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JOURNAL OF ISRAEL COGSHALL, 1862-1863

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Israel Cogshall, a Methodist minister of Coldwater, Michigan, was appointed a chaplain in the Nineteenth Regiment, Michigan Infantry Volunteer on August 5, 1862, by Governor Austin Blair. From October 24, 1862, to September 9, 1863, he kept a journal. Nowhere in the journal is there a lengthy philosophical discussion or political observation—Chaplain Cogshall was a busy man—but only brief and hurried entries. Nevertheless, the journal is important for there is no regimental history of the Nineteenth Michigan and because of the proximity of the Nineteenth Michigan with the Thirty-third and Eighty-fifth Indiana. Cogshall seems to have adjusted himself to the milieu of military life with great rapidity and to have concentrated his energies on improving the spiritual welfare of the soldiers. If one reads his journal, there can be no doubting but that he carried his spirit of evangelism with him into the war.

The journal was written with pencil in two small leather-bound volumes. In addition to the narrative journal there are many miscellaneous entries: notations of money loaned to the soldiers, expenditures for mess, police details, laundry lists, and random thoughts. Only the chronological account is here published. Cogshall gave little attention to the fine points of grammar. The editor has not attempted to rectify this. But to facilitate reading, spaces have been left between words where punctuation marks should have been placed.

Friday Oct 24 [1862] Bought this day a Saddle & Bridle & Saddle Bags & Regalia for which I gave 20.00. Borrowed for the above purpose of Surgeon W. E. Clarke 10.00. After finishing my business in Cincinnati went over the river to Covington & obtained Lodging at the Drover's Inn. Slept but a troubled sleep think I had to many bedfellows.

Sat Oct 25 paid my bill $1.25. Awful, Awful, for such fair but little & learnt. took care of at 8 O clock & came to Falmouth [Kentucky] at about 11 O clock found the Regt. gone to Cynthiana had left a horse for me got my mail for the Regt & took horse & came through 22½ miles weary & hungry an hour after dark... eat supper & went to bed.

Sunday Oct 26th Found the snow this morning about 4 inches deep ordered to be ready & at 9 O clock the order came to break camp & at 10 were under way & marched to Paris in Butbon Co, got through...
about Sunset. A dreary day & a dreary march. But war knows no Sunday & I fear the soldiers know as little of Justice & right. Some of these men are consummate thieves. Was in the saddle to day from 10 AM till sunset.

Mon 27. Slept cold last night or rather was to cold to sleep this morning broke camp & marched about 4 miles & encamped about 10 A.M. It was said to remain for 2 days but just at evening orders came to get ready to march at 7 A.M. tomorrow so Tuesday Oct 28. Slept comfortable last night broke Camp & came to Lexington & encamped about 3 miles north of the City.

Wednesday Oct 29 remained in camp wrote home to day at eve I went to the city with Col Gilbert & Adj Adams & Surgeon Clarke.

Thursday Oct 30. Went to the city to thence about 2 miles to Ashland the home of departed genious & worth his Son in the rebel army after taking the oath of allegiance & giving bonds for $5000. Now are the mighty fallen. The widow of the great Clay lives in house on the estate. It is a beautiful spot. Sad that it should be deserted & blighted by treason.

Friday Oct 31. Mustered for payment today (The whole Regt) hope to be payed one of these days & went to the city for mail this P.M. Sat Nov 1st. Took charge of the Mess to day for the staff.

Sunday Nov 2d preached at 2 P.M. young man proposed to go to town to buy butter but I looked at the stock on hand & said no Mon Nov 3d. Went to town this morning & did some marketing for the mess bought potatoes, Irish at 75 cts per bush. Sweet at 81. Butter 30 cts per lb. turnips 10 cts per peck. Sent by Dr Bennett for the mail.

Tuesday Nov 4 Hewitt bought 3 chickens for 50 cts at a farm house near by & got a quart of milk.

Wed Nov 5.

Thursday Nov 6. Went to town & returned with mail about 7½ P.M. Friday Nov 7 Gen Baird & Col Coburn2 dined with us today. Sent a telegraphic dispatch to Mrs Capt Brown that her husband was very sick & desired her to come. Sent by Capt Lincoln for the mail Nov 8. Sent by Lieut Ferguson for the mail to day.

Sunday Nov 9th. Wrote this morn to Henry (my brother) a long letter & at 2 P.M. preached from Jas 4.8. Wrote to wife this eve.

Monday 10th.

Wednesday Nov 12. Ordered Nicholasville leave to morrow at 7½ A.M. Quite possibly for winter quarters.

Thurs Nov 13. Broke camp at Lexington at 8 A.M. & reached

Nicholasville at about 3½ P.M. encamped within about 80 rods of the town.

Friday 14. Fixed up a little but advised by the Col net to work to hard at it as we might be called upon to move to 2 or 3 miles for convenience of wood & water.

Sat 15. No move to day & no move expected to morrow a review ordered for 9 A.M. to morrow. Read a letter this P.M. from Bela & wife. Some what out of time this P.M. must have taken a cold. Sweating some high time to be better in the morning.

Sunday 16. Went to church this morning in town heard a very fair sermon from C. D. Pilsbury Chaplain 22 Wis to Dinner with Dr Matthews sup of Cincinnati Con & with Pilsbury preached to my Regt in the church. The church had previously obtained consent & at night preached in the same church to the congregation in the same church after service met unexpectedly John G. Bruce went to Mr Brown & stayed all night with him.

Mon Nov 17. In camp.

Tuesday 18. In camp.

Wed 19.

Dec 1st. Have been in camp since last entry the usual monotony unbroken save by a few camp incidents. Have been having boils on my face & one on my chin. Stayed at my tent 3 weeks. Most of the last week better now. John W Barrett of Co D. died in hospital today. He is said to have enlisted from Leonidas.

Dec 2. Visited the post hospital this morning & tried to find out something in reference to Barrett (Deceased).

Dec 3. John W. Barrett Co D. was buried in Nicholasville Grave Yard this eve at 5 O clock with Military honors. Am to have charge of the Mess for another month.

Thurs Dec 11. Ordered to march for Danville to morrow morn are to go to Camp Dick Robinson to morrow & next day to Danville. Friday Dec 12 broke camp & started at 6 O clock this morning arrived at Camp Dick Robinson at 1 O clock having marched 15 miles. This place is historic & it is said Genl Nelson was very partial to it. Yet it is difficult to see why it possesses no apparent advantages for a military camp above almost any other piece of land either at Nicholasville or Danville.

Dec 13. Broke camp at Dick Robinsons this morning a little before 6 & marched to Danville 7½ miles arrived at about 1 O clock. A.M. got our camp pitched & tents all up when an order came to tear up & remove about ¾ of a mile to the east & a about three fourths of a mile South east of the town. We are now south West of it. We pull up move & pitch our tents again get through at Dark Col & Self go to town in a ambulance to get something to eat over Sunday as to day is Saturday get 4 lbs butter & 35 lbs of beef & 12 loaves of bread get back & get supper about 9 P.M. out of 2 cans of oysters the Col got.

Sunday 14. Went to M.E.C. South little man by the name of Messick is Minister came & asked me. Do you belong to the church? Yes are you a preacher? Yes we are a Methodist. Yes Well then go into the pulpit I went & then was pressed to preach. Did so from...
Matthew 18.20 had a pretty good time went & took dinner with a man by the name of Eads who is resident here & chaplain of a Ky Regt. this eve here Gilmore an Indiana Chaplain preached from 'As for God his Way is Perfect' He preached all over but gave it to us warm.

Thurs 25th Had a sort of Christmas dinner in camp Col furnished the men with oysters & a keg of beer to the company had a good time generally this eve received orders to march to Mumfordsville tomorrow morning on Louisville & Nashville R. R. Start at 6 O clock Friday 26th Broke camp this morning at 6 A.M. During the night our orders have been changed from Mumfordsville to Lebanon commenced to rain about 8 O clock & continued to rain till about 12 M at about 2 PM we encamp on the ground occupied by Buell. During the battle of Perryville everybody has got thoroughly wet but nobody seems very unhappy we have made about half the distance from Danville to Lebanon.

Sat 27th Revell 4 4/1 A.M. breakfast 5:30. While eating it Capt Lupton comes in & informs us that during the night orders have been received to march back to Danville we take up the line of march & at 1 O clock P.M. we are on the ground we left yesterday morning & pitch our tents up on the same spot. but are told privately that we have orders to march to Lebanon tomorrow morning.

Sun 28th Genl Baird does not intend to move today if he can help it & we do not move went to church this eve heard a fair sermon on the Judgment from Rev Mr Eads a Ky Chaplain return to Camp & found we have orders to march to Lebanon tomorrow morning.

Mon 29th Revell at 4 30 AM ordered to move at 7 AM at 5 30 AM ordered not to go but 22 Wis & 33 Ind are to go forward Rebel Cavalry reported to be moving on Harrodsburg.

Tues 30th Quiet during the night except that the 33 Ind & 22 Wis are ordered back to Danville when they are within 5 miles of Lebanon the[y] remove their tents about 3 miles when this last order is countermanded & they are faced about & again started for Lebanon 10 P.M. 9000 Rebels said to be within 12 miles of this place have just gone to bed & get up & dress & think it hardly prudent to Sleep with clothes off.

Feb 2 1863 Left Louisville at 3 PM on Steamer Ohio No. 3 for Nashville Growing cold.

Feb 3 Very cold The men on the guards of the boat must have slept cold last night today we stopped Evansville for boat supplies we also laid in a barrel of hams & some potatoes for the mess At Midnight reached Smithland—The mouth of the Cumberland

*Sometime in January, 1863, the Nineteenth Michigan, Thirty-third Indiana, and the Eighty-Fifth Indiana along with seventeen other infantry divisions had been ordered to Nashville to support Major General W. S. Rosecran. The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records . . ., Series 1, XX, parts 2, pp. 342-343.

*There were forty-four transports, six gunboats, and a number of barges in the fleet transporting the soldiers to Nashville. John R. McBride, History of the Thirty-Third Indiana Veteran Volunteer Infantry . . . (Indianapolis, Indiana, 1900), 72.

Feb 4 Left Smithland slowly we took the Cumberland & found the enemy to hurry forward as the Rebels had attacked Fort Donelson & fighting was going on there. Reached Fort Donelson about 4 P.M. & found that there had been a fight here yesterday. 6000 Rebels had attacked the place on every side or on three sides at the same time. They were pressing our little force sharply when the Gunboats arrived just in time to save the place the Rebels retreated they took one Gun but left about 150 dead 150 prisoners behind them we lost 14 Killed & about 40 wounded.

Feb 5 Went ashore this morning to see the battle field of day before yesterday a number of dead horses are lying around they are burying the last of the dead today 113 were buried yesterday this morning 18 more were more were found one Rebel Col was killed & one is said to day to have been taken prisoner The Col killed in the battle was McNair or Neary he was buried this morning I did not see the burial. We are lying here waiting for Orders they may come to day they may come tomorrow or next day we can only wait Yesterday was pressed by the Col to accept a Capt's commission & take Co D (Brown) resigned on account of sickness & after careful deliberation I declined the place. Up to this time we are to pay 12/- per day for our fare on this boat. Hereafter we Breakfast at 9 AM & Dine at 3 P.M. & pay a dollar per day.

Feb 6 This morning still lying at Fort Donelson at Breakfast received orders to be ready at 10 1/2 AM got under way for the purpose of getting in position. The whole fleet is to proceed convoyed by the Gunboats. We are to be 5 in No. Last night rumor said that the enemy were fortifying 11 miles above Fort Donelson if so we shall stir them up to day.

Feb 7 No Enemy was seen yesterday we ran slowly up the river all night This morning passed Clarksville & at 5 PM arrived at Nashville Here I got a mail—large number of letters but No papers Nashville looks old & deserted nothing seen but Soldiers & a few citizenry small tradesmen.

Feb 8 Today we were remained on the boat the day being occupied in getting the wagons on shore & loading them & as the wagons were all taken to pieces they had to be put together This was the sabbath but Oh how little of its sanctities were seen around us as all was hurry & confusion we had no religious services of any kind.

Feb 9 Went on shore this morn & marched out 3 miles on the Franklin pike & encamped got into camp about noon on a fine piece of rolling ground east of the pike belonging to a rebel Dr & immediately in front of Mrs Brown widow of the late A. V. Brown P.M.G. under


*Colonel F. N. McNairy.
Indiana Magazine of History

Buchanan she is rebel but being alone she has a safe guard from Rosecrans & had from Buel & Negley

Feb 10 Quietly in Camp to day Adams came to Col Quarter to night sick & remains there [over] night

Feb 11 Adams in our Camp to day sick Men had battalion drill this P.M.

Feb 12 To day quietly in camp got very little mail for Regt & have heard nothing from home for several days Thoat a little sore to night Have been much exercised in mind for several days about the increase of card playing cannot expect to stop the men while officers openly play daily I pray for wisdom & grace Oh my Father teach what I ought to do & give me strength to do it

Feb 13 Thoat still some sore was better this morning but worse again to night I hope it will be nothing serious Have heard nothing from my family yet & we get very little mail for the Regt this evening wrote a letter to Ben Green to his wife & afterwards read a chapter from the Bible & prayed with him he seems to be very penitent & earnestly desires to be a christian & I felt happy while I prayed for him & was able to ask pardon for him with much confidence Oh for a revival of piety among these so many of whom are to find a tomb among Strangers

Feb 14 Went to town today with an escort to bury Geo Benedict but found no grave dug & had to deposit the body in the dead house & leave it

Sunday Feb 15 To day sent to town & got the body of Benedict & buried it in a fine grave adjoining our camp spoke to the boys a few minutes perhaps a few will remember

Monday Feb 16th Camp

Tuesday Feb 17th

Wednesday 18th To day was taken sick went into breakfast but experienced such a leaching for food that I was compelled immediately to retire I know nothing what occurred the balance of this day except that towards night they brought me a letter from my wife

Thursday 19th To day a little better the Doctor thinks it a violent attack of Typho Malarial fever this evening feel much better

Friday 20th To day much better so that I am up & packed up my things as we have orders to move to Brentwood tomorrow about 10 miles from Nashville

Sat. Feb 21st Broke camp at 7.30 A.M. & at 8 were under way found the road good & at about 10 45 A.M reached Brentwood which is said to be a sort of run way for Guerillas so that we are really as much exposed here as in the front I have stood the [march] much better than I expected Thanks to a kind providence I am not greatly wearied nor do I feel worse than this morning though the Doctors evidently thought it imprudent for me to come So true it is He shall cov thee with feathers & under his wings shall thou trust

Sunday Feb 22 Feel very comfortable this morning & upon whole have had a very comfortable day We have remained Quiet in Camp at Brentwood The day has not been very cold though cloudy Some pillaging began this morning which was promptly punished & I think we shall have no more trouble on that score at present

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Monday Feb 23 Quite Cold last night Slept tolerably last night but am not as well this morning

Tuesday Feb 24th Not quite as well to day took a dose of Quinine & slept for several hours & this evening felt better bowels still out of order

Wednesday Feb 25 Better this morning hope now to get along at once commenced raining at 11 A.M.

Friday Feb 27 Felt better this morning but not so well this eve had a floor put in our tent to day which makes us more comfortable fine day to day mud drying up rapidly

Sat Feb 28th Went to bed last night with much Distress in my bowels Took a dose of Quinine & some pills & tried to sleep for a 2d time dropped to sleep about half past ten & slept heavily till this morning much alarmed to see an existed last night two companies were marched out to support the picketts from our Regt & another placed as a Special guard in the rear of our camp. Rebel cavalry were all around us fell quite as well as I expected this morning This being the last day of Feb is the regular muster-day We muster at 11 0 clock A.M. rainy again to day rained a little this fore noon & this eve had a heavy shower Took some camphor to alleviate the pain in my bowels (& found it operates finely this evening took some more with the same good effect) Were ordered this eve to be ready to march at a minutes warning night or day to support Genil Gilbert who is expecting an attack at Franklin 9 miles distant buried Postman Co K. to day in the ground beside our camp

Sunday March 1st A very fine morning clear with a bracing atmosphere cool but not cold or uncomfortable Had no service today the ground to wet to stand & the camp too could not cool for the men to stand & drink & the camp for them to sit. This evening the Col offered the use of his tent for a prayer meeting which I accepted & we had a good prayer meeting from 7 to 8 P.M

Monday Mar 2 A pleasant day all things move as usual until 2.30 P.M when we received orders to move in 30 minutes to support Geni Gilbert at Franklin get under weigh in an hour & at 7.45 P.M arrive'd at the camping ground in sight of Franklin Pitch tents get supper & to bed at 12 M

Tuesday Mar 3 Awoke at 6 A.M. but Dropped to sleep again & slept till 7 A.M. shall not fix up our camp much here as we are to move to a new camping ground to morrow morning cannot learn any thing definite about a skirmish said to have occurred here yesterday This eve at 11 P.M were ordered to be ready to march early 8 o clock AM to morrow to Spring Hill & thence to Hauley Springs [Raleigh Springs] there to communicate with a party sent out from Murfreesboro take 4 days rations 2 in haversacks & 2 in waggons only 4 tents to be allowed to a Co including one for officers & 2 tents for staff allowed only 4 teams for all our traps but all the waggons but one to go for forage

*Charles C. Gilbert was the commander of the forces at Franklin. The War of Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records . . ., Series 1, XXIII, part 1, p. 73.
Wednesday Mar 4tI Revellie at 5 A.M. Got under way at 8 A.M., but did not get across the Pontoo, till near 10 3 miles out we encountered the rebel cavalry no means of knowing how many of them about 11 A.M. We had one battery 6 guns 18th Ohio Capt Aylesh) Infantry were formed in line of battle & the battery commenced firing Rebels advanced to within 80 rods of our guns when they retreated about 45 minutes our large train of 80 wagons were started back & went back to Franklin or within a short distance of it a courier was sent back for special instruction he returned with instructions that if the waggon train was in the way to send it back but to go ahead. All the wagons except 4 & 2 regiments were back & about 4 o clock we proceeded we advanced about a mile over a hill & again drove the rebel pickets it being now almost sunset we encamped for the night on the ground occupied by the enemy when we first encountered them this morning planting our batteries on the hill occupied by theirs we had one man Corporal Coshun of Co F wounded in thigh we found 10 of the enemy's dead So said Adj Adams Our force consisted of the 33rd & 85th Ind 19th & 22 Wis The 124 Ohio 18 Ohio Bat & About 600 cavalry consisting of parts of the 9 Penn & 2nd Mich

Thursday Mar 5t During the night Col Coburn sent back for a fresh supply of ammunition for the artillery as we were nearly out got near but 200 additional cavalry came up got into line of March at 4 o clock A.M. & advanced cautiously Soon Drove in their pickets & skirmished for about 2 miles when the enemy's artillery opened upon our battery turned about & commence a backward movement this was soon stopped & they ordered into position on a hill The Infantry were ordered up for a support the 19th & 22 Wis on our left & the 33 & 85 Ind on the right the 124 Ohio were left to guard the train Soon afterward a movement was discovered on a hill about a half mile to our left & rear which was soon explained by a shell from a gun which the rebels had planted there soon afterwards our battery having exhausted their ammunition commenced a retreat the 33 & 85 had been engaged at Musksery range for about 30 minutes & it was evident they were having a warm time Just as our artillery fell back a column advanced & attacked the 19th & 22 Wis they were surrounded & it was feared entirely cut of or taken prisoners with the exception of about 150 of the 22d Wis who fell back along the pike & made their escape the 33d & 85 Ind are almost all missing Nothing definite can be learned tonight of the fate of Col Coburn Col Gilbert Col Baird Lt Col Crane Major Shafter or Maj Craig & most of the line officers of these 4 Regts. This has been a sad day for for us I feel crushed & stunned I can hardly think we were pursued nearly to Franklin (within about 3/4 miles Tomorrow if possible we shall go out with a flag of truce & bury our dead & bring off such of such of our wounded as may still be alive.

The engagement here described was that of Thompson's Station.

Losses were heavy in this battle. The Nineteenth Michigan had 29 killed, 22 wounded, and 345 captured or missing. The Thirty-third Indiana had 13 killed, 85 wounded, and 407 captured or missing. The Eighty-Five Indiana had 8 killed, 25 wounded, and 251 missing or missing Union soldiers was 1,446. Ibid
we should undoubtedly have heard the artillery if one had occurred. In consequence of the rain we kept quiet in camp to day & for the most part in text.

Wednesday March 11th This morning Capt Bassett received a letter from Adjunt Adams that the enemy had fallen back from Spring Hill in such a hurry as to leave 13 of our wounded boys whom they paroled & left & that I had better come to Franklin at once. Went to Franklin but learned little more than was known before except that Col & Major visited the wounded after the battle & were uninjured. Made arrangement to go tomorrow and exhume the dead & try & identify them & returned to camp.

Thursday March 12 Started this morning at 4.45 A.M. for Franklin to go to the little field left Franklin at 8 A.M. arrived at the battle field 9 45 A.M. disinterred 25 bodies in one pit. None of them could be identified as 19th men 3 or 4 33 & as many 85 Ind were identified & afterwards 5 were found in another place one of which [name omitted]. Co C. from Batavia was identified returned to camp exceedingly weary. Rec'd 4 letters from wife to night. Fair day.

Friday March 13 Am tired & sore to day have Diarrhea & generally feel out of time with some head ache to night Capt. B. [Bassett] had the men called out they came without guns perhaps 40 not more than 50 certainly they paid very little attention to the call to turn out Fair day.

Saturday Mar 14th To day Capt Doffies Son [Malcolm] received a letter from his father dated Shelbyville Tenn. March 9th Saying that our boys were there & paroled & to be sent north in a few days. Fair day. This little letter gives the gloom a little Adams came up to see us to day from Franklin he finds us very much demoralized. Capt B has as little control as ever over the men.

Sunday March 15 In camp to day & in some distress from an attack of diarrhoea have kept very still having been in bed or on it most of the day have been falling off in flesh from these continuous attacks of this disease. If they continue shall be compelled by a sense of duty to my family to offer my resignation. Wind south to day & looking like rain.

Monday March 16th Better to day Diarrhoea checked but feel somewhat languid another Fair day ground drying up, Saw Elder leaves to day which were out of bud & peach trees on which the blossoms were bursting through the bud & were visible, Adams returned to his Regt to day. This eve rode out with him & Capt Bassett to see whether there ought be any change in the picket stations.

Tuesday March 17 Another fair day indeed So warm that coats were burdensome in the Middle of the day. Matters here are far from going to my liking we have very little Subordination. If matters do not change we shall become a laughing stock. When I look at things as they are & remember what this fine Regt once was I am sick.

Wednesday March 18th Fair this morning but towards noon it began to cloud up & indicated rain. This P.M. it occasionally rains a few drops. Everything about camp just as usual men shooting when they please despite positive orders from Div Hd Quarters & the men riding the mules about when & where they please. The All Wise only knows when there will be a change.

Thursday March 19th everything as yesterday. Adams went to Nashville yesterday & does not return to day—Fair day again.

Friday March 20 Another fine day Adams came back to day about noon—No change in our affairs.

Saturday March 21st Fine day. Turner received orders to day to turn over 5 teams to Div Q.M. a strong disposition to set at naught Capt Bs authority to day & he falter & is afraid to meet the case & punish him. Oh for better things.

Sunday March 22d Cloudy this morning looks & feels like rain.

Monday March 23 In Camp

Tuesday Mar 24 In Camp

Wednesday Mar 25 Taken prisoner this morning about 8 A.M. & marched rapidly off.

Thursday Mar 26th At 3 A.M. were permitted two hours rest while the boys improved. At 5 A.M. were aroused from our heavy sleep on the ground by the order into line. Arrived Mar 27th Left Williamport & at about 9 A.M. for Columbia.

Saturday March 28th Was exceedingly weary last night but am much better than I expected this morning. Some rain during the night & cloudy but warm this morning. Quietly to day at the Nelson Hotel & enjoyed the rest.

Sunday Mar 29th Cold & cloudy this morning. So that a fire is very comfortable we probably leave Columbia this morning or to at farthest for Shelbyville were told yesterday that we should start at 1 P.M. & near 3 P.M. came 8 miles north to Town Lorman [Lorman, Tenn.] & camped at dusk. Slept about 2 hours found it cold.

Monday Mar 30th Rations issued to the men this morning. Started at 8.30 A.M. Men marched well. Cold & Cloudy with occasionally some sleet or hail. Marched over a considerable barren rocky cedar hill mere ledges of rocks came to Farmington at about 3 P.M. & camped the men in the cedar brush. The Staff officers in an old house but much better than in the Storm. Dr Bennett was permitted to go out & hunt us some supper got a good Supper.

Tuesday Mar 31st Slept comfortably last night. Awoke at 3 A.M. got up at Daybreak got breakfast at the same place as at which we supped. Marched 18 miles & camped 3 miles east of Shelbyville.

Wednesday April 1st Slept badly last night from cold. Got up at 4 A.M. got breakfast & Started soon after Sunrise & reached Tullahoma about 2 P.M. Went to the Adj Gen's office with Surgeon Chaplin. Pillsbury were told that Chaplains would be unconditionally released. Surgeons would be released. Some Citizens who were along were to be treated as prisoners of war. Just evening they came & gave the chaplains the liberty of the town which we improved by going out & getting a good supper at a Mrs Nortons.

Thursday April 2 Arose at 4 A.M. went over to Mrs Nortons & got breakfast after which the Inspector Genl gave us (that Pillsbury & self) an unconditional release & transportation to Vicksburg the Balance of men & officers except Surgeons were sent to Chata-
nooga at 7 A.M. we left 9 A.M. on passenger train passed Deced at 9:30 passed a mountainous country & arrived at Chattanooga at 4 P.M. left in 30 minutes for Atlanta were we arrived at Atlanta at 2:30 A.M.

Friday Apr 3 Left Atlanta at 5:30 A.M. for West Point [Georgia] this road has fine cars which I improved by Sleeping & hence saw little of the country In general it appeared a pleasant Section Came to Montgomery [Alabama] at 7 P.M. & went to Hotel expecting to Stay all night There learned that we must go by Boat to Selma. Took a hack & hurried to the levee where we arrived Just in time took berths at $3.00 each got Supper & went to bed

Saturday Apr 4th Reached Selma at 6 1/2 A.M. & went immediately to the cars left Selma at 7:40 A.M. & reached Demopolis at 10:30 here we took boat 4 or 5 miles down the river (Tombigbee) to McDowela Landing got a good Dinner & in about an hour reached the landing where took cars again for Meridian [Mississippi] arrived at 5 P.M. & found no train for Vicksburg till 7 A.M. tomorrow went to the Burton House & obtained Supper & room & went to bed had a poor rest was to weary & nervous to Sleep Soundly not much town & not quite as good accommodation as might be found in many places

Sunday April 5th Breakfasted & went to the train & left a few minutes past 7 A.M for Vicksburg God Speed us on in his mercy I feel doubly bound to go to Vicksburg as soon as the thing can be done. We have no business in the South now but to get out of it as soon as possible. Came to Jackson between 5 & 6 & left a few minutes after 6:30 arrived at Vicksburg 11:45 P.M. Went to the Washington Hotel took a room & went to bed weary enough

Monday Apr 6 Took breakfast at 7:30 A.M & went to the provost Marshalls office & reported to him. He directed us to Maj Watts office as he (W.) had charge of all matters of exchange. The Major informed us he would deliver us to Genl Sherman tomorrow. Meanwhile we were to be sent to the Hotel & would be confined to our room. We were accordingly taken back to the Station where we spent the night & assigned a room & they left us to our honor to Stay there our meals are sent to our room. Rested well to day & went to bed early.

Tuesday Apr 7th Arose at 5:45 A.M had breakfast 7:30 & are ready to go if it pleases the Confederate authorities to Send us within the federal lines. The orderly appeared at a little after 8 & requested us to be ready & a little before 9 we started went about a mile up the river to their water batteries. Where we were taken in boat manned by Six oarsmen rowed about 4 miles when the Steamer Odd fellow came down & took as aboard & we were after 14 days again [in] the protection of the Stars & Stripes. Steamed back up to the fleet & met Genl Grant whose head Qrs are at Millikens bend 25 miles above Vicksburg but who was down to the fleet to day Gen Grant issued a Special order directing us to proceed to our respective homes & report to Gen Rosecrans & Col Hoffman Sup of exchanged prisoners at Washington D.C. any information we might have & for orders & directing the Q.M.S Department to furnish the necessary transporta-

tion Went [to] the Qu M got transportation to Memphis & went on board the Steamer Magnolia & little before Sundown Started up the Mississippi got supper, a berth & went to bed

Wednesday Apr 8th Had a poor nights rest rose a little before Six & went out on Deck Slept an hour after dinner read a little in Harpers Monthly & retired at about 10 P.M. boat expected to reach Memphis tomorrow morning.

Thursday Apr 9th Rested Better last night rose at 6:30 A.M washed took an airing on Deck before breakfast which comes of on the boat a little after 7 A.M. Reached Memphis about 20 A.M. where we shall probably be detained till near night. Went to the transportation office & got transportation to Cairo & then to the provost Marshalls office & got our passes bought Chicago papers of the 7th & went on board again. Memphis is pleasantly situated on a high bluff the first we have seen since we left Vicksburg both shores between being low most of the way requiring a levee to prevent over flow there are many deserted & burned plantations Some with levees cut & the plantations mostly under water. left Memphis at 7 P.M. took Supper & retired at 9:30

Friday April 10th Slept better last night than Since I have been on the boat. My room previously had been directly over the engine. Yesterday was assigned a new one in the ladies Cabin had less noise less Jar & Shake. rose at 6. Breakfasted a little after 7 Made New Madrid at 12 M & left Island No 10 at 2 P.M. expect to reach Cairo at 8 or 9 this eve. Arrived at Cairo at 7:45 PM procured transportation & went to the R.E. Station to await the train at 8:30 AM to morrow.

Saturday Apr 11th Slept none last night did not even lay down at 3 A.M. got tickets & took seats in the cars left at 3:30 took breakfast at Centralia at 3 A.M 114 miles from Cairo took dinner at Urbanna between 3 & 4 arrived at Chicago at 9:30 P.M. parted here with Chaplain Pillsbury & went immediately to Mich Southern Depot & learned that no train left to night but that a Stock train would leave to morrow at 10 A.M. Went back to the Sherman House & took a room & went to bed.

Sunday Apr 12 Slept till near 8 this morning took breakfast & went immediately to the Southern Freight Depot & from there to the Stock Yard where at 10 I took a Stock train with the prospect of getting home at Midnight.

Monday April 15 one A.M. home & found the family all well not having heard anything of my whereabouts since the capture on the 25 of March.

Monday May 4th have been at home for past 3 weeks. Received orders last Tuesday to Report at Camp Chase Ohio & left at 1:10 PM to day arrived in Detroit at 6:20 Supper at the Franklin called on Col Howard U.S.A. paymaster to see about pay but could get nothing out of money went round to Woodard Avenue Church & saw Arnold went to his house & stayed the night.

Tuesday May 5 Went this morning to Capt Lee's office & got my transportation Via Cleveland Steamer. C.C.C.R. To Columbus very rainy spent the day with Arnold & took Steamer May Queen at 8 P.M.
Very dark did not start till after 9.30 when I went to bed left some time in the night.

Wednesday May 6th Arose at 6 A.M. lake a little rough came to anchor soon after in Pigeon Bay Breakfast about 7 I left anchorage at 5 P.M. went a little distance found it very rough. Shipped a heavy sea which injured the boat & turned back to Malden where we arrived at 9.30 P.M. At 11 Signaled the Steamer Morning Star & were all transferred to that Steamer & at 12.30 were off for Cleveland

Thursday May 7th Reached Cleveland at 8 A.M. & went to the American house to await the train at 2.15 PM being to late for the morning train got breakfast at a little after 9 A.M. At 1.40 PM left Hotel & went to Depot. The telegraph brings had news from Hooper's Army God pity us if the Army of the Potomac is always to be beaten by the rebels.

June 8th 1863 Left Camp Chase at 1 O clock P.M. came to Columbus where the men were paid 4 months pay & then took cars for Cincinnati at 7 45 P.M. reached Cincinnati a little after 2 A.M. & went immediately to the boat Shenango left Cincinnati about 6 A.M. & arrived at Louisville about 7 p.m. Men went to Barracks & officers to Hotels. Col Adj Lt Col & self at Galt House.

Wednesday June 10th Brought Kettle & some traps in all 14 70 Some Dried Beef 33 1/2 lbs 6 50 & a Quarter before 7 P.M. Started L&N R.R. & at 7 30 PM where off for Nashville Several of the Captains Some Lieuts & 20 or 35 privates were left behind as the train started without giving any warning.

Thursday June 11th Are running slowly this morning get no breakfast & shall get nothing to eat till we get to Nashville which we shall not reach till 3 or 4 P.M. reached Nashville at 2.30 P.M. & went to the Commercial Hotel First Class in nothing but its charge.

Friday June 12th Left the Hotel to day after dinner & went to camp near the Penitentiary got our supper spread blankets on the ground & lay down.

Saturday June 13th Enjoyed a fine nights sleep on the ground. Had a call to day from the Rev G. S. Brown formerly of Mich Conf Chaplain of the 86th Ill Regt Saw yesterday Bro Curtis of the Detroit conf chaplain of the 18th Mich. The Regt (ours) are drawing clothing, arms & camp equipage. Made arrangements to preach to morrow in a new building about 30 yds from camp had a short prayer meeting there this evening.

Sunday June 14th Preaching this morning at 11 A.M. & at 5 P.M a meeting to organize a camp church 14 gave their names. Was to have preached in a church this eve Brown was to pilot me but we missed one another I went to the Chattanooga Station & waited till 8 P.M & as Brown did not come I returned to camp.

Monday June 15th In camp to day except going to town getting mail & getting some express arriving there one box sent by the ladies of plainwell containing Hospital stores which I requested to see at my discretion as our hospital had nothing in the line of dried fruits I turned over most of it to the hospital & kept for personal distribution so much as I could carry.
the front by the Shelbyville pike to Morrow at 5 A.M. Spent the evening in packing up & writing to my wife retired near 12 o clock.

Sunday 28th Revillée at 3 A.M. called the cook rose soon after Breakfast a little after 4. Started at 6 Saw Bro Patterson of Michigan Conf as we passed through Murfreesboro. When 2 or 3 miles out Stopped to let the 5th & 6th Ky Cav pass & for the other Infantry Regts (78th I11 & 33 Ind) to come up. God defend us this day Roane a little after 8 A.M. Resumed the march at 20 minutes after 8 & came to end of this days march about 1 O clock P.M. (10 miles from Murfreesboro) Went into Camp Genl. Beard returned from the front soon after & called at our head Quarters. Just evening Gen Granger with his force encamped for the night. Rain again most of this days march but a bright afternoon. Went to bed about 9 30 P.M.

Monday June 29th Bright this morning but raining again before noon. It has rained more or less every day & night for the past 7 ordered to march at 2 P.M. or rather we received the order at 2 P.M. to march immediately to Shelbyville. 50 men were detailed to take prisoners & horses to Murfreesboro 3 P.M. we are having a heavy shower. All ready to start left at 1 P.M. & reached Guys Gap & went into camp. Col. G. [Gilbert] took quarters in a house I with him.

Tuesday June 30th Remained Quiet to day a little rain this P.M.

Wednesday July 1st Bright & warm this morning wrote to wife & figured up the mess a/ for the past month. Found the expense of living independent of the expense of mess furniture to be $2.05 per week. Not very costly.

Thursday July 2d Remained Quiet to day. P.M. received orders to order 50 men to get out for the R.R. which is to be put in running order to Shelbyville. Last night read a dispatch that the Rebs were evacuating Tullahoma & orders to send off all the cavalry now here & Shelbyville to go in pursuit of the flying foe. No rain to day but very warm oppressively so, retired at 9.30 P.M.

Friday July 3d Heavy shower again this morning. Rained most of the forenoon no news from home since the 16th of last month expect a mail to day. Have had no Regt mail since the 23d of June. Went foraging for mess & bought a sheep for 5 cts a pound. A train of 300 wagons passed our post to day on their way to Tullahoma. Roads in a terrible condition by the other route.

Saturday July 4 Went to Murfreesboro to see about mail learned little & got nothing but my dinner at Pattersons Chalnoin the 11th Mich. Returned to Camp exceedingly wearied at 7 P.M.

Sunday 6th Exceedingly Sore to day. Yesterday Col's orderly & Adair of Co H while playing with guns very foolishly order gun was discharged & the contents carrying away the right side of Adair's head. He died at 11 O clock last night. we buried him this evening at 5 P.M. It was a sad accident.

Monday 6th Rumors to day that Vicksburg has surrendered & Lee's army has been defeated.

Tuesday 7th Defeat of Lee's army confirmed.

Wednesday 8 Surrender of Vicksburg confirmed & Lee's army utterly routed.

Thursday 9th News of another battle on the Potomac. Lee's army routed & Panic Stricken 35000 prisoners & 60 cannon Said to have been taken 8000 arrived at Ba[timore] Rode over to R.R. Station at New Fosterville. Went to the creek & took a wash this eve.

Friday July 10th Received a small mail this morning & sent mail to Murfreesboro by the guard on the waggon train.

Saturday July 11th At Guys Gap.

Sunday 12th At Guys Gap.

Monday July 13 Quiet & in camp.

Tuesday July 14 In camp at Guys Gap.

Wednesday July 15 Guys Gap.

Thursday July 16 Quiet in camp.

Friday July 17th Today Received orders to take the 19th Mich one section of the 9th Ohio & one Company of the 10th Ohio Cavalry & take post at New Fosterville. The balance of the Battery & the 35 Ind. Started this evening for Murfreesboro.

Saturday July 18th Left this morning at 6 O clock for New Fosterville. 4 miles Distant arrived a little before 8 A.M. & pitched tents among the cedars.

Sunday July 19th Spent most of this day in looking for the body of Capt Dilley & one of his men of 33 Ind who is supposed to have been murdered about one mile from here on Friday evening last about 8½ O clock. Arrested several persons who are supposed to know about it or to be implicated in it. One Mrs Bennett Smith Mother of one of the supposed murderers & Thos. Brothers a supposed accomplice.

Monday July 20th Still pursuing the object of yesterdays search no trace of the body. Several others arrested & sent to Murfreesboro.

Tuesday July 21st Two or three arrested to day - otherwise all Quiet.

Wednesday July 22 Received orders to day to March to Murfreesboro as soon as relieved by the 10 I11 who arrived about noon to day.

Thursday July 23d Left for Murfreesboro this morning at 90 minutes before 6. Arrived about noon & went into camp south of the town.

Friday July 24th Called on Pattison chaplain 11th Mich very worn & very down. Learnt that Chaplain 22d Wis had tendered his resignation to Mr. Hoover of the Baltimore Conf & was Hospital Chaplain at Murfreesboro. He is boarding at Pattison's.

Sunday July 26th, 1863 Went to church in town this morning heard an eastern man preach a moderately fair sermon a little stilted & sounding as though he was trying to be very simple - get down to the charity of the soldiers of which his congregation was composed preached this eve at same house from Prov 14:26 very moderate time. Staid with Pattison at his house.

Monday July 27 got up this morning about 6 with a bitter headache went to camp after breakfast went to town for the mail came back sick & went to bed considerable fever.

10 The men mentioned were Captain Israel C. Dille & Private Lothario C. Jones. McBride, History of the Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry . . . 101.
Tuesday July 28th Sick high fever offered my resignation to day
Wednesday July 29 A little better not so much fever & less soreness in the bowels
Thursday July 30th About as yesterday this morning
Friday July 31st A little better to day rode over to the city this morning back to camp weary
Saturday Augt 1st Not feeling as well today as yesterday went over to town & for the rest kept quiet
Sunday Augt 2d Went over to town to church with citizens heard a fair sermon with some fine passages Had Regtal service at 4 O clock. Went over to town this evening & [heard] Chaplain Walker of Ill he was evidently embarrassed positions better than their presentation Col G. went to Nashville
Monday Augt 3d Went to Chaplains meeting this morning only 4 present nothing done Champion brought me a pair of under shirs & 2 pairs Drawers
Tuesday Augt 4th This morning went over the Stone River battle ground

Saturday 8th Have done nothing this week Health poor Surgeon has made out certificate of Disability which is now in the hands of Dr Hobbs Brigade Surgeon As soon as I get my pay shall Start it forward again & was returned a day or two since from Gen Grangers office for the certificate Sunday 9th Regiment paid to day My pay for the 4 months ending with June 30th $465.00

Monday 10th Saw Dr Hobbs this morning & obtained my resignation & erased the date to which I had been paid (Feb 28) & inserted June 30th I believe I did right in offering it & I trust it may now be more successful in its mission The weather has been warm (very) for several days with quite a breeze in the middle of the day but for which weather would be almost insufferable This afternoon at 4 O clock married Col J. G. Parkhurst of the 9th Mich to Miss Josephine Reeves of Murfreesboro Parkhurst 39 years Miss Reeves 29 Witnesses Col H. C. Gilbert & Capt H. B. Adams of Coldwater Mich

Tuesday 11th Have done nothing to day upon the whole feel a little better than yesterday

Wednesday 12th Quite unwell again to day, took on the Drs order Some Quinine & kept Quiet Dry & warm
Thursday July 13th Better to day. Went to town this morning & got the mail Dry & warm In camp this P.M. No letters from home for 5 days past

Sunday 23d Preached this morning in town & at 5 P.M. Buried Danill Knapp of Co H. who died in Regtl Hospital this morning at 2 O clock This eve remained in camp & went to bed very weary Had a fair time in preaching to Soldiers this morning Not much liberty at the Funeral Had to stand in a burning sun gave me a Headache

Monday 24th Went with Col Shafter & Mr Coddington of Leonidas Mich to Stone River Battle ground returned about noon Headache & weary Heard this eve that there had been a fight on the Liberty pike about 6 miles from here got no particulars Save that Ambulance trains have been sent out to bring in Dead & wounded

Tuesday 25th In camp as usual Murfreesboro This evening Bradford Co. K. from [place omitted] Died of Dysentery in Regtl Hospital

Wednesday 26th Bad headache this morning Slept little last night 1 P.M. Funeral of Bradford. Sent to Nashville by Lt Col Crane 85th I'd to inquire after my papers & telegraph [for] Maj. Col. P. Thursday 27th Col. Sick this morning, ordered came & called me. Wanted know who would get breakfast got up and prepared it myself. Col Gilbert reed Telegraph that Lucy was dangerous & left for home

Friday 28th Went to Hospital in town this morning found Batten very sick. Will probably die Seems indifferent to his fate. I fear does well appreciate his condition Saturday 29th Have a headache all the time received letter from Nashville that they are holding on to my resignation for a certificate that my ordnance accounts are all settled. A brilliant idea Truly Col Gilbert got a furlough for 15 days Batten Co A died this evening at 7 O clock at Hospital No 1 Murfreesboro

Sunday 30th Heard Patterson preach this morning after distributing books in the Hospital Buried Batten between 4 & 5 P.M. & preached this evening at 7 O clock in town. Came back weary & went to bed

Monday 31st Regular muster day to day. Regt mustered by Capt Haze Division Mustering officer considerable Headache still

Thursday Sept 1st 1863 Waked up this morning free from Headache prepared a paper setting for the state of things in regard to my resignation & asking for a leave of absence pending action on the resignation shall forward it to morrow if I get nothing further on the Subject

Wednesday Sept 2 Sent in application for leave of absence & sent to Capt Dickson a certificate from Regt Commander that I had no ordnance accounts

Thursday Sept 3 In camp had a bad night last night & felt differently to day Stayed at Pattersons in town for the night Friday Sept 4 In camp feel better than yesterday Saturday Sept 5th Received back my application for leave of absence refused from Grangers office. I think he lacks many qualities of a Gentleman

Sunday Sept 6th Slight attack of Diarrhoea this morning Distributed books & papers in the Hospital & kept Quiet till P.M. then went to the fortifications & preached at 3½ O clock. Then back to camp & went early to bed. Regt on picket

Monday Sept 7 ordered to remove our camp over near Depot on Franklin Pike. All safely over before night Hd Qrs in house

Tuesday Sept 8th Quiet this forenoon after dinner went over with the mail from thence to Gen Steadmans Hd Qrs where I found my Resignation accepted Capt Moe A.A.G. delivered my copy to me returned to camp packed up & left on the train for Nashville. Arrived at N a little before 6 got my papers all straight & went to bed slept but little

Wednesday Sept 9th Took cars at 7 for Louisville. Col Gilbert & Capt Lincoln on the train for Nashville passed it at Cave City arrived at Louisville a little before 6 P.M. shall go home without