



Octave Brusio

Enlisted, December 8, 1862, at Buffalo; mustered in as private, Co. E, December 8, 1862, to serve three years; promoted corporal, February 1, 1863; sergeant, December 27, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va., as Octave Vruso.

Sent to Mrs. Jack MacMillan, St. Andrews West, Ontario

By

Mrs. C.T. Easton, Marietta, NY

(Editor: Mrs. Easton, the daughter of Octave A. Brusio, was a niece of the author of the diary.)

To the reader: in this diary the words "received" and "pleasant" were misspelled by Octave Bruso on a regular basis. Therefore, no "sic" notation is made for errors.

Also, Octave corresponded frequently with businesses with apparent names like Schneider, and Shellington and others. The exact spelling of these companies will need to be researched, as frequently, surnames or business names in Mr. Bruso's hand are very difficult to decipher.

There are perhaps half a dozen doodles in parts of this diary, which appear to have been made by children and which have no historical significance.

Where Octave mentions fellow soldiers, I have turned to the *Report of the Adjutant General* for additional information, and have underlined these names.

I have attempted to credit all photographs and notes that are not my own. Any errors or omissions in attribution are regretted, and will be corrected upon notification. This has been a project of research, and was not undertaken for any pecuniary gain.

My goal in sharing my ancestor's diary is simply to share the day-to-day life of a member of Company E of the 50th N.Y. Engineers with those who have an interest.

Other researchers will please credit this work as, "*1864 Diary of Private Octave Bruso, 50th NY Engineers, Company E*" edited by Tom Bauerle.

Non-commercial researchers are free to use portions of this work as they wish.

I would be doing a disservice without acknowledging my late uncle, Donald Bruso, upon whose excellent research I have tried to build over the years.

It may interest the reader to know how this diary ended up in my hands.

I frequently visit the Bruso plot at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, NY. On a Saturday afternoon in the Fall of 2009, I was seated upon Octave's gravestone and said out loud: "Octave, why didn't you leave a diary of your Civil War service, like so many others?"

I told no one about this one-way conversation.

The following Monday, I received an e-mail from my brother Richard stating that while he rarely did so, he had just used an internet search engine and searched for "Octave Bruso."

The first listing was for an item from Heritage Auction Galleries:

L **Diary of Union Private Octave Bruso of the 50th New York Engineers.... (Total: 1 Items)**
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Description:

“Diary of Union Private Octave Bruso of the 50th New York Engineers. Entries from January 23, 1864, through January 16, 1865, recording experiences at the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. On May 6, 1864, Bruso writes about fighting at the Battle of the Wilderness: *"In line of Battle on the north side of Mine River. Terrible fighting on the early part of the day. Behind the Breast works all day. Made Pits. One man of Co. E. Wounded. . . . layed in Pits for 24 Hours."* Bruso spent the next several weeks marching, *"Building Roads & Bridges"*, and witnessing nearby fighting. On June 1, 1864, he writes, *"Arrived at Cole [Cold] Harbor at 2 P.M. Marched hard and almost bushed. A most terrible battle was fought and we had to leave our place of nest double quick."* Between battles, he watched *"A Negro publicly hung at 6th C[orps] for committing adultery on a white woman."* Near Petersburg on July 30, 1864, he writes, *"Petersburg Seiged at 4 ½ a.m. Terrible artillery and infantry fight."* As a member of the engineer corps, he spent much of his time in hard labor, *"digging all night"* or *"making rifle pits"*.

Twenty-five year old Private Bruso, from Buffalo, New York, mustered into "E" Co., New York 50th Engineers in December 1862; he mustered out in June 1865. Every day in the diary has an entry, though one week's worth of pages are missing from November 1864. The diary, written mostly in pencil, contains various doodles throughout. Included is an obituary from the *Buffalo Courier-Express* (1926) of Octave's wife, Charlotte Pierce Bruso, the adopted daughter of the nephew of President Franklin Pierce. Their marriage is recorded in the entry for February 16, 1864. Mostly tight binding with minor and occasional stains. Cloth wraps, back cover is rubbed, creased, and torn. 3" x 5". Very good condition.”

I purchased this important family document for \$1,000 plus buyer's premium.

While this chain of circumstances may be hard to believe, the reader has my solemn assurance that this account is the absolute truth.

I will always believe that my great-great grandfather wanted me to have this diary, so that I might share his tale with you.

It is with great reverence for his memory, and for all who have served and who continue to do so, that I present this work.

Tom Bauerle
Editor and great-great grandson of Octave Bruso

Saturday, January 23, 1864

Beautiful day. Arrived at Maine at sundown had a grand Reception + supper.

(Editor: Maine, NY is near Binghamton)

Sunday, January 24, 1864

Pleasant + Warm. Attended the Presby. Church in the morning.

(Editor: Nanticoke and Harford were two Presbyterian Churches in Maine, NY)

Monday, January 25, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to L/Julian (*Editor: unclear*) Captain Hines (*sic: Hine*) left for Albany. Attended a Ball in the evening-had a grand time!

HINE, ORRIN E.—Age, 25 years. Enrolled, August 26, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. E, August 29, 1861, to serve three years; as captain, to date August 7, 1862; mustered out, March 6, 1865, at City Point, Va. ; commissioned first lieutenant, October 14, 1861, with rank from August 29, 1861, original; captain, July 19, 1862, with rank from July 6, 1862, Vice Gilbert, resigned; major, April 11, 1865, with rank of same date, vice Ford, resigned; not mustered. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

Tuesday, January 26, 1864

Parle' vous francais (*Editor: this is written vertically in margin in what seems to be a different hand.*)

Pleasant day. Went to Whitney's Point to attend a ball.

(Editor: Whitney Point, NY is north of Binghamton)

Sunday January 31, 1864

Very ___ (*Editor: unclear*) . Attended church in the morning. And evening with L.

(Editor: "L" is presumably the pet name Octave had for Charlotte "Lottie" Henry Pierce, the woman he would marry within weeks.)



Charlotte "Lottie" Henry Pierce Brusio

Monday, February 1, 1864

Windy day.

Wrote to A.M. McNaught
“ King
 B.F. Dexter
 W.C. Pollard
 Sine Sefft ? Line Lefft

McNAUGHT, ARCHIBALD.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, September 11, 1861, at Troy, Pa.; mustered in as private, Co. A, September 11, 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. E, November 1, 1861; promoted artificer, date not stated; sergeant, September 1, 1862; re-enlisted, January 21, 1864; mustered in as first lieutenant, April 29, 1864, as captain Co. H, to date November 6, 1864; resigned, January 14, 1865; commissioned first lieutenant, April 13, 1864, with rank from April 3, 1864, original; captain, November 30, 1864, with rank from October 20, 1864, vice Schenck, mustered out. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

(*Editor: there were several men surnamed "King" in the 50th NY Engineers. They are listed below.*)

KING, BISHOP.—Age, 34 years. Enlisted, August 14, 1862, at Elmira; mustered in as private, Co. II, August 14, 1862, to serve three years; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

KING, CHARLES.—Age, 27 years. Enlisted, December 19, 1863, at Rochester; mustered in as private, Co. L, December 19, 1863, to serve three years; promoted artificer, date not stated; corporal, December 30, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

KING, FERDINAND, see Ferdinand Konig. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

KING, JOSEPH.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, March 23, 1865, at Buffalo; mustered in as private, Co. II, March 23, 1865, to serve three years; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

DEXTER, BENJAMIN F.—Age, 28 years. Enrolled, January 10, 1862, at Albany; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. F, January 10, 1862, to serve three years; as first lieutenant, to date October 1, 1862; transferred to Co. E, April 11, 1863; mustered as captain, Co. L, to date January 28, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.; commissioned, second lieutenant, January 10, 1862, with rank of same date, vice Watson, resigned; first lieutenant, December 27, 1862, with rank from October 13, 1862, vice McGrath, promoted; captain, February 9, 1864, with rank from January 23, 1864, original. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

POLLARD, WILLIAM C.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, August 30, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as sergeant, Co. H, September 7, 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. E, November 1, 1861; mustered in as second lieutenant, to date November 14, 1862; first lieutenant, to date March 1, 1864; mustered out October 31, 1864, at City Point, Va.; commissioned second lieutenant, October 30, 1862, with rank from September 19, 1862, vice Holden, resigned; first lieutenant, March 23, 1864, with rank from March 1, 1864, vice Dexter, promoted. (*Report of the*

Adjutant General)

Tuesday, February 2, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to Col Pettes. Called on L in the forenoon. Went up town in the afternoon to see John B and also called on Mrs Hinman in the Eve and came home with Lottie. Got a letter from Carrie Eastman.



Col. William H. Pettes

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PETTES, WILLIAM H.—Age, 48 years. Enrolled, September 10, 1861, at Buffalo; mustered in as lieutenant-colonel, September 18, 1861, to serve three years; as colonel, January 1, 1864; mustered out, to date July 5, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va .; commissioned lieutenant-colonel, November 4, 1861, with rank from September 18, 1861, original; colonel, June 13, 1863, with rank from June 3, 1863, vice Stewart, resigned. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

Wednesday, February 3, 1864

Pleasant day + a little snow. Got a letter from Julian (*Editor: unclear*). Called on Lottie in the Evening.

Thursday, February 4, 1864

Pleasant day. Went up to the city in the morning. Called on L in the evening-

Friday, February 5, 1864

Cold & Windy. Got a letter from C.A.B. (*Editor: Octave's brother, Charles Auguste, was born December 1, 1843 in St. Luc, Quebec as per La Societe Genealogique Canadienne-Francaise, Montreal.*)

Saturday, February 6, 1864

Snowing. At home all day plaguing (*Editor: unclear*) my Aunty (*Editor: unclear*).

Sunday, February 7, 1864

Beautiful day. Attended Church in the morning, afternoon and Evening. And called on Lottie in the Evening.

Monday, February 8, 1864

Pleasant day. At home all day. Called on Miss Pierce and Miss Armstrong with my Uncle Fred.

Tuesday, February 9, 1864

Pleasant day. Received a letter from Lt. Pollard.

Wrote to Lt. Pollard
“ Corp'l A. Howard

To Miss Carrie Eastman and to L/Julian (*Editor: unclear*) Murphy. Went to the Polyrama in the evening with Uncle Louis

HOWARD, AMOS.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, August 31, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co., G, September 6, 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. E, November 1, 1861; promoted corporal, January 30, 1862; re-enlisted, January 31, 1864; promoted sergeant, March 1, 1864; mustered in as second lieutenant, December 27, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, V a.; commissioned second lieutenant, November 30, 1864, with rank from October 20, 1864, vice Kenyon, promoted. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

(*Ed. Note: During the Civil War, there were many “polyramas” featuring scenes from the war, in numerous cities North and South. See The Children’s Civil War by James Marten, p. 17.*)

Wednesday, February 10, 1864

Very Cold. Attended the social in the Eve and had a grand time- at Mr. Lapp’s.

Thursday February 11, 1864

Quite pleasant. At home all day and called on Lottie in the evening.

Friday February 12, 1864

Beautiful day. Received a letter from Savilla and from A. Brusio.

Saturday, February 13, 1864

Beautiful day-Wrote to Cap’t O.E. Hines (*sic: Hine*) Went up to the city with little Mary to see the Polyrama. Called on L in the evening + met Miss Armstrong.

Sunday, February 14, 1864

Pleasant day- Attended church in the morning. Called on L. in the afternoon and met Miss

Demming (*Editor: unclear*) at her house + attended church in the evening and came home with L.

Monday, February 15, 1864

Cold day- Went into town & met James McKenna- Got a letter from Col Pettes + Lt. Dexter.
Called on L in the Evening.

Tuesday February 16, 1864

Very Cold day. Recieved a letter from Julian (*Editor: unclear*) Murphy. Was married at 7 ½ P.M.
had a good pleasent audience.

(*Editor: Names of people written in very small letters at bottom of page.*)

Rev. A.D. Wilbor (*Editor: pastor of Riverside Methodist, Dearborn Street, Buffalo*)

Henry Inman (*Henry Inman was married to Charlotte's sister Mary. Henry was Octave's brother-in-law.*), Mary Inman (*Charlotte's sister*)

Tillie Inman

Mrs. Inman

Mr. Antoine Bruso, Mrs. A. Bruso

Mr. Louis Bruso, Mrs. L. Bruso, Mary Bruso

Mr. Graham + Mrs. Graham

Fred Bruso

Mrs. Bulger (*Editor: possibly Pulger*) + Willie B _____,

Miss Demming (*Editor: unclear*)

Parmelia Jones

Nell + Jenine Standbridge

J.C. Henry

Libbie Armstrong + Mrs. Armstrong

Rachel Graham

Wednesday February 17, 1864

Very Cold. Went up to the city and called on my Aunt Mary.

Thursday, February 18, 1864

Very Cold. Went to Mr. A___ Brunet (*Editor: unclear*) . Called on Aunt Mary (*Editor: unclear*)
in the Evening. Miss Armstrong called on us.

Friday, February 19, 1864

Very Cold. Went up to the City in the afternoon and called on Mary. Went out in the Eve with my
wife and spent the evening with my Uncle A. (*Editor: Antoine Brosseau was baptized in May
1818, at St. Luc, Quebec. Sponsors were Gabriel Romain, Marie Louis Lanciault.*) Received a
letter from my Brother

Saturday February 20, 1864

More pleasant. Wrote to Savilla.

Sunday February 21, 1864

Pleasant day. Attended church in the morning and went up to spend the afternoon at Henry Inman's.

Monday, February 22, 1864

Beautiful day. Went up to Lib Armstrong in the evening.

Tuesday February 23, 1864

Pleasant day. Enlisted two men for the 50th N.Y. Eng's. Went out in the evening to the Miss Standbridges

Wednesday February 24, 1864

Cloudy. Went out to tea at Mrs. Inman's up Main St. Wrote to Augustin. Paid Box Rent up to July (*Editor: unclear*) 1st. 40. Went out to tea at Mrs. Inman's.

(*Editor: Augustin Brosseau was born in 1843 in Quebec.*)

Thursday, February 25, 1864

Unpleasant day. Took Tea at Mrs. Graham's. and went up to Mary's + spent the evening. Left for Maine at 10:25 P.M. On my way back to the Army!

Friday, February 26, 1864

Snowing hard. Arrived at Union (*Editor: Union, NY is southeast of Syracuse*) at 8 A.M. Wrote to Lt. Newcomb (*Sic: Newcombe*). Wrote to my wife. Left Union for Elmira at 2 P.M.. Stayed at the Engine House at Union. Slept with D. Rathbun.

NEWCOMBE, CALVIN Q.—Age, 38 years. Enlisted, August 27, 1862, at Rochester; mustered in as private, Co. F, August 27, 1862, to serve three years; promoted sergeant, October 8, 1862; mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. B, March 23, 1863; transferred to Co. C, same date; resigned, July 30, 1864; commissioned first lieutenant, March 17, 1863, with rank from February 28, 1863, original. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

Saturday February 27, 1864

Beautiful day. Left Elmira at 5 P.M.

Sunday, February 28, 1864

Beautiful summer day. at Baltimore. Took breakfast here. Left for Washington at 11 A.M. Arrived at W (*Editor: Washington*) at 3 P.M.. Met Julian (*Editor: unclear*) + her Sisters. Went up to Inde's (*Editor: unclear*) in the eve and then to Julian's. (*Editor: unclear*)

Monday, February 29, 1864

Foggy day, but warmer. Mustered in for pay. Went to the theatre in the Eve. Called on Nettie Beaman and took dinner. Wrote to my wife.

Tuesday, March 1, 1864

Snow and rain all day. Very unpleasant. Called on Herbert Riply. (*Editor: probably "Ripley" is correct*). Wrote to Dewitt Rathbun. Attended the Theatre in the Eve. Bought me a hat for \$2.50. (*note: approximately \$34 in 2009*)

Wednesday, March 2, 1864

Cleared off and pleasant again. Left Washington at two P.M. arrived at Alexandria at 4 P.M. Stayed overnight here.

Thursday, March 3, 1864

Pleasant day. Left Alexandria at 8 A.M. for the front-Arrived at Rappahannock Station at 12 A.M. Marched to Hazel Run in two and a half hours. Butter 50 cts.

Friday March 4, 1864

Pleasant day. Wrote to my wife

Saturday, March 5, 1864

Cloudy and some rain. Corporal of the Guard at H.Q.'s. Done some washing. Boot mending 10 c- (*roughly \$1.50 in 2009*)

Sunday March 6, 1864

Beautiful day. Came off from guard at 9 A.M. Wrote to Uncle Antoine.

Monday March 7, 1864

Wrote to the Inquirer and sent \$2.50. Wrote to Mr. Henry McKenney. Butter 50 cts. (*roughly \$7.00 in 2009*) 30

Tuesday March 8, 1864

Rain all day. Somewhat lonesome.

Wednesday March 9, 1864

Beautiful day. Inspection at 8. Wrote to Mr. Henry Inman. Wrote to my wife.

Thursday March 10, 1864

Cloudy + Rainy. Corporal of the Guard at the Bridge. Received a letter from my wife.

Friday March 11, 1864

Cloudy but pleasant. Wrote to my wife. A Thunderstorm in the afternoon-also heavy rain.
Sour Kraut 20 cts

Saturday March 12, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to John H. Ripley. Pickles 50 cts

Sunday March 13, 1864

Beautiful day. Inspection at 9 A.M. Preaching at 10 A.M. by the Chaplain of the 5th Maine.

Monday March 14, 1864

Beautiful day. Went to the Headquarters with D. Edwards. Got a letter from my wife.

EDWARDS, DERONDO.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. A, August 31, 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. E, November 1, 1861; promoted corporal, March 18, 1862; re-enlisted, December 20, 1863; promoted first sergeant, April 1, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

Tuesday March 15, 1864

Pleasant day. Company drill at 8 A.M. Wrote to my wife. Heavy snow storm for about one hour.

Wednesday March 16, 1864

Beautiful day. Corp'l of the Guard at the Bridge. Sundries 50 cts.

Thursday March 17, 1864

Beautiful day. Came off from Guard at 9 ½ A.M.—Done some washing. 4 promotions made.

Friday March 18, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to Lt. Roosa! Very Windy! received a letter from my wife. Fighting at Kelly's Ford

ROOSA, JOHN L.—Age, 24 years. Enrolled, September 9, 1861, at Elmira; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. G, September 14, 1861, to serve three years; as first lieutenant, August 4, 1863; mustered out, January 16, 1865; commissioned second lieutenant, October 14, 1861, with rank from September 16, 1861, original; first lieutenant, March 17, 1863, with rank from February 28, 1863, original; not mustered; again commissioned first lieutenant, July 28, 1863, with rank from May 18, 1863, vice Schenck, promoted. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

Saturday March 19, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my wife. Butter + onions 65. Got 3 pairs of socks + a paper from my wife

Sunday March 20, 1864

Beautiful day but very windy.

Monday March 21, 1864

Pleasant day. But very cold night + morning. No letters came by mail today. Played Ball in the afternoon.

Tuesday March 22, 1864

Very cold night but pleasant during the day. Commenced to snow in the afternoon-about 6 or 8 inches fell.

Wednesday March 23, 1864

Pleasant + windy. A great deal of snow on the ground. No drill. Wrote to ___ Brusso (*Editor: unclear*) . On guard in camp !Wrote to my wife! Recieved a letter from my wife, one from Sine (*Editor: Line?*) and one from H. Ripley.

Thursday March 24, 1864

Beautiful day. Came off from Guard at 9 A.M. Wrote to my wife and to Sine. Made some candy. 16 Recruits came at night. (*Editor: written vertically in margin "\$3.00"*)

Friday March 25, 1864

Pleasant day. Borrowed 2.00 from Searg't McNaught. Went to Headquarters and bought 1 box Segars (*sic: cigars*) and 15 lbs sugar. Got wet coming back. Got a letter from my Wife.

Saturday March 26, 1864

Pleasant But very Windy. Wrote to my wife-Made some candy. (*Editor: written vertically in margin "1.20"*)

Sunday March 27, 1864

Beautiful day. Inspection at 9 o'clock A.M. Went out Boat riding. Got a letter from my Wife.

Monday March 28, 1864

Beautiful Day. Drill at 9 A.M. Made some candy

Tuesday March 29, 1864

Cloudy, chilly and rainy all day. Cop'l of the Guard in Camp. Wrote to my Wife. Wrote to the P.M. (*Editor: postmaster*) at Washington for stamps.

Wednesday March 30, 1864

Raining still. The water very high. Felt rather unwell this day. Came off from Guard at 9 A.M.

Thursday March 31, 1864

Pleasant day but rather cool. Felt some better. On detail putting Plank on the Bridge. Got a letter from my sister Melvina.

(Editor: Marie Malvina Brosseau was born October 30, 1848 in St. Luc, Quebec, La Societe Genealogique Canadienne-Francaise, Montreal. In the US Census of 1860, she was 11 years old and living in Illinois.)

Friday April 1, 1864

Pleasant day, but rain in the Evening. Wrote to my Wife. Wrote to John McNally. Got a letter from my wife.

Saturday April 2, 1864

Awful (*sic*) bad day. Snow and Rain. Paid Searg't McNaught in full (2.00) Wrote to my wife. Wrote to my Sister Malvina. Got a letter from my Wife, one from Henry Inman and one from Washington.

Sunday April 3, 1864

Pleasant but cloudy. Inspection at 9 A.M. Long and lonesome day.

Monday April 4, 1864

Pleasant in the morning until 10 o'clock. Left Welford's Ford at 9 A.M. arrived at Rappahannock Station at 12 ½ . Got wet through. Rained all the rest of the day.

Tuesday April 5, 1864

Steady heavy Rain. Mailed a letter to my wife. Wrote to Henry Inman

4-6 and 4-7 missing

Friday April 8, 1864

Pleasant day. Wrote to my Brother in Law ___ (*Editor: unclear*) . Got marching orders and left for the Hazel River at 10 A.M. Guard at the Bridge. Got a letter from my wife.

Saturday April 9, 1864

Rainy day. Came off from Guard at 9 A.M.-Wrote to my wife. Heavy freshet (?) had to work all night in the water.

Sunday April 10, 1864

Pleasant day until 4 P.M. Raining on. Water on the Hazel very high. Feel very unwell. No mail today.

Monday April 11, 1864

Pleasant day. In camp all day. Unwell. No mail.

Tuesday April 12, 1864

Beautiful day. Worked the the (*Editor: two "the's"*) Hill Road. Got a letter and one paper from my wife.

Wednesday April 13, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my Wife-Sent my under clothes away. Got Paid off at 3 o'clock P.M.

Thursday April 14, 1864

Beautiful day. Sent \$40.00 to my wife by Express. Went to Brandy Station with Lt. Pollard. Wrote to my Wife.

Friday April 15, 1864

Pleasant day. On Detail most all day. Recieved a letter from my Wife, one from Uncle Antoine and one from F.C. (*Editor: unclear*) Beaman

Saturday April 16, 1864

Rained most all day. Wrote to my Wife and to Uncle Antoine. Sent my wife \$10.00 (*Editor: lined through*) Got a letter from my Brother Augustin.

Sunday April 17, 1864

Cloudy + Cool. Wrote to my brother Augustin. Wrote to W.H. Rahu + Co Box 2262 Pha. Pa. Wrote to the Editor of the Chronicle (*Editor: lined through*). Corp'l of the Guard in Camp.

Monday April 18, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my wife. Came off from Guard at 9 A.M.. Went to Brandy Station and attended the Grand Review of the 6th Corps. Saw Gen'l Grant and many others.



General U.S. Grant

Tuesday April 19, 1864

Beautiful day. Sent my wife \$10.00. 18903 (*Editor: receipt number?*) Out in charge of the squad getting out wood. Got my Papers from St. Louis-open by Lt. Pollard.

Wednesday April 20, 1864

Cold + cloudy. Drill at 9 A.M. Nothing done the rest of the day.

Thursday April 21, 1864

Beautiful day. Drill + Dress Parade. Got a letter from my wife.

Friday April 22, 1864

Beautiful Day. Drill as usual. Wrote to my wife and sent her \$10.00 88307 (*Editor: receipt number?*)

Saturday April 23, 1864

Pleasant and very windy. Went to Brandy Station. Got a letter from my wife + Her Picture also Lib Armstrong.

Sunday April 24, 1864

Pleasant and windy. Wrote to my Wife. General Inspection at 9 A.M. Got a letter from my wife. Commenced to rain in the evening.

Monday April 25, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my wife. Got a letter from my Wife.

Tuesday April 26, 1864

Pleasant + cool. Nothing done only (*Editor: unclear*) the usual exercise. Got a letter from my wife + from Johnnie. Got my chair from Pha. (*Editor: Philadelphia*).

Wednesday April 27, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my wife 2 letters and sent her two dollars in new currency. Wrote for stamps at Washington. Corp'l of the Camp Guard

Thursday April 28, 1864

Cool + pleasant. Wrote to Philp + Solomons 332 PA Avenue W. D.C. and sent 3.50. Came off from Guard at 5 ½ P.M.

Friday April 29, 1864

Cool + pleasant. Got a letter from my sister Malvina. Drill as usual.

Saturday April 30, 1864

Beautiful Day. Muster for Pay. Got a letter from my wife

Sunday May 1, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my Wife and also to my sister Malvina. Got a letter from my Brother Augustin and my stamps from Washington! Wrote to my Brother C.A.B.

Monday May 2, 1864

Pleasant until about 3 o'clock. Got up at 4 o'clock A.M. to leave for the spring campaign. A heavy rain on (*Editor: or "all"*) the Eve. Camped across the Hazel River.

Tuesday May 3, 1864

Beautiful day. Camped near the Hazel River. Wrote to my wife and sent her a map.

Wednesday May 4, 1864

Beautiful Day. Struck tents at 3 o'clock A.M. and left the Hazel River at 4 A.M. On Guard with the Hd Qtrs + tool wagon. Arrived at the Rapidan at 5 P.M. marched 22 miles. _____ (*Editor: unclear*) at 1 P.M. as a safe-guard.

Thursday May 5, 1864

Beautiful day. Safeguard at Melville Gold mill. Wrote a letter to my wife. Got marching orders at evening. Arrived at ___ Mine R__ (*Editor: unclear*) early in the morning. Heavy fighting all the afternoon.

Friday May 6, 1864

Very warm. In line of Battle on the north side of Mine Run (*Editor: River?*). Terrible fighting on the early part of the day. Behind the Breast Works all day. Made Pits-one men of Co E wounded !B. Allen!- Layed in Pits for 24 Hours.

ALLEN, BELDEN.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, August 27, 1862, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 27, 1862, to serve three years; wounded, May 6, 1864; promoted artificer, date not stated; corporal, October 1, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)



**Belden Allen, note wound in his head
"Uncle Belden Allen, Shell Hole in Head"**

<http://dmna.state.ny.us/historic/reghist/civil/other/50thEng/50thEngMain.htm>
NY State Military Museum & Veterans Research Center

Saturday May 7, 1864

Very warm. Relieve from the Pits in the morning. Soon after we left a heavy charge was made. Got marching orders at night and Parked at Chancellorsville. Took the road to Hanover Junction. Heavy fighting in front.

Sunday May 8, 1864

Very warm + gusty. Marching to Hanover Junction. Heavy firing in our front. Had to stop on

account of it.

Monday May 9, 1864

(Editor: crossed out text) Warm day. Relieved from the Pits on the morning. Make some Bridges.

Warm + Gusty. Parked all day near Spottsylvania Church. Heavy firing towards the evening.
Gen'l Sedgwick killed.



General John Sedgwick

<http://www.old-picture.com/mathew-brady-studio/Sedgwick-General-USA-John.htm>

Tuesday May 10, 1864

Very warm + windy. Corp'l of the Guard at night. Got marching orders at 7 P.M. from White River (*Editor: unclear*). Left camp at 11 P.M. Camped on the Plank Road at 2 A.M. Terrible artillery fighting at the front.

Wednesday May 11, 1864

Pleasant + cloudy. Heavy musketry heard at the front. Came of (*sic: off*) from Guard at 6 P.M. Near Chancellorsville. Heaviest fighting of the war.

Thursday May 12, 1864

Cloudy and moisty (*sic*). Heavy rain all the forenoon. Got marching orders + left camp at 8 A.M. Got a letter from my wife.

Friday May 13, 1864

Cloudy + Rainy. Got marching orders at 1 P.M. + struck tents. Camped near the Nye River. Heavy rain during the march.

Saturday May 14, 1864

Cloudy + Rainy. Building Road + Bridges. Got marching orders and left for the extreme front.

Sunday May 15, 1864

Cloudy. Wrote to my Wife. Struck Tents at 9 A.M. for the front again. Fell trees at the first pickett line.

Monday May 16, 1864

Foggy day + Pleasant. Cut roads all the afternoon. No fighting of any account.

Tuesday May 17, 1864

Foggy + damp. Got marching orders at 9 P.M. and marched all night. Mailed 3 letters for my wife. Wrote to Capt. Geo. Montieth (*sic: Monteith*).

Wednesday May 18, 1864

Pleasant + warm. Marched until 3 P.M. Heavy fighting all the forenoon. Returned to our old campground near the Anderson farm.

Thursday May 19, 1864

Pleasant day. Struck tents at 3 o'clock A.M. and left camp. Sent out in charge of the Entrenching Tools (one wagon). At the breast works all day.

Friday May 20, 1864

Beautiful day. Received four letters from my Beloved wife. One from my uncle. One from my Brother. And some paper from Washington. Worked until two o'clock entrenching.

Saturday May 21, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my wife, to my Uncle and my Brother. Moved in the afternoon. Heavy battle at evening. Marched all night.

Sunday May 22, 1864

Very warm. Marched all night. Arrived at Gunnell (*Editor: unclear*) Station at 11 A.M. Spirited (*Editor: unclear*) fighting about noon in the advance. Change of Direction. Parked at Philipo Store.

Monday May 23, 1864

Pleasant day. Got marching orders. Camped at Mount Carmel Church. Terrible artillery fighting on the North Anna River.

Tuesday May 24, 1864

Pleasant day. Marched all day. Arrived at Jericho Mills and fixed roads. Camped across the North Anna. Got marching orders at 11 ½ P.M. and marched all night.

Wednesday May 25, 1864

Pleasant day. Built a Bridge at Quarrel Mills on the North Anna. On Guard in charge of the whole guard. Got marching orders at 1 A.M. and the Hd Qrts left. Heavy rain towards evening.

Thursday May 26, 1864

Rain in the morning + warm the rest of the day. Left the Quarrell Mill at 10 A.M. for Jericho Mills. Wrote to my wife.

Friday May 27, 1864

Pleasant. Left Jericho Mills at 3 A.M. for the Orange C.H. Parked at Hickory Grove. Marched 15 miles.

Saturday May 28, 1864

Pleasant day. Struck Tents at 3 A.M. and arrived at Hylett's Ford (*Editor: unclear*) on the Pamunkey at 3 P.M. 20 hours without eating.

Sunday May 29, 1864

Beautiful and cool day. Wrote a letter to my Wife. In camp all day.

Monday May 30, 1864

Beautiful day. Cannonading heard at the front. In camp all day. Mailed two letters for my Wife.

Tuesday May 31, 1864

Beautiful day. Got marching orders for the front and left King Wms. Ford at 11 A.M. Arrived on the Right at ___ (Editor: unclear) P.M. Cut roads to the line of battle. Pretty heavy firing through the day.

Wednesday June 1, 1864

Warm day. Do not feel very well. Got marching orders at 11 ½ P.M. and left. Got a letter from Geo. Montieth. Arrived at Cold Harbor at 2 P.M. Marched hard and almost bushed. A most terrible battle was fought and we had to leave our place of rest double quick.

Thursday June 2, 1864

Beautiful day. Heavy skirmishing all night. Amos Robbins died from a wound recieved yesterday.

ROBBINS, AMOS.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 29, 1861, to serve three years; discharged for disability, April 30, 1862, at Camp Woodbury, Va. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

(Editor: Amos Robbins is listed as a Civil War veteran who made the ultimate sacrifice on the memorial at Broome County Veteran's Memorial Arena. Perhaps there is a mistake in the records in the Adjutant General's report, or perhaps Octave was incorrect witht he date of death.)

Friday June 3, 1864

Beautiful day. In camp all day. Corp'l of the Guard. A Terrible charge made at dusk.

Saturday June 4, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my wife and to my Uncle Antoine. Struck tents and moved near 6th Corps Hd Quarters. Recieved 2 letters from my Wife. The company was out all night.



The Headquarters Flag of the Sixth Army Corps
(Pamplin Historical Park & The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier)

Sunday June 5, 1864

Rainy + cloudy. Wrote a letter to my Wife. Worked all night digging a road to the extreme front. A heavy charge was made during our work.

Monday June 6, 1864

Beautiful day. In camp most all day. Was shelled out of our camp towards evening and went behind the breast works. Worked until 10 P.M. fortifying our camp.

Tuesday June 7, 1864

Beautiful day. Finished our breast works at two P.M. Got a letter from my wife with a picture of Tillie. Wrote to my wife.

Wednesday June 8, 1864

Pleasant day. Worked all night last night digging a Road. Pretty heavy Artillery fight toward dusk. Did not go out digging this night.

Thursday June 9, 1864

Pleasant + windy. Corp'l of the Guard. The whole Co went out digging all night.

Friday June 10, 1864

Pleasant + windy. Came off from guard at 6 P.M. Went out to Hd Qrs with the mail. The Company finished the Road.

Saturday June 11, 1864

Beautiful day. Made Rifle Pits all day-worked until 8 P.M.

Sunday June 12, 1864

Very Cool Day. All quiet along the line during the forenoon. Co. L and the Dep't Hd Qrs struck tents and went off. We struck tents at 6 P.M. and marched most all night took breakfast near Hopkin's Mill Va (*Editor: this may be incorrect, as Hopkin's Mill, VA is not near Petersburg*) on our way to the James River.

Monday June 13, 1864

Very pleasant day. Marched over 20 miles since we struck tents, Crossed the Chickahominy at 5 P.M. and camped on Lane's (*Editor: Jane's?*) farm. My heel very sore.

Tuesday June 14, 1864

Very pleasant day. Good for marching. Left camp at 5 (*Editor: unclear*) A.M. Arrived at James River at 5 P.M.

Wednesday June 15, 1864

Warm day. In camp all day near the James (*Editor: unclear*) River. Bought 2 Boxes of Raisins +

1 Box of Segars (*sic: cigars*). Went to see Fred Bonneville (*sic: Bonville*).

BONVILLE, FREDERICK.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, February 23, 1864, at Buffalo; mustered in as private, Co. F, February 23, 1864, to serve three years; transferred, May 5, 1864, to Co. A; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

Thursday June 16, 1864

Warm day. Got marching orders and marched back two miles and came back to the River and camped again. Crossed the James at 9 P.M. on our way to Petersburg. I feel rather unwell and had my Baggage carried. Marched all night

Friday June 17, 1864

Very warm day. Felt well again towards 2 o'clock. Camped five miles from Petersburg. Detailed in charge of two Tool wagons to go with 3 Div. 6th Corps.

Saturday June 18, 1864

Cloudy and Cool. Wrote to my Wife. Marched two miles toward Petersburg. Got a letter from my wife.

Sunday June 19, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my Wife. Wrote to Philip Lohmans (*Editor: unclear*) for envelopes 2.00. Wrote to Shellington for paper 2.00. Wrote to Post Master at Washington for stamps. Ordered out with tools at 9 P.M..

Monday June 20, 1864

Beautiful day. Very hard artillery fight from 8 to 10 A.M.. Shells flew thick over us. Our camp shelled and they had to move off. A Negro publicly hung at 6th C. for committing adultery on a white woman. Out all day waiting (*Editor: unclear*) for my tools. (in a ravine)

Tuesday June 21, 1864

Beautiful day. Went out again last night with tools and came back this morning. Our company changed camp. Got marching orders at 8 P.M. and left. Got a letter from my wife

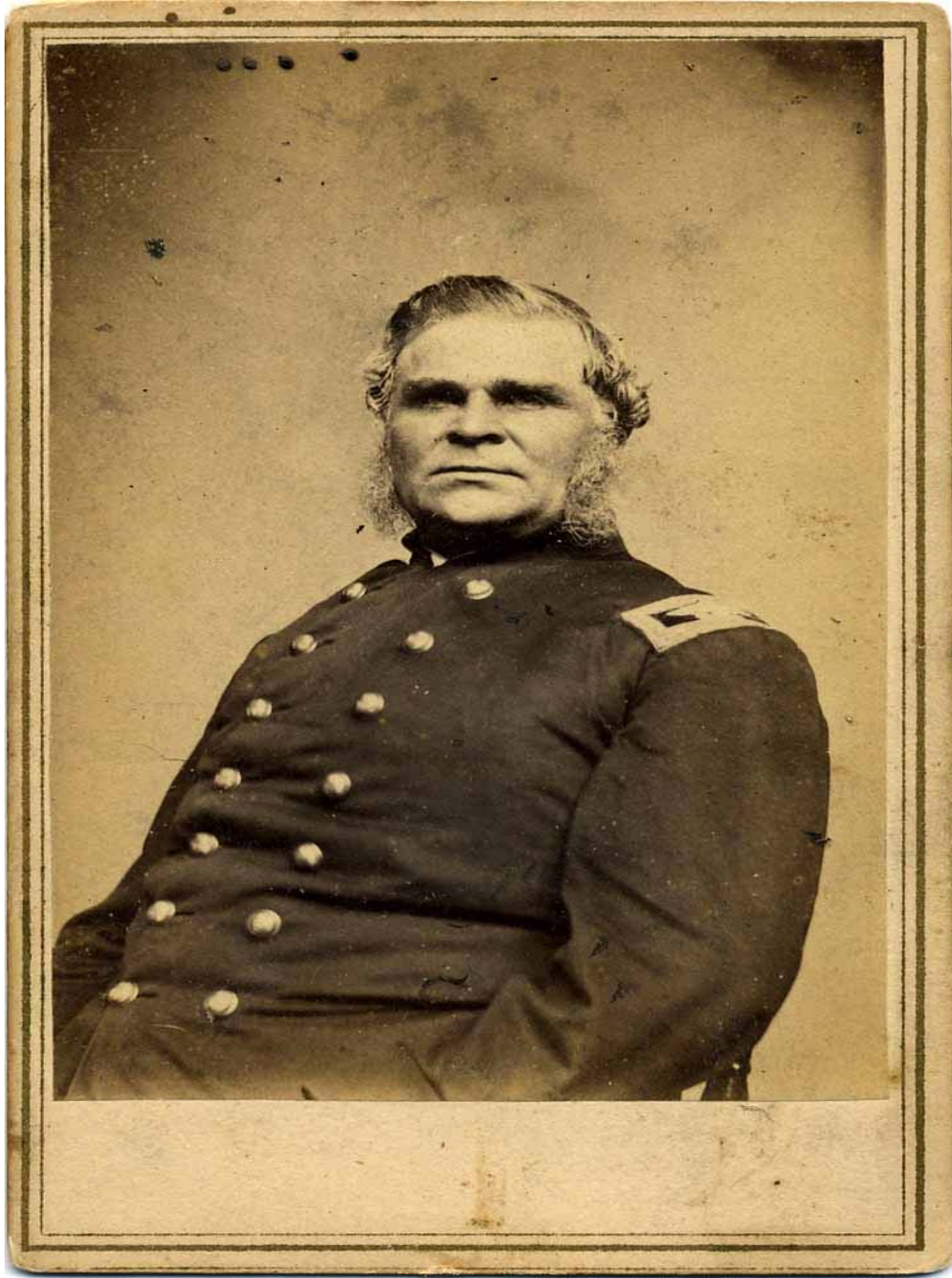
Wednesday June 22, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my wife! When we parked for breakfast. Camped (*Editor: unclear*) ordered out with my Tools and was out all night.

Thursday June 23, 1864

Warm Day. Met Col. Bidwell. Our lines advanced and so did I (*Editor: I or L*) with my Tools. Got my Pipe, Tobacco, Segars (*sic: cigars*) and a paper from my wife. Very close to the Picket (*sic*)

Line and heavy skirmishings.



Daniel Davidson Bidwell

Bidwell was mortally wounded in action October 19, 1864, at the Battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia.

Friday June 24, 1864

Warm day. The 6th Corps fell back to the old line. Started from 6 at 6 HdQrts (*Editor: unclear*) at 3 P.M. for the front with Tools

Saturday June 25, 1864

Very warm day. At the same place all day. Recieved a paper from my wife.

Sunday June 26, 1864

Very hot. Mailed a letter to my wife. Wrote to Washton (*Washington*) for Tobacco. Went to camp in the forenoon. All quiet along the line.

Monday June 27, 1864

Very warm day. A shower toward evening. Returned to camp at 4 P.M.- It got quiet (*sic: quite*) cool at night

Tuesday June 28, 1864

Cloudy + Cool. Wrote to my wife. Recieved a letter from my wife. and one from W (*Washington*) with stamps. Was ordered to the front again at 4 P.M.

Wednesday June 29, 1864

Pleasant day. On the line of Battle. Grand Review of the 6th Corps by Gen'l Wright. Got marching orders at 3 P.M. and left for Reams Station on the Weldon RR



**General Horatio G. Wright
Commander of "Bloody Sixth Corps"**

Thursday June 30, 1864

Pleasant day. Marched all night (last night). Arrived at Reams Station at 2 A.M. with any opposition (*Editor: without any opposition?*) and tore up the RR badly. Started back at 4 P.M. to return to our old place. Sheridan with his command passed us near the Weldon RR.

Friday July 1, 1864

Very Warm. Recieved a letter from my Sister Malvina. Camped all day 3 miles from our old line. Wrote to my sister Malvina

Saturday July 2, 1864

Warm Day. Marched back to our old line of works. Recieved a letter and one paper from my Wife. Wrote to my wife. Got order to leave at 3 A.M. tomorrow morning.

Sunday July 3, 1864

Very Pleasent. Left camp at 3 A.M. for the front line of Works. Wrote to Wm F. King. Went to Camp at night for rations.

Monday July 4, 1864

Beautiful Cool day. Wrote a letter to my wife. Very long and lonesome day. Recieved a letter and paper from Henry Inman.

Tuesday July 5, 1864

Very Pleasent day. Wrote to Henry Inman. Went to camp at 1 P.M. All of my Tools in at night.

Wednesday July 6, 1864

Pleasant and Windy. Very unwell all the afternoon. Went to camp at 7 P.M. Recieved my Envelopes from Philips + Solomons (*Editor: Philp & Solomons stationery?*)

Thursday July 7, 1864

Pleasant + Windy. Left Camp for the line of works at 7 A.M. Wrote to Shellington for paper and Envelopes. Sent \$5.00. Went to Camp at 6 P.M.

Friday July 8, 1864

Rain (Fine ?) Day + Windy. Ordered on the line again and left camp at 4 A.M. Came back to camp at 2 P.M.

Saturday July 9, 1864

Fine (?) day. Recieved 2 letters from my Wife with Silk + Comb. Wrote to my Wife. In camp all day. Ordered to report at the Jone's House at 8 1/2 P.M. Came back at 10 P.M. The 6th Corps ordered out and left for City Point during the night.

Sunday July 10, 1864

Warm Day. Ordered to the 5th (?) Corps with loads of Tools at 3 P.M. Recieved a paper from Henry Inman.

Monday July 11, 1864:

Pleasant and Windy. Called on Capt. Montieth (sic) Asst Adj't Gen'l of the 3rd Div 5th Corps. The Rebels shelled us at night. Col. Danes 39th Mass. was killed + others.

Tuesday July 12, 1864:

Pleasant Day. Went to camp at 7 A.M. Moved back on the rear of our left 5 miles from Petersburg. Built a redoubt. Recieved a letter from my wife.

Wednesday July 13, 1864:

Windy Day. Wrote to my wife. Wrote to Dr. F.L. (*Editor:: unclear*) Miller. Went to camp towards evening.

Thursday July 14, 1864:

Windy and warm. At the Redoubt all day. Went to camp towards Evening, Cool night.

Friday July 15, 1864

Very pleasant day. Moved our Teams in the woods. Very cool at night.

Saturday July 16, 1864:

Warm + Windy. Went to camp and turned my gun and accoutrements in. The Redoubt finished and guns mounted towards evening. Very cool night.

Sunday July 17, 1864

Warm but Windy. Very long and lonesome day. Went to camp at night. Received 16 Packs Env. 15 Qrs (*Editor: unclear*) of Paper. 62 cts. Postage. Received my Tobacco by mail. Comfortable night.

Monday July 18, 1864

Cloudy, cool + pleasant. Received a letter from my wife and one from John C. Henry. Wrote to my wife and to John C. Henry. Went to camp in the evening. Rained a little at night.

Tuesday July 19, 1864:

Rain in the morning and forenoon. Stopped raining at 2 P.M. Rained again during the night. In camp all day.

Wednesday July 20, 1864:

Warm day. Recieved a letter from my wife. Wrote to my wife. Went to camp in the forenoon.

Thursday July 21, 1864:

Beautiful day. Recieved a letter from my wife with some Pills. Sick! Wrote to my wife. Recieved my stockings by mail. Went to Camp with my Tools at 2 P.M.

Friday July 22, 1864:

Pleasant day. Went to City Point in the afternoon. Met (*Editor: unclear*) all of our Boys, Lt. Roosa and Fred Bonneville (*sic*). (*Editor, scratched through: "Started back in the forenoon."*)

Saturday July 23, 1864:

Pleasant day. Left City Point at 8 A.M. Took dinner with Lt. McNaught. Left for home at one P.M. arrived at 3 P.M. Received 3 letters. One from my Wife. One from home and one from my Uncle.

Sunday July 24, 1864:

Cloudy. In Camp. Wrote to my wife, my sister and to Uncle. Went out walking to see the Petersburg Express. Rained all night.

Monday July 25, 1864:

Beautiful day. In camp all day.

Tuesday July 26, 1864

Beautiful day. In camp all day. Recd a letter from my wife. The 2d Corps went off. The Company went working on the Redoubts.

Wednesday July 27, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my wife. The Company went out again. In camp all day. Heard good news from the 2d and 6th Corps.

Thursday July 28, 1864

Cloudy + Warm, Went to City Point. Started at 4 A.M. and returned at 11 A.M. Out after papers Horseback, in the evening.

Friday July 29, 1864

Pleasant day. Went out after papers in the evening. Recieved orders to be ready to march at 4 A.M. Recieved a letter from my wife and one from Henry.

Saturday July 30, 1864

Warm Day. Petersburg Seized at 4 ½ A.M. Terrible Artillery and Infantry fight. In Camp all day did not move.

Sunday July 31, 1864

Hot day. Wrote to my wife and to Henry Inman. Recieved a letter from my wife, and one from my brother Augustin.

Monday August 1, 1864

Warm day. Wrote to my wife. Wrote to my Brother. Went out in the evening to the front with Lt. W.C. Pollard.

POLLARD, WILLIAM C.—Age, 25 years. Enlisted, August 30, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as sergeant, Co. H , September 7, • 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. E, November 1, 1861; mustered in as second lieutenant, to date November 14, 1862; first lieutenant, to date March 1,1864; mustered out October 31,1864, at City Point, Va.; commissioned second lieutenant, October 30, 1862, w i t h rank from September 19, 1862, vice Holden, resigned; first lieutenant, March 23, 1864, with rank from March 1, 1864, vice Dexter, promoted.(*Report of the Adjutant General*)

Tuesday August 2, 1864

Pleasant day. Wrote to Snyder and Co. (*Editor: unclear*) for a pair of Boots. Went out riding in the evening with Capt. Hines (*sic: Hine*). Corporal of the Guard- II nd (*Editor: unclear*) Relief.

HINE, ORRIN E.—Age, 25 years. Enrolled, August 26, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. E, August 29, 1861, to serve three years; as captain, to date August 7, 1862; mustered out, March 6, 1865, at City Point, Va.; commissioned first lieutenant, October 14, 1861, with rank from August 29, 1861, original; captain, July 19, 1862, with rank from July 6, 1862, Vice Gilbert, resigned; major, April 11,1865, with rank of same date, vice Ford, resigned; not mustered. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

Wednesday August 3, 1864

Warm day. Came off from guard at 6 P.M. Went out riding with Lt. Pollard. Recieved a letter from my wife and a paper from Henry.

Thursday August 4, 1864

Cool day. Wrote to my wife. Wrote to Washington to the Marines. Went out to work, all night.

Friday August 5,1864

Hot Day. In camp all day. Went out riding with Lt. Pollard in the evening.

Saturday August 6,1864

Warm day. In camp all day. Went out to HdQrs in the evening after papers. Recieved a letter from my... (*Editor: page ripped*)

Sunday August 7,1864

Warm day. Wrote to my wife. Preaching at Three o'clock P.M. I attended! A good sermon

preached...(Editor: page ripped)

Monday August 8,1864

Warm day. Sap (*ed: unclear*) drill by Major Brainard in the morning and afternoon for the benefit of the Non. Comd officers of the Regt. Recieved a letter from my sister Malvina with her picture.

BRAINARD, WESLEY.—Age, 28 years. Enrolled, August 15, 1861, at Rome; mustered in as captain, Co. C, September 17, 1861, to serve three years; major, November 28, 1862; mustered out, December 12, 1864, to receive promotion as colonel, Fifteenth New York Engineers; commissioned captain, October 14, 1861, with rank from September 17, 1861, original; major, December 29,1862, with rank from November 27,1862, original.. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

Tuesday August 9,1864

Pleasant day. Wrote to my sister Malvina. Flying (*Editor: unclear*) Sap drill in the forenoon. Wrote to the Secty of Navy at Washington. 60 men went out to work all night. 2 of them hit by balls.

Wednesday August 10,1864

Pleasant day. Sick all day. 58 (*Editor: unclear*) men went out at night to work. No mail came.

Thursday August 11,1864

Warm day. Went to the Doctor and got some pills-7- Wrote to my wife and Henry Inman. Went on Guard at 8 P.M. Volunteered!

Friday August 12, 1864

Warm day. No better-went to the Doctor and he told me to report every 3 Hours. Remittant (*sic: remittent or he may have meant unremittent*) fever. No mail for 3 days. Felt better towards night.

Saturday August 13, 1864

Warm Day. Excused from all duties. Feel a great deal better. Pills every two hours for 16 hours. Heavy fighting on the right. Simon Helm + Philo Barden badly wounded. Felt no better during the day.

BARDEN, PHILO.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 29, 1861, to serve three years; promoted artificer, March 1,1863; re-enlisted, December 26, 1863; wounded, August 13, 1864, at Petersburg, V a . ; promoted corporal, October 1, 1864; discharged for disability, February 3, 1865 near Poplar Grove Church, Va. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

HELM, SEMON.—Age, 15 years. Enlisted, August 29, 1861, at Thurston; mustered in as private, Co. A , September 1.2, 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. E, November 1, 1861; re-enlisted, December 26, 1863; wounded, August 13, 1864, before Petersburg, Va.; promoted artificer, October 1, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va., as Seaman J . Helm. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

Sunday August 14, 1864

Warm Day. Excused by the Doctor-felt pretty bad in the morning. RecD marching orders in the forenoon and it was countermanded in the evening-and pitch tents again. Rained in the night.

Monday August 15, 1864

Hot in the forenoon + heavy rains towards eve. Excused from all duties. Feel well but weak yet. Wrote to my wife. RecD 2 letters from my wife with 24 stamps.

Tuesday August 16, 1864

Pleasant day. Wrote to my wife. Excused by *(sic: by)* the Doctor from duty. The Co went out to work and were ordered back again. Some rain during the night.

Wednesday August 17, 1864

Pleasant all day. Some rain in the Eve. Reported for duty-to the Dr *(Editor: unclear)*. Heavy fighting from 1 A.M. until 4 A.M. by Artillery. Went to Gen'l HdQrs for papers.

Thursday August 18, 1864

Cool and some rain. Heard fighting during the night from 1 o'clock until 4 A.M. In camp all day. Went out to work during the night. Came near being shot.

Friday August 19, 1864

Rained most of the day. Did not go out to work this night. Recieved a letter from my wife.

Saturday August 20, 1864

Rainy all day. Wrote to my wife. Did not go out today.

Sunday August 21, 1864

Beautiful Day. Went out to work to the front and were shelled-out. Came back to camp at 1 P.M.. recieved a letter from my brother Augustin. Felt unwell at night. Corpl of the Guard.

Monday August 22, 1864

Pleasant. Some rain in the eve. Wrote to my Brother. Recieved a letter from my wife with X. Came off ...*(Editor: page ripped)*

Tuesday August 23, 1864

Pleasant day. Wrote to my wife. Did not go out to work feel unwell.

Wednesday August 24, 1864

Pleasant day. Unwell all day. Excused from night work by Capt. Hines *(sic: Hine)*. Recieved a

letter from my wife, one from Henry and one from Johnnie (*Editor: unclear*).

Thursday August 25, 1864

Warm Day. Went to see the Doctor. Excused from heavy duty. Wrote to my wife, to Henry (*Editor: line through "to Henry"*), and Johnnie (*Editor: unclear*). The whole Reg't ordered to the front as Infantry. Continual firing all night. Heavy fighting on the extreme left.

Friday August 26, 1864

Warm day. Relieved (*Editor: unclear*) from the Entrenching. Tool (*Editor: unclear*) Train turned over yesterday. The Regiment returned this morning. Went out to work ____ (*Editor: unclear*) + came near being shot in the head. Some rain during the night.

Saturday August 27, 1864

Warm and Pleasant all day. Wrote to Henry Inman. Received a letter from my wife. Received a letter from Schneider + Loughran (*Editor: unclear*). Out to work this night.

Sunday August 28, 1864

Pleasant Day. Wrote to my wife a letter + sent her a Leslie. Went out to work this night until 12 P.M.

Monday August 29, 1864

Beautiful day. Went out to make an abatis on our left close to the Rebel Picket line.

Tuesday August 30, 1864

Pleasant day. Received our commutation (*Editor: unclear*) money on our last _____ (*Editor: unclear*) furlough. Went out to work on making abates (*sic: abatis*).

Wednesday August 31, 1864

Beautiful day. In camp all day. Did not go out to work this night. Mustered for pay-6 months. Went to Gen'l Hdqrs for papers.

Thursday September 1, 1864

Beautiful day. Went out to work in the forenoon. Wrote to Sneider + Co (*Editor: unclear*) for boots for Lawrence. Wrote to Shellington for stationary 2.00. Received a letter from my Sister Malvina. Corpl of the Guard. 3d Relief.

Friday September 2, 1864

Beautiful Day. Wrote to my Sister Malvina. Wrote to my wife. Received a letter from my wife by eve mail.

Saturday September 3, 1864

Beautiful day, In camp all day.

Sunday September 4, 1864

Beautiful Day. Was ordered out with a load of Tools. Heavy firing commenced about 11 P.M. The Company shelled on (*Editor: "on" or "in"*). Returned with my Tools the same night.

Monday September 5, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my wife. Ordered out with Tools again at the same place. Came in early as the Infantry detail did not come.

Tuesday September 6, 1864

Cloudy + Sprinkling. Ordered with tools again. Came back at 6 P.M. Recieved paper and envelopes from Shellington!

Wednesday September 7, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my wife. Went out a walking after supper with Lt. Pollard. Recieved a letter from my wife.

Thursday September 8, 1864

Beautiful + cool day. Wrote to my wife. Went ariding towards our left with Lt. Pollard. Met Geo. Montieth + Gen'l Crawford. Bought me a hat.

Friday September 9, 1864

Cloudy + pleasent. Felt lonesome all day. Walked to the Gen'l HdQrs in the evening and got my hair cut (*Editor: unclear*).

Saturday September 10, 1864

Beautiful day. In camp all day. Recieved a letter from my wife.

Sunday September 11, 1864

Beautiful day a shower in the afternoon. Mailed a letter to my Wife. The 1861 men left for home. Attended preaching.

Monday September 12, 1864

Beautiful cool day. Wrote to the Soldier's Agent 519 12th St Washington. Wrote to Col. North NYS agent.

Tuesday September 13, 1864

Beautiful Day. Today we put up a log house worked all day. Got it partly done.

Wednesday September 14, 1864

Cloudy but pleasant. Went after a load of load of boards to finish our house. Received a letter from my wife.

Thursday September 15, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my wife. Orderly to Colonel Spaulding ____ (*Editor: unclear*) night. (*Editor: page ripped*)

Friday September 16, 1864

Beautiful Day. Relieved from being orderly in account of our Company's leaving (*Editor: page ripped*)

Saturday September 17, 1864

Warm Day. All at work on fort No. 1 after night. Wrote to my wife.

Sunday September 18, 1864

Warm Day. Worked all day at Battery No. 8. Went to the 2d + 9th Corps HdQrs in the evening and also after the mail. Received a letter from my Wife.

Monday September 19, 1864

Warm Day. Worked all day at Battery No. 8. Received a letter from my Brother Augustin + one from Washington.

Tuesday September 20, 1864

Beautiful Day. Wrote to my wife. Received a letter from Sneider + Langley (*Editor: unclear*). Went out in the woods all day with Squad getting Poles.

Wednesday September 21, 1864

Warm Day. Worked on fort No. 8 all day. Changed our camp. Rained most all night.

Thursday September 22, 1864

Pleasant Day. Received a letter from my wife. Worked all day at Fort No. 1. Received a paper from my wife.

Friday September 23, 1864

Beautiful Day. Wrote to my wife, To my sister Malvina and to Snyder + Co. Worked all day at Fort No. 1.

Saturday September 24, 1864

Rained a little. Worked all day at Fort No. 1. Signed the Pay Rolls for Pay, in the evening. Weather changed during night (*Editor: page ripped*)

Sunday September 25, 1864

Beautiful Day. Went to call on the 17th Mich. Met my old friends Capt. Sudborough (*Sudborough, Joseph A. Adrian, 19*), Lt. Archibald (*Company A: Archibald, George H. Adrian, 21*) and others. Recieved a letter from my wife and a pair (*Editor: unclear*) Of suspenders. Heavy firing heard all day on the James River.



Col. Humphrey

Birth: Jun. 12, 1828, Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York, USA Death: Jan. 15, 1899, Adrian, Lenawee County, Michigan, USA (www.findagrave.com)

"Civil War Union Brevet Brigadier General. A school teacher, clerk, and businessman before the Civil War, he joined the 2nd Michigan Volunteer Infantry as a captain in April of 1861, and was promoted to major in June of 1862. On May 1, 1863, he was promoted to colonel of the 2nd Michigan. After participating in all of the major battles of the Ninth Corps, he was wounded twice at the Battle of Spotsylvania. In June of 1864, he was appointed commander of the second brigade of the third division of the Ninth Corps. At the Battle of Cold Harbor, he was assigned the task of maintaining the picket line in front of the enemy during the withdrawal of the army by General Grant to the south side of the James River. The following month, he commanded his brigade with distinction to the left of the Crater at the Battle of Petersburg. After his role in the Battle of the Crater at Petersburg, he continued as brigade commander of the second brigade. On August 1, 1864 he was made a brevet brigadier general "for conspicuous and gallant services, both as a regimental and brigade commander, throughout the campaign." On September 30, 1864, General Grant assigned him command of the first division of the Eighteenth Corps until a general officer could be identified for permanent command, but he tendered his resignation instead. After the war, he became a newspaper editor and manufacturer. He was elected auditor general of Michigan four times serving from 1867 until 1875 and was the warden of the state prison at Jackson from 1875 until 1883. From 1883 until 1893, he served as postmaster of Adrian, Michigan. (bio by: [Thomas Fisher](#))"

(Editor: Octave Brusco lived in Adrian, Michigan during the Census of 1860.)

Monday September 26, 1864

Beautiful Day. Wrote to my wife. My eye quite painfull (*sic: painful*). Worked on Fort Blaisdell.

Tuesday September 27, 1864

Beautiful Day. Got paid off for 6 months. Wrote to James McGregor. Wrote to Sneider + Lauchor (*Editor: unclear*) And sent them \$30.00. Wrote to Shellington for Stationary \$3.00 (*Editor: unclear*).

Wednesday September 28, 1864

Beautiful day. Expressed \$60 for my wife by Adam's Ex. Recieved a letter from my wife + a paper.

Thursday September 29, 1864

Beautiful Day. Struck tents at 3 A.M. + left for the Regiment. Marching Orders. Layed (*sic: laid*) all day packed up.

Friday September 30, 1864

Pleasant day. Left for the front at 12 o'clock. Wrote to my wife. Commenced raining in the evening + rained most all night.

Saturday October 1, 1864

Rained ____ (*Editor: ink smear*). Wrote to the Post master for stamps \$3.00 worth. Recieved a letter from my wife + Mary Brusio. On picket duty all and senior! (*Editor: unclear*)

Sunday October 2, 1864

Beautiful day. Relieved from Picket in the morning. Got marching orders + left camp. Wrote to my wife. Arrived at Mr. People's Farm at 11 o'clock P.M. Very march. (*Editor: unclear, could this have been the Peeble Farm, where Col. Norval Welch died on September 30th while his 16th Michigan swarmed Confederate works?*)

Monday October 3, 1864

Some rain Towards evening. Went to the Yellow House with orders. Recieved a letter from my wife. Wrote to my wife. Worked until 1 A.M.

Tuesday October 4, 1864

Hot day. Recieved a paper from my wife. Recieved ¼ Ream paper from Shellington. Worked from 1 to 6 P.M.

Wednesday October 5, 1864

Hot Day. Wrote to Geo W. Cochran for pouches \$2.00. Recieved my paper + envelopes from Shellington. Wrote to Shellington. Wrote to Platner + Smith. Worked on the Fort all day.

Thursday October 6, 1864

Beautiful day. Worked all day on the fort. Recieved a paper from my wife.

Friday October 7, 1864

Beautiful day. Worked all day getting out Abatis Stuff for the Fort.

Saturday October 8, 1864

Cool day. Very windy. Recieved a letter from my wife. Wrote to my wife + sent \$10.00 for a watch. Worked all day on the Fort.

Sunday October 9, 1864

Cold + Windy. Worked until noon on the Fort and finished it. Recieved my stamps from Washington.

Monday October 10, 1864

Cool + Windy. Heavy frost last night. Done some slashing (*Editor: or "washing"*) during the forenoon. Recieved marching orders + for Fort McMahan after dinner.

Tuesday October 11, 1864

Beautiful day. Worked all day on Fort Blaisdell. Recieved a letter from my Sister Malvina + a reciept (*sic: receipt*) from Snyder + Co for my Boots.

Wednesday October 12, 1864

Beautiful day. Worked all day on Fort Blaisdell. Rained in the evening. Recieved my Pouches from Washington.

Thursday October 13, 1864

Cold + Windy. Wrote to Malvina Brusio + to Mary Brusio. Recieved a letter from my Wife.

Friday October 14, 1864

Cool + pleasent. Wrote to my wife. Worked all day getting out poles + abattis (*sic: abatis*) stuff.

Saturday October 15, 1864

Beautiful day. Excused from duty. Unwell. Wrote to Geo. W. Cochran + sent \$2.50 for Tobacco. Recieved a letter from my Wife.

Sunday October 16, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my Wife. Wrote to Madame Huntley (*Editor: unclear*) at Detroit. Worked until 11 A.M. Went to City Point with Lt. Pollard. Wrote to Shellington for Paper +

Envelopes \$5.00

Monday October 17, 1864

Beautiful day. Worked in the forenoon on Fort McMahan. Went down to City Point to see about my Boots.

Tuesday October 18, 1864

Pleasant + Cool. Received a letter from my Wife. Qui ma font de la peine (*Editor: French*)
Received a letter from J.B. McGregor. My Birth day. Worked all day on Fort McMahan.

Wednesday October 19, 1864

Pleasant + Cool. Received a note from my wife. Wrote to my Wife and to James McGregor.
Worked all day on Fort McMahan. Commissioners of Elections here and I voted the true Union Ticket.

Thursday October 20, 1864

Cool + Cloudy. Wrote to J.W. Stephens 172 71st St NY (*Editor: unclear*) . Worked all day on Fort McMahan.

Friday October 21, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to Banks Printer Park (*Editor: unclear*) Avenue. Done my washing. Worked all day of Fort McMahan. Received our clothing from Washington.

Saturday October 22, 1864

Cold Windy Day. Received my Tobacco + Pouch from Cochran. Wrote to Cochran for pouches and sent \$2.00. Geo. W. Eastwood (*Editor: unclear*) . Promoted to Sergt.

Sunday October 23, 1864

Beautiful Day. Inspection at 9 A.M. Went down to City Point. Wrote to Alex Lubor (*Editor: unclear*) for my gloves.

Monday October 24, 1864

Pleasant day. Cut Corduroy + Abattis (*sic: abatis*) all day to finish Fort McMahan. Wrote to Geo. W. Cochran for pouches \$2.00

Tuesday October 25, 1864

Beautiful + Cool Day. Received marching orders from Fort McMahan + left for Hd Qrts. Was sent to Co C + L in the morning by the Capt. Received a letter from my Wife. Arrived beyond the Yellow House at 11 A.M. Wrote to my wife.

Wednesday October 26, 1864

Beautiful Day. Sent a Leslie to my Wife. Packed up + ready for a march all day. Called up at 12 o'clock P.M.

Thursday October 27, 1864

Pleasant Day. Left our camp at 3 A.M. for the Rifle Pits near Fort Welch. Heavy fighting all the forenoon + afternoon. Layed (*sic: laid*) in the Rifle Pits all night. Rained in the night.

Friday October 28, 1864

Pleasant + Windy. Layed (*ed: laid*) in the Pits until 5 P.M. when the Army returned from its Reconnaissance (*sic: reconnaissance*) and we returned to our old camp near the Yellow House.

Saturday October 29, 1864

Beautiful Day. Worked in the forenoon on a Detail and in the afternoon building us a Hut. recieved 2 letters from my wife + my Gloves from Washington.

Sunday October 30, 1864

Beautiful day. Recieved a paper from my Wife a letter from New York And my stationary from Washington. Wrote to my Wife. Wrote to Shellington + sent \$5.00.

Monday October 31, 1864

Beautiful Day. Mustered for pay at 8 A.M. recieved two letters from my Wife and one from Mary Bruso. Wrote to my Wife. Ordered to report to Mr. Chase of the Christian Commission tomorrow morning with 10 men.

Tuesday November 1, 1864

Pleasant day. Left camp at 7 A.M. with 10 Men. Worked all day putting a Chapel and getting out lumber for a Store Room. Attended meeting in the Chapel. My Company left Camp for the Avery House.

Wednesday November 2, 1864

Pleasant most all the forenoon and it commenced to Rain at 11 A.M. Commenced putting up the Store Room. Worked only ½ a day on account of the rain. Rained all night.

Thursday November 3, 1864

Wet + Rainy. Did not work all day on account of rain.

Friday November 4, 1864

Windy all day. Worked all day on the Store Room. Put one office Tent.

Saturday November 5, 1864

Windy all day. Finished the Store Room. Build a Stable for 6 Horse + put up 1 wall Tent.

Returned to Camp from the Christian Commission at evening. recieved a letter from my Sister Malvina. Recieved a box from my loved wife with buttons + c.

Sunday November 6, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my Wife, to my sister Malvina, To my Cousin Mary and to Miss Jennie S. White by Garrettsville Portage Co. Ohio. Recieved two papers from my Wife.

Monday November 7, 1864

Rainy all day. Wrote to the Express Co's (*Editor: unclear*) at Washington. Built a Chimney in our Hut. Resolved to do better + return to my allegiance to God.

Tuesday November 8, 1864

Pleasant Day. Wrote to Shillington. The whole Company out on a Detail in the afternoon.

Wednesday November 9, 1864

Pleasant + Windy. In charge of a Detail digging a well. Recieved a letter from my wife, with 25 stamps + Henry's Picture.

Thursday November 10, 1864

Beautiful Day. Wrote to my Wife. Company drill in the morning + Battallion in the afternoon.

Friday November 11, 1864

Beautiful day. Battallion (*sic: battalion*) detail (*Editor: or "picture"*) in the forenoon + drill in the afternoon. Dress Parade. Recieved a letter from my Wife.

Saturday November 12, 1864

Beautiful Day. Wrote to my Wife. The Batt'l on Police duty all day. Excused did not feel well.

Sunday November 13, 1864

Beautiful day. Got a Pass and called on Capt Sudborough of the 17th Mich and also Capt Geo Montieth (*sic: Monteith*) Asst. Adjt Genl on Genl Hopkins (*Editor: unclear*) Staff. Dress Parade at 4 P.M.



George Monteith (right)

http://bentley.umich.edu/research/guides/civilwar/civilwar_search.php?id=254

(Note: According to the Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, George Monteith of Adrian, MI was a first lieutenant in Company G, 4th Michigan Infantry; aide-de-camp on the staff of General Porter; captain in Company E; acting assistant adjutant general, Second Brigade, First Division, Fifth Army Corps; captain and assistant adjutant general in U.S. Volunteers.)

Monday November 14, 1864

Beautiful Day. Out on a Battallion (*sic: battalion*) Detail in the forenoon. Dress Parade in the evening. Wrote to my Loving wife.

Tuesday November 15, 1864

Beautiful Day. Non-com drill. Drilled the new Men in the morning. recieved my Boots. Recieved a letter from C.M. Buck (*Editor: unclear, possibly "Buel"*). Corp'l of the Guard on 2d Relief. recieved my Addressed Env.

Wednesday November 16, 1864

Beautiful Day. Wrote to Sneider + Lauhor (*Editor: unclear*). Came off from Guard at 5 P.M.

Thursday November 17, 1864

Beautiful Day. Went to Fort Welch in the forenoon to put a Tripp (*Editor: unclear*) Fence. Wrote to my Wife. And to Berlin + Lowes (*Editor: unclear*). Recieved my stationary from Washington.

Friday November 18, 1864

Beautiful Day. Wrote to the Ladies Repository and to Geo C. ____ (*Editor: unclear*) Box 52 Washington. Sent a letter to my wife with 1 pr stockings. Recieved letter from my wife and my watch also!

Saturday November 19, 1864

Rain all day + all night. Wrote to my wife. Left Camp for Fort Stevenson to take a Train. Sent my Watch to Washington.

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Saturday November 26, 1864

Beautiful Day. Worked all day in Fort Stevenson. Capt Hine returned from Furlough.

Sunday November 27, 1864

Pleasant Day. Inspection at 10 o'clock. Wrote to Mary Brusco. Received a letter from my Wife, from my Brother Augustin and from Sneider + Co. Went after the mail and got my watch. Received my paper + Env.

Monday November 28, 1864

Beautiful Day. Wrote to my wife + to my Brother Augustin. Wrote to Higgins (*Editor: unclear*) Co Room 62 National Hotel. L. P. Rigby died. I called on him last evening.

RIGBY, LUMAN P.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted, August 23, 1864, at Nanticoke; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 23, 1864, to serve one year; died of disease, November 28, 1864, at Poplar Grove Church, Va. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

Tuesday November 29, 1864

Beautiful Day. Wrote to Henry Inman.

Wednesday November 30, 1864

Beautiful Day. Started for City Point in Charge of Ordnance Stores in the morning + turned them over to Ord. Officers. Stayed with Lt. Roosa overnight.

Thursday December 1, 1864

Beautiful Day. Left City Point for Camp at 10 A.M. The Ponton Trains move up from Fort Stevenson to the Regimental Hd Qts. Wrote to Cochran's for Tobacco. Received a letter from my wife.

Friday December 2, 1864

Beautiful Day. Wrote to my wife. Worked all day in the woods getting out Tent Timber.

Saturday December 3, 1864

Pleasant + Windy. Worked in the woods during the forenoon. Came on Guard at 5 P.M. Orderly at Headquarters.

Sunday December 4, 1864

Most Delightful day. Dress Parade at 4 P.M. Relieved from duty at 5 P.M. Recieved a letter from the Repository.

Monday December 5, 1864

Beautiful Day. Worked all day in the woods getting out Tent material. Recieved a letter from my Sister Malvina + from Higgins + Co.

Tuesday December 6, 1864

Beautiful Day. Worked all day putting up winter quarters.

Wednesday December 7, 1864

Rainy Day. Worked all the forenoon on Tents (*Editor: unclear*). Recieved marching orders + packed-up. But did not leave. Recieved my tobacco from Washington.

Thursday December 8, 1864

Beautiful day. Wrote to my dear Wife. Worked all day on our winter quarters.

Friday December 9, 1864

Very Cool Day. Worked all day on our winter quarters. Got orders to pack up at 3 P.M. + 60 rounds of ammuniton. I was ordered to City Point on official Business. Snowed and rained all night. Very cold.

Saturday December 10, 1864

Pleasant but very muddy! at City Point! Returned to Camp at 7 P.M. The Reg't Gone!

Sunday December 11, 1864

Chilly Day. Wrote to my dear Wife and to my sister. Left for City Point at 2 P.M. Stopped all night at Lt. McNaught. Very Cold and windy all night.

Monday December 12, 1864

Cold + Windy. Wrote to Alex Labor (*Editor: unclear*) at City Point. Returned from City Point at 7 P.M. The Regiment returned. Recieved two letters from my Wife.

Tuesday December 13, 1864

Pleasant day. (*Editor: crossed out text: "Wrote to my dear wife and to my home fathers" ?*) Wrote to my dear Wife. Orderly for Col. Spalding (*sic: Spaulding*).

Wednesday December 14, 1864

Beautiful Day. Orderly all day. Relieved from duty at 5 P.M.

Thursday December 15, 1864

Beautiful Day. Worked all day making Stools and arranging other matters in my Tent.

Friday December 16, 1864

Beautiful + mild day. Worked all day in the woods getting out Timber. Recieved a letter from my dear wife. Also one from Henry Inman.

Saturday December 17, 1864

Beautiful Day. Wrote to my Wife and to Henry Inman. Worked hard all day on the Captain's Stable.

Sunday December 18, 1864

Pleasant day. Inspection at 9 A.M. recieved a letter from Mary Brusco in the Evening. A Salute of 100 Guns fired at Petersburg in the morning in honor of the Nashville Victory.

Monday December 19, 1864

Rainy in the forenoon + pleasant the rest of the day. Wrote to Mary Brusco. Did not feel very well in the morning but felt better the latter part of the day. Recieved a letter from my dear Wife informing me of the death of my friend Martha Lapp.

Tuesday December 20, 1864

Cool + Pleasant Day. Wrote to my dear Wife. Went to work in the forenoon at the Observatory near Fort Welch. Went out in the woods in the afternoon to get some poles for Street Corduroy.

Wednesday December 21, 1864

Bad Day. Rained most all day. Went out to get some wood in the Evening. In Camp all the rest of the day.

Thursday December 22, 1864

Cold + windy Day. Worked all day at the Observatory near Fort Welch.

Friday December 23, 1864

Pleasant + Cool day. Washed in the forenoon. Was taken with the chills and was pretty sick all the afternoon. The Doctor came to see me in the Evening. Took some Powder + a mustard Bath.

Saturday December 24, 1864

Beautiful Day. Felt better Today. Left for the Hospital at two o'clock P.M. Arrived there at 4 P.M.

Sunday December 25, 1864

Pleasant Day. At the Brigade Hospital. Had a good dinner at 3 P.M. Returned to Camp at 9 P.M.

received my Dress Coat from Washington. And also a Great Coat from Fred Bonneville (*sic: Bonville*). Rained some during the night. Getting better again.

Monday December 26, 1864

Cloudy + Rainy. In Camp all day. Almost well again. Wrote to my dear Wife.

Tuesday December 27, 1864

Beautiful Day. Nothing done by the 1st Squad today. Perfectly well again.

Wednesday December 28, 1864

Pleasant most all Day + some Rain in the afternoon. Went out in charge of the Squad to work on the Observatory. Was taken with the chills again today and felt miserable. Lt. Howard broke his wrist.

HOWARD, AMOS.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, August 31, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co., G, September 6, 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. E, November 1, 1861; promoted corporal, January 30, 1862; re-enlisted, January 31, 1864; promoted sergeant, March 1, 1864; mustered in as second lieutenant, December 27, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, V a.; commissioned second lieutenant, November 30, 1864, with rank from October 20, 1864, vice Kenyon, promoted. (*Report of the Adjutant General*)

Thursday December 29, 1864

(*Editor: Writing scratched through*)

Cloudy and Cool. Under Medical care sick in Camp! Felt a great deal better towards night. Snowed a little in the afternoon.

Friday December 30, 1864

Cold Day. Received a letter from my Wife, from my sister + from Line (*Editor: Line? Sine?*). Felt some better Today took the same medicine as yesterday.

Saturday December 31, 1864

Rainy Day. Wrote to my wife. To Line (*Editor: Sine? Line?*) and to Mary Bidelman. Wrote to Shellington-wrote to my sister. Wrote to Cochran at Washington. Mustered for 4 months. Felt about the same as yesterday. Attended the Entertainment at the hospital in the Evening.

Sunday January 1, 1865

Received a letter from my dear Wife.

Monday January 2, 1865

Chilly Day. All quiet in Camp-Dinner given in the Hospital. Felt pretty well during the ____ (*Editor: day?*), but had the chills again in the night.

Tuesday January 3, 1865

Pleasant day- In Camp all day. Sick. Felt much better towards night. Received a letter from my Brother Augustin.

Wednesday January 4, 1865

Pleasant day. Snowed a little in the afternoon. Grand Review of the 2d Corps. Reported for duty today. Went out to work in charge of 2 squads to work on the Observatory. Wrote to my brother Augustin.

Thursday January 5, 1865

Cool day. Out in the woods all day. Getting out wood with the 1st Squad.

Friday January 6, 1865 (crossed out)

Cold + Windy. Went out in the woods + came back to go to the observatory and came back in the woods again + cut wood the rest of the day.

Friday January 6, 1865

Out with the Squad most all day. Rained hard most all day obliged to come in from the woods. received a letter from my dear wife dated Dec 30th 1864. Promotions were read-off at roll-call. Promoted to a Sergeant to date from Jan'y 1st. Was taken with the fever again while out to work. Feel pretty bad.

Saturday January 7, 1865

Pleasant but Windy. received a letter from T. G. Corbett and my Tobacco + paper from Washington. Wrote to my Wife. To Cochran, and to Tom Corbett. Received a letter from Geo. W. Cochran + Co.

Sunday January 8 1865

Beautiful Day-Inspection at 9 A.M. received a letter from my dear Wife. Attended preaching on the Parade Ground. Wrote to my Wife. received another letter from my Wife by the Evening mail.

Monday January 9, 1865

Pleasant + Warm all day. Mailed a letter to my wife. Out with the 1st Squad getting out wood.

Tuesday January 10, 1865

Rained hard all night and all day. Went out after wood at 10 A.M. and got Wet through. Did not feel very good all the rest of the day. Cleared off at night.

Wednesday January 11, 1865

Beautiful day. In Camp all day with my Squad, got no teams (*Editor: unclear*). Recieved a letter from Mary Brusio by the Evening Mail.

Thursday January 12, 1865

Beautiful Day. Mailed a letter to Mary Brusio with a note for Aunty. In Camp all the forenoon. Fred Bonneville (*sic: Bonville*) + Vashing (*Editor: unclear*) Of Co H visited me + went out to Fort Welch with Fred. They left for home at 4 o'clock P.M.

Friday January 13, 1865

Written in the winter of 1864 (French): Dieu est le createur du ciel et de la Terre. Les cheveaux de Madamoisselle arrie sant freize (*Editor: this is unclear. Possible translation: God is the creator of heaven and earth. The horses of St Freize Madamoisselle miracle.*)

Beautiful Day. Out all day getting wood for the Company. Recieved a letter from my dear Wife and one from Cochran's with a pipe.

Saturday January 14, 1865

Pleasant day. Mailed a letter to my dear Wife. Out in the woods until 2 P.M. getting wood with 8 of my men + then came to Camp to Corduroy the Major's Stable.

Sunday January 15, 1865

Beautiful Day. Inspection at 9 A.M. In Camp all day-No preaching today.

Monday January 16, 1865

Beautiful Day. Out to work all day on the observatory. recieved a Box from my dear wife with many good things and this diary.

The soldiers listed here are listed, or possibly listed at the end of the diary in what appears to be an accounting of money they borrowed.

AKER, WILLIAM.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, September 6, 1862, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. E, September 6/ 1862, to serve three years; promoted artificer, April 1, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va., as William Acker.

BAILEY, JAMES.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 29, 1861, to serve three years; appointed bugler, March 27, 1862; reduced, May 14, 1862; promoted artificer, January 1, 1863; re-enlisted as artificer, January 21, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va, as James W. Bailey.

BANDER, ANSON H..—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as corporal, Co. E, August 29, 1861, to serve three years; promoted sergeant, February 1, 1863; re-enlisted, January 21, 1864; mustered in as first lieutenant, December 27, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, V a . ; commissioned first lieutenant, November 30, 1864,

with rank from October 30, 1864, vice Pollard, mustered out.

BANDER, EDWARD T.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, August 29, 1864, at Nanticoke; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 29, 1864, to serve one year; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

BREWSTER, FRANK W.—Age, 19 years, Enlisted, September 9, 1861, at Savona; mustered in as private, Co. A , September 11, 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. E, November 1, 1861; promoted artificer, January 1, 1863; re-enlisted, January 21, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va .

CARR, CHARLES.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, September 14, 1861, at Savona; mustered in as private, Co. A , September 17, 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. E, November 1, 1861; re-enlisted, December 20, 1863; promoted artificer, October 1, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va., as Charles D. Carr.

CRAWFORD, ABRAHA.M.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, August 18, 1862, at Elmira; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 18, 1862, to serve three years; mustered out, July 12, 1865, at Elmira, N.Y. , as Abram Crawford.

CRAWFORD, CHARLESH.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, February 13, 1864, at Owego; mustered in as private, Co. I, February 13, 1864, to serve three years; mustered out with company; June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

CRAWFORD, CHARLES P.—Age, 20 years. Enlisted, February 6, 1864, at Chemung; mustered in as private, Co. K , February 6, 1864, to serve three years; promoted artificer, July 21; 1864; corporal, December 1, 1864; mustered out with company; June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va . ; prior service, Co. C, Thirty seventh Pennsylvania Militia.

CRAWFORD, CHAUNCEY.—Age, 40 years. Enlisted, February 13, 1864, at Spencer; mustered in as private, Co. I, February 13, 1864, to serve three years; died of disease, November 14, 1864, at Poplar Grove Church, Va .

CRAWFORD, ELIH.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 29, 1861, to serve three years; re-enlisted, December 20, 1863; promoted artificer, April 7, 1865; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at F o r t Barry, Va .

CRAWFORD, JOHN.—Age, 40 years. Enlisted, August 27, 1861, at Pittsford; mustered in as corporal, Co. E, August 29, 1861, to serve three years; reduced, date not stated; discharged for disability, April 30, 1862, at Camp Woodbury, Va.

CRAWFORD, JOHN T.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, February 24, 1864, at New York; mustered in as private, Co. K , February 24, 1864, to serve three years; appointed musician, April 28, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

CUMMINGS, MANLY L.—Age, 23 years. Enlisted, August 28, 1862, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. E , August 28, 1862, to serve three years; promoted artificer, date not stated; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va., as Manley L. Cumings.

DECKER , ABRAM.—Age, 22 years. Enlisted, January 16, 1864, at Owego; mustered in as private, Co. M, to date January 16, 1864, to serve three years; promoted artificer, April 8, 1864;

mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.; also borne as Abram C. Decker.

DECKER, IRA.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 23, 1861, at Union; mustered in as private, Co. H, September 7, 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. I, November 1, 1861; promoted artificer, date not stated re-enlisted, December 26, 1863; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va .

DECKER, JAMES R.—Age, 38 years. Enlisted, August 7, 1861, at Elmira; mustered in as private, Co. B, August 16, 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. H , November 1, 1861; discharged for disability, December 14, 1.861, at Washington, D. C.

DECKER, JOHN O.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted, August 22, 1862, at Linley; mustered in as private, Co. F, August 22, 1862, to serve three years; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va .

DECKER, JOSEPH D. Age, 18 years. Enlisted, September 3, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. F , September 6, 1861, to" serve three years; transferred to Co. E, November 1, 1861; re-enlisted, December 26, 1863; promoted artificer, date not stated; corporal, February 15, 1865; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

DECKER, LEVI.—Age, 43 years. Enlisted, February 23, 1864, at Barrington; mustered in as private, Co. B, February 23, 1864, to serve three years; died of disease, September 4, 1864, at Washington, D. C.

DECKER, WILLIAM.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted, August 25, 1864, at Dansville; mustered in as private, Co. C, August 25, 1864, to serve one year; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va .

HICKS, SPENCER.—Age, 39 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1801, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 29, 1861, to serve three years; re-enlisted, January 21, 1861; promoted artificer, April 1, 1861; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

HOWARD, CHARLES . — A g e , 18 years. Enlisted, August 20, 1864, at Woodhull; mustered in as private, Co. I, August 29, 1864, to serve one year; died of disease, November 15, 1864, at City Point, Va .

HOWARD, CHARLES O.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as corporal, Co . E , August 29, 1861, to serve three years; reduced, January 21, 1862; mustered out, September 20, 1804, at E l m i r a , N. Y .

HOWARD, CHESTER.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, August 13, 1864, at. Union ; mustered in as private, Co. E , August 13, 1864, to serve one year; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va .

McARDLE, JAMES , see James McCardle.

McGREGOR, JAMES.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 26, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as private, Go. C, September 7, 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. E , November 1, 1861; promoted artificer, date not stated; mustered out, September 20, 1864, at Elmira, N. Y .

OWEN, WILLIAM. S.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, August 29, 1861, at Elmira; mustered in as

private, Co. E, August 29, 1861, to serve three years; promoted artificer, date not stated; re-enlisted, December 20, 1863; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

PAYNE, ANSON W.—Age, 21 years. Enlisted, September 2, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. F, September 6, 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. E, November 1, 1861; promoted artificer, date not stated; re-enlisted, December 26, 1863; reduced, June 1, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

PAYNE, HEMANN.—Age, 28 years. Enlisted, January 5, 1864, at Chenango; mustered in as private, Co. A, January 5, 1864, to serve three years; promoted artificer, date not stated; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va., as Heman Payne.

SEABURY, J. MORGAN.—Age, 24 years. Enlisted, August 30, 1862, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 30, 1862, to serve three years; promoted artificer, date not stated; corporal, April 1, 1864; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. C, September 22, 1864; resigned January 14, 1865; commissioned second lieutenant, February 17, 1864, with rank of same date, vice J. J. Carroll, resigned; not mustered; again commissioned second lieutenant, August 22, 1864, with rank from July 1, 1864, vice Gwynne, promoted.

THORNTON, MASON.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 20, 1861, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. F, September 6, 1861, to serve three years; transferred to Co. E, November 1, 1861; re-enlisted, December 26, 1863; promoted artificer, April 1, 1864; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

WILCOX, ETHIEL.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, August 30, 1864, at Malone; mustered in as private, Co. C, August 30, 1864, to serve one year; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.; also borne as Ithiel Wilcox.

WILCOX, GEORGE F.—Age, 26 years. Enlisted, August 13, 1862, at Maine; mustered in as private, Co. E, August 13, 1862, to serve three years; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

WILCOX, GEORGE R.—Age, 18 years. Enlisted, January 15, 1864, at Owego; mustered in as private, Co. M, to date January 15, 1864, to serve three years; appointed musician, date not stated; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

WILCOX, HOMER.—Age, 19 years. Enlisted, March 15, 1865, at Rochester; mustered in as private, unassigned, March 15, 1865, to serve one year; mustered out with detachment, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

WILCOX, JOHN.—Age, 42 years. Enlisted, August 25, 1864, at Horseheads; mustered in as private, Co. G, September 2, 1864, to serve one year; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

WILCOX, LEWIS.—Age, 38 years. Enlisted, August 28, 1862, at Rome; mustered in as private, Co. C, September 11, 1862, to serve three years; shot, December 11, 1862, while laying pontoon bridges at Fredericksburg, Va.

WILCOX, WARREN.—Age, 31 years. Enlisted, September 2, 1864, at Auburn; mustered in as private, unassigned, Fifteenth Engineers, September 2, 1864, to serve one year; transferred to Co.

I, this regiment, date not stated; mustered out with company, June 13, 1865, at Fort Barry, Va.

There is also an inscription of:

"11304 Watch" which may have been the serial number of the timepiece Octave received.

Also, there is a note on the end cover of the diary which reads: "L.A. Kingsley, Binghamton NY"