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DIARY OF JACK P. MYERS

To the best of my ability, I have copied the diary of my grandfather, Jack P. Myers, verbatim. Where words were illegible, I attempted to decipher them, making questions afterward or putting the word in parenthesis. I notice discrepancies in the spelling of proper names--these I have not changed, but have made every effort to copy the diary without alteration.

A second copy covering the siege of Vicksburg has been lost.

Jack P. Myers was discharged and sent home because of wounds from Vicksburg in the care of his manservant, May Patton.

Six grandsons (Files) still reside in Oak Ridge, Louisiana and two grand-daughters, Mrs. Joseph E. Zimmer, 1432 Hall Boulevard, Bloomfield, Connecticut (Owner of the diary) and Mrs. James V. Baskerville, 3509 Central Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee survive. These are the descendants of Jack P. Myers.

DIARY OF JACK MYERS

Thursday, May 2nd, 1861

Today a little band of patriartic and gallant young men bid farewell to their parents and friends and with heavy hearts started to Girard where they could take the cars next day for New Orleans. Nothing of importance occured until we arrive at the station, about half of our company got tight and was making noise all night. Stayed with Rufe Holt.

Friday, May 3rd, 1861

Friday has come the day has at last come when we must leave our homes and undergo all the inconveniences of a soldiers life. The cars came in at six o clock. Large crowd assembled at the station to bid us farewell and wish us success all aboard has been siad, chew chew goes the cars and we are off for Vicksburg. Jack Myers

Saturday, May 4th 1861

Last night we left Jackson about one o clock for N O, great excitement all the way among the lower class of our company. two of them had a fight at the summit. arrived in N O about one o clock marched to Lafayette square remained there with Capt. Harris, mad arrangements for us to go to the barracks we are now safely in the barracks a large wall of fifteen feet high and closed garden.

Sunday, May 5th, 1861

I would not know today was the Lords day had it not been marked in my book company,s all marching some washing playing cards dancing etc. Rev J (I) Stone came to my camp, spent several hours with me called in Billy Patten belonging to the Claiborne Gard, read several chapters in my bible one of our men had a fit came very near killing some of our men carried him to the gard house to wait his trial tomorrow.

Monday, May 6th, 1861

Today Mayo has been discharged, and another one has a fit caused from drinking too much. marched two or three hours some of the boys went to town brought us some nic-ncks. Barten fidling One of our company is very sick
Jack Myers

Tuesday, May 7th, 1861

The morning papers brought us the glorious news that another state has been added to our glorius confederate states. two of the Tigh (Tiger) Rifles were sentenced to be shot but released by their Captain interc ton. went down to the Lake bathing. one of the Gards sent by this hospital. Most all the Fencibles are enjoying themselves dancing and fidling all quietly sleeping.
Jack Myers

Wednesday, May 8th, 1861 Morning

This day papers brings the good news that the proud state Tennessee) has seceded, went out on drill this morning not very well went down to the Lake bathing some of the Bastrop Gards became angry with their 2nd Lieutenant. Nat Holt came into camp all very glad to see him. caught some crabs while at the Lake. drilled in the afternoon. Patten called on me had a good nightrest

Thursday, May 9th 1861

This morning rather cloudy marched by squads in the forenoon. Capt. Birt came into our camp this morning stayed about three hours went out into town and spent the evening went out on parade this evening went around to see Patten. he expect to leave tomorrow. the whole regiment went out on parade this evening.

Friday, May 10th 1861

Went out on parade this morning. Turpin and myself have just returned from the Garolton garden (?) enjoyed ourselves very much Cars brought back about 1000 bomb-shells for Ft. Morgan. This evening I bid farewell to Patten he is in the and Regiment on his way to Richmond stayed in N O last night had quite a nice time - did not get back in time to drill. Jack Myers

Saturday, May 11th, 1861

Took breakfast at the City hotel this morning had a very nice breakfast Came back too late to drill. Went out on drill this evening done more than we ever done before. tonight the cannons are firing in the city cant imagine what for expect some good news. the whole camp is in a state of excitement

Sunday, May 12th, 1861

Went to hear (Jon or Don) Palmer preach, a very fine sermon much feeling. ✓

Monday, May 13th, 1861

Went out on drill this morning. rained all morning had to come in camp. John Turpin cut Isham Eason in the army in a play. two men (belin) in to the company above us are about to fight. a very tall man came from one of the camps bragin on his hight but was beaten by Kirkwad(?). all the boys are dancing, thinking it is the last night in camp. Tat too has been beaten. Lights out Jack

Tuesday, May 14th, 1861

4th Regiment left this morning, two of the men had a fight. I went to town with Isham Eason, failed to get money from my merchants. I am now writing this in a Dutch resturent. We received our guns this evening. all the boys are out practicing with them. went out on dress parade this evening had a nice beek steak supper and am now quiet in bed.

Wednesday, May 15th, 1861

The day is very beautiful drilled in the mannal (?) two of our men were put on extra duty for leaving camp received our cartage boxes today Corporal Combs deserted us went out on drill dress parade excitement the montacella guards rose to rebellion for water four of our men were taken out of the guard-house wrote a letter to Miss Meg Barten, almost out of provisions. quiet in tent. Jack

Thursday, May 16th 1861

Last night I dreamed of home this morning I am homesick. today I was appointed by the Captain 1st Corporal we received our uniforms this morning I have to sew the buttons on mine, dress, parade this evening. Col. Hebert came in camp this evening three of our men went out without leaf, Bradley and Coony came very near fighting.

Friday, May 17th, 1861

This morning is the first day that I have not answered to my name. Last night I was very sick had to wake the Dr. and take some medicine. too sick to go out on drill. borrowed 10 from Battery (?), went out on dress parade. Went to N O stayed all night at the Merchants hotel the Musquitoes came very near eating me up. Jack Myers.

Monday, May 20th, 1861

I had to go to the gard-house and take the men out. Jackson cut Culpepper in a play with a Buoy Knife. Murphy and Daniels are about to fight. We left camp at 6 o clock for ft. Smith, allin good spirits, four drunk, found a Miss Rifle in the gard house Met Col. Timmon on the boat lost old Bradley while passing through N O I had to gard the boys while passing through.

Tuesday, May 21st, 1861

Rested very well last night. Left N O on the boat Arkansas Fred Tucker had a fight with the cook Young ladies threw us a boquet two cannons were shot while passing up Ladies came out to wave their handkerchiefs at us while passing Some of the boys shot some guns, had the worst dinner and supper we ever had since we left home all sober beating the drum and dancing in the bow of the boat.

Wednesday, May 22nd, 1861

Day very pretty. I took a dram this morning. our men almost rebelled for something to eat. I was placed Corporal of the gards Met Capt. Harris at fort Adams. all rushed to the front and broke the boat in. One of the gards hit a negro got my supper from the cook. Rufe Thomas and myself are sitting on the upper deck admiring the scenery by the light of the moon.

Thursday, May 23d, 1861

Day very pretty. I have had very severe pains in my bowels had to take a dose of pargoric. We will be in Vicksburg today then in three hours run could be at home very sick surrounded on all sides by swearing and without money. who can imagine my feelings something happened to the engine hindered an hour. wrote a letter to sister Maddie, John Jones, Miss Em Webb and Miss Mollie Eason. sent a gun to Thomas went on top to see Jeff Davis plantation.

Friday, May 24th, 1861

Much disappointment prevails this morning on account of Provisions giving out. We arrive at Vicksburg at 3 o'clock. Considerable excitement at Jeff Davis, plantation several Ladies came out with flags waving to present to the soldiers but the Capt. of the boat would not stop for them. Came very near throwing him over board. all quieted down. Jack Myers.

Saturday, May 25th, 1861

Day very beautiful. Bradley met us in Vicksburg Met Mr. Bobo, sent my gun by him sent three of our men home one died in the hospital I feel very miserable today I was awoken from my slumbers by Thomas with a handful of letters from home Ma Pa Mat and Thomas, I was very much rejoiced on opening Pa's (find) \$20.00. Capt. Hinson met us at Vicksburg. Boys mad again because the Captain would not let us come on hurican deck.

Sunday, May 26th, 1861

Day pretty Rufe and myself slept together, I went to my napsack and read a chapter in my bible. boys shooting at a woodpecker. waiting for orders at Na left (Napoleon) at 12 o'clock a boat --- (My) with some of the boys. had a fight about it one of the Shreveport boys (died) in Napoleon another one (drowned) The four boats are now running side by side Holmes singing some live songs to the boys boat run aground

Monday, May 27th, 1861

Day very pretty rather (avl) Isham and Holins had a little difficulty passed some of the prettiest plantations on the river.

Tuesday, May 28th, 1861

Day very foggy. had to lie up last night arrived in Little Rock at (9 or 7) o'clock learned that old Montgomery was in the state with 8000 men we were ordered to camp in Little Rock, all quietly tented a frenchman thought we stole his blanket with regret we learned that fifty of our men were killed at ft. Monroe examined the men in Little. bought some ham and pickles

Wednesday, May 29th, 1861

Went out on drill this morning expecting every minute to rain all busy ditching their tents. it is raining some of the boys had to go out on gard, day after tomorrow we expect old Lane, boys very cool united so much danger Carney and myself went to (Fouche) fishing. also to town, Carney had a few short wofds with an old dutchman Had to (back or buck) and gag Doweys is getting drunk

Thursday, May 30th, 1861

This morning is rather cloudy rained very hard last night went out on drill this morning, had to wash some clothes marched out to the military college to see a flag presented to the cavalry of Little Rock by Miss Falkner. I was appointed one of the Color-guards, Marched and fired in regular battle order one of our men sent to the guard house for getting drunk I had the hart-burn to-night very bad. Thomas Brashear, Turpin and myself had a game of seven up for amusement.

Friday, May 31st, 1861

The morning very cloudy, commenced raining about 8 o'clock Went out on drill this morning, John, Turpin and myself went to town bought some molasses and oysters, give in evidence against Fred Tucker about buying a pistol from (Brigham) Bill. went out on drill this evening. Downey was taken from the gard-house five or six of our men sick Payton hit the (Ortal-Cental) as he was going to take him tomorrow he will be court-martialed

Saturday, June 1, 1861

This morning very clear drilled in the (menuel), bought some butter beef milk dardines and a chicken had a very nice dinner. Rufe Holt any myself went out to the branch to wash some cloths. the officers of the regiment gave a champaign supper none invited but commission officers several ladies from town came out did not drill this evening Telegraph dispatch saying that another battle had been fought 3000 Y - 600 Southerners. expect to leave tomorrow

Sunday, June 2d, 1861

Day pretty, I am corporal of the gards, had beef, butter, and molasses for breakfast several of our men went out town to church two cooks of the Iberville Gra were caught and bucked for runing away, it is thought they are abolitionists, rained about 10 o'clock Regimental drill this evening. two cooks were rode on a rail around the barracks Doolin hit one of them as he was going out of the gate. Put him in the gard house for it.
Jack Myers

Monday, June 3d, 1861

Day cloudy. I have just returned from posting gards, am very sleepy. one of the Bastrop-Gards sent one of their men home. Downy will be "Court-Marchiale, this morning, reprimanded before the Reg. We are busy preparing to start to fort Smith distance 180 miles to go on foot I went in town this evening I was excused from drilling this evening for standing gard last night. the citizens of Little R will present another flag this evening. Cooney and Riley had a fight.

Tuesday, June 4th, 1861

The day very pretty, all busy preparing to march, Debbins was put in the guard house for abusing an officer while on post. Clouded up about 10 o'clock thought it might rain orders came to leave in the morning. The boys are going around bying those that are asleep. Wrote a letter to Ma. Court martialled Doolin for abusing an Officer. Stager (Stuger) are in to cary the sick to the boat. Went out on Regimental drill this evening. Young Ladies came out to see us old man run the camp. Horses ran away with a carriage.

Wednesday, June 5th, 1861

Day very pretty Capt H gave me Doolin as a prisoner Struck tents at 8 o'clock Left: L T at 11 o'clock on the steamer Julia Roane I stood guard until the boat left. Passed the prettiest scenery I ever saw mountains on the left-- and level on the right walked down to the spring when the boat was (mooding took birth in a little barge) Country very thick (thick) settled Rufe Holt and myself went on hurrican roof to look at the mountains

Thursday, June 6th, 1861

The morning very pretty Ramble through the woods while the boat was lying up. Passed Devils tea-table at 11 o'clock Took a social game of seven up with the Captain Rained very hard about 3 o'clock met the barge Ladies assembled at the little town to waive their handkerchiefs Passed a cedar grove Passed an Eagles-nest Rained very hard about 12 o'clock had to get up and move our beds to the center of the boat all got wet

Friday, June 7th, 1861

This morning is very cloudy. all the boys assembled around the boiler to dry themselves I gave my bed to Turpin as he was sick. Lady Walton passed us this morning. Passed Vanburen about 11 o'clock Holmes dreamed of being thrown overboard while it was raining. All busy getting nap-sacks and guns Arrived at Ft. Smith at 12 o'clock. Immediate after landing we were presented with Theatre hand bills pitched camp at 6 o'clock went bathing in Poteau Myers

Saturday, June 8th, 1861

Brashear, Thomas, Turpin, and myself went to the Theatre last night poorest thing I ever saw took all the money we had to go in, Cloudy this morning Turpin, Brashear and myself went down to the branch and washed some clothes Ten of us bought a pig from the Indians. Went bathing in Poteau some Indians came in camp. I took a walk out to some Indian graves Some of the soldiers had a row in town had to send out armed men to bring them back. Myers

Sunday, June 9th, 1861

Morning pleasant and fair I have a very severe headache. Read a chapter in my bible. Some of the boys went fishing. Rained about 10 o'clock Rufe and myself went out to write some letters but failed to do it. Eat some sour craut for dinner. Went to the sulphur spring this morning with Carney Commenced reading a novel Ladye of Albarone this morning The boys are singing good old hymns. Jack Myers ✓

Monday, June 10th, 1861

Morning cloudy I am too sick to go out on drill Had the pallate of my mouth cauterized gave me severe pain The old Sutter opened his store today. I bought a box of crackers jar pickels, ham, and jar of preserves. Brashear Turpin and myself went to the sulphur springs Privates cleared off a parade ground Reprimanded Dick Barton for talking about me did not drill this morning all quietly resting in their tents. Jack Myers

Tuesday, June 11th, 1861

Morning little cloudy, Went out on drill, Drilled on the (Zouan) plan. Brashear and myself bought some ice and a bottle of lemon syrup and made some lemonade. Miller and Holt treated to two bottles of peaches preserves. Saw some Irish playing cards for a chew of tobacco Went bathing in Poteau. Doolin in the guard house waiting his trial Drilled this evening Capt. (Brush) made Carney quit singing in ranks. Lights out and all in tent. Jack Myers ✓

Wednesday, June 12th, 1861

Morning cool and clear. Capt drilled the officers McGuin the privates Drilled on the (Zouave) plan. The Ladies of fort S came out to see us. I assisted Capt in taking his pistol to pieces. Nat Holt came in camp this evening, all very glad to see him brought some letters for the boys Rufe H met his Aunt while on drill Went out on Regimental drill parage Went around to the Monticella (R) Jack

Thursday, June 13, 1861

Morning little cloudy went out on drill drilled on the Zouave plan. Inspected arms. I am Corporal of the guard today had quite a nice dinner. Bought some butter. Genl McCullum came in camp, court martialled Devlin (sometimes looks like Doolin and sometimes like Devlin) Cleared him. Fasting and praying suggested by Jeff Davis no attention paid to it. Rec a letter from Miss Em Webb and John Jones All quietly sleeping ✓

Friday, June 14th, 1861

This morning cool and cloudy. I feel very sleepy went fishing this morning Downey deserted last night I took a squad of men to town after him but failed to find him We are all busy writing letters to send home by Dr. Collier. Went bathing in Poteau. A squad captured Downey about 8 miles from camp. Camp at Ft. Smith

A little sketch

Saturday, June 15th, 1861

Morning cool and clear, had to fix brush in our tents. I did not answer my name this morning. Drank some porter with Thomas and Turpin. Had beef-steak for dinner. Jimmy Westbury went home this morning Col. Habah arrived in Ft. Smith this morning. Rufe invited me to take dinner with his Aunt but could not go. We took a vote to see who should go out of each tent. Went out on regimental drill. Old Col (Hubert) was present. Jack Myers

Sunday, June 16th, 1861

Morning little cloudy. Rufe Carney, Capt and myself went to church (Episcopal) heard quite a fine sermond. Called to see Dr. Thompson he is much better. Wrote a letter to Thomas and Bettie(?) Col. Harbert drilled us on dress parade. Two of our men had a fight. (Caryton and McGewen). Went in bathing after supper. Old Sutter opened his store today. All the boys are singing good old hymns

Monday, June 17th, 1861

Morning very fair and warm Went out on drill in the morning, six abolitionists were taken to the garrison. Finished our tents, I made a bed with stakes. Infernt (?) and Brewin had a difficulty. I had to go to town as corporal to guard freight. The Col gave me a scolding for letting the boys go to see a Bear. Had a good nights rest. Friedham put in the Guard house. Cook and Friedheim had a quarrel. Jack

Tuesday, June 18th, 1861

Morning cool and clear. Jimmy Powell left camp for home. I had a fine nap while the boys were drilling. Ben McCulloch came in camp a few minutes this morning. Bought some tobacco, preserves, socks and drawers from Sut. Washed some cloths, Went out on Regimental drill, Several Ladies from Ft. Smith came out to see us. One of the Picket Guards tried to shoot another. Went bathing after supper Sentinel the Col. I was summons as witness i (blotted) Col. Myers

Wednesday, June 19th, 1861

Coollest morning since we have been in camp. I am Corporal of the fatigue party. Two new cases of measles in camp. Carter and Norman are about to fight. Had to cook my own dinner today. Carney and Folk being sick. Went out on Regimental drill in the evening, commanded by (Hym) Sentinal knocked a man down while trying to pass him. Took a dose of blue (map) Myers

Thursday, June 20th, 1861

Morning cool and clear. Heard this morning that Missouri had seceded. Friedheim cursed our cook Cooney slaped Jimmy Powell over and carried him to the Captain. Soullivan and Henderson had a fight. Went out on Regimental drill this evening, done very badly. Sent our guards back from Fort Smith to keep them from being hurt. Some excitement in camp R Holt and myself took a game of cards.

Friday, June 21st, 1861

Morning damp and cloudy very heavy thunder last night. Put on extra duty for sleeping too late Went out on drill R. Holt and myself are busy stringing beans for dinner. Dick Barton came in from the hospital. Two of the Shreveport Rangers had a fight, Ben McCulloch came in camp Carney, Rufe, Brash and myself went in bathing. Jack

Saturday, June 22d, 1861

Morning cool and clear. Corporal of the fatigue party. Went out on Regimental drill this morning, only 10 Folk went to the hospital. Had beef and onions for dinner. Went out on Regimental drill this evening. Capt. Brigham, Ordealy (orderly ?), (-----) and myself started out to see (?) Massey. Had a little difficulty with Dannals Went in bathing after supper. I was very sick tonight. Jack

Sunday, June 23d 1861

Morning cloudy and warm Inspection of arms in the morning, Went out on dress parade in the evening, spent two or three hours in the Mosehouse-guards tents. One of the P Rangers was put under arrest for giving wrong instructions to his sentinals. The guards and arms by someone firing on one of the posts.
Jack Myers

Monday, June 24th, 1861

Morning very cloudy rained little in the morning. Did not drill J had to take some medicin. Ballard and myself went out to the spring and talked over masenry. Thundered very heavy in the evening. I am Corperal again the rest being sick. Read a chapter in my bible. Went out on R drill this evening. Had a good nights rest.

Tuesday, June 25th, 1861

Little cloudy did not drill there being so many sick. Brashear and myself went after some black berries. Tom Wright had a fit in the guard house. Brooks and myself went out to (Mapes) to wait on Nat Holt. Had a very nice supper for us found Nat very bad off up from 12 o'clock until day. Jack Myers

Wednesday, June 26th, 1861

Morning cloudy and warm. Stayed at Masseys until evening. Left for camp at (6) o'clock. Had quite a nice shower in the evening. When I arrived in camp the Captain handed me letter from Thomas, Matt, and Maddie which gave me pleasure in reading. I heard the good news that Mac was in Little Rock with a company. Had a bad nights rest our blankets being wet. A Lieut. from Ft. S. stayed with us tonight.

Thursday, June 27th, 1861

This morning finds four of our men in the guardhouse, for fighting. had 6 fights yesterday. (Riley, Culman) (Pant, Lacy), (Jones, Sullivan) etc. I am Corporal of the fatigue party to day. Had some good biscuit and steak for dinner. Wrote letters to Ma and Thomas. Pa and Maddie Capt bought some groceries and divided them among the boys Went out on Regimental drill in the evening.

Friday, June 28th, 1861

Morning cloudy and warm. Called on as a witness in Downey's case. Folk came in camp this morning. Lieut of the Ark troops killed two of his men. Capt had some trouble in making the prisoners go in the guard-house. one of the P R cursed the Col. I went out to see the men that were killed. Went out on Reg. drill this evening. Went in bathing after supper. Jack

Saturday, June 29th, 1861

Morning cloudy and cool. Corporal of the guards. Orderly and myself went to town as witnesses in Downey's case, adjourned until tuesday took dinner at the St. Charles. Had an excelent dinner. Brashear and myself went out to Masseys to sit up with Nat Holt had a very nice time. Jack

Sunday, June 30th, 1861

Morning very pleasant. Came back to camp found wagons ready to move the first part of the Reg. Inspected arms in the morning. I am a little sick this evening. The Shreveport R. are creating a great deal of noise. Wrote a letter to Conger last night. Did not eat any supper. Went out on dress parade this evening. Orders were read for five companies to leave tomorrow.
Jack

Monday, July 1st, 1861

Morning warm and clear, five companies are making preparations for leaving. Dr. McCloud came in camp and informed me that Brother Mac and John Myers were in town. I went out after Regimental drill to see them found Mac very sick. Received a letter from Mat, with some money in it. Had a very nice time talking about home Brother Mac rested very well all night.

Tuesday, July 2d, 1861

Morning very pleasant I felt like I was at home waking up finding myself in the room with Mac and John. Came in Camp this morning wrote a letter to Mat. Cayton and Hays had a fight last night. Went out to see Mac-- stayed with him all night. Charley went out after some of the boys that left tent. Sent a thumb screw to Thomas by John. Had a pleasant time with the boys. Jack

Wednesday, July 2d, 1861

Had ~~a~~ pleasant dreams last night. Mac gave me some money and a repeater. Came in camp to pack my nap sack to start in the morning. Boys had a dance in camp. Went out to town after dinner. Bid Mac, John, and McLeod good bye this evening found all the tents struck when I got back to camp. All quiet. Turpin has the measles.

Thursday, July 4th, 1861

Today we struck tents about 6 o'clock Day very hot. the soldiers suffered very much. One of the R Rifles while intoxicated got into one of the wagons and would not get out as ordered by Maj Tenard. (Two letters illegible) Camped about 11 o'clock about 11 miles from Vanbursen. Country very hilly Charley and myself bought a duck and chicken. Jack

Friday, July 5th, 1861

Left camp at 3 o'clock had a good nights rest. Brashear and myself got some buttermilk on the road. The road was very hilly and rocky. Found plenty of water Marched 16 miles arrived at camp about 11 o'clock, camped on the edge of a beautiful creek--Leis(?), some of the boys went fishing. Read my bible. Went in bathing. Two of the horse(?) guards left on the road. Went in the cave cooked supper.

Saturday, July 6th, 1861

Left Camp at 3 o'clock. Passed by a natural mill dam. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from camp. Passed a nice cedar grove Found plenty of water. Traveled over the Boston mountains one and a half miles long. made the boys very tired some gave out. Arrived in camp at 11 o'clock. found Brags battery near our camp. Traded our pork for two hens. Went in bathing. Col Hebert came to camp this evening. J. P. Myers

Sunday, July 7th, 1861

Left camp at 4 o'clock feel better this morning than usual Culpepper and myself got a canteen of milk about a mile from the road. Got some honey from another, Arrived in Cincinnati about 6 o'clock. An old woman gave me a nice chicken supper and gave me four chickens. Arrived in camp at 5 o'clock Corporal of the guards. Jack P. Myers

Monday, July 8th, 1861

Morning cloudy. Put on the rear guard. The ammunition wagon broke down. Had to wade the Illinois River. Got buttermilk at several places on the road. Orderly and myself conversed an hour with some young Ladies Slept two or three hours on the road. Arrived in camp at 3 o'clock Went in bathing Went out to kill a rattle-snake.

Tuesday, July 9th, 1861

Morning cool and cloudy. Left camp at 3 o'clock. Road little smother than yesterday. Got milk from at two places. Got some pies Pelican R stole a goose another stole a coffee pot and fiddle. Arrived in camp at 9 o'clock. Genl McCullock arrived in camp with 1110 prisoners from Neotia. Camped in a Prairie of about 50000 acres. Jack *Neotia*

Wednesday, July 10th, 1861

Morning cool and cloudy. Rained last night. Washed some clothes. Carney and Ballard went out after some milk. Wrote a letter to Thomas. Elected chiefs of the (messes) this evening. Some of the Bastrop boys called on us. Went out on Regimental drill. I was one of the color guards. Elected Ballard to the office of commissary. Had a bad night's rest. Jack

Thursday, July 11th, 1861

Morning clear and pleasant. Went out on Battalion drill in the morning done very well. Had a good beef dinner. Went to sleep after dinner. Read 5 chapters in my bible. Went out on Regimental drill in the evening. Charley and Dan are cooking today. We were serenaded by some of the Arkansas boys. Spent an hour at the Captains tent.

Friday, July 12th, 1861

Day warm and clear. Carney and myself are cooks today. Went out on Battalion drill this morning. Recd orders to march at 6 o'clock in the morning for Springfield. I went out to the Ark Camp. Ballard and myself walked 6 miles after milk and butter. The whole Regt are singing good old methodist hymns. Read my bible. Jack

Saturday, July 13th, 1861

Left Camp at 8 o'clock Day little cloudy, 3000 troops left camp this morning. Thompson and myself went about a mile off the road after some milk. Willie (?) bought 3 chickens. Dan some bread. I cooked supper for the boys camped at a beautiful spring marched 13 miles. All the boys are in fine spirits. Got some apples. Jack Myers

Sunday, July 14th, 1861

Left Camp at 7 o'clock. Marched 14 miles, rained on us while marching. Anderson and myself got some molasses, milk, butter, and bread they charged us nothing for it. Passed through Bentonville about 12 o'clock -- bought some tobacco, took a dram. Arrived in camp at 1 o'clock, had to move the rocks to make my bed. (Dan went after some whiskey for the sick)

Monday, July 15th, 1861

Day cloudy. Received orders to stay in camp until further orders. Commenced raining about 9 o'clock--I am Corporal of the guards. Some of the Arkansas men had a row in town. Carney hit Freidheim with a rock. Dan went out in the country after some milk. Isham and Thompson are in town. Rained all night we all got wet. Lost my blanket. Jack

Tuesday, July 16th, 1861

Morning little cloudy. Relieved at 8 o'clock. Messmates gone after some apples to make some pies. 2 of the Morehouse Guards are in the guard-house. I dreamed of home last night. Read my bible. Two companies of Indians came in camp. Ben McCulloch is in camp. We were ordered to strike tents in the morning. Jack P. Myers

Wednesday, July 17th, 1861

Struck tents at 6 o'clock. Carney and myself are cooking. Had to take off our shoes to wade the creek. Arrived in camp at 9 o'clock. Isham and myself walked 3 miles to get some butter. Bought a pistol belt. Smith and Norwood had a fight. Went out on dress parade in the evening. Bought some cigars from Bill. Jack

Thursday, July 18th, 1861

Morning cloudy and warm. 5 of our men reported sick. Commenced raining about 8 o'clock. I had an arbor built over some sick boys. Had the pleasure of seeing Genl. Price and Genl. Jackson. Went in bathing. Wrote a letter to Ma. The Arkansas Reg are playing on their band. Set up until 11 o'clock. My apple friends came in camp to see us. ✓

Friday, July 19th, 1861

Morning cloudy and warm. Rained about 7 o'clock. Went out on drill this morning. Brash, Orderly and myself took dinner out in the country. Brought back some apples. Went out on drill in the evening. Had to come back for the rain. Went on regimental drill in the evening. Officers are very much dissatisfied with the Col. Jack ✓

Saturday, July 20th, 1861

Morning cool and clear. Went out on drill in the evening. Carney and myself washed our clothes. I lost some person stole my repeater. Buzz Tucker shot a pistol in the camp. Went out on dress parade in the evening. Some unhooped ladies were out to see us. I had the pleasure of seeing a paper. Jack

Sunday, July 21st, 1861

Morning very cloudy rained all night every tent in camp a foot under water. Fars tent fell down. I am corporal of the guards today. Moved our tent up on the hill. Billy Westbury is expected to die. McIntosh came in camp. Billy Westbury died this evening. Rained all evening. Examined a man thinking he was a spy.

Monday, July 22d, 1861

Morning very cloudy. All the boys are looking serious about the death of our friend. We buried him with military honors. I was Corporal of the escort party. Capt. Harris bought us a mutton. I made some of the C G mad for reporting them. Some of our boys came in this evening. All glad to see them. Went out on dress parade.

Tuesday, July 23, 1861

Morning cool and clear. I was sick last night rested badly. one of the Shreveport R was killed accidentally by a musket going off. Capt Brazill made his men shoot off their guns contrary to orders. Went out on drill in the evening. two of our men were sent to a private house C.A. and P.R. broke into old Suts Whiskey

Wednesday, July 24th, 1861

Morning cool and clear. Went out on drill in the morning. Had a sing (ring) fight in the Monticella Camp. McCulloch came in camp this morning. Another fight among the Monticellos. Old Sutt brought his stores in camp. Went out on drill this evening. Went on dress parade. Several boys with apples to sell. Thompson is sick. R. Holt and myself took a game of cards.

Thursday, July 25th, 1861

Morning cool and clear. Went on drill in the morning. Fed Tucker was ordered out of ranks for halting the company. Went out on dress parade in the evening, bought some cigars, pipe and matches. Dan and Turpin went after some apples. We heard today that war was declared. Some one was throwing stones all night.

Friday, July 26th, 1861

Morning warm and a little cloudy. The Capt inspected our nap sacks and guns. Genl. Scott had a fight with old Sutt Most all the Regiment are drunk tonight Harris had to come up and quiet the row. Had a general inspection of arms in the evening We were ordered to strike tents in the morning.

Saturday, July 27th, 1861

Morning cool and cloudy. Had to pack our nap sacks All the boys lively About half of the Regiment is intoxicated had about 25 fights. I am sick this evening. had to stop and rest Knit some on an old womans stocking Arrived in camp at 6 o clock I am corporal of the wagon guards tonight. Jack

Sunday, July 28th, 1861

Morning warm and cloudy. I have to ride in a wagon. I took a dose of paregoric Left camp at 7 o clock. Lost my napsack also my bible Arrived in Retsville at 8 o clock. Telegraph wire town down They are now fighting in 20 miles of us Passed through (Ratow 1 o clock met Scott arrived in camp at 3 o clock).

Monday, July 29th, 1861

Morning clear and warm. We marche today to meet the enemy Col. Churchill s scouting party killed 20 Union men. Pierce killed and took 500 men, 2 pieces of cannon and all the bagage-wagons Arrived in camp at 3 o clock. I am corporal of the guards 2 prisoners. Isham and myself are cooks I had a very bad nights rest. J. P. Myers

Tuesday, July 30th, 1861

Morning warm and clear. McRea Regiment joined us Examined a patent double-barrel-rifle. A Lady came 75 miles with a dispatch to Jackson. One of the P. Rangers found my bible. We start in the morning for Springfield. Received letters from Pa, Mat, Sister Bettie and Thomas. Had a good nights rest. Read my bible.

Wednesday, July 31st, 1861

Left Camp at 4 o clock Had to cross the same creek eight times. Marched 10 miles arrived in camp at 10 o clock. Took 2 prisoners while coming on. Miller tried to hit Jones with a musket Had one of our wagons captured Pressed oats and other food Had some fun with Far. Myers

Thursday, August 1st, 1861

Hottest day I ever saw. Left camp at 3 o clock. The soldiers (dressed) some chickens on the way. The picket guard killed 3 men took 10 prisoners. I went in several Abolitionist houses. Had to stop and rest on the road. Arrived in camp at 12 o clock. Had a good nights rest. Jack Myers

Friday, August 2d, 1861

Morning very hot I am corporal today. Saw Genl Price Rufe and myself went to see the prisoners. Guards killed one man took two drums and one wagon. Orders came for us to get ready to march to meet the enemy. 3000 troop are expected this evening Cavalry were forced out great excitement
Jack Myers

Saturday, August 3d, 1861

Morning warm and clear. Great excitement in camp Churchill's Regiment gone out to meet the Enemy. L. Rock Artillery arrived. The enemy are now in 5 miles of us. Went out this evening and arranged our line ready for a battle Had to sleep out on the road. Had a rough time.

Sunday, August 4th, 1861

Morning warm and cloudy. Returned to camp. Downey came in camp this morning. The enemy came over our camp in a baloon Took 8 prisoners and 4 spies. We were ordered to leave camp at 12 o'clock tonight I invited Friedheim out to settle a little difficulty. All quiet in camp.

Monday, August 5th, 1861

Morning pleasant and clear. Left camp at 12 o'clock at night to meet the enemy They came in sight at 8 o'clock but retreated as soon as we formed in line McCulloch is now trying to drive them back with the cavalry Had to eat corn for dinner and supper. Arrived in camp at 2 o'clock. We are now occupying the Dutch campground.

Tuesday, August 6th, 1861

Left Camp at sun-up Marched about a mile for breakfast. The Scouting party killed several Dutch. Spent the day talking about the battle in the morning. All the boys anxious for the time to come. Heard the correct news about the battle at Manassas gap Bought two shirts Read my bible. Jack

Wednesday, August 7th, 1861

Morning cool and clear McCulloch sent Lyons word to move all the women and children out of Springfield. Cooked three days rations. I am corporal of the guards. Our men were run in camp by our own men. We are lying here expecting the enemy to come down on us every minute.

Thursday, August 8th, 1861

Morning cool and cloudy. Camped on a beautiful little creek. McCulloch and Price cannot agree about the manner of attack on Springfield. We heard today that the Dutch had left Springfield Took a bath. Read a chapter in my bible. Had a good nights rest.

Friday, August 9th, 1861

Morning warm and cloudy. We have orders to march at eight o'clock tonight for Springfield. All all busy (clearing) out their loads and fixing their guns for the fight. Commenced raining about sunset so we had to stay in camp all night McCulloch had his picket Guards drawn in.

Saturday, August 10th, 1861

I was roused from my bed this morning by the firing of the enemy's cannon. They commenced firing about 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ and lasted until 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock I was in the battle during the whole time. I was cut off while waiting on Woodburn. A ball passed between Isham and myself and hit him in the shoe. A ball grazed my arm. Miller, Price (Brice) were killed by a cannon ball. Woodburn wounded.

Sunday, August 11th, 1861

I walked over the battle field this morning saw the place where Lyons was killed cut off a piece of his coat. Took 11 pieces of artillery yesterday and 1300 prisoners Loss on our side about 250 Federalist about 1500 killed. We left the battlefield at 10 o'clock very hot I had to fall out of ranks and rest Arrived in camp at 3 o'clock

Monday, August 12th, 1861

Brashear Isham and myself went up on the mountain to take a view of our camp. Went around to see the prisoners. Read my bible. One of the Prisoners went crazy, heard from Woodburn he is some better. Jack Myers

Tuesday, August 13th, 1861

Morning clear and warm. Our provision is getting very scarce. We heard this morning a true statement of the loss on the 10th. I read a chapter in my bible. All very low spirited. Jack Myers

Wednesday, August 14th, 1861

We heard this morning that we would march back to Camp Walker in a few days. Price claims all the honor of winning the day. he dont say a word about the confederate troops in his report. The Dutch have not burie their dead they smell very bad. our boys buried 50 of them in one hole. covered them up with rocks and sticks. Jack

Thursday, August 15th, 1861

Still at Wilsons Creek Genl McCulloch sent into Springfield after the Artillery we captured. he told old Price that he could take it from him as easy as he did from the Dutch. Brash and myself went in town while there the news came that Woodburn was dead we had to go and dig his grave we could not get a coffin for him. Jack

Friday, August 16th, 1861

Brash and myself are still in Springfield. Our reg marched this morning for Pond spring about 16 miles. Most all the inhabitants are unionist. The boys broke open two houses and plundered all that was in it. Some dissatisfaction in Reads company. I am corporal of the guard today. Jack Myers

Saturday, August 17th, 1861

Still at Pong spring it is just one week today since we fought the battle of the Oaks Hills. We are very scarce of provisions and cannot hear from our wagons that have gone to Ft. Smith. I fear they have fallen into the hands of the enemy. Jack Myers

Sunday, August 18th, 1861

Day very pretty after breakfast I read my bible. one Reg. of the Ark. boys left this morning for camp Walker. Jack Today Holmes and myself went out for something to eat bought a be gum were in the night getting back to camp the (county) Sign was out but the Sentinal knew us and let us in for a peace of honey

Monday, August 19th, 1861

Still at Pond Spring two of my mess mates have gone to Springfield to get something to eat. I am very lonesome today. We learned this morning that Gov Jackson has declared the state out of the union. Went out on drill in the evening. Jack P. Myers

Tuesday, August 20th, 1861

Pond Spring Mo. Morning little cloudy This morning another one of our company died. Fred Barfield he has been sick for a long time I was corporal of the escort party to bury him we buried him with military honors. All the boys looking rather serious.

Wednesday, August 21st, 1861

Pong Spring Mo. Some of the boys went to the battle ground this morning they say the Dutch are all dried up. Our provisions have entirely given out we have nothing to eat but three ears of corn pr dy. When I sit down on a log to eat my corn I cant help from thinking about the good dinners I used to get at home. Jack Myers.

Thursday, August 22d, 1861

Pong Spring Mo. Still we have nothing to eat but roasting ears. last night we had the hardest rains I ever saw overflowed all the tents. the old Cols. tent blowed down he came around where the boys were hollowing and someone threw a rock at him. Some of the troops have marching orders. Brash, Turpin and myself went to Springfield this morning.

Friday, August 23d, 1861

Springfield, Mo. had a nice time last night slept on a white sheet and had a good breakfast this morning. Left town for our camp road very muddy, brought the boys some good things bought a calico shirt while I was in town.
Jack Myers.

Saturday, August 24th, 1861

Pond Spring, Mo. Some of the boys went out in the country after some peaches. had a nice peach cobbler for dinner. I am corporal of the guards today, bought some good things such as apples, watermellons etc. Jack

Sunday, August 25th, 1861

We took up the line of march this morning for Camp Walker. it commenced raining about ten o'clock and rained all day we had to march through it we all got perfectly wet, arrived in camp at 3 o'clock camped on a beautiful little creek at a good secessionist. had a fine time laughing at the wet boys. Jack Myers

Monday, August 26th, 1861 (Written by Holms)

We taken up a line of march at 8 o'clock for mt. Vernon which was $7\frac{1}{2}$ or 8 miles distant. We got there about 12 O'clock marched through the town and camped in a beautiful thicket on the side of a hill in front of field which answered for our drill ground during our stay. The Spring from which we watered was a grand sight it was some 30 ft wide walen up with rock one sutch in morehouse would be sufetient for all the people are badly divided here Some for union and Som for disunion and Southern Wrights

Tuesday, August 27th, 1861 (Written by Holms)

Nothing worthy of notice passed today The most of the boys are putting up there tents and preparing the best they can for comfort Stuch as cleaning away the brush, getting wood and finding out the best places for getting milk butter Eggs Chickens or anything else in the way of eating Our Sick in Camp have been moved up to the Court house which will be used as a hospital during our stay here I cannot say how ong as there is no dutch and plenty of forage for our Stock in the Surrounding country of old corn oats and grass.

Wednesday, August 28th, 1861 (Written by Holms)

One more day has passed away without any thing of importance it is fine Sunshiny weather now George Danniels Carney Eason and Clint Balard went out hunting Squirles today and luckily killed 7 which gave us all a fine Supper which is something we seldom have in camp The boys after Supper Commenced a conversation about the loved ones at home and talked on dropping off one by one till all was silent reposing in the armes of morpheus Still enjoying in pleasant dreams the former conversation.

Thursday, August 29th, 1861 (Written as though Myers wrote, but in Holmes handwriting. Discrepancy in spelling of Holmes)

Today Tim Holmes and myself went out to try our hand in hunting we went down a creek called Cleave Creek until we came to an apple orchard about 2½ miles from camp as we could find no game here we ended our hunt and pitched into the apples in looking around we found a patch of melons which of course was quite agreeable to us both. We herd a chicken crowe made for the place I shot one by this time one of our waggons from camp come after straw and Spoiled the fun while at the place I had the fun of seeing a fight between too Jacks ✓

Friday, August 30th, 1861 (Written by Holms)

We received marching orders today to march at 6 Ocl tomorrow the boys have been buisy alday preparing for the march the place that we are destined for is our old camp in Arkansas known by the name of Camp Jackson the way we have to go it is 80 long miles our rout is rather a circular one by the way of Cigh Covie Scotts mills and Granby and Neosho and on to Camp Jackson I feel able to make the trip the boys all Seem glad to move from somewhere ✓

SaxCoxie → Saturday, August 31st, 1861 (Written by Holms. Note in Myers writing to excuse Holms bad spelling.)

We taken up a hine of march this morning according to order at 6 O cl for Camp Jackson which we were in hopes of reaching in 4 days but unfortunately missed the road on instead of marching 18 miles we made 24 by½ past 4 P.M. we were all very hungry and tired when we reached camp after the waggons come up we eat a cold lunch of roasted beef andbuiscuit and then prepared for the march on the morrow our camp is on a beautiful creek caled Center Creek ½ mile from Cigh Cakie (?) Som of the town ladies are in camp.

Sunday, September 1st, 1861 (Part by Holms and part by Myers)

We left camp this morning at 6 O cl passed through the town it is a nice looking place and a cesesion place at that. I saw the Stars and bars floting from 2 or 3 windows Some of our boys got sick andhad to be hauled in waggons. Arrived in camp at 3 o clock after a tedious march of fifteen miles. camped on a beautiful little creek Isham Brash and myself went to town to get some cloths

Monday, September 2d, 1861 (Myers resumes writing)

Morning very pleasant. Left camp at 6 o clock passed through Branby at 7 o clock I went to several of the holes where they had been diging for lead, the town is filled up with low degraded women. Several of our boys got tight one of Churchills negroes was hung. Two of the L Rangers had a fight one of themgot cut very badly. J.P. Myers ✓

Tuesday, September 3d, 1861

Morning rather cool and cloudy left camp at 6 o'clock got along finely until 9 o'clock it commenced raining, it rained for two long hours we all got wet. I am on the advance guard. Old Hyams run us out of a house and made us take the rain Arrived in camp at 3 o'clock built a large fire and soon dried ourselves

Wednesday, September 4th, 1861

Morning very cloudy took up the line of march at 5 o'clock commenced raining about 8 o'clock we all got wet again rained very hard until 12. Dan had a chill on the road had to stop on the way. Brashear and Hohsm went on to Maysville (?) and spent the night arrived in camp at 3 o'clock found water plentiful found a curiosity in the creek rock.

Thursday, September 5th, 1861

Left camp at 6 o'clock marched 14 miles I am corporal of the middle guard boys charged an orchard on the road Arrived in camp at 3 o'clock have some fun with Peters making him wake up men of other reliefs. Had a good nights rest. Met Thompson, very glad to see him Dan had a chill this evening. Isham is also sick. Jack Myers

Friday, September 6th, 1861

Morning cool and clear. Dan had another chill lasted about 2 hours Turpin went to town and brought us back something good to eat had a dance in the company, both of Capt. Harris negroes are sick had a good nights rest went over to the hospital to see Thompson

Saturday, September 7th, 1861

actually in Mo.
Camp Jackson, Ark. Missing (misting?) a little cloudy. Dan, Chub and Ballard went to Aunt Susy's to get some butter and chickens, the boys say the old maid put her new calico coat on when they went in had a nice supper of the things they got went out on drill done very badly

Sunday, September 8th, 1861

Camp Jackson. Morning clear and warm. Dan had another chill this morning some of the boys went out in the country to get some peaches and apples. The field officers are pressing down on us very hard with their orders. We have very little to eat saw the commasary (?) are getting scarce.

Monday, September 9th, 1861

Camp Jackson, Ark. Morning very pleasant went out on drill this morning. Turpin Brash and myself went to Belvins. after some chickens. Anderson and Pat had a fight this evening went out on regimental drill in the evening. had a pleasant nights rest. Jack

Tuesday, September 10th, 1861

Camp Jackson Morning very pleasant Dan had another chill this morning Chub is still sick but is convalescent. Ballard went to Aunt Susys after some butter. went out on drill this morning went on Reg. drill in the evening. one of the M-A came in from Springfield.

Wednesday, September 11th, 1861

Camp Jackson Ark. Morning little cloudy. went out on drill we heard this morning that the Confederates had possession of Arlenton heights all the boys gave three cheers for Davis and Bouregard when they heard the news.. Went out on Regimental drill in the evening. Myers

Thursday, September 12th, 1861

Camp Jackson Ark. Morning clear and warm. went out on drill this morning. I heard this morning that old Abe Lincoln was dead and Handy was in favor of peace. I place no confidence in the reports. Went out on Regimental drill in the evening. Downey came up and gave us some music.

Friday, September 13th, 1861

Camp Jackson Ark. morning very clear and warm, went out on drill this morning, done very well, our mess is unusually lively today all feel in a good humor. Turpin went out in the country this morning and got some butter, chickens, and peaches. we made a peach cobbler went on R. D. in the evening.

Saturday, September 14th, 1861

Morning rather cool sewed some buttons on my pants. our ensign died this morning he was buried with military honors. Some of the boys went out in the country after some butter and chickens. went on R drill in the evening. Jack

Sunday, September 15th, 1861

Camp Jackson Ark. Had an inspection of arms today. I walked 4 miles to church heard a plain sermon. 61 ladies went up to be prayed for. I took dinner with a good old Methodist family our boys charged on a whiskey wagon and all got tight came in camp and had a general row. went on R. Drill this evening.

Camp Jackson

Morning clear and warm some of our Irish look bad after their big drunk last night. five of them are sick in the guard house. Court martial have gotten through with most of the cases. I had some cloths washed this evening went on drill this evening.

Camp Jackson, Ark

Morning clear and cool. Went out on drill this evening. Turpin and myself went to Mrs. Blevins after some chickens took dinner with the old gal. had to give a dime for it. bought some molasses on the way. went on drill in the evening boys very lively tonight

Wednesday, September 18th, 1861

Camp Jackson, Ark. Everything quiet in camp today. several cider wagons in camp the sick are getting better. We heard this morning that Pillars (?) Thompson, and Harris had a fight with Freemont, killing him and scattering his men. Went out on R drill this evening. McIntosh came back from Richmond this evening

Thursday, September 19th, 1861

Morning very cloudy commenced raining about 10 o'clock I went up to the hospital this morning. we have a great many sick there and they still come in. some of them is expected to die. Brooks came in camp this morning. he is looking very badly. I am quite unwell today too sick to go to drill.

Friday, September 20th, 1861

Camp Jackson, Ark. I am sick again Miller (Mills) and Kentucky came in camp from Springfield. our boys that we left there are getting better Went out on regimental drill in the evening. had a good nights rest some of my mess are still sick Crane has gone to the hospital. Jack Myers Morehouse Fencibles

Saturday, September 21st, 1861

Camp Jackson, Ark. morning warm and clear. went out on regimental drill in the morning. had some fresh pork for dinner. I went to Mrs. Blevens after some chickens and a pig. went on regimental drill in the evening. Dan killed a mess of squirrels for supper. Jack

Sunday, September 22d, 1861

Morning very cool and clear. I am corporal of the regimental guards. Had an inspection of arms and tents in the morning a dressparade in the evening I carried the old Col s chair to the guard house it made him very mad but he didnt know who did it. Jack

Monday, September 23d, 1861

Morning cool and clear, went out on regimental drill in the morning went up to the hospital to see Thompson most all of the mess are sick went on drill in the evening two bombshells bursted while the Texas artillery were drilling making the horses run away with the cannon. J. P. Myers

Tuesday, September 24th, 1861

Morning cool and cloudy. Capt. Harris and Bill left us this for Morehouse. all very glad to get rid of him. Bought some cakes and cider. Went out on Regimental drill in the morning and evening. Went over in the Ark. camp to hear a sermond. Some of the boys received letters from home. Jack Myers.

Wednesday, September 25th, 1861

Camp Jackson. Commenced raining about 8 o clock rained so much that we couldnt go on drill, rained incessantly all day and night. Dan went out hunting killed five squirrels had a nice pie. heard today that Freemont had moved all his forces from M.O.

Thursday, September 26th, 1861

Camp Jackson, Ark. Morning very cloudy went out on regimental drill in the morning. Sit up with Brooks in th evening went out on dress parage. Morgan (hid ?) Lieut. Hardiman. Wind commenced blowing about 3 o clock night very cold. Jack Myers

Friday, September 27th, 1861

Camp Jackson, Ark. Morning very cold had a heavy frost last night I was put on extra duty for not answering to my name. Old Sutter put up his tent this morning. Some of the Pelicans No 1 had a big row. went up to see Thompson in the evening. we received new tents today. Jack Myers

Saturday, September 28th, 1861

amp Jackson Morning very cool pretty heavy frost. Went up to the hospital to wait on Thompson. Went on Regimental drill in the morning. Friedheim and Dawson had a fight. five of our men are in the hospital. Went on dress parade in the evening. had a good night's rest. Jack

Sunday, September 29th, 1861

amp Jackson Ark. morning warmand cloudy. I am corporal of the guards. Old Sutter opened his store today. Some of the boys are about to fight. some of citizens of Bastrop came in camp this evening brought some papers and letters for the guards. Old Mike came in camp from Bentonville

Monday, September 30th, 1861

Camp Jackson, Ark. Morning warm and clear. The sentences of those that were court martialled were executed this morning. Inspection of Ammunition in the morning. The horse-thief was marched before the brigade with his head shaved. Two or three of our company are tight this evening. I have to sit up all night with Thompson tonight. Jack Myers.

Tuesday, October 1st, 1861

Camp Jackson, Ark. Morning cool and clear I feel quite sleepy after sitting up most all night. Thompson some better bought some articles from Old Sutter paid 1.25 for a beef tongue. walked down to camp found all the boys busy playing cards to pass off time some of the boys received letters from home went on dress parade. Jack

Wednesday, October 2d, 1861

Camp Jackson. Morning cloudy commenced raining about 7 o'clock rained incessantly all morning. Bought a chicken for Thompson wrote letter to sister and Joe Eason. borrowed some Lady's books to read. passed off the day very pleasantly. Grubbs joined us today. Had a regimental drill in the evening. Judge Holt sit up with me wrote several letters during the night.

Thursday, October 3d, 1861

Camp Jackson, Ark. Rained in the morning. Regimental drill in the morning. Old Hyams mad because so few on drill wrote a letter to Sister Maddie.

Friday, October 4th, 1861

Camp Jackson. Morning very dark and rainy turned very cold about 10 o'clock. the boys found some whisky and had a general frolic down in camp no fights though. All our sick getting better. had no drill today. went by where old Rily was bucked and gaged. Jack Myers

Saturday, October 5th, 1861

Camp Jackson, Ark. Morning very cold and rainy. slept very cold last night dreamed of my sweet heart Judge Holt and myself wrote letters to Joe Eason, Miss Mellie and Miss Em Webb. Some of the boys had a fight today. drew our over shirts, pants, drawers, pants, and coats we feel very large with our new cloths. Jack Myers.

Sunday, October 6th, 1861

Camp Jackson. Thompson some better Bestick and an Arkansas fellow joined our company, some cherokee women came in camp. Dr. Holt stayed with the Judge and myself. Isham received Miss Mollie's daguerotype, bought some pies and milk. we drew our blankets and shoes also what money the state owed us. all the boys playing poker.

Monday, October 7th, 1861

Camp Jackson, Ark. Still at the hospital the doctor is some better this morning. Mit White (Drew) Gaiken came in camp this evening brought me a letter from Thomas. Mi (?) Coony was discharged yesterday started him this evening sent a letter and other things by him. orders were read to be ready for marching at a moments notice. Jack Myers.

Tuesday, October 8th, 1861

Dear Mother,

My highly and much esteemed Irish friend Mike is going to leave here his morning for Dr. (Moss), he has promised to cary anything home for me, and in looking over my small number of articles, I find nothing that you would appreciate more hightly than my 'Diary, which I have kept from the time I left home up to the present moment. In looking over this book you will see I have been true to my promises (reading my bible) and you will also see that during the drunken riots that so frequently occur in camp, I was always at a distance, unless my services were needed in quieting them. you will also find in it that I have been a faithful soldier to my country, never shunning duty, but always ready to go when it came my time. in it you will also find that I have undergone some hardships, frequently you will find where I could not get enough to satisfy my appetite, also numbers of times where I had to sleep on the rocky ground with but one blanket, but all this has past and gone and you should not think of it now. You will take this book and after reading it through you will please save it until I return home.

Your affectionate son,

Jack