

CIVIL WAR DIARY OF

JOHN JAMES HANCOCK  
127 Regiment, Illinois

JOHN JAMES HANCOCK AND HIS FAMILY

John J. Hancock - 1843-1901  
Charlotte S. Munn - 1852-1934  
Married: 1868

Children:

- I. Jennie (Mary Jane) Hancock - 1869-1963
- II. Grace Emily Hancock - 1871-1965
- III. Bessie (Betsy Ann) Hancock - 1874-1968
- IV. Lottie (Charlotte Augusta) Hancock - 1876-1911
- V. Lillian Mae Hancock - 1879-1970
- VI. Robert Leroy Hancock - 1882-1945
- VII. Esto Hancock - 1887-1914



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Place: Dunkerton, Iowa

Time: 1889

**Introduction (by Leland E. Weyer - 1997):**

**Robert L. Hancock had in his possession his Father's Diary which was passed down to Robert L. Hancock II. Grace Youel, Gladys, and Ray Roehr have done a wonderful job in transcribing these books. The spelling, grammar, and punctuation are exactly as Granpa wrote it! Here it is!**

**May 13, 1864.** March this morning. The cavelry in the advance about six miles. At about ten, General Kilpatric wounds and going to the rear in an ambulance, and as he passes he remarks "It is hard but give to them from our line".

At eleven two miles from Rasach. At twelve we advance to across an open field. Hold on a large kill lose. One man killed Co. e capture two pieces of artillry. Heavy skirmishing in our front.

**May 14, 1864.** Pleasant today, still in line of skirmishing and artillery. Firing going on quite brisk until 5 p.m. when we get ready for a charge. Their first work quarter mile acrost an open field and a crick through the center of the field. Make the charge. The Rebs open on us with grape shell and musketry - in crossing the crick a number fall and get wet. Gain the works and our Regit. get 19 prisoners - 4 was ded in Regt. - as soon as the Rebs form they charge on us, com in five line deep but could not gain the works - they fall back, try 3 times and have to give it in our front. Ground covered with killed and wounded. A very light loss on our side. The fights last well after dark when they fall back to their works. After all was in quiet we build works.

**May 15, 1864.** Skirmishing all day until 5 p.m. when they make a faint in the works - waiting for them to come but do not. Today we get a mail from home - after dark the Rebs comence their retreat.

**May 16, 1864.** This morning called up at when we see the Railroad bridge on fire across the Ostanolia River. We get orders at 7 to move that the Rebs had evacuated. March in and take posisction of Resacca. Stay there until 11 a.m. when we march back about two miles where we get our knapsacks that we filled before the charge - then marched 7 miles South and Camp for the night - get in camp at 7 p.m.

**May 17th.** Rained today very hard marching in the mud Rain - marched 10 miles and at 5 p.m. meet with the Rebs. Cavilry and Artillry and skirmish for half an hour when they skedadle. Go into Camp. Our Company goes out on Picket.

**May 18th.** Came in from picket at 6 a.m. and march 8 miles and come to Adare a nice little village - stop there & about 2 hours see some of the St Charles boys of the 36 Ills. Start at 5 march 4 miles and camp.

**May 19th.** Leave camp at 9 a.m. march 6 miles - stop 1 hour for dinner - hear heavy cannonading from General Thomases Dept fighting at Kingston which grieves the Rebs and

take Position of town. We then get ordered to stop for the night. Camp at a mill two miles west of Kingston.

**May 20th.** Warm and Pleasant - Frank Lynd and Sargt Metcalf in Camp - Rich here in Camp.

**May 22th.** Pleasant - we get mail today but I do not get no mail. Lynd and Metcalf sent to Kingston.

**May 23 d.** Today very warm. Leave Camp at 6 a.m. - march 22 miles today and have no water only what we bring in our Canteens. We get in Camp at 6 p.m. tired and camp at Coosa Crick.

**May 24th.** Stay in Camp until 3 this afternoon. Our Brigade in the rear of the waffon train. March till 3 the next morning. Commces Raining at 8 and rains until morning; hard marching in the dark. Go in Camp at 3 a.m. - marched 12 miles.

**May 25th.** March at 6 a.m. all day till 11. At 8 p.m. it commences to Rain toll 11. So dark that we could not to march only hold on to file leader and go ahead. Marched 15 miles.

**May 26th.** Leave Camp at 9 a.m. Marched 2 miles get inline - March in and take Position of Dalia a little town. March 1 miles east of town when skirmishing Commences and we swing in line again.

**May 27th.** In the work - Skirmishing in front and Cannonading all along the line. At 10 a.m. our Co go out on a little Skirmish line. At 11 Corp. Lane wounded in the Head. Relieved at 6 and return to the works.

**May 28th.** Skirmishing and cannonading till about 5 p.m. when they make a charge on us. Musketry and Cannon Open all along the line - the fights last until 6 p.m. and they get drove back to their work with a heavy loss. We take some prisoners - 23 killed in one line. All quiet till 12 at night when we get into the ditches and expect another Charge - they do not come. Our loss today light.

**May 29th.** In the ditches at daybreak. All quiet but skirmishing till after dark when our Skirmishers is drove in and Comence firing from the works - fire a few vollies and Scare us as they do some heavy firing on our right and left - the Rebs would Raise up in their works and shoot a volley and then get down again.

**May 30th.** Nothing more than Skirmishing going on today - Our Co. go to open the Sk. line at 6 this evening.

**May 31st.** This morning we have quite a break. Skirmish at 7 a.m. - we get relieved and go back to the works.

**June 1, 1864.** This morning we evacuate our works and march 9 miles to the left and Relieve 21 Corp. and they go farther to the left. Relieve them about 3 p.m.

**June 2nd.** We stay in the works until 6 p.m. when we commence a new line of works in the advance - a few Rds works till and some skirmishing all day.

**June 3rd.** Work on the ditches the forenoon. Get them completed at noon. Recieved a Mail - I get three letters.

**June 4th.** Skirmishing all day. Recieve one letter today. Rebs skedaddled tonight.

**June 5th.** This morning find the Rebs gone. Get orders to march at 11 a.m. - march about 10 miles and Camp for the night. All very quiet - no enemy near - get in Camp at 5 p.m.

**June 6th.** Leave Camp at 7 a.m. March 7 miles and arrive at Acworth a nice little town on the R.R. Marched through town and Camp one mile S. of town. Get in Camp at 1 p.m. and Camp for the day. Get one letter today.

**June 7th.** In Camp today till 5 p.m. when the Co. go out on Picket. Out 2 miles from town in the Reserve Picket - have a good time.

**June 8th.** On Picket all day. Wash our clothes and at 9 p.m. we get relieved from Picket.

**June 9th.** Stay in Camp today. Get orders to march but the order is counter mandid.

**June 10th.** March this morning 6 a.m. It rained quite hard. March 4 miles and form our line. Skirmishing and our Bregade in the Adv. line. At Big Shanty station. Advance in line quarter mile and build rail works. Get here at 9 a.m. two miles from Kenoaur mountain. Stay here all day. Skirmishing in Front.

**June 11.** Rains hard all day. This forenoon the 1st Division advance half mile and takes the front and our Div. Reserve this afternoon. The Cars arrive here and the engine goes down to the front line and gives 3 loud whistles - the first fron Chatanooga.

**June 12th.** Still heavy Rain. Nothing going on but skirmish and some cannading.

**June 13th.** Rains this forenoon. We march 2 miles to the left form a line and Remain here all day. Cold and wet this afternoon.

**June 14th.** Cold and wet - nothing going on only skirmishing going on.

**June 15th.** Heavy cannonading since early this morning and has kept up all day. it does not rain today and some warmer.

**June 16th.** Today Quite warm. The 4 Division have quite a hard fight. Capture 50 prisoners. Oyr right Garde them till 4 p.m. when they are sent to the rear and we march 3 miles to the Right of the line.

**June 17th.** Warm and Pleasant. Heavy Skirmishing in front. At 1 this afternoon we get orders to make a faint. Our Brigade form in open field and hold so the Rebs Could see us. Comence yelling and Run to the first line of works and the Rebs commence shelling us. We stop behind the works about one hour and return to camp. As the Rebs see us leave the works, the Rebs Shell us but do not Injure no one. Our Artillery opens up in theirs and soon dry them up.

**June 18th.** This morning it rains. Tonight the Rebs fall back to the top of the mountain.

**June 19th.** We get orders to march. March 8 a.m. We march inside their works and the Rebs shell us from the top of the mountain wounding one in the Co. D with a shell. A number in the Brigade advanced one mile inside their works and form a line. At 1 comence to build works - get them finished at 11 p.m.

**June 20th.** This morning our Co go out on the Skirmish - have quite hard Skirmish. At noon we get orders to advance. Make the Rebs Skedaddle. Advance half mile up the mountain and halt. Stay there till night. At 9 p.m. get relieved by the 1 Div Picket.

**June 21st.** Rains all day and quiet. They shell us this afternoon and wound some of the Brig.

**June 22nd.** Warm and Pleasant. We are at work on our works today. A cannonading on both sides. They shell us and make us stop work.

**June 23rd.** This morning we get orders to march but do not. This evening we go on picket - have quite a tussle with the Johnnies.

**June 24th.** Cannonading and Skirmishing lively all day. We go on the Skirmish Line this evening. The boys commence talking and get them to answer - then shoot at them.

**June 25th.** Cannonading and skirmishing - we shoot 70 rounds Cartridge apiece. Have a good day. We get our mail on the line - get one letter - get Relieved at 8 a.m. Go back to the works and Picket with us.

**June 26th.** Very hot today - will get orders to march at sun down. at 6 Brigade of the 16 Corps and we march 5 miles to the right. Camp night. Get in Camp at 11 p.m.

**June 27th.** This morning we get orders to Charge Little Kenasiu mountain. At 7 a.m. form our line on right in the Reserve of the 56th. The Division make the Charge but could not gain the works but hold a hill half way between our works and the Rebs. We get tools, in a short time have works thrown up. A very heavy loss in the Div. At 4 the Rebs Comence shelling us and the shell came as thick as hail. Our loss in the Div 350 - 9 in our Regt. Thomas Ryan in Camp wounded and remain in the works until 9 p.m. and Relieved by our 1st Div, and Return to the Camp left in the morning.

**June 28th.** This morning quiet - nothing going on. At 9 a.m. we move back 1 mile and Camp for the day.

**June 29th.** This morning looks like rain. This afternoon for one hour Heavy Cannonading to our Right.

**June 30th.** Here in Camp all day - skirmishing in front.

**July 1, 1864.** Stay in Camp today - this evening get orders to march at 4 next morning.

July 2nd. March at 4. March to Right 12 miles and Relieve a Brig of the 23rd Corps now on the extream Right of the Army. We get orders Rebs massing our front - wait in the line - but they do not come.

**July 3rd.** This morning our Regt and 55 Illinois get orders to go out in front and reconortie - go out 1 mile and Commence Skirmishing - see some Reb Cavilry and have quite a shirmish - our 2nd Brigade on our left have a fight and charge a line of works and drive the Rebs. A number killed and wounded. Our Co out Skirmishing all day and at 7 p.m. get relieved. Go back to the Brigade.

**4 day of July.** Stay in Camp till 12, then march 2 miles to Suport our Brigade of the 16 Corps that make a charge. Quite a Celebration this Afternoon for an hour. They drive the Rebs from their works and the Rebs fall back to the River where they are going to make another stand.

**July 5th.** At 9 a.m. march to the Right and go out six miles and Camp.

**July 6th.** in Camp nothing much going on only Cannonading to our Left.

**July 7th.** in camp - Pleasant but is Warm.

**July 8th.** We get orders to march at 4 p.m. March 3 miles to the Right and Camp. Skirmishing and Cannonading in front.

**July 9th.** this afternoon march a quarter mile to the front and build works. Get them finished at Sun down tonight the Rebs fall back across the River.

**July 10th.** March at 11 a.m. March 6 miles and Camp near Saut Town three miles from the River. Comences to Rain at 3 p.m. and we get wet and rains till 5. Go in Camp at 4 and Camp for the night.

**July 11th.** in Camp 3 miles from the River and 10 to Atlanta.

**July 12th.** Very Hot today. At 4 p.m. leave Camp, march till 6 and have 1 hour for Supper. March till 11 p.m. - march 14 miles.

**July 13th.** At 2 Am this morning and start before day break - march through Marietta - a nice place, twenty miles from Atlanta. At 6 stop 1 hour for breakfast and at 9 Am Camp. March 9 miles. March 23 miles inside of 15 hours. At 4 march 6 miles for the night 2 miles from the River. Camp in large Green field.

**July 14th.** in Camp till 5 Pm, march through Rosswell a place that has Several Large Cotton Factories but Burnt when the Rebs evacuated across the Chattahoochee River. March up the River 3 miles and form our line. March 7 miles today. Camp here for the night. Work 2 hours building works.

**July 15th.** Very hot today. Work 2 hours on the works this morning and also 2 hours this evening and the 116 Ills worked 2 hours on them. We are 23 miles North East of Atlanta.

**July 16th.** this morning work from 6 to 8 and 116 work this evening. The Co goes out on Picket.

**July 17th.** At 5 this morning Come in from picket and march at 7. March 5 miles and stop 2 min. for dinner. March 2 miles and Cannonading comences on our Right and Skirmishing in our front. Stop here at 2 Pm and stay till all day.

**July 18th.** At 5 Am march till noon, 30 min for dinner, march till 2 Pm and halt. Marched 9 miles. The 1st Div. and our 2 Brigade Pile their Knap sacks; goes out to the Rail R two miles to

Charleston. Return at sundown after tearing up the Rail Road. March 3 mi. towards Decator and Camp for the night. Get in Camp at 9 Pm. Camp in a corn field 3 miles from Stone Mountain.

**July 19th.** At 6 Am march 6 miles and get on the R R and tare up and burn the road for 5 miles. No Oposition only Slight Skirmishing, march back 1 mile and 15 minutes for dinner and then march for Decator and after the Cavilry had a little fight the Rebs leave town. March to the right of town and 116 Corps march through.

**July 20th.** March at 5 - we march through town and one mile towards Atlanta and Skirmishing Comences - form our line and 1 of our Baterys on them. They fall back and advance and form our line on the west side of Camp Randolph and a conscript Camp and the Rebs shell us, advance inline about 30 Rods. They wound 2 in Co. F and they kill 2 in Battery A. Lay here till 5 Pm and advance a few Rods and Comence building works. 2 Sarg. Co 36 wounded. General Giles Smith leaves our Brigade and takes charge of Div. 17 Corps.

**July 21st.** At 3 Am we are in the works. At 7 the 17 Corps make a Charge on the Rebs works and after an hour they have to fall back with a heavy loss.

**July 22nd.** At 5 this morning the Reb pickets fall back, the Rebs having left the works in the night and fall back to the works near town. At 7 get orders to march to their works and form our line on the left side of the Rebs works and skirmishing Comence in front our Reg 116, and 6 Missouri in the Reserve charge the works and the Rebs comence shelling us all along the line. At 11 Am 1 Lieutenant Co. K wounded. At 12 noon the Reb attack the 16 and 17 and our Div and heavy fighting comences on our Right and the other two in Reserve are sent in to Reinforce the 16 Corps. Our skirmishers drove in before we start. the Regt start march in quick time, 2 miles halt stack arms and inside of 5 minutes get orders to Double quick back that they were charging on our div. Before we could get back they had drove our Div and held our works, also had taken Batery A & D H H. When we grive there we get orders to charge the works. We make the charge and could not gain the works, fall back 20 rods and form again and try it again and this time successful and sent the Rebs Skedadling back to the other line of work. Recapture Batery H and two guns of A the other 4 they had taken off with them. 3 killed 7 wounded and 8 taken Prisoners. The Rebs make another ack on our left but get drove back. Oso B. Pratt Killed, and Julius Green wounded in our Co. Major General McPherson Killed in the Comencement of the fight.

**July 23 d.** This morning our Co goes out on the Sk line in the Reserve and Details are burning the dead and taking care of the wounded which are scattered all over. Our loss in the Div 340, 1000 in the Corps. 3,5,31 Department the Rebs loss 5537. We buried 2420. They took off our flag twice. 820 Prisoners, 1300 wounded, in hospital 1077. At 7 we get relieved from skirmish line and Return to Camp. Heavy Cannonading all day and skirmishing.

**July 24th.** Cool and looks like Rain this evening. At 6 we go back and destroy the Railroad in between Atlanta and Decator.

**July 25th.** Very quiet today only a few shells pass from our side to the other. At about 7 three Skyrockets are thrown up on our left on red white and blue and the Rebs throw over a few shells for it.

**July 26th.** Quiet and pleasant today. At 6 this morning Reported that they are going to make another attack and we are in time for them but they do not come.

**July 27th.** At 3 this morning we get orders to move 16 and 17 Corps also move with us - move out and Rebs come shelling us and we fall back 5 miles to the rear of the 23 Corps. March 6 miles to the rear of the 4 Corps and stop for Breakfast. Stop 5 hours. At 3 March about 7 miles and get in rear of 16 Corps which has taken their Poseshion. Get there at 11 Pm. Camp for the night.

**July 28th.** At 2 Am this morning we are Called up and going to march and get orders to stop until after Breakfast. At day break march one mile and halt. Heavy Skirmishing Comences in front and to the Right of the 17th Corps - the Rebs comence shelling, the Division swings in line on the right of the Corps and our Regt in the right of the Div. The Right sent to the Right to gard their Right flank. Co K and our Co pour into their Ranks. A number of Vollies still they get within a few rods from us and we have to fall back to the foot of this hill. They take 3 of us prisoners, and the rest of us get back safe. The Reg at this time was Shooting volly after volley at them but as the Regt on our left fell back, the Rebs come in on both flanks, they had to fall back to the hollow at this time. Reinforcements had come up and we charged them and drove them from the hill Killing and wounded a good many and while they were forming we made protection of a railfence not more than ten minutes before they come again and open on them. After about 2 hours a Division 16 Corps come and join on our right. Till 6 Pm we keep up a Continual Roar all the line of musketry our Batery at the first charge went to the rear and not Return. After 6 Pm the firing somewhat ceased and 81 Ohio Releived our Regt, and we went to the bottom of the hill where we received Mail and Rations and had supper - then returned to the Brigade and after dark built works.

**July 29th.** this morning the Rebs have fell back to the works about three miles leaving the dead and wounded on the field. 650 wounded in front of our division. I counted 6 Col, 8 Captains and any amount of gun mounts.

**July 30th.** Pleasant and Warm. At 12 N we march about 1 mile to the front and right build works and get them completed at dark.

**July 31st.** This morning we are in line at 3 until after sunrise. After we are engaged in a few things - up 3 large Head logs for the Co. At 12 it Comence to Rain. Rains till night.

**August 1st.** At day brack get up and Stack arms. After Breakfast we build Abattices in front of our works. This stakes put into the ground and sharpened on the points. Get these completed at 12 N and at 2 get orders to move. March at 6. Quite heavy Cannonading - do not move today. Rains this evening. Cannonading at our left. March 12 miles to the front and comence to build works this evening. Commences to rain - have quite a rain.

**August 2nd.** All quiet till about 5. Advance 1 mile, quite heavy Sk. from our line Right in the reserve of the Brigade. The front line have works built and move into them. Our Regt Build works. I do not work as I am unwell.

**August 4th.** This forenoon it rains. At 2 Pm we relieve the 57 OVVI. They Ordered to secure this line. The 55 Ills go with them - they skirmish a while but do not Charge on the works. Stay in works all night.

**August 5th.** heavy Cannonading and Skirmishing all day. At 7 the Rebs Returns to their works and 57 take their place.

**August 6th.** At 6 we Relieve the 30 OVVI. At about 7 we make a faint learch if the Artillery is there. the Skirmishers Raise up out of their Pits fire their guns and all along the line Raise a Cheer. Our Right advances to the Skirmish Line. The Rebs open all along their Artillery and Musketry and our Artillery Return the fire - firing last more than half hour.

**August 7th.** This morning hot picket firing at 6 Pm, Connading on our Right - the 23 Corps drive the Reb Skirmishers out of their pits and have quiet on the Skirmish Line. As soon as it is dark, we commence to build works in front of our brigade - build a line of works on the Skirmish line.

**August 8th.** This morning we find a line of works in front of us and part of theBrg in them and the Skirmishers in the works. At 10 Pm the Regt get orders to go on the picket line and build works most of the night.

**August 9th.** This morning finds us in good works and all of the Brigade on a line the Skirmishers on. Our works and the Rebs pits about 20 rods in the front. We stay in the works all day. After dark we are organized in putting up head logs and Abettices - the Rebs commence shooting at us once or twice and make us get in the ditches - at about midnight get them completed and lie down to Rest.

**August 10th.** This morning there is two forts, one the Right of the Regt and the other left. The Rebs shell us this morning, but a few rounds from our Cannon dry them up. Our pickets have pits in front of our works and the next time tem rods apart - heavy sharpshooting all day.

**August 11th.** Cannonading and Skirmishing all day. I go out on the Skirmish line this evening. We advance our Pits, at 10 Pm the Rebs commence firing and we fire at them and the Artillery open on both sides - last half hour and it ceases. We expect an atack but quiet the rest of the night.

**August 12th.** This morning Clear and pleasant. Crack away at each other all day till after dark and get Relieved and Return to the Regt. - then move to the left about 40 Rod while on picket.

**August 13th.** Skirmishing as usual till about 2 Pm when we get in the works. The 1st division Skirmishers charge on the Rebs Skirmish line. All our batteries open on them. They gain the pits and capture 125 prisoners from them and hold the pits - at dark I and some others details to go out and build a new skirmish line Get this done and Return to Camp at 11 Pm.

**August 14th.** Warm today - this afternoon heavy firing the Rebs try to re Capture their pits but do not succeed.

**August 15th.** This morning we serve our half hour in the works as usual. Nothing going on only cannoneering and skirmishing. At 6 Pm it Commences to Rain.

**August 16th.** Quite warm today. Skirmishing as usual. This evening it is a pleasant moonlight. At 7 Pm one of our Brass Bands play Kingdom Coming and all along the lines three Cheers - they play a half hour and the Rebs Bands commence playing and they cheer, the Pickets got out of their pits and commence talking to one another Johnny and Yank. "Yank why don't you take Atlanta" - "Johnny why don't you drive us out of here". The pickets next exchange papers and agree not to shoot on picket until the other does. They play quite late tonight.

**August 17th.** This morning no picket firing in front of our Brigade - nothing going on. Atlanta is 4 miles North East - Macon and Atlanta Railroad Sout east. Hear the cars plain from here - the Army Corps are on the line first 4 Corps extreme left - 20th Corp 14, 17, 16, 15, and 23 the Right.

**August 18th.** This morning warm. At 10 we make advance in our front and at 4 we make another. All the Artillery opens and we Commence charging along the line - the reason to keep their attention to this point while the 23 Corps make an advance this evening. I go on picket to the Right of our Regt. They advance the picket line while they are digging their pits - crawl up on them and fire on them and drive them to their Pits and then the boys go and complete their Pits.

**August 19th.** Pleasant today. At noon we make a faint and the Rebs shell us for half an hour and all our Cannon busy shelling them. At 8 Pm I came in from picket - tonight it Rains.

**August 20th.** This morning cloudy and as if there was going to Rain. At noon it Commences to Rain. Rains till night. Nothing but Skirmishing on front.

**August 21st.** It Rains most all day - Nothing going on today but Skerm and Cannonading.

**August 22nd.** This morning it is pleasant and the clouds have disappeared - Quite brisk Skirmishing today - nothing much else going on.

**August 23rd.** This morning pleasant. The Cannon are shell on the Rebs works today quite lively.

**August 24th.** Today Skirmishing and Cannonading as usual. At 6 I go on picket. First three hours through the night the Rebs Commence firing in the night, and we keep firing for half an hour and the Rest of the night quiet.

**August 25th.** This morning pleasant. The Reb skirmishers are quite still for awhile this morning but they soon Commenced to Crack away at us and we shoot pretty lively all forenoon. Frank Rale Co K wounded in the face over the right eye severe. The Artillery open their Skirmish pits in the afternoon and make it quite a bad place for the Johns. We are not bothered this afternoon.

**August 26th.** At 12 it Rains. Calvin Huddleson Co R wounded in both hands. We get Orders to be ready to move at dark. At 8 Pm the division commences to move and the Rebs hear us and shell us. We raise a cheer and move out quick. Our Sargt. Major William Lainton hit with a shell - cut his leg off, and died in a few minutes. Marched till 3 Am - marched 9 miles.

**August 27th.** At 6 we march south - march till noon - march 7 miles from our line and get orders to make works. Stay here all day. At 7 we have our works Completed - have plenty of sweet potatoes and green corn.

**August 28th.** March at 7 Am - march 7 miles and get to the Montzonias and West Point R.R. At 4 put up long work and Camp for the night - troops at work all night tearing up road.

**August 29th.** All day at work destroying the Road - fill up a deep cut with brush logs and dirt. 15 miles from Atlanta - stay here today - Our Regt work 2 hours on the road.

**August 30th.** This morning leave the R.R. at 6 Am and march about 6 miles - meet the Enemy - Skirmish with them and they fall back 1 mile and make another stand, but we soon Rout them. They make several Clicks to our advance - drive them till about dark when they make another stand and it is so dark we stop for the night. Marched 14 miles today. I go on picket - we are about 1 mile from the Macon and Atlanta R.R. The Reb Skermishers Shoot all night.

**August 31st.** This Morning the Rebs picket shoot quite lively this morn - wound a number in the Brigade - one in Co H wounded. At 7 we advance our Skirmish line about quarter mile and build works. Our Regt are on our left and charge the Reb Skirmish line and gain a large hill, build works there. At 3 Pm the Rebs Commence Cannonading all along the line and the Rebs Charge our line - heavy musketry open on our Right and on left and we are half mile from the works - We start for the works and the Rebs after us. They get close to us but we get to the works safe. The musketry open on them - they make a desperate Charge all along the line but get Repulsed at every point. At 5 the fight is over and the Rebs leave the ded and wounded on the field and the ground is covered with them. One killed and 8 wounded on our Regt - no one hurt in the Co - At 8 at night I get relieved from the Skirmish line and go to the Regt.

**Sept. 1st.** This morning there is not much going on - only heavy Skirmishing. We can see the Rebs marching by the flank to the Right and the Regt are firing out of the works at them. Our Regt was on the Left of the Brigade and we move to the Right. One man in Co J wounded and since died. Going to the Right at 2, we get orders to make a demonstration in our front as the 14 Corps was going to advance on our left. We raise a yell fire off our guns - the Pickets advance and Shoot. All our artillery Commence Shelling and in a few minutes volley after volley is heard to our left - the first time they get drove back but try it again and drive them. They capture 12 Pieces artillery 4 guns that our div lost on 22 July and it become so dark that they could not advance no further than their works. A few hours more daylight and the hole Reb army would be surrounded, 4 and 23 coming on their rear.

**Sept. 2nd.** The Rebs have skedaddled again and left Jonesboro rough. We march into Jonesburgh and stop there a short time. this town is pretty burnt down. Kirkpatrick made a raid and burnt the Good Stores two weeks before. The house are full of wounded that they left that was wounded on the 31st and 1st - the 20 Corps marched into Atlanta at 11 Am as they that were left there to guard the city had left and they destroyed 81 Car loads of

ammunition as the R.R. was Cut and Could not get out with it - they left Atlanta to come out and reenforce the troops here and as they had been whipped and retreated they also done the same. march South 4 miles and meet the Rebs again - the 1st and 4 Div in the advance and our div in the Researve. Cannonading and Skirmish all the afternoon.

**Sept. 3rd.** This morning it Rains and hailes - quite brisk Cannonading - it rains again this afternoon.

**Sept. 4.** this morning and like Rain - in the afternoon we go back and build works in the rear 1 mile and half from the front line - get them done at sun down.

**Sept 5th.** warm today - we moved back to the works from our line. At Sundown our army commence the retreat - our div to cover the retreat wagons - troops passing continually till about one and our div starts our Brig inthe Rear and our Regt in the rear of the Brigade. From the time the troops started till 12 it Rained very hard and very muddy to march. We get to Jonesboro by about 3 and take our place in the works that we left on the 2nd.

**Sept. 6th.** Pleasant - we stayed here all day today - at 1 Pm the report the Rebs advance and in a short time Skirmishing Commences and more Skirmishers go out. I go out Skirmishing. Continue all afternoon but they do not attack us.

**Sept 7th.** At 7 the Brigade march but the Pickets stay till 9 Pm but the Rebs do not trouble us. We march at 9 and catch up with the Regt about 12 n march 7 miles to the Rebs works a line that they built when they heard we was Coming in the Rear but did not use them as we did not come that way - this place is 5 miles to East Point and 10 to Atlanta.

**Sept 8th.** March at 8 Am march to East Poist a station 5 miles south of Atlanta in Rail Road we get here at 2 Pm and Select a camp ground busy clearing the brush from the Camp ground.

**Sept 9th.** today we get new tents busy putting them up and cleaning Camp.

**Sept 10th.** On police duty policing in front of Col quarters - tonight on Camp guard on post 4 hours.

**Sept 11.** today warm - at 9 Am we have General Inspection - all the Brigade out. Number of miles marched in May:

May Miles

17 10

18 12

19 6

23 22

24 12

25 15

26 3 eighty

June

5 10

6 7

10 4

19 2

26 5 28

July

2 12

4 2

5 6

8 3

10 6

12 14

13 15

14 7

17 7

18 12

19 10

20 5 99

**Sept. 15th.** I get Relieved from Picket at 9 Am and return to Camp. At 6 Pm we have Dress Parade, the first time since we left Larkinsville and order Read of General Logans Compliments to the 15 Corps.

**Sept. 16th.** Nothing going on - at 10 we have dress Parade.

**Sept. 17th.** Today pleasant. At 8 we have Brigade inspection Captains of the 16th Illinois - our General Jones Stall Inspect us and Camp. Gives Compliments we keep our guns in Good Order. At usual hours Dress parade.

**Sept. 18th.** today Company drill 8 to 10 and this afternoon battalion drill - dress parade 6 Pm.

**Sept 19.** this morning most of our Regt go on Picket. At 9 Am Co Drill all that are in Camp. Drill as one Co. At 10 we go to the 57th O.V.V. then Organice and we are going to drill together here in camp. At half past 3 we have Batalion drill - have quite a good time us and the 57th drill together and drill quite well, Col Mott comanding. I go on Camp guard at ten tonight - we hear loud cheers from the boys that have been exchanged today and are coming in from Lovejoy Station - the boys are glad to get back. there was taken 22.

**Sept 20.** this forenoon we go out on Co drill - drill one and a half in the forenoon and the same in the after; we expected the boys that was exchanged yesterday. they went to Atlanta on the Cars and they was to be sent to the Regt today but they did not come. they was taken on the 22nd of July and all that was taken in that battle was exchanged yesterday.

**Sept. 21.** This morning it is raining. At 9 we have Co drill - in the afternoon it rains a very heavy Shower. At 4 we have drill. At dark the boys come to the Regt that was taken on the 22nd. They hartly welcome, poor half starved fellows to hear their stories would make anyone sad.

**Sept. 22nd.** This afternoon we drill as usual and this Afternoon we go down to Railroad and see our boys there exchanged. they look hard nothing but Shirt and Pants left them and at 2 Pm we go on fatigue - go out half mile and clear a drill ground. At half past 3 it Commence raining and have to go to Camp.

**Sept. 23rd.** Nothing going on in Camp, our drill as usual. Quite cool and cloudy this afternoon. it rains some and we do not have drill - before night it Clears up and a pleasant evening.

**Sept. 24th.** This morning raining and we do not have no drill - this evening Dress Parade - our Band on Parade tonight for the first time since Larkinsville.

**Sept. 25th.** this morning the Pickets from our Regt I go to Brig Headquarters and there was too man detail and I return to Camp. At 9 we have Brigade Review and Inspection - this afternoon the Gen inspects the quarters - at 6 Dress Parade.

**Sept. 26th.** this morning a pleasant morning. At 8 I start for Atlanta, get there at 9, go with Quatermaster A.N. Terant, Luet; Stroll around town until about 12 and then go to the instructor Corps, there meet several of Old Acquaintence; leave Atlanta at 4 and get to Camp at half 5 and at about 7 Furlow Comes - going to start in morning.

**Sept 27th.** This morning at 9 Robert starts for home. I send a letter with him. At the usual time we have Co drill - this evening the Regt go on fatigue fixing a drill ground. I do not go with them as Captain excuse me to wash my clothes.

**Sept. 28th.** This forenoon we have Co drill as usual - this afternoon we go on Battalion drill and it commences rain and we return to Camp.

**Sept. 29th.** This Morning we get ready to go on Picket. Go to the Brig have guard mount then to the Div and then on Picket. Get out there at 10. We are out on the outer Post till 10 at night then in the Reserve the Rest of the night.

**Sept 30th.** This morning at 10 we get Relieve and Return to Camp. The Ordinance Officer inspect our guns.

**Oct. 1, 1864.** This morning we have Co drill. At 1 we have Regt inspection. At 3 Grand review, the Corp Com Gen Amsterhouse, Com and Div General Hanson. Get to Camp at 5 - it is reported that we are going to move in a short time. At 6 we have Dress Parade. At 10 this evening we get orders to be ready to march at 12 tomorrow morning.

**Oct. 2.** This morning at 3 get up and get ready to march. At 6 we fall in, do not know where we are going, march one mile south the place of a division of the 17 Corps which had gone out on scout this evening. I and two more are detailed to report to Brigade headquarters to go to Atlanta to build works - go to our Camp and stay for the night.

**Oct. 3rd.** This morning at 3 we are called up get Ready and Report to the Brigade, stay there till 6 and get the Order Countermanded and the detale Report to the Regt. We go to the Regt. at 8 - we get Relieved and return to our Camp and Garison. Equapade all day busy picking up for the march.

**Oct. 4th, '64.** At about 3 this morning we get up and get ready for the march - start about 7 march toward kinsaw mountains - march all day. At 7 we stop for supper and march again. At 5 we cross the Chattahooshee river - march about 6 miles from the river - march about 20 miles today.

**Oct. 5th.** This morning I and some more of the Co got lost from Regt and go toward Maryetta - we get to Maryetta at 12 Am, march 6 miles and some of the Co at the Corps hospital loaf around town to 4 when find where the Regt is and go for it - march 4 miles and get to them. The Regt marched about 15 miles. Camp here for the night southwest of Marietta - rains tonight.

**Oct. 6th.** This morning it rains we stay in Camp all day it rains in the forenoon and Cloudy and looks like rain this afternoon.

**Oct. 7, '64:** This morning pleasant - in Camp all day. At 5 Pm we get orders to be ready to move but don't leave.

**Oct 8th.** This Morning very disagreeable - the wind blows hard and very Cold. At 5 this evening we march - march to Marritta then to the Right of Big Kensaw and Camped three miles from Big Shanty on the battlefield of June.

**Oct. 9th.** This morning quite Cold had a frost last night and quite cold through the night. At 9 Am we move about half mile to where we Camp - we are going to stay a few days form behind the Rebel line of works and Camp all day - quite busy fixing Camp.

**October 10th.** This morning Cold some frost last night. After Breakfast I and three others from our Co get permission to go to the mountain. Go where we built works, stood picket where we made the Charge the 27th of June and on the Big Kensaw and little Kensaw Mountains. A beautiful view from the top see for miles around - return to camp - most of the Co out on picket. At three we go out on drill and we get orders to march immediately. Start at 5 march through Achworth and Camp 6 miles from there. March 15 miles and get to Camp 11 Pm.

**Oct. 11.** At day break we march again - march through Allatoona Pass. At this station there is a number of wounded Rebs - wounded at the recent fight at this place. At 9 we cross the Etowa, march 9 miles. at the River we are detaled to go with the Batteries and the Rest of the div go to Kingston and the Corps march through Cartersville at 12 N and at 6 march through Casville. March till 7 Pm and Camp. March 30 miles today, very tired, Camp 2 miles south of Kingston.

**October 12th.** March at 7 march through Kingston and for Rome - march 17 miles this afternoon. We hear Cannonading at Rome - get in Camp at 8. Camp 3 miles from Rome. This afternoon we march by the Camp that we camped near Kingston 20th on May. This morning we get a large mail.

**Oct. 13th.** Stay in Camp till 5 Pm and march northward till 2 Am, march 10 miles.

**Oct. 14th.** At 6 we march - march toward Rasacea - reported the Rebs in posseshion of the town. march and cross one branch of the Ostanlin and Camp one mile side. Get to Camp at 7 - march 15 miles from rassea. I go on picket this evening.

**Oct. 15th.** March at 4 cross the main branch of the Ostanolia River. March 5 miles toward Smila Gap. The Rebs hold smala and in the works when we were here before - heavey Skirmishing with the 17th Corp - get near the Gap at 11 Am and in 2 hours the Rebs evacuate - the 7th Corps flank them and they evacuate. March through the Gap 7 miles long. The Rebs chopped tree and fell them in the road - we get through at 10 Am and Camp. March 20 miles today.

**Oct. 16th.** We leave Camp at 7 march till noon when the Rebs make a stand on Palors Ridge noontime and our line 116 Illinois Skirmish with them for 2 hours when they fall back. 1st Division Captures 30 prisoners. We advance to the top of the Ridge and get Orders not to advance no farthur - stay here for the night - march 10 miles.

**Oct 17th.** We sat on the Rider till 4. March 6 miles to LaFayette and Camp for the night.

**October 18th.** Leave Camp at LaFayette at 7 this morning - march South Cross the Chatoga River and Camp 2 miles south. Get in Camp at 4 Pm marched 13 miles. Camp here for the night 3 miles Summerstown.

**October 19th.** March at 11 Am march through Summerstown at 12 noon and march till 7 march into Alabamnad lines - our Co go on picket. march 12 miles Alabamana.

**Oct. 20th.** March this morning at 6 Am march south till 6 Pm and Camp near Gaylesville - march 20 miles - 26 miles to Rome also on the band Chattoga River.

**October 21st.** March at 8 march 9 miles and Camp on Little River. get in camp at 12 N Camp for the day.

**October 22nd.** pleasant today and Camp today nothing going on today.

**October the 23.** today stay in Camp today nothing going on in Camp.

**October 24th.** this morning I and two others are detailed to go out foraging. March about 15 miles and return to Camp and find the division gone - stop there for the night.

**Oct. 25th.** At daylight start for the Regt - march south west - march through Drfrond and through Kingskill. March 17 miles and get through to the Regt. they are Guarding the forks of two roads and the rest of the Corps have a Skirmish Wheelers Cavalry quite heavy Skirmish and Cannonading - route them - and we march back 3 miles and Camp.

**October 26th.** March at 7 - march 14 miles and get back to the branch and Camp in the same Camp - get in Camp at 2 Pm.

**Oct. 27.** Stay in Camp - rained last night.

**Oct. 28.** In Camp today - Cloudy and Cold.

**October 29th.** March this morning - march northeast 2 miles and cross Cattoga River and march to Cedar Bluff a small town - get here at 11 Am. The 14 Corps is here crossing the Coocy River and stay here until the 14 and 5 Corps cross and at 6 our Brigade Corps on this side till teams cross and march 3 miles and Camp and get in Camp at 10 Pm - march 7 miles.

**October 30th.** Ala - march at 8 - march till 7 Pm and Camp at a small town call Dilas store. March 16 miles.

**October 31.** Ga. At 5 this morning march about 5 miles and Camp at Save Springs a little town - get in Camp at 9 Am. I go out foraging and get back to Camp at 5 Pm. At 7 go on picket.

**November 1st.** Ga. This morning at 7 march. march 10 miles and Camp at Cedartown.

**November 2nd.** This morning it Rains - march at 8 - march till 4 Pm - march 12 miles - it rains all day very windy to march.

**Nov. 3d.** March at 7 - Rains all last night and all day - march 18 miles - very hard to march muddy and Raining - get in Camp at 6 Pm. march at Southeast 6 miles from Rasacca.

**Nov 4th.** Ga. This morning at 7 march. I go out foraging - march 13 miles and Camp at Powder Springs - get in Camp at 4 Pm. Rains some today - 13 miles from Marietta.

November 5th. march this morning at 7 - march from Powder Springs a small town - march till noon and come to the works where we relieved a Brigade of the 23 Corps and march to where we suported the 16 Corps in the Charge of the 4th of July and sty there for dinner -

march to the Railroad at Vining Station between Marietta and Atlanta and Camp. get in Camp at 4 Pm - march 12 miles - Go on picket at 5 Pm.

Nov. 6th. in Camp at 5 Am we get Relieved from Picket and go to Camp - Rains today.

Nov 7th. in Camp Rains all day.

Nov. 8. in Camp nothing going on.

Nov 9th. This morning have heavy Cannonading at Atlanta. Rains hard this tonight - expect to get Pay.

Nov. 10th. today pleasant nothing going on in Camp do not get Pay.

Nov. 11th. We get Pay this afternoon.

Nov. 12th. this Forenoon we get Orders to fall in with Arms and (equipment) and march to the Railroad 7 1/2 miles - get to the road at Vining Station at 11. Com to tair up the Road work till night - burn the ties and bend the Rails. Our Brigade Destroy 1 1/2 miles get back to Camp at 8.

Nov. 13th. This morning at 7 march to the Chettahoochee River and Cross the Rontown Bridge 4 miles Below the Railroad and march toward Atlanta. At 12 we come to the Battlefield of the 28th of July - march within 2 miles of Atlanta and Camp in some quarters of the 4 Corps put up - get in Camp at 1 Pm - march 15 miles to get Clothing this evening. quite Cold this evening.

Nov. 14th. in Camp Inspection this afternoon. At 7 Pm we get Orders to Report at Corps HeadQrs then get Orders to go to the norgh side of Atlanta to gard cattle. Get to the herd at 6 Pm - at 6 we go on gard around the cattle - relieve the 1st Ill today the troops are engaged destroying Atlanta - all night fires and blowing up the town.

November 15th. At 1/2 2 the drums are beating in the 20 Corps to move. At 6 we start drive the Cattle through Atlanta - the place is most all destroyed - march 10 miles from Atlanta - get in Camp at 3 Am - march 15 miles - start with 250 cattle.

Nov. 16. This morning march at 8 Am. march all day and Camp at 9 Pm - 18 miles.

Nov. 17. This morning start at 1/2 3 Am - march all day - march through Donaldson - quite a large town - stop one hour for Supper and Correll our cattle - at 11 Am marched.

Nov. 18th. leave Camp at noon past through Jackson - drove the cattle along with the eleventh Corps train - march till 6 Pm and Corral the cattle - march 15 miles - I go on gard around the cattle tonight.

Nov. 19th. this morning it Rains - I drive cattle all day. We cross the Oconee Oculmgee River - we march 6 miles and Camp - get in Camp at 6 - march 12 miles.

Nov. 20. drive the cattle all day - at 4 Pm pass through - get in Camp at 5 - made 12 miles. Rains all day. Hillsboro at dark. At 12 past through Montacello.

**Nov. 21.** March at 8 Am. Rains all day and very cold. Get in Camp at 1/2 till 9. I go on guard tonight - march 15 miles - at 4 the Rebs attack the train but get drove off at Clinton.

**Nov. 22nd.** Cold today - at noon March through Gorden and march through 5 miles and Camp and get in Camp at 7 Pm.

**Nov 23rd.** start at 6 - march through Station 15 and stopt at Plantation at 12 and Camp. March 6 1/2 miles.

**Nov. 24th.** start at 6, march through Station 75 - march 10 miles and Camp at 5 - marched 10 miles.

**Nov. 25th.** March 4 miles and camp for the day. Camp at Jones plantation.

**Nov. 26th.** start at 7 and Camp at 8 Pm - marched 9 miles today.

**Nov. 27th.** start at 3 march 13 miles and Camp at dark.

**Nov. 28th.** start at 6 march all day and at 7 get to the Oconee River - stay there for supper and at 9 we get Orders to Cross the River. Cross and Camp 26 miles on the South side - get in Camp at 11 - very difficult to drive after dark - march 17 miles.

**Nov. 29th.** Start at 6 and march all day - march 15 miles - get in Camp after dark.

**Nov. 30.** start at 6 march. march all day and get in Camp at 9 Pm. Camp at Sumerville.

**December 1st.** leave Sumerville at 7 Am and march all day march get in Camp at sundown - marched 7 miles.

**December 2nd.** March at day Brake - march all day and get in Camp at 7 - difficult to drive through the swamp - march 8 miles.

**December 3rd.** March 3 miles and Camp. Get in Camp and stay for the day. I go on guard tonight - now got 700 head of cattle.

**Sunday Dec. 4th.** March at 7 - march 13 miles troop have a skirmish today - get in Camp at night - Camp at Statesboro.

**Dec. 5th.** Go out after Cattle - got 45 head of cattle and get in Camp after sundown. Marched 15 miles - start at 7.

**Dec 6th.** start at 7 Am out after Cattle - get in Camp at 5 - the Cattle went 3 miles today.

**Dec. 7th.** start foraging this morning - drive our horses all day - get 25 head of cattle in and get back to Camp at 6. Went 35 miles today. Cattle went 6 miles and Ca mped 2 miles this side of Ocuochee River. Rains hard today - now got 1000 head of Cattle.

**Dec. 8th.** start out of Camp and go two miles down the River and Camp at Brown Plantation - stay over night.

Dec. 9th. start this morning drive down the River 12 miles and Camp for the night - get in Camp at 5 Pm.

Dec. 10th. Start at 7 march 2 miles to the River and go back 1 miles and Camp - stay here all night.

Dec. 11th. Start at 7 and Cross the Ogachee River - cross with 1250 cattle. March 4 miles and Camp at Mrs. Martins Plantation - march 5 1/2 miles - in Camp 3 Pm.

12. Dec. in Camp today on guard today.

Dec. 13th. stay in Camp all day today. our Division Charge and take Fort Maculister - take Major Anderson and two hundred prisoners and artillery - for the last three days Heavey Cannonading.

Dec. 14th. This morning go out forageing - go out 10 miles get corn, potatoes, and meat and return. get back to Camp at 3 P.

Dec. 15th. This morning I go and see the tide come in and return at 4 Pm. We leave the Plantation drive the Cattle three miles and Camp. At 7 start and drive the Cattle 1 mile and Camp. Go on guard. Stop at Dr Roots Plantation. At this place we see our Gunboat and also the masts of ships 7 miles distant at Fort Maculaster.

Dec. 16th. Camp our Cattle at Dr. Roots Pt. On the south side is large Rice Fields thousands of acres of rice. Feed the Cattle on Rice.

Dec. 17th. in Camp - very warm today.

Dec. 18. This morning go out haul rice cross the River till noon then go to Q.N Ladd Q R S. On guard go back to House Pt.

Dec. 19th. Today warm - move this afternoon to 5 miles to a large Plantation take their Army Cattle. Our Regt. guard them. Cannonading heavey all day - this evening the Rebs evacuate Savannah.

Dec. 21st. this morning our troops take shore line of Savannah. Our Regt. very busy hauling Rice for the Cattle.

Dec 26th. I start for Savannah - is is very dark on the road. Get to Capital S at 9 Pm - stay with Co. 5. tonight.

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April 10th, 1865. This morning at 7 we have General Call, pack up and at 9 Am march. March out of Goldsborro and march northwest our Right Rear Guard. At 12 it comences to rain - we stop over at Pikevill. Rains all day. the trains get stalled most every Rod and the

Regt had to help it out - get within 9 miles of Camp and the train could not get any further. Get in Camp at 2 Am - march 10 miles.

**April 11th.** March at 8 - march all day - at 6 cross the Little River and 1 mile to Lowell a factory town and Camp 1 mile north of town. Get in Camp at 8 - march 15 miles.

**April 12th.** This morning news is received that Lees' whole Army have surrendered - Cheering all along the Line. March at 10 - march 12 miles very warm marching - get in Camp at 6 Pm.

**April 13th.** This morning Official News on Read of Lees Surrender. Cheers all along the line. March at 11 Am - march 12 miles pass Eagle Rock Camp on the east side of the Cape and Noose Rivers 6 miles east of Raleigh - get in camp at 7 Pm.

**April 14th.** This morning at 7 Am march Cross the Noose River - march into the Capital - march in Review Past the Statehouse. Review by Sherman, Howard, Logan, Hasen and other Generals. March out about three miles North of town and Camp - march 10 miles. Raleigh is a pretty Capital fine houses and a pleasant place.

**April 15th.** This morning Raining having Rained most all night. In Camp all day. Rumors of General Johnston Surrender.

**April 16th.** Very pleasant today - have to insp at 9 Am - very quiet all day - nothing going on - at 5 I go out on Picket.

**April 17th.** On picket till 5 when we get Relieved and return to Camp.

**April 18th.** In Camp till 12 when we moved to town and march 1 mile North East of town where we Camp - this evening we have a hard Thunderstorm.

**April 19th.** This morning very pleasant - very busy Laying out a Camp.

**April 25th.** in camp today inspection at 8 Am. At 9 Am Muster for pay - pleasant day in Camp as it was Sunday.

**May 1st. 1865.** This morning at 3 we are Called up and at 6 march. March through Rolesville. At 8 the Citizens are out along the streets - very glad to see us and all along the road to see the Yanks - march to Louisburg on the Tar River - march 19 miles today - get in Camp at 1/2 2 O'clock.

**May 2nd.** leave Camp at 9 march through Louisburg 1 mile a nice place. March Crost the Swift Crick and Camp 1 mile. Crost the Fishers Creek near Grovehill - march 19 miles - get in Camp at 6 Am - quite cool marching.

**May 3rd.** March this morning at 6 - march this morning at 12 Am, march through Warrenington a beautiful place and march through Wedden Macon Station and march to the Roanoke River and Camp. March 26 miles today - get in Camp at 6 Pm 26 miles.

**May 4th.** in Camp today till 1 Pm march 1 mile and Cross the Roanoke River - march 3 miles and Cross the Virginia Line - march till at 6 Pm Camp - marched 17 miles then Camp 1 mile on the south side of the Meherrin River.

**Virginia May 5th.** march this morning at 1/2 5 - Cross the Meherren River - at 12 N march through Lawrenceville a small town - march till 5 then Cross the Nottoway River - march 4 miles and Camp - at 6 Pm marched 30 miles.

**May 6th.** Marched at 7 this morning - marched through Dinwiddie Courthouse - marched within 6 miles of Petersburg and Camp. get in Camp at 3 Pm marched 18 miles.

**May 7th.** march this morning at 7 march 5 miles and Camp at Hatchrs Rusin 1 mile west of Petersburg. This afternoon Visit the City - quite a place.

**May 8th.** today in Camp our Camp Guard stop in Camp today.

**May 9th.** Leave Camp at 9 and march through Petersburg. Howard Logan and Hasen Review us - march acrost the Appotamox River - march till 4 Pm - march 12 miles and Camp.

**May the 10th.** leave Camp at 9 Pm - march 7 miles and Camp. Camp 3 miles from Richmond - A fine view of the city from Camp. This afternoon Visit the Reb works and forts - one called Hell and the other Damnation.

**May 11th.** in Camp today nothing going on. Rains Hard tonight.

**May 12th.** in Camp nothing new today.

**May the 13th.** leave Camp today at 8 - march through Manchester - Cross the James River march through Richmond - quite a large City march out of town 11 miles crost the Chickahoming River and Camped on the north side - march 15 miles.

**May 14th.** march at 5 - march 8 miles and stop near the hanover Courthouse. Courthouse built in 1730 - march Cross Pamunkey River then march 15 miles and Cross the Mattapony River Mattapony and march 6 miles on this side 6 miles from Bowling run - march 23 miles today - get in Camp at 5 Pm.

**May 16th.** march at 6 march through Bowling run march till 5 Pm and Camp 7 miles From Fredrickesburgh - marched 22 miles - very hot marching.

**May 17th.** march at 5 march through Fredrickesburg - the City badly damaged with shells. Cross the Rappahonnock River some 12 miles to Stafford Courthouse and march to the Aquia Crick and Camp on the East Bank - marched 22 miles get in Camp at 5 very hot some Sun struck - very hot and no wind.

**May 18th.** March at 6 this morning - march through Dumfries at 12 N Cross the Quantico Crick and at 5 Camp near Cedar Run - marched 18 miles - this evening Rains hard and Rains all night.

**May 19th.** leave Camp this morning at 7 march through Cedar Run march within 4 miles of Alexendry and Camp - get in Camp at 5 - marched 14 miles. Rains this evening.

**May 20th.** Cloudy today. this afternoon on out to Mount Vernon visits Washingtons house - the Monument quite a scene. go Fishing in the Potomac. Catch a few fish and return to Camp. five miles to the Mount - Rains some today and rains throughout the night. Receive a Mail.

**May 21st.** this morning raining - at 7 march towards Alexander - march 4 miles and Camp 1 mile north of the City. Tonight Rains very hard.

**May 22nd.** today Pleasant. go to Alexandria - quite pleasant place - have a pleasant View of the City of Washington from Camp.

**May 23rd.** this morning at 9 march about 5 miles and Camp. Visit Washington near the Bridge - get in Camp at 12 - the Army of the Potomic Reviewed today. Prepair for the Review on the morrow.

**May 24th.** this morning prepair for the Review. At 6 march 2 miles to the Long Bridge - Cross the Potomic River into Washington - march to the Square and form. Wait till 9 Am for the signal for the Review - the Report of a Cannon - meet Fayette Thompson old friend with the 9th - Report of the Cannon inheard and we march in the Review past the Capitol also the Presidents Respects - the streets Crowded and the side walks from 1 side of the Capitol to the waving from hankerchiefs. Hurra from all march to north side of the city and march out 3 miles and Camp. get in Camp at 1 Pm have a splendund Review and a good time. Camp near Washington, D.C.

**May 25th.** At 8 this morning go to the City go all round go to the Capitol go all through it a splendund scene - return from the City at 4 - get ready to move Camp - move about 1/2 mile - leave the Brigade our Regt and 116 Ills.

**May 26th.** today Cloudy and Cold Rains most of the day - stay in Camp - Rains all night - at about 12 night Roll Call - something going on it town all about Reports.

**May 27th.** this morning cold and cloudy Raining also cold and Rainy all day.

**May 28th.** today quite pleasant - nothing going on in Camp.

**May 29th.** today visit the City - visit Patent Office see Generals Washingtons Clothes - he wore his sword, his chest, and his camping utensils. Also visit the Smithsonion Institure. Very interesting - return to Camp at 5 Pm.

**May 30th.** today warm - this morning at 7 get Orders to move our Camp - pick up and march about 1 half mile halt stack arms and stop about half hour - the order countermanded and Return to the Camp again.

**May 31st.** Pleasant today - nothing going on in Camp than making out the Rolls till evening when we have a speech by the Chaplain of the 7 Ills. have a good speech.

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John James Hancock was discharged from the Army on June 5, 1865 near Washington, D.C.

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On the last page of the Diary the following names were listed. Perhaps a list of friends killed in action.

Brock Jan 10th.

Ashmore March 16th.

Young Lade March 18th.

B. Lead about Feb. 2nd.

Witty April 11th.

Ben Tom August 21st.

White Sept 1st.

White Oct. 23rd.

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