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R. O. M. 4th N.C.
2nd Brig 1st Div.
Cavalry Corps
Army of the
Oxana

Our regiment was
discontinued on the 27th
day of April 1864 while
lying at Bullriver. The
reason for so doing
was urged by the Assistant
Commander, Brig. Genl. A.
Cobert, that the
supply of horses was
inadequate that the 4th
N.C. Cavalry being the only
Regiment in the Brigade
not re-enlisting as a body
was proper the one to
give up what horses they
had and resign as far
as possible the other Reg
iments namely 17th Penn
Geo. M. 6th N.C. Cavalry
Th, few or gave up
without much dissent what constituted time. A demand of military power. horses what made a largely new scene rich his own estimation for above any other area of service. Lt. Col. Parrott organized the regiment dismounted + prepared for the coming campaign like a true soldier. The officers the opposed to the arrangement cheerfully complied with the orders they retaining three cars and what government animals they had in these positions. Everything looked like a remembrance of the first of May.

In short all were anticipating the order to go forward and make necessary preparations by sending off their personal baggage files to the rear. On the evening of the 3rd of May (Tuesday) the order was received to march all daylight the next morning the larger portion of the night was consumed by loading the wagons and men moved in accordance with the orders. The Infantry of the 1st army Corps took the lead leading around Tony Mountain towards determining the trains pulling the "mile century" one leading towards Brandon station Cuba eventually.
On the 4th, leaving the rear guard at Richardsonville near Ely's Ford, which was reached late in the night.

On the 5th we crossed at Ely's Ford, and proceeded towards the wilderness of Chancellorsville. The trains of the whole army seemed morning within as narrow space as so many mazes. Could conveniently move. It is evident that the trains for few days were to be supplied by its trains espining subsistence for mine nothing definite could be ascertained. As to the morning of the army cannonading could be distinctly heard on this.

5th & 6th. Towards the evening of the 6th the fighting was undoubtedly heard at.

Musketry was plainly heard. The next day the news was received of the death of Big Bud Nye, a very good friend of mine. I had prepared to join the army in that night. The enemy was the attacking party. Assaulting party continued on the Brock's road three times being repulsed each time with heavy loss.

On the 6th our trains reached Chancellorsville and passed to feed the animals. Left Richardsonville while and myself rode...
out to the front. Marching to the head quarters of Major General Hancock and 2nd army corps, where the fight was being renewed. I saw the battle ground of the previous night also the heap of dead of both sides being removed as fast as circumstances would permit. I stood for over two hours with my companions looking apparently weary as to true position returned into out me. The shot fell thick and fast and caused me to render why such being of himself put themselves in such a doomed position. I returned to camp 8.
a several points. Sent whitey,  

b myself out to the front where the fight was raging 

f hurt over the fields all over supper and then retired for 

along the brook and road which were fortified 

t held by our troops up to the 

far as the head quarters of 

bills grant & friend. 

both just starting out with 

full staffs we stood an hour 

at sent kreers head quarters 

where the whole night we left 

custo of our line could 

be seen awaiting an anti 

icipating attack this at 

af about 3 p.m. nothing of 

however attempted up to 4 p.m. 

when we ride back to char 

bellville's in toms & fredericks 

burg the our troops had 

proceeded & parked for the night in a field near the town beds 

on the morning of the 8th 

started up the plain road to 

made spettogran's to to by 

taking a small road path 

abruptly to the right and on 

half miles from chancellorsville 

we were suddenly stopped 

at cross's farm where the 

advance of sent kreers 

corp had received our cannon 

on an attack of the enemy's 

position apparently taking 

to protect the rear of the 

train as kreers had it 

that our forces suffered
Spottsylvania Co No. at daybreak as the enemy forces left it the wounded men came in towards the head of our line in squads. I took care of them in the best manner I could offer under the circumstances an order was received from us to get back as near which was immediately complied with we reached the crossing of the plank road where we camped and found heavy Corps 14th go with nearly all the Carrau wagons awaiting us to draw supplies. The whole night was consumed in supplying the troops with victuals commencing on the morning of the 9th the enemy heavy force under Genl. Shields started on a raid a la Stoneman The number accompanying the raid was 23,000 all cavalry. We moved on and in the morning which he fought the rest which for the past week had been denied us in the afternoon Genl. Burnside's corps was passing our train and the General himself came to our quarters where he stayed for near two hours inspecting himself with some of my Brandey Oct. and amusing ourselves in Conversation about the tide.
of Battle when the news of the death of Maj. Gen. Logan reached us having been shot dead by the enemy's sharpshooters while reconnoitering the position and I should most rather in my record of the 7th and 8th, adm. was also killed also Gen. Reno.

R. S. Gettys badly wounded and several others casually, among the high rank officers on our side. The weather during the early part left clouds and fall along with perfect clouds.

The 10th was also very hot and dusty. Commanding commenced at 2 P.M. in the direction of Spottsylvania Co. and continued with great all day especially toward night. Hot and dusty myself and several others, all rode out to the front as came up to the center of our line where the fight was raging furiously. Generals Grierson and others were occupying a position on a hill continually under fire. Col. P. found my and myself gone out to see the 2nd A. C. join the 5th A. C. and here the fight seemed to be the hottest.
along the slope of the hill crossed with woods in which were our own and that of the rebel entrenchments. The 3rd line of Battery of the 2nd corps gave way by some panic and fled across the plain under cover of our batteries. Having the appearance of a rout but subsequently it was ascertained that no material loss was sustained by this action on part of the 3rd A.K. East. Hemphray, chief of San. made Staff killed. The troops and order was soon restored again. The shot and shell thrown by our batteries was terrible fairly shooting the ground.

Musketry firing ceased towards dark, but the batteries kept up for some time. Rode back at 8 P.M. tired and nearly suffocating with dust. Had supper then retired. The 11th appeared dusty and hot as on the preceding day no sound could be heard indicating a renewal of the fighting several casualties were removed but no credit could be given. Then a thunder shower came on at noon and the rain came down in refreshing storms all the rest of the day and night nothing could be learned of
Rebels had overtaken us near Fort they were captured by Genl. Barlow of Hancock's Corps they were all taken by surprise without the loss of a man on either side including the 7000 Rebels we took I may add 2.100 Guns & 50 pieces of artillery & 2700 along the line of the 2 0th a 6th on the left The contest raging feurly. The capture of the above prisoners and artillery were truly the most brilliant of the war. I conversed with a Rebel officer who remarked that by daylight our troops for had there was so suddenly.
into these works as to forbid any resistance being made and my voice being given over to the field near the plantation within five miles of Fredericktown. The weather continued to be dark at times falling in torrent at night. At night, the air had been so charged with smoke that it was difficult to breathe.

The 13th (Friday) was again at heavy showers come again at intervals during the day no very severe casualties being reported. Came in that Lee was falling back. Had an opportunity of seeing a Washington Chronicle of the 1st. mant. giving a list of studies and the Editorials of which he was extremely hopeful.
at the fighting & that is
had not estimated more sera
but ever before known
in modern times. Thus far no loss was esti-
20,000, was given some,
ated between 20 and
30,000, have come down
nations might but only
temporary.

The 14th Saturday was
also not raining severely
sometimes during the day
reports were complicating
but the most reliable
revealed the fact of a
new line being formed
with Burnside occupying
Red Hill with the 2nd A.C.
on his right the 5 A.C. on
the left and the 6th A.C. &

the rear center no fighting
was reported of consequence
the storming was furious
some commanding
wrote a letter into B to my
friend but could not
mail them

The 15th at daylight we
received orders to mount the
train to the rear of Fredericksburg
where we mounted & parted
in forests & every thing was
not according to
no reports
of any importance from
the front by obtaining a
Washington Chronicle of the 13th
were were informed of the captur-
ing of communications between
Petersburg & Richmond also rumors of the success of our cavalry in cutting the rail road & near Manassas Junction & cutting burning three iron supply trains. Ride down to Fredericksburg at noon the city seemed one vast hospital. Private residences & stores factories cut buildings were all used as turned to as to refuge for the sick & mourning the camp at present in one of the most delightfull of any we ever had. Notwithstanding the heavy rains we played a few games of whist with some friends. Then retired at 10:30 for the night.

The 16th. very foggy but soon cleared off. Went down to Fredericksburg to see Dr. Stimson who is our surgeon & has at present charge of cavalry staff hospital. He showed me all around the hospital & it was about the cleanest place in the town. Also met a great many of my acquaintances that were wounded. While I was there looking at the morgue [ sic] one old pug just passed by which came from Washington. Very nice splendid looking boy. Never knew.

The 17th. looked very dull as if we were again to receive rain but it cleared cleared off. Left Col. Barnell &
Command just arrived from Belle Plain and he ordered me to report to General Robert E. Lee at the Corps for orders & received an order detailing me to proceed to Belle Plain and procure 12,000 cavalry horses for the corps. I got myself ready & had my wagon packed with the necessary articles & took an escort of 75 men with me left Fredericksbury at about 9 o'clock P.M. crossed the river in the pontoon bridge and marched until dark. Took the command in an open field & encamped for the night.

The 18th, my friend & pleasant had Breakfast & started again on my journey to Belle Plain. Reached Belle Plain at 10 A.M. started to go to the landing on my way met Genl. Lee & had quite a talk with him & then attended to my business returned to the Col. & invited him over to dine with me, he had his horse saddled & went over to my quarters with me. We parted of as good a dinner as the circumstances would permit together with a few Bottles of Rhine Wine. The Col. dined with me until about 8 P.M. Laid in bed.
Regt. arrived from the front.
I had my horse paddled to ride after them to the bobs. quarter we started then falling to near 11 P.M. & then we went home with me had supper & retired
The 19th very pleasant & fine
was very busy receiving horses got 860 did not get to bed until 3 a.m. very early
The 20th very fine but dusty
still receiving horses at Belle Plain got 400 & issued 900
The 21st very dusty & more
my quarters on the top of a hill while Col. Riorden had his
the bed insisted on having me detailed on his staff as chief quarter master of his command
which made my duties quite heavy & I was acting as quartermaster for the cavalry corps also.
However I accepted it & got along first rate
The 22d very fine but hot
and dusty had a little rain
was very busy in receiving & issuing horses. My Regt. had just come from the front with some Rebel prisoners amounting
of 7000. My Regt. were all dismounted as I sound them 600 horses
The 23d very hot & dusty also
my mindy received orders to
Win headless to march from
Belle Plain, Commanding
Could be distinctly heard in the direction of Fredericksburg
awaiting orders to move.
militarily just. Read orders
moves & communicated the
order to the different quarters
masters in my command to
have their trains pulled out
in the road and we started
for Port Royal Marched
about six miles & then Sur
Camped at about 5 P.M.
when a severe hail storm
with rain took place the
drops of hail came down
as large as hen eggs got supper
and then retired for the night.
The 24th we remained quiet
and seated open the day in
playing cards with the black
officers in the enemy
had some musical scales trained
& then retired.

The 25th very fine we started
for our destination, Port Royal
after marching until 6 P.M.
we reached Port Conway where
we came to a sudden halt
as the river was there that we
had to cross. The troops
had to take three turns so
there were only two ferry boats.
I ordered all my trains to
unhitch & park for the night.
The 26th was very dull & rainy
Capt. Dr. Beazley had just left
orders to proceed to Fredericksburg
with 300 men & clean out the
guerrillas.
The 27th was fine, every thing
looks pleasant and went down to
the river & took a little sail
with my propeller which S
had detailed for my own use

Col. Parwell & myself took

a sail on the Barge of the

pavilion Commission where

on board of some fine sherry

wine & ice & divers other

articles just commenced to

rain & we hurried back

taking with us the necessary

articles from the pavilion

Commission that we might

when we got to our headquarter

which were in a church with

a splendid organ therein we

began to enjoy ourselves in

making jellies & different

other drinks after which we had

musical entertainments on the

organ & music which we kept up
till late & then retired.

The 28th very pleasant & fine

getting ready to move across

the river & just paint the

order around to the different

quarter master & have all the

teams hooked up to proceed

across the river to Fort William

but it being just arrived

from Fredericktown with his

command took my balloon

& went to see the Col had our

personal baggage & tent put

across & established a fresh

quarters had our tents put

up & then retired for the

night.

The 29th was my fine &

pleasant sent out different

orders to the garrisons of my

till late & then retired.
Received 500 horses from Washington & issued orders to the 13th Ohio cavalry while issuing & received orders to get ready for a march to the White House was very busy in promulgating orders for the coming march instructing the different quartermaster to supply these commands with all necessary articles for the coming march. I loaded 25 wagons with grain & provisions & then went to my quarters where I retired for the night.

The 30th very fine & pleasant. Very busy procuring supplies. Received orders to march at daylight next morning retired at 12 P.M.

The 31st got up at 2 a.m. and had all my trains hop up & pull out on the road & then started for Bowling Green after marching about 12 miles we recaptured some wagons which were Captured by guerrillas & sent for a lot of bad horses which were with the command & took all the wagons along that I could think of. I found D. Benham had command of all the troops & when arriving there we found the wagons. The 4th my cavalry found a guinella after giving a drum head and martial of which I was a member his hand & feel me tied together six men were ordered to fill from the right
and the order was given to make ready arms fire and the poor fellow was no more. He marched along until he came to Bowling Green, which he reached at 1 A.M. We had a very fine dinner prepared for the lot of myself at a house in the village which they called the first-class hotel. We made that our headquaters while there we got a rebel captain who was wounded by one of our own men had quite a fine time. I got an invitation to see a young lady who was entirely alone. I asked me to protect her for the night, which I did. I received orders to move at 3 A.M. next day.
which was done very quick as I went up to the plantation mustered all the riggers in service for this occasion. I collected very near 200 riggers with good pickaxes and C. took them down to the river and in less than an hour they had a very good bridge made and crossed quite rapidly with the whole Command, I pushed directly on with my Train to Neahkahnie Co. where I had my tent pitched and got a splendid supper and made myself as comfortable as circumstances would permit for the night. I was just agreeing to retire when I received an order from General Milam who had his cavalry division in the vicinity that he would assume command of all the troops & he ordered us to march some 15 miles further. After marching all night, raining pitchforks, we came to a halt by daybreak as a place named Living where I billeted General Bos well again put in command of all the troops & reported direct to my General Meade. During the early part of the morning had considerable fighting in our front & night captured quite a number of prisoners
June 3rd. Received orders to distribute the troops in our Command to their respective Regiments started from Gaming at 10 a.m. Marched about 3 miles when we came to a halt waited there until near 3 o'clock P.M. then moved into Camp for the night about 9 P.M. The tremendous firing was heard in the Centre and it was kept up for nearly 3 hours when it ceased then a pretty rainstorm took place had supper with the Col. then retired for the night.

June 4th. It rained all night and the day looked as if we were again to go for supplies started my...
June 5th very fine but took
had nothing to do only in
making up my papers
for today, just received
word that the cavalry was
going on a raid and
had to send them some
forage as they were to start
at 12 P.M. Oozur a
message to the front with
some tobacco & matches
the Col also the mail for
the Regt commencing to
rain but I think it will
not last long Heavy fire
is heard on Burnside
front felt very tired and
will retire for the night
June 7th very cloudy &
stormy looks like rain
Just heard that the command had started. Capt. Sauger has joined the train at account of sickness & will remain with me until well. I must now to the sewing mast, 4 he was just preparing to go to the front. I had my horse saddle and rode out to New Castle. My arrival there just as the rear guard was going over the bridge. The train at stop until began to take up the pontoon bridge, and then we started by an hour back to the train. Met several friends & had several drinks before reaching camp at 5 p.m. & went to my quarters & had supper & then went.

Owing to the big gun master all of a sudden there was a tremendous firing took place on our front and continued on so until very late. I felt rather fatigued from the long ride during the day & went to my tent where I retired for the night. June 6th very fine but not everything seems to be quiet except a few shots. Cannon shots are heard at intervals. There seems to be a little fighting going on all day. The general masters made application to move the train to the White House as our command could not return for 15 days at 4 p.m. I received...
Orders that we could move as I issued orders to the Gen. on under my command that we would start at daylight next day.

June 9th Very pleasant and cool ordered all the teams to hook up & start moving at the white house at 8 P.M. packed our train & had our tents pitched. I went down to the landing by the river and filled my belly with fish & oysters & ale and then returned to camp & retired for the night.

June 10th. Very fine but hot still at the white house in comfortable quarters enjoying the breezes from the river and resting for the night.
June 11th: Very fine but busy changing quarters as had not their reserve yet got into a daily place.

June 12th: Very fine fine. Tall of morning. Genl. Smith with all his troops arrived here at about 8 P.M. also a portion of Genl. Burnside's troops they were very busy at the wharf preparing to embark.

June 13th: Still at the wharf house every one packing up and getting ready for a move.

Nothing of importance from the field, except that the whole army is in the river, still being reenforced and the sick & wounded on the
Boats to be shipped to Washington 10 P.M. and the cavalry has as yet not arrived.

June 15th...very fine and pleasant day as if we were going to have a very hot day nothing new transpired during this day.

June 16th...very hot cavalry has not yet arrived rumors that some guerrillas are in our neighborhood operating some of our cattle guard went out about 1/2 mile to gaze their cattle & were accompanied by a party of guerrillas captured while one of the men was awaiting the orders of the guerrillas one of the...
Capt. M.E. Hale C.S. that squashed the race as he would not run or let against his own property that closed the start for the day.

June 17th: Very hot and close still at the white house, awaiting our Carbery. 11/2 p.m. at no signs of them.

June 18th: Very hot but a small breeze from the west continues to blow along.

Heavy cannonading listened in the direction of the James river. The Carbery had not arrived.

June 19th: Very hot & close. Went out for a morning ride and traded my Bay horse for a little more than...
200 yards before I saw in the skirmish line & to my astonishment I put any amount of Rebels on the hills opposite us skirmishing was going on very lively and it let them have a shell once in a while finely. I thought things looked kind of risky so I went to my quarters had breakfast & ordered all my trains to hook up & be ready in case of emergency just as I fairly got through with breakfast I was politely notified to move my headquarters to another situation by a special messenger from the Johnny Rebels in the shape of a shell & round shot.

We finally got all our trains started to cross the river at the white house which was our only way to go as there was a bridge across which extended 3/4 mile. There was a grand noise made for the bridge as they threw the enemy shell were bursting thick & fast in all directions amongst our trains. Some of the niggers drove would leave these trains & the animals would get frightened & run all over the fields. We finally got them all in order & took my position as the head of the train clearing out the led horses so that they would not interfere with
The morning of the train when I arrived at the Bridge it was detailed to take charge of the 1st Cavall division train & take it over the Bridge Park it which I did all this time the firing was constantly kept up & gave these lads as our gun boats that were lying in the river by the bridge a great excitement we had but a few wounded this lost must of greatly exceeded ours at about 5 P.M our Cavally arrived & reinforced us. But there seemed but little firing when the Rebels found out the Cavally men but

And it seemed as of the enemy were preceding and as up to 11 P.M that was no firing to be heard.

June 21st got up at 4 a.m. firing was heard on our right it was supposed that General Gregg was after them. The whole of our Cavally division had by this time arrived here (at the White House) except only 1st (4th) my cavalry which was left at Dunkirk Bridge to guard the ponton train and just received the unfavorable news that my regiment had suffered very much especially
and ordered my forges and blacksmiths to shoe all the horses up as well as possible. I then crossed the river with four Drums
and had supper before retiring to our victuals at
Once 22nd Col Dielman had sent for me at 5 a.m.
and told me to stop with the command as my services were required as he was short of some officers.
In case of a battle I should take command of some company. I returned to my train and had a mule packed with the necessary articles and
crossed the river to join...
June 23rd. I got up at 6 a.m. Very fine. In the rear as if we were aground to have a very hot day. We are still Encamped awaiting the arrival of the 2nd Car. Div & the wagon train as our Bug is ordered to cover the rear. Our train has arrived and is within a mile of our Camp. We are just partaking of our dinner when to our surprise the ammunition wagon is coming. We are disturbed by the unnatural noise of gun carriages rushing all night.
near for before I could finish my meal I was compelled to move my habitation to another situation by the appearance of messengers in the shape of shot & shell which came rather thick & heavy, killing a horse phein. Ten feet of me. The regt. immediately got into the roads placed themselves in position & I was placed in charge of all the horses belonging to the command. The shells are coming thick & fast & some of the horses are unmanageable. The command bringing moundedly I have established a hospital.

Close by they are bringing wounded men from the 47th W. Colored also some of the colored troops. The firing is at present cease'd and we are ready for the Rebels to come up. The 2nd Car. biv. has just arrived for our support, I have succeeded in obtaining grain for the regt. also ordered the head quarter wagon with the forage to come up to the regt. But the regt. is still in the roads waiting for the Rebels. 7 P.M. just rec'd orders from the Col. that the 47th were ordered on picket & that the horses
We all set out to join the command on picket which was 3 miles from here. I arrived at the Regt. with the horses about 8 P.M. The Col. was just placing his pickets after he came in. We had supper, then returned with nothing but heaven for a cover had to keep our horses saddled during the night. Fear of an alarm as the Rebel pickets were only a short distance from us.

June 24th. I arose at 5 a.m. Nothing had occurred of consequence during the night except that a scouting party made an reconnaissance through a Rebel prairie. The Col. went out to visit his line of pickets and was accompanied by me. We went about 20 miles out side of our lines but had discovered nothing. We then returned to camp where we received orders to withdraw our pickets and get ready for to march. Our Regt. acted as rear guard for the whole army.

Slang terms for marching very hard in our flannel and was whipped very badly our column marched un till we arrived.
some 3 miles from Charles City Court house situated near the James River we got there about 11 P.M. after which myself the white and myself was completely packed out so that me fell asleep while eating our supper. We had no cornet got asleep when Boots and saddles sounded. Consequently the regiment moved the next day and myself and myself were so fatigued that we could not go on with them so we stopped on the spot where the Captain had left us until the next morning at 3 a.m.

June 25th got up at 3 a.m. met a solitary one around us began to get a little scared as it was dangerous to be outside of the lines and I was in doubt. My mare however woke up all the boys that had with me and we started to find the Regt. It was pitch dark and we could not even see which way we were going. I find now over a whole which was in the road and to my astonishment it happened to be one part train I then felt relieved as ever more so thought we could run into the
Enemy picked up then we would be a case white and myself left the pack train started out in pursuit of the leg which was said to be some 3 miles in advance on the skirmish line. I rode up to the Col and Enquired of any thing was wanted, I then returned to the regiment and sent him some thing to eat which he was very much in need of. While I and myself then broke ordered our mule unpacked and our oat down. Had a good breakfast. Clean washed filled a pipe full of tobacco got in our horses and

started for the command again we found the command on the march to James River. Our Regt had the advance and were Camped at 3 P.M. 1 mile from the river was very dusty. Had a good wash something to eat and then laid down to rest for the remainder of the night.

October 26th very pleasant but hot. I received several letters and occupied the most of the day in writing to the same still in camp by the same the name is Milano Lady in the James River
June 27. Still encamped as before no landing evident that we are to cross in ferry boat, as quick as that arise nothing of importance to day.

June 28th. Still in camp enjoying a few days rest expect to cross the river to day and are awaiting our return at the landing succeeded in crossing at 7pm on the Steamer Dictation we ordered a fine supper on board the boat which was one of the best we had enjoyed for some time as quick as we landed on the other side I proceeded up the road and found

My train in charge of Capt. Slagerie who was not well and stopped with the train also found our Sutter's had just arrived from Washington with a cargo of goods I waited for my train until the whole party came along & then went with them in camp about 3 miles from the landing.

June 29th. Very fine & pleasant except to stay here for some days but hard work privately that we are going to river to day and very busy getting some papers signed by the company.
Commanders have read orders to strike. Clothing I obtained. The clothing just as I was about to view its orders came to move at once had all my baggage packed & ready when Genl. Stirling commanding our Brig. Came to me & said I would have to go back and join the main wagon train and assist in bringing it along. Started off for the train and was very union that I had to go back to the rear but they did not derive much benefit from me for as quick as the trains

Commenced morning ride white myself and orderly on an air pack horse. Went on until we got at the head of the entire train had coffee made & then laid down to sleep at about 1/2 P.M.

并不意味 of both Nuckles & Cauldon was distinctly heard. me however did not let this interfere with our sleep as we knew there were plenty of troops around us.

Olive 30th after sleeping under a tree all night in the open air. We got up at about 7 A.M.
had breakfast made in the shape of coffee and hard tack and are awaiting the arrival of our trains then we need proceed the train arrived at 5 p.m. we went on until we crossed within 3 miles of city point where we encamped our cavalry stationed on another raid. Gen. Wilson was out on a raid and was surrounded by the enemy in which he lost all his artillery and a great many men our division had gone to his assistance. we are still with the train our sutler is with us and do not want for anything.

July 1st. Very hot. Nothing new. Notifying from the command we are still encamped near city point. I have received orders to take charge of the cavalry corps train loaded with supplies & proceed with the same to the point and deliver it to the cavalry. Started at 4 p.m. marched until near fort when I got to Prince George C.H. started on again marching. July 2nd. After marching all night I arrived to the command at daylight issued rations & forage to the troops & then the cavalry & train started for camp in the direction of...
On our way we stopped in at Capt. Breastin, C.S., where we had a few drinks and he made a bet of $25.00 with me that Petersburg would be taken by the 14th of July. I took the bet and he put the money up in Capt. Thompson's bank. Started for camp a few hours at 4:30 p.m. To-morrow evening went down to the river and had a bath then retired for the night.

July 4th. Heavy firing had ceased in the direction of Petersburg. The ships in the river had their flags all flying and it looked very pleasant.
Saint Whitt and myself from the command of the day in drinking lemonade and enjoying ourselves in general as well as in company and meals.

July 5th no change in the weather breakfast very late procured newspaper of the 3rd and found that gold was quoted at 285 250 issued 2 days before to the command and this had a few games of cards such as cribbage & whits and spent the remainder of the evening in playing cards.

July 6th cool but pleasant heavy cannonading was heard during the night in front of Petersburg which continued for some time the heat of the day is tremendous we laid down by the river it had a cable off it then retired.

July 7th no change in the weather except very dusty was laying in the muds most of the day heard of the 3rd & 4th 6th Corps being shipped to Harper's Ferry head of the division of the 4th & 6th Corps Summer had a little snow.
July 4th. Delightful Girl.

July 9th. Delightful Girl. The Northern States to be favorable received some newspapers they detailed the progress of the Rebels.

July 10th. Read them due to Maryland under Earl Early Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

July 11th. Read them due to Maryland under Earl Early Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

July 12th. Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

July 13th. Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

July 14th. Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

July 15th. Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

July 16th. Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

July 17th. Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

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July 19th. Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

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July 21st. Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

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July 27th. Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

July 28th. Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

July 29th. Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

July 30th. Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.

July 31st. Nothing new except the roaming of heavy cannon in front of Petersburg.
July 11th Very fine and pleasant. We have just received orders here.
I breakfasted with a little rain and I hope it will continue for a while. We are greatly in want of it. To keep the dust down. I have just received an order to accompany the Commandant in picket to morrow.
July 12th. After raining all night it has cleared off. But it has been fine weather again. Had breakfast. I am getting ready to stack milk. My regiment is in picket. I have ordered 3 days ration of both flour and potatoes to be packed along. We started at 4 to 7 A.M. The heat of the sun was tremendous. We arrived to our destination, Paracas. Store b. & b. at 11 p.m. A.M. New found a very pleasant house there which we occupied as our head quarter. The house was surrounded with a beautiful piazza and also had an ice house well filled of which we made good use. I painted at 10 A.M. The constant roar of Musket fire
Continuing which made.
June 13th. arose at 4am. my hot. close rist as part of my rest felt a little unwell. The colonel then got up and we had breakfast. He told me that I had better return to the wagons train as there was no place for me. The soldiers and their pants back for the train we got there at 8:20 a.m. and found every thing all right. I started to make my monthly papers to send to P.O. Their The constant heat does not allow me to work much so I will have to stop my task and lay off

until the sun goes down bright white & then thought we would resume ourselves the best as could so we took our instruments Violin, guitar) and had a few things & then retired. June 14th. Very hot and close went over to Big Head quarters to see if the Command was coming to camp to day. I was informed that they would not be relieved to day. So I sent these out to the rations of grain. They then transacted some private business for Col. Canola which occupied some
few hours passed the
remainder of the day in
doing nothing except
playing chess with
Lt. White. I just received
a note to change camp but I
saw nothing until
the Col. arrived with the
Regiment.
June 15th Cool and pleasant.
It seems as if we are all
going to have a hot day
the Regiment is expected
momentarily. It arrived
at 10 a.m. and we are
getting ready to change
Camp which is only a
1/2 mile from our last
Camp. The Col. sent me a
lot of new plants which
I stuck along in our new
camp which was consumed
by flooding our tents.
White and myself had
selected some fine quarters
in fact we had the best
that were at Camp it
seems. We then were
informed that we
had our tents flooded and
everything all right.
We were very fatigued
and retired early.
June 16th Very cool and
pleasant. Orders another
of an orderly from the
Col. who informed me to
report in person to the
Col. immediately. I
saw the Col. and was in
formed that I would
have to remove my department back to my quarters. Had best and ordered everything packed up to them and was very ill humored and was drumming men away body as order.

Two cheers and very happy they are well allowed to stay in our comfortable quarters and down for a change of crottle all the after night. I went down to the colonel's quarters and read the newspaper for him as he was unwell went back to my quarters had supper played a few games of cards with his staff and then went down to the colonel's tent and spent the remainder of the evening with him.
June 17th. Very cool. Had a fine breakfast. Played a few games of cribbage with the others. Then went down to see the city. About 8:30 A.M. The boat started for city point for the purpose of obtaining some necessary supplies and for business connected with my department. Returned to Camp at 1:00 p.m. in time for dinner with the Col. Spent a few hours with him and then went back to my quarters and wrote down. I am just agreeing to take a good pitch and charge my clothes and afterwards take a ride down to the river. Got back from the river at 5 P.M. Played a few games of cards, some music after then retired.

July 18th. Cool. But pleasant. Got up at 4 A.M. had breakfast and then took a ride down to the river to get some vegetable for the mess. Also see Capt. Fassman Chie of W. I. in business. Should there be any one hour assisting to empty 8 bottles of champagne on my way to Camp.
Stopped to at Capt. Thompson on 6.5 of Dec. Bin
and had a few cups of milk. Lunch he also
gave me $50.00 which
was entitled to for a
bet which I won from
Capt. Breverton that was
aboard Petersburg being
taken by the 4% of this
march. They started
for camp had dinner
and then went down
to see the cit and
passing the afternoon
with him in arguing
several cards about
C.P.M. in receiving
and that Major Schmaltz
was at Citif point.

That just arrived from
Washington I sent a
horse to the landing
after him he got
to Camp at 7 P.M. We
did not bring much
of any news with him.

Returned to my quarters

April 19th it was raining
all night and continued
so at present just
what we want to lay
the dust but the flag
keep coming into our
area and bottled up which
is very uncomfortable
as they bite very severely
5 P.M. and the rain continues. I spent the first part of the afternoon with Major Schrama and a friend of his. After tea, we learned of the Rank's arrival. We had quite a time. Dr. White played the violin. I played the guitar. At 9 P.M., we met down on the street with my guitar and spent the remainder of the afternoon with them. Then returned to my quarters and read a book for the purpose of gymnastic exercises.

Fork all the men of my department and organized them into a school. My hate for fencers got full of blistering from exercising on the sand as it was not very smooth. Our Rank has as yet not taken in from picks but is expected momentarily. Very heavy firing is heard in the direction of the farm. I have just given the order to have a fine supper made consisting of canned beef, cabbage, pickled beets, cucumbers, fives apple butter, and other luxuries.
July 20th. Very cool & pleasant. Left camp & myself started at 8 am for the city point. When the boat left a few things from the sanitary commission purchased: some fresh vegetables & other necessaries. Then returned to camp about 4 p.m. The Regt had arrived in camp from picket. I ordered two flag stations opened to them. Spent the remainder of the day in playing cards & mostly with my white men. The adjutant has started for Washington & gave him a small amount to transact for me nothing new from the front except the capture of Cannon and musketry and also a report around to the officers & men of my Regt inviting them to attend a presentation of a horse & two sets of equipments to our late Command. Brevet Brig Genl. J. C. Scovil arrived at 8 Clameral & then we went over together & stopped there.
until 8 P.M. returned to camp and had supper. I was suddenly taken ill and went to bed. My arm was all wet and a premonition of what was to happen. July 22nd. Cole Oliver received orders to appear at Brigade inspection at 3 P.M. on the staff of the Col. as first aid guide. I had some business to attend to at light horse point and ordered my ambulance hitched up with my two gray horses and myself. White cannon and myself started for St. Hill to see Capt. Thompson C.S. and stayed there some two hours attending to my business. Then returned to camp afterward got ready for the parade after the parade or near the house near by and amused ourselves with little white then returned to camp and our horses paddled to lake down to light horse point purchased a few articles and then returned to camp where we amused ourselves with our music. Then retired.
July 23rd. Very cold and pleasant. The field in front has been rather quiet to day and the greater part of the night received orders to attend the parade of the afternoon. Dr. White & myself had set on minds to have a little police so we sent to the Commisiary for 10 gallons of whiskey. I attended Mass in the morning and after mass invited all the officers to my quarters to attend a grand Jubilee tomorrow designated for meeting.

This evening the object of the meeting was...
to have some musical entertainment. Such as singing, dancing &c &c with amusing swallows in general. The Col left for his quarters at 10 O'clock as he was somewhat unwell. As quick as he was gone the fire was announced to be kept up dinnings well &c some of us being amusing slightly inebriated. We kept it up untill 3 in the morning when we received a call from Capt Beltwell. He was as light as he could be had a few drinks to our health & then we all retired to our various anchor.