OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Author: Milo Wilkinson
Title: Milo Wilkinson Diary
Date: January 1864 - June 1864
Abstract: Diary and date book from 1864 in which Milo Wilkinson wrote an almost daily account of his life from January through June of that year.
Quantity: .1 cu.ft.

BIOGRAPHY OF MILO WILKINSON

Milo Wilkinson was born about 1839 in Belmont County, Ohio. He appears in the 1860 Census as a twenty-one year old clerk living in the house of his parents William Wilkinson, Jr. and Mary Ann with nine other children. The farm was in Smith Township, Centerville Post Office. His grandfather was probably William Wilkinson, a hotel keeper in St. Clairsville, Belmont County, Ohio. Wilkinson mustered in to the service on December 16, 1861 at Camp Andrews, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He was eventually assigned to Company D of the 43rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment. He entered the service as a private. He was appointed sergeant on June 17, 1862 and 1st sergeant some time later. He was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant in Company D on May 9, 1864. He traveled around Ohio as a recruiter and eventually journeyed to battle in June 1864 in Georgia where he received a gunshot wound on May 29th. Wilkinson died of disease on June 29, 1864 at a military hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee and was buried there.
SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The majority of the entries deal with Wilkinson’s travels around Ohio. He has detailed the times of his train journeys, where he ate, where he slept, and the people with whom he came into contact. These included recruits, soldiers, and friends and family. In addition, Wilkinson sometimes mentioned troop movements and other public war news. In May and June he wrote of his journey down to Resaca, Georgia. Along the way he wrote about the skirmishes that occurred. In Dallas, GA he was injured in battle and the diary entries end shortly thereafter. From June 9 – July 23, the diary is filled with a list of Wilkinson’s expenses.

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January

1 Friday The new year was hailed with an extremely cold north wind. Morning
mercury stood at 8 degrees below zero. I arrived at home 12 p.m. –
found as visitors Mr. & Mrs. Spencer & Jesse Wilkinson. Rec[eive]d
letter of 22 alt. from Capt[ain] Hamilton [John F] Bonneville,
Tenn[essee]. Eve[ning] the day has been the coldest of the season.

2 Saturday A.M. wrote letter to Capt[ain] Hamilton. P.M. went to P[ost]
O[ffice]. Eve[ning] the day has been equally as cold as yesterday &
in the opinion of the oldest citizens the coldest for many years.

3 Sunday At home till 2 P.M. when I went to church at Bethel [Presbyterian].
Heard sermon from Luke 18-8 by Rev. _____. Day moderate –
Evening commenced sunny.

4 Monday A.M. went to P[ost] O[ffice]. P.M. went to McKirahan’s was told of
a man at Black Smith Shop wanting to enlist. Went to &
apprehended him as Austin Luke – a deserter of the 98th O[hio]
V[olunteer] I[nfantry] enlisting him & as soon as possible notified
the Pro[vost] Mar[shal] of his whereabouts. Sunny mainly all day.

5 Tuesday A.M. went to Station to await the counsul of the Pro[vost] Mar[shal]
Mr. Howard from Barnesville came down 11 A.M. When we went
to McKirahans for deserter. Informed him that Luke had left upon
information of our approach. The informant was found to be
Jonathan Nast who was informed of our design by Mr. Mason.
Went to Nasts house from there to Bush’s Mill on Benfork Creek.
staid all night at Dennis Kemps.

6 Wednesday A.M. left Kemps got dinner at ???? ???? – from there went to
Armstrong’s Mill. Staid all night at ??? Armstrong’s – in the mean
time going to and trying John Backus’ Boys to enlist. Day quite
cold.

7 Thursday 7 A.M. started for home 7 A.M.. Very cold & hard traveling. Stopped
on the way at Jas[on] Coulters – also at ??? ???? Centerville. Rode
in ??? Kinney’s sled from here to Sally ??? where I got dinner.
Arrived & got supper at ??? ???? – went to debate at Buckeye.
Question should the $300 Claim of the Con[scription?] Act be ???
decided in the affirmative.
Friday At home & at P[ost] O[ffice] till 2 P.M. Went to Loydsville expecting an examination at that place but found to be next week. Went to Spencers. Took sleight ride with sol[der]s to Loydsville Western & Richland. Returned 9 P.M. Very cold.

Saturday Arrived home 12 ???. Evening – went to shoe maker & got boots half soled. Mercury 2 d[e]g[ree]s below zero all day.

Sunday At home all day. Joel Wilkinson & ???? visitors.

Monday A.M. wrote letter to S.W. P.M. went to P[ost] O[ffice]. Spent evening at G.W. Walls.

Tuesday Morning – wrote letter to J.D. Glover 15 O. in ans[wer] to one rece[ive]d by Pap of the 20 ult. Helped bring load of Corn (29 ¾ Bu[shells]) from Parkins. During this Jan. '63 there were 20 Steam boat disasters on American waters in which 225 persons were killed, 85 wounded. Of R[ail] R[oad] accidents there were 89 killed, 26 wounded 671 persons – Be?? Ce???? Jan. 14, ’64.


Saturday [no entry]

Sunday The air we breathe is a compound of two gasses, oxygen & nitrogen
in proportion of 21 of the former to seventy-nine of the latter. The light of the sun is 300,000 times stronger than the light of the moon. The degree of heat in the earth – says Busson – is 10 dgs ??? 30 ½ to 31 dgs. Water is of two parts Oxygen & Hydrogen ???? of 89 pts. to 11.

18 Monday [no entry]
19 Tuesday Commenced sunny early.
20 Wednesday A.M. went to P.O. P.M. went to Centerville. Enlisted one man W[illiam H.] Beckett [private, Co. D]. Attended church at M. ????
21 Thursday [no entry]
22 Friday Made report (weekly) and forwarded to Pro[vost] Mar[shal]
23 Saturday [no entry]
24 Sunday [no entry]
25 Monday [no entry]
26 Tuesday [no entry]
27 Wednesday [no entry]
28 Thursday [no entry]
29 Friday[no entry]
30 Saturday Went to Centerville & enlisted Umphrey Weekley [private in Co. D]. From there went to Samuel S. Delany. Left some enlistment papers with him to ????? [John H. Delany enlisted as a private in Co. D on Jan. 29, 1864.]
31 Sunday Returned to Centerville – heard an excellent sermon from Rev.________ a Presbyterian preacher. Enlisted Madison Scales.

February
1 Monday Rec[eiv]ed Letter from S.N.
2 Tuesday Took two recruits to Pro[vost] Mar[shal] ?? ?? [Wintersville],

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<td>After obtaining a local bounty of $120 each for the above mentioned recruits from our Ag[en]t from Goshen Township Tuscarawas Co[unty] O[hio] left on 9 A.M. train for ???? Boot with ??? $100 from Samuel Meadly for ??? Meadly &amp; $150 from ??? Namson for ??? Namson, Morristown Ohio. Arrived home 7 P.M. went to party at J. McKirahans</td>
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<td>A.M. went to William Bowles’ &amp; enlisted Tobias Cooper, ???? ???? &amp; ???? ?, Enos S??? P.M. went to Centerville &amp; Armstrongs Mills. Staid all night at Armstrongs</td>
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<td>5 Friday</td>
<td>Saw C[rawford] W. Armstrong [enlisted as private in 1861, made Sgt. In 1863, 1st Sgt. 1864, and Capt. 1865] and left some enlistment papers with him. Returned home 2 P.M. Roads very muddy. Eve[ning] went to White Oak School house to see Wm. Orr, returned late &amp; made out weekly report.</td>
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<td>Recruits were ???? &amp; mustered &amp; ???? a local bounty of $130 a piece from an Ag[en]t from Goshen Township, Tuscarawas Co. Rec[eiv]ed $120 from each except Weekley who gave $125 to ???? ???? Left ???? on 2 P.M. train arrived home on 7 P.M. train.</td>
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15 Monday [no entry]
16 Tuesday [no entry]
17 Wednesday [no entry]
18 Thursday [no entry]
20 Saturday Went with Snyder to Belmont – enlisted Jeff[erson] Mayhugh [private in Co. D] from there went to ?? to attend meeting to raise local bounty.
21 Sunday Went to Charlie Sims’ to eat turkey from there went to and staid all night – ????.
23 Tuesday Went to Centerville. Eat dinner at uncle Jesses. From there went to
24 Wednesday [no entry]
25 Thursday Arrived home 10 A.M. Found a dispatch of yesterdays date from Adjutan[t Gen]eral ordering me to report at Columbus as soon as possible to ??? of two ??? of 43rd Reg[iment]. Went to Steubenville to see about local bounties in Richland Township. An oyster supper in hand for the ??? Soldiers of the 15th, 25th, & 1st Va[Cavalry]. Released William Barnes ?? of age.
26 Friday Went on morning train to Belmont to see about local bounties in Goshen township. Succeeded in getting $150 each for two recruits – Jones


28 Sunday Arrived with recruits & report to Capt. ??? of Tod Barracks 3 ½ A.M. Add Snyder & I came back to the city. Stopped & ??? break[fast] at Buckeye house. Went to barracks.

29 Monday 9 A.M. Add & I went down to Barracks. Morning quite wet & cold. Some 400 recruits in barracks busy made ready to be sent off to their separate Rg[imen]ts. Got receipts for the R[e]c[ruit]s. brot in Monday morn & sent them to Pro[vost] Mar[shal] Brady. 11 A.M. I went back to Buckeye house & went to bed, slept till supper time. Got supper & went to theater.

March
1 Tuesday A.M. went to barracks. Boys had received their clothing. Came back. Made credit of veterans in A[djutant] G[eneral’s] O[ffice]. A great many soldiers ??? around the city. C.W. Lewis came to & staid all night at the Buckeye.

2 Wednesday 2 A.M. Aroused to go in H.V.C. train home. Went down to the depot, awaited train from ??? 4 ½ hrs. on getting in the train at the depot. C.W. Lewis who had charge of bounty money of the boys to the amount of $600 ??? of $120 – the balance of the ??? only secured by the ???? of the P[ay] Book in the ??? to get ??? & was ????. Started home P.M. eat dinner at J. Lewis. Wrote back to ???.

3 Thursday Went to Belmont. Drew $120 for A. McKinahan. Roads extremely
bad.

Friday A.M. went to Armstrongs Mill – found the quota of Washington Township. Picked up local bounty having been secured to $200. Got dinner & went to ????. Found Wayne Township lacking men. 15 men bounty $150. Went to & staid all night at W. Simmons.

Saturday P.M. Went back to Castle & attended meeting for Volunteers ?? ?? ?? for ??? Regimentts. Came ?? to Simmons.

Sunday Returned to ???. Day quite chilly & disagreeable.

Monday Day pleasant. Returned home.

Tuesday Report in ??? & other papers of Butler’s plans to capture Richmond being frustrated by a deserter to the Rebel ranks – making his plans known. Col. Dalgren killed in the ??? of ??? to ??? one ??? at Richmond. ?? command about 90 men captured.

Wednesday At home till noon. Went to the ??? to ??? from there I went to ????. Got supper & went ?? at White Oak farm which ??? very poorly. Came back & staid all night at ??? Wallers. ??? by ??. McKinahan ??? ??? – fair & cost to ??? $8.50.

Thursday Rain mostly all day.


Saturday Day clear but chilly. A.M. went to P.O. Borrowed ???? book from Wm. T. ??? returned home. Eve finished reading Wm. ?? history. He who was down with 22 others by General Mitchell in April 1862 to destroy Rail Road from Huntsville to Atlanta & who was captured May 13 while in the attempt to ??? their plans. Was ?? in March 1863.

Sunday Raining all day. Wrote letter to Capt. Williams, Company D, 43rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Received summons – was from Common Pleas Court of Franklin County, Ohio to be & appear as witness against Hughes & others Mar. 15 for the robbery of C.W.
Sims Mar. 2.
March 14. President calls for 200,000 more men. Gov[ernment] bounty of $300 to stop on the 1st of April. The draft postponed till the 15th of Apr[il].


15 Tuesday Arrived Columbus 2 A.M. Went with ???? Sims to Buckeye house – found no chance for bed. No chance for breakfast at hotel. Got ???? & ???? at Salmon’s. 9 A.M. reported to clerk of court. City full of soldiers – mostly veterans. Evening engaged boarding at Buckeye.


17 Thursday Day disagreeable. Attended court till 3 P.M. when the trial of Hughes & others for which Sims & I were summoned was brought up & postponed by defendant’s att[orne]y on acc[oun]t of two witnesses being absent. Presented our summons to the clerk ???? order on ???? for fares & mileage ???? to – ???? $225 ???? 122 mi x 5 = $6.10. Spent balance of eve[ning] at State house. After supper went to theater with Sims. Bill at Buckeye house $4.

18 Friday Awakened at hotel 2 ½ A.M. went to report – left for home 4 A.M. Cars crowded very full. Arrived home 10 A.M. Rec[eiv]ed ???? to present all claims or contracts ???? in the recruiting service to be ???? ready for approval. Rec[eiv]ed letter from S.N. Last 60 h[ou]rs while ???? ???? & ???? increase in population was 37, 28 & 29 P[e]r C[en]t ???? ???? was 593 Per Cent.

19 Saturday A.M. went to P.O. Day clear but quite chilly.

20 Sunday Clear & chilly. Returned home evening.

21 Monday Went with Pass to Brigg’s sale near Lloyds ville. From there went to Spencers in Lloyds ville. Got dinner.
22 Tuesday  P.M. went to P.O. at ???? balance of day. Ohio's quota under the last call 20,000 which added to the balance remaining from previous calls is 8,000 making amount at this date to be around 28,000.

23 Wednesday  Day clear & Cold. Went to see grand mother who was very sick. P.M. returned home wrote letter to L[ieutenan]t T.G. ???? ???? ????.

24 Thursday  Started early with Clark & N.W. Parks to St. Clairsville. Got dinner at ???? ???? from St. C[lairsville] started to ???? ?????. Passed through near Athens about 4 P.M. Arrived Cadiz about sun down. Stopped at Swaim house. Saw J.B. Mc??? Also several ladies from near Athens who were attending a teachers examination in C[adiz]. ???? the ???? of ???? ???? & ???? local bounties offered under last call.

25 Friday Morning cloudy. Left Cadiz about 9 A.M. ???? through a busy ???? ???? ???? got dinner at Athens. Stopped ???? ???? ???? ???? train. ???? ???? ???? ???? ???? ???? ?????? ?????? ?????? ???? ????? ????? ????? ????? & ????? ????? ????? ?????.

26 Saturday  P.M. made out weekly report & went to P.O.. Got supper at J. Sims & waited for mail.

27 Sunday  Clear & pleasant. Went with Rob[er]t ???? & ???? ???? to Quaker Church & ???? after which went to Jos. Mead's for dinner. Made the acquaintance of ???? young men & women – returned & got supper at ???? – ?????. Barnard Taylors ???? to ????.

28 Monday  Reading A.M. wrote letter to S.N. P.M. went to Belmont to see about the clothes of Meadley & Namson – found them all right. Returned to get supper at C.W. Lucas. Came to P.O. & waited for mail. Received letter of 19th inst. from Abner.

29 Tuesday  Rain all day. At home reading writing ???? ??? all day.

30 Wednesday  Rainy & disagreeable. Went to St. Clairsville to see Capt. Williams.

31 Thursday  [no entry]

April
1 Friday A.M. walked up to Belmont to see about bounties. Came down on train.

Sunday [no entry]


Wednesday Pap went to Bridgeport – sent $115 by him to deposit in Bank for which he took Check Book with Hawk checks to be paid up according to the order of each veteran. Left early for St. Clairsville with ??? for Capt[ain] Williams. ??? got ??? at ???. Saw Jonah Medley who was on his way to ??? on the ??? of his son. Left St. C[lairsville] 3 P.M. in co[mpany] with Mc?????. Arrived home 5 P.M. Roads very muddy.


Saturday Rainy all day. At home all day. Wrote letter to Serg[ean]t Crawford Armstrong. Went to P.O. Act to prohibit the carrying of concealed
10 Sunday A.M. indications of the weather clearing up. Isaac went to Uncle Jesse’s. I went to P.O. Returned borrowed books to ????. Returned home 12 P.M. got dinner and started to meeting at Bethel. Found the weather unfavorable and returned. Spent balance of P.M. reading natural history.

11 Monday A.M. cloudy & rainy. Went to P.O. ??? except the proposed ??? of ??? of Ohio & ??? of ??? from the Congress of the U.S. for disloyal ??? Rec[eiv]ed Letter from D.H. Williams ??? to getting him a girl. P.M. clear & warm. Went to see the girl – attended to and found her opposed to ??? to ????. Wrote note to Williams informing of the fact. Went to see Mr. Snyder who is ??? from ??? ???.

12 Tuesday A.M. cloudy but pleasant. Today is the third annual birthday of the Rebellion. This day three years ago at exactly 27 min[utes] past 4 A.M. Gen. Beauregard by order of the Reb[el] Sec[retary] Walker opened the first fire on Ft. Sumpter. P.M. ??? ?? seed till supper. Evening rainy.


15 Friday Clear & pleasant. Left Lewis Station 7 A.M. Fare to Newark – $1.75. Fare N. ? to U??ville – $1.40. Arrived U. 2 P.M. Finished up my business with Pro[vost] Mar[shal] Brady – got certificate of the n[umber] men (20) I had enlisted & left for Columbus on 8 P.M. train. Fare to C[olumbus] [$]2.10. News in ??? ?? of the Captain
of F[or]t Pillow & the massacre of 2/3 of the ?? ?? ?? ???? (mostly negroes) by the Reb[el] Gen. Forest whose force was estimated at 6,000.

16 Saturday Arrived at Columbus 2 A.M. put up at the Buckeye House. After breakfast met O.M. Davis with whom went to A.G. Cowan – found we were unable to have our Conditional ?? confirmed – for want the ?? un[umber] 30 men as were mustered out as 2nd L[ieutenan]ts. Was apprised by Cowan that our companions would be for the ?? through the ?? as soon as Gov. Brough returned. P.M. started for Worthington – heard of Aunt Sarah ?? death & returned & took boarding at Mrs. ______.

17 Sunday Day quite pleasant. O.M. Davis & I took walk A.M. out to Uncle James Sickleton where we arrived 11 O’Clock – had ?? ?? ??? for ?? was not recognized by any of the family but uncle. P.M. ?? & I ??? Uncle ???. Saw Charles L. All the children had ?? out of my knowledge.

18 Monday Henry got us to Columbus A.M. arranged business – was unable to draw P???? money for ?? so wrote to him & also sent him the company papers to draw it. Wrote to Capt[ain] Williams ?? business I was to transact for him. Wrote letter home & to S.N. Got transportation to Louisville. Left Columbus on 9 P.M. train for Cin[cinnati]. Arrived Cin[cinnati] 3 A.M. 19th O.M. Davis in company.

19 Tuesday Arrived Cin[cinnati]. Got breakfast at Broadway Hotel & repaired to depot A.M.R.R. Left Cin[cinnati] 7:30 A.M. arrived Seymour, Ind[iana] when we changed cars for Louisville 1 P.M. was delayed on road to Jeffersonville 20 miles above Jeffersonville by break down. Arrived Jeff[ersonville] after dark. Found car ?? for bed & ??? to Louisville 10 P.M. & put up at City Hotel.

20 Wednesday Got breakfast & took walk through the city (Louisville) ?? Artesian Well which measures 2,086 ft. & ?? water when all valves are opened to the ?? of 80 ft. & at the rate of 230 gals per minute. Population of Louisville about 85,000. Went to Soldiers Home near Nashville Depot & got dinner. Took train with the ?? R[e]g[imen]t for Nashville 3 P.M. For some ?? not a very ?? country. Elizabethtown to Mumfordsville very rough. Arrived Nashville ?? A.M. Thursday.

21 Thursday Arrived Nashville 4 A.M. got breakfast at Soldiers home when
transportation to Decatur, Ala[bama] was ??? ???? ???? to 6 ½ A.M. train. Nashville is very compact, busy ??? narrow streets. Left Nashville 6 ½ A.M. Country ??? for around miles when the effects of the war began to appear – passed through Columbia, Pulaski & Athens. Arrived in camp in the suburbs of Decatur, Ala 10 P.M. This town once numbering about 2,000 inhabitants is situated on west side of the Tenn[essee] River 2 miles west of the junction.


Skirmishing on picket all P.M. Enemy out post in some distance. One Rebel severely wounded captured & brot to 43rd Hospital. Night heavy storm.

28 Thursday A.M. clear & warm. Ordered to make muster rolls for April 30. Also to prepare to March. Officers with only 70 lbs. baggage.

29 Friday Busy all day working on muster rolls. Monthly reports. Wrote letter to S.N. Skirmishing in picket. Orders published to the effect that on the march officer baggage would be cut down to 70 lbs.

30 Saturday A.M. rainy. Capt[ain] Williams returned. 8 O C[lock] Rebels attacked pickets on _____ road with 3 pieces of Art[illery] fired several shots when the 2 Brig[ade] (in which is the 43rd) and 9th Reg[imen]t met them, and after a slight skir[mish] drove the Rebels off – followed them 2 miles when we returned to camp 1 P.M. Quite wet & muddy. Muster 2 Phs, ____ , men brought Co[mpany] D. P.M. issued clothing to Co[mpany]. Posted up Co[mpany] books and turned them over to Adj[utant] for transportation. Ap[poin]ted 2nd Lt[ieutenan]t (acting) ______.

May


3 Tuesday Marched from Huntsville 6 A.M. Before starting drew from Q[uarter] M[aster] [Johnathan J.] McClarren [made Quarter Master Sgt. from private of Co B and made 2nd Lt. of same Co in September ’62 then 1st Lt. and Regt. Q.M. in December ’64] 16 pairs socks & issued to men. Passed through the town which is said to contain before the war 8,000 inhabitants. Day clear & warm.
Country very rough with the exception of narrow strips of land between hills which from appearances is rich & very productive. Plenty of good water. After leaving H[untsville] struck R[ail] R[oad] again at Flint River. There we halted 1 hour & got dinner. March 1 P.M. to a point on R[ail] R[oad] 6 miles west of Woodsville & camped. Days march 20 miles. Men all sound except [George] Bright who took a shake of the ankle? at Flint River & had to be hauled.


6 Friday Reveille 4 A.M. Marched & passed the battlefield of Chickamauga where we perceived the effects of one of the most disastrous battles of the war. Arrived and passed through [Lee and] Gordon’s Mills 10 A.M. & camped a short distance from ????? on Chickamauga Creek. Went into camp 11 A.M. Evening – report that Gen Grant had crossed the Rapidan in 5 places & routed the enemy at every p[oin]t. Also ordered to supply the men with 40 rounds ammunition & 3 days rations.
7 Saturday Reveille 3 A.M. ordered to be ready to move at day light. Drew 160 rounds ammunition and issued to men. Marched 5 O C[lock] 2 Brigade in front, 43rd Reg[imen]t in advance. Marched directly south about 10 miles to a ridge 7 ½ miles N[orth] E[ast] of Fayetteville. Then we camped 11 O C[lock] & made every preparation to stay all night. Received a large mail. 2 P.M. ordered to fall in immediately when we marched Co[mpany] D advance guard 4 or 5 miles to the f[oor]t of Taylors Ridge, on which Rebel pickets were reported to be. Co[mpanies] D & F deployed as skirmishers & scaled the Ridge & occupied the heights without the least resistance. 43rd occupied the Ridge in ????? during the night. Rebel picket fires & signal demonstrations plainly visible all night ????? 3 ???? ??? in front. Mattuck’s Gap Taylors Ridge.


10 Tuesday Morning cloudy. ?? up ??? for a ??? ??? the ??? of the day. ?? ?? Co[mpany] D ??? & sent a short distance to the left to build fortifications. Worked all day hard. Ceased ?? 2 P.M. 12 M. Reg[men]t arrived without knapsacks to the front. Morning 25th Wisconsin Vol[unteers] of our Brig[ade] was called out and orders from Gen[eral] Sherman ??? informed ??? ??? to the effect that Gen[eral] Grant had engaged the enemy on the 5, 6 & 7 ins[tant] on the Rapidan & repulsed him using ??? soldier ????. Rebel dead wounded & battlefield ????. Night very wet. Was without blankets they having been taken in wagon with the Reg[imen]t which was about 2 miles in front. Gen[eral] Kilpatrick expected to be here with 11 Co[mpanie]s cavalry.

11 Wednesday Early A.M. moved the Company across the road to the opposite hill on our right in search of Reg[imen]t. Found it had returned to its old bivouac in the valley to which we repaired & forced up 200 – ?? ?? orders. Drew rations etc. Noon received a small mail & sent letters home & to S.K. Day blustery & cool. Several of the men complaining of ague. Officers Co D baggage which was taken to the front last night being unloaded was left through neglect of Q[uarter] M[aster]. Sent a detail of 12 men to bring them up – found my carpet sack robbed of Post ??? & $2 with paper one ??? & one p[ai]r socks.


14 Saturday Day dawned with heavy skirmishing as yesterday ended but with more serious effect than before. During the day until 1 P.M. 4 men killed & 14 wounded in the 43rd mostly in Co[mpany]s K, E & B. 1 P.M. was re???? by Brig[adier] Gen[eral] when 2 Brig[ades] lost in anticipation of a rest during the of the day. Was in reserve but a short time when it became evident that reinforcements were wanted in the center, When Gen[eral] Div 15 A[rmy] C[orps] was engaged Brig[ade] moved to this position in quick time and occupied what appeared to be a very critical point directly in front of the R[ail] R[oad] station at Resaca. About dark 35th N[ew] J[ersey] Zouaves of our Brig[ade] charged the Reb[el] breast works & held them. Fighting continued briskly with musketry & artillery until 10 P.M. In our advance to this position W[illia]m Paxson & Geo[rge] E Nichols fell to the rear in this most critical engagement. L[ieutenan] Thompson was wounded in the arm. During the night 43rd built breast works as protection from the sharp shooters. Rested but little during the night.

15 Sunday 3 ½ A.M. Co[mpany] D relieved Co[mpany] F on the skirmish line also Co[mpany] E. Day break heavy skirmishing commenced with Rebel skirmishers who were stationed in the wood about 200 y[ar]ds in the f[ron]t. 8 or 9 A.M. Reb[el] skirmishers began to fall back. The effect of our fire – proven by the carrying of Reb[el] wounded to be too heavy. One man of the 99th Ind[iana] Vol[unteer]s skirmishers & one of Co[mpany] E 43rd wounded during the A.M. Heavy & continuous cannonading & musketry on
our left in Gen[eral] Hooker’s command. P.M. bombardment of Rebel fortifications at Resaca depot commenced, but for some reason, supposed to the scarcity of Reb[el] artillery ammunition no ??? was made. A bold front was kept up by the enemy which was their only security against a charge from our front. A mail came in. Rec[eived] letters from Pap & E.H. Snyder. During this day’s skirmishing Co[mpany] D expended in our ?? about 50 rounds of ammunition to the man. We advanced at dark ?? ?? A ??? ???? ?? all ??? afterwards supposed ??? ???? the enemy retreated.

16 Monday

After another ??? night all men aroused to a ??? ??? what was thought to in preparation of the enemy during the night. That this would be the last & final day of their efforts to drive us back. As the morning fog cleared away & the Reb[el] sharp shots became fewer it was feared they had left. ??? were ??? by our advance skirmishers and the matter fully decided. Gen[eral] ??? Div[ision] 15 A[rmy] C[orps] proceeded to the front ??? Division ordered to Col[onel] Morris’ front 20 ??? ??? when Gen[eral] ??? ??? was engaged. P???? [George] Nichols, [Emanuel] Goldsborough and G.H. Bowles who in the maneuvering of the past 3 days had fell out ??? Men got their knapsacks and laid around waiting on the arrangement of the train too till ??? 2 ?? when ??? marched to a crossing on pontoons over _____ Run [Oothaloga Creek or Oostenaula River] 4 miles below Resaca. Crossed the path of 98th Reg[imen]t about 1 ½ hours behind them a short dis[tance] from the crossing. Saw Alvin W. Crossed river about 10 P.M. & camped as wagon ????

17 Tuesday

Day dawned with a slight sprinkling of rain. ??? came across river late & going on as Div[ision]’s train guard ??? passed another to the already 4 successive sleepless nights. Men pretty well worn out from ??? & loss of sleep. A.M. visited the crossing to see the newly erected pontoons comprised of a wooden frame covered with canvas said to have been invented by a ??? about 1 year ago. Country thickly wooded and rough. 12 noon notified that a mail would ??? in half an hour in which time the largest mail that ever left the Reg[imen]t at one time was gotten up. P.M. quite a heavy rain for a short time. 3 O C[lock] the blockade of wagons belonging principally to the 15 Corps & 2 & 4 Div[ision]s 16 Corps ??? up & the trains began to string out very slowly. 43rd Regt. which had been left behind yesterday on account of the mis???? of the Q[uarterm] M[aster] moved out in morn & after 2 hours marching around ??? & brisk passed Brig[ade] 3 miles in [ron]t when we marched with ??? about 10 miles to the [ron]t & bivouacked 12
Wednesday 18  Morning clear. Marched early & very slow. ???? came into an apparently extensive & productive valley running north & south. Halted about 2 P.M. ???? came up with the wagon train of the 14 Corps which came in from a western direction at Adairsville a little town 2 hours ???? on the Western & Atlantic R[ail] R[oad]. Remained here until about dark when the trains had opened up their blockade & we advanced very slowly. While at this point Reg[imen]t rec[eiv]ed a very large mail. Rec[eiv]ed 2 letters one from April 24 & May 8 from S.N. News in northern papers of the 10th inst. of Grant’s 3 days fighting with Lee resulting in the rout of Lee. Also that the draft had commenced in Ohio. Marched 3 miles when we came to R[ail] R[oad] at Adairsville a very nice but small village 10 miles east of Kingston. After passing a ???? and sleepless night over a rough and desolate country we came into bivouac some distance to the right of R[ail] R[oad] at daylight. Several of the men fell but ??? the way from fatigue.

Thursday 19  We bivouac at day light when all laid down to rest. 5 A.M. awoke & drew rations & prepared to march which was commenced 10 A.M. Marched slowly 4 P.M. when we went into bivouac 1 ½ hours north of Kingston & Rome R[ail] R[oad]. Day very warm. Morning at this place – Kingston. Gen[eral] Stanley’s Div[ision] of the 4th Corps engaged the enemy and after a brisk fight for 1 hour drove them from his position. Reported capture of Rome G[eorgi]a By J. C. Davis Div[ision] 14 C[orps] with 2000 prisoners & 2 trains ?????. Regimental wagons failed to come up. Wagon train of the 4,14 & 15 Corps passing all night.

Friday 20  Day clear & warm. In bivouac 1 ¼ miles north of Kingston all day. Day light several trains of cars came through Chattanooga via Dalton. 4th A[rmy] C[orps] in which is the ?? reported by Capt[ain] Sanford who is back ???? to a short distance in front & proceeding forward. News & rumors in camp all day in reference to Grant’s occupation of Richmond. News in northern papers of Steele’s surrender of 9,000 men in Ark[ansas] to the Reb[el] Gen[eral] Taylor. Also of Steele’s precipitated retreat to Little Rock with a loss of several hundred negroes & prisoners. ???? in this ???? ???? will ???? such ???? ???? ???? ???? citizens reported Gen[eral] Johnson’s Army in a state of demoralization. 3 PM mail went out. Wrote to Pap & S.N.

Saturday 21  Day very warm. In bivouac at Kingston all day. Brigade turned out
11 AM to welcome a short visit of Maj[or] Gen[eral] D.S. Stanley – previously the Ohio Brigade commander – 1862. Reg[imen]t rec[eived] small mail evening. Also sent out a very large mail PM. Wrote letter to S.N. Spencer.


24 Tuesday Arrived in camp 2 AM. Reveille 5 O C[lock] – got breakfast & marched 6 ½ [hours]. 1st Brig[ade] in f[ron]t, 2nd following. Marched without halting till 10 AM 9 miles through a level but wooded waterless & uninhabited country ???? ???. Passed in the meantime a small village in which was a very large saw mill. 12 miles S.W. of Kingston 12 miles called Colle????ville. Rested a few min[utes] & passed on further 2 ½ miles to a very large spring on _____ plantation. Marched 3 O C[lock] southward passed through Blandsfield [Swaintown?] a small village in _____ River [Euharlee Creek?] & near a very large slate mine. ¾ miles farther S.E. passed through Van Wert another small town & camped a short dis[tance] beyond about 6 ½ PM. Days march about 15 miles. Country generally level & apparently productive. Corn, oats & wheat sown in abundance. ???? ???? PM also about dark. Night very disagreeable.

in a S[outh] E[ast] direction until 12 O C[lock] night. Evening ????
night very dark. Went into bivouac on a very rough side hill 12 O
C[lock] 6 or 7 miles S[outh] E[ast] Van Wert. Several of
Co[mpany] & Br[i]g[ade] fell out on the way from fatigue. Country

26 Thursday 3 ½ AM marched in an easterly direction slowly & on a
mountainous & well watered country. Straglers from Co[mpany] &
Br[i]g[ade] joined us AM. Marched about 8 [miles? hours?] to
with[in] a short distance of Dallas which was occupied by ????
troops. Sharp skirmishing in f[ron]t by 4 regular cavalry. 3 PM
enemy was f[oun]d to have skedaddled when our 4 div[ision]s
moved forward & met Davis’ 14 Corps coming in from a northerly
direction. Saw many friends in 98 O[hio] I[nfantry] camped
immediately in sight & close to town. 98 O[hio]
I[nfantry] camped a short distance to our left. John
Cunnard [corporal] came up & joined Co[mpany].

27 Friday Reveille early 6 AM. Heavy skirmishing commenced on picket line. Also
very heavy cannonading on our left supposed to be in Gen[eral]
???? Corps. Ours (4 Davis) being in column by div[ision]s deployed
our 12 Brig[ade] on right of Davis’ Div[ision]. 25 ???? & 35 N[ew]
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further right. Stay in line of battle immediately on the east of Dallas
all day. 2 Comp[anie]s of each out. Skirmishing all day. Drove the
enemy by evening about ½ mile. Heavy cannonading on left all
day. 6 PM Co[mpanie]s A & D sent out to relieve skirmishers.
Being in an ??? & exposed position we in Co[mpany] with some
???? worked all night on intrenchments. ???
cheering & very heavy
musketry several times on our left during night.

28 Saturday Day dawned with every anticipation arising from Reb[el]
movements during the night of ??? a heavy charge from the enemy.
As it was we rec[eiv]ed nothing more than a heavy skirmish fire
from the enemy by which we suffered none until 2 PM at which
time we were relieved by Co. E & F 43rd. Returned to Reg[iment]
drew rations & had ??? laid down to sleep when a force of the
enemy said to be under command of Gen[eral] Polk charged our
forces (1 Brig[ade] 4 & 2 Div[ision]s) immediately on our right
attempting as Reb[el] persons say to break our lines as their only
means of escape being deluded with a pretense that they were
surrendered. They were handsomely repulsed after a half hour’s
hard firing with heavy loss. During the day all trains in town &
vicinity moved about 7 miles to the rear. Evening ordered to ?? ?? in every readiness to fall in at the least alarm. Late say heavy charging by the enemy on Gen[eral] ???? Corps.

29 Sunday Day clear & warm. Little or no fighting except between skirmishers along the whole line during the day time. Assertained by map our ???? to the east of Dallas ½ mile. This town is the county seat of Paulding Co[unty] G[eorgi]a & is situated immediately west of Alltoona range of mountains which runs S.W. & along which the enemy has made another stand. Dallas is almost 16 miles south of Kingston & some 9 miles [actually 13 miles] west of R[ail] R[oad]. Night disclosed a movement on our part ???? to change of positions. Movements commenced when the enemy understanding it apparently charged our forces in anticipation of capture the whole thing in its unimproved state. But they proved to be too fast and after 4 successive & unsuccessful attacks lasting until 3 o clock retired with supposed heavy loss. 11 PM while in the support of ______ battery which was engaged I received a gun shot wound in [head?hand?].


31 Tuesday ???? left Div[ision]’s ??? 12 last night was on road all day in ambulance. Arrived Kingston G[eorgi]a dark & went to hospital.

June

1 Wednesday Left Kingston G[eorgi]a moving on train in company with about 400 wounded. Chattanooga 10 PM. Left on train all night.


3 Friday Day cloudy & rainy. Rumors in hospital that Johnson had fallen back to within 4 miles of Atlanta.

4 Saturday Cloudy & rainy. Wrote letter home.

5 Sunday Rainy all day. No news from the front. Wrote letter to ??? Mary E. Sick??? Clintonville, O.
6  Monday  Clear & moderately warm.
7  Tuesday  Wrote letter to T.E. Foreman Someston, O.
8  Wednesday  Wrote letter to S.N.