

From Diary of Jerome Bliss 1863

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June 25, 1863

Neer Broad Run Virginia

We went to have a company drill but we got orders to march and left here at 11 o'clock and crossed the potomac river to Maryland at 2 oclock. We went to Barnesville

June 26

Neer Barnesville Maryland

We got here about 9 oclock tonight it rained all day we left here at 6 oclock this morning & marched to Jefferson Citty Maryland we got here about 3 oclock we had to go on picket guard.

June 27

Neer Jefferson Citty M.D.

We drewed rations and we left here at 9 oclock and went about two miles beyond Middletown M.D.

June 28

Neer Middletown Maryland

We had an inspection of arms. I bought some onions and a canteen full of milk & a chicken & some it cost me 60 cents. I got it yesterday. We left here today at 9 oclock and went to Frederick City.

June 29

Neer Frederick city Maryland

We left here about 6 oclock and went to Emitsburg. We got here about 8 oclock. It rained all day. I got a pass today to fall to the rear. I bought a loaf of Bread.

June 30

Neer Emitsburg Maryland

We left here about 8 oclock and went about 3 miles. We encamped in the State of Pennsylvania. I am a Brigade guard today

July 1

About one mile from Emitsburg in Pennsylvania

We left here about 7 oclock and got to Gettysburg penn at noon. Our men & the rebels had a hard battle our corps was in it we had to fall back.

July 2

Neer Gettysburg Pennsylvania

General Reynolds got killed yesterday. We had a lot of men killed and wounded in our rgt.yesterday our Colonel was wounded & taken prisoner. Our men had a hard fight today but we held the rebels in check.

July 3

Neer Gettysburg penn

Our men & the rebels had a hard fight but our division want (were not?) in the fight. Our men took a lot of rebels prisoners.

July 4

Neer Gettysburg Pennsylvania

Our rgt went out on skirmishing last night. I did not go with them. We got some rations today. It rained very hard. Today I got under a barn. The rebels has been retreating.

July 5

Neer Gettysburg Pennsylvania

Our rgt went out to skirmish with the rebels & they found out that the rebels had gone. We drawed rations today. I got a letter from Louisa Bliss. We moved a little aways.

July 6

Neer Gettysburg Pennsylvania

We left here at 7 oclock this morning & went within one mile of Emitsburg & camped all night. It rained all night.

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