

Saturday, 25.

Called to the Captain's office and formed in line marched to Camp Headquarters and organized as Company A, 49th Regt Wis Vol Infantry. The Company subscribed 1 dollar apiece for a sword for the Capt. Appoints a committee of three to purchase it.

Sunday, 26.

Had inspection of Barrack and we had two meetings. The weather quite fine, it is pretty muddy.

Monday, 27.

My wife comes from home, stays in camp a while, went up town. Moved to Barrack No. 30. Gets a pass up town from 5 to 9 o'clock afternoon to see my wife, had a snow storm. In the morning we witnessed the departure of the 47th Regt. for Nashville.

February, Tuesday, 28.

Formed in line and marched up town to receive the first installment of the United States bounty. Don't get it, gets 1 hour to run round town. My wife starts for home. Marched to camp. Starts for home on a "franch" in company with 6 of my companions.

March, Wednesday, 1.

Got home this morning. take a rest.

See many of my friends.

Thursday, 2.

Goes round to see my friends.

Friday, 3.

Starts from home early for Madison, after performing the hardest of tasks, that of bidding goodbye to a beloved wife and children, in doubt whether I would ever see them any more or not. Arrive and gets through the camp guard all right at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Saturday, 4.

Drew our "blues" [uniform] last night and this morning we appeared in a suit of new blue. Is busy all day in carrying wood and water.

Sunday, 5.

This morning we witnessed the departure of the 46th Regt. for Nashville. Had inspection of troops in camp.

March, Monday, 6.

A nice day, very muddy. This afternoon we drew our knapsacks, haversacks, cartridge box, cap box, canteen, musket and full accoutrement.

March, Tuesday, 7.

Inspection of the regiment, went up town and received our first installment of the United States bounty that is \$33.33. In the afternoon we had dress parade of the regiment.

Wednesday, 8.

Sends home 10 dollars with A. Jones. A very cold morning, gets out on parade and receives the U. S. and State flags from Gov. Lewis. Starts for the cars and ordered to report at St. Louis, Mo. Arrive in Chicago at 11 o'clock in the afternoon. Form in line. March to the Soldiers Rest to get our supper, unslung knapsacks. I ordered to guard things while the rest got their supper. Stands in the cold and guarding, the rest gets through eating. I get in for mine but gets none.

Thursday, 9.

March to the depot of the C. A. and St. Louis Railroad, gets on board and starts at 7 o'clock A. M., arrive in Bloomington about dark, gets a cup of warm coffee. Sleeps in the cars til morning, went through a

nice country today.

Friday, 10.

Starts from Bloomington at 7 AM, arrive in Springfield at 12 o'clock. The nicest city I have ever seen. The country very nice, arrive in Alton at 6 in the afternoon, in Illinoistown [location of East St. Louis today] at 7:30 PM. In line march to the steamboat, cross the Mississippi River. March through the city of St. Lewis [sic], is greeted by the ladies, arrive in camp at Benton Barracks at 12 midnight.

Saturday 11.

Assigned quarters in barrack No. 10. A chilly morning, gets no rations, but have brung our own breakfast. Drills in squads. Writes home, and is looking over this fine camp. Contains about 160 acres—with good barracks and other things. St. Louis is a big city but streets narrow and smoky.

Sunday 12.

Very fine weather this morning. Is out on inspection of arms this forenoon. Rumors say we are going to Rolla in this state tomorrow morning, to start at 5 o'clock A.M. Have dress parade. Benton Barracks are a very beautiful camp and large. [Benton Barracks was established by General John Frémont in 1861 to train large numbers of soldiers, often numbering around 20,000 men. It was on 150 acres of rented ground north of St. Louis near the intersection of St. Charles Road and Grand Avenue.]

March, Monday, 13.

Astir at 3 o'clock AM. March through the city, arrive at depot at 7 o'clock, starts on the Pacific R. R., arrive at Franklin at 1 o'clock, stops 3 hours, sees the depot and water tank and 3 bridges burnt by Price last fall. Arrive Rolla at 10 P.M. March to camp ½ mile from the city. Camp on bare ground. I have to stand on guard, is pained by a sore eye.

March, Tuesday, 14.

I is awful pained by a sore eye, draws our tents this morning and is busy all day by fixing our tents.

Draws our first meal about 1 o'clock A.M. since leaving Benton Barracks. The country most of the way here is awful rough and ugly - woody and bad looking. About Rolla the country is level but not good. 3 forts in sight of our camp.

Wednesday, 15.

Had a very stormy night, rained all night and all day. Our tents is awful wet and cold, we begin to see what soldiering is. Rumored today that we are going to Springfield, Mo. 2 men sent to the hospital of our company today. A man of Co E poisoned by eating poisoned food. Tonight is chilly and my tent wet and cold, no fire.

Thursday, 16.

A chilly morning, but clearing up. Nothing to eat this morning till 12 o'clock A.M. fixing up better my dog tent. Have had hard time last day and night as it rained awful and our tents got damp and the water come in but tonight it get cold and dries up. Eight Regt wagons arrive, six mules to each, looks small and ---.

Friday, 17.

This morning is clear and nice but awful windy. I go on guard today and night. On guard ten hours and off four. Receive 20 rounds of ammunition today. My first day on guard, at night I am ordered to load

my gun to be ready for whatsoever might come. The night is clear and fine so that I had a nice time on my guard.

Saturday, 18.

Nice morning is relieved from guard this morning, is out to fire the load out of our guns, but don't hit the target. Builds a chimney in our quarters, out on drill, had a good drill. Rumor of good news from Sherman, on dress parade at 5 PM. Gets little to eat.

Sunday, 19.

Rain this morning but mild and nice, birds singing and it looks spring-like, out on inspections of arms, dress parade. I help carry our first Lieutenant [John A. Hall of Madison] and a private to the hospital, had a chance to see the town of Rolla, it looks poor, mostly log huts, the court house is taken for hospital.

March, Monday, 20.

This morning is rainy but mild and the grass begins to grow so that it looks green some spots. I is detailed for guard today, is soaked thoroughly by the rain and in the night it rained and blew and dark as pitch. I could not see my beat except by the flashes of the lightning.

March, Tuesday, 21.

Relieved of guard at 9 this morning, had a awful mean time on guard as

it rained and blew awfully. Went to fire our guns but I could not make mine go as it was too wet. Worked nearly all day to get my gun cleaned. Eight bushwhackers said to be caught tonight.

Wednesday, 23.

A nice morning and warm. Had a lazy time today, drills about a hour, on dress parade at 5 PM, drills after parade in the platoon movement. Had roll call regularly at daylight in the morning and at 8 o'clock PM.

Friday, 24.

A nice morning but very chilly at daylight on my last relief. Relieved at 9 AM. Fixed up our quarters better today. Anxiously awaiting letters from home but received none. News from home by letters received by the company say hard weather there. Drill for two hours this afternoon on dress parade at 5 PM.

Saturday, 25.

A pleasant morning. I am detailed for camp guard today. It is said that 12 bushwhackers attack the railroad 6 mi. from here yesterday and a fight ensued in which 3 of our men were wounded. The bushwhackers ske-daddle. Rumor says we have to send 120 of our Regt. as guard on a train to Springfield.

Sunday, 26.

Inspection of arms and knapsacks of Company. I had this pleasure of sleeping last night in the new guard house without door or roof. Had a bad night. Relieved of guard, a nice day. Had a meeting in the afternoon at which the Col. [Samuel Fallows of Appleton], Chaplain and other spoke a very stirring sermon. Wrote home. In the evening we had a prayer meeting, the Major [David Noyes of Baraboo] and others spoke.

Monday, 27.

This morning it rained and kept on nearly all day but mild. We kept in our quarters all day telling tales and yarns. At the roll call in the evening we had quite a argument on the ration question and cooking, too little bread but plenty of other ration. Only one letter to the Company



The construction of the Phelps County courthouse in Rolla began mid-summer of 1860. Upon occupying the town, the army commandeered the courthouse, first using it for Quartermaster stores (including hay and oats) but in late September, 1861, established a 120-bed hospital in the building. It became the regimental hospital of the 49th Wisconsin during the winter of 1864-65. Courtesy of The State Historical Society of Missouri.

tonight from home, quite muddy. Ordered to prepare for general inspection tomorrow.

March, Tuesday, 28.

A pleasant morning and mild. I go on guard again today. I think that I have to do more than my share of duty as many succeed in playing off. I am hearty and feels very good but am anxiously awaiting letters from home. Wrote to my brother yesterday. General Inspection of arms and knapsacks and barracks by the district inspection. It took over 3 hours, tiresome for the men.

March, Wednesday, 29.

Rained all last night but not hard and kept on all day. Nearly all of our company is up town doing Provost Guard duty. Wrote home to my brother. Rumor tonight that Gen Grant and Sherman has met and shook hands. No mail tonight. The cars is said to have run off the track. Tonight is awful stormy and the rain pouring down awfully and dark as pitch. Awful time for the guard.

Thursday, 30.

Rained awful last night and kept on till 11 AM. The awfulest time possible for the guard. Clearing up this afternoon. The mail arrived bringing me my first letter from home written by my brother, they are all well. I felt better over this one letter than I can tell. Our Captain [Charles Hall] took sick and was taken to the hospital. H. H. Higby [of Delton] died today, the first death in our company.

March, Friday, 31.

A very pleasant morning. No mail

last night as the flood has washed away one or two bridges on the railroad. Our Captain appeared in camp again today, he having the attack of Lisness, by some it is whispered that it was poison.

April, Saturday 1.

A very fine morning and a very warm day. The warmest day yet this year. All fools day and many fooled this morning. We drill four hours today. Company cooking broke up today and the rations issued to each shebang for its own cooking. I took my likeness today to send home to my wife.

Sunday, 2.

A fine morning, had inspection of arms and knapsacks this forenoon. Wrote home to my wife. The wind is blowing and it is clouding up some. It looks like rain. It rained quite hard. No mail, we all begins to be anxious for the mail.

Monday, 3.

Cloudy this morning but clearing up. 32 of our company including myself is sent to town today as Provost Guard. Had a quite easy time, is sometime taking out prisoner to chop wood, some looks very hard chaps. The Col reads the news of the capture of Richmond at dress parade. Tremendous cheering.

April, Tuesday, 4.

A very fine morning, arrive again in camp and gets my gun scoured til noon then fire 34 guns at the fort in honor of the capture of Richmond. I attended the funeral of Higby this afternoon. a very fine escort of

about 150 men, had 12 rounds fired over his grave. The drummer of Co E made 50 dollars by climbing the Liberty Pole up town.

April, Wednesday, 5.

A cloudy morning, one hundred canons fired here this morning in honor of the capture of Richmond. She had a awful time up town last night, the band played, the boys threw up sky rockets and all kinds of fireworks, and had a good time generally. The fort fired a gun now and then all night.

Thursday, 6.

A cold morning and we had a awful stormy night. Last night it rained and blew awfully and about morning it turns cold. We drill two hours before noon and after noon we had two hours of Battalion drill. We was promised the mail sure tonight but got none.

Friday, 7.

A fine but cold morning but after the sun got up it gets better. Drills two hours this forenoon in squads and company drill. The war news today is very good but little of it as we gets no mail. The Lieut. Col Coleman [Edward Colman of Fond du Lac] arrive today and will take command of the regiment. We are assigned our position on right of the regiment tonight.

Saturday, 8.

A fine morning, had a long drill this morning and at 2 o'clock PM we had battalion drill and after that was over, we had quite a long company drill as our Capt. is anxious to get

us good in appearance and drill. We always get the grace of being the last company in the Regt.

Sunday, 9.

A rainy morning. I together with about 30 other of our company went up town for Provost Guard today. Had a good time, had to guard prisoners to go round town for cloths and other things. At 12 o'clock P.M. the news of the surrender of Gen. Lee and his army arrived. Last night the mail arrived bringing me 2 letters.

Monday, 10.

A very misty morning. At noon the cannon begins to roar and 200 rounds was fired in honor of the victory. At 6½ o'clock PM, we got orders to fall in with our waistbelts only. We are then marched up town where we was joined by the cavalry. We then marched all round the town. The city was splendidly illuminated. A pile of tar barrels lighted making a great fire. We then broke ranks to report again in camp at 11 o'clock PM.

April, Tuesday, 11.

The Col. last night made a speech and said we would be home to celebrate the Fourth of July at home. Great cheering and rejoicing and a good time generally last night. One of our boys, the doctor's orderly, was shot dead last night by a Cavalry Major. I was on camp guard today [and] had a good soaking by the rain. Had two letters from home this morning. One with news from my brother Allen. Best news to me that



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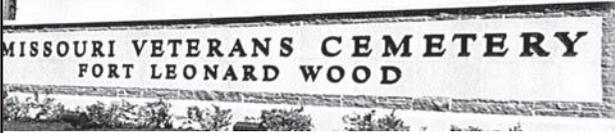


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I could get.

April, Wednesday, 12.

A cold and chilly morning. It has been cold for two or three days.

Thursday, 13.

A nice morning. The usual company drill in the forenoon and battalion drill in the afternoon, besides dress parade.

Friday, 14.

A nice morning. At roll call this morning we got order to report with 22 men at headquarters with five days ration and 40 rounds of ammunition. I as one was detailed to go. We report at 7 o'clock and ordered to escort a train of 20 wagons to Waynesville 35 miles. The train had started before us. We starts after and catch up 12 miles out.

Saturday, 15.

We camped last night 17 miles from Rolla. It rained last evening and all night a little. I was on guard last night. We started at daylight and arrived at Big Piney River and was ferried across and we arrive in Waynesville at 4 o'clock PM. We hear of the assassination of President Lincoln but don't believe it. Camp for the night on the bank of Rubad [Roubidoux] River. Awful lot of teams camped here tonight.

Sunday, 16.

Started to return to Rolla again at daylight. Went through this beggarly town and traveled all day through the most rough and ugly looking country that I ever saw, being all wood and hills and rocks, the road

rough and we had very hard to ride and we were too lazy to walk. We arrive on the bank of Little Piney River and camp for the night. More rumor of the death of Lincoln. I feels very sorry.

Monday, 17.

A nice morning. We starts again at daylight. Our camp last night was on a deserted farm, there was very nice orchard on it and good houses but the houses was very much broken up and destroyed. We arrive in camp at Rolla again at 1 o'clock PM and hear of the painful assassination of President Lincoln.

Tuesday, 18.

A very nice morning but last night was very stormy and rainy. I got a letter and newspaper from my brother Ole yesterday as I come home. We had battalion drill in the afternoon under command of Col Fallows and he made a speech over the sad assassination of the President, and he told us of the surrender of Reb Gen Johnson to Gen Sherman.

April, Wednesday, 19.

A fine morning. I go on camp guard today. I wrote a lettter home to my wife and one to Ole my brother. Good rumors from the seat of the war, more rumors of us going home. The Fifth Regiment is said to be ordered home. No drill today but all quiet in honor of the burial of President Lincoln.

April, Thursday, 20.

I had a very tough night last night

on guard as it rained and stormed awfully.

Friday, 21.

It rained and blew all day and it was very unpleasant day. I was detailed to go after wood today. I expected sure a letter from home and set up til 12 o'clock PM but got none. I felt badly disappointed.

Saturday 22.

A very cold morning. It was very cold and windy last night and it drifted out a little snow. I was detailed to go to a funeral escort today to bury a man from the 16th Mo. Cavalry and tonight we drew our clothing. I drew a pair of pants and a blouse. I receive 1 letter from my wife and one from my brother tonight.

Sunday, 23.

A very fine morning. I was detailed for fatigue duty today. The Company had the regular inspection today that we always has on Sundays and on dress parade tonight we all appeared in new suits of blue.

Monday, 24.

A fine morning. Nothing of interest transpired today aside from the routine of camp life.

Tuesday, 25.

A nice day. We drill as usual today. Nothing of importance. The usual routine of camp life.

Wednesday, 26.

A fine morning. I go on Post Guard today and got my post in the hospital guarding a very sick man, and I had a chance to see the hospital.

It looks all very clean and nice and the sick seems to be well cared for. Had General Inspection today. Our Company was complimented by the Inspector.

Thursday, 27.

A very fine and mild morning but it clouded up and looked like rain. Last night 6 men of our Company was detailed to go away with two days ration.

Friday, 28.

A pleasant morning. I was detailed to go uptown for Post Guard again today. Wrote home to Mother today and tonight I got a letter from home. The five men of our Company that was out with the scouting party returned tonight.

April, Saturday, 29.

A very fine morning. I signed the payroll today. I expecting soon to be paid off. Preparing for Sunday Inspection. Very good war news tonight . Gen. Johnson surrendered. [General Joseph Johnson's army in North Carolina was the last to surrender.] An official order to reduce the army as soon as possible. Received with great rejoicing.

April, Sunday, 30.

A little rainy morning. We had Inspection of arms this morning and Muster for pay. The Capt tells us to draw all the clothing we want before we are mustered out of the U. S. Service as this was the last chance, he said.

May, Monday, 1.

A fine morning. I go on guard this

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morning and had fine time. Some draws clothing again today but I don't draw any.

Tuesday, 2.

A fine morning. Nothing of interest but the usual routine of Camp duties. I was out on battalion drill this afternoon. Good war rumors.

Wednesday, 3.

A fine but windy morning. Anxiously awaiting letter but gets none. Rumors says that Sherman's army is moving to Richmond to be discharged.

Thursday, 4.

A fine morning but windy and dusty. More good war news and excitement about going home.

Friday, 5.

A fine morning. I go on Camp Guard today. The day is awful warm for the season but at night it begins to rain and rained awfully all night. Got a letter from my wife and one from my brother tonight. They are all well which is very good news to me

indeed.

Saturday, 6.

A dull and cloudy morning. No Drill today after noon as we have to prepare for tomorrow's inspection. I received a letter tonight from Allen, he is well and hearty. Wrote to my wife.

Sunday, 7.

A very fine morning, inspection of arms and of tents today. I was up to the Negro Sunday School. Wrote a letter to Allen. Col. Fallows is relieved of the command of the post of Rolla and again assumed Com. of the Regiment.

Monday, 8.

A fine and warm day, the warmest we have had yet. Lot of all kinds of news but nothing official. Tonight we drew beef and it was fairly rotten and we sent it back so that we has little to eat.

May, Tuesday, 9.

A dull and cloudy morning. I go on

Camp Guard today. It begins to rain and fine and slow all evening and night. Good news in tonight's paper about reducing the army.

May, Wednesday, 10.

A rainy and cold morning and I had it quite cold on my beat the last term this morning. It keeps on raining all day.

Thursday, 11.

Chilly and cold today. Very many rumors about going home, or to Chicago and other places but I don't believe nothing of it but prays to God that the time may soon come for me to return to my beloved home and dear wife and children.

Friday, 12.

A chilly and cool morning. Nothing of interest transpire today. I long to hear from home but don't hear nothing.

Saturday, 13.

A fine morning. Nothing of interest today. I receive one letter from home tonight from my wife, mother and

brother. They are all well and hearty.

Sunday, 14.

A fine morning, preparing for inspection at 8 1/2 o'clock we receive orders to fall in line of battle immediately. We formed in haste with knapsack and full accoutrement and the Col. told us that Jeff Davis and party was captured and on their way to Washington and the gallows. We then gave 9 cheers, and proceeded with the inspection.--- made a man and hung him with the name of Jeff on his hat amid hearty cheers.

Monday, 15.

A fine day. The news of the capture of Jeff Davis is confirmed.

Tuesday, 16.

A rainy morning. I go on Post Guard today and it rained all day. Our instruction is very much stricter than usual. Thomas Bunbury was arrested last night for going to town and got drunk and abused some officers. He is the first in our Com. that got into trouble.

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Wednesday, 17.

A fine morning. The 13th Regt. Mo. Cavalry ordered off and our Col. S. Fallows again took command of the post of Rolla. 40 men of Co. F ordered to be ready to march tomorrow morning. I see in last night's paper that Jeff is brought round in his wife's dress in which he was captured.

May, Thursday, 18.

A fine morning. I was out again after wood this morning which is nice little exercise on such a nice day. Thomas Bunbury was released tonight. Co. C was sent to the camp of the 13th Mo. Cav. to take care of the camp.

May, Friday, 19.

Beautiful morning. The camp guard was taken off today. I was out and chopped a load of wood and enjoyed a bit of fresh country air. The day is quite warm.

Saturday, 20.

A fine morning. I go on post guard today. We had general inspection of the regiment this afternoon by the district inspector. I received 3 letters from home tonight, one from my wife. They are all well. Good news for me indeed.

Sunday, 21.

Last night we was called out twice on account of alarm caused by the firing of firearms in the City and stood in line two hours. A fine morning. Writing home today. We drew beef again today that was not fit to eat and had to throw it away.

Monday, 22.

A fine morning and it is going to be a very warm day. We had no Battalion drill this afternoon. The news is tonight that Reb. Gen. Herb Smith is assassinated by his own men and I hope it is true.

Tuesday, 23.

A fine morning but little cool in the

morning but the day warm. We get orders to go to St. James to relieve Company B.

Wednesday, 24.

A very warm day preparing to go to St. James tomorrow morning. Writing to my brother Ole today. Sent my overcoat and other small traps that I could spare home today by express.

Thursday, 25.

It was a very awful stormy and rainy night last night. It rained and stormed awful. This morning at 7 o'clock we had everything packed and started to march to St. James. The road was very muddy and the weather warm and you better believe that it made the sweat come. We arrived in St. James at 10 o'clock PM.

Friday, 26.

St. James is a railroad station on the railroad 10 miles southeast of Rolla. It is the prettiest place I have

seen yet in Mo. 20 of our men were detailed to go 5 miles from here to guard the iron works. I was on last night but don't stand guard only nights so that we will have all day to drill on.

May, Saturday, 27.

A fine morning. I and 7 others start off to Burbury creek to fish 3 miles from here. It was a very fine stream but we could not catch no fish as it would not bite and we had no seine. The country round there is hilly and full of gravel and woody.

May, Sunday, 28.

A fine morning. We had inspection at 7 o'clock and at 11 o'clock was at a singing school up town. No letters from home. I am looking for them very much. I wrote home yesterday. I was to a meeting this afternoon at the St. James Hotel.

Monday, 29.

A fine morning. I was on guard last

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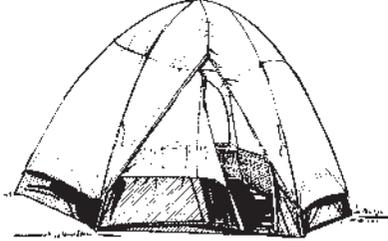
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night and this morning I got a letter from home. It was very welcome to me but it contained a little news that I did not like, in fact I am very sorry to hear of it.

Tuesday, 30.

A very fine and warm morning. Has little to do now except the drill. We are drawing our flour now instead of bread and we bake it ourselves and we have all the bread we can eat. The rumor is tonight that the paymaster is at Rolla and will pay us off.

May, Wednesday, 31.

A very fine morning and a warm day. We drill quite hard today, mostly in skirmish drill. I wrote home to my wife tonight. No news. I baked bread today for the first time and after this we will have, I think, plenty of bread.

June, Thursday, 1.

Dry and warm. The usual drill and other camp duties but nothing of interest. I wrote home today to my

brother.

Friday, 2.

A fine and warm morning and dry. It begins to be long between every shower of rain now.

Saturday, 3.

A fine and warm morning. We were all detailed for police duty today forenoon to fix up the camp, preparing for the usual Sunday inspection. [By this date, Captain Hall of the 49th Wisconsin was in command of the post at Waynesville.]

Sunday, 4.

A fine morning and warm. We had company inspection of arms and knapsack. I received a letter from home this morning. They are all well. Good news for me this. I am well as usual and feeling very good but longing to get home. Religious services at 11 o'clock AM.

Monday, 5.

A fine clear and warm morning. It is

as warm as I have seen it in Wisconsin in the heat of summer. I wrote home to my wife today.

June, Tuesday, 6.

A fine and warm morning. We drill as usual, mostly in skirmish drill. Today is the vote to be taken in this state on the new constitution. They had some hard words but all went without any disturbance. [The new constitution was passed. One of the features required a man to take a loyalty oath before he could vote. It was replaced in 1875.]

June, Wednesday, 7.

A fine and very warm morning. At noon it began to rain and kept on. Little on guard last night. Rumor tonight say the 4 companies of the 11th Indiana Cavalry is coming here to relieve us.

Thursday, 8.

A rainy and wet morning. It rained quite hard but it stopped long enough for us to drill one hour

before and one hour after noon. Five men sent to the iron works to change with five of them that was there.

Friday, 9.

A very warm and dull day. We drill hard today. The 11 Regt. Indiana Cavalry is said to come here this week to relieve us.

Saturday, 10.

A fine morning. We drill little before noon but in the afternoon we prepare for inspection. The 11 Indiana Cavalry is expected here tomorrow night. It is said to relieve us.

Sunday, 11.

A fine morning. We had inspection. Our First Lieutenant [S. S. Benedict of Springville] having resigned went home today and Sergeant Andrew Law [of Arena] went home on a 20 day furlough. Got a letter from my wife. It rained after noon.

Monday, 12.

Yesterday noon me and Helms-

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tine [William J.] was detailed to go escort of the ration wagon to our boys at James Iron Works. [When] we came there one of the boys was sick and I had to take his place. We are quartered in a warehouse. This is a very interesting place to me. I spent most of the day in looking about this place and the shops.

Tuesday, 13.

It is a rainy day and I spend more time in rambling about this place. This works is run by the water of a awful big spring, the largest I have seen. I witnessed the several operations of working the iron. These works is about 40 rods from the Merrimac River, 6 miles north of St. James.

[The iron works is the Maramec Iron Works owned by William James. It harnessed the water power of the 100 million gallon per day flow of Maramec Spring. The iron works

operated 1827-1891. During the war, it produced iron for cannon balls and metal for the iron clad gunboats built by James B. Eads of St. Louis.]

Wednesday, 14.

A nice morning. I worked today, 8 hours for a Shilling a hour, pounding iron ore. This place is in a deep ravine with a dense wood all around. All the place belongs to W. James. Last Sunday night I went to a negro meeting. He spoke quite good.

June, Thursday, 15.

Today I was at pounding rocks at day break. I made 65 cents today. Got my knapsack sent to me tonight. I go on guard tonight as Corporal for the first time.

June, Friday, 16.

A pleasant morning. This morning we were all surprised by our much beloved Second Lieutenant Silsbee [of Columbus]. He came up

to bid us good-bye saying that he had resigned and was going home. The sorrow among the boys was intense.

Saturday, 17.

A very fine morning. I am very miserable today having a severe attack of bloody flux [dysentery].



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Sunday, 18.

A fine day. A preacher preached up at the boarding house but I am very bad with bloody flux and quite sick.

Monday, 19.

A fine and warm day. Got a letter from home from my wife. Am very sick today. Could not eat anything all day.

Tuesday, 20.

A very fine and warm day. Wrote home today to my wife. Am sick today also. Could not eat. Feeling very bad.

Wednesday, 21.

A fine and warm day. Feeling sick and bad as before. Feeling faint and weak. Can't eat hardly any. Orderly Sergeant E. Whittlesey gets his commission as First Lieutenant and Sergt Major Colby as Second Lieutenant.

Thursday, 22.

Dry and warm day. I feel little better today and begin to be able to eat a little. Very lonesome and slow time when a feller is sick. I have thought more of home this week than I have done ever since I enlisted.

Friday 23.

Warm and fine day. I feel better today and I think I will get over it soon. This afternoon a squad of militia cavalry arrive with orders for us to report at Rolla.

Saturday, 24.

At day light we starts from Merrimac Iron Works and marched to Rolla but as I was weak and faint I stopped in St. James and went up on the train at night. I got in with 2 or 300 Rebs on the train. They was the most ragged set I ever saw. They acknowledged they was beat and said they would be loyal.

June, Sunday, 25.

This morning we had general inspection and at 12 o'clock noon we starts for Wainesville [Waynesville]

and as the day was warm it made the sweat roll. We marched 11 miles and camped at Little Piney Station. The boys feel insulted by the apointment of --- Lieu.

June, Monday, 26.

A fine morning. We starts out at daylight and had to pull off our boots and wade the Little Piney river. We marched to Big Piney and camped.

Tuesday, 27.

All astir at 3 o'clock AM and we get breakfast and starts at daylight. We gets about a mile when it begins to rain and kept on til we arrived in Wainesville. We are quartered in some poor quarters but will get them better tomorrow. The tramp today was very hard and tiresome on account of the rain.

Wednesday, 28.

A fine morning. We are all busy today fixing up our quarters. Our quarters is alongside of the Fort. The

barracks is pretty good. A paymaster came here tonight on his way to Springfield. Wrote home to my wife today.

Thursday, 29.

It rained and stormed awfully last night. One Battery of Artillery passed through here today for St. Louis to be mustered out. We moved to our other quarters today.

June, Friday, 30.

A fine and warm morning. Busy all morning getting ready for muster. Had general muster for pay. I was detailed for police duty this afternoon. Anxious for letters from home. The Com. agreed to give in some of our beef for 4th of July celebration.

July, Saturday, 1.

A fine warm day. The Second Ohio Cavalry came here today and camped til tomorrow. I and 6 others was out fishing today with seine. I waded in the water up to my head

for two hours but could not catch much.

Sunday, 2.

A fine and warm day. We had Sunday Inspection and preaching this before noon. No letters from home. The 2nd Ohio started this morning for Springfield. I see by Madison papers the Wis. boys is coming home very fast, and I hope our time will soon come.

Monday, 3.

A nice and warm day. We drill some today and we are preparing for tomorrow's celebration. The boys are very awkward on drill this morning and some very sharp words with the Lieutenant. Our Sergt. Law came back from Wis. today having been home on a 20 day furlough.

July, Tuesday, 4.

A fine morning. At 8 this morning we were out for to be reviewed together with the Cavalry here. We marched about in Review and fired

3 volleys and at noon we partook of good dinner in a grove 1/2 mile from here. It was quite a crowd of Mo. women there.

July, Wednesday, 5.

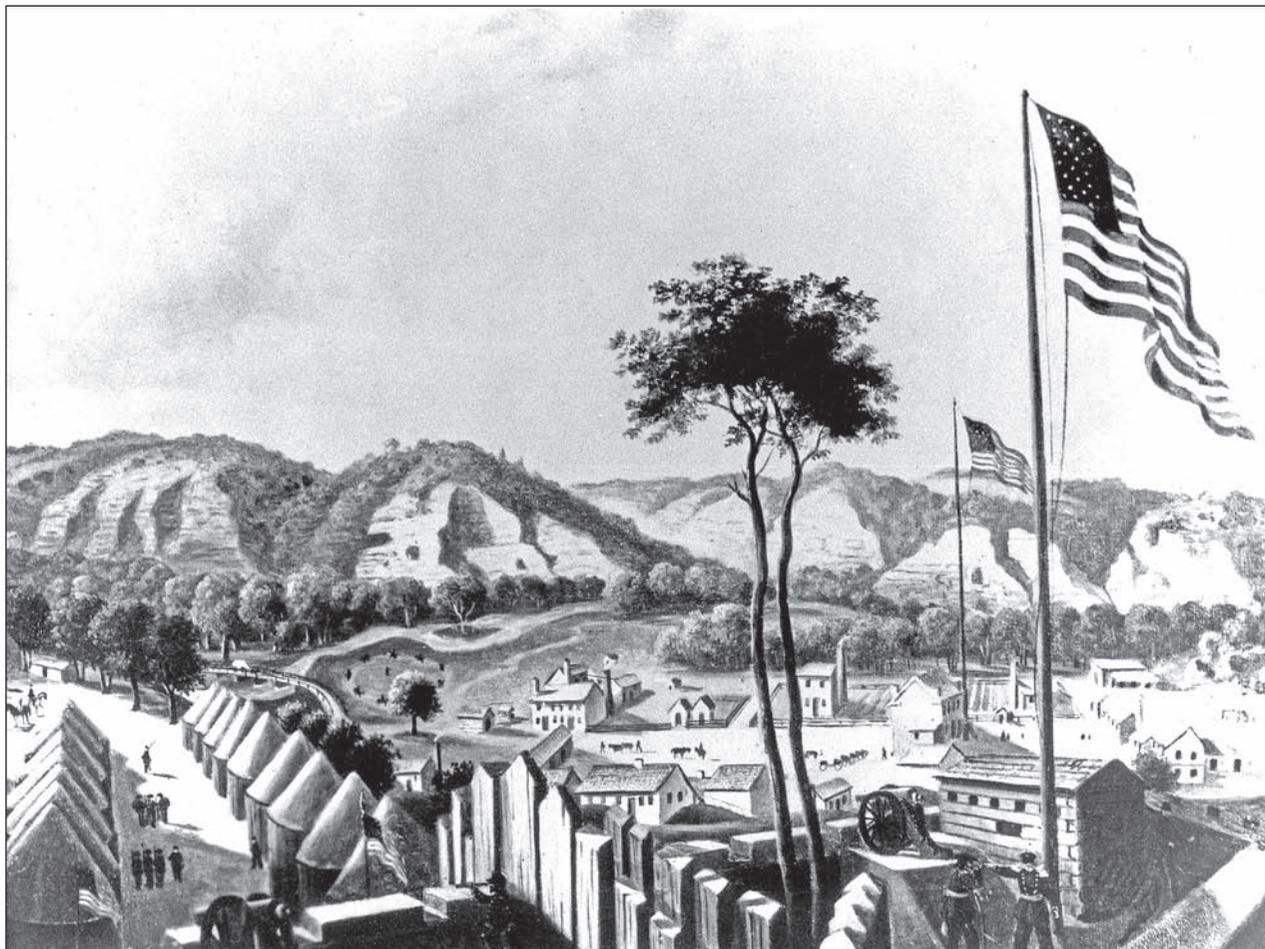
A fine and warm day. Some of us went out to fishing today and we caught some very good ones. I waded in the water til I became quite sick after that.

Thursday, 6.

A fine and warm day. We are drilling little now daily but not much. I see an order in the papers that I think will take us all home soon and we all feel good and hopeful. Hans Nelson [of Arena] was arrested for a few hours today for sassing the Lieut.

Friday, 7.

A fine and warm morning. This morning George J. Jones [of Ridgeway] was sent to Rolla to be discharged from the service. We all felt bad to part with him. He was



This 1864 oil painting, by an artist known only as Leuteritz, depicts Waynesville as Arneson might have seen it in 1865. The view is from inside the fort looking north and down on the square. The artist liked flagpoles. The one by the courthouse is unusually tall. At the beginning of the war, Waynesville had 94 inhabitants and little more than a dozen buildings. The original painting is in the collection of the Missouri History Museum.

discharged on account of physical disability.

Saturday, 8.

A fine and warm day. No drill today but cleaning up round the shanties and everything for tomorrow's inspections. I was on guard last night. I feel well and hearty but long to get home.

Sunday, 9.

A bright and fine Sabbath morning. We had inspection at 9 and at 10 o'clock we had Religious services and had quite a attendance. Corp. Torance preached as usual a good sermon. I expected a letter from home but got none. Wrote home to my brothers yesterday.

Monday, 10.

A fine and rainy day. The Company of Rangers stationed here was relieved today and is going to be mustered out but they don't like it. They would rather stay in the service while we would like very much to go home.

Tuesday, 11.

A cool morning but the day warm and breezy. We were out blackberrying today and picked lots. I received 3 letters from home this morning and I wrote 1 home to my wife.

Wednesday, 12.

A fine and very cool morning but the day is quite hot. Nothing of importance today except the usual routine of Camp life. I feel well and hearty as usual. We don't do anything except 2 hours drill every day. We get all we can eat.

Thursday, 13.

A quite cool night but warm day. A woman came in last night and reported a man for firing a revolver at her boy. The Capt. [Hall] and some men went out and arrested him and lodged him in the guardhouse.

July, Friday, 14.

A fine and warm day. I drew one pair of shoes today. The nights is cold but the days is warm. I go on guard tonight.

Saturday, 15.

A fine and warm morning. No drill today but preparing for tomorrow's inspection. Nothing of interest has

transpired. Our Capt. and 4 men was detailed to go to escort a ammunition wagon to Rolla. They will start tomorrow.

Sunday, 16.

A cloudy and rainy day. I received a letter this morning from my brother Allen with 5 dollars in which I was glad of but am very sorry to see that he is sick but I hope to god that he will soon get better. No inspections today because it rained.

Monday, 17.

A cold and chilly morning for the season. Last night I got long good with two blankets but the sun today makes the day pleasant. I wrote home today to my wife.

Tuesday, 18.

A rainy morning. It rained nearly all day. I was on guard last night. It is rumored today that we have orders to go to Rolla as soon as a [wagon] train comes to take our store. A train came here tonight from Springfield. We start tomorrow but leave 30 men to guard here awhile.

Wednesday, 19.

It rained nearly all last night and this morning. It was awful muddy and wet but we starts at 8 o'clock and I found marching quite hard on account of the mud. We marched to Buckweack [probably *Bushwhack*] Holler and camped for the night. I visited a cave there. I was in about 20 rods. It looked grand. It had a

good spring of water at the inner end.

Thursday, 20.

I secured some specimens of nice rocks from it [the cave]. It is noted for a hiding place for robbers and by Bushwhackers. Last night we had a very hard rain storm and the water was very high. We had to wade many streams up to our waist and it made marching very hard. We secured all the apples we could get. We arrived in Rolla at 2 o'clock.

Friday, 21.

A fine day with a good cool breeze. We are all busy today fixing our quarters with shakes partly for roof. The Capt told us to fix them good as we might have to stay in them till cold weather. I don't think we shall. I am surprised to see how all the quarters in camp is fixed up.

July, Saturday, 22.

A very fine morning but a little cool. I go on guard today for the first time here in two months and I find it something new to have to salute officers. Corp Jones came back to camp today as he did not get his discharge.

July, Sunday, 23.

A cloudy and dull morning. Had Sunday inspection. It began to rain at noon and kept on most of the afternoon. We have now good quarters on the Co H Streets. I drew a pair of pants today. I got a letter

from home today.

Monday, 24.

A wet and rainy day. I was detailed today building the Captain quarters and we worked like so many horses. I wrote home to my wife today.

Tuesday, 25.

A very wet morning. I was detailed for fatigue duty today. It rained all last night awfully and this morning it looks very dark.

Wednesday, 26.

A fine and a cool morning. Drilling this morning before breakfast. Busy this before noon in the carpenter shop. Dress parade every evening. The news is tonight that the 52nd Wis Regt is ordered home. This gives us hope that our turn will soon come.

Thursday, 27.

A cloudy and wet morning but still we drilled before breakfast. I was detailed to work at the Co A Quarters today. It was awful hot but toward night it began to rain. The Capt telegraphed for the rest of our company tonight.

Friday, 28.

A wet and rainy morning. It rained steady all morning. The General Inspection to come off today. I am glad to see by the Journal that the 52nd ordered home. This gives us hope soon being sent home.

Saturday, 29.

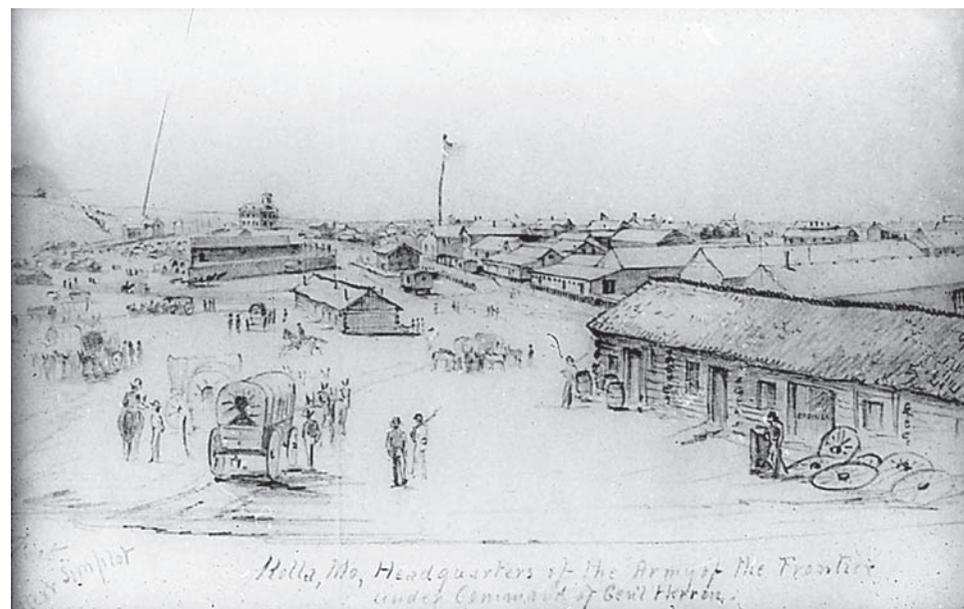
A fine morning. Early this morning Companies E and D got orders to pack up and go to St Louis and they started at 10 o'clock AM. The balance of our company is expected in tonight. John Lannegan got married tonight to a widow from Arkansas.

Sunday, 30.

A fine morning. I go on guard up town today but the guard duty here is now not so strict as usual. The boys of our Com left in Waynesville arrived here today except for 3 men sick. I received two letters from home tonight.

July, Monday, 31.

A cool and nice day. We had Battalion drill today. The first I have been on for over two months. I wrote one letter home to my wife today.



"Rolla, Mo, Headquarters of the Army of the Frontier under Command of Gen'l Herron" is a sketch by Alexander Simplot, field artist for *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*, in 1863. The State Historical Society of Missouri.

August, Tuesday, 1.

A fine morning. I go on guard again today. The news is today that the 51st Regt is at St Louis to be mustered out.

August, Wednesday, 2.

A fine morning. I came off guard this morning and got our quinine. I drew a shirt again today. Two boys in the hospital died today and to be buried tomorrow.

Thursday, 3.

A fine and pleasant day. Nothing of interest except the usual routine of camp life. Three of the boys in hospital died today. The sickness begins to increase in camp and very many is sick.

Friday, 4.

A cool and fine morning. Drill before breakfast. J. Jackson of our Company arrested today for abusing language to the orderly Ley. It rained again some last night. We are expecting Brevet Brigadier General Beveridge tonight as commander of this Sub district. *[John Beveridge of 17th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry became Governor of Illinois in 1873.]*

Saturday, 5.

A cloudy and dark morning. I go on guard today. The new commander of this Sub-district arrived last night. He looks as a very fine old man and has very little style about him. It rained little tonight. The news is tonight that the government has decided to pay us our full bounty. Bully for that.

Sunday, 6.

A very fine and damp morning. Had Sunday inspection. It rained last night so that we had a wet time on the beat. I cleaned my gun a little and took a good nap. I received a letter from home tonight. All well and hearty.

Monday, 7.

A fine and beautiful morning. I wrote home to my wife today. Nothing of interest today.

Tuesday, 8.

A cloudy and windy morning. The dust is flying in great clouds on the parade ground. E. Vliet was arrested by the Lt Col tonight for reading on

his beat and I was detailed to go on guard tonight in his place.

Wednesday, 9.

A fine morning. E. Vliet was released this morning. I and two others took a tramp down below the corral this afternoon till we were nearly tired out. We got all the apples we wanted.

Thursday, 10.

A fine and windy day but it turned awful hot. I and 7 others was detailed as a escort to bury a dead of Co. E.

August, Friday, 11.

A cloudy and cool morning. I go on guard today. It began to rain at guard mounting and kept wet and cloudy all day. The big cannons of Fort Woymen *[Wyman]* was dismounted and shipped for St. Louis.

August, Saturday, 12.

A rainy and wet morning. It rained very hard at noon. A woman came into camp with apples and chickens for sale but the boys stole 9 chickens. I and other was sent to search the quarters but found nothing. Bully for that. But late tonight they caught 5 or 6 of them.

Sunday, 13.

A rainy and chilly morning. It kept on raining nearly all day. Thomas Bunbury went home on a furlough today. Co. G came in today from Big Piney.

Monday, 14.

A fine morning. I go on guard today. I wrote home to my wife today. It is six months today since I enlisted.

Tuesday, 15.

A fine and warm morning. All kinds of rumors today about leaving for St Louis and rumors that we are to be mustered out but it is doubtful.

Wednesday, 16.

A fine but cloudy morning. It begins to rain at 7 o'clock.

Thursday, 17.

A fine and breezy morning. I go on guard today. Rumors is this morning that we leave tomorrow for St. Louis.

Friday, 18.

A fine and warm morning. We got orders to pack up and be ready to start at 2 o'clock P.M. At the appoint-

ed time we had knapsacks slung and marched up to the track half a mile from town but had to wait til 6 o'clock before we started. We had to go in box cars.

Saturday, 19.

We arrived in the depot in St. Louis at daylight this morning but had to wait till half past 9 before we got orders to go. We started for Benton Barracks and a march of 5 miles with heavy knapsacks through the narrow streets in a awful heat - was quite hard.

August, Sunday, 20.

Wrote home to my brother. A fine and warm day. We had Sunday inspection and was notified to be ready for Inspection and Review tomorrow. Had dress parade tonight.

August, Monday, 21.

A fine morning. I took sick with fever and ague *[chills]* last night. I had to attend sick call this morning for the first time. We had inspection and Review this afternoon by Maj Gen Smith and he said that we had to take the place of the 51st Missouri. The boys was cutting up like they were wild last night and this morning they could not get half of them on drill because we all feel that great injustice is done us. I feel very sick today and last night.

[No entries for the next week of August 23 - 29, 1865.]

August, Wednesday, 30.

There is now nine days that I have not been able to record what has happened in camp. We are in camp South of the city of St. Louis. Has a very fine camp.

August, Thursday, 31.

But nothing but dog tents to live in. Has nothing to cook in but the open air.

September, Friday, 1.

A cloudy morning. I am very sick today as I got some bad tasting medicine. East bright. This is the first day I have been able to sit up and write.

Saturday, 2.

I was sent here to Hospital No. 20 on 4 Street last night. I am awful sick.

Sunday, 3.

I am very sick today and it is very warm.

Monday, 4.

I am very sick today.

Tuesday, 5.

[No entry.]

Wednesday, 6.

I am little better today, so that I write home to my wife.

[No entries Sept. 7-9, 1865]

Sunday, 10.

I receive a letter from my wife and one from my brothers today.

September, Monday, 11.

Feel better but awful weak. I write home to my wife today.

September, Tuesday, 12.

I feel quite well today. I got my clothes today and was to exercise but am very weak. I go to the Kitchen for my meals today.

Wednesday, 13.

A cloudy morning. I feel very well today but am very weak. Today I finish my Seventh month in Uncle Sam's service.

Thursday, 14.

A fine morning. I feel stronger and better this morning than I have done since I got sick. I wrote home today to my brothers. I stayed up all day today.

Friday, 15.

A fine and warm morning. I got a little headache this morning but feel pretty well. Had a very poor breakfast this morning. Gen Grant was up in the Lafayette Park today but I was to weak to go and see him.

Saturday, 16.

A warm morning. We had a very poor breakfast this morning. All we got was potatoes, salt and a cup of coffee. I feel very weak today. E. W. Benson *[of Ironton]* and A. Campbell *[Archibald of Ridgeway]* furloughs come today.

Sunday, 17.

A rainy and wet day. We had preaching today in the hospital. A. Campbell and Benson starts for home today. I was pained last night by ear-ache in the right ear.

Monday, 18.

A cold and chilly morning. I was

troubled with the ear-ache and headache.

Tuesday, 19.

A very cold and chilly night and morning. The officers of the Prison moved into this building below stairs this morning and the prisoners is to be moved to some Barracks close by here. I have a pain in my bowels today so that I don't feel right. I wrote home to my wife today.

Wednesday, 20.

A cold and chilly morning. The guards on the prison was reduced today about the half. I feel better today. It seems certain today that Companies C & D is to be mustered out of the service but Co A & K thinks it should be their turn first as they was first mustered in.

September, Thursday, 21.

A cloudy morning. A boy from Co K died here last night. His mother came here yesterday from Wis. My-

ear was running last night so I guess my ear-ache is over.

September, Friday, 22.

A fine morning. I feel better today then I did yesterday. The boys cleaned out these barracks round the Hospital and I expect the Regt to move down here today or tomorrow. The muster out of Co A & C is said to have played out as Gen Pope would not muster out any before he mustered out the whole Regt.

Saturday, 23.

A fine and warm morning. I got two letters from home today. One from my wife and the other from my mother and brother. This was good news for me to hear that they was all well. I wrote and answered them also today. A man from Co F died here last night. He got his discharge yesterday morning.

Sunday, 24.

A cloudy morning. Several sick came in yesterday, so that the Hos-

pital is full. I was sent back to the Company today although I feel weak and bad but the hospital is full.

Monday, 25.

A foggy morning but a warm day. I slept last night in the Capt quarters. I feel quite well today as I feel more at home among the boys and we get all we want to eat.

Tuesday, 26.

A rainy morning but it only sprinkled a little. We had general inspection today.

Wednesday, 27.

A rainy and wet morning. I wrote home to my mother yesterday.

Thursday, 28.

A fine but windy day. I had a very sick spell last night. This morning I am quite well only my head feels mean. We got orders to move down to Schofield Barrack and in ten minutes we had every tent rolled and ready to march.

Friday, 29.

A wet and rainy morning. We are awfully crowded in our quarters and unless the weather keeps cold I fear it is going to be a sickly place. I had to draw my gun again today.

September, Saturday, 30.

A fine morning. I feel quite well now. I wrote home to my brother Ole today.

October, Sunday, 1.

A fine and cool morning. We had Sunday Inspection but I was not out as I did not feel very well. I wrote home to my wife today.

October, Monday, 2.

A fine morning. I feel all right today. I got a letter from wife. They are all well. Good news.

Tuesday, 3.

A fine but cool morning. I felt quite bad last night but today I am better and I went up to the U. S. C. Com-mis-sion and down to the levee. It is quite a sight to [see].

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DEDICATED TO SERVICE

Wednesday, 4.

A fine but cool morning but fine warm day. I went to the Christian Commission and got a bible and I went to the Court House dome and had a very good view of the whole City. The most beautiful sight I ever saw.

Thursday, 5.

A cool night but pleasant day. I now feel well and hearty. We now have very good time, little duty, good barracks and plenty of all kinds we want to eat, so that we are now having the best time we have had since we left the state.

Friday, 6.

A fine morning. The weather cool and fall like. I received two letters from home yesterday bringing me the most sorrowful news of the death of the youngest of my children [Emma, born 1863]. I wrote home in answer. The Capt promised me a furlough to go home next week.

Saturday, 7.

A fine day. Nothing of interest transpired today. Yesterday Corp McClatchie [Samuel of Springville] was promoted Sergeant and Pvt C. Stublely [Charles of Arena] Corporal.

Sunday, 8.

A fine day. I went to the Union Baptist Church and heard a good sermon by Rev Cox. Rev Crery preached in Camp at 3 P.M. and another in the evening, excellent sermons. I wrote home to my wife.

Monday, 9.

A dull and cloudy morning.

Tuesday, 10.

A fine morning. I hear this morning that my furlough was made out last night.

Wednesday, 11.

A fine and dusty day. I expected to go for home today but I did not get my furlough.

October, Thursday, 12.

A fine morning but at noon it begun to rain. W. R. Jones came back from home last night. I am awaiting anxiously for my furlough.

October, Friday, 13.

A rainy day. It rained hard last night. I am getting anxious to get my fur-

lough but it don't get back.

Saturday, 14.

A chilly and cold morning. It was quite chilly without overcoat. I got my furlough at noon and went and got my transportation and ticket. I received two letters from home.

Sunday, 15.

A fine chilly morning. At noon I with 6 others started for home. We started at 3 o'clock and arrived in Chicago at daylight the next morning, all safe and sound.

Monday, 16.

We started from Chicago at 9 o'clock and arrived safe in Black Earth at 5 P.M. I got my supper and traveled home. I got home at midnight and was joyfully received, finding my family all well and hearty.

Tuesday, 17.

A rainy day. I enjoyed a good breakfast with my family. And quite a hearty breakfast I had for it seemed good to once more eat at a well set table with my wife and child around me, after being deprived that privilege for so long time.

Andrew continues writing short entries in his diary, mostly about farm chores which consisted primarily of plowing and husking corn. His entries end on November 14, 1865 with an entry written in Madison, Wisconsin that says, "I got my pay being 129 dollars and my discharge today and so I am once more a free citizen. Bully for that."

He wrote the following "Memoranda" that nicely sums up his experience.

Memoranda

When I left Camp Randall I went with doubt if ever I should see it again but I left it in better humor than I expected. I was very glad that I had none to say goodbye to for that would have been the hardest of all. I thanked God that I had none there then dear to me. We went to Janesville, quite a nice city, it was snowing quite a little. We went through many nice little towns the names of which I do not know. The country from Janesville is very nice and undoubtedly rich. We arrived

in Chicago, which I did not see a great deal as it was night, though it looked to be a very fine and big city, the lot of masts of the shipping there made it look strange to me. The next day, March 9th, we went over the rich soil of Illinois looking very fine with big farms and great fields, large fields of corn unhusked and at some places I saw as many as 5 or 6 cribs of corn 30 or 40 feet long 16 feet wide and 10 feet high. I saw the greatest stone quarry I ever saw. I saw what was said to be the State Prison near Joliet. It was a very high stone wall 16 or 20 feet high, and about 20 or 30 rods square with some very great houses inside. I went through many fine towns but none as fine as the City of Springfield which is the finest City I have seen. The country from Springfield to Alton is very fine. We arrived in Alton at sundown and it is the queerest looking town I have seen. It is built in a deep ravine with high hills on the river side and in this ravine and hillsides the town is built. We arrived in Illinoistown [East St. Louis today] after dark and crossed the Mississippi and marched through the City of St. Louis and arrived at Bentons Barracks at midnight.

This is a very fine camp with awful large barracks, with sutler daguerreotype [photographic images], shoemaker shops, blacksmiths, and all kinds of tradesman and a very large hospital, churches and all kinds of conveniences, but the water is not good as it is drawn in pipes laid in the ground from the Mississippi River.

March 13 at 3 o'clock we starts from Camp to the Pacific R. R. depot and got on board the cars and starts for Rolla at 10 o'clock. The country is the awfullest country I have ever seen, rough and hilly. We went through two tunnels. Rolla is the County Seat of Phillips [Phelps] County and is a quite large town. It is said to contain 2000 refugees most of which leads the most miserable life I have seen anybody---. Most

of them mean of character and it is more dogs in this town than I have seen in all the days of my life. Our camp is on the east side of the town and was the awfullest hole I ever saw when we arrived but we fixed it up so that it soon become comfortable. We stayed here doing Guard duties til the 23d day of May when Co A was sent to St. James to relieve Company B. The village of St. James is a very fine little place. The most beautiful spot I have seen in Missouri. The scenery is fine. The people is nice and clean and our duties is very light so that we roam about as much as we please. After staying in St. James two weeks I was sent to Merrimac Iron Works, 6 miles southeast. The Works is situated in a deep woody valley on the bank of Merrimac River. These works turns out a great lot of iron here. I saw the largest spring of water I ever saw.

We were next sent to Waynesville, 35 miles west of Rolla. This a small place on the main road to Springfield situated on the Rubeek [Roubidoux] River. It is a healthy place and good water. The country round here is awful rough and uncultivated and the people mostly ignorant and of the low class.

On the 18 of August we were sent to St. Louis and quartered in Benton Barracks but after being reviewed by Gen. Smith we had to relieve the 51st Mo Regt and we was moved to their camp South of the City and camped in dog tents. We guarded the Gracious [Gratiot] Street Prison but I took sick and went to the Post Hospital.

On the 24th of September we moved to Schofields Barracks. I stayed in hospital till September 24th when I joined the Company again but was too weak for duty as I had a tough time. When I was sick on the 15th of October I was furloughed and went home.

We hope this sparks interest and provides some context for the first Civil War Reenactments and Living History at Old Settlers Day this year.