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Civil War Diary and Military Papers of Colonel William Hanna

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**THE CIVIL WAR
DIARY AND MILITARY PAPERS**

of

COLONEL WILLIAM HANNA
of Golden, Ill.

Together With Some Notes
And History of the

50TH REGIMENT ILLINOIS VOLUNTEERS

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HISTORY OF FIFTIETH INFANTRY

The Fiftieth Infantry Illinois Volunteers was organized at Quincy, Illinois, in the month of August, 1861, by Colonel Moses M. Bane, and mustered into United States' Service September 12, 1861, by Captain T. G. Pitcher, U.S.A.

October 9, moved to Hannibal, Missouri. 19th to Chilli-cothe. November 27, to St. Joseph, reporting to Colonel R. F. Smith, commanding post. December 19, to Palmyra. 24th to St. Joseph.

January 21, 1862, ordered to Cairo, Illinois, and from thence to Smithland, Kentucky, where the Regiment reported to Colonel Lauman, January 28.

February 6, marched into Fort Henry, 12th, formed a part of Colonel John Cook's Third Brigade, of the Second Division, and moved against Fort Donelson. Took an active part; February 13, 14 and 15, at Fort Donelson. 23rd, occupied Clarksville Tenn. 28th, arrived at Nashville. Remained on board the boat and returned to Clarksville, March 1.

March 25th, ordered to Pittsburg Landing, and landed at that place, 31st. Engaged in the battle of Shiloh, April 6 and 7, Engaged in the siege of Corinth, May 1862. June 4, under Major General John Pope, pursued the enemy as far as Booneville, Mississippi. Returned to Camp near Corinth, June 10. October 3, moved out against the enemy, who were approaching, under Price, Van Dorn and Villipique. 5th, engaged in the battle of Corinth. Pursued the enemy as far as Ruckersville, Mississippi. October 12, returned to Corinth.

December 18, went on scout to Lexington, Tennessee. April 15, 1863, moved toward Tuscumbia, Alabama. Had a skirmish at Bar Creek, 17th; also, at Cherokee, and at Newsome's Farm. 24th, camped at Tuscumbia. 27th, moved toward Town Creek, and fought the enemy under General Forrest, at Town Creek, on the 28th. On the 29th (General Streight having got well on the road for Georgia) the Regiment returned to Tuscumbia, and, on the 3rd of May, arrived at Corinth.

October 11, General Dodge, commanding Left Wing, Sixteenth Army Corps, ordered the Brigade, Colonel Bane commanding to Lagrange, Tennessee. 17th, returned to Corinth. November 6, moved to Eastport, and crossed the Tennessee River at midnight. Passed through Waterloo on the 7th, Lauderdale and Lexington on the 10th, Pulaski on the 12th, and camped at Lynnville.

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November 17, Regiment was mounted, by order of Major General Dodge.

January 1, 1864, three-fourths of the men of the Regiment re-enlisted, and were mustered January 16, and started for Illinois, for the veteran furlough.

February 28, moved from Quincy, and, March 5, arrived at Lynnville, 13th, ordered to Athens, Alabama. 15th, moved to Decatur Junction. 22d, crossed the Tennessee River to Decatur, 27th, re-crossed to Decatur Junction. 31st, moved to Moorsville.

April 12, moved to Athens, Alabama. 30th, moved to Chattanooga, via Larkinsville. May 5, marched to Chickamauga Creek and camped near Lee and Gordon's Mills. 8th, camped in Snake Creek Gap. 9th, moved to Resaca, and returned. 13th, moved to Resaca. 14th, to Calhoun Ferry. 15th, to Lay's Ferry, and crossed Oostanaula River. 17th, met the enemy at a cross-road near the river, and, after some fighting, drove him from the field -- the Regiment losing 1 man killed, and 7 wounded. 19th, arrived at Kingston. 22d, at Rome.

June 20, Colonel Bane having resigned, Brigadier General William Vandiver took command of the Brigade. July 3, one hundred and fifty men from the Brigade and one hundred of First Alabama Cavalry, made an expedition to Cedar Town, Major Hanna, of the Fiftieth, commanding, and returned, and, on 6th, to Cave Springs, and returned, both times capturing prisoners and horses.

In August, Colonel Howett, of the Seventh Illinois Infantry took command of the Brigade.

September 27, the Second Division, Left Wing, Sixteenth Army Corps, Brigadier General John M. Corse commanding, was transferred to Fourth Division, Fifteenth Army Corps. 29th, the non-veterans of the Regiment were started home, for muster-out.

October 4, took cars for Allatoona, at 8 o'clock P.M.; arrived at midnight. At daylight skirmishing commenced, and by 10 o'clock the whole force was fiercely engaged with Hood's army. The enemy was repulsed. The Regiment lost 87 killed, wounded and missing. Lieutenant Colonel Hanna, and Assistant Surgeon A. G. Pickett, were wounded.

October 13, Lieutenant Colonel Hurlbut commanding Brigade, and Captain Horn commanding Regiment, it moved out on Cave Spring road, and met the enemy six miles out, with two pieces of artillery. It drove them four miles, and returned to Rome.

November 10, 1864, moved toward Atlanta. 20th, crossed the Ocmulgee, 26th, crossed Oconee, at Ball's Ferry. December 7th

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crossed the Ogeechee, at Mt. Vernon road. 10th, met the enemy at Little Ogeechee. 16th, went foraging to McIntosh, 30 miles from Savannah. 21st, entered Savannah.

January 27, moved on Savannah River, crossing at Sisters' Ferry, February 4. 12th, crossed North Edisto. 14th, camped near Congaree Creek. 16th, crossed Saluda River. 17th, crossed Congaree River, and entered Columbia. 23rd, crossed Wateree. 26th, crossed Lynch's Creek. March 5 and 6, did provost duty at Cheraw. 12th, arrived at Fayetteville. 18th built barricades at Newton's Grove. 20th and 21st, fought the enemy at Bentonville, losing 2 killed, and 14 wounded. 24th, marched through Goldsboro.

April 10, Colonel Hanna commanding Brigade, moved to Raleigh. 14th, reviewed by General Sherman, as it marched through Raleigh. 16th, moved to Morrisville, and, on surrender of Johnson, returned to Raleigh. April 29th, 1865, moved northward, via Petersburg. Manchester and Richmond, and camped at Alexandria, 20th May. May 24, participated in the grand review at Washington, and camped near Soldier's Home.

June 3, moved via Parkersburg, Virginia to Louisville, Kentucky, arriving on the 8th. July 3, in the prize drill between Sixty-third Illinois, Seventh Iowa Infantry and Fiftieth Illinois, the Regiment won the prize banner.

July 13th, mustered out of United States' service by Captain W. B. Guthrie, Eighty-first Ohio Volunteers and A.C.M. Arrived Camp Butler, Illinois, July 14, 1865, for final payment and discharge.

HISTORY OF THE FIFTIETH ILLINOIS INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS

By Dr. R. C. Slater

The communities of Camp Point, Coatsburg and La Prairie were but a scant six years old when in 1861 the Civil War struck with all its havoc and fury.

Answering the call to protect our country were the farmer boys, who with a sprinkling of townsmen and professional men went from these towns to form at least two companies of the Fiftieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the famous "Blind Half Hundred".

Untraveled, little schooled, deeply religious, ignorant of war and its horrors, home loving, they laid aside their tasks, left their families and enlisted in a cause instinctively felt to be a God-given obligation.

By August 13th, 1861 they were drilling from daylight until dark at camp on the bluff west of the present Soldier's Home in Quincy.

September 11th, all companies filled and trained, they were mustered in to the U. S. Army, with Moses Bane their colonel and Rev. Mathew Biggers of Clayton their chaplain.

Uniformed, armed and equipped they moved out by steamer to Hannibal, Missouri, October 9th in time to make prisoners of several rebel citizens and confiscate a wagon load of rifles and shotguns.

Late in the month the regiment met the only enemy the Fiftieth ever lost a battle to -- an epidemic of measles. After various details in Missouri carrying them as far west as St. Joseph, they returned to Hannibal. January 21st, 1862 they marched through four inches of snow and bitter cold from Hannibal to Quincy where they entrained for Cairo, Illinois, to enter the real battle front. Finding that the train would not stop passing through their home towns, some determined soldiers on their own, applied the brakes at Clayton, and with the train stopped enjoyed a brief visit, for many their last, with friends and relatives.

February 14th, St. Valentine's Day found them at the extreme left of the Union line, shivering through the snow and wet of the first night of the investment of Ft. Donelson.

Here they ran into the ministrations of "Old Red Shirt" a powerful rebel sharpshooter hidden behind a stump at the foot of the fort's entrenchments. This killer accounted for quite a few casualties in the regiment until a diverting flanking move-

ment enabled the boys to fill him with lead and capture his rifle, a fine piece of unusual workmanship.

The next day the Fiftieth was in the vanguard, mixed in the rush with another regiment in a sweeping charge through bitter fire into the last entrenchments of the fort. This was ordered to relieve the hard pressed division of W. H. L. Wallace on the right flank. The surrender of the fort followed quickly. This was their second claim to fame, their first being the "Blind Half Hundred" so-called, because so many were blind in one eye or cross-eyed. The name was cemented because of their unquestioning charge behind their officers in the face of terrible fire at Donelson's surrender.

At Shiloh the Fiftieth suffered as did the others from Grant and Sherman's failure to picket. When the army of Johnson sprang at them in the dawn of April 6th, 1862, in the confusion and roar of developing battle the regiment was detached from its division and sent to an isolated position on the far left of the Union line. It stood with some uneasy, soon-to-retreat troops of Stuart to their left across a deep ravine, and no other troops of support to their right for nearly half a mile.

The enemy approached through the brush and up a creek side with flags furled to conceal their identity until within fifty feet of the regiment. The first volley deprived the regiment of three of its officers, one dead and two badly wounded.

The rest of the day is a story of heroism and the regiment's third claim to fame. With training at a minimum, deprived of officers, fighting without orders, sensing the battle as it came, they fought a slow, stubborn defending engagement that by nightfall had driven them but two-thirds the length of the field. Using trees, stumps, brush and each hillock of dirt they held their ground until overpowered and pushed back to a new spot. Nightfall found them in front of the assembled semicircle of artillery at the top of the road leading up from Pittsburg Landing.

They lay in front of the guns firing prone into the last and failing charges of the enemy of the first day's battle.

At the battle of Corinth, Mississippi that followed, the regiment captured two commissioned officers, a stand of colors and 149 infantrymen. Their fourth claim to fame was at the terrible battle of Allatoona by which the hymn "Hold the Fort for I am Coming" was inspired. This was on October 5th and 6th of 1864. Concentrated on a small hill above a railroad cut, miles from any help, 2,881 men of whom the Fiftieth were prominent, suffered a loss in killed and wounded of 962 men. For that loss they exacted a toll of victory. Of the 7,000

rebels attacking, 2,000 were wounded or missing, 231 dead, 411 prisoners, three stands of colors, 800 stands of arms and several general officers.

Major Hanna of Camp Point was promoted to Lt. Col. September 1st, 1864; he was a Camp Point man and is buried in the local cemetery.

From there the "Grand Tour" with Sherman through the fall of Atlanta to Savannah and then after Bentonville to the surrender of Joe Johnson and the end of the war. From the surrender site they marched to participate in the grand review in Washington and then by train to Louisville, Kentucky for mustering out.

Their fifth claim to fame came while at Louisville where they won a divisional prize in contest as the best brained regiment. At that time Colonel Hanna was presented with a fine sword and cartridge box by the regiment.

Discharged July 13th, 1865 they returned home to resume their tasks interrupted by the onslaught of treason to their country.

Their final claim to fame is that among the few battle flags selected by U. S. Grant to rest eternally with him in his tomb in New York City, is a faded battle torn one of the old "Blind Half Hundred."

TRAVELS OF 50TH ILLINOIS INFANTRY

Organized at Quincy August 1861. Col. Moses M. Bane.

Mustered in September 12th, 1861 by Capt. T. G. Pitcher U.S.A.

October 9th, Hannibal, Mo.

October 19th, Chillicothe.

November 27th, Palmyra.

24th to St. Joseph.

JANUARY 21st, 1862 Cairo -- Reported to Col. Lauman January 28th at Smithland, Kentucky.

February 6th marched into Fort Henry, formed part of Col. Cook's 3rd Brigade 2nd Division and moved against Ft. Donelson.

February 13th, 14th, 15th Ft. Donelson attack.

February 23rd occupied Clarksville, Tenn.

February 28th arrived at Nashville. Returned Clarksville March 1st.

Ordered to Shiloh March 25th, arrived March 31st.

Battle of Shiloh April 6th and 7th.

Siege of Corinth May 1862.

Pursued enemy to Booneville, Miss. under Pope June 4th.

Back to camp near Corinth June 10th.

October 3rd moved out against Van Dorn and Price.

June 5th engaged in battle of Corinth, pursued enemy to Ruckersville, Miss. Returned to Corinth October 12th, 1862.

December 18th Scout to Lexington, Tenn.

Assisted in beginning of Streight's Raid, April 28th, 1863.

JANUARY 1st, 1864 three-fourths of regiment re-enlisted. Home to Quincy.

October 4th took cars to Allatoona, arrived at midnight, fought Hood's army. 87 killed and wounded. Col. Hanna wounded.

April 14th reviewed by Sherman marching through Raleigh.

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May 24th Grand Review in Washington, camped near Soldier's Home.

June 8th went to Louisville, Ky.

July 3rd 63rd Illinois, 7th Iowa and 50th Illinois competed in prize maneuvers, and won. Fine sword and cartridge box presented to Col. Hanna at this time.

Mustered out July 13th, 1865 at Louisville, Ky.

Arrived Camp Butler, Illinois July 14th for payment and discharge.

POSITION OF THE 50TH ILLINOIS AT SHILOH

SWEENEY'S BRIGADE WAS SCATTERED ALL OVER THE FIELD. ONE REGIMENT WAS SENT OFF TO THE LEFT OF MAC ARTHUR, ANOTHER BETWEEN PRENTISS AND TUTTLE, ANOTHER TO THE RIGHT OF TUTTLE, ONE IN RESERVE PROTECTING HEAVY ARTILLERY, AND TWO HE TOOK TO THE RIGHT OF McCLERNAND. Wallace's division was scattered from the right to the left. The most he had in any one place was four regiments. Sherman had two brigades, Hurlbut two, Prentiss about six regiments, about twelve hundred men, and McClernand was the only commander who had his division together.

From "Ifs and Buts of Shiloh" by Capt. A. T. Andreas
before Military Order of the Loyal Legion May 12th, year?

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Second division Gen. W. H. L. Wallace's 3rd Brigade, Col.
T. W. Sweeney Brig. Commander.

The 50th Illinois Infantry regiment was encamped at the extreme north end of the field and east of the Hamburg and Purdy road, on April 6th, 1862.

The 3rd Brigade encampment was between those of the first and second brigades of Gen. W. H. L. Wallace division, and when heavy firing was heard Sunday morning, the 50th regiment marched out with its brigade and took a position on the main road leading from the Landing.

The regiment was ordered detached from its brigade, and to the left in support of General MacArthur of the 2nd Brigade, in his desperate defence against Jackson's Confederate Brigade. Falling back with the 12th Illinois Regiment, the 50th took a position east of Bloody Pond where, joined by the 57th Illinois Regiment, the command held its ground on the left of the army until 4 P.M. Then, falling back, the three regiments supported Stone's Battery near the landing in the last action of the day. Div. Commander Gen. W. H. L. Wallace was mortally wounded and Brig. Comm. Sweeney was wounded, command devolving upon Col. S. D. Baldwin of the 57th Illinois Infantry.

From "Illinois at Shiloh" by Major George Mason

EXCERPTS FROM "HISTORY OF THE FIFTIETH REGIMENT ILLINOIS
VOLUNTEER INFANTRY IN THE WAR OF THE UNION"

By Charles F. Hubert assisted by members of the regiment.
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"The next morning, the 14th, we break camp at daybreak, and moved three miles up the creek to the military road. Our way up the creek led us so that we had to cross and recross several times. At one of these crossings Lewis Slater's (Company B) mule stumbled, and falling threw him forward several feet into a deep hole. As he went under he gave a yell, which was suddenly cut short as he went under. In a moment he was in sight, blowing water and struggling for the shore, when his mule came tumbling upon him and forced him into still deeper water, under the roots of a large tree. It looked for the moment as though the incident would end in a tragedy, and the shouts of the boys were hushed, when all at once Slater crawled up the bank and, with bridle in hand, yanked his war steed out, remounted him, shook the water out of his ears and both marched on rejoicing."

(This occurred between Lexington and Florence Tennessee, in December of 1863 as far as we can tell)

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"Lewis Slater exhibited bravery unparalleled. Wounded in the ankle on the first day at Shiloh, he lay on the ground while the enemy passed over and beyond him, far to the rear. As they passed he would fire until they were beyond his reach, as opportunity offered. He lay on the field all night, and as the enemy fled the next day, pursued by Buell, he began to fire as they passed. He had when the battle began forty rounds of ammunition and fired all but three. This soldier lived near La Prairie, Adams County, Illinois."

(According to George Burke of Pine Grove and Wm. Knight of his company, when they went to pick him up the next day, they say he told that three times the engagement went back and forth over him in the first day's battle, and that he fired on the Rebs going and coming, using ammunition from the boxes of the fallen and playing "dead" when the charging Rebs went over him to avoid being bayoneted. He said that he was forced to lie motionless while a gun and limber with six horses charged over him and the wide tire of the caisson crushed his shoulder into the soft ground, grazing his cheek; this because at the time the ground was occupied by the enemy and to have moved would have been just too bad. As the family always understood it, Grandad Lewis was shot sidewise through the knee and not the ankle and it would not bend after the wound, thus he couldn't fall back with the company as it retired.)

HISTORY OF THE FLAGS
OF THE
FIFTIETH ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY REGIMENT

1. When regiment left Quincy for Hannibal and further west they had no flag.
2. Part of Co. "C" including Lieut. Theodore W. Letton, who had been members of the Quincy Cadets brought their flag with them. Under this the 50th moved to St. Joseph, Missouri.
3. At St. Joseph Co. "K" under Cap't. McGillicuddy, which in 1861 had served as the Marion County Battalion of Hannibal, Mo. and had been mustered in at St. Louis by Lyon for three months with a flag presented by the ladies of Hannibal. This company then known as Co. "C".
4. At the end of the three months service and disbandment of the company, the flag went to battalion headquarters until further use. In September 1861 Cap't. McGillicuddy recruited a company for three years service under authority of Gen. Fremont and was made a place for in the 50th, becoming Co. "K" joining the regiment at Chillicothe, Mo.
5. On December 26th, 1861 while the regiment was at St. Joseph the citizens of Hannibal came to camp in committee and on behalf of the old Company "C", and the folks of Hannibal, presented the flag to Co. "K" in the person of McGillicuddy who made the speech of acceptance. St. Clair Watts of "K" was made flag bearer.
6. January 21st, 1862 the regiment left St. Joseph and while on its way and again at Quincy it returned the Quincy Cadets flag, leaving the regiment without colors.
7. At request of Col. Bane Co. "K" consented their colors should be used as the regimental flag if Watts continued as color bearer; this was done.
8. This flag was the first one planted upon the works at Ft. Donelson just ahead of the 2nd Iowa, who claimed that honor.
9. Flag badly riddled at Shiloh and torn badly at Corinth advancing through underbrush and was returned to McGillicuddy and a new flag was taken on; also a state flag (blue). This was just before the battle of Corinth.
10. New flag stood under heavy fire at Corinth October 3rd and 4th, 1862. Alexander killed carrying it.

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11. Carried through Purdy march of December 1862 and Town Creek Expedition of April 1863. Had become very tattered and riddled.
12. July 17th, 1863 Cap't. Cramer returned from Quincy with pair of white silk guidons lettered in gold "50th Ills. Vols."
13. New colors August 8th, 1863 requisition of Major Hanna. This flag in fire at Iuka, Miss. November 6th, 1863 then through the period as mounted infantry the veteran furlough home and campaign of 1864 from Lynnville, Tenn. to Rome, Ga. It was used until worn out and shot to pieces.
14. June 19th, 1864 new flag. At Allatoona October 1864. Top of staff shot off there. Carried to Savannah, up through the Carolinas and in Grand Parade at Washington. Staff replaced by one from a previous flag for these marches. This flag used at prize drill at Louisville, Ky. July 3rd, 1865 where the regiment won the grand prize as the best drilled of the 4th Division of the 15th Army Corps. A challenge was issued to the army in general to compete; there were no takers.
15. This last set of colors was after the mustering out of the regiment at Louisville in July 1865 returned to Springfield where they are now in the Hall of Flags. The Prize Banner was given into the keeping of Col. Hanna at Golden and brought out at reunions together with the sword and belt presented to him by his regiment's officers and men.

COLONEL WILLIAM HANNA

Colonel Hanna was of Scotch-Irish descent, born in Lexington, Indiana, June 23rd, 1833. He was left an orphan when less than ten years of age, with no support but his own ready hands and his indomitable will. For several years he worked for his board, clothes and a few months schooling at the district school. While yet a young man he took up his studies for the ministry, but failing health compelled him to give it up. While yet in his teens he drifted to Camp Point, Adams County, Illinois, where his sterling business qualities, perseverance and natural kindness and generosity soon won for him a place in the hearts of all who knew him. At the beginning of the war he was engaged in a prosperous business. When the call was made for "three year" men, he assisted in organizing Company "E" of the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry, at Camp Point, and was made Captain of that company.

March 27, 1863 he was commissioned Major; July 18, 1864, Lieutenant Colonel, to succeed Lieutenant Colonel Gaines; later received a commission as Colonel to date from June 11, 1864, the date of Colonel Bene's resignation, but the regiment being reduced in numbers, he was not entitled to be mustered as such; he was afterwards breveted Brigadier General. A thorough disciplinarian; no decision was made which was not actuated by the strictest justice, his whole soul was given to the cause in which he was engaged, and to the welfare of those who had been placed in his charge; his tender watchful care was never relaxed. Often on the march he would dismount and give his horse to some sick and footsore boy, with a kind word of encouragement; so manifest was his love for them, that those whom duty compelled him to punish, felt no resentment, but only stronger love.

He was in all the battles and engagements in which the regiment took part; his clear voice calling to them to follow, never bidding them to go where he feared to lead. He was severely wounded at the battle of Allatoona, Georgia, October 5, 1864, and on account of this wound was unable to go on the campaign to the sea, but rejoined his regiment at Savannah, Georgia, January 11, 1865, and participated in the march through the Carolinas and the final battle at Bentonville, and was present to witness the surrender of the last army of the southern confederacy. So perfect had the regiment become under his command that on March 30th its camp was pronounced to be in the best condition of any in the division, and that on the grand review in Washington it received great applause, and at Louisville, Kentucky, won the prize banner as the best drilled regiment in the 15th Army Corps, (the boys claim in the Western army.) On the drill ground, after its conclusion he was presented with a magnificent sword, as a token of esteem from his fellow officers and men. The banner and sword were greatly cherished by him, and at all the reunions were looked upon as well earned trophies of campaign days.

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Just after the prize drill, General Logan wished to have Col. Hanna commissioned as a Lieutenant Colonel in the regular army and his reply was characteristic both of the comrade and the soldier; "If I can take the "Blind Half" into the regular army with me, I will accept."

Colonel Hanna's home is at Golden, Adams County, Illinois, where he conducted a successful mercantile business; he was postmaster a number of years, an earnest Grand Army man, member of Post No. 312, Dep't. of Illinois, and was Aide-de-camp on Commander-in-chief Alger's staff, always the same kind, noble brave and generous Colonel Hanna.

MASONIC RESOLUTION ON DEATH OF COL. WM. HANNA

Hall of La Prairie Lodge No. 267
Illinois August 19th, 1907.

A.F. & A.M. Golden

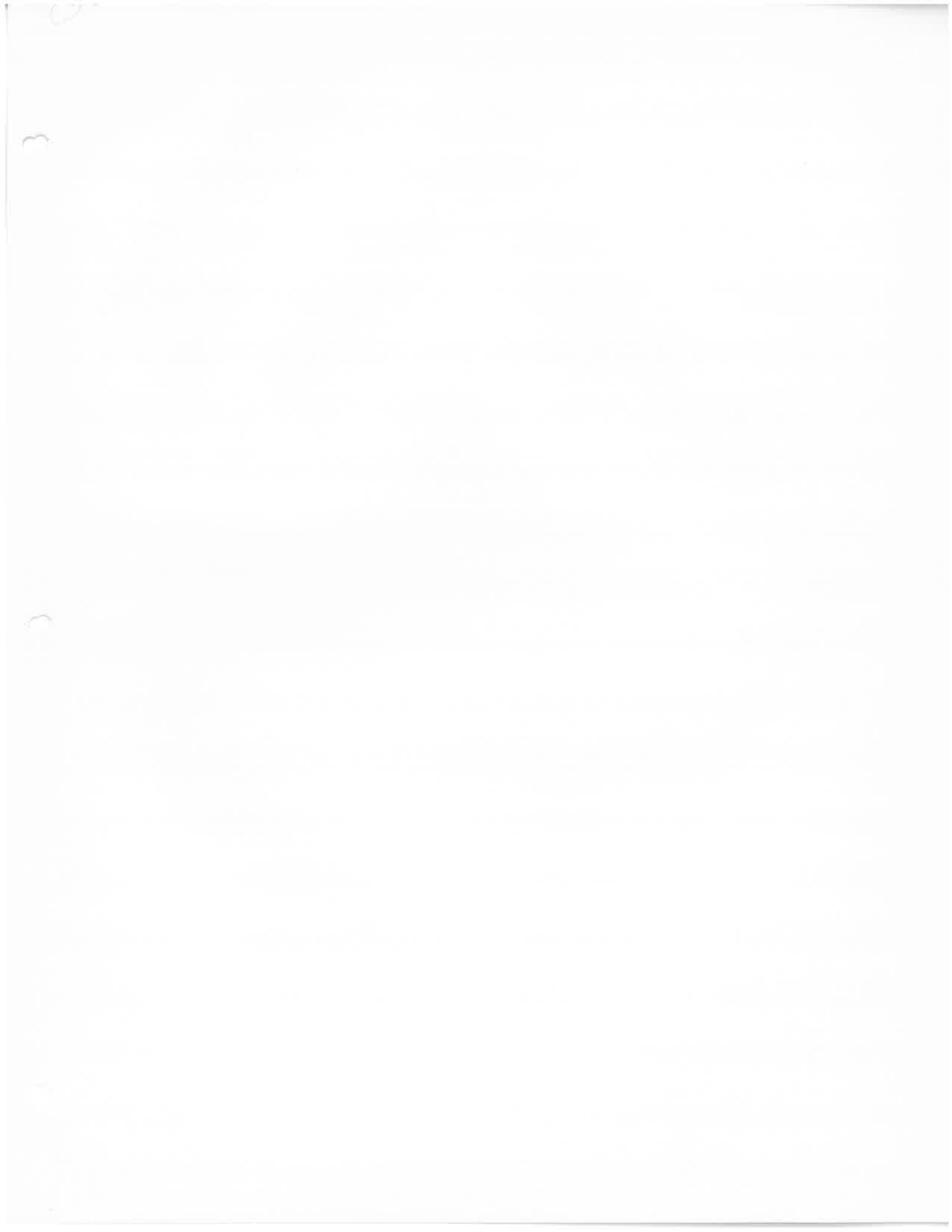
Whereas, our Brother Wm. Hanna has by the providence of God been dimitted from this earthly lodge to affiliate with the lodge presided over by the Supreme Master of all created beings Who does all things in love and mercy, therefore: Be it Resolved by La Prairie Lodge No. 267 A.F. & A.M., that, in the death of Brother Hanna the lodge has lost an honorable and worthy member, the community an noble and exemplary citizen and the wife a kind and loving husband.

And be it further resolved that in the life and character of the deceased brother we find many things worthy of emulation and we especially commend his patriotism when his country called for defenders and his devotion to duty while in his country's service.

And, be it further resolved, that the members of this Lodge, each individually, extend to the bereaved widow our heartfelt sympathy and commend her to the tender care of the Father who alone can comfort and cheer the afflicted.

And, be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be given the widow and one be furnished the Golden New Era for publication, and that they be placed on the records of the lodge and that the Charter and Jewels of the lodge be draped in mourning for thirty days.

(Five places for Committee)



W A R D I A R Y

of

COLONEL WILLIAM HANNA

Year 1864

January 1st.

Went to Pulaski Tenn. in pursuit of Lieut. Hoffman, mustering officer of our division to get him to muster the regiment. Could not get him and remained over night in Pulaski. Stopped all night with Capt. Burnham in the Tenn. House, it was very cold indeed, this was the coldest day we had this winter.

Called on Col. Wilcox of the 52nd Illinois Inft. and took some egg nog with him and a number of other officers of the division.

2nd.

This morning was very cold indeed, got up at 8 O'clock and went to breakfast with Capt. Burnham, remained with him until noon. Went to dinner with Capt. Welker of the 1 Mo. Light Art. Lieut. Hoffman came to town in the evening, could not get him out to Lynnville this evening.

I left Pulaski at 4 o'clock got to Lynnville at 6 this evening was very cold indeed. Found everything all right in the Regt. Got a letter from my wife in which she said the family was all well. I got a letter from Col. Gaines from Louisville Ky. I am through this day.

3rd.

Remained in camp all this day, it has been trying to rain and snow some all day. This has been a dull Sunday to me, had nothing to do. Put some pains of glass in the windows made out of wood. Called on Col. Bane and Lady and was introduced to a Miss Smith, a fine young lady.

Sent Capt. Cyrus to Pulaski in pursuit of the mustering officer. Got a number of men out of Camp F as veterans this day. I am in good health and in good spirits, never better in my life. Had no mail this day. I send a letter to my wife this evening.

4th.

This day has been very unpleasant in many respects, has been raining all day and trying to freeze. Nothing of interest transpired of interest worth mentioning. Dr. Smith of Lynnville died this day, made a speech to Comp. B, of the 50th Ill. Inft. and the result was that we got 25 veterans. No. 1 men, that is the kind of that is Comp. B. Cap't Horn

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told his men that we would go in as a private with them to fill up the Compt.

Am in good health and getting along fine indeed. I think I will get the 31st of the Regiment to re enlist as veterans. The men is in good health.

5th.

Remained in camp all this day, this is the last day for veterans to get bounty. We have 260 this evening in the regiment, in my opinion we will get more. This day I relieved Lieut. Harbison from the position of Quarter Master and appointed Lieut. Strode of Comp. G in his place. Nothing new transpired in the regiment this day. It has been very cold the day.

I expect to go to Pulaski tomorrow evening. Wm. H. Hardin was sent to Alton for stealing money this day from Lieut. Cooper. Lieut. Strode was appointed Act. Quartermaster 50th Ills Inft.

(Note) Hardin was from Ripley and must have got through his trouble as he was mustered out in June 2nd '65 as Private, down from Corp. when charged. Lieut. Cooper was from Brooklyn, Illinois).

6th.

Remained in camp until noon, took a buggy and went to Pulaski with Lieut. Convers, Capt. Cyrus & Wait, Capt. Fee & Lieut. Floyd. Got to Pulaski at 4 o'clock in the evening. Stopped all night in Mery Burch house was very cold indeed.

Nothing new transpired during the day worth mentioning. Called on Capt. Burnham and Col. Wilcox of the 52nd Ills. In the best of good health never better in my life indeed.

7th.

Pulaski is a small town in Tenn, was very cold indeed. Remained in town all day, Went to the Lodge after night where I was made & =

I never suffered with cold so much in my life as I did under the circumstances that I have just mentioned. But I stood it like a soldier. Left Pulaski at 9 o'clock this evening and got to Lynnville at 12 this evening. It was very cold riding after night, slept well after getting to bed. Got a letter from my wife and one from Men Both, one from the postmaster at Detroit.

8th.

This morning I sent out a party of men under the command of Capt. Dunn (Francis J.) Compt I 50th Ills for 3 days. Remained in camp all day had nothing to do, no news worth mentioning. The 7th Ills Inft. passed thru here this day for the

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north. The 52nd Ills. passed thru for the north this day. Called on Col. Bane and Lady and was kindly treated by them.

9th.

This has been a pleasant day, turned warm, most of the snow is gone. The nights is very cold indeed, it is cold for a man that has to sleep alone. I wish I had a woman to sleep with me this night. I will get along the best I can. I received a letter from Francis Hall, Lexington Ind., and was answered this day. Sent a letter to my wife, settled up my board bill 12 dollars. I am in the best of health, this is Saturday night and I must wash and change clothing.

10th.

Went to Pulaski in company with Lieut. Converse, Act. Adj. of the 50th Ills Inft in pursuit of the mustering officer of the 2 division and found him mustering the 66th Ills, he promised me he would come this week.

I called on Capt. Barns A.A.G. to Gen. Dodge and spent a short time with him. Returned this evening to Lynnville, Tenn. where I found everything right. Had a number of officers to call on me this evening. I am in good health.

11th.

Remained in camp all this day. Nothing new transpired in camp worth mentioning. Col. Spincer of the 1st Alabama Cavalry went to Pulaski this day.

Major Campbell of the 66th U.S.S. called on me this day and took dinner with me. I spent most of the day in building a corral for our mules and getting feed troughs for the stock.

One of Comp. K's men struck one of the same company with a spade and broke his skull. I think he must die. I ordered Capt. King to reduce one of his Sgt's to the ranks for drunkenness. The men of the regiment is in good health.

12th.

This has been one very pleasant day indeed. Nothing worth mentioning had transpired in town this day worth mentioning has transpired.

For the first time since I left Corinth, although the men was mounted they done much better in the manual of arms than I expected. All the negros in town attended, it being the first parade ever witnessed by them.

Col. Bane and a number of gentlemen attended. I ordered camp drill one hour each day in the manual of arms.

13th.

Went to Pulaski Tenn, returned this day. Had dress parade at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. The men improved in their manual of arms very

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much since last evening. Sold my black mare to Mr. Dickenson for 350.00 dollars but he could not get the money. In consequence of the fault of him I took the mare back and will take her home when I can.

I sent a letter to my wife this day. Got the first number of my Army and Navy Official Gazette. Paid 2.50 for it.

14th.

Remained in camp all this day, nothing new transpired worth mentioning. Lieut. Bailey of the 1 Alabama Cavalry stopped and had dinner with me. I sent a letter to my wife this day. I sent Capt. Horn to Pulaski in search of the mustering officer this day. Had dress parade at 4½ o'clock this evening. The men done well in the manual of arms. Returned them my thanks for the manner in which the men used their arms. Attended a party at the Sutler's shop this evening in company with the officers of the Regiment. Left at 8½ o'clock. Most of the officers stopped.

15th.

Went to Pulaski Tenn. in pursuit of the mustering officer and got him. He mustered 6 Comp this evening. It is now 12 o'clock. Will start north in the morning with the regiment for Illinois.

16th.

Left Lynnville this evening at 4 o'clock marched 27 miles got to D--k Station at 12 o'clock this evening. The 66th Ills in our rear. We did not stop for anything.

17th.

Left Dark Station Sunday morning at 8 A.M. this day. Got to Nashville at 5 P.M. this day.

18th.

Left Nashville Tenn. and went to Louisville this day on the cars. Left Nashville at 5 A.M. got to Louisville at 6 o'clock P.M.

19th.

Remained in Louisville all this day. Had the Regiment paid off this day and had a good time.

20th.

Left Louisville this morning at 8½ Got to New Albany Ind. at 11 o'clock took the cars for Decatur at ½ o'clock.

21st.

This morning we were on the train all morning.

22nd.

Changed cars, came to Springfield.

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23rd.

Arrived in Quincy Ills. at 3 o'clock this morning. Remained in town all this day. Had a good dinner by the ladies of Quincy Ills. After dinner I drilled the Regiment in the manual of arms.

24th.

This morning we commenced furlowing the men. The furlow was dated the 25th of January 1864. Col. Bane took command of the regiment this morning.

25th.

Remained in Camp Point all day, nothing new transpired worth mentioning. I am having a good time in town called on a number of my old friends in town found them all well.

26th.

No news transpired in Camp Point this day of any importance. To Quincy this morning, remained in town until 4 o'clock then took the cars for Camp Point. Lieut. Converse came up with me left for home next morning.

27th.

Remained in Camp Point all day, nothing new transpired in town worth mentioning. Called on a number of my friends in town.

Went to the Lodge and had a good time. Major Randell was in town, had a good time with him.

28th.

This was one nice day indeed, very pleasant all day. Took my mare out and had a ride. Went into the lodge this evening and had a good time indeed. Went to the house at 9 o'clock and had something to drink with Father. Commenced raining this evening.

29th.

This has been a very unpleasant day indeed, it has rained all day. I remained in town all day. Mr. Roth went to Quincy this morning. I am in good health and anxious to get back to the army in the Field.

Many of the men in the Regiment is getting recruits in large numbers. Mr. Swope called on me this evening. Camp Point is the muddiest hole I have seen in a long time.

30th.

Remained in Camp all this day nothing new transpired.

31st.

Went to Quincy Ills this day, remained in town all day, had a good time in Quincy.

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1st.

I left Quincy this day, came to Camp Point. Remaining in Camp Point, nothing new transpired in town, all quiet.

2nd.

Remainig in town all day, had nothing to do. This evening we had a big time in Camp Point, the ladies of the Union Lodge give us a big supper in E. B. Curtan Hall. Many of the ladies was there in attendance. Rev. M. Bigger made a speech. Dr. Stephens and a number of men in town Curtis Boile (Boyle?) had a most splendid time.

3rd.

Nothing new transpired in town this day, all quiet. I called on James McCormick and found him very sick indeed.

4th. Thursday

Went to Clayton Ills this morning with my wife and remained in town all day. Had a good dinner at Mr. Boes. Col. Bane made a good speech in the Church in the forenoon. After dinner Col. Gaines made a speech and Chaplain Bigger in the hall. Col. Bane and Lady came to Camp Point remaining over night with Mr. Both.

5th.

Remained in town all this day, took sick and was sick all day took some medicine remaining in bed all day.

6th.

Nothing new transpired in town this day, I was sick yesterday all day. This day I am in good health and in good spirits. Attended the lodge in Camp Point this night.

7th. Sunday

Remained in Camp Point all this day, went to Sunday School with Miss Ellen Both, made a short speech to the children.

8th.

Went to Quincy Ills this day, remained in town until 4 o'clock, took the train for Springfield Ills. got there at 12 P.M. same day. Remained in Springfield all day, went out to Camp Butler and Camp Yates, took the cars for Quincy Ills at 6½ P.M. got to Quincy at 1 o'clock same night. Stopped in the Quincy House.

9th.

Remained in Springfield all day, took the cars for Quincy at 6½ o'clock this evening.

10th.

Remained in Quincy until 4 o'clock at which time I took the cars for Camp Point Ills. found the family in good health.

February 1864

11th.

Nothing New in town. I took my mare out today and took a ride around town.

12th.

Went out in the country with Dr. Mileham to see some of his sick men, went to his house and had a good supper indeed. My wife and Mrs. Both with me.

13th.

Remained in town all this day. Had a meeting at the hall of E. B. Curtis after the meeting I went to Brush Baravit-- and had a meeting in the school house.

14th.

Took a ride in the buggy this morning with Mrs. Both. (Sunday) After dinner I took my wife and Mother out to Mr. Swopes, remained there until sundown, come home and had supper. Went to church with my wife.

15th.

Went to Quincy Ills this morning remained all day in town.

16th.

Remained in town all this day. (also apparently 17th & 18th)

19th.

Remained in Quincy Ills for some time. Went to Burton Ills with Col. Gaines both of us made speeches.

20th.

Went to Camp Point Ills this day. Remained in town all this day, had a good time generally.

21st.

Went to Quincy Ills this day remaining in town for some acting Provost Marshall.

22nd.

Remaining in Quincy Ills for some time. Left Quincy this morning for Camp Point where we had a big dinner for the Regiment. Col. Bane, Col. Gaines and Hanna made speeches to the people.

23rd.

Remained in Quincy Ills.

24th.

Remained in Quincy Ills.

25th.

Remained in Quincy all this day. Number of my revolver 72643

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26th.

Remained in Quincy all this day.

27th.

Remained in Camp Quincy Ills this day, tried to keep the men in camp. Gain Marshall Colored woman Confined Camp H 50th Ills.

(This last cryptic remark I would interpret as Marshall got confined to camp because of his interest in the dark stuff)

28th. Sunday

Left Quincy Ills this morning train at 10 o'clock. The men acted bad all the day long.

29th.

Was at Lafayette this morning at 7 o'clock too--

March 1864.

1st.

Arrived in Louisville Ky this morning at 8½ A.M. this morning. Stopped at Louisville House, had a good time indeed.

2nd.

Left Louisville this morning 8 A.M. on the train all day and night without sleep. The men cut up the devil generally.

3rd.

Arrived in Nashville this morning at 7 A.M. We remained in Nashville Tenn this day. Went to Woods Theatre this evening with Col. Gaines and McConnors. Col. Gaines went it with one eye shut.

4th.

Left Nashville Tenn this morning at 9½ A.M. arrived at Lynnville the P.M. at 3. Went to supper with Lieut. Blystone Comp. F

5th.

Remained in camp all this day was very busy in camp getting things fixed for the men. Sent a letter to my wife this evening. Commenced boarding this morning with Mr. Montgomery.

6th. Sunday

Remained in camp all this day and was very busy in getting quarters for the men. Went out to the saw mill came back and sent Capt. Horn's Company to run the mill to get lumber for barracks for the Regt.

Nothing new transpired in camp this day, all the men is in good health. Sent a letter to Gen. Meigs at Washington, D.C. one to Gen. Ramsey chief of Ordnance.

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7th.

Went out to the saw mill this morning. The mill was running fine. Sold my little stud horse this day for 75.00 dollars to Lieut. Warick Brigade Q.M. Sold him well indeed. Col. Bane went to Pulaski Tenn this day. The men is all to work this day building quarters. Sent a letter to Norman F. Hagon at Memphis Tenn.

8th.

Went to Pulaski Tenn this morning in search of mules for the regiment. Called on Capt. Barns. Bought me a pair of cavalry pants. Received a letter from Mrs. Mitchell this day. Nothing new transpired this day worth mentioning. We have 10 men sick in hospital most of them is new recruits. Lieut. Herbison of Comp. B 50 Ills was appointed Q.M. of the 50 relieving Lieut. Strode Comp G. 50 Ills. I am in good health and getting along fine indeed.

9th.

Remained in camp all this day. Sent the Q.M. to Pulaski this day to draw mules for the regiment. Drewed 265 head of stock issued to the company. This has been a pleasant day, commenced raining this evening raining all night. Dont feel very well have some boils on me. Took some salts last night. Nothing new in camp this day worth mentioning will write to Mrs. Mitchell soon.

10th.

This has been a pleasant day in camp indeed. I took the regiment out this morning on drill, mounted, and had a good time indeed. After dinner I mustered the regiment, most of the men looked well. Guns and accoutrements was in bad condition, all except Comp I, it looked fine indeed.

I took command of the regiment this morning and will straighten them out. I called on Miss Ellen Dodge this evening. She looks fine indeed. My health is improving fast indeed.

11th.

Remained in camp all day, took the regiment out to drill this morning at 9 o clock, had a good drill indeed. Mustered Comp B this afternoon at 2 o clock. Received orders from Col. Bane Comndg 3 Brig to be ready to move at a moments notice, with 5 days rations. Sent the Q.M. to Pulaski this day for clothing for the men, he got them issued this evening.

12th.

This has been a pleasant day in camp indeed. Sent a letter to my wife this day. Turned some of our stock over to Brigade Q.M. in compliance with orders from Col. Vabe Comdg 3 Brig. Nothing new transpired in camp this day worth mentioning. Are under marching orders will start tomorrow morning at 7 o clock.

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13th. Sunday

Left Lynnville Tenn this morning at 8 o'clock got to Pulaski at 12 this day. Marched out 7 miles stopped out in the country all night.

14th.

Started this morning at 7 o'clock marched all day. Stopped with Mr. Williamson all night, slept in the fence corner all night not very cold indeed. Col. Gaines made considerably fuss about the night.

15th.

Got to Athens this morning at 10 o'clock stopped for dinner in town. This day Marcus L. Booth got shot by accident by David Cystle, I think Marcus must die. Got him in the hospital of the 51 Ills. Left Athens at 1 o'clock, got to Mr. Garrets stayed all night with him.

16th.

Left Mr. Garrets this morning at 8 o'clock got to Decatur Junction at noon this day and released the one hundred and eleventh regiment Ills, Col. Martin Comdg. Put the regiment to work building quarters for the Regt.

Had 3 saws made to make boards for shanties. Some of our men has the measles, all new recruits. It is very cold this evening indeed. I am in good health and in good spirits and am getting along fine, nothing new, all is quiet.

17th.

Remained in camp all this day nothing new has transpired worth mentioning. Col. Spencer of the 1st Alab called on me this day. Lieut. Col. Phillips of the 9 Ills called on me, he was on his way to Athens. Sent Wm. Keyte and 6 men to Athens had him bring the body of Mr. Booth to this place, will bury him in the morning. Sent a letter to my wife this evening.

18th.

This has been a nice day nothing new has transpired in camp this day worth mentioning. Marcus L. Booth of Comp B was buried this day at 2 P.M. The men is building barracks. Received a letter from my wife this morning. Went out riding this evening with the Q.M. and Adjutant.

19th.

Remained in camp most of the day, went to Decatur this morning in company with the Adj. made arrangements to draw rations at Decatur. Some of the men robbed the sutler of all the tobacco he had last night. Broke into the whisky at the depot and raised hell generally. Sent a letter to Mr. John A. Both.

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20th. Sun.

This is a pleasant Sunday morning, the regt is all to work, dont look much like Sunday morning. Went to the hospital to see the sick men. Received a letter from my wife this evening.

Sent her an answer in return this evening, nothing new in camp this day.

21st.

Remained in camp all this day nothing new transpired in camp worth mentioning this day. Men is all to work building quarters for themselves. Rev. M. Bigger sent to Nashville Tenn. this day for clothing for the hospital.

Merve Convers is sick this day. My health is good. Have 3 of the men in the guardhouse for stealing from the sutler of the regiment. Sent up charges against them this morning.

22nd.

Received orders from Brig. Stevenson Comdg at Athens to report to his Head Quarters for duty with all the mounted men of the 50 Ills in compliance with his order I proceeded at once to Decatur with the men of the Regt. On reporting to the Genl he ordered me to report to Lieut. Col. Phillips of the 9 Ills mounted Inft which I did.

23rd.

This day I remained in camp one mile from Decatur. Received forty thousand rounds of ammunition, two hundred and 50 Springfield muskets and issued them this day to the Comp Officers of the Regiment.

Drawed a number of mules this day from the 9 Ills Inft and had them issued to the Comp Commanders. Remained all night with a man by the name of Mr. Rather, Old Rebel in his heart.

24th.

Nothing new has transpired in camp this day worth mentioning, remained in camp all this day. Received orders from Col. Phillips to send out a small party of men. I sent Lieut. McKneal of Comp. F with 15 men.

25th.

Remained in camp all day. Sent to the Junction for rations for the men. Called on Col. Phillips, found him much of a gentleman.

26th.

Called on Col. Phillips this morning, found him in good company with a young lady, her name is unknown to me. Had battalion drill this afternoon. Commencing at 2 o clock Chaplain Bigger of the Regt came to us this day. Received a letter from my wife this evening. A number of Brig. Gen and a Major Gen. came to this place this morning, Sherman, Logan.

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27th.

After receiving orders this morning from Brig. Gen Stephenson to report back to Decatur Junction, Alabama.

28th.

Remained in camp all day nothing new etc., The men all to work in building quarters, will have them finished in a few days.

29th.

Nothing new in camp today. Received a letter from my wife this morning and answered this evening. The health of the regt improving very fast.

30th.

Remained in camp all day, received orders from Brig Gen. Stephenson to hold my command in readiness to move to Moresville Alabama.

31st.

In pursuance of orders received from Gen Dodge and Stephenson we left Decatur Junction this morning at 8 A.M. Arrived at Moresville this day at 11 A.M. Called on Col Miller of the 72 Ind found him much of a gentleman.

April 1864

1st.

Remained in camp nothing new transpired today.

2nd.

Remained in camp all this day, nothing new transpired worth mentioning.

3rd.

Moved our camp this morning to the camp of the 123 Ills. Will have the men in good quarters by this evening.

4th.

Remained in camp all day nothing new worth mentioning. Have 3 men chopping wood.

5th.

Remained in camp all day. Sent the Q.M. to Athens this morning. Received a letter from my wife. Have 30 men on picket duty this day.

6th.

Nothing new today. Received an order from Gen. Dodge to patrol the Tennessee River. I will send out thirty men in the morning to perform the work.

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7th.

Nothing new etc., Men in good health.

8th.

This has been a very pleasant day in camp. I received an order from Gen Dodge Comdg to dismount the Regt. to turn the stock over to the First Alabama Cavalry.

9th.

This has been a fine day, turned cold this evening, rained some.

10th.

This is a nice morning, nothing new. Turned this day to the first Alabama Cavalry a number of horses and mules.

11th.

Left Moresville Alab this morning at 10 A.M. Marched out some few miles, stopped all night at a little creek by the name of Piney, a nice stream indeed.

12th.

Arrived at Athens this morning at 10 A.M. Went into camp this morning on the fair grounds. We can make a nice camp in a short time. The men is in fine health indeed. Nothing new in town. Turned over all the stock to Capt. Wing this day in compliance with orders from Gen. Dodge.

13th.

This is a fine morning indeed. Called on Mrs. Dodge this morning found her in good health. Had battalion drill this day and dress review in the evening. No news worth mentioning. The Rev. Matthew Bigger, Chaplain of the 50 made his report to me this day.

14th.

Nothing new, health of the regiment improving fast.

15th.

Had battalion drill this evening at 2 o clock. Col. Bane Comdg Brig The 33rd Iowa were bad indeed were under the Comd of A Capt.

16th.

Received an order from Col. Bane to build barracks for the regt commenced the work this morning.

17th. Sun.

Nothing new it has been cold, we had no preaching this day.

18th.

The regt all to work this day building barracks.

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19th.

Commenced this day to build a house for headquarters. Called on Capt. Bowers, A.A.G. to Gen Dodge, had a little whisky with the G Capt.

20th.

This has been a pleasant day in camp, had brigade drill this P.M. at 2 o'clock, had some firing by brigade and by battalion.

Lieut. Lockwood Comp E put in his resignation this morning. Nothing new in camp worth mentioning. This evening the men done well in the manual of arms.

21st.

Nothing new in camp, men still to work on the quarters.

22nd.

Had brigade drill this day some firing by battalion and by brigade. The old 50 was the best in the brigade in the firings. Nothing more worth mentioning. Had a letter from my wife.

23rd.

Had some Comp drill this day, the men done well indeed. Received a letter from my wife this evening.

24th.

This has been a pleasant day in camp. I went to the hospital this morning to see the sick. Most of them is doing fine and had dress parade this evening. The men done fine indeed in the manual of arms. Sent a letter to my wife this day.

25th.

This has been a nice day in camp. Had brigade drill this P.M. The men done fine in the movements. Miss Ellen Dodge called on me this evening. Had dress parade. Capt. King had a fit last night, he is better this evening. I excused him from duty for some time.

26th.

Nothing new etc. Had battalion drill this day.

27th.

This has been the warmest day in the South that we had this summer yet. Had battalion drill this evening. Letter from my wife.

28th.

Received marching orders this morning with three days rations. Will leave this morning. Turned our teams over this morning to Capt. Wing Q.M.

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29th.

Received marching orders this morning. I mustered the regiment this evening for pay. Will move in the morning at 6 o'clock A.M.

30th.

Left Athens Alabama this morning for Huntsville, left this morning at 6 o'clock A.M. The men in good condition.

It has been very unpleasant this forenoon rain most of the time. Went into camp at 1 o'clock. We marched ten miles this day, the men very tired, many of them gave out. The number of men in the command 547, number of officers 27, in all 574. Stopped all night at Limestone Creek.

May 1864.

1st.

Left Limestone Creek this morning at 6 o'clock, marched until noon. Stopped for dinner at Dry Creek and Indian Creek. Moved after dinner reached Huntsville at 4 o'clock this P.M.

This is a nice little place indeed, rather nasty community. The men feel much better than they did yesterday. Received a letter from my wife and answered it this day. Nothing new.

2nd.

Left Huntsville at daylight this morning, marched 16 miles. The men feel rather tired this evening. Got some new shoes which makes it hard for the men to march. Went into camp this P.M. at 3 o'clock.

3rd.

Left camp this morning at 8 o'clock the 3 Brigade in the rear, marched all day until dark camped on a small creek.

4th.

Left camp this morning at 5½ o'clock the 50 in the advance, marched 6 miles to the R. Road took the cars at Larkinsville arrived at Chattanooga at 10½ P.M.

5th.

Left Chattanooga this morning at 8 o'clock marched from 12 to 15 miles this day. Went into camp at 5 o'clock P.M. on the Chicamuga Creek. Plenty of good water. Had a letter from my wife this day.

6th.

Remained in camp all day, nothing new transpired in camp this day worth mentioning. Had the regiment to drill one hour in skirmish drill. Had a letter from my wife this day and one from Mr. Both.

May 1864

7th.

Left Chickahominy Creek this morning, left at 6/30 minutes, marched one mile and then stopped one hour crossing Chickahominy creek. Marched about 10 miles this day, went into camp this evening at 4 o'clock. Men in good spirits and in good health.

8th. Sun.

Moved this morning at 6 A.M. passed through Shippo Gap at 4 A.M. Marched 12 miles stopped at the end of Snakes Gap, went into camp at 6 P.M. Snakes Gap is 4 miles long, plenty of water in it. Mountains on both sides, very high.

9th.

Moved this morning without rations. Met the enemys cavalry two miles from camp, had a little skirmish with them. Drove them like sheep. Marched 8 miles and met the rebel Inft. Skirmished with them until dark, then fell back to Snakes Gap, we had no rations for 3 days, the men was very hungry indeed. Went into camp this evening at 10 P.M. I never felt more tired in my life, had one man wounded in the head with a shell, Swan from Comp. H.

10th.

Remained in camp this morning, commenced to rain this morning at 9 A.M. Had 100 men to work this morning building breastworks. The men got 3 days rations this morning, I changed clothing this morning for the month of May.

Sugar Valley.

The regiment was on picket all day. At one o'clock in the night we got orders to fall back behind the breastworks. I never seen a worse storm in my life, rained all the time, got to our position last night at 2 o'clock, we were expecting a battle this night. All the command was ordered behind the works.

11th.

This is a very unpleasant morning indeed, rained until 10 o'clock A.M. We expected an attack this morning at daylight, but was disappointed very much. Nothing new transpired during the day worth mentioning. Had a good nights sleep. Had a letter from my wife and one from John A. Both, all well.

12th.

Sent two companies out this morning in search of meat for the regiment. Capt. Horn in Com'd of the two companies, he brought in plenty to last for some time.

Hard fighting on the left flank this day. nothing new from the front worth mentioning. Rissecca. (Resaca)

13th.

Received marching orders this morning at daylight, can't tell in what direction we will go. Left Camp Snakes Gap this morning at 8 o'clock marched out on the Rome road one mile and

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then stopped, moved on, met the enemy and drove them of their chosen position. It is now dark and we are going into camp for the night. They are still skirmishing on our front, no hard fighting during the day. We heard this day that Gen. Grant had whipped Gen Lee he captured 30 pieces of artillery. Had a hard bed last night on the corn for my horses

14th.

The battle commenced this morning with skirmishing at 9 o'clock. The 2 Divis under the command of Brig. Gen. T. W. Sweeney moved out to the mouth of Snake Creek, met the enemy, they had a battery on the other side of the creek.

Gen. Sweeney put some guns in position, most of the fighting was with artillery. Hard fighting has been done on the left of our line. Have not heard anything from the left. Went into camp at dark, the rebels still hold the ferry.

15th. Sun.

The Ball opened this morning with skirmishing and some artillery, not much. I hope the Lord may prosper our arms this day in the defence of our country. We passed over the creek this P.M. at 5 o'clock and commenced to build fortifications, worked all night until daylight on the morning of the 16th. There was hard fighting last night at 12 o'clock on our extreme left flank, have not heard from there yet, The rebels left.

16th.

Sent out one company this morning to feel of the enemys lines. Comp B 50th Ills met the enemy and drove them 3 or 4 miles skirmishing with them until 5 o'clock when the enemy got rein (?) for certain and drove us back one mile. I suppose we lost 8 men this day, one killed that I know of, Christian of Comp. B 50 Ills, he was shot in the head.

The 15 Army Corps came up this evening. We had a hard time this day, the men done well indeed, 8 men wounded and one killed.

17th.

The 15 Army Corps moved out in the advance this morning. Raining this morning, cleared off at 11 this morning. We did move this day until 6 P.M. Marched 8 miles, went into camp at 2 o'clock on the morning of the 18th. The men is very tired indeed. Nothing new this day from the front Johnson is in full retreat and Sherman is pursuing.

18th.

Moved this morning at 7 A.M. I had no breakfast until noon. Our men had a fight at Adairsville on the evening of the 17 and drove the rebels, loss not known, went into camp at one o'clock for dinner, remained there until 6 P.M. Killed seven head of

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cattle and issued them one days rations.

We marched 8 miles went into camp for the night at 12 o'clock, men very tired indeed.

19th.

Remained in camp this day until 12 P.M. when we marched out 6 miles, the 4 Division in the advance. Men in good spirits. Some 5 hundred prisoners passed through our camp this day. Went into camp at 6 o'clock P.M. Men in good health. Remained all night. This is the first nights sleep that we had for some time.

20th.

This morning finds us in good health near Kingston Georgia. We expected to fight at this place, the enemy is gone again. We remained in camp all this day. The men washed their clothing this day, we are all in hopes of the mail coming this day. I sent a letter to my wife and one to John A. Both. I had my clothing washed this day.

Capt. John W. Rickard Comp D 50 Ills was mustered this day as Capt Wm. K. Hazlewood came to the regiment this day with his Coms. As Capt Rickard got mustered Hazlewood will go home.

21st.

The command remained in camp all this day. Nothing new worth mentioning. I called on the 78 Ills this day. I seen Capt. McDougal this day. I sent a letter to John A. Both.

22nd. Sun.

This morning I received an order to be ready to move at day light. Left camp at 7 o'clock A.M. marched about 12 miles this day. This has been a hot day indeed. We went into camp this day one mile from Rome. Nothing new this day.

23rd.

Remained in camp all this day, nothing new. I was quite sick during the day. In the evening I rode over in town with Col. Bane and a few other officers of our Brigade. This is the first time that I had been in Rome Georgia. This day I met Major Shy of the 31 Ind. Regiment.

24th.

This morning I received orders from Col. Bane to move the regiment over into the city of Rome. I moved out at 7 A.M. this morning, went into quarters at 8 A.M. Most of the men in the courthouse. Rome is a nice little city in the State of Georgia. Most of the people is wealthy and of refinement. Think it will be very pleasant for us this day I got 12 boxes of tobacco for the regiment. The men had none, nor no money.

25th.

Remained in camp all this day, nothing new transpired in

May 1864

25th (Cont'd)

town worth mentioning. This day the 16 Ills Inft is in town waiting to hear from the cars to go home. Commenced raining this evening. I sent a letter to my wife this day, one to John A. Both.

26th.

This day we spent in camp, nothing to do, everything quiet in town, no mail for some time.

27th.

Remained in town all this day, had nothing to do, everything is quiet, nothing worth mentioning. Took a walk this evening with Dr. Pickett.

28th.

Nothing new in town this day, everything quiet, sent a letter to my wife.

29th.

This is a beautiful Sunday morning in the land of Georgia, it looks like home this morning. At this moment the bell is ringing calling the people to the house of God, many are called but few are going.

I went to church this morning heard a good sermon, came back to quarters and had dinner at 3 o'clock P.M. I took a ride with Capt. Dunn and the Adjutant, nothing more transpired in the City of Rome Georgia.

30th.

Remained in camp most of the day nothing new. I called on Col. Bene this morning and find him in poor health. This has been a warm day in Ga. Major Willars came to town this morning, He spent the most of the day with me. This evening two women came along the street and would not march under our colors. I followed them to their houses and told them what I thought of them. They sent me a note requesting me to call on them, but I did not come. All such women should be sent South.

31st.

Remained in camp all day nothing new in Rome. No mail.

June 1864

1st.

This is a pleasant day, a little warm, nothing new, called on Col. Bene this evening.

2nd.

Rather pleasant day, we moved our headquarters this day to

June 1864

2nd. (Cont'd)

the house of Dr. King. The Dr. got up and went when the Yankees came to the City of Rome. I received two letters this evening from my wife, answered them this evening. After supper took a ride around town.

3rd.

A very pleasant day indeed. Took a ride in my sulky this evening. Nothing new in the city of Rome this day. Am in good health.

4th.

This day has been rather unpleasant, it has been raining most of the day. The advance of the 17 Army Corps came into town this evening. The balance of the Corps will be in tomorrow, sometime. I sent a letter to my wife this evening. Nothing new worth mentioning in the city of Rome.

5th.

This day it has been raining most of the time. The 17 Army Corps came into the city of Rome this day. I sent a letter to my wife this day. I went to church this morning and was somewhat disappointed in the preacher. Expected to hear Chaplain Collins of the 57th Ills Inft.

6th.

Remained in town all this day. The town has been full of men of the 17 Army Corps passing through. Hear this day Gen. Frank P. Blair in Comnd of the Corps. Major Willareil (?) left the city of Rome this day for the front. I got me a nice sulky this day.

7th.

This has been a very pleasant day, rather warm, nothing new worth mentioning in the city of Rome this day. I went around and inspected the camp this day, found them in good condition. Took a ride this evening, took a good wash in the creek. Capt. King had a fit this afternoon at 3½ o'clock, he looked bad indeed.

8th.

Remained in camp until the evening when I received orders from Col. Bane to cross the river with the entire regiment the impression was that Forrest was marching on this place.

I went over with the regt but found no men on the other side. Rained very hard indeed all day. I was ordered back after dark, came back to the city of Rome and was good and wet. Nothing more worth mentioning this day. Capt Ratree of the 57 Inspected the regt and found the arms and accoutrements in good order.

June 1864

9th.

This morning Lieut Converse was relieved as acting A. A. G. of the 3 Brigade of the 2 Division 16 Army Corps. This morning I gave the camp Comdrs to understand that they must keep their quarters clean.

10th.

Rained most of the day. Took a long walk this evening with Lieut. McNeal.

11th.

Nothing new in the city today. Called on Col. Bane this evening. He has put in his resignation. The understanding that it is accepted. I took a good wash this night, I feel fine.

12th.

This has been a very wet day indeed, I went to church this morning, came back and sent a letter to my wife and one to John A. Both. This evening I received orders to move out in the country tomorrow morning with the regiment and part of the 39th Iowa, 5 Ky and 1 Michigan.

13th.

This morning I left Rome, went out in the country 13 miles and found corn and wheat and 60 head of cattle, 20 head of mules. It rained hard until noon, then it cleared off. I got back to Rome at dark this day. Had a good time generally. Reported to Col Bane when I got back, he was well pleased with the expedition.

14th.

This morning I felt very tired indeed, remained in Rome all day, nothing new, took a ride in the evening.

15th.

Nothing new this morning. We had a mail this day, I got no letters, something very strange indeed. I took a ride this evening in a skiff with the adjutant and Sgt Martin of Comp F. Sent a letter to my wife this evening.

16th.

Nothing new worth mentioning. Old hat played out.

17th.

This day has been very pleasant indeed. I put my mare in the buggy this evening and took a good ride. I called on Col. Bane this evening and took him a riding, We had mail this evening, no letter for me.

18th.

This morning it commenced raining and rained the most of the day. I went to the hospital this evening. I sent a letter to John A. Both this evening.

June 1864

19th.

This day it has been raining most of the day. Col. Bain made a short address to the 3 Brigade before leaving us. He will leave in the morning, we had all the regiments out.

20th.

This morning we had no rain for a change. Col. M.M. Bane started for home this morning. Chaplain Bigger returned to the regiment this evening, nothing new worth mentioning.

21st.

Nothing new in camp of the city.

22nd.

I went out this evening in the country with two companies to try and catch some rebels but failed. They run like good fellows.

23rd.

This morning the rebels came up on the picket line and took 4 men of Comp B of our regiment prisoners. I went out 4 miles in the country after them but they were gone too far.

24th.

This morning I took a ride on the river in a skiff, sent a letter to my wife in the evening.

25th.

I was very much disappointed indeed this day in not getting a letter from my wife, nothing new &

26th.

This is a fine morning indeed, nothing new. The men of the regiment is in good health. I went to church this morning It is a very warm day.

27th.

Nothing new transpired today. Received orders this evening to move out in the country.

28th.

Commenced to move this morning out in the country, got through moving this evening. Lieut White flanked me this evening bad.

(Note on page) William Hanna was married to wife Magy Both
June 28th, 1860.

29th.

Remained in camp all day, We had mail this evening, received 7 letter this evening from home, I was truly glad indeed to hear from home.

30th.

Nothing new. I mustered the regiment commenced at 5 P.M.

July 1864

1st.

This has been a warm day indeed, letter to my wife.

2nd.

This has been a very warm day in camp wrote letters to John A. Both and Joseph Both.

3rd.

This morning I left Rome in command of one hundred men of the 1st Alabama Cavalry, 50 men from the 39th Iowa, 50 from the 50 Ills and 50 from the 57th Ills and 25 government teams.

I marched on the Cave Spring road 6 miles then took the Seeder Town road. I reached Seeder Town at 2 P.M. this day. Charged into town, killed one man by the name of James Carson, government agent. Took one prisoner then fell back on the Inft, took 4 more prisoners. We got 47 head of stock and then fell back within 7 miles of Rome this evening.

(Note: The government agent was confederate, Hanna also captured a large mail, 50 lbs. of English gunpowder and 3,600 caps) (Cedar Town)

4th.

I broke camp this morning at 6 o'clock, moved to Rome, reached the town this morning at 7 A.M. turned over the prisoners to the Provost Marshall and the stock to the Q.M. then reported to Gen. Vandiver the result of the expedition. He was well satisfied with it. I then went to bed and slept until 4 P.M. Got up went down and called on the Gen and had supper with him.

5th.

Remained in camp all this day nothing new worth mentioning. This evening I received orders to go out foraging again.

6th.

This morning I left Rome in the direction of Cave Spring with the following command. 1st Ala, 50 Ills 39th Iowa 57th Ills. We reached Cave Springs at 12 noon. I left the Inft and put out with the Cavalry reached Cedar Town at 5 P.M. Then fell back to Cave Springs reaching the town at 9 o'clock P.M. with the loss of one man killed, rather murdered, Stopped in town all night. I stove up my young horse.

7th.

This morning I left Cave Springs at 7 o'clock, took the river road for Rome, Ga. reached the town at 5 P.M. this day. I then turned over the stock to the Brig. Q.M. 30 horses 37 mules and 34 head of cattle and 84 head of negroes 3 hundred bushels of wheat, nothing more. The next good thing I reported to Gen. Vandiver and got a drink of good whiskey, that finished the trip.

July 1864

8th.

Remained in camp, nothing new I feel rather tired indeed this day.

9th.

Remained in camp all day. We had dress parade this evening at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. I had a letter from Dr. Henry this evening, he accepted the position as Surgeon of the 50th Ills Regt.

10th.

Nothing new in town sent a letter to Mr. Wm. Covert Camp Point Ills, I sent a letter to Dr. Henry this evening.

11th.

Remained in camp all day, nothing new happened in the city of Rome, this day.

12th.

This has been a very warm day indeed. I had dress parade this evening at 6 P.M., Sent a letter to John A. Both this evening.

13th.

Remained in camp all day nothing new worth mentioning. Letters from John A. Both and from my wife.

14th.

Nothing new in the camp of the 50th this day. Wrote letters to J. A. Both and to my wife. Capt. Ratrey inspected the regiment this evening. I received 30.00 this day from John A. Both.

15th.

Remained in camp all this day letter to J. A. Both, dress parade this evening.

16th.

Nothing new in camp this day. I took a ride this evening in the buggy.

17th.

Remained in camp all day, nothing new in the city of Rome.

18th.

This has been a pleasant day in Rome, cool and pleasant. Have Compny drill one hour each day in the week except Sunday.

19th.

This has been a pleasant day nothing new in the city of Rome. I sent a letter to Henry King this day, one to James P. Mundy.

July 1864

20th.

Remained in camp all day, nothing new, letter to my wife.

21st.

Nothing new worth mentioning this day, I got no mail.

22nd.

Nothing new I got no letter this day from home

23rd.

Remained in camp all day. Lieut Strode Comp G tendered his resignation this day.

24th.

This is a nice pleasant morning indeed. Our Flag is floating half mast this morning on account of the death of good and gallant officer Major Gen. James B. McPherson Comndg the department of the Tenn. Sent a letter to my wife this morning.

25th.

I called on Col. Rowett of the 7th Ills this morning, he is improving in health. This evening I sent a communication to Springfield. B. F. Letton is making an effort to be Major of the 50 Ill Inft.

26th.

Remained in camp all day without much news. We had battalion drill at 2 o'clock, had mail, nothing from home. I beat Chaplain Bigger this day playing chests, (chess?) glory enough, our luck still stands.

27th.

This is a cool pleasant morning nothing new worth mentioning.

28th.

Remained in camp all day no change. Amount of expense going to Huntsville in turning over ordnance, 7.50

29th.

This has been a cool and pleasant day. I made out my quarterly return of ordnance this day, nothing new sent my wife a letter.

30th.

Nothing new in city today, had no mail.

31st.

This has been a warm day, more so than for a long time. I sent a letter to John A. Both this day. We had no mail this day nor no news worth mentioning. This evening I took a good wash and feel fine indeed. This day I got shaved for the first time. I sent a letter to Col. Bane.

August 1864

1st.

This has been a cool and pleasant day in the country. The officers has been making out their pay rolls this day. I called on Col. Boles this day, I called on Col. Spencer this evening. I sent a letter to William Boyle this day, Lexington Ind. We expect to be paid in a few days. I sent a letter to the chief of ordnance this day in regard to my ordnance. I beat Dr. Kicket two games of chest.

2nd.

Remained in camp all day, nothing new from the front. Dr. Kendall returned to the regiment this day, he is improving fast.

3rd.

This is a pleasant day. I took Dr. Kendall riding this day in the buggy, He is improving in health. Nothing new this day, no mail. I beat Dr. Pickett playing chests two games.

4th.

This has been a cool pleasant day indeed. Nothing new worth mentioning in this place. I was quite sick this day indeed, not long at a time. I am better this evening. I had two letters from home this day, all well. Sent a letter to my wife.

5th.

Remained in camp all day nothing new. Had a letter from D. Mileham this day sent letter to J. A. Both.

6th.

I called on Col. Cummings this morning and had a drink of good whiskey with him. It commenced raining this evening and is still raining at 9 P.M. Sent letter to my wife and Dr. Henry of Clayton. Got two mocking birds this day. I beat Chaplain Bigger playing chests.

7th.

This morning the regiment was paid off. Men in good spirits, nothing new.

8th.

This day settled up with the sutler and paid Col. Gaines Account, paid all my accounts. Sent letter to John A. Both today. I beat Dr. Pickett playing chests 5 times.

9th.

Remaining in camp all day nothing new. Received permission from Gen. Wood to go to Huntsville, the men are going to send their money home tomorrow.

10th.

Started for Huntsville Alabama this morning at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. Got to Kingston at 2 P.M. this day.

August 1864

11th.

Got to Chattanooga last night at 11 o'clock. Expressed 7672 Dollars for the men of the regiment this day. Nothing new worth mentioning. Left Chattanooga this day at 1/2 o'clock for Nashville, had a hard old ride indeed.

12th.

Arrived in Nashville Tenn. at 5 1/2 o'clock P.M. Stopped at the Syance House, called on Dr. Mileham this morning, found him in bed not very well. I called on Henry King this day and found him in good health. Went to the express office and got me a suit of clothing from home and one pair of boots and 2 shirts. They were very much needed indeed. I sent a letter to John A. Both this day from Nashville Tenn. I Paid 45.00 for a base drum for the regiment.

13th.

Left Nashville Tenn. at 2 1/2 o'clock this P.M. Had a good time, got to Stephenson at 1 1/2 o'clock P.M. Stopped in the express office with the agent, laid on the floor all night, rather hard bed indeed but it was thankfully received.

14th.

This morning finds me in Huntsville, had a good time with Capt. Calender Paige and Ritcheson.

15th.

Left Huntsville Ala. this morning at 7 A.M. got to Stephenson 11 A.M. left for Chattanooga at 2 1/2 o'clock. Got to Chattanooga at 8 P.M. Stopped at the --

17th.

Remained in town all this day, nothing new. The R. R. is torn up, cant get off for some time.

18th.

Still remaining in town. Col Bane came to this place this morning. Left Chattanooga at 4 P.M., got to Dalton stopped all night.

19th.

Left Dalton this morning at 7 o'clock, arrived at Kingston remained there until the evening. Took a wagon and came out some few miles and stopped. Letter to my wife from Kingston.

20th.

Remained in camp until noon at which time I received orders from Col. Rowett to move out in the country with the Regt. Went out 9 miles, stopped for the night. Sent letters to John A. Both and Aunt Jane Hanna.

22nd.

Remained out in the country until evening came into camp

August 1864

22nd. (Cont'd)

at 4 o'clock, nothing new. Received^a/letter from Robert Middleton.

23rd.

Went out in the country this morning with 75 men after peaches for the regt. I got 40 bushel for the men.

24th.

Remained in camp, nothing new.

25th.

Nothing new worth mentioning.

26th.

This has been a very warm day in this country. This evening the resignation of Lieut. Cooper came back approved.

27th.

I went out in the country this morning. I had two teams and 75 men with me, went 8 miles, brought in one hundred bushels of peaches for the regiment.

28th.

This has been a fine day indeed. I have some of the men from the hospital to dinner with me this day. Sent letter to my wife. Nothing new.

29th.

I had Dr. Kendall, Dr. Pickett, Mr. Bigger for dinner this day. Had a game of chess with Chaplain Bigger and one with Dr. Pickett. Had parade this day. Lieut. Cooper started for home this day. I received notice this evening that I was Commissioned Lieut. Col. I sent a letter to A. Both.

30th.

Remained in camp all this day, nothing new. Dr. Stephens called on me this evening. I sent a letter to my wife this evening.

31st.

I mustered the regiment this day, commenced at 3 o'clock, got through at 5 P.M. This evening I received my commission as Lieut. Col of the 50 Ills Inft. Nothing new in town this day. I sent a letter to my wife.

September, 1864.

1st.

Remained in camp all this day. Had battalion drill this P.M. Nothing new. Sent letter to John A. Both.

2nd.

Remained in camp all day, nothing new. Had battalion drill. The impression is that Atlanta is ours, hope, how true it may be.

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Head Quarters 50th Ills Inftry Vols
Rome, Georgia Oct. 29th, 1864

Col. Allen C. Fuller
Adjutant Genl. State of Illinois

Col.

I would most respectfully request that you commission Lt. Col. Wm. Hanna 50th Regt. Ills. Inftry Col. of Said Regt (Vice Col M.M. Bane resigned.)

Col. Hanna enlisted in the Service as Captain in the 50th Regt Ills Inftry Sep. 12th 1861, was with his Company and Regiment at the Battles Forts Henry and Donaldson, also at Shiloh April 6th & 7th 1862, at the latter place his cool courage alone save the regiment from utter rout, after the wounding of the Col^l and Lt. Col^l. During the absence of Col^l Bane in the advance on Corinth, Capt. Hanna was most of the time in Command of the Regt^l, was promoted to Major Mar. 27th 1863, he had entire command of the Regt^l for some thirteen (13) months previous to his being made Lt. Col^l July 18th 1864.

Col. Hanna unites all Military Qualifications that should be found in an efficient officer and has the confidence of his officers and men in a degree that cannot be surpassed in the service.

He is now suffering from a severe wound received in the late action at Allatoona being wounded while standing on the works encouraging his men by Deed and example.

Believing the above Honor to have been justly and noble earned It is Respectfully asked for the good of the Service.

Very respectfully your obt servant

Captain 50th Ills. Inftry

Commanding Regiment.

If the foregoing should meet your approval

P.S. Send comiss to his home Camp Point Ills. where he will be having obtained short leave of absence in consequence of wound

Capt 50th Ills

Camp 50th Ills Infty Vet Vols.
Savannah Ga. Jan. 21st, 1865

Hon. E. M. Stanton
Secretary of War Washington D.C.

Sir

Based on the fact that Lieut. Col. William Hanna 50th Ills. Infty Vet. Vols. has received from the Governor of the State of Illinois a Commission as Col of said Regt of date Dec. 23rd '64.

We have the honor to request that an Order be issued enabling him to be mustered as Col of the Regt."

The aggregate of the Regt will be seen by reference to an accompanying paper.

We have the honor and pride to state that he distinguished him self in the Siege and Battle of Ft. Donelson, Battle of Shiloh, Siege of Corinth, Battle of Corinth and Battle of Allatoona; where he received a very painful wound.

In an acquaintance running through a period of more than three years we have always found in him the pure man the efficient and faithful officer generous companion and true friend.

As an officer he is industrious with rare capacity.

We are happy as officer to thus be able, unanimously to bear testimony to the virtues and capacities of our commanding officer.

Very respectfully Your obt servts.

J. ? Williams	Surgeon	50th Ills Infty Vet Vols
M. Bigger	Chaplain	"
J. S. Worman	Captain A Co	"
L. Weight	1st Lieut A	"
John Dunlop	" B	"
H, S. Burnham	Captain C	"
S. W. Starrett	1st Lieut C	"
J. W. Rickart	Capt D	"
J. A. Ayer	2nd Lieut D	"
W. R. Keyte	1st Lieut E	"

Hd Qrs 3rd Brig, 4th Div, 15th A.C.

Savannah Georgia Jan. 23rd, 1865

I certify that the above list of names of Officers includes all the officers belonging to said Regiment except the Sr Col. Commanding.

Fred Mott
Lieut and A.A. Genl.

(The foregoing letter had these endorsements on its reverse)

(First endorsement on first fold)

Camp of the 50th Regt Ills
Savannah Georgia Jan. 21st, 1865

the Comissioned Officers of the
50th Ills Inftry Vet Vols

Respectfully request that
an order be issued to
enable Lieut Col. William
Hanna 50th Reg't Ills Inftry
to be mustered as Colonel.

(Second endorsement on next fold)

Headquarters 3rd Brig 4th Div 15 A.C.
Savannah Ga. Jan'y 23rd 1865
Respectfully forwarded
? Hurlburt Col 57th Ills Vet
Vol Inftry Commanding

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(above line in red ink faint)

Respectfully returned. At no time
since Lt Col Hannas comission has
been issued, has the strength of
the regiment been sufficient even
with the recruits assigned but
not joined to entitle him to be
mustered in as Colonel and the law
directly implies that no officers shall
be mustered a Colonel of a regiment
where such command falls below a
prescribed aggregate, and it would
therefore be useless to forward this
application in the face of a law so
clearly expressed. However much we
might desire the advancement of an
excellent officer.

By order of

Bt Maj. Gen'l Jno M. Corse

L. H. Eustis

A Genl

W. 38 I, R 15.A.C. 1865

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WAR DEPARTMENT
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON February 14th, 1865

To the

Commanding Officer

50th Illinois Vols.

thro Hd Qrs. Dept. Tennessee

Sir:

The proceedings of the Military Commission instituted by
G. O. A. 21 H. Q. 4th Div. 15th Corps in the case of
Lt. Col. Wm. Hanna of your regiment have been approved
by the Secretary of War.

The bar to his receiving pay is hereby removed.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

Thomas M. Vincent

Assistant Adjutant General

(Par V G.O. 100, War Department A.H.O. 1862)

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CARLINVILLE ILLINOIS June 6th, 1875

Col. Hanna
Keokuk Junction
Ils

Dear Sir:

I learned a short time since from Genl Kilpatrick that he is about to write a Drama of the battle of Allatoona and desires to know who were the commanders of the forces during the battle. Who made the charges if any and who of the Regt'l Commanders were wounded &c &c

Now he knows nothing of the battle save through Corse's report and one would suppose that Corse commanded all the time. When you and every one else who was there knows better. He turned the command over to me as soon as he got wounded -- Now Col I want you to write to me and let me know what time in the day it was when you ran into the forces that were about to burn our rations. How long after that you got wounded, whether you were wounded before Corse was or after or whether you noticed Corse lying down with the other wounded officers - then I want to ask him the question if he had not given up the command to me, what business he had lying down & c

In fact Hanna I intend the Country shall know who did the fighting at Allatoona and I want Hanna Rattrey Robinson and others shall have some of the credit for the grand fighting they did on that terrible day.

Please drop me a line at your earliest convenience and oblige

Yours resply

R. Rowett

Headquarters 4th Division 15th A.C.
Ridgeway Ky. July 6th 1865

Circular

The decision of the Board of Judges selected to decide as to the relative merits of the contesting regiments of this Division for a "Prize Banner" having been received is hereby published for the information of all concerned.

The undersigned members of the Board selected to decide upon the relative merits of the following Regiments

4th Iowas	Infty Vol	Major Mahon	Commanding
63rd Illinois	" "	Major Immager	"
50th Illinois	" "	Col. Hanna	"

Which Regiments contested for the "Excelsior Banner" of their Division at Woodlawn Course July 3rd 1865 Beg leave to submit the following report.

Having taken into consideration,

1st The Soldierly bearing and personal appearance of the men and the condition of their clothing and accoutrements.

2nd Their proficiency in the manual of arms.

3rd Their proficiency in Battallion Drill.

We find it very difficult to decide when all displayed such proficiency, but after mature deliberation have concluded to award the Banner to the 50th Ill Infty Vol Col Hanna Comdg and at the same time we wish to congratulate the Officers and men of the 63rd Illinois Infty Vol Col. Isiminger Comdg upon their unparalleled neatness and soldierly bearing and the very excellent condition of their arms and accoutrements.

A Baird
Brvt Maj General

A Williams
Brvt Maj Gen.

A Hickenlooper
Brvt Brig Gen.

Official

Jno A. D. Muth
Lt. and A.A. Gen.

Office Actg Chief Q.M. 15th A.C.
Louisville Ky. July 11th, 1865

I certify that in obedience to orders from Headquarters 15th Army Corps dated Raleigh N.C. April 26th, 1865 I have this day sold to Lieut. Colonel William Hanna 50th Ill. Vol. Inftry the following specified property for the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars, that being the valuation fixed upon it by the Board of Appraisal of the 15th Army Corps, viz; "One bay mare (14) fourteen hands high, (3) three years old and left hind feet white."

J. Kit Boyle

Capt A.Q.N.L. &

Actg Chief Q.M. 15th A.C.

HEADQUARTERS SUP'T VOL. REG'T G SERVICE ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD July 14th, 1865

Special Orders
No. 158 Extract.

Lieut. Col. Wm. Hanna 50th Inf. Ills. Vols. having reported at these Hd Qrs with his command in pursuance with the provisions of Genl Orders No. 94. A.G.O. dated Washington D.C. May 15th 1865 for payment will proceed to and take post at Camp Butler Ills, reporting to Col. C. M. Prevost Comdg Dft Rendz who will take charge of and provide for the men until payment is made.

Lieut. Col. Hanna will be held strictly accountable for the conduct of his men and will immediately furnish this office with a complete list of all Officers of his command, giving name in full Rank, Co., & Post Office address companies to be arranged alphabetically.

Lieut. Col. Hanna will turn over to this office all Regimental and Company colors & Flags for which he is responsible.

The Q. M. Dept. will furnish the necessary transportation.

The officers of the 50th Inf. Ills. Vols. who are responsible for Ordnance & Ordnance Stores will turn over the same to Lt. J. H. Rollins Ord. Dept. U.S.A. who will receive and account for the same.

The officers of the 50th Inf. Ills. Vols. who are responsible for Quartermasters Property will turn over the same to Capt. Chas. B. Whittemore A.Q.M. who will receive and account for the same.

The officers of the 50th Inf. Vols. who are responsible for Medicine & Medical Stores will turn over the same to Surgn A. B. Campbell U. S. Vols. who will receive and account for the same.

By Order Of

Brt. Brig. Genl. James Oakes
John F. Cleghorn
Capt. & A.A. Genl

Giles County Tennessee July 17th 1865

Coln William Hanna

Dear Sir:

I am proud this morning of the privilege I have, that of answering a letter with the fowling* caption.

Headquarters 50th Ill Inft
Camp near Louisville, Ky.

July 8th, 1865

and directed to me, belive* me coln* when I say I am proud Coln I have red* your letter carffully* I have red* of that sword presentation the belt the cartrage* box Well Coln I have red* a great many letters and from many of the best friends that I have on earth, but sir nothing has ever touched me so much as this.

Coln I do love a good man and well may the soldiers of the 50 Ill feel proud for at the head of the collum* always* could be found Coln Hannah*

Coln when and while reading your letter my wife asked me what was the matter. I asked her what she ment*. She told me I was crying I could not help it. Coln allow me to say to you that that* I am short of words to express my feelings for you believe me sir I am your friend and wellwisher and may the lord of his infinat* goodness bless you in all of your undertakings being short of words to state my feelings for you and your men I shall close but sir believe me that you have many warm friends around Lynnville. Any man will have friends that will pursue the course you did dewing* your stay here. I close for the present will write you often.

Coln you will give your lady my highest regards* and say to her to treat Coln Hannah* well for I no* him to be a man in the truest sense of the term. My son Charly sends you his best feelings you remember Charly he is the one that carried you and Col Gains the 10 gal whisy-you gave me the mules and Charly saw you that day he has always spoke to me of you and said pa I love major Hannah* he has on various occasions asked me if you was not kiled* and on telling him you was not kiled* he would say I am glad he lives for I love him. Coln Excuse me for I have suffered my feelings to get a head of my pen.

Good No one mares will bring to two to two-hundred and fifty dollars and ready sale.

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Will you write me on receving* this when you hear from me again
I will be a mason - or they shall say I shall not for I love
that Institution and I am determined to be one or be black balled
God help you in all of your undertaking Everything quiet hear*
now

Your old friend yoarly* sends you his best feelings the man you
gave protections after you had got him in a situation* that he
had nothing to protect - may god bless you farwell* untill* I
hear from you again

David H. Parsons.

(*Parsons' own spelling)

OFFICE OF ILLINOIS STATE AGENCY

ISAAC HITT AGENT

For adjusting the claims of the State of Illinois against the United States to lands, and indemnity under the Acts of Congress of 28th of September, 1850; 2d March, 1885 and 3d March, 1857; and War Claims under the Act of Congress approved 27th July, 1861.

OFFICE ROOM 8, No. 142 Dearborn Street

CHICAGO December 15th 1886

William Hanna
Golden, Illinois

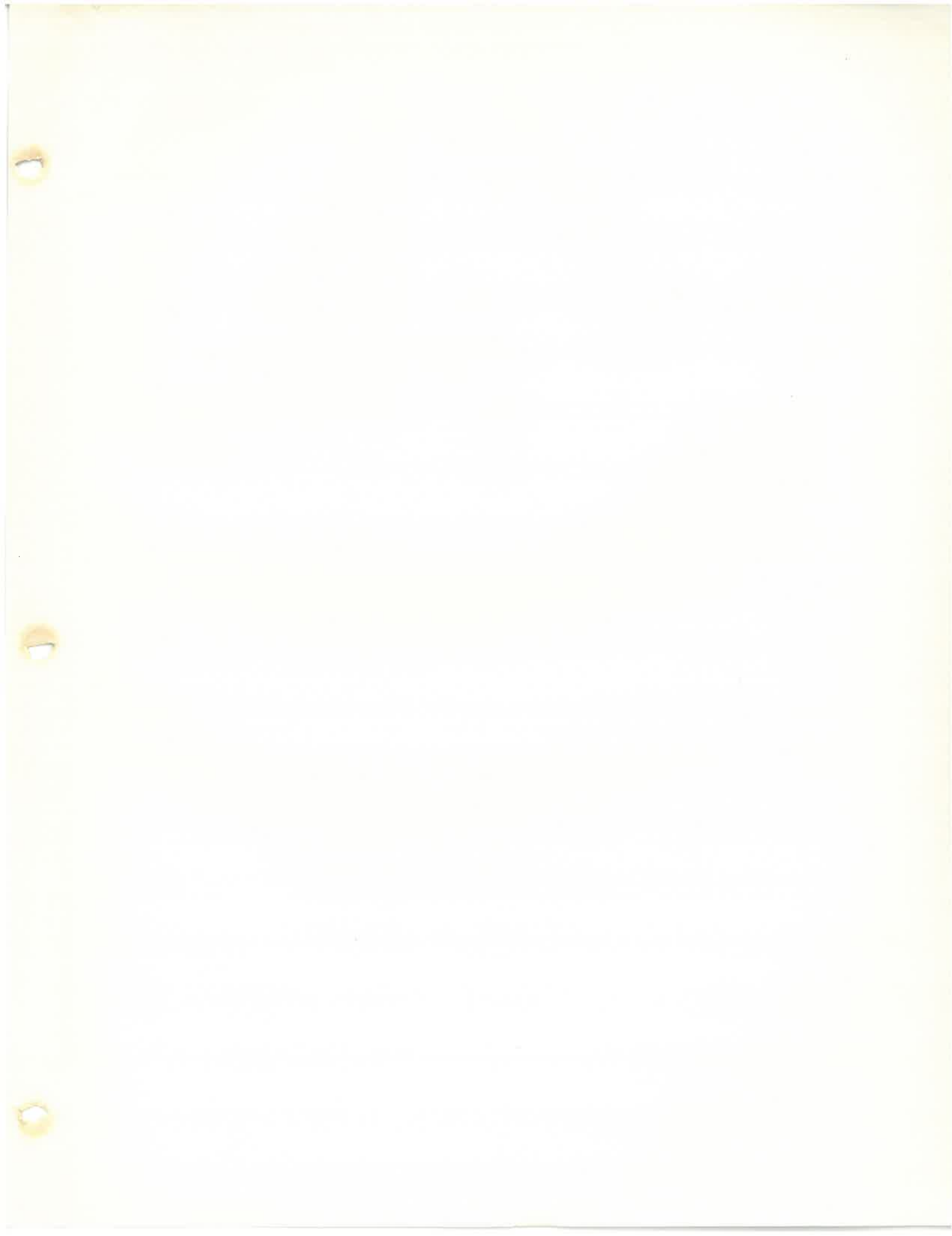
Dear Sir:

Under date of the 11th instant the Adjutant General reports that your record has been completed to show you mustered into service as Major & Lieut Col 50th Ill Vols, to take effect April 24, 1863 & Aug 21, 1864 respectively, dates of actual issue of your commissions of those grades.

Your muster in as Capt Co. E 50th Ill Vols Sept. 12, '61 (covering which you were paid) recognized you as such from the date of the completion of your Co. Your claim for recognition as Colonel of same Regt. cannot be under the terms of the law, be favorably entertained, for the reason that the Regt. was below the minimum number. Wherefore not entitled to an officer of that grade. Your Commission as Lt. Col & Col with additional enclosure are herewith returned. I have sent the letter of the A. G. to the Second Auditor Treasury.

Yours & c

Isaac Hitt.



September 1864.

3rd.

Nothing new, letter to my wife and to cousin Francis Hall.

4th.

This has been a pleasant day in this place, nothing new. Had a letter from Dr. Henry this evening, he has been examined for Surgeon of the Regiment and ready to report.

5th.

Camp all day, nothing new.

6th.

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7th.

Returned this day from Kingston Ga to Rome.

8th.

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9th.

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10th.

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11th.

Arrived home this day, I sold my pacing mare to Lieut. Blystone for 3 hundred dollars, he paid me 50 in cash, the balance when he can in the presence of Lieut. Converse.

12th.

In camp all day, wrote to John A. Both.

13th.

Same notation as the 12th.

14th.

This day Lieut. Converse left the regt for home. We had a mail this day. I received 18 letters from my friends. Sent letters to wife and Both.

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16th.

Remained in camp all day, nothing new. The men is building quarters at this time.

17th.

Nothing new this evening. The rebels is prowling around our lines. I sent a letter to Dr. Mileham and one to Col. Gaines with 5.65 in the balance that I owed him.

18th.

I have been quite unwell all this day, I am feeling better this evening, nothing new has transpired worth mentioning. The resignation of the following officers came back. Capts. King, Fee, Cramor, Harbison, White, Lockwood, Weekly, all accepted.

19th.

Remained in camp all day received letters from Cousin Jane and from Robert Middleton.

20th.

Nothing new &c. Capt. Fee (Chas of Co F) and Lieut. Weakly of F went home this day. Letter to my wife and to Jane Middleton.

21st.

Remained in camp all this day nothing new in town. Dr. Bane remained over night with me I beat him playing chests.

22nd.

Remained in camp all day. Sent a letter to Lieut. Converse.

23rd.

Nothing new this day, no mail.

24th.

Remained in camp all this day. I called on Col Bane this evening. We had no mail this day. Sent letter to my wife this day.

25th.

This has been a very pleasant day, nothing new. Col. Bane called on me this evening, he and Chaplain Bigger. The mail came but nothing for me.

26th.

This has been a pleasant day, rather cool all day. Col. Bane sent for me this day he told me some, he told me some stories he would not tell every man in my opinion. Bane is much of a gentleman. Capt. King & Cramer start for home this day and Bissel.

27th.

Remained in camp all this day. We were very much surprised

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27th. (Cont'd)

this day in finding the Old Division in this place. The 2 Division is consolidated with the 15 Army Corps. Gen. Corse is in command of the 2 Division and is much of a gentleman.

28th.

Nothing new &

29th.

This morning the non veterans of the 50 Ills Inft started for home. Nothing new, commenced to make out my return today.

30th.

I have been engaged all this day making my returns of ord (?)(nance) Nothing new worth mentioning.

October 1864

1st.

This morning I finished my return of ordnance and got it up in good shape. No mail for several days, nothing new.

2nd.

Remained in camp all day it has been raining.

3rd.

Nothing new in town, all well.

4th.

This P.M. recieved marching ord at 2 o clock with 3 days rations. Left Rome at 5½ P.M. Arrived at Allatoona at 12½ P.M. Went into camp for the night.

5th.

Allatoona is situated on the R.R. The battle commenced this morning at daylight, but opened hard at 10 lasting until 4½ P.M. same day at which time the rebels gave way.

Our loss was very heavy indeed. I was shot off the Fort at 12½ P.M. the ball entering in the left thy at which time I fell off the fort but was caught by Edward C. Owings at the same time he was shot in the shoulder. The 50 Ill Inft went in with a clear conscience had 14 men killed dirt (direct?) in the fight and 79 wounded the two men that pulled me up the hill at Allatoona Ga Oct. 5th 1864, John Haston Com A, Anderson Tout Comp A.

6th.

Remained in camp this day at Allatoona. Buried our dead and had the wounded all attended to. I lay in a little shanty close to the R.R. The rebels loss heavy fell back some distance. The same men that fought us at Corinth the two years and one day fought us at Allatoona on the 5, which is as follows. 23, 26, 35, Miss 10 Tex & the 6 Mo.

October 1864

7th.

Left Allatoona this morning at 10, went out some 5 miles to the Stone River then we had to change cars and stop over for the night. It was very cold at the time and the wounded men suffered very much indeed.

8th.

Left the Etowah River this P.M. about 4 o'clock arrived at Rome at 9 P.M. Got off the cars and went to my quarters had a good nights sleep and felt pretty good indeed.

9th.

This morning found me in the city of Rome Ga in good spirits and getting along fine indeed. All the men in camp called on me this day and I was glad indeed to see them. The regt under the Comd of Capt. Horn came in this day, the men feeling pretty well, all the men that was wounded came in today on the cars.

10th.

Remained in my bed all this day, nothing new. They expect a fight in this place in the morning, it may not come off on account of the wounded.

11th.

Remained in bed the most of the day I am feeling pretty well at this time. Capt. Burnham came from the front and stopped all night with me. The rebels is hovering around Rome, we are expecting a fight at this place. I sent a letter to my wife this day, received two letters from her.

12th.

I am feeling pretty well at this time. The rebels commenced firing on Rome at 12½ P.M. this day but our men drove them off in a short time. I sent a letter to my wife and one to John A. Both.

13th.

Remained in bed the most of the day, nothing new worth mentioning. Our men went in the country after the rebels drove them about 10 miles with a loss of 7 men wounded, then returned to camp.

14th.

I am feeling fine this day, I had a man to shave my wound after that time I went to the hospital to see Dr. Pickett, had dinner with him then came back feeling fine. I sent a letter to J. J. Kirkpatrick, I put in my papers this day for a leave of absence.

15th.

Remained in camp all this day, nothing new, no mail. Dr. Leonard and myself had a game of chess this day.

October 1864.

16th.

Remained in camp all this day, nothing new. Sent a letter to my wife and one to O. F. Winchester, President Arms Co., New Haven Conn.

17th.

Remained in camp until noon at which time I called on Gen. Corse and found him in good health. Had 2 letters from my wife and one from John A. Both.

18th.

Nothing new this day, the regt went out under Capt. Henry Horn returned this day all well. I went down in town.

19th.

Remained in camp this day, nothing new &. I sent a letter to my wife this day. Lieut Blystone was mustered out of Service this day. Capt. John M. Cyrus & Lieut. Douglass.

20th.

Nothing new had mail today seven letters from home.

21st.

Remained in Camp most of the day. Called on Col. Hurlbut of the 57th Ills, had dinner with him, he is much of a gentleman. I sent a letter to my wife.

22nd.

This has been a cool day in this month. Some talk that Division will move soon.

23rd.

I am in good health and getting along fine indeed. I called on Lieut. McNeal this day and find that he is improving fast. I sent a letter to my wife this day and one to John A. Both.

24th.

Remained in camp all this day, nothing new worth mentioning. No mail came to this place. One of our wounded men died this morning, his name was Hadley, Comp. C.

25th.

I went down in town this morning nothing new &. Dr. Meavvis of the 103 Ill Inft. called on me this morning. One of our wounded men died this morning John Jenner, Comp. C.

26th.

This has been a cool morning in the sunny south, nothing new at this time. I sold my Charlie Horse this day to Dr. Morris Surgeon of the 103 Ills Inft for one hundred and 50 dollars. Dr. Pickett called on me this morning stayed until afternoon. Sent a letter to my wife, my paper came back granting me a furlough.

October 1864.

27th.

Remained in camp until noon at which time I went to the hospital and seen all the wounded men of the hospital, found them in good health and in the best of spirits. Sent a letter to my wife. Jacob Browing was shot evening by one of the 57 Ills.

28th.

Remained in camp all day, nothing new worth mentioning.

29th.

Nothing new, the army coming into Rome Ga. I had a fever all the day, not bad until late at night.

30th. Sun.

Many of my friends called on me this day from the 78th. I am feeling better this day than I did yesterday. Jacob Browing died this morning. I made a small address to my men.

31st.

Left Rome for home this day, got to Kingston at 2 stopped all night.

November 1864

1st.

Arrived at Chattanooga at 4 P.M. Stopped all night.

2nd.

Left Chattanooga this P.M. at 3 o clock riding all night on the cars.

3rd.

Arrived in Nashville Tenn this morning at 5½ o clock. Remained in town all this day. Major Gen Dodge called on me this day. I drew 10 months pay this day.

4th.

Left Nashville Tenn this morning at 6 A.M. Arrived at Louisville Ky 6½ P.M. this day.

5th.

Remained in town all this day until 2 P.M. when we took the cars for Vienna Ind. I went to Lexington and res-

6th.

Remained in Scott around all day run around with Jane Middleton.

7th.

Left Lexington Ind this morning took the cars at Vienna Ind. arrived at Indianapolis Ind the same night.

November 1864.

8th.

Arrived at Pana Ill. this morning, left for Decatur Ills. Arrived in Camp Point Ills at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.

9th.

Remained in Camp Point all this day, nothing new.

10th.

This has been a rather cold day indeed in town.

11th.

Remained in the house all day, took a buggy ride.

12th.

Remained in Camp Point until the evening, at which time I took the cars for Springfield, Arrived at Springfield at 10 P.M.

13th.

Remained in Springfield all this day, nothing new.

14th.

Left Springfield this day, arrived in Camp Point at 2 P.M.

15th.

Remained in town all this day, nothing new.

16th.

Nothing new in town.

17th.

Went to Quincy this day remained in town all day nothing new.

18th.

Left Quincy today at 4 P.M.

19th.

Remained in Camp Point all day, went out in the country this morning in the buggy.

20th. Sun.

Had a good wash this morning and am going to church today.

21st.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

22nd.

Went to Quincy this morning and returned same day.

23rd.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

24th.

Went to Clayton Ills this morning, remained in town until the evening then returned to Camp Point.

November 1864.

25th.

Remained in town all day, commenced to rain this morning.

26th.

Dr. Pickett and wife came to town this evening.

27th.

Remained in town all day.

28th.

Went out in the country this morning. Dr. Pickett left here this morning.

29th.

Went to Quincy this morning.

30th.

Remained in Quincy until 4 P.M. arrived at Camp Point at 5 P.M. Went to a party at Mrs. Willings.

December 1864.

1st.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

2nd.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

3rd.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

4th.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

5th.

This day I bought of John Carson 237 acres of land at 3 thousand dollars.

6th.

Went to Avon this morning, remained in town until the evening, then took the cars for Camp Point.

7th.

Settled up this morning with John Carson, paid him fifteen hundred dollars in cash and my house and lot, making in all 3 thousand dollars for his farm. No news from Sherman or Grant.

8th.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

9th.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

December 1864.

10th.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

11th.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

12th.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

13th.

Left Camp Point this morning for Payson Ills, remained over night in town. Had a good time in Payson.

14th.

Left Payson this morning for Camp Point arrived in town 5½ P.M.

15th.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

16th.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

17th.

Remained in town all day, nothing new.

18th.

Remained in town until 5 P.M. at which time I took the cars for Springfield Ills. Arrived in Springfield at 10½ P.M.

19th.

Spent this day in Springfield, left the city at 12 P.M. for the St. Line. Arrived at the St. Line at 12½ in the 20th.

20th.

Arrived at Lafayette at 12½. Left for Indianapolis at 2½, arrived in Indianapolis at 5 P.M.

21st.

Arrived in Louisville this morning at 6 A.M. Took the train for Nashville. Smashed up on the train from Nashville, came back to Louisville Ky. Met Genl. John A. Logan and Gen. Vandiver.

22nd.

Remained in Louisville Ky, nothing new worth mentioning.

23rd.

Left Louisville Ky this morning, arrived at Nashville at 8. Stopped at the St. Cloud House.

24th.

Remained in Nashville all this day, nothing new in the city.

25th.

Spent this day in Nashville Tenn, nothing new, dull day for me.

December 1864.

26th.

Had to remain in Nashville Tenn on account of the road being cut. Nothing new, sent a letter to my wife this day.

27th.

Remained in town all this day, had a good time, went to a Masonic meeting, had a good time. Heard the best speech that I ever heard. Marched around town, had a band. Sent a letter to John A. Both and one to M. B. Converse. (Possibly a St. John's Day celebration?)

28th.

Got up this morning at 5 A.M. left Nashville Tenn at 7 A.M. Arrived at Louisville Ky this evening at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$, remained in town until 1 $\frac{1}{2}$?

29th.

Left Louisville this morning for Indianapolis, arrived there for at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, left there for Cresterline.

30th.

Arrived at Cresterline this morning, left here at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ this day for Pittsburg Pa, nothing new, arrived at Pittsburg.

31st.

Arrived in the city of New York this evening at 6 P.M. Went to the theatre this evening, went to bed late.

January 1865.

1st.

Went to church at Brooklyn this day to hear Beecher, sent a letter to my wife.

2nd.

Remained in the city all day, no news in town.

3rd.

Remained in the city all day, no news in town.

4th.

Remained in the city all day, no news in town.

5th.

Left New York this day, went aboard the ship Star of The South for Savannah Georgia.

6th.

Remained aboard the boat, felt rather sick.

7th. Sun.

Still aboard the boat, had a stormy time from Friday evening until this evening at 12 P.M.

January 1865
7th. (Cont'd)

Many on board were sick. Some thought that the ship must go under. I had confidence in God.

8th.

There has been much rejoicing this morning aboard the ship, many got well and are feeling fine this morning. I am in good health and feeling fine indeed. Expect to reach Savannah tomorrow evening.

9th.

Arrived at Hilton Head this day at 2 P.M. Took a boat for Savannah Ga. Remained in the river all night.

10th.

Aboard the ship.

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Thus closes the diary, a leather fabricoid with slip tongue still in rather good condition. We know from Hubert's history that Col. Hanna rejoined the regiment at Savannah and was gladly received; the men had just had several days of cold and wet with very poor living conditions. The regiment went on north through the swamps and mud until the final surrender of Johnson at Goldsboro. Lieut. Col. Hanna went along through the final dismemberment of the regiment at Camp Butler at Springfield and then home with the "boys" as operator of a country store in the hamlet of Golden, Illinois.

Headquarters 3rd Brig. 2nd Div.
Oct. 5th, 1862

Capt. T. Lovell
A.A.G.

Captain

On Saturday October 4th, 1862 I took command of the 3rd Brigade. It then contained the 7th, 50th, 57th Ills. Vols. and only numbered 57 commissioned officers and seven hundred enlisted men.

After forming my command in column supposing I was to act as a reserve, I received orders from General Davis to relieve General McArthur. I found him in line behind some logs, and occupied his position. My right rested near the Purdy Road, my left behind Gen'l. Rosecrans' HdQrs. Between my 2nd and 3rd regiments the 10th Ohio Battery was placed. Soon after occupying this position I sent the 7th Ills. Vols. forward in the woods as skirmishers to support Burks Sharpshooters, when the column of the enemy advanced, these skirmishers were withdrawn and reoccupied their old position.

From the firing I knew that my left was only slightly attacked I therefore withdrew the 57th from the left and with it closed the gap across the Purdy Road. Soon after this was accomplished the attack began in earnest. My front was attacked by four regiments formed with Regimental front in column of attack. General Catell (?) commanded and his Brig. consisted of the 18th, 19th and 21st Arkansas. Against this force I had only two small regiments of less than 500 men together and one battery. The redoubt on my right was at this moment gallantly assailed. The 57th Ills. had a flank fire on their column and no enemy in front.

Everything was going on well when some regiment on my right, (supposed to be the Union Brigade) broke in confusion, the 57th Ills. joined them when they ran to the rear. The 7th and 50th Ills. gallantly maintained their old reputation, rank after rank of the enemy were cut down when the enemy who had gained a position in our rear both on the right and left opened fire from the hill behind us. I tried to get the men in column but could not make myself heard, and all my aides and orderlies except one were wounded, or had lost their horses.

These two regiments then fell back in disorder. Col. Babcock and Lt. Col. Rowett rallied the 7th not 30 yards in rear of our old position and drove back the enemy in front, when again the fire from the rear was opened upon us, and to add to the confusion Lt. Chapman Comd. Co. "?" Ills opened on us with their siege guns killing and wounding several men and officers. For the second break I do not blame the men, all through

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the town we fought, by this time the regiments were in small squads commanded by sergeants or Lieutenants.

Col. Babcock and Lt. Col. Swarthout remaining with their colors.

When the reaction came the men were easily brought back, they captured many prisoners and were fairly entitled to the colors picked up in front of their line. Companies B, C and G of the 57th Ills. captured three officers and 117 enlisted men, the Major of this Regt. is worthy of promotion.

The 50th Ills. Vols. captured two commissioned officers and 149 enlisted men and one color. I have no report of prisoners captured by the 7th Ills. Vols.

I regret that being personally unacquainted with the officers and men of the 2nd Brigade I am unable to give you the names of those worthy of particular mention, this is particularly to be regretted as many behaved very badly. Col. Babcock and Lt. Col. Rowett of the 7th Ills, Lt. Col. Swarthout of the 50th Ills and the Major of the 57th Ills. are gallant soldiers and did all in their power to restrain their men, and, after the break rapidly brought back their best men under fire. I wish particularly to call to your attention the gallantry and soldiership of Capt. Hanna of the 50th Ills, my aid de camp.

Acting Lieutenant of C the 57th who should be promoted immediately and to the following non-commissioned officers.

Sergt. Newell 7th Ills. Vols. Color Bearer Sergeant Watts.
Corp. Budwell

Capt. David Laughlin 50th Ills. Vols. and to the color bearer of the 57th Ills. whose names I was not able now to obtain.

My losses was as follows

7th Ills. Vols.	3 killed	19 wounded	4 missing
50th Ills. Vols.	27 "	and wounded	3 "
57th Ills. Vols.	2 "	and wounded	3 "
Total 59 killed and wounded and 10 missing.			

The General commanding Div. having directed that the report of regimental commanders to be sent to him I am unable to obtain correct data on which to base a correct estimate of killed and wounded.

I am Captain

very respectfully

Your Obt Servant

Jno DuBois

Col U.S.A.

Headquarters Dept
of the South Camp in the
field near Summer Hill

Jan. 27th 1873

Col. Wm. Hanna Comdg 50th Reg. Ills. S.M.
Keokuk Junction

Papers recieved Saturday 25th inst and shall go to Pittsfield tomorrow. Capt. V. H. Keatt you will see had it 6th of October instead of April and erased it. I have given the facts as near as possible. During the dark days I kept a Journal and therefore the dates are correct. Col I feel under great obligation to you for your kindness and the interest you have manifested in my welfare.

I often think of the days we were on the Sacred Soil of the South and I can often see the Blind Half Hundred drawn up in line of battle and Col. Hanna dashing along in front on his fine sorrel mare, I don't wish to flatter you but you certainly was the pride of the blind half, I wish I could see you and have a strait days talk.

Col. I served in the three months service and also during the war, and take out the time I was wounded and four days will cover all the time that I was unfit for duty, there is not many that can say that. And now Col again let me thank you for your kindness, hoping I will succeed in getting pension for I need it badly.

Ever your friend

E. O. Yeldell