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**The Civil War Diary of John Henry Palmer**

**Company K, 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers  
Newbern, North Carolina**

**January 1 to December 30, 1863**

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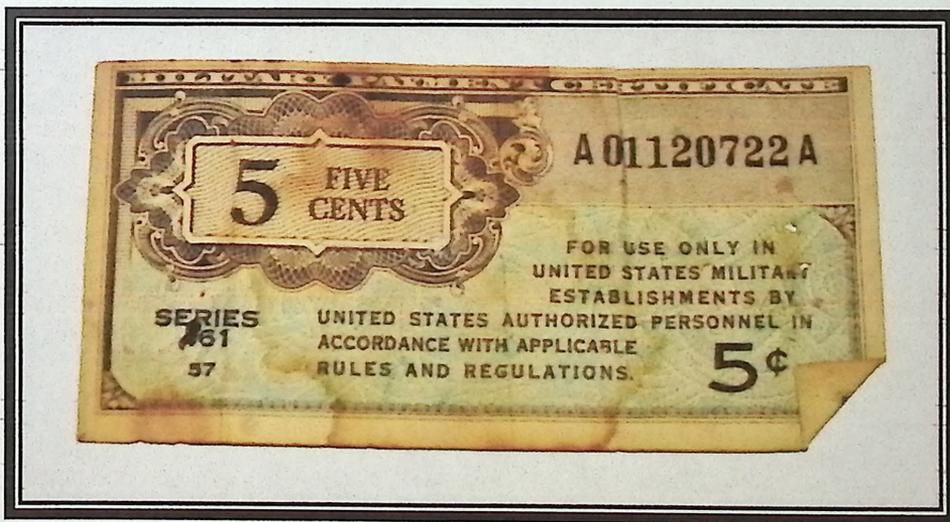
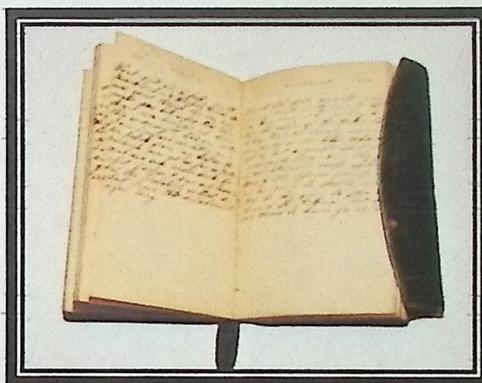
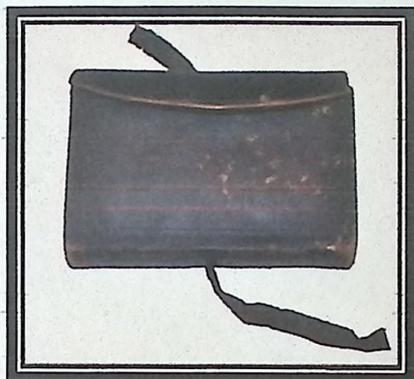
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This diary was donated by Ms Deborah Odell Kelly. It was found in the attic of her home which was formally the residence of the Palmer family. The home dates back to 1769 when it was owned by Samuel Eells, pastor of the North Branford Congregational Church during the Revolutionary War period. The diary measures 3¼ X 5 X ¾ inches and is bound in black leather with a flap and a black ribbon tie. See photo below. Within the pages of the diary a “Military Payment Certificate” worth five cents was



found. That sum would be worth approximately one dollar<sup>1</sup> today.

The diary begins on January 1, 1863. Although the diary appears to be written mostly in ink there are many pages where the ink has faded badly or is written in pencil and cannot be read. The transcriber has kept to the original as much as possible including grammatical and spelling errors.

<sup>1</sup> Inflation Calculator, <http://www.davemanuel.com/inflation-calculator.php>

John H. Palmer was born in North Branford in 1839 to Charles and Mary Palmer.<sup>2</sup> There is no record of his birth in the North Branford Vital Statistics. He enlisted in the Union Army on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1862, joining Co. K, 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry as a Private. He was promoted to full Corporal on January 1, 1865.<sup>34</sup> He died at General Headquarters, Fort Monroe, Virginia on April 11, 1865. The cause of death was listed as "concussion of the brain, GSW (gun shot wound), in action."<sup>5</sup> Note that John Henry Palmer was killed two days *after* Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, on April 9, 1865.

You do not have to read very far into this diary to realize the impact of sickness and disease in the Civil War. It has been stated that 2 out of three deaths in The Civil War resulted from disease rather than from battle casualties<sup>67</sup>. Nearly a quarter of a million Union soldiers died of disease. During the period when this diary was written, John Henry Palmer spent an inordinate amount of time either on the "sick list" or in the hospital. Coming from a rural area he may not have acquired the immunity to certain diseases that a city dweller may have had.

Interestingly, there is no mention of the Union victory at Gettysburg although Grant's Victory at Vicksburg is well noted.

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<sup>2</sup> Ancestry.com, 1860 Census of North Branford

<sup>3</sup> Ancestry.com, U.S. Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914

<sup>4</sup> Ancestry.com, U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865

<sup>5</sup> Ancestry.com U.S. Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/general-article/death-numbers/>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.jstor.org/discover/10.2307/4450468?uid=3739576&uid=2129&uid=2&uid=70&uid=4&uid=3739256&sid=21103553102781>

*Thursday, January 1, 1863*

John H. Palmer  
Co. K. 10<sup>th</sup> Reg't. C. V.  
Newbern  
North Carolina

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*January 2 - 3, 1863*

[Writing very faded and unreadable]

*Sunday, Jan 4, 1863*

Cloudy and windy. Went out on inspection this morning. Lay in my bunk pretty much all day. Mail arrived here today from the month bringing me one letter from home. Numerous sample started flying around to day, the same as ever, one is that we are to be marched home to stay for six months, to good to be true, another one is, that we are going off on another expedition in a few days, more likely this last is true. This evening the Boys are still writing home, and it is pretty still as what it generally is.

*January 5- 23, 1863*

[Writing very faded and unreadable]

*Saturday, January 24, 1863*

Warm and pleasant. Wrote a letter to Edwin Baldwin. The Minstrel delayed in the evening, drew quite a crowd. A number of accidents to day, one of the 8<sup>th</sup> Rhode Island got run over by the cars and killed one of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Mass. had a tree fall on him and he is not expected to live. One of the 44<sup>th</sup> Mass. got his arm broke by the falling of a tree.

*Sunday, January 25, 1863*

Warm and pleasant. On guard

*Monday, January 26, 1863*

Began to pack up one o'clock this morning, got aboard of the cars nine o'clock and went to Morehead City, we then went aboard the schooner Recruit and were packed down in the hole thicker than hops and it is so dark we can see nothing without lanterns. The 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment would have been left behind if Col. Leggett had not been so hard to go. There are lots of transports in here loaded with troops already to start.

*Tuesday, January 27, 1863*

Clear and windy. Staid up on deck pretty much all day. Mail arrived here to day from the north. Received five letters. Two from my sisters, one from Lou, one from Ett, one from Nel. There were some of really bad news. It is so cramped here that I can have no chance to answer my letters until I get back to Newbern.

*Wednesday, January 28, 1863*

Windy and rainy. The wind blew so hard that we could not stay up on deck, therefore we had to stay down in the hole, some of the boys are sick to day and they all will be if we stay here much longer, and I don't see but that we are fate to stay sometime --. There was another mail also and express arrived here from the North to day, but there was nothing for me.

*Thursday, January 29, 1863*

The wind blew very hard all day and shove us onto the flats and about half of the boys got off and went clamming and oyster ring, they were so thick that Lou could pick up a basket in a few minutes about dusk we were ordered to pick up our things and be ready to go all board of the schooner Scout, we arrived on board late in the evening and it is a much better Craft than the other, but our company had to go down in the very bottom of the vessel and it is so dark that we can see nothing and they will not allow us any light on account of the ---- and shell that is stored in here so that we have to feel our way around and it makes it very unpleasant, but – we hope to have things better arranged by tomorrow.

*Friday, January 30, 1863*

Cool and clear and not quite so windy. Had things a little better arranged, more light etc. The fleet have pretty much all started and we are here yet. Considerable excitement about dusk, the Recruit came alongside and told us that we would have to go board on her again but Col. Leggett said that he would not move the Reg't again until we got where we were going. Bully for him.

*Saturday, January 31, 1863*

Clear and pleasant. Made sail and started. Did not get very far before the wind died out and we had to lay and -. A good many of the boys were seasick but it did not affect me at all. About noon the Steamer S. R. Shaulding with Gen. Galter and a battery of artillery on board and towed us along out to sea, about 4 o'clock we were out of sight of any land. I stayed up on deck and played euchre much all day. Retired early and had a good nights rest.

*Sunday, February 1, 1863*

Warm and pleasant. Saw a faint streak of land about noon. The captain had a meeting on the quarter deck this afternoon. Stayed in my bunk pretty much all day. Some of the boys were pretty sick to day. Heaved to just at dark and waited for a pilot to take us to Port Royal.

*Monday, February 2, 1863*

Arrived in Port Royal and anchored off Hilton Head The fleet have not half of them arrived yet, and the probability is that we shall have to stay here some time, the weather here to day is warm and pleasant. I did not feel sick and so I laid in my bunk all day. Scratched off a few lines and sent home, could not write much as I had no good place to write and I do not feel well enough to write as much as I wished like to have wrote. We have nothing to eat but — junk and Hard Tack and not half enough of that.

*Tuesday, February 3, 1863*

The weather to day is somewhat cooler and the wind blows very hard so much so that we parted one of our cables this morning. Did not feel well so that I lay in my bunk all day. We have to drink stinking water and if we stay here much longer we shall all be sick.

*Wednesday, February 4, 1863*

[in pencil – difficult to read]

The weather is cold and the wind blows a living gale, and I have got a very bad headache and am right sick and we all shall be at this place, for the air is suffocating here and there is so much noise that I could hardly hear myself think everything looks dark today and it seems as though the war will never end.

*Thursday, February 5, 1863*

[in pencil – difficult to read]

Rained hard all day. The wind's does not blow quite as hard. Things seem to order better today and we had soft bread and fresh meat.

*Friday, February 6, 1863*

Blowing and raining did not feel much better, had a bad sore throat. Had beef soup for dinner which was quite a change. The news today is that we are going on ashore tomorrow to stay a day or two. I hope it will be so but there is no telling.

*February 9, - February 14, 1863*

[in pencil – impossible to read]

*Sunday, February 15, 1863*

Warm and pleasant, wrote two letters one for my sister and one for Nelson Ford also. Inspection this morning with knapsacks. Had a very good dress parade tonight, but the knats and mosquitos bit - was pretty bad. No news to day of any importance.

*Monday, February 16, 1863*

[in pencil – impossible to read]

*Tuesday, February 17, 1863*

Cloudy but warm and the gnats are very troublesome. Drilled pretty much all day. No news of any importance today all is quiet on the Potomac as usual.

*Wednesday, February 18, 1863*

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*Thursday, February 19, 1863*

Warm and pleasant. Came out on Review in the forenoon, we had to four miles and then march a mile around a field, over corn hills up to our knees, and weeds up to our necks there being water in some places over our shoes. The sun shone out hot and some of the men were obliged to drop out. There were 11 regiments. Out on the review. General Negli's having the command. Our Regt and the 21<sup>st</sup> Mass. were the best looking that were out. Got back to camp about one o'clock and lay in my tent until dress parade, as I had a bad headache. Found out to day that Gen. Hunter had placed a Guard around us, to keep us from plotting around the place and harming his – Negros. Evening retired early as usual.

*February 20 to April 16, 1863*

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*Friday April 17, 1863*

Worked at digging up stumps in the foreground. Wrote a letter to my sister in the afternoon. Three regiments came here today and landed on our island above us I think it called Seabrook Island. The mail left here today for the North. Evening, read until about half past nine, and then retired.

*April 18 to April 30, 1863*

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*Friday, May 1, 1863*

Warm and pleasant. Lay around in my tent pretty much all day. Wrote a letter to Nette. There is another rumor today that we are going back to

Newbern, but I can't see it yet. A mail expected in every hour. Evening retired early. No news of any --- or --- that we could rely on.

*Saturday, May 2, 1863*

Was in fatigue in the forenoon shoveling and leveling off a plot to drill. Pretty business. Afternoon went across the river after wood, found lots of things that the Rebs had left behind in their haste to leave. Some of the men went over in the village on a scout and found large quantities of furniture. They saw a few rebel Calvary men but had no arms with them. Evening had a gay old time singing. No mail arrived here yet, and no news of any importance. We are living pretty high now we are paid off, pancakes, ham and everything nice.

*Sunday, May 3, 1863*

Went out on inspection in the morning. A few of us met in the afternoon and had a nice little time singing. Evening had another good saying. No mail arrived here yet, but one expected every hour. No news of any importance to day that we can rely on.

*Monday, May 4, 1863*

Whether rainy in the forenoon, afternoon clear and warm. Did not feel very well. Lay in my tent all day. My tent mates went to work and raised up our habitation which makes it much better. Evening retired early. No mail yet, rather discouraging. There is a rumor today, that our regiment is to be turned into artillery. I hope it is so but don't hardly believe it.

*Tuesday, May 5, 1863*

Went on the sick list as I did not feel well at all. There was a small mail arrived here today from the north, and I received one letter from my sister. There was a very heavy thunder shower this afternoon, and it continued to rain through the evening. We heard today that our troops have gained several victories of late, and there seems some prospects of the war coming to them and sometime. Another mail expected from the north in the day or two. Evening retired early.

*Wednesday, May 6, 1863*

Lay in my tent all day. Wrote a letter to my sister, and sent --. The rumor today is that furloughs are to be given to five in a company for thirty days. Another rumor that our Reg't. is going to Fortress Monroe, and there to be turned into artillery. Several boats came in today, but the other mail we expected has not arrived. Evening retired early.

*Thursday, May 7, 1863*

Did not feel much better, lay in my tent all day, evening retired early, nothing of any him importance today except that the Rebs say the snakes will drive us off this island, if they can't. No mail today but one expected.

*Friday, May 8, 1863*

Felt some better. Lay in my tent pretty much all day. The prospect is that we shall remain here all summer and we are building fortifications and leveling off. As for fighting, it is my opinion that the Rebs are pretty near played out. Evening played cards a spell and then retired. No mail yet.

*Saturday, May 9, 1863*

Went on guard. Warm day. A mail arrived here this afternoon from the north, and there were three letters for me, one from my sister, one from Hattie and Sarah, and one from Bertha with a picture of herself enclosed. The weather continues warm through the night.

*Sunday, May 10, 1863*

Went on a scout. Over on Edisto island. We saw no Rebs but we found plenty of flowers and oranges, and Strawberries the groceries were handily laid out. We got back to camp about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Had a dress parade to night for the first time since we left Helena island, and there was quite a crowd to see us sing, some of the officers were heard to say that they never saw a better one in their lives. Evening, wrote a letter to Bertha.

*Monday, May 11, 1863*

Warm day, was on regimental fatigue, cut down stumps and leveled off. Afternoon went off in the woods and got some stuff and made some beds.

Evening wrote a letter to my sister. We hear today that Gen. Hooker is pushing the Rebs all out of Virginia. Bully for that. Company B went off on a scout today, what success they had I have not learned.

*Tuesday, May 12, 1863*

Lay in my tent pretty much all day. Wrote a letter to Hattie and Sarah. Five Monitors and a Gun Boat went up the River today to shell and destroy a seventeen Gun Battery, but they could not get within four miles of it. So they gave it up and came back. Evening a few of us met and had a good saying. No news of any importance to date. We had a very good dress parade to night.

*Wednesday, May 13, 1863*

Went after wood in the forenoon and lugged it through mud up to our knees. After went out on Battalion drill which was mostly on the Manual of Arms. Had the worst dress parade tonight that we have had since I have been in the Regiment on account of Capt. Goodyear giving out the orders so low that we could not hear them. General Hugler paid a visit to the groups on the island today. Evening tired early.

*Thursday, May 14, 1863*

Was on guard. The weather was quite warm through the day and night. No news of any importance that could be relied on. A mail from the north expected soon.

*Friday, May 15, 1863*

Rainy day. Lay in my tent all day, and played cards, and told stories. Evening I played Whist. The rumor today is that Gen. Hooker has taken Richmond and our Army is meeting with large victories every day. If that is true, the war will soon come to an end. No mail today.

*Saturday, May 16, 1863*

Rainy day. Lay in my tent and played cards pretty much all day. Evening played Whist. No news today of any importance that we can rely on. A mail arrived at Hilton Head for the Reg't today.

*Sunday, May 17, 1863*

Warm and pleasant. Went out on inspection in the morning. Cruised around Camp pretty much all day. Evening retired early. The men that expected furloughs are running to the shore, every boat that comes in, but they have not gone yet. The rumor today is that our forces have captured Jeff Davis. I hope it is so but it is much too good news to be true. No mail yet but one expected every hour.

*Monday, May 18, 1863*

Went up on the upper end of the island, and cut timber and sprouts, and clear off a spot to build Rifle Pits, and Batteries. A mail arrived here this evening and I received five letters one from Ett, one from Allie G, one from Susan Baldwin and two from my sister. The report is that our forces are in Rich. but there has been a heavy loss on both sides.

*Tuesday, May 19, 1863*

Warm day. Lay in my tent pretty much all day and wrote letters. One to my Sister, one to Allie G, one to Ed. One to Ett. No news of any importance that could be relied on. Evening played Whist.

*Wednesday, May 20, 1863*

Drilled an hour and a half today, in the sun. The rumor today is that Gen. Hooker is really in Richmond and that he had captured quite a number of prisoners. Another rumor is that the steamer Cosmopolitan had been burned, with all of the sick and wounded on board. Evening played whist a spell and then retired, but did not sleep very well as there was considerable excitement on account of very heavy cannonading heard, and that gunboats in the stream were throwing up rockets and signaling for over two hours but we have not heard **what** the difficulty was.

*Thursday, May 21, 1863*

Packed up our traps and started out on picket. The band escorted us about a mile. Was on the out Post Reserve Corps. Talmadge and myself built a bed in the open air, and lay down pretty much all day. Was on guard through the

night, all was quiet. There is plenty of good nice blackberries, not more than five good strides of the pickets, but we are not allowed to get any. We heard today that the Cosmopolitan is in New York all safe and sound. We still continue to hear that Richmond is ours. We – hear that there is another mail in for us. The weather is pleasant but the gnats do bite dreadfully. There was three or four snakes killed here today.

*Friday, May 22, 1863*

Stand on guard during the day, all was quiet. A small mail arrived here today and I received a paper from home, but it was so long a time reaching here, the news were rather stale. Evening retired early but did not sleep very well as the gnats and mosquitoes were so troublesome.

*Saturday, May 23, 1863*

Did not feel very well, lay in my bunk pretty much all day. Went on guard at night, had a faint – and was soon relieved. We hear to day that there is another mail at the Head for the Reg't. No word of any importance that we could rely on. Eat a cup full of blackberries today, went out to get some more but was ordered back, some – we had to go without them.

*Sunday, 24 May 1863*

Did not feel much better. Lay in my bunk all day. It was quiet along the lines. There is a rumor today that Gen. Rosecrans has gained a large victory over the Rebs. The mail has not arrived yet, but it probably will as soon as tomorrow. The men that had their furloughs have started for the North today.

*Monday, May 25, 1863*

Did not feel much better, lay on my bunk pretty much all day. The mail arrived down to camp just at night, but it has not got up here yet. No news of any importance today. All is quiet.

*Tuesday, May 26, 1863*

Went out on a post with Franklin Lee and Winford Works. It was quiet through the day and night, saw but a few Rebs. The mail was brought up here this morning. I had one letter from Lucy and one letter and two papers

from my Sister. The furlough men got as far as Hilton head and were ordered back, what purpose I have not learned, but the probability is that we shall leave this department before long.

*Wednesday, May 27, 1863*

Did not feel quite as well. Lay on my bunk pretty much all day. They commenced building a fort just outside of the picket line today. The rebel calvary came down as far as the house, when the artillery just a couple shell over in amongst them, and they got up and skedaddled double quick. Some of the officers seem to think we are going to Mobile, some that we are going to join the Army of the Potomac, but no one seems to know for certain.

*Thursday May 28, 1863*

A very heavy shower this morning, continued to be showers through the day. Came off Picket this morning, did not feel quite as well, consequently I started along before the company was relieved. Lay in my bunk pretty much all day. Wrote a letter to my sister and one to Lucy. Evening retired early there was a very heavy thunder shower in the night.

*Friday, May 29, 1863*

Warm and pleasant. Did not feel much better. Lay in my bunk pretty much all day. Evening retired early. No news of any importance that we could rely on all is quiet.

*Saturday, May 30, 1863*

Cloudy and somewhat showery. Felt some better. Lay in my bunk pretty much all a day. Evening he retired early, and had a good nights rest. As for news there is none, it is pretty dull. We understand that we are going to be paid off again in a few days. I hope it is so, for a little money would be very acceptable just at present.

*Sunday, May 31, 1863*

A very pleasant day. Felt some better. Lay in my bunk pretty much all day. Evening retired early. Began a letter today to my Sister. It seems to be the opinion of almost everyone that we leave here pretty soon for Newbern.

Some of the men went off today and got a very nice lot of Blackberries. We heard no news of any importance that we can rely on. So ends May.

*Monday, June 1, 1863*

Pretty warm day. Felt considerable better. Lay in my bunk pretty much all day. Evening retired early, as usual. Wrote a few more lines in the letter I began yesterday to my Sister. We understand today that we are to stay building forts here, and that looks like some like going away to some other place. Two or three small steamers came in here today, but went out again soon. Some of the men went all blackberrying again today, and got quite a nice lot of them.

*Tuesday, June 2, 1863*

Very warm day. Returned to duty, went on Regimental Fatigue, finished writing the letter I had commenced to my Sister. Evening retired early, heavy thundershowers all through the night. Not any news here today, all is quiet, as usual and very dull. Pretty near time for another mail.

*Wednesday, June 3, 1863*

Clear and warm. Was on Guard. A Boat came in today and brought some soft bread, but no mail. We understand that Gen. Grant has Vicksburg, bully for that.. No other news of any importance. The minstrel band played in the evening. All was quiet through the night.

*Thursday, June 4, 1863*

Went off on board of the Montauk, one of the Monitors laying here in the stream. Got the American Coat of Arms pricked on my arm with India ink. Had a nice dinner on board, came on shore about 2 o'clock. Evening, retired early. No news of any importance from the War Department. One of the 97th Pen. Vol. was drowned today while in swimming. No mail yet, but one expected every hour.

*Friday, June 5, 1863*

Went on fatigue all day. Shoveling and building entrenchments. Evening, wrote a letter to my Sister. No news of any importance today, and no mail in yet. One of company B's men died today, the first one that had died in this regiment since we left Newbern.

*Saturday, June 6, 1863*

Very warm day. A mail arrived here today from the North bringing me two letters from my Sister and one from Nette. Wrote a letter to Nette and finished writing one I had began to my Sister. A man belonging to Co. G. – – today while at work on the Breastworks. Evening retired early. The prospect is now that we shall have to stay here during the summer. The two Regts. that were encamped on the other side of the river have left for Virginia.

*Sunday, June 7, 1863*

Went out on inspection this morning. All was quiet through the day. Wrote a letter to Ed Hale, a dress parade at 8 o'clock on the Beach. Evening retired early. No news of any importance today. There is another mail expected in a few days.

*Monday, June 8, 1863*

Was on fatigue, worked about an hour when there came up a shower, and we quit and came again down to camp. Our baggage that we left at Newbern arrived here today, also the canvas tents arrived, they tell us it is very sickly in Newbern, with the Yellow Fever and Small Pox, had a dress parade at 8 o'clock, evening, had a nice little sing. We understand that there is a mail in for us at Hilton Head, it will probably be here in a day or two. Capt. Atherton on and Lieut. Hodge have resigned and gone home.

*Tuesday, June 9, 1863*

Was on Corps. fatigue. When off on board the Prossellers that came from Newbern, and unloaded our things. As it happened I did not get mine, just my luck. No news of any importance from the War department, saw a white woman today for the first time in four months. Had soft bread today from the new Bakery for the first time. Evening retired early. No mail today.

*Wednesday, June 10, 1863*

Was on guard. Everything was quiet through the day and night. Received a mail about 10 o'clock in the evening, had one letter from my Sisters, with their photograph inside, one from Allie Glover, containing her photo graph, one from Hattie and Sarah, and one from Lette. I hear rather bad news, Ed Baldwin good fellow has gone to his long home he died with the consumption and I understand that he experienced religion and died happy.

*Thursday, June 11, 1863*

Warm, as normal, Wrote two letters one to Allie Glover, one to Lette. No news today of any importance, that we could rely on. Evening retired early there was quite a heavy thunder shower, accompanied with a very heavy wind.

*Friday, 12 June 1863*

Went out on Brigade Review after the Review we had a brigade drill in the hot sun. Wrote a letter today to Hattie and Sarah. Capt. Brewster went to put a man into the guardhouse and he lay down and refused to go, when Capt. Brewster took one of the Guards rifles and struck him on the head twice. He is not expected to live until morning. Never mind it is all for our Country. Evening retired early, did not feel very well.

*Saturday, 13 June 1863*

Was on fatigue, up on the Breastworks. Heavy thunder shower in the afternoon, Evening wrote a letter to my Sister. So went the day. Everything is quiet.

*Sunday, 14 June 1863*

Warm and pleasant. Went in bathing in the morning. Lay in my tent pretty much all day. We understand that there is some mosquitoes bars, here for us, if the Quarter Master ever gets ready to serve them out. No news of any importance to day. Evening, retired early.

*Monday, June 15, 1863*

Lay in my tent pretty much all day. Some of the men went fishing today but did not catch very many. The Cosmopolitan came in just at night and brought us a few letters but there was none for me. We hear today that Gen. Hunter has been superseded by Gen. Gilmore and that Com. DuPont has been superseded by Com. Foot, and we also hear that Gen. Hooker has again crossed the Rappahannock, Bully for him. Evening, retired early.

*Tuesday, June 16, 1863*

Lay in my tent in the forenoon, Afternoon went on fatigue unloading Tents, Flour, Beef. Some, etc. from off the Propeller, -- --. Evening, retired early. A very small mail arrived here today bringing but three letters for our tense flour Co. There was none for me. No news today, dull as ever.

*Wednesday, June 17, 1863*

Very warm day. Got ready to go out on Brigade Review. We were to be reviewed by Gen. Gilmore, but the weather being so intensely warm it was put off until some future day. Had orders just at night so be ready to fall in at one o'clock to go out on Pickett but the orders were countermanded. Evening, retired early. No news of any importance.

*Thursday, June 18, 1863*

Turned out early, and rolled up our blankets and started out on Picket. Was posted out by the Creek, the opposite side of the Toland from where we have generally been. There is plenty of Clams, Crabs and Wrinkles here. Two or three companies went out on a skirmish today and the Rebs. followed them back, and commenced to shell our Pickets and artillery, killing eight or nine Horses and wounding one of the Artillerymen, but our Artillery and the -- soon drove them off how many of the Rebs. were killed or wounded we have not learned. All was quiet through the night.

*Friday, June 19, 1863*

Rolled up our blankets and were relieved about 7 o'clock in the morning, came down to the Company Reserve which was a very pleasant place, beside the water. We got a fine breeze here but it is a very warm day. Just at night the Monitors sent a few shell over to the plantation. There was was a heavy thunder shower this afternoon. All was quiet through the night.

*Saturday, June 20, 1863*

Picked up our duds and went on Picket early this morning, on the same post we had Thursday. All was quiet through the day, and the night, only the mosquitoes were very troublesome, keeping us awake nearly all night. We caught some crabs and clams today, and had a fine little roast for supper. We expect a mail here soon.

*Sunday, June 21, 1863*

Came down to the Camp Reserve. There were three pretty heavy thunder showers today. We hear that the Pay Master has arrived, and is paying off the 24<sup>th</sup> Mass. today. So that we shall be likely to get some money before long. There is a rumor to day that we are going to be sent to Foley Island, but I hope it not be so. No mail yet. All was quiet through the day and night. Except the constant and trouble some singing of the mosquitoes.

*Monday, June 22, 1863*

Went out on Point early this morning. Signed the Pay Role today for two months more. A very heavy thunder shower just at night, and the Gnats and Mosquitoes were very troublesome, it was impossible to get any sleep, and it seems as though they would drive us crazy. There was quite a large fleet passed here today on their way to Stone and the probability is that Charleston will get a touch of Yankee Powder before long. No mail yet.

*Tuesday, June 23, 1863*

Went in the Company Reserve again this morning about ten o'clock went down to the Main Reserve, and I was paid off up to the first of May. There is a rumor today that Gen. Foster is coming here, bully for that. We understand that there is a mail for us at Hilton Head. Evening, retired early but did not sleep much on account of the accursed mosquitoes.

*Wednesday, June 24, 1863*

Went out on point again early this morning every thing is quiet today, no excitement at all. We understand there is a mail down to camp for us. I hope

it is so. All quiet through the night accepting the Mosquitoes and they were as trouble some as —, no sleep being where they are.

*Tuesday, June 25, 1863*

Was relieved by the 24<sup>th</sup> Mass this morning and we packed up our duds and started for Camp, it was so very warm that I was obliged to fall out and lay down for some time. Received a Mail this morning, there was for letters for me, one from Lucy, one from Ett, two letters and a paper from my sisters. Cleaned up, and squared up my account. No news to say of any importance that we can rely on. Evening, retired early and had a good nights rest.

*Friday, June 26, 1863*

Very warm. Wrote three letters one to my Sister, One to Lucy, One to Ett. Nothing of any importance today. Evening retired early.

*Saturday, June 27, 1863*

Went out on Regimental Inspection this morning. Heavy marching over. Lay in my tent the rest of the day for I did not feel well. A very heavy thunder shower just at night. Evening, retired early. No news today of any importance, all is quiet.

*Sunday, May 28, 1863*

Lay in my Tent pretty much all day. It was quiet. No news of any importance that we could rely on. Evening, retired early.

*Monday, June 29, 1863*

Was on Company Fatigue. There has been various rumors here today. One is that we are to be sent to Foley Island, another one is that the Rebs. are going to attack us and try to drive us off the island, another one is that we are going back to Newbern. I hope the last is true. Evening, retired, early, quite a number of the men in our company are sick.

**Tuesday, June 30, 1863**

Very warm day. Lay in my bunk pretty much all day as I did not feel very well. A mail arrived here today from the North, and I was the happy recipient of one letter, which was from my Sisters. Several large Steam Boats came in here today. We were mustered in just at night for two months more Pay. Very heavy thunder shower just at dark. Evening, retired early. So ends June.

*Wednesday, July 1, 1863*

Lay in my bunk pretty much all day. Some of the men went off on a scout today after boards, they saw no Rebs. but saw lots of plump peaches, figs, etc. Wrote a letter to my sister's today. Charlie Atkins had his discharge papers given to him today and he started for the North, this afternoon. No news of any importance, all is very quiet. The Monitors have nearly all left here for Charleston. Evening retired early.

*Thursday, July 2, 1863*

Felt pretty bad, lay in my bunk pretty much all day. The camp moved their tents today, lengthening the street and making it much pleasanter. Mosquitoe Bars were given out to day and we shall probably have things fixed up in shape after working at it long enough. We hear no news today of any importance. Evening, retired early.

*Friday, July 3, 1863*

Lay in my bunk pretty much all day as I did not feel much better. No excitement today, everything is quiet as a mice, and always like to be, for what I can see. Evening, retired early.

*Saturday, July 4, 1863*

A very pleasant day. The artillery fired a salute of 13 guns this noon, in honor of the old American Independence. In the Aft. the Regt. all that were able went on a target shoot, some pretty good shots were made, there was a prize of \$12 for the best shot. I did not feel well enough to go with them, consequently I did not see any of the fun. Evening, retired early and I was pretty well tired out. walking around camp as usual, being very weak. When shall we celebrate our independence!

*Sunday, July 5, 1863*

Felt some better, lay in my bunk pretty much all day. No news today, everything is very dull. Evening, retired early, satisfied that every thing was quiet.

*Monday, July 6, 1863*

Went out on Camp drill in the morning, felt pretty bad, thought I would have out fall out every minute. Staid in my bunk the remainder of the day. Orders came this morning. to have one days cooked rations ready for a start at any time. At about 10 o'clock we had to turn out and start off in light marching order with three days cooked rations, and 10 days not cooked, after we got down to the dock the Lieut. saw that I was not able to go, and told me to go back to camp and stay. A small mail arrived here today and I received one letter from Ellie Glover. No one seems to know where the Regt. is going this time.

*Tuesday, July 7, 1863*

All is very still and quiet, the boys being almost all gone makes it very lounley. Wrote a short letter to Allie Glover and then lay in my bunk pretty much the rest of the day, as I felt pretty weak. The Monitors have all left here, and very likely something is to be done to end this horrid war. Evening, retired about dark.

*Wednesday, July 8, 1863*

All quiet. Began a letter it to my Sister. A heavy shower of wind and rain this afternoon. Evening, retired early. The 97<sup>th</sup> Penn. Regt. left here about 10 o'clock everything continued quiet all through the night.

*Thursday, July 9, 1863*

Warm and showery. Everything is still quiet as ever, all the rafts are out of the inlet excepting a Gun Boat and two schooners, finished writing a letter that I had began to my sister. Evening retired early. Some heavy firing heard just at dark toward Charleston.

*Friday, July 10, 1863*

Very warm day. Felt some better, lay in my bunk pretty much all day. A very heavy cannonading in heard this morning for about three hours, toward Charleston also quite a big smoke seen all day toward a large Railroad Bridge on the Charleston and Savannah Rail Road, some very heavy guns were heard in that direction. Evening, retired early, all was quiet through the night.

*Saturday, July 11, 1863*

Did not feel quite as well, lay in my bunk all day. Two Contrabands came here in the night, and they were arrested this morning as spies and put in the Guard House. They came on and old half of a canoe, a Steamer arrived here this afternoon to get the Army wagons that were left here. She brings news that Morris Island is in possession of our forces, excepting one Battery which they – to the two night, and that the monitors are at work at Fort Sumter. Evening, heavy firing heard towards Charleston. We hear tonight that Gen Lee is whipped in Virginia, and that the Army are doing big things all around. We understand that our Regt. is on James Island.

*Sunday, July 12, 1863*

All quiet through the day. Heavy cannonading this morning toward Charleston. A Steamer arrived here just at night she brings news that our troops were repulsed at Cummings Point, and that Vicksburg is ours, and that our forces have whipped Gen. Lee pretty badly, taking 28,000 prisoners and that our forces are advancing on Richmond. Evening, retired early.

*Monday, July 13, 1863*

The wind blew a gale all day and all night. A Steamer arrived here today from Stone. She reported that the Monitor are to commence on Fort Sumter today. We understand that there is a Mail for us at Hilton Head, and Capt. Hutchins the Brigade Quarter Master here has gone after it. Began a letter to my Sister and I felt some better than I have for a week or two passed, and I felt rather more like writing. Evening, sit out on the beach talking over old times. There was a very large fire in the direction of Charleston. The boat that went for the Mail has not arrived yet, probably the wind blew so hard that she dare not venture out.

*Thursday, July 14, 1863*

The wind continued to blow pretty hard all day, and all night. Felt considerable better. Lay on my bunk and read some very interesting books and papers that I've found in some of the tents. Capt. Hutchins got to the Head too late for the mail, it had gone to the Regt. but we shall probably get it in a day or two. There is a rumor about that we are to be sent to the Regt. in a few days. How soon I cannot tell. Evening, played whist a little while just for a change.

*Wednesday, July 15, 1863*

The wind continued to blow all day. Lay in my bunk and slept pretty much all day. A boat arrived here just at night, bringing no news nor any mail. Evening retired early, but did not rest very well, as there were some of the men Gamboling in the next street, and they quarreled so much over the money that it was impossible to sleep. A very bright fire seen this evening in the direction of Charleston.

*Thursday, July 16, 1863*

Cloudy and warm lay in my bunk and slept pretty much all day. No Boat arrived here today, and we hear no news from the Regt. and get no mail. Evening, retired early, showery all through the night.

*Friday, July 17, 1863*

A Boat arrived here today bringing orders for us to pack up and evacuate the Island. Just at night the Rebs. began to shell over our Pickets, and drove them in the log rail was beat and every man that was able fell in with his Rifle and went up as far as the Breast Works, they laid their until midnight and saw no signs of the Rebs. coming down and then came back to camp. There was a very heavy thunder showers during the night. It was the sharpest lightning and the heaviest thunder that I ever witnessed. I am to go with the sick, lame and aged, to what place I do not know. There is no boat to take us yet.

*Saturday, July 18, 1863*

Went on board of the Island City this morning with the Convalescent. She got underway about nine o'clock and went to the upper end of Folley Island near Morris Isle to put us on board of the Cosmopolitan, but she was taking the wounded on board and had no room for us, so we lay alongside until nearly five o'clock, and we could hear, and see the shells burst, from our Monitors, and from Fort Sumter. We then started and came down to the lower end of Folley Island and were just on board of the Cassock. We lay at the Dock all night, and I made out to get a pretty good nights rest. It is a pretty barren looking country here.

*Sunday, July 19, 1863*

A number of dead and wounded were brought from James Island this morning. Got underway about the middle of the forenoon and arrived in port Royal off Hilton head about dark, and lay at anchor through the night, there is a mail in therefore our regiment but when we shall get our letters is rather uncertain it seems that we cannot be accommodated here in the hospitals and they are being filled up with the wounded and where they will put us or what they will do with us, no one seems to know but if they don't do something worthwhile pretty soon we shall all die of hunger if nothing else.

*Monday, July 20 1863*

The doctor came around this evening to see how many were able and willing to go to their Regts. but he did not find many of that kind. The Boat started about ten o'clock and brought us down to Helena Island, and we were just into Camp with the Convalescent of the seventh C. V. We hear today that our troops are pretty badly cut to pieces and very likely our Regt. has had a taste of it, as we hear that Gen. Stevenson is wounded. Evening, retired early, but the mosquitoes were so troublesome that it was about impossible to sleep. We could hear heavy cannon aiding in the direction of Charleston all the evening.

*Tuesday, July 21, 1863*

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*Wednesday, July 22, 1863*

[Writing very faded and unreadable]

*Thursday, July 23, 1863*

Did not feel well at all. Lay around in the old Tent pretty much all day. A very heavy thunder shower just at night. We hear no news yet. And it seems as though we never should. Evening, retired early but the mosquitoes were so troublesome it was almost impossible to sleep.

*Friday, July 24, 1863*

Showery all day, had some very nice Watermelon, and Mush Melon and Tomatoes. We hear today that our Sgt. & Chaplin are taken prisoners, we hear nothing more from the Regt. Evening retired early as usual, but did not sleep very well, on account of the - mosquitoes.

*Saturday, July 25, 1863*

Lay in the tent and slept pretty much all day. Received in Express Box today from home, it contains five nice woolen shirts, three pairs of Patton Sock, tea, coffee, sugar and several other very needed articles, but no mail yet. No news today from the Regt. They are putting up tents for us and we shall probably have comfortable quarters soon. Evening, retired early.

*Sunday, July 26, 1863*

Everything the same as usual. No news from the Regt. or anywhere else. Evening, the mosquitoes were so troublesome that I was obliged to sleep out in the open air.

*Monday, July 27, 1863*

Lay in the old tent pretty much all day. We hear today that Lt. Col. Leggett had his legs shot off. A mail arrived at Hilton Head today from the North, and I am in hopes that we shall get our letters this time. There is a rumor today that we are going to be paid out two months pay. Evening, made my bunk out in the open air again.

*Tuesday, July 28, 1863*

Felt some better, went up to the Dock two or three times just for a change. Carpal Brown went over to the head after our letters, but was too late to get them or they had been sent to the Regiment our Col. is ordered North and started today, what it can be for sure, none of us can guess. Our Regiment lost quite a number killed and wounded. Evening, was obliged to sleep outside the open air as usual, a good way to treat a sick man.

*Wednesday, July 29, 1863*

Had quite a fine breeze all day, did not feel quite as well. Was paid off today, up to first of July, two months pay. Evening, the mosquitoes were so very troublesome that none of us could get any sleep. Consequently we stand up all night, and there it was all we could do to keep them from carrying us off.

*Thursday, July 30, 1863*

Very warm day lay, in the tent and slept pretty much all day. No news of any importance. Evening, went out to the Dock and slept.

*Friday, July 31, 1863*

Wrote a short letter to my sister, no news. Evening slept on the dock as usual. Was moved up into the hospital tent today.

*Saturday, August 1, 1863*

Lay in my bunk and slept pretty much all day very hot day. There as a captain here today after some of the men to go to our Regiment and the doctor told him that none were able to go. We hear today that our C. V. had gone home with Cosmopolitan, and that all the sick lame & – are to be sent north. Only for that I hope they will be so kind as to think of me for I think I can do the best service to my country at home.

*Sunday, August 2, 1863*

Lay in my bunk and slept – –. The doctor commenced to examine us some more today. No news of any importance that we can rely on. Evening, slept in the open as normal. No mail yet.

*Monday August 3, 1863*

Very warm day. Lay in my bunk all day.

*Tuesday, August 4, 1863*

Everything the same as usual. A few of the 98<sup>th</sup> Penn. were sent to their Regt. today. We hear that the – are getting pretty well tired out in the-. Evening, slept on the dock as usual.

*Wednesday, August 5,*

Felt pretty bad all day. I do not gain my strength at all, and it is pretty discouraging. We hear to day that Gen. Strong is dead, and we also hear that Fort Wagner has surrendered to our forces. Evening, slept on the Dock. We got no letters yet, so we have note channel to hear what is going on in the good old State of Connect.

*Thursday, August 6, 1863*

Felt some better. We hear today that the sick here of our Regt. are to be sent North. A good idea if they don't forget to do it.

*Friday, August 7, 1863*

Everything about the same as usual, we get no mail here yet and it is quite dull here, and very lonesome and I am beginning to get homesick, and disgusted with the Service.

*Saturday, August 8, 1863*

Did not feel quite so sick, this morning. Went before the Old Doctor to day. He told me to be very careful of my diet, or I'd be a gone goose. We heard that North Carolina has come back into the Union. It seems as though the War must close before long. We get no mail yet. Evening, slept on the dark again.

*Sunday Monday, August 9 1863*

Very warm day lay in my bunk pretty much all day. We hear various rumors, to day, but none that we can rely on on. Evening, slept on the Dock again as usual. No mail yet.

*Monday, August 10, 1863*

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*Tuesday, August 11, 1863*

Very warm day, hardly a breath all the wind ---we heard today that Fort Wagner had surrendered to our forces, I hope it is so this time. Two Steamer loads of wounded landed here today on their way to Beaufort. No mail yet evenings slept on the dock as usual, but there was some air stirring, and the mosquitoes and gnats were very troublesome.

*Wednesday, August 12 1863*

Everything the same as usual  
No Mail.

*Thursday, August 13, 1863*

The doctor is examining me of the Men and send every one that is able to do any duty and a good many that are and just able to do anything at all to their Regiment. But he thinks that we will not send us yet. Bully for him. Our Mail we have not received yet, and I fear that we shall lose a great many of our letters, if not all of them. Evening, slept on the Dock, and the Gnats and Mosquitoes were so sick we could hardly breathe.

*Friday, August 20 1863*

Showery all day, lay in my bunk and then in easy as I could and it was hard enough at that. Nary a letter for me to day. Evening, slept where I'm particular.

*Saturday, August 15, 1863*

Showery all day. The men were all sent back to their Regt. today, that is all that were able to carry their duds, and some that were not. Evening, got a

new mosquito bar and and slept in my bunk, and I had good night's rest. We get no Mail yet and it is rather discouraging.

*Sunday, August 16, 1863*

Lay in my bunk all day. No news to day and no Mail. Evening, retired early and had a good nights sleep.

*Monday, August 17, 1863 three*

Very heavy showers through the day and night. We heard today that our forces were giving the Rebs. fits up on Morris Island. Evening, retired early.

*Thursday, August 18, 1863*

Showery and somewhat cooler. Lay in my bunk all day and read. We hear today that Fort Sumter is silenced and our Monitors have begun on Fort Moultrie. Received a letter today from my Sister and I was very glad to hear from home once more. Evening, retired early as usual.

*Wednesday, August 19, 1863*

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*Thursday, August 20, 1863*

No news, and no Mail.

*Friday, August 21, 1863*

Was rather worse, the doctor just came on board of the Boat and sent me to the General Hospital at Hilton Head. It is rather warm here, but there is no mosquitoes. No news today, and no more letters. Evening, retired early and had a good nights rest on a good bed. I could write more but I don't feel like it.

*Saturday, August 22, 1863*

Very warm day, a smart little shower just at night. Lay abed all day, did not feel very smart. No news from Norris Island nor no letters. Evening, retired early.

*Sunday, August 23, 1863*

Nice cool breeze all day. Lay abed as usual. No word yet from Morris Island, nor any letters from home. Wrote a short letter today to my Sister. We hear that there is quite a number of convalescents to be examined now before long, and transferred into the Invalid Corps. I hope I shall be one of that number for I cannot stand this -

*Monday, August 24, 1863*

Lay abed pretty much all day as usual. Various rumors today in regard to peace, the opinion of nearly everyone is that the War is going to end soon. No letter from home. Evening retired much earlier than common with a severe headache.

*Tuesday, August 25, 1863*

Everything the same as usual, all quiet and no news, nor any letters.

*Wednesday August 26, 1863*

Everything about the same as usual through the day. We hear today that there has been ordered a cessation of hostilities for sixty days as some measures are to be taken to bring about peace. Evening, retired early but did not sleep much on account of the raining through the tent and giving us a good drenching.

*Thursday, August 27 033*

Cloudy and quiet and for the -. Nothing new today, all is quiet. No letters yet. Evening, retired early and had a good nights rest.

*Friday, August 28, 1863*

Showery. The Steamer Fulton arrived here today from the North, bringing no news of any importance. I have received no letters as yet. Evening,

retired early, as usual, but did not sleep as soundly as I did not feel quite as well as common.

*Saturday August, 29 1863*

Clear and warm. Did not feel quite as well, lay abed pretty much all day. Wrote a short letter to my sister. No news of any importance today, all is quiet. No letter for me yet.

*Sunday, August 30, 1863*

Raining bad weather. Wrote a letter to Gladwin. No news today and no letters for me. Evening, retired very early, as I did not feel well at all.

*Monday, August 31, 1863*

Cloudy and cold. Exercised quite a heap, for a chap as weak as I am. The deaths here is the Hospital average about one day, and before the poor fellows are hardly done breathing they are rolled up in their Blankets, and just into the Coffin, and the cover nailed on. Evening, retired early and being pretty tired I slept pretty sound. No news today and no letters.

*Tuesday, September 1, 1863*

A pleasant day. Did not feel very smart, lay abed pretty much all day. We hear no news to day that we can rely on and I get no letters yet.

*Wednesday, September 2, 1863*

Received eighteen letters today, some dated as far back as the middle of June. I had eleven from my Sister, two from Allie G, one from Ett, one from Lucy, one from Hattie and Sarah, and one from Bertha. Wrote two letters today, one to Allie G. and one to Ett. No news from the Regt. yet.

*Thursday, September 3, 1863*

Received a letter from J. S. Gladwin, he tells me the Boys are all getting along finely but he is not allowed to write everything about what they are doing up here to Morris Island. Wrote four letters today, one to the Lieut,

one to J. S. G., one to Lou, and one to Hattie and Sarah. We hear no news from the North of any account.

*Friday, September 4, 1863*

Warm days. Had a general cleaning out and washing the floor which makes a decided improvement. The Arrago came in just at night, so we shall probably get some news by tomorrow. Wrote a letter today to Bertha. Evening, read the papers.

*Saturday, September 5, 1863*

Wrote a letter to both of my Sisters. Had a call from two or three of our Boys, that were sent home wounded from the battle of Kinston. They have just returned and are going up to the Regt. Evening, retired early, but did not rest very well, so I was sick all night. No mail to day for here.

*Sunday, September 6, 1863*

Pretty warm day. Felt pretty bad all through the day. Lay abed and slept until nearly Supper time. Evening, retired before dark, but did not rest very well. There was very heavy cannonading in the direction of Charleston all through the night. No mail today for me.

*Monday, September 7, 1863*

Very heavy cannonading in the direction of Charleston all day, and all through the night. Received two letters today from my Sister, one from Nettie, answered Nettie's letter this afternoon. Evening, discussed war matters, & etc.

*Tuesday, September 8, 1863*

Warm day. Read pretty much all day, just for a change. Heavy cannonading heard again today in the same direction, but no news that one can rely on as yet. Evening, retired early.

*Wednesday, September 9, 1863*

We could hear some really heavy cannon aiding today, but still we get no news that we can rely on, although there are various rumors. I hear nothing more from the regiment as yet, but expect a letter every day.

*Thursday, September 10, 1863*

Went to work and lugged out the beds and help to wash out of the tent, got pretty well tired out before we got through. We hear various rumors today, but none that we can rely on. Eve, played cards just for a change. No mail for me today.

*Friday, September 11, 1863*

Did not feel quite as well lay abed pretty much all day. Gen. Gilmore visited the wounded in the hospital today. A letter from one of the Boys up to Morris Island states that we hold all of Morris Island, and the Stars and Stripes float all the ruins of Sumter. No mail today for me. Wrote a letter to Allie Glover today.

*Saturday, September 12, 1863*

Very warm day. Wrote a letter to my Sister. Received two letters, one from my Sister, and one from Lette. Everything all quiet, no more news.

*Sunday, September 13, 1863*

All quiet. Wrote a letter to Lette. No news of any account today, that we can rely on, but there are various rumors afloat, in regard to this country getting into a war with France. Evening retired early, with a severe headache.

*Monday, September 14, 1863*

Lay abed pretty much all day, with a severe headache. No mail today and nothing new, all quiet on the Potomac.

*Tuesday, September 15, 1863*

Cloudy and some cooler. Played cards pretty much all day. No news everything quiet. A number of the rebel prisoners took the oath of allegiance

today, and were to be sent North on the first Boat. No letters today for me. Evening, played cards again just for a change.

*Wednesday, September 16, 1863*

Cold rainy day. Played cards some. Lay abed some. Read some and so on. No news today, and no mail. Evening, retired early, but cannot sleep very well for the wind blew a perfect hurricane, and the rain beat in pretty bad, almost grounding us out.

*Thursday, September 17, 1863*

Rainy windy day. Lay a bed pretty much all day. Charles Prentice called to see me. No news today, and no mail for me. Evening, had my fortune told by cards.

*Friday, September 18, 1863*

Pleasant day. Everything about the same as usual. No news, and no mail for me yet. Dr. Sample took my name today, for the Invalid Corps, or a discharge or something or other. Evening retired early, but did not rest very well it was so cold.

*Saturday, September 19, 1863*

Cold day. Read pretty much all day. Was paid off today up to the first of September, two months pay. No mail today for me, and no news that we can rely on. Wrote a letter to my Sister.

*Sunday, September 20, 1863*

Another cold day. Wrote some verses for one of the Boys here. No mail today, and no news, all is quiet.

*Monday, September 21, 1863*

Somewhat warmer. Did not feel very smart today lay abed pretty much all day. These Steamer ship Arrago arrived here today from the North, but I have received no letters as yet. Evening, but could not sleep as I had a very severe headache.

*Tuesday, September 22, 1863*

Felt some better, and read pretty much all day. Received a letter from my Sister. All quiet here and lonesome is ever.

*Wednesday, September 23, 1863*

Windy and cool. It is just one year ago today that I enlisted into the 10th C. V. and was sworn into the United States Service. Lay abed pretty much all day. No news today, and no more mail. Evening, played cards

*Thursday, September 24, 1863*

Played cards pretty much all day. Wrote a letter to Bromley. No letters today and no news.

*Friday, September 25, 1863*

Read pretty much all day. Heavy cannonading in heard in the direction of Charleston all day, and through the night. No letters today and no news. Evening, played cards.

*Saturday, September 26, 1863*

Did not feel as well. Lay abed pretty much all day. Received a shot letter from my Sister. No news today, of much account. Evening, played cards as usual.

*Sunday, September 27, 1863*

Pleasant day. We hear today that the Invalid Corps are to be sent North this week. I hope that I am in that Corps, if I can only get out of this climate there is some chance of my getting well. No letters today. Evening, sat and talked about the battles we had been in & etc. Two poor fellows that were sent here from Morris Island, with their Discharges all made out and signed, but were not quite able to go on the last boat, are now lying under this southern soil, they have gone to their long homes, where a great many others have gone in the very same way.

*Monday, September 28, 1863*

Played cards, just to while away the time. No news today of any account & no letters for me. Wrote a letter to my Sister.

*Tuesday, September 29, 1863*

The Steamer Fulton arrived here today from the North, bringing a large mail, but I have received no letters as yet. She brings news that Gen. Rosecrans has been whipped, no other news of any great importance. Evening retired early and had a good night's rest.

*Wednesday, September 30, 1863*

Walked down town today and bought a good, felt pretty tired when I got back. No news of any account today, and no letters for me yet. Evening retired early but I did not rest very well.

*Thursday, October 1, 1863*

Warm day. We have various rumors today in regard to the Invalid Corps going North, And that is all we know about it. No news today of any importance, and no letters from me yet.

*Friday, October 2, 1863*

Had orders to be ready at a moments notice to go on board of the Boat to go North. Wrote a letter to J. S. Gladwin. Evening retired early.

*Saturday, October 3, 1863*

Got up early this morning and was taken on board of the Cosmopolitan and we soon started for the North. The sea was calm as I ever saw it, through the day and night. Slept on deck as it was so warm and close down below that I cannot stand the press. A wounded darkey Soldier died last night.

*Sunday, October 4, 1863*

The sea continued calm through the day and night, and about 3 o'clock this afternoon we passed Cape Hatteras. The darkey Soldier was hove overboard this morning.

*Monday, October 5, 1863*

The sea was pretty rough all day. The Fulton overtook and passed us about noon. At dark we caught up with her, and passed her arriving in New York about two o'clock, some two hours and 20 minutes ahead of her making the trip in sixty three hours. I was so cold that I was obliged to sit up all night in order to keep warm.

*Thursday, October 6, 1863*

Lay on board of the Cosmopolitan all the forenoon and afternoon, was taken off on board of a small Steamer, and taken to the General Hospital, Fort Schuyler New York. It is a very pleasant place, and there is a large number of sick and wounded here. We are attended by a very fine doctor, and one that knows his business.

*Wednesday, October 7, 1863*

Very fine morning. Felt a great deal better. Wrote a letter to my Sister. No news today of any account. Evening, retired early. One man died in this Ward today.

*Thursday, October 8, 1863*

Cloudy and damp. Wrote two letters, one to Sanford, one to J. S. Gladwin. No news today of any account. Another man died in this Ward, this morning. Evening, retired early and had a good night's rest.

*Friday, October 9, 1863*

Pleasant day. Walked around the grounds and took a survey of things. Nothing new today.

*Saturday, October 10, 1863*

Felt pretty bad, lay a bed all day.

*Sunday, October 11, 1863*

Clear and cool. Sat down by seashore and watched the vessels coming in the Harbor. No news today of any account. Evening retired early.

*Monday, October 12, 1863*

Wrote a letter to Allie G. this morning. Went to the S--ters and stand for pretty much all the afternoon. Nothing new today, it is very dull and lonesome here for me.

*Tuesday, October 13, 1863*

Stayed in the Ward pretty much all day. A man died in this Ward today. He belonged in Mass. His wife came down to see him, but he was as far gone as he could not speak to her. No news today of any account, and no letters for me.

*Wednesday, October 14, 1863*

Pleasant day. Wrote two letters, one to my Sister and one to G. N. Sanford. No letters for me as yet. There is no signs of my getting a furlough to go home a few days, as yet. It is very dull, and lonesome here.

*Thursday, October 15, 1863*

Warm and pleasant. Played cards, just for amusement. Another Man died in the Ward today. No letters for me today. Evening, played whist.

*Friday, October 16, 1863*

Rainy day. Staid in the ward all day. Received a letter from my Sister today. Everything all quiet as usual. One of the ladies that come in here today, made me a present of a nice Red Woolen Shirt and a white Pocket Handkerchief.

*Saturday, October 17, 1863*

Wrote a letter to my Sister. J Harrison came down here after me to go home, but he could get no furlough for me today, but I shall probably get one next

week. Evening, played Euchre. Some of the men have been examined today and are to be sent in the Invalid Corps, and some are to be sent to their Regts, and some are to be discharged. No news today of any account from the Seat of War.

*Sunday, October 18, 1863*

All quiet. no news of any account. Staid in the Ward pretty much all day. Evening, retired early, and had pleasant dreams of home, and friends.

*Monday, October 19, 1863*

Cloudy and somewhat showery. This Staid in the Ward pretty much all day and played Euchre. No news today and no letters for me. Evening, retired early, but did not rest very well it was so cold.

*Tuesday October 20 1863*

Pleasant day. Had a letter from J. L. Harrison telling me that he could get me no furlough, but would try and get me transferred to the New Haven Hospital. Wrote two letters, one to my Sister and one to J. L. H. A fellow by the name of Stone, went home on a furlough today, which was got by the influence of his Mother. Various rumors today but none that we can rely on.

*Wednesday, October 21, 1863*

Another man died in the Ward this morning. Nothing new today. Received a letter from my Sister, which I answered this afternoon. Evening played Euchre.

*Thursday, October 22, 1863*

Pleasant day. Played Euchre all this forenoon. Afternoon sat out in the Piazza and watched the fashions. Evening retired early.

All is quiet and dull as ever.

*Friday, October 23, 1863*

Staid in the Ward pretty much all day. Received 5 letters today, two from my Sister, two from Allie Glover, and one from J. S. Gladwin. Wrote three letters one to Gladwin, one to Allie G. and one to Bertha. Evening, retired early.

*Saturday, October 24, 1863*

Rainy day. Played Euchre In the forenoon. Another man died in this Ward today. Received a letter today from Adams Express Company. Nothing new today of any account.

*Sunday, October 25, 1863*

Windy and cold day. Staid in the Ward all day. Wrote two letters, one to Adams Express Company, and one to my Sister. Another man died in this Ward today. Evening, retired early.

*Monday, October 26, 1863*

Cold day. Played Euchre in the forenoon. Received a letter today from my Sister. No news today of any account. Evening, told stories and passed off the evening very pleasantly.

*Tuesday, October 27, 1863*

Played Euchre some, and done some writing for Dr. Smith. Received a letter from my Sister, nothing new today. Evening retired early as usual. There is some chance of the New England men being sent to their own states.

*Wednesday, October 28, 1863*

Another man died in this ward today. Played Euchre some, and wrote some. A squad of Men were sent off to their Regts. today. No news of any account today.

*Thursday, October 29, 1863*

A squad of nearly 200 were sent to D--ids Island to day. Received a letter from Allie Glover, and I consequently sat right down and answered it. Nothing new today in regard to the War. Evening, played Euchre.

*Friday, October 30, 1863*

Cloudy and damp. Received two letters, one from Sanford and one from my Sister. Nothing new today. Evening, played Euchre.

*Saturday, October 31, 1863*

Was mustered in today for two months pay. Received a letter today from Sanford. Played Euchre in the afternoon and evening. A large squad of the New York men went home on a furlough today.

*Sunday, November 1, 1863*

Very pleasant day. Staid in the Ward ready much all day. Nothing new today. Evening retired early. The Companies of the Invalid Corps 2<sup>nd</sup> Bat. came here today to do guard duty etc.

*Monday, November 2, 1863*

Staid in the Ward pretty much all day. Nothing new to day. Evening, played Euchre.

*Thursday, November 3, 1863*

The New England men were sent to Portsmouth Grove today, all except the Conn. men which will probably be sent to New Haven in a few days. Received a letter from my Sister, and I consequently wrote one in return. Evening, had quite a nice little time singing.

*Wednesday, November 4, 1863*

Went up in the Fort just for a walk. Nothing new today. Evening retired early.

*Thursday, November 5, 1863*

Staid in the Ward pretty much all day. Received a letter from Allie Glover. Evening retired early as usual.

*Friday, November 6, 1863*

Got a pass pass for 24 hours. Went down to the City, and took the cars for New Haven, arrived there about 3 o'clock P. M. Hired a team and called around and got Allie G. and went out home. It was quite a surprise to them all, and I had a very pleasant time as a number of my friends called in and spent the evening.

*Saturday, November 7, 1863*

Went back to New Haven this morning, and took the cars for New York, arrived there in time to take the Boat up here to the old capital, a tired out and used up man. Evening retired very early.

*Sunday, November 8, 1863*

Stayed in the ward all day. Wrote three letters one to my Sister, one to Allie Glover, one to birth the. No news today. Evening, went to meeting.

*Monday, November 9, 1863*

Windy and cold. Good news today great union victory. Wrote a letter to Lucy. Evening, retired early. Another squad of men were sent to their Regts. today.

*Tuesday, November 10, 1863*

Cold day stayed in the Ward all day. No news today of any account. Evening retired early

*Wednesday, November 11, 1863*

Staid in the Ward pretty much all day. Nothing new today. Evening, some of the boys had a debating meeting out in the dining room, but it was not my kind, so I retired.

*Thursday, November 12, 1863*

Pleasant day, sat out in the Corridor and viewed the scenery, round about the Me. Dougal, Hosp. Wrote a letter today to Allie G. No news today, everything quiet. Evening, retired early

*Friday, November 13, 1863*

Walked around the Grounds several times, and felt pretty uneasy all day. Received a letter from my Sister. No news of any account today. Everything as dull as ever. Evening, told stories, and had quite a pleasant little time.

*Saturday, November 14, 1863*

When over in the Fort and went up on the Parapet, and saw the big Guns etc. Wrote a letter to my Sister. No news today, it is very dull, and lonesome here. Evening, retired early.

*Sunday, November 15, 1863*

Damp, rainy, day. Staid in the ward all day. Wrote a letter to Lette. Some of the furloughed men came back today. Some prospect of getting paid off this week, but I see no sign yet of being transferred.

*Monday, November 16, 1863*

Cloudy and damp. Stayed in the Ward all day, and read. A squad of Penn. men were sent to their own State today. Evening retired early, as usual

*Tuesday, November 17, 1863*

Rainy day. Staid in the Ward all day. Received two letters, one from my Sister, one from Allie G. Answered them both. Nothing new today. Evening, had quite a little time bothering one of the nurses.

*Wednesday, November 18, 1863*

Cloudy and damp. Stayed in the ward pretty much all day and I had some.

*Thursday, November 19, 1863*

Very pleasant day. Stayed in the ward nearly all day, and read. No news today, evening, played on the violin, a little while, just for amusement.

*Friday, November 20, 1863*

Got a pass and went to the Williams Bridge Station, and took the cars to New Haven, and hired a team and went out home. Had quite a fine little visit.

*Saturday, November 21, 1863*

Went into New Haven this morning, got there too late for the 10 o'clock and was obliged to wait until 2 o'clock. I saw Col. Otes, and Elizur Smith. Arrived at Fort Schuyler about 7 o'clock this evening. It has been a very rainy uncomfortable day. Rec'd three letters this evening, one from my Sister, one from Lucy, and one from Winthrop.

*Sunday, November 22, 1863,*

Pleasant day wrote two letters one to my Sister, and one to Lou. Nothing new today. Evening retired early.

*Monday, November 23, 1863*

Clear and cool. Staid in the Ward pretty much all day. Wrote two letters, one to Winthrop and one to Nette. No news today of any account. Evening, retired early.

*Tuesday, November 24, 1863*

Rainy day. Staid in the Ward nearly all day. Rec'd two letters, One from Bertha and one from my Sister. Wrote a letter to Bertha. Evening, retired early

*Wednesday, November 25, 1863*

Pleasant day staid in the Ward pretty much all day, and read. No news today of any account. Evening, read a very interesting book. Done some writing today for Dr. Smith.

*Thursday, November 26, 1863*

Thanksgiving day. Pleasant. Had a very nice dinner furnished us, by the Citizens around here. There was quite a number of ladies here to -. Evening retired early as usual.

*Friday, November 27, 1863*

Staid in the Ward pretty much all day. Received a letter from Allie G. Wrote two letters, one to my sister, & one to Allie G. I still continues to be a very lonesome place here. Evening, retired early, as usual.

*Saturday, November 28, 1863*

Rainy day. Staid in the ward all day, and read. Evening, Dr. Webster came around examining all of the men. Dr. Smith gave me no chance to speak for myself, but told him that I was all right and the consequence was he marked me for my Regt. I am not much better than I was when I first arrived here. But I suppose that I shall have to take things as they come.

*Sunday, November 29, 1863*

Clear and cool. Staid in the Ward all day, as usual and read. Nothing new today. Evening passed off very well.

*Monday, November 30, 1863*

Cold and squally. Wrote a letter to Allie G. Various rumors afloat today, but none that we can rely on. Went into One. B. in the evening and played the violin, and sung, and had a good time.

*Tuesday, December 1, 1863*

Clear and cold. Staid in the Ward all day, and read. Received three letters. One for my sister, one from Nette, and one from J. S. Gladwin. Evening, some of the Boys came in and we had a very nice little time, singing and playing the Violin etc.

*Wednesday, December 2, 1863*

Staid in the ward all day. Wrote three letters, one to my Sister, one to J. S. G. And one to Nette. Signed the Pay Rolls for the month's pay. Evening, went down in J. B. And played the violin, and sung etc.

*Thursday, December 3, 1863*

Stayed in the Ward all day as usual, and read. Nothing new today. Evening, retired early, as I did not feel very well.

*Friday, December 4, 1863*

Was paid off today, up to the first November, two months pay. Received a letter from my Sister. Sent a letter to the Treasurer of the State for a Family Blank. Evening, told Stories, etc.

*Saturday, December 5, 1863*

Clear and very pleasant. Went around and enjoyed my prison as well as circumstances would permit. Received a letter from Lette. Evening, retired early.

*Sunday, December 6, 1863*

Very cold day. Wrote a letter to Lette. Read pretty much all the rest of the day. Nothing new today. Evening sat over the fire, and told a few stories etc. Very cold night.

*Monday, December 7, 1863*

Stayed in the Ward all day and read. Nothing new today. Evening, retired early.

*Tuesday, December 8, 1863*

Got a pass for 24 hours and went home. At a very nice time, Singing and Dancing etc.

*Wednesday, December 9, 1863*

Came back here to my old prisons, and was ordered to headquarters for being over my pass, but was excused by the Officer of the Day. Evening, retired early, as I feel pretty tired and lame. Received eight letters, two from Bertha, one from Lette, one from Joseph two from Nette, one from Allie & one from my Sister.

*Thursday, December 10, 1863*

Very cold day. Stayed in the ward all day. Wrote two letters, one to Bertha, and one to L. E. G. Nothing new today. Evening retired early.

*Friday, December 11, 1863*

Staid in the Ward all day as usual. Wrote five letters one to my Sister, one to net, One to Hattie and Sarah, one to Col. Harrison, and one to a Book Firm. Received a letter from my Sister,. A large number of the men left here today that have been discharged. Evening, retired early, as usual.

*Saturday, December 12, 1863*

Somewhat warmer. There was about two inches of Snow on the ground this morning. Staid in the ward all day. Wrote a letter to Lucy. Nothing new today evening, retired early.

*Sunday, December 13, 1863*

Rainy day. Staid in the Ward all day and read. No news today. Evening, retired early.

*Monday, December 14, 1863*

Rained until about 2 o'clock, and then cleared off pleasant. Lay abed, as I did not feel well at all. Some more discharged men left here today, for their homes. It is reported that a board of examiners are to be here this week.

*Tuesday, December 15, 1863*

Clear and cool. Staid in the Ward all day. Received three letters, one from my Sister, one from Lou, and one from Lette. As usual I sat down and answered them all. Nothing new today. Evening, retired early.

*Wednesday, December 16, 1863*

Stayed in the ward all day. No news today. Evening retired early.

*Thursday, December 17, 1863*

Rained very hard all day. Was called out this morning to go and change my clothes and get ready to go to my Regt. Afternoon the order was countermanded. I am not much better than I was the first day I came here. Evening, wrote an answer to Hattie's and Sarah's letter, which I received today.

*Friday, December 18, 1863*

Wrote a letter to my Sister in the forenoon. Afternoon left Fort Schuyler and came here to Bedloe Island. It is a mean old place, but it can't be helped. Saw Alf, Russell and George Woodward. Evening retired early, as I did not feel well at all, did not rest very well.

*Saturday, December 19, 1863*

Cold and windy. Wrote two letters to my Sister in the forenoon. Afternoon went on board of the Propeller Constellation, there was such a crowd on board that I bought a berth. Evening started for Hilton Head. Retired early as I felt sick and tired out.

*Sunday, December 20, 1863*

Lay in my bunk all day, as I was sea sick, so much so that I could eat nothing. Not all of the men were sick, some that were had been sea sick before.

*Monday, December 21, 1863*

Felt some better, made out to keep up all day, did not eat much however.

*Tuesday, December 22, 1863*

Sick again. Lay in my bunk all the forenoon. Could not eat scarcely anything. No land in sight yet.

*Wednesday, December 23, 1863*

Played Euchre nearly all day. No land in sight yet. Evening turned in pretty early.

*Thursday, December 24, 1863*

Arrived at Hilton Head about noon. Went on shore and was marched up to the Provost Marshals and sent in an old barn barn and fed with mouldy hard Tack. Evening went on board all of the steamer George Collins and started out about 12 o'clock.

*Friday, December 25, 1863*

Arrived at Fernand in a Florida, about two o'clock this afternoon. It is a very pretty little place, the men are having a big Time here keeping up Christmas. Evening took a ride around the town, with one of the 97th Penn, and went and had supper with him. The Officers are having a big Ball here this evening, no Privates admitted

*Saturday, December 26, 1863*

Went ashore this forenoon but did not stay long. Started out, 4 o'clock this afternoon, it was pretty rough all night. Did not rest very well.

*Sunday, December 27, 1863*

Rained until noon, when the Captain out that he had run by. St. Augustine about forty miles, consequently we were obliged to put about and go back, and we were all obliged to lay off outside of the Bar all night.

*Monday, December 28, 1863*

The Pilot came on board this morning and we got up to the Dock about noon, and I came directly up to Camp. The Lieut. and all of the Boys were very much surprised to see me. Afternoon I got a pass and went downtown. There is quite a number of very nice young Ladies here. It is a very pleasant place

here, and the weather is warm, and such lots of – I never saw the like. Evening, wrote a letter to my sister. And then went downtown for a while.

*Thursday, December 29, 1863*

Very pleasant day. Went down town and started around and saw the fashions. Wrote a letter to – Gardiner. Evening went downtown again, but did not stay long.

*Wednesday, December 30, 1863*

Great excitement. The rebel Calvary, lay in ambush for our – - and their Guard. They killed two or three, and captured 4 of our men. Wrote a letter to Allie G. Went down town in the evening.

*Thursday, December 31, 1863*

Was on Company Fatigue, went out on Drill this morning. Went downtown in the evening and practiced with the Minstrels.

*Transcriber's Notes.*

At the end of the diary are two pages of "MEMORANDA" in which he has added the names and addresses of several men and women. The writing is quite faded and very hard to read but "Allie Glover" can easily be made out.

There are then twelve pages of Monthly "Cash Accounts" in which he has written the income and expenses for each day of each month. Lastly there are ten pages of "Bills Payable" with entries. November and December are missing.