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Description: Diary kept by Abner Small, an adjutant of the 16th Maine Regiment of Volunteers, while he was a prisoner of war in Libby Prison in Virginia during the American Civil War.

Editor's Note: Abner Small made entries into this diary as he could, and when he ran out of paper at the end of the diary, he went back and put entries in on empty spaces. Therefore, the diary does not appear in chronological order. His first chronological entry, and the day he entered the prison, was August 18, 1864. The first entry to appear here is Monday Nov. 4, 1864. We have provided a purely chronological record at the end of this document.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1864.

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SATURDAY 5

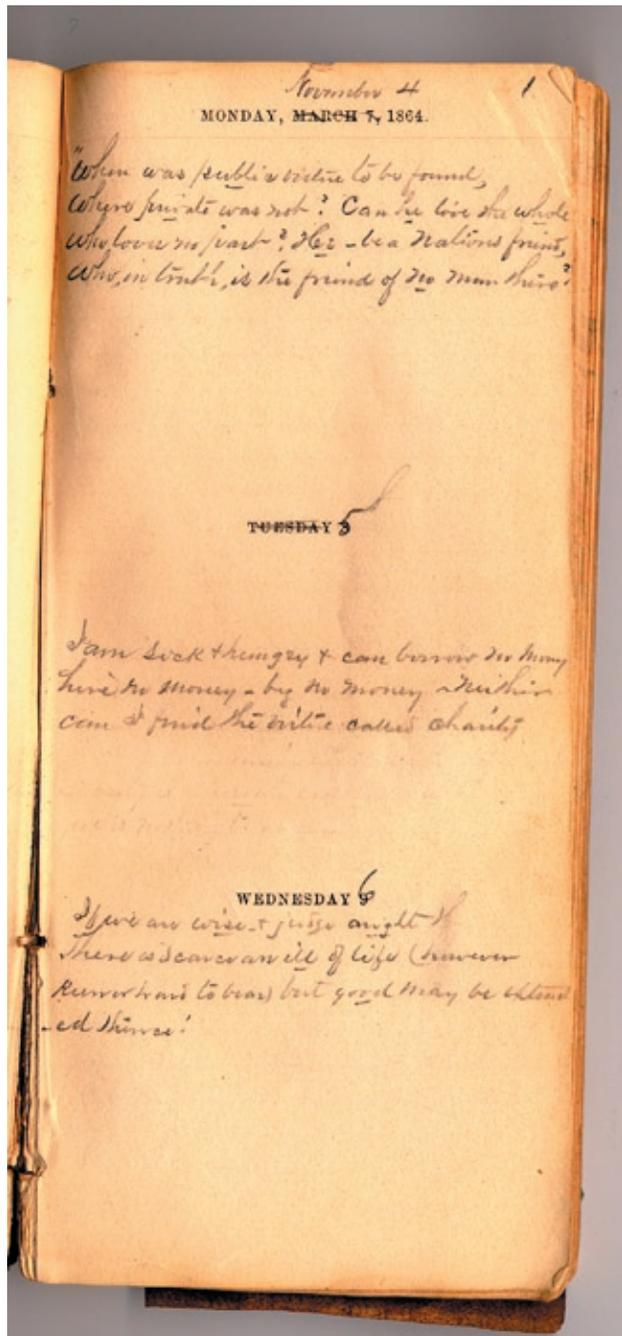
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SUNDAY 6

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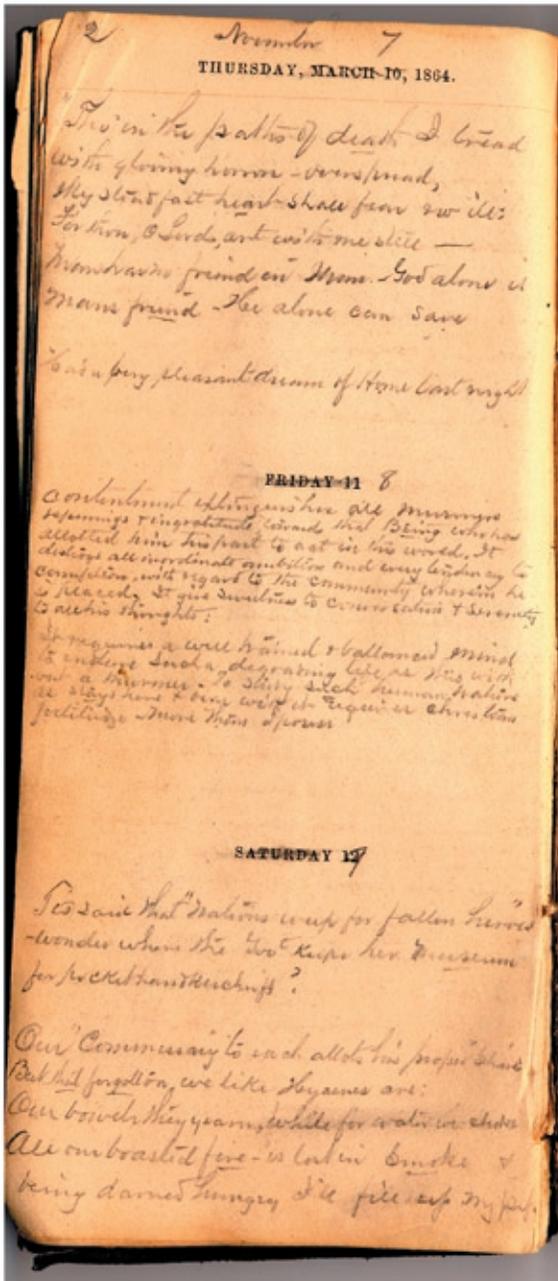
“When was public virtue to be found,  
When private was not? Can he live the whole  
who loves no part? He —be a nations friend,  
Who, in truth, is the friend of no man there?

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I am sick & hungry & can borrow no money  
have no money - by no money neither  
can I find the virtue called charity

6

If we are wise & judge aright  
There is scarce an ill of life (however  
Rum or hard to bear) but good may be extend  
-ed thence!



2  
November 7  
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1864.

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with gloomy horror - overspread,  
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For thou, O Lord, art with me still -  
Man has no friend in Man. God alone is  
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FRIDAY 8

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corruption, with regard to the community wherin he  
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to all his thoughts:  
It requires a well trained & balanced mind  
to endure such a degrading life as this with  
out a murmer. To study such human nature  
as stays here & bear with it Requires Christian  
fortitude more than I possess

SATURDAY 17

Tis said that "Nations weep for fallen heroes"  
-wonder where the Govt keeps her Museum  
for pocket handkerchiefs?  
Our "Commissary" to each allots his proper "Share"  
But that forgotten we like Heyaenes are;  
Our bowels they yearn, while for water we choke  
All our beasted fire- is lost in Smoke &  
being darned hungry I'll fill up myself

Thursday, November 7, 1864

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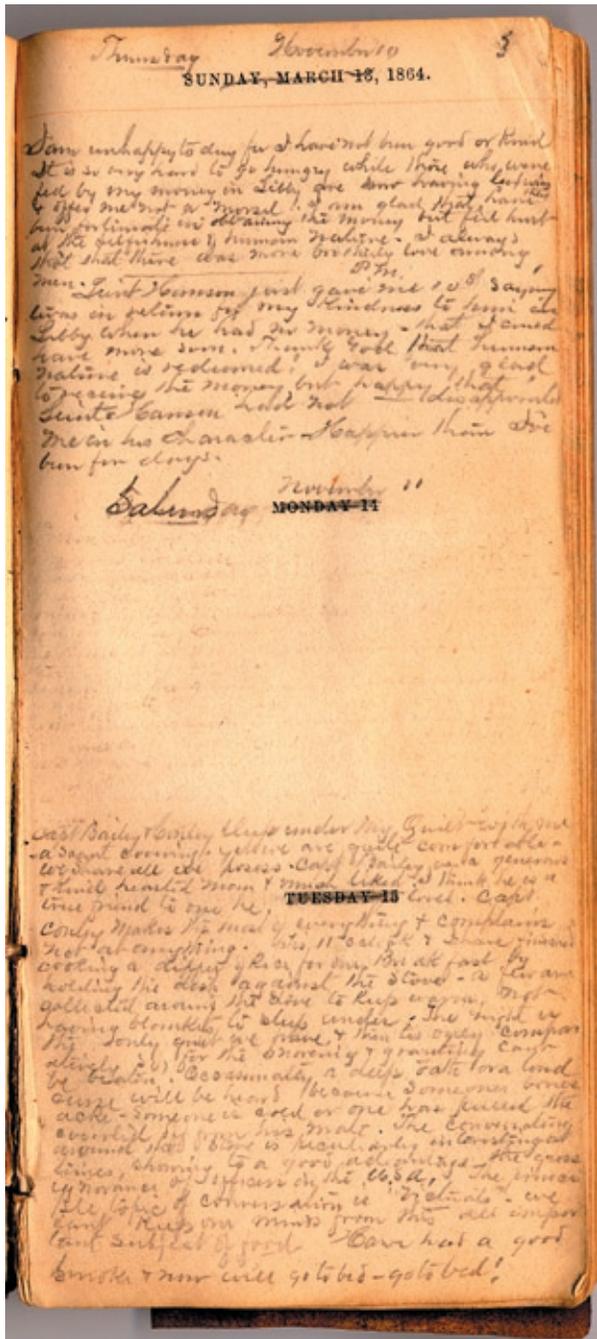
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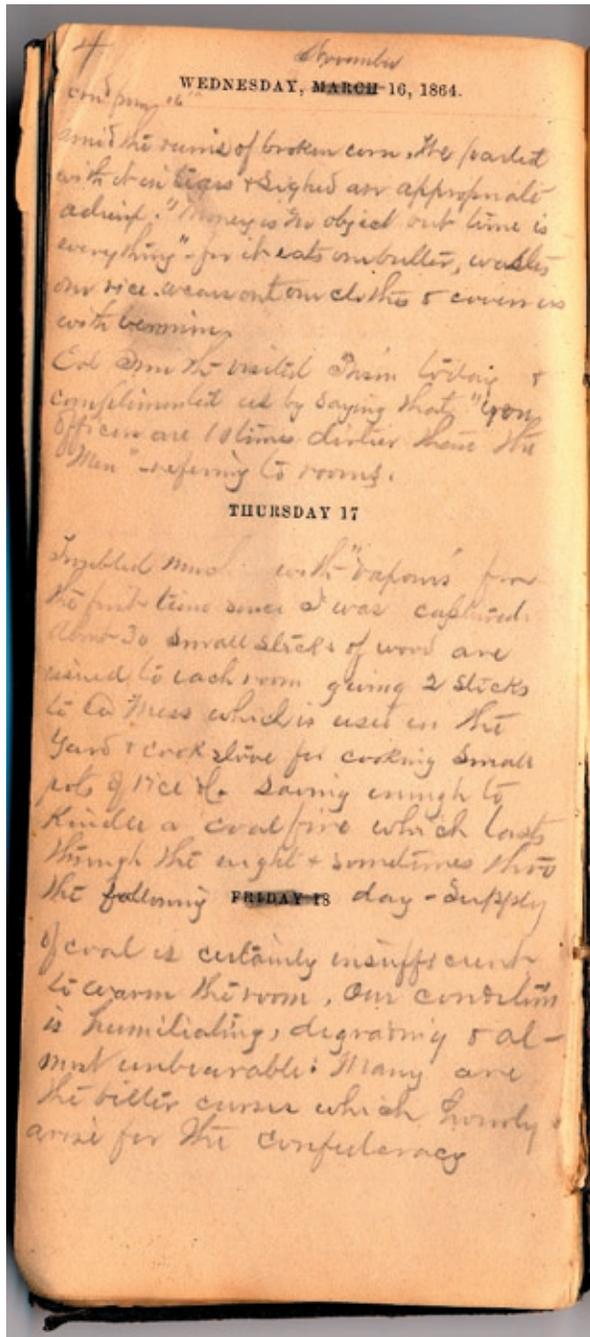
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I am unhappy to day for I have not been good or Kind  
It is so very hard to go hungry while those who were  
fed by my money in Libby one are now having luxuries  
& offer me not a morsel. I am glad that have they  
been fortunate in obtaining the money but feel hurt  
at the selfishness of human nature. I always  
thot that there was more brotherly love among  
men. P.M.

Lieut. Hanson just gave me 10\$ saying  
it was in return for my Kindness to him in  
Libby when he had no money. that I could  
have more soon. Thank God that human  
nature is redeemed! I was very glad  
to receive the money but happy that  
Lieut. Hanson had not disappointed  
Me in his character Happier than I've  
been for days.

Saturday, November 11

[A third of the passage has been erased]  
Capts. Bailey & Conley sleep under my Quilt with me  
a scant covering. yet we are quit comfortable.  
We share all we possess. Capt. Bailey is a generous  
& Kind hearted man & much liked. I think he is a  
true friend to one he loves. Capt.  
Conley Makes the most of everything & complains  
not of anything. Tis 11 o'clock & I have finished  
cooking a dipper of rice for our Breakfast by  
holding the dish against the Stove. a few are  
collected around the Stove to keep warm not  
having blankets to sleep under. The night is  
the only quiet we have & tis only compara-  
tively for the snoring & grunting can't  
be beaten. Ocasionally a deep oath or a loud  
curse will be heard because someones bones  
ache, someone is cold or one has pulled the  
coverlid off from his mait. The conversation  
around the stove is peculiarly interesting at  
times, showing to a good advantage the gross  
ignorance of officers of the USA. The inevita-  
ble topic of conversation is "Victuals" we  
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tant subject of food. — had good  
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1864.

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FRIDAY 18

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November 16

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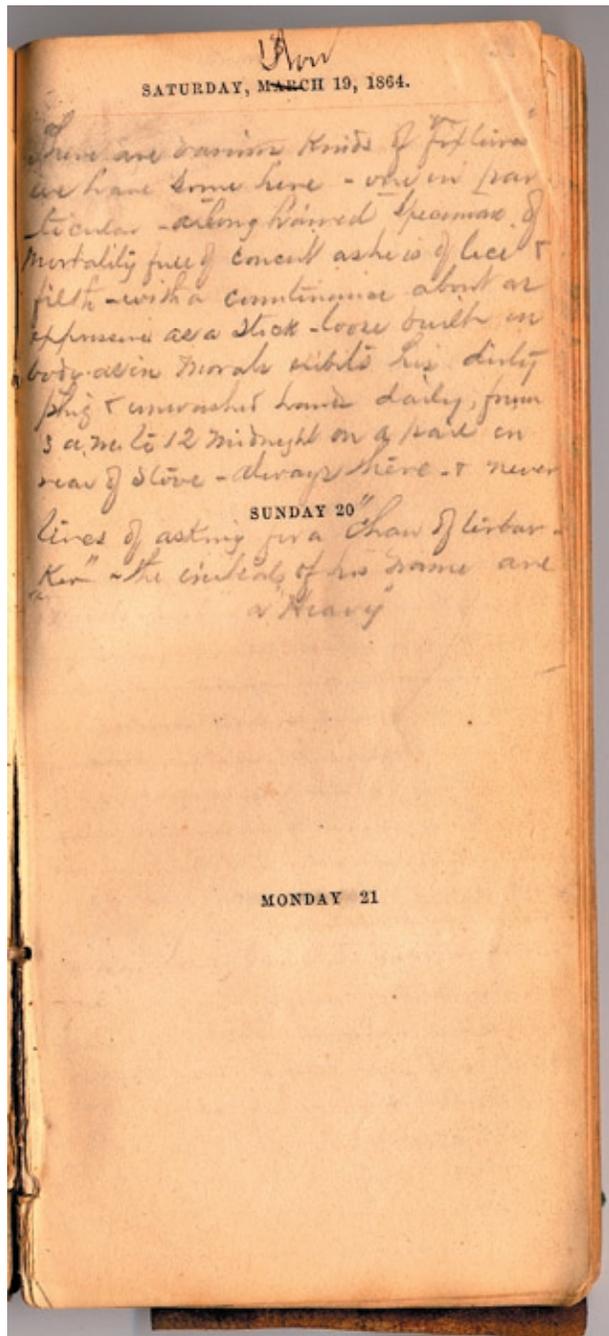
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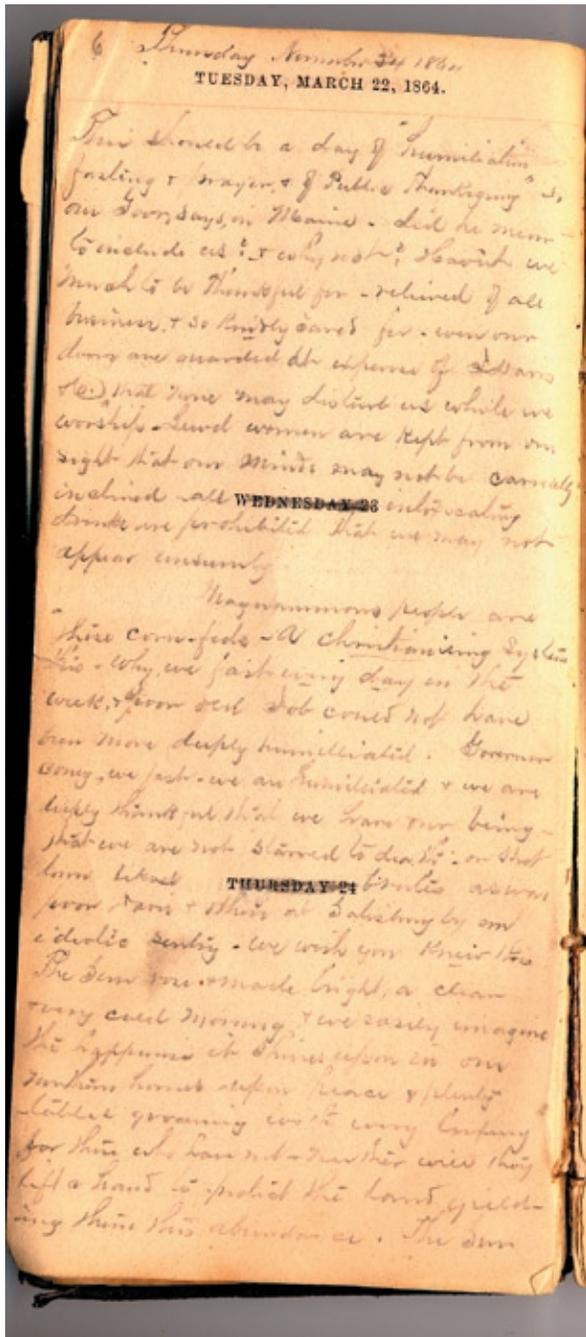
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SUNDAY 20

MONDAY 21

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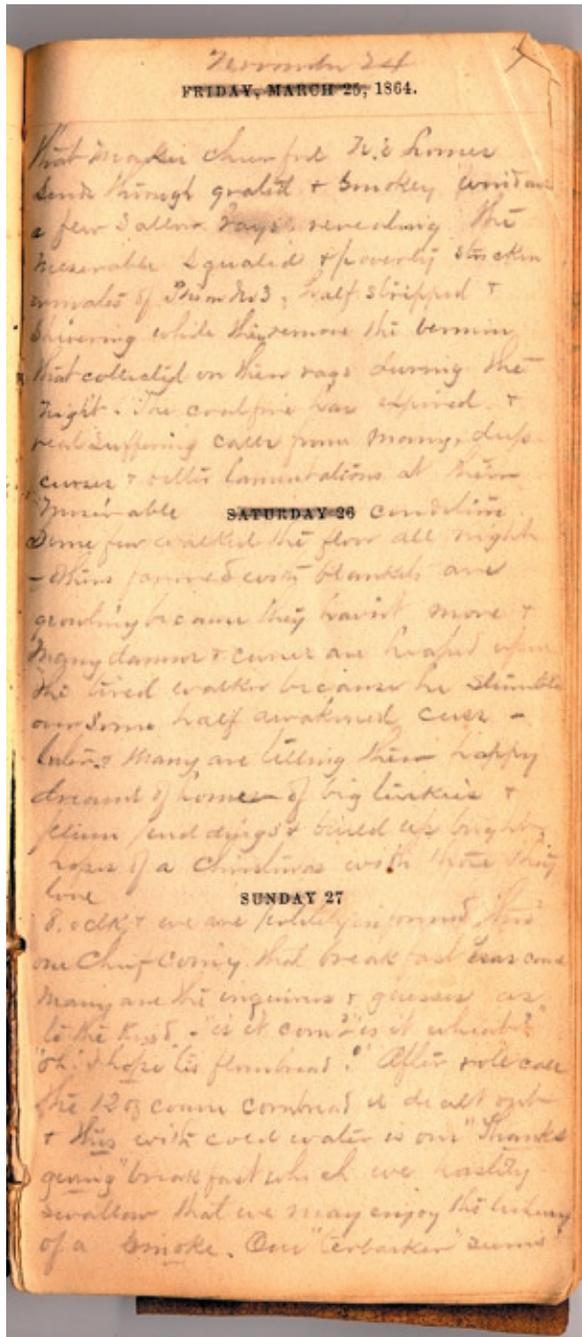
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Thursday November 24

This should be a day of "humiliation fasting & prayer & of Public Thanksgiving" so Our Gov'r. says, in Maine. did he mean to include us? & why not? Haven't we much to be Thankful for. relieved of all business & so Kindly cared for – even our doors are guarded at expense of J. Davis & Co. — that none may disturb us while we worship. Lewd women are kept from our sight that our minds may not be carnally inclined – all intoxicating drink are prohibited that we may not appear unseemly.

Magnanimous people are these corn-feds - A Christianising system this – why we fast every day in the week. Poor old Job could not have been more deeply humiliated. Governor Cony, we fast – we are humiliated & we are deeply thankful that we have our being – that we are not starved to death or shot down like brutes as was poor Sam & others at Salisbury by an idiotic sentry – we wish you knew this. The sun rose & made bright, a clear & very cold morning & we easily imagine the happiness it shines upon in our northern homes upon peace & plenty tables groaning with every luxury for those who have not lifted neither will they lift a hand to protect the land yielding them this abundance. The Sun



November 24  
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1864.

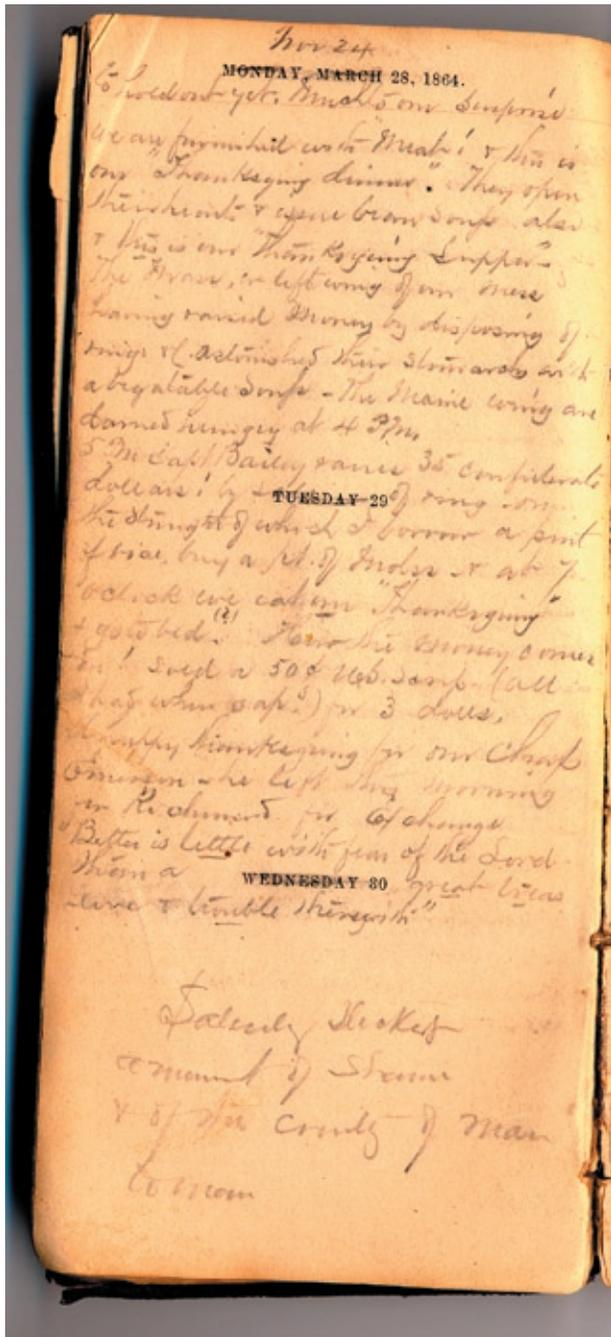
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sends through grated & smoky windows  
a few sallow rays revealing the  
miserable squalid & poverty stricken  
inmates of Prison no 3, half stripped &  
shivering while they remove the vermin  
that collected on their rags during the  
night. The coal fire has expired &  
real suffering calls from many, deep  
curses & bitter lamentations at their  
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SATURDAY 26  
Some few walked the floor all night  
- Others favored with blankets and  
growling because they have't more &  
many damns & curses are heaped upon  
the tired walker because he stumbles  
over some half awakened cuss -  
Others Many are telling their happy  
dreams of homes of big turkeys &  
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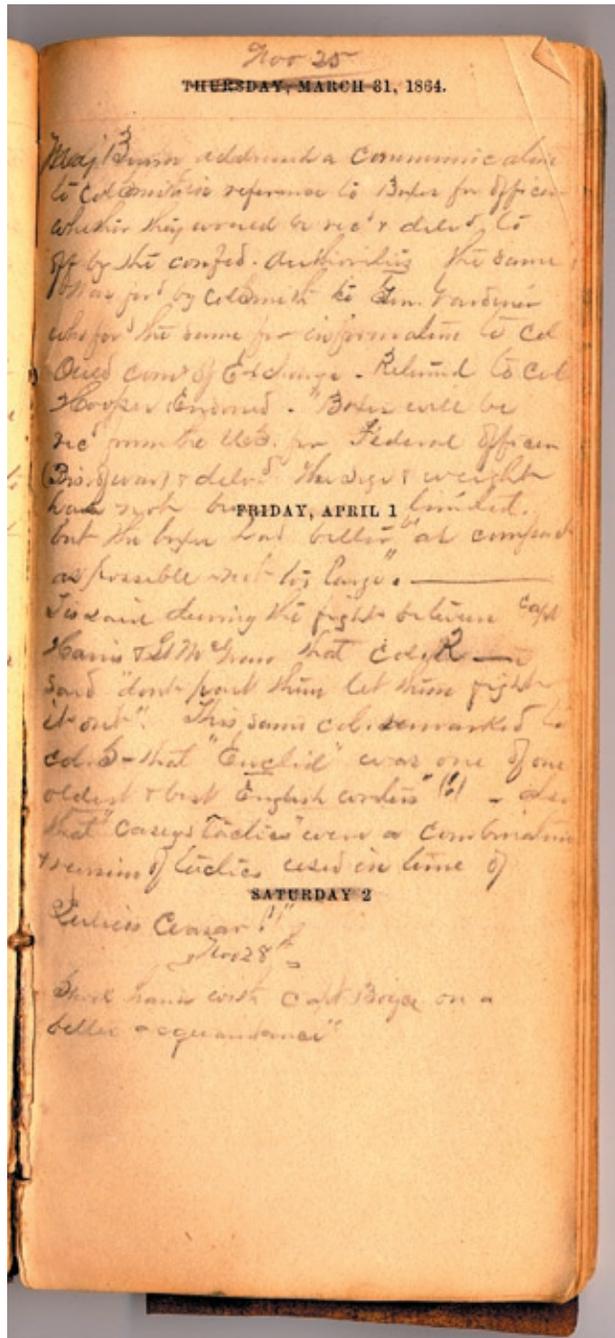
SUNDAY 27  
8 o'clk & we are politely informed  
our Chief Comm'y that breakfast has come.  
Many are the inquiries & guesses as  
to the kind - "Is it corn? Is it wheat?"  
"Oh I hope Tis flourbread!" After roll call  
the 12oz coarse cornbread is dealt out  
& this with cold water is our "Thanks  
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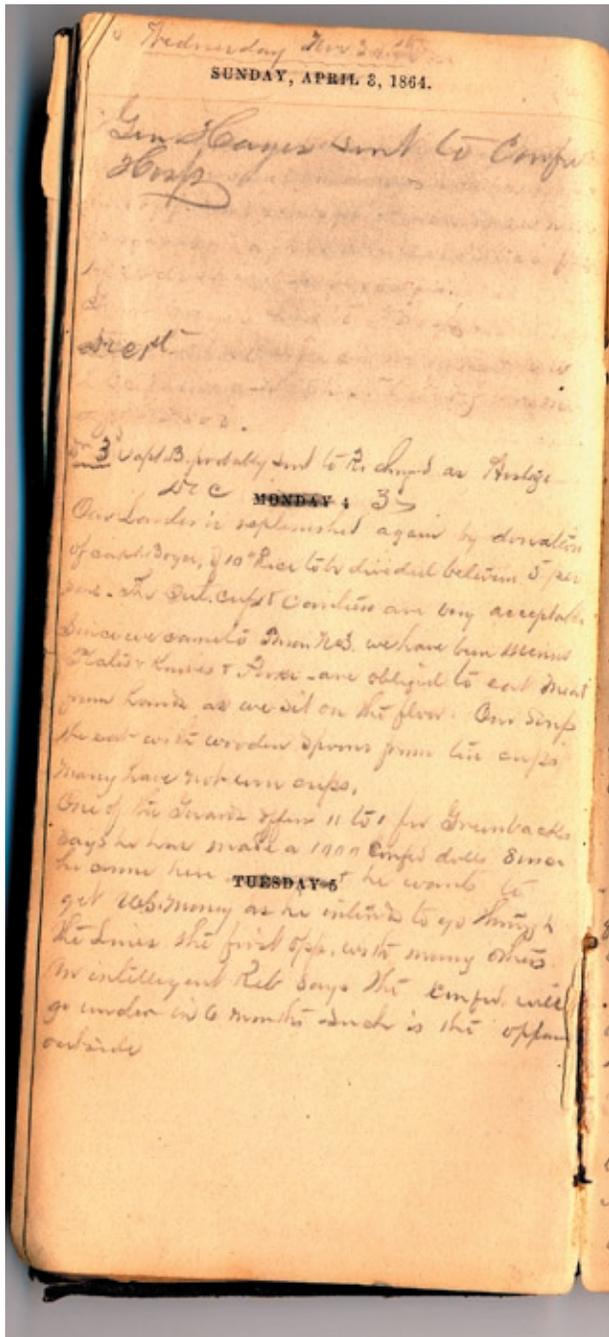


November 24, 1864 (Continued)  
to hold out yet. Much to our Surprise  
we are furnished with meat! & this is  
our "Thanksgiving dinner." They open  
their hearts & issue bean Soup also  
& this is our "Thanksgiving Supper."  
The Mass. or left wing of our mess  
having raised money by disposing of  
rings &c astonished their stomachs with  
a Vegetable soup. The Maine wing are  
damned hungry at 4 P.M.  
5 PM Capt. Bailey raised 35 Confederate  
dollars & by sale of rings, On  
the strength of which I borrow a pint  
of rice, buy a pt of molss & at 7  
oclock we eat our "Thanksgiving"  
& go to bed. How the money comes  
in! Sold a 50c U.S. Scrip (all  
I had when cap.) for 3 dolls.  
A happy Thanksgiving for our Chaplain  
Emerson he left this morning  
for Richmond for exchange  
"Better is little with fear of the Lord  
then a great treas-  
ure & trouble therewith."  
Salisbury makes a  
monument of shame  
and of the cruelty of man  
to man.



Nov 25

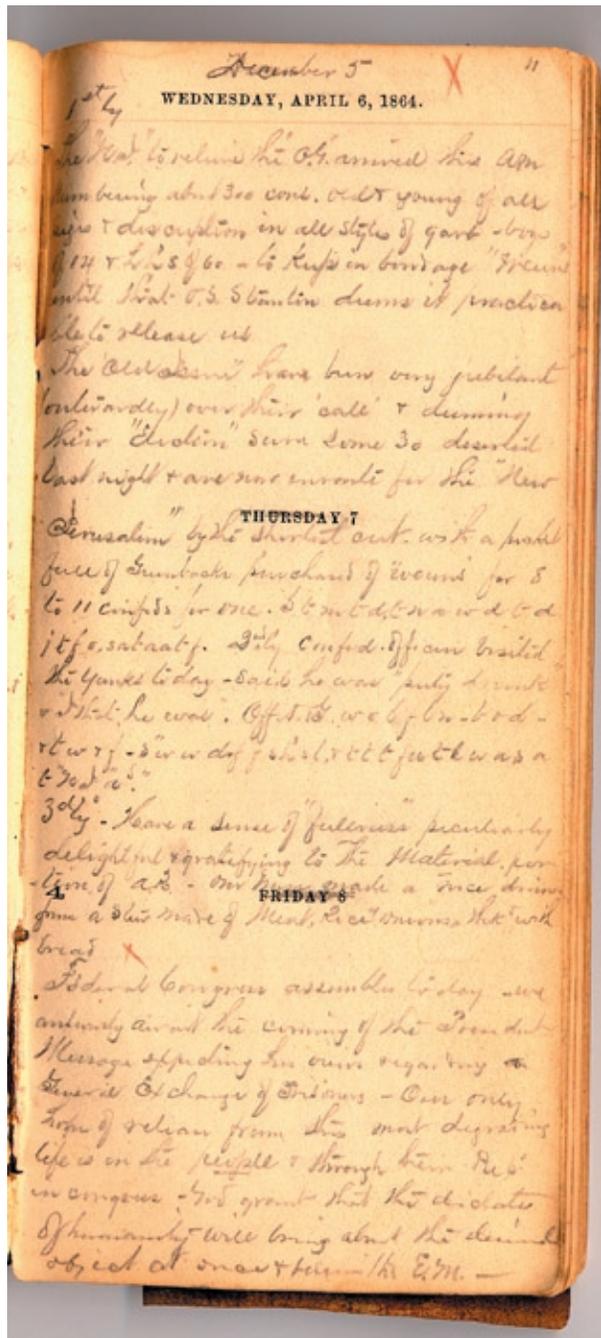
Maj Byrnes addressed a communication To Col. Smith in reference to Boxes for officers where their things would be rec'd & delv' to officers by the Confed. Authorities. The same was for'd by Col. Smith to Gen. Gardiner who for'd the same information to Col Ould's Commissioner of exchange. Returned to Col Hooper endorsed. Boxes will be rec'd from the U.S. for Federal officers (pris. of war) & delv'd. The size & weight has not been limited, but the boxes had better be as compact as possible - not too Large. Tis said that during the fight between capt Harris & Lt. McGraw that Col. R said "don't part them let them fight it out." This same Col. Remarked to Col. S that "Euclid" was one of one Oldest & best English writers"(!) also That "Casey's Tactics" were a combination & revision of Euclid's used in time of Julius Ceasar(!)"



Wednesday Nov 30<sup>th</sup>  
Gen Hayes sent to Confed. Hosp.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 1864

Our Larder is replenished again by donation of Capt. Boyce of 10# Rice to be divided between 5 persons. The Quart cup & canteen are very acceptable. Since we came to No 3. We have been minus plates & Knives & Forks. are obliged to eat meat from hands as we sit on the floor. Our soup We eat with wooden spoons from tin cups Many have not even cups. One of the Guards offers 11 to 1 for Greenbacks Says he has made a 1000 Confed dollars since he came here & he wants to get U. S. Money as he intends to go through the Lines the first opp with many others An intelligent Reb says the Confed will go under in 6 months such is the oppinion outside.



DECEMBER 5

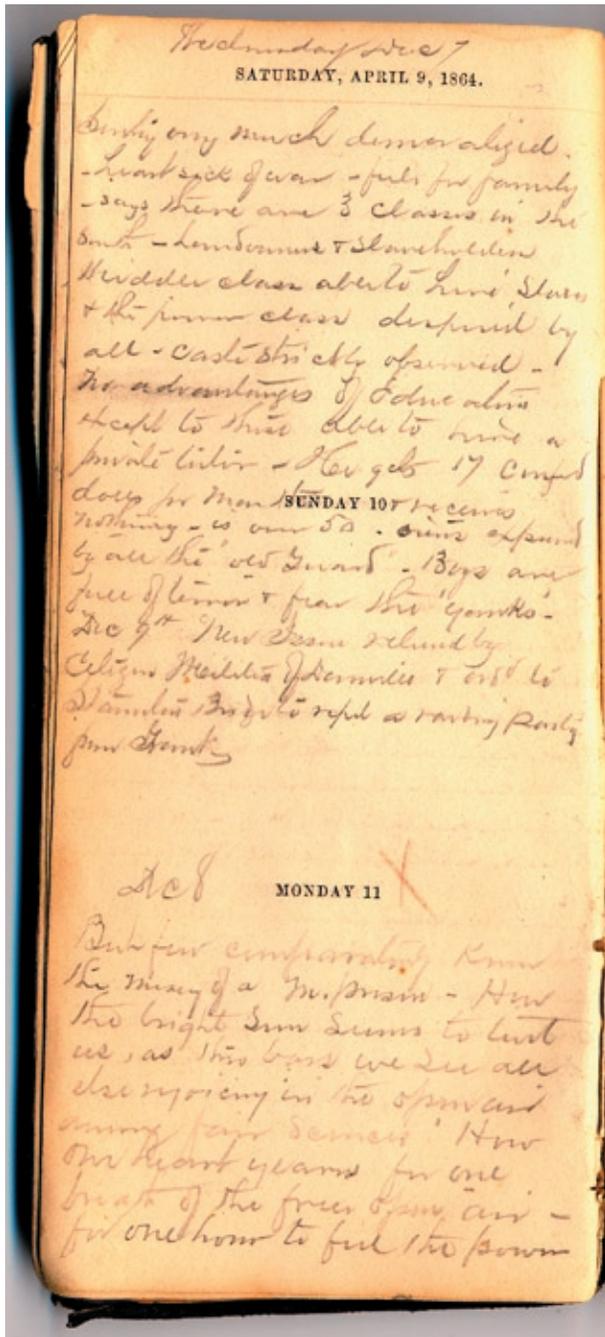
1<sup>stly</sup>

The N.I. (new issue) to relieve the O.G. (old guard) arrived this A.M., numbering about 300 conscripts, old and young, of all sizes & description(s), in all styles of garb; boys of 14 and [?] of 60, to keep in bondage "we'uns" until that o.s. Stanton deems it practical to release us.

The "Old issue" have been very jubilant (outwardly) over their 'call' & deeming their "election" sure, some 30 deserted last night & are now en route for the "New Jerusalem" by the shortest cut with a pocket full of greenbacks purchased of "we'uns" for \$8 to \$11 confederate for \$1 (U.S). S t m t d, t n a w e d t d j t f o, s a t a a t f. 2<sup>ndly</sup> Confederate officer visited the Yanks today; said he was "puty drunk" & " I thought he was. Off. D and G w o l f l n - bod - and tw and f - s "w w def f sh s l. and t t t fut l w a s a t 'NI' a?

3<sup>dly</sup> - Have a sense of fullness peculiarly delightful & gratifying to the material portion of Abner R - Our mess made a nice dinner from a stew made of meat, rice & onions, thkd [thickened] with bread.

Federal Congress assembles today. We anxiously await the coming of the President's Message, expecting his views regarding a general exchange of prisoners - Our only hope of release from this most degrading life is in the people and through their Reps in Congress - God grant that the dictates of humanity will bring about the desired object at once & release the E.M. (enlisted men).



Wednesday Dec 7

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1864.

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MONDAY 11

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TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1864.

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WEDNESDAY 13

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THURSDAY 14

23 CO recaptured on Tennessee and to day escaped from Columbia S.C. & after traveling over 400 miles & enduring great suffering were captured on Tenn Line. Maj Mattocks 7th Me., Lieut. Hunt 5th Me. Battery, and Capt. Litchfield, 4th Me., among the number.

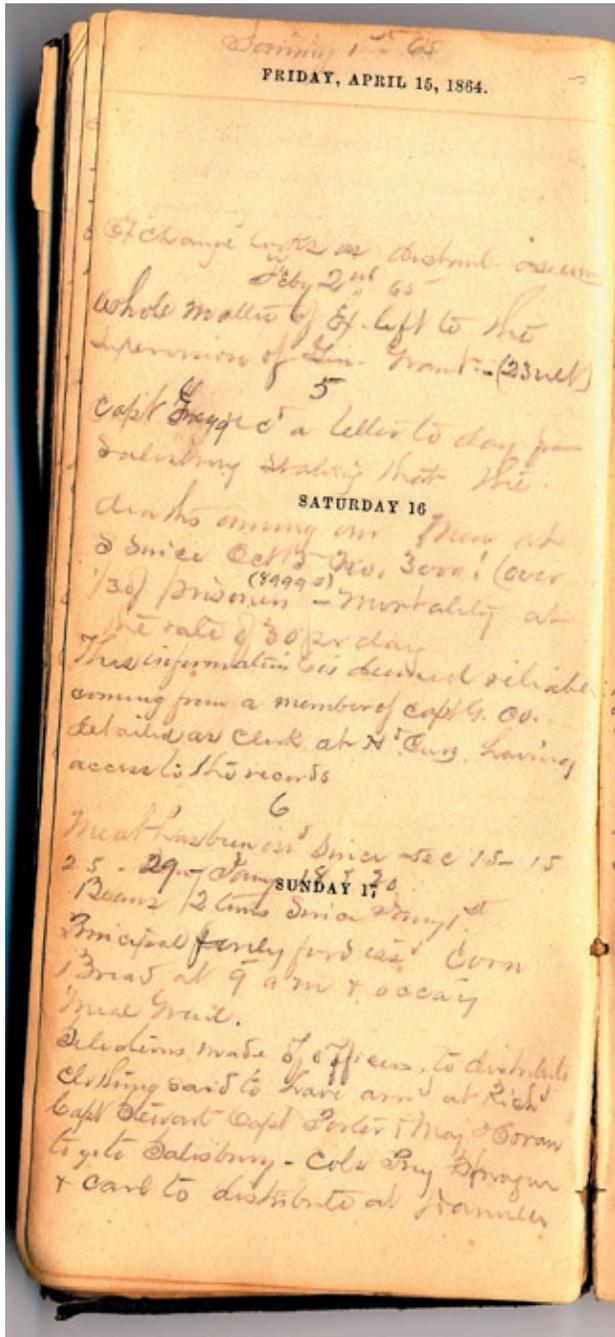
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February 1<sup>st</sup> 65

Exchange looks as distant as ever.

THURSDAY, Feby. 2<sup>nd</sup> 65

Whole matter of Ex. (exchange) left to the supervision of Gen. Grant. - (23 ult.)

SUNDAY 5

Capt. Gregg received a letter today from Salisbury, stating that the deaths among our men at S (Salisbury) since Oct 15 no. 3000! Over 1/3 of prisoners (8999) - mortality at the rate of 30 per day.

This information is deemed reliable coming from a member of Capt. G. (Gregg's) Co. (Company) detailed as clerk at headquarters, having access to the records.

MONDAY 6

Meat has been issued since Dec. 15 - 15 25 - 29 - Jan 18 & 20

beans 2 times since Jan 1st  
Principal and only food iss [issued] corn - bread at 9 A.M. and occais {occasionally} meal gruel.

Selections made of officers to distribute clothing said to have arr<sup>d</sup> [arrived] at Rich<sup>d</sup> [Richmond]  
Capt. Stewart, Capt. Porter & Maj. Horan to go to Salisbury; Cols. Prey, Sprague & Carl to distribute at Danville.

Tuesday Feby 7<sup>th</sup> 65  
 MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1864.

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 aging news relative to Exchange  
 of Stk "firm"

Wednesday, Feby 8<sup>th</sup>  
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 - 19<sup>th</sup>

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TUESDAY 19

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 Clothing etc. and private boxes arrived.

10<sup>th</sup>

Northern letters rec<sup>d</sup> with money  
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 January 27<sup>th</sup>. Clothing issd [issued] to E M [enlisted men]  
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11<sup>th</sup>

12<sup>th</sup>

1-12 - Very fine.  
 Sermon by Dr. Hall from 2 Timothy:  
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19 C.O. sent to Richmond - Col 1 Capt 4  
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Northern letters rec<sup>d</sup> with money  
 in drafts - exc. (exchange) on London.

Rec<sup>d</sup> letter from Aunt Emma,  
 January 27<sup>th</sup>. Clothing issd [issued] to E M [enlisted men]  
 and priv box del<sup>d</sup> [private boxes delivered].

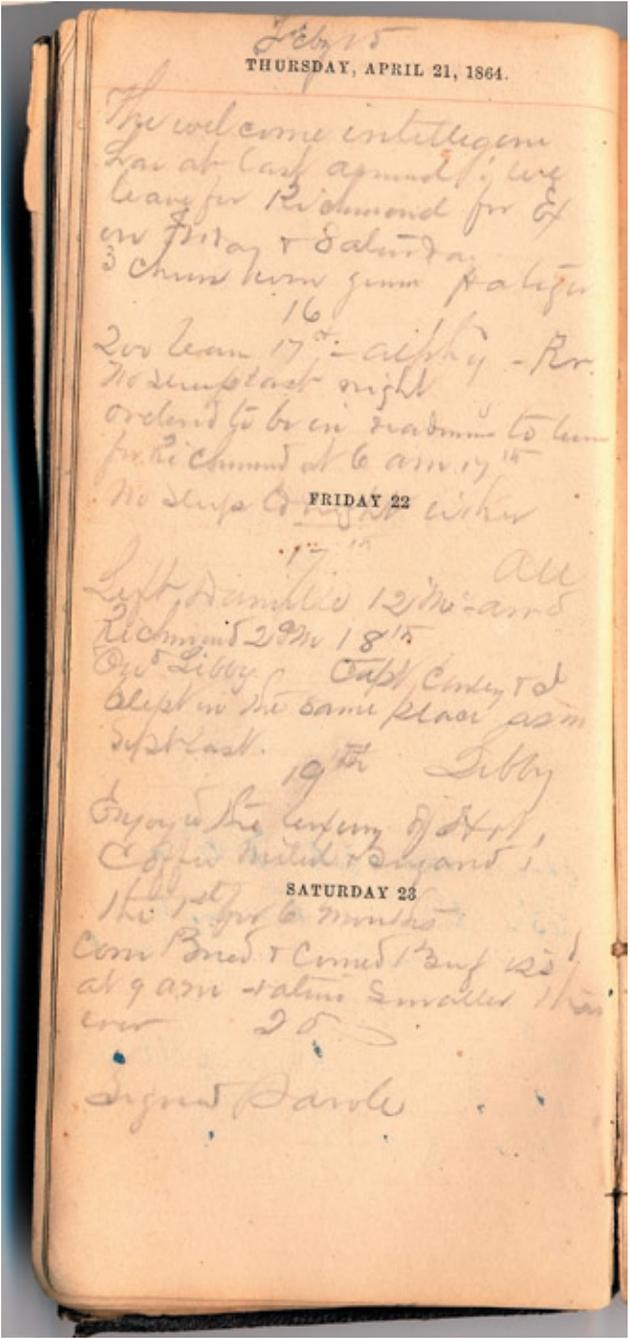
SUNDAY 12

Sermon by Dr. Hall from 2 Timothy:  
 1-12. Very fine.

TUESDAY 14

19[9?] C.O. [commissioned officers] sent to Richmond - Col 1 Capt 4  
 Lieut 4 for exchange.

Northern papers state that gen Ex. [general exchange]  
 has been agreed upon.



Feby 15  
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1864.

The welcome intelligence  
has at last arrived; we  
leave for Richmond for 6  
on Friday & Saturday  
3 men from gunn & tiger

16  
200 leave 17<sup>th</sup> - alphy - Rr.  
No sleep last night  
ordered to be in readiness to leave  
for Richmond at 6 am 17<sup>th</sup>

FRIDAY 22

No sleep  
17<sup>th</sup>  
Left Danville 12 P.M. - Arr'd  
Richmond 2 P.M. 18<sup>th</sup>  
Capt. Conley & I  
slept in the same place as in  
Sept. last.

19<sup>th</sup> Libby  
Enjoyed the luxury of hot  
coffee milked & sugared

SATURDAY 23

18<sup>th</sup> for 6 months  
Corn Bread & Corned Beef issued  
at 9 am - ration smaller than  
ever 2 oz.

Signed Parole

WEDNESDAY Feby 15, 1865

The welcome intelligence  
has at last arrived! we  
leave for Richmond for ex.  
on Friday & Saturday  
3 cheers were given, and a tiger.

THURSDAY 16

200 leave 17<sup>th</sup> alphy [alphabetically] Rr.[by railroad]  
no sleep last night  
ordered to be in readiness to leave  
for Richmond at 6 A.M. 17th  
No sleep tonight, either.

FRIDAY 17

all left Danville 12 P.M.

SATURDAY 18

Arr<sup>d</sup> (arrived)  
Richmond 2 P.M.  
arr'd Libby. Capt. Conley and I  
slept in the same place as in  
Sept. last.

SUNDAY 19

Libby. Enjoyed luxury of hot  
coffee milked and sugared!  
the 1<sup>st</sup> for 6 months.  
Corn-bread and corned beef issued  
at 9 A.M. ration smaller than  
ever: 2 ounces.  
Signed parole

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1864.

Libby Prison  
21<sup>st</sup> Feb

About 80 officers left this  
morning with sick from  
hospital.

We go tomorrow morn

22  
Left the southern hell  
at 8 A.M. placed our  
feet on God's soil near  
Cox's Landing

MONDAY 25

got sight of stars & stripes  
at Aiken's Landing at  
11 1/2 - Left A L in  
Leary at 1 1/2 P.M.

Ham - White Bread & Coffee  
1/2 ra whiskey

Arrived Annapolis 7 A.M.

TUESDAY 26

23<sup>rd</sup> - Our quarters at building 6  
with room 2 Naval School  
Barracks

24  
Rec'd Maj. Wilson U.S.A.  
Paymaster \$233 for  
months of Dec & Jan.

Libby Prison

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About 80 officers left this  
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WEDNESDAY 22

Left the southern hell

at 8 A.M. placed our

feet on God's soil near

Cox's landing 10 A.M.

got sight of stars & stripes

at Aiken's landing at

11 1/2 (11:30) - Left A L [Aikens Landing] in "Geo.

Leary" at 1 1/2 P.M.

Ham white bread and coffee

issued - 1/2 ra (ration) whiskey.

THURSDAY 23

Arrived Annapolis 7 A.M.

Qr<sup>d</sup> at building 6,

Co. K Room 2, Naval School

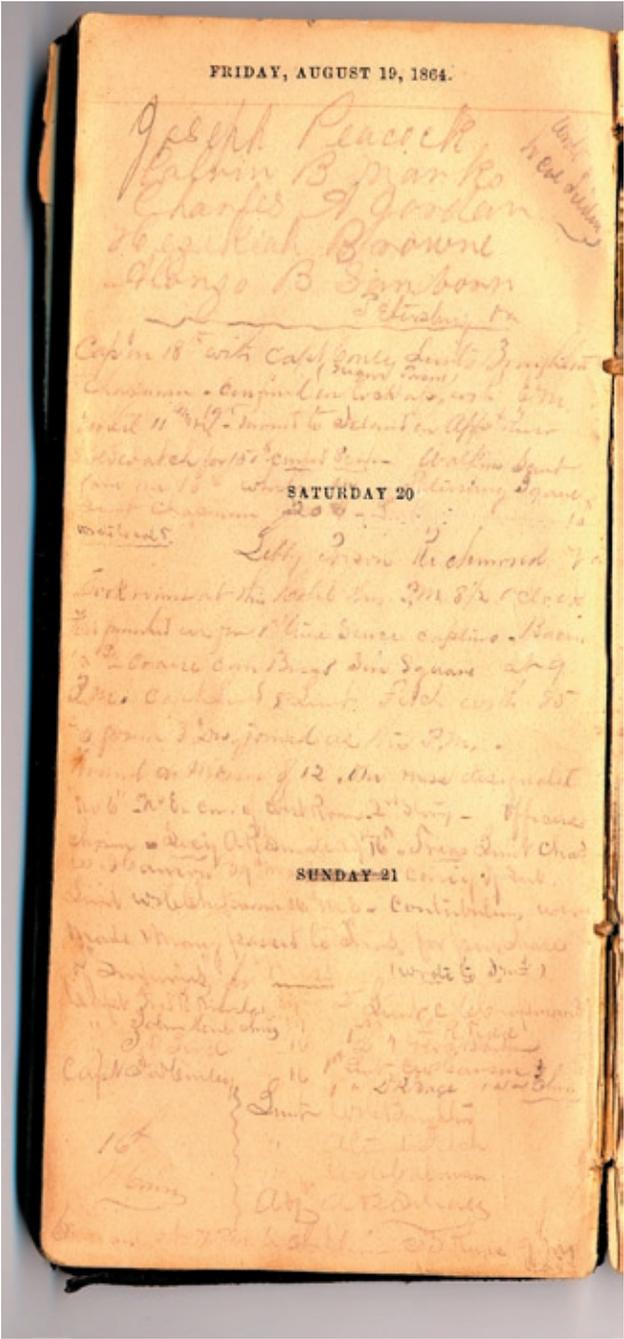
Barracks.

FRIDAY 24

Received of Maj. Wilson U.S.A. (Army)

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months of Dec & Jan.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1864.

Joseph Peacock  
Calvin B. Marko  
Charles J. Jordan  
George B. Brown  
George B. Brown

Capt<sup>d</sup> with Capt. Conley, Lieuts. Broughton  
& Chapman. Confined in lockup (negro prison) with E M (enlisted men)  
until 11 A.M. 19<sup>th</sup>. Moved to island in Appomattox river  
Sold watch for 150\$ Confed. Scrip. Watkins scout  
gave me 10\$. While in Petersburg I gave

SATURDAY 20

Wrote to Col T [Tilden]  
SATURDAY 20  
Libby Prison Richmond Va

Took rooms at this hotel this P.M., 8 1/2 o'clock  
Food furnished us for first time since capture - bacon  
1/3 pound - coarse corn-bread 3 in (inches) square at 9  
P.M. Capt Lord & Lieut Fitch with 85

SUNDAY 21

C O [Commissioned Officers] from 3<sup>d</sup> div. joined us this P.M.  
Formed in messes of 12 - Our mess designated  
"no. 6" Northeastern corner of west room, 2<sup>nd</sup> story - Officers  
chosen: secty [secretary] A.R. Small, Adj. 16<sup>th</sup>, Treas [treasurer] Lieut. Charles  
W. Hanson, 39<sup>th</sup> Mass., Comisy of Sub [Commissary of subsistence]  
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made money passed to treasurer for purchase  
of "luxuries" for mess (Wrote to J[Julia].M [Maria]. F [Fairbanks])

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1864

Petersburg Va.

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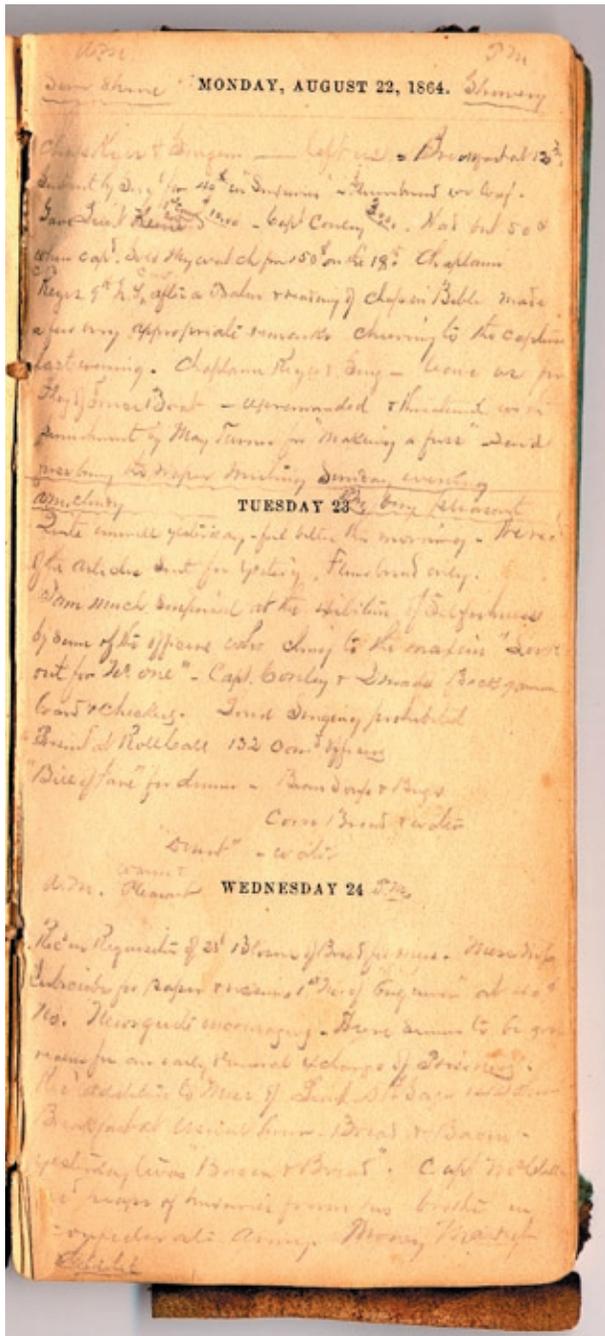
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SUNDAY AUGUST 21, 1864

Services at 7 PM by Chplain Ch. Keyes,

9th N.Y. Cavalry.



A.M.  
sunny

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1864

P.M.  
showery

Breakfast at 12 M.

Sent out by Sergeant for 40\$ in "luxuries" – flour-bread 1\$ loaf  
Gave Lieut. Kane 1<sup>st</sup> Conn. Cavalry, 10\$ Capt. Conley 30.00. Had but 50 c.  
when Capt<sup>d</sup>. Sold my watch for 150\$ on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Chaplain

C.B. Keyes, 9<sup>th</sup> N.Y. Cavalry after a psalm & reading of a chapter in the Bible made  
a few very appropriate remarks cheering to the captives  
last evening. Chaplain Keyes & surg [surgeon] \_\_ leave us for  
flag of truce boat. Reprimanded & threatened with  
punishment by Maj. Turner for "making a fuss" said  
fuss being the prayer meeting Sunday evening.

A.M. cloudy TUESDAY 23 P.M. very pleasant  
Quite unwell yesterday. Feel better this morning. We rec<sup>d</sup>  
of the articles sent for yesterday – flour-bread only.

I am much surprised at the exhibition of selfishness  
by some of the officers, who cling to the maxim "look  
out for no. one" Capt Conley & I make a Backgammon  
board & checkers. Loud singing prohibited.

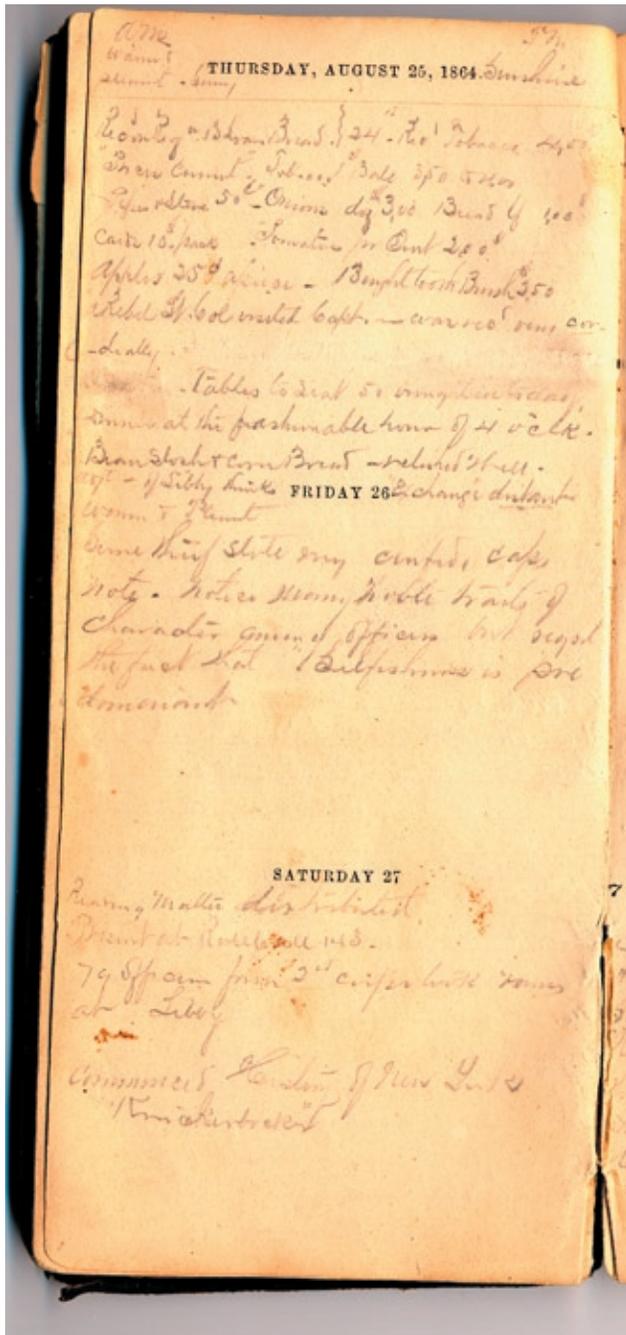
Present at roll-call 132 com<sup>d</sup> officers.

Bill of fare for dinner:

- Bean soup & Bugs
- Corn-Bread & water
- "Dessert" - water.

A.M. warm & pleasant WEDNESDAY 24 P.M.  
Rec<sup>d</sup> on Requisition of 23<sup>d</sup> 13 loaves of Bread for mess. Mess no. 6  
subscribes for paper & receives first no. of "enquirer" at 40 c. [per]  
No. News quite encouraging. There seems to be good  
reason for an early general exchange of Prisoners.

Rec<sup>d</sup> addition to mess of Lieut. D.R. Sage 144<sup>th</sup> Ohio.  
Breakfast at usual hour: bread & bacon.  
yesterday t'was bacon & bread. Capt. [Carsell] McClellan  
received heaps of luxuries from his brother  
[Maj. Henry B. McClellan] in  
Confederate Army. Money market dull.



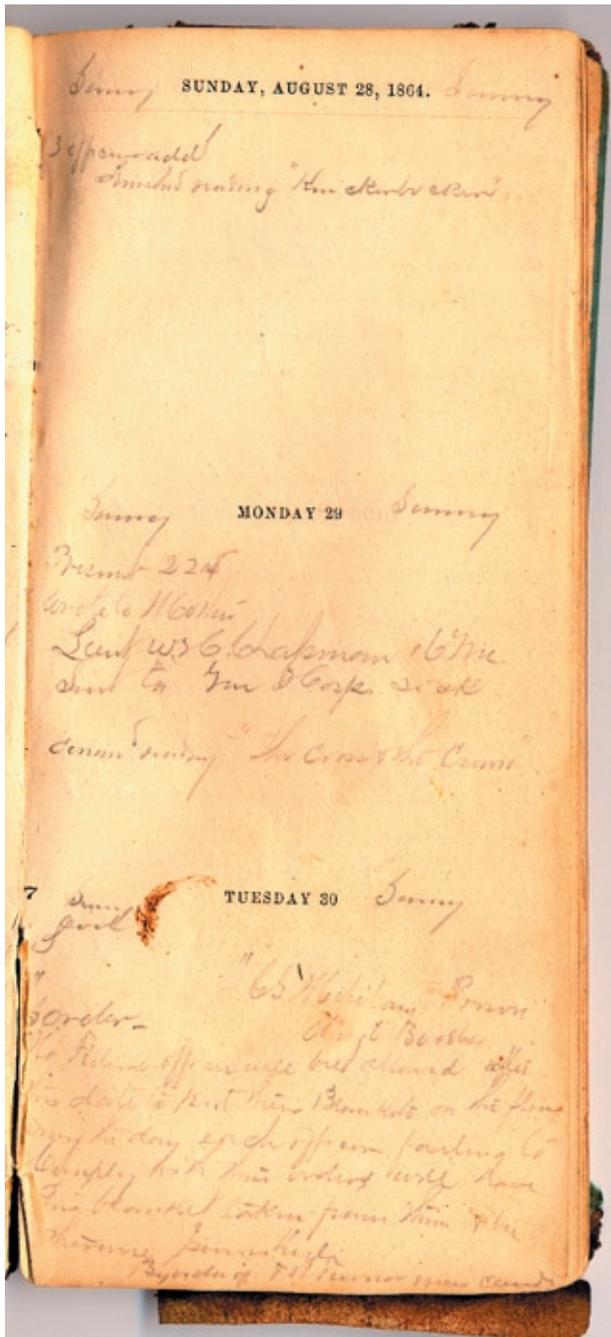
A.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1864 P.M.  
 warm & sunshine  
 pleasant sunny

Rec<sup>d</sup> on Reqn. [requisition] 13 loaves bread 24<sup>th</sup> Rec<sup>d</sup> Tobacco, 4\$  
 "Prices current" tobacco, one pound bale 3.50\$ to 4\$  
 pipe & stem, 50 cents – onions, dozen 3\$ – bread, loaf 1\$  
 cards, 10\$ pack – tomatoes per quart 2\$  
 apples 25 cents apiece. Bought tooth brush 2.50\$  
 Rebel Lieut. – Col. Visited Capt. \_\_\_\_ – was received very cor-  
 -dially. I admire Gen. Hayes  
 (words erased)

Tables to seat 50 brought in today.  
 Dinner at the fashionable hour of 4 o'clock:  
 bean slosh & corn-bread – relished well.  
 warm & pleasant  
 Adj. [Latouche] of Libby thinks exchange distant.  
 FRIDAY 26

warm & pleasant  
 Some thief stole my Confed. Cap  
 Note – Notice many noble traits of  
 character among officers but regret  
 the fact that selfishness is pre  
 dominant.

SATURDAY 27  
 Reading matter distributed  
 Present at roll call, 143.  
 79 officers from 2<sup>d</sup> corps took rooms  
 at Libby.



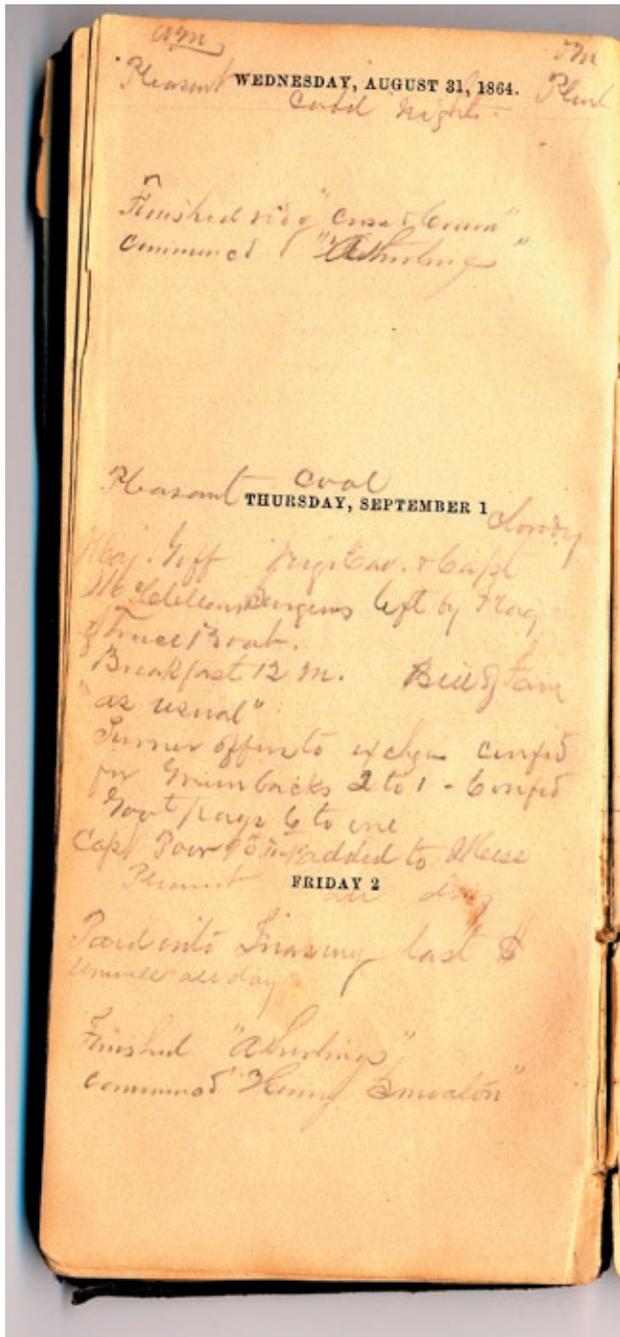
sunny                      SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1864                      sunny  
3 officers add<sup>l</sup> [additional]  
finished reading "Knickerbocker"

sunny                      MONDAY 29                      sunny  
Present - 224  
Wrote to Mother  
Lieut. W.H. Chapman, 16th ., Me  
sent to general hosp. Sick

Commenced reading "the Cross & the Crown"

sunny                      TUESDAY 30                      sunny  
cool  
C.S. Military Prison  
S (special) Order -    Aug' 30, 1864.  
No federal officers will be allowed after  
this date to put their blankets on the floor  
during the day. Each officer failing to  
comply with this order will have  
his blanket taken from him & be  
otherwise punished.

"By order of T.P. Turner, Maj. Comdg."



A.M. pleasant WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1864 Cold nights P.M. pleasant

Finished reading "Cross & Crown"  
Commenced "Athelings"

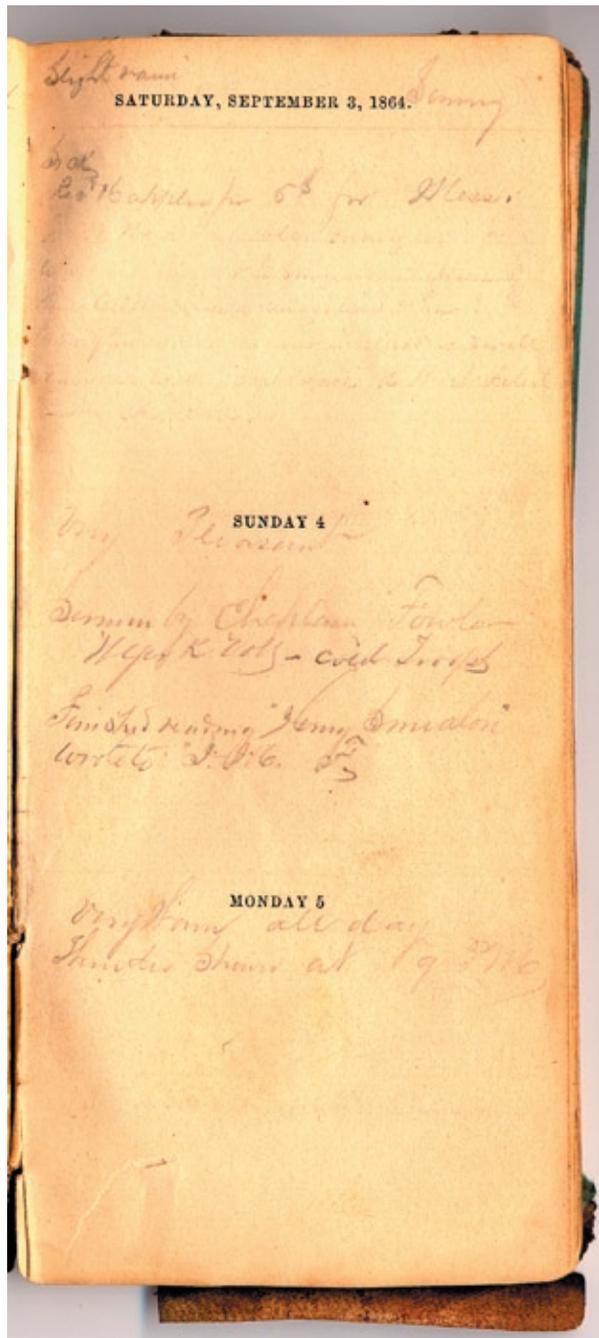
pleasant cool THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 cloudy

Maj. Goff Virg. Cav. (Cavalry) & Capt  
McClellan surgeons left by flag  
of Truce boat.  
Breakfast 12 M. Bill of fare  
"as usual"  
Turner offers to exchg Confederate Currency  
for greenbacks 2 to 1 - Confed  
Gov<sup>t</sup> pays 6 to one.  
Capt. Poor, [cook] 9<sup>th</sup> C [Colored] Troops added to mess.

pleasant FRIDAY 2 day  
all

Paid into treasury last \$  
Unwell all day

Finished "Athelings"



slight rain

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1864 sunny

Sick

Received 16 apples for 5\$ for mess.

[words erased]

very

SUNDAY 4

pleasant

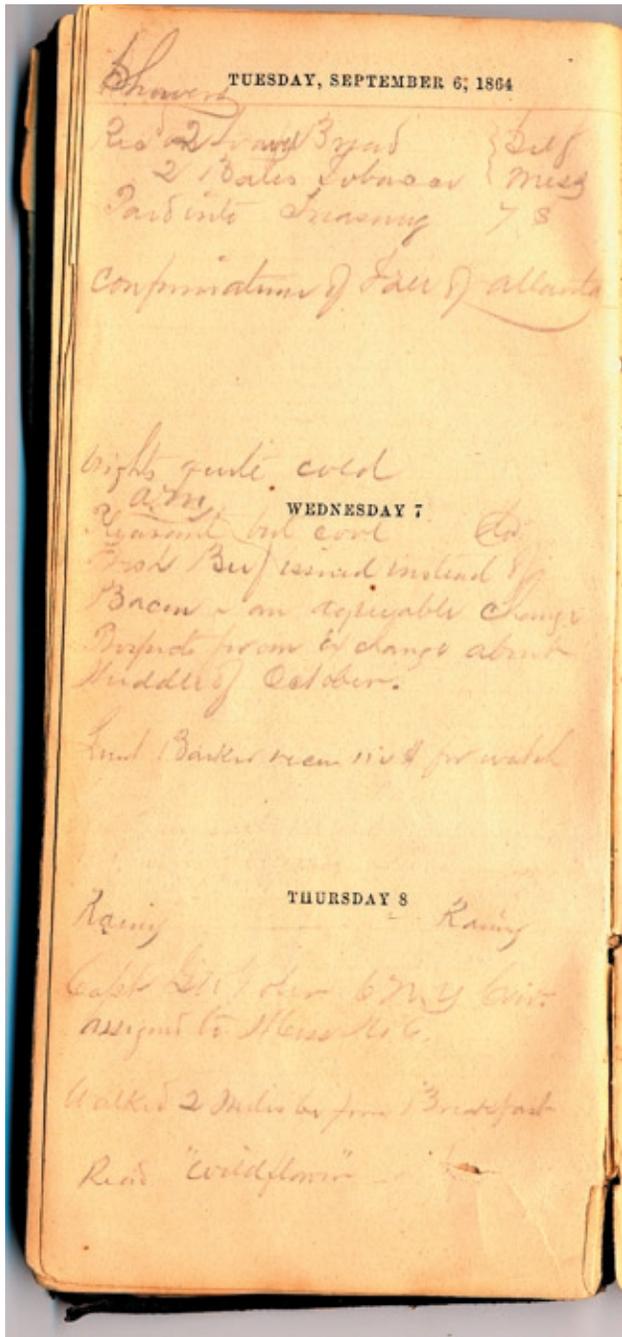
Sermon by Chaplain Fowler,  
N.Y. Vols. - Col<sup>d</sup>[Colored] troops

Finished reading "Henry Smeaton"  
Wrote to J [Julia]. M [Maria]. F [Fairbanks].

Monday 5

very warm all day

Thunder shower at 9 P.M.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1864

Showers

Rec<sup>d</sup> 2 loaves bread } Self  
2 bales tobacco } Mess  
Paid into treasury 7\$

Confirmation of fall of Atlanta

bright quite cold

WEDNESDAY 7

pleasant but cool  
Fresh Beef issued instead of  
Bacon - an agreeable change  
Prospects for an exchange about  
middle of October.

Lieut. Barker rec<sup>d</sup> 110\$ for watch  
[words erased]

THURSDAY 8

Rainy

Capt. G. W. Goler 6<sup>th</sup> N.Y. Cav.  
assigned to Mess No 6.

Walked 2 miles before breakfast

Read "Wildflower"

showers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1864

Rec<sup>d</sup> 2 loaves of bread, self  
2 bales of tobacco, mess  
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A.M.

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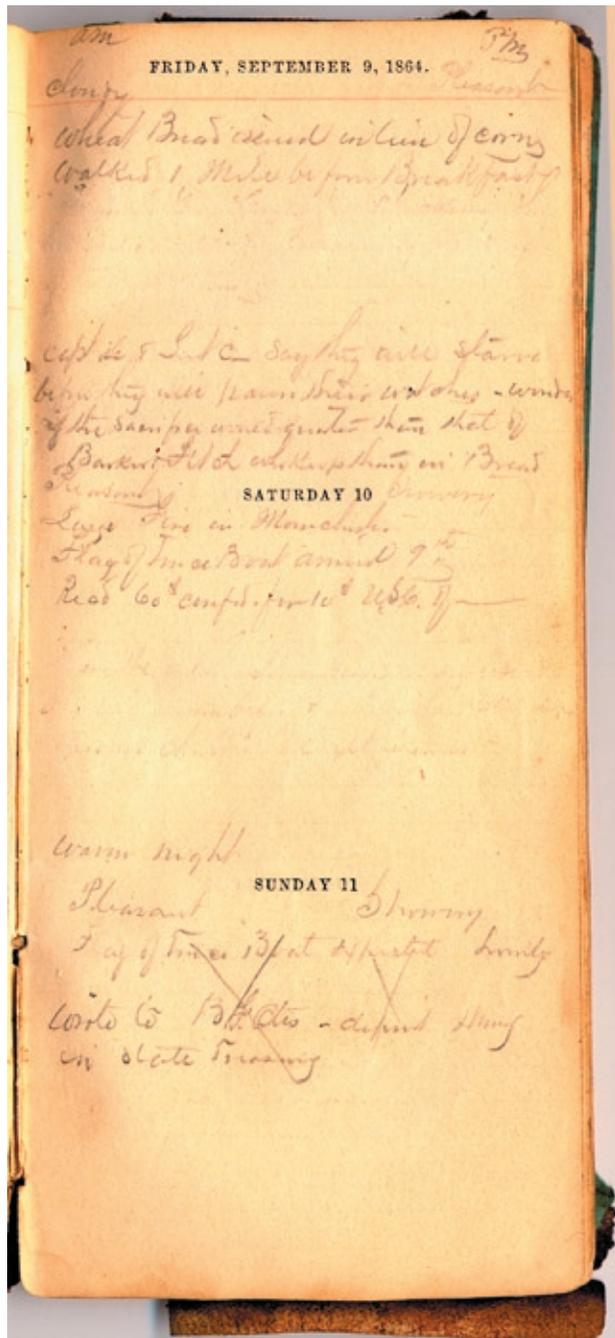
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1864.

Wheat Bread issued in lieu of corn  
Walked 1 mile before breakfast

SATURDAY 10

Large fire in Manchester.  
Flag of Truce Boat arrived 9<sup>th</sup>  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Confed. for 10<sup>th</sup> U.S.C.

SUNDAY 11

Flag of Truce Boat expected hourly  
Wrote to B.F. Otis - deposit money  
in state treasury

A.M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1864 P.M.

Cloudy Pleasant

Wheat-bread issued in lieu of corn

Walked 1 mile before breakfast

[words erased]

Capt. H & Lieut. C say they will starve before they will pawn their watches - wonder if the sacrifice would be greater than that of Barker and Fitch who keep them in Bread.

pleasant SATURDAY 10 showery

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warm night

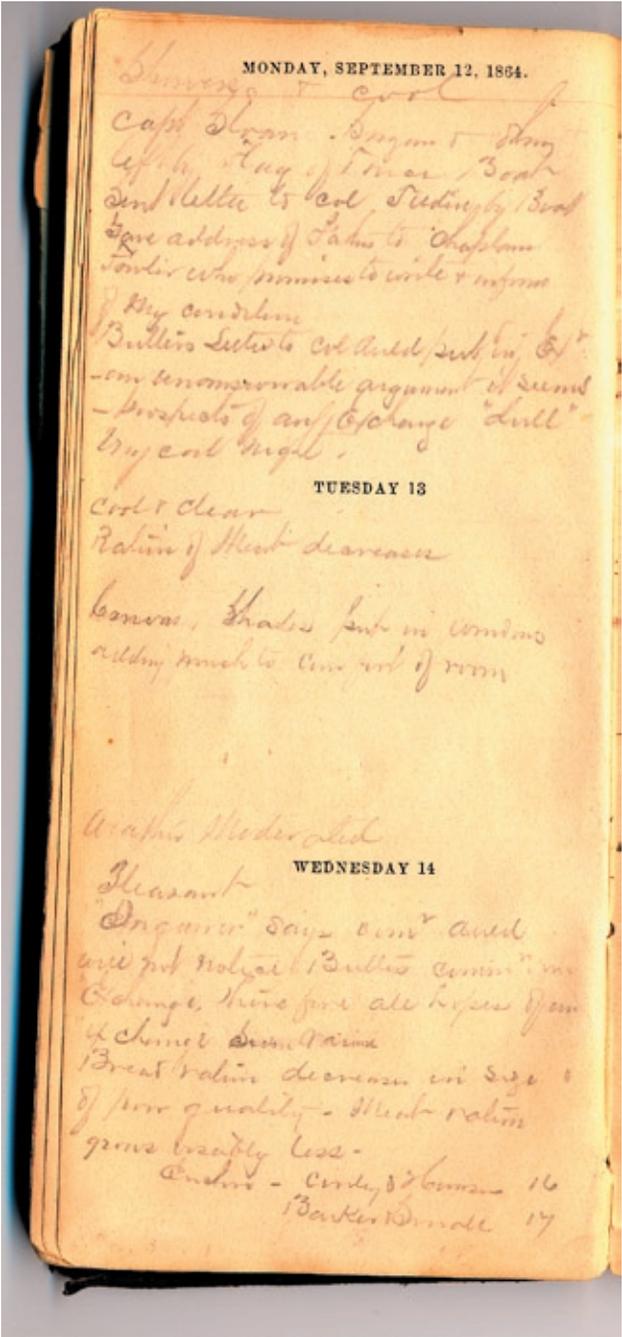
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1864.

Shower & cool  
Capt. Sloan - surgeons & others  
left by Flag of Truce Boat  
Sent letter to Col. Tilden by Boat  
Gave address of Father to Chaplain  
Fowler who promises to write & inform  
of my condition  
Butler's letter to Col. Auld published in "Examiner" &  
an unanswerable argument it seems  
Prospect of any exchange dull  
Very cool night.

TUESDAY 13

Cool & clear  
Ration of Meat decreases  
Canvas shades put in windows  
adding much to comfort of room

Weather moderated  
WEDNESDAY 14

Pleasant  
"Enquirer" says Commissioner Auld [Ould]  
will not notice Butler's communication on  
Exchange. Therefore all hopes of an  
exchange seem vain.  
Bread ration decreases in size  
of poor quality - Meat ration  
grows visibly less.  
Euchre - Conley & Hanson 16  
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1864

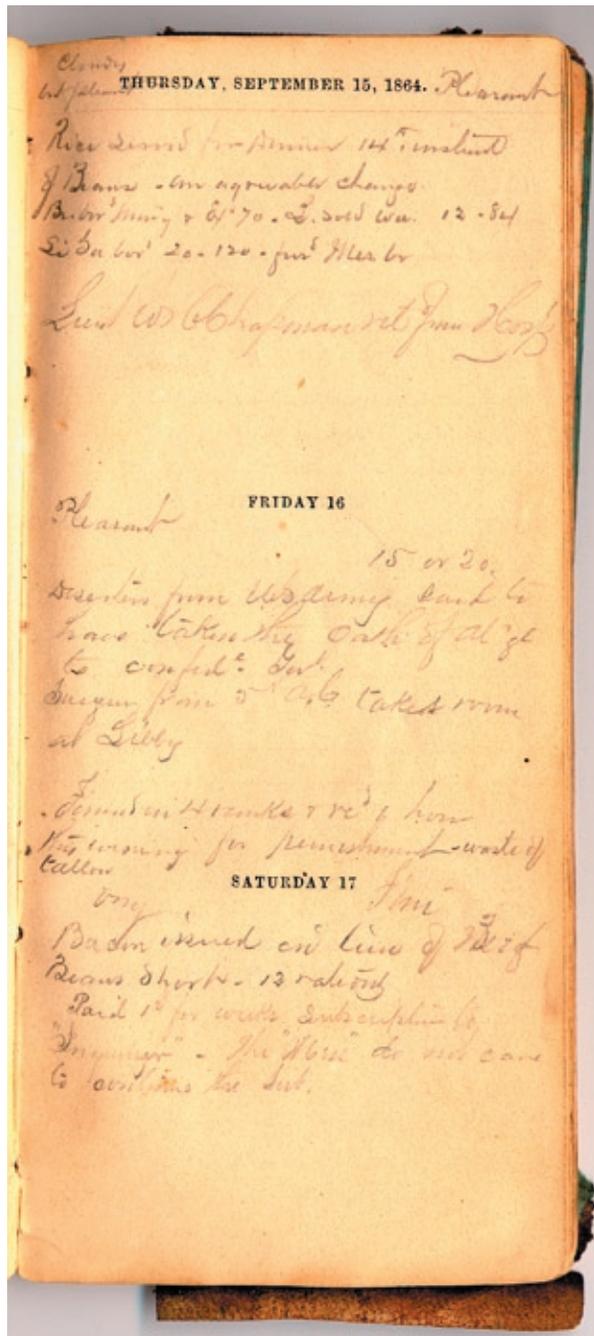
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cloudy

but pleasant

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1864 pleasant

Rice served for dinner 14th instead of Beans – an agreeable change.

Br. Bor<sup>d</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and ex<sup>d</sup> 70. L. sold wa. 12 – 84.

Lt. Sa. Bor<sup>d</sup> 20 – 120 – fur<sup>d</sup> ms. tr.

Lieut. W.H. Chapman ret. from hosp.

FRIDAY 16

pleasant

15 or 20

deserters from U.S. Army said to have taken the oath of alg<sup>c</sup> [allegiance] to the Confed<sup>t</sup> Govt.

Surgeon from 5<sup>th</sup> A.L. takes room at Libby.

Formed in 4 ranks & re<sup>d</sup> one hour this evening for punishment – waste of tallow

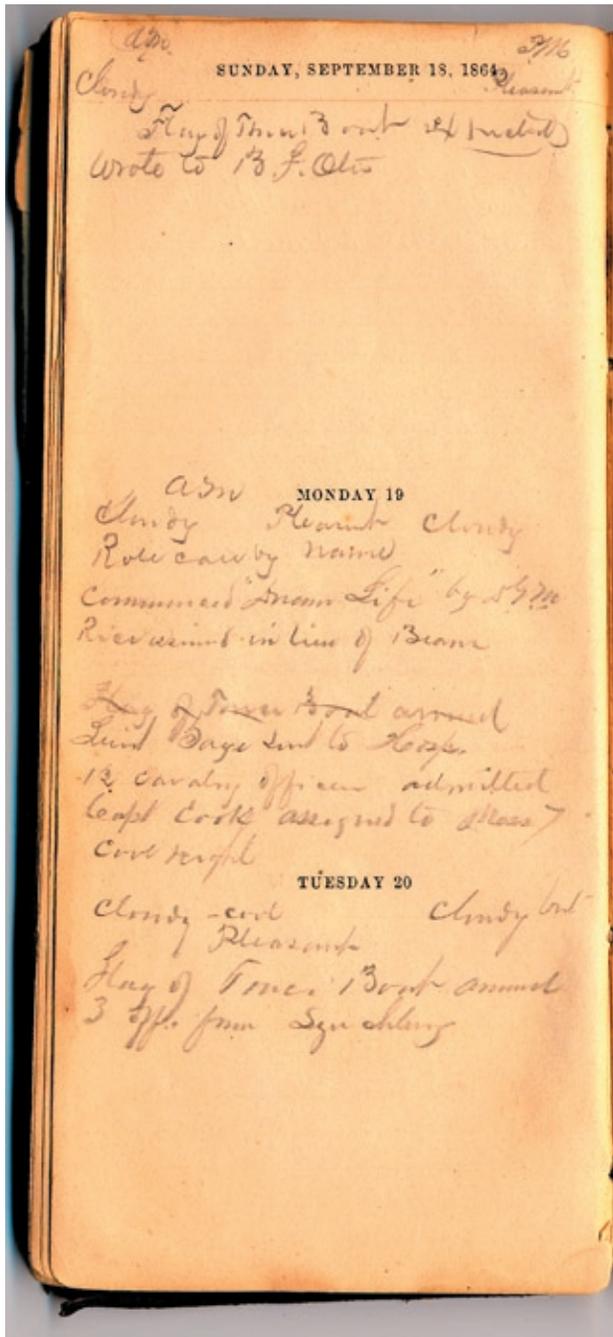
very

SATURDAY 17 fine

Bacon issued in lieu of Beef

Beans short – 12 rations

Paid 1\$ for weeks subscription to “Enquirer” – the “Mess” do not care



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1864

A.M. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1864 P.M.  
cloudy pleasant

Flag of Truce Boat expected  
Wrote to B.F. Otis

MONDAY 19

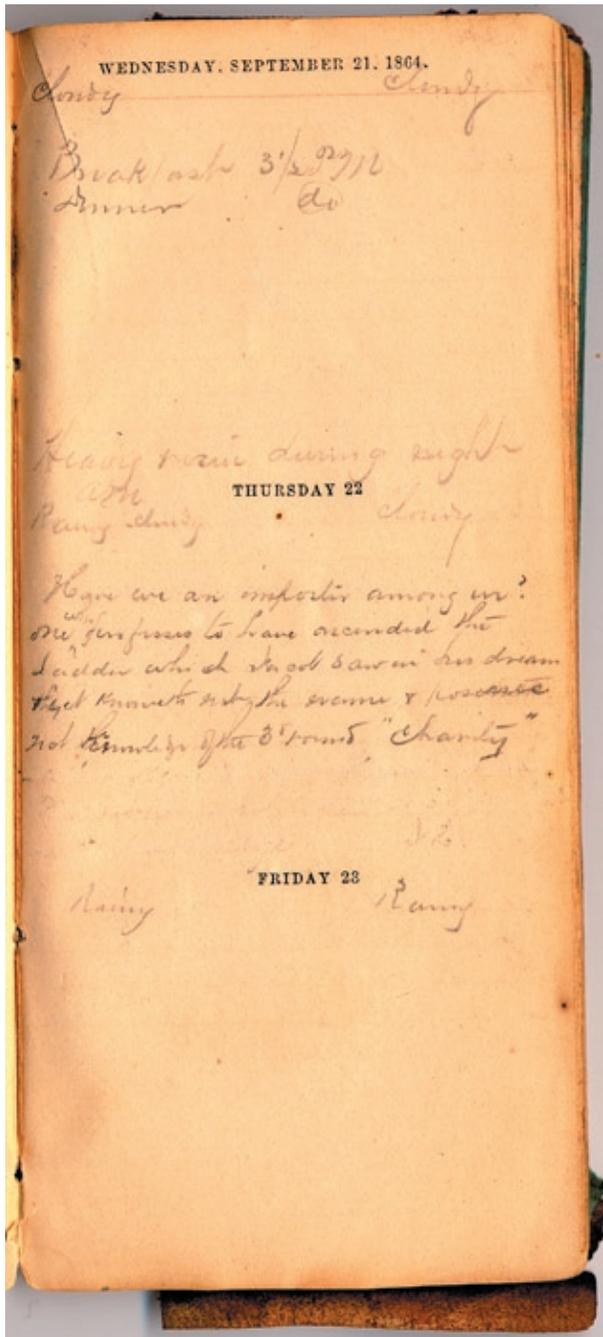
A.M. MONDAY 19  
cloudy pleasant cloudy

Roll call by name  
Commenced "Dream Life" by D.G.M.  
Rice issued in lieu of Beans  
Lieut. Sage sent to Hosp.  
12 cavalry officers admitted  
Capt Cook assigned to mess 7  
Cool night

TUESDAY 20

TUESDAY 20  
cloudy - cool cloudy but pleasant

Flag of Truce Boat arrived  
3 off'r [OFFICERS] from Lynchburg



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1864

cloudy

cloudy

Breakfast 3 1/2 P.M.

Dinner " do. [ditto]

Heavy rain during night

A.M. THURSDAY 22

rainy cloudy

cloudy

Have we an imposter among us?

One who professes to have ascended the ladder which Jacob saw in his dream

& yet knoweth not the name & possesses not the knowledge of the third round "charity"

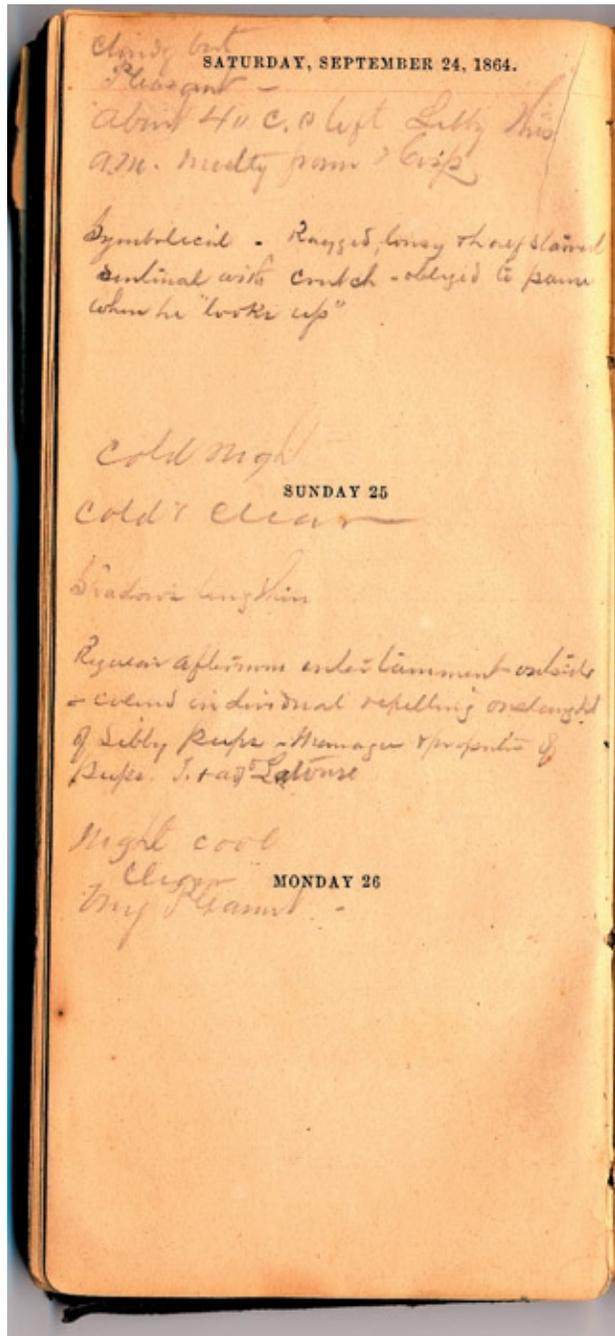
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FRIDAY 23

rainy

rainy

[No entry]



cloudy but

pleasant                      SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1864  
About 40 C.O. (commissioned officers) left Libby this  
A.M. mostly from hosp.

Symbolical – ragged lousy half starved  
sentinel with crutch obliged to pause  
when he “looks up”

Cold night.

SUNDAY 25

cold & clear

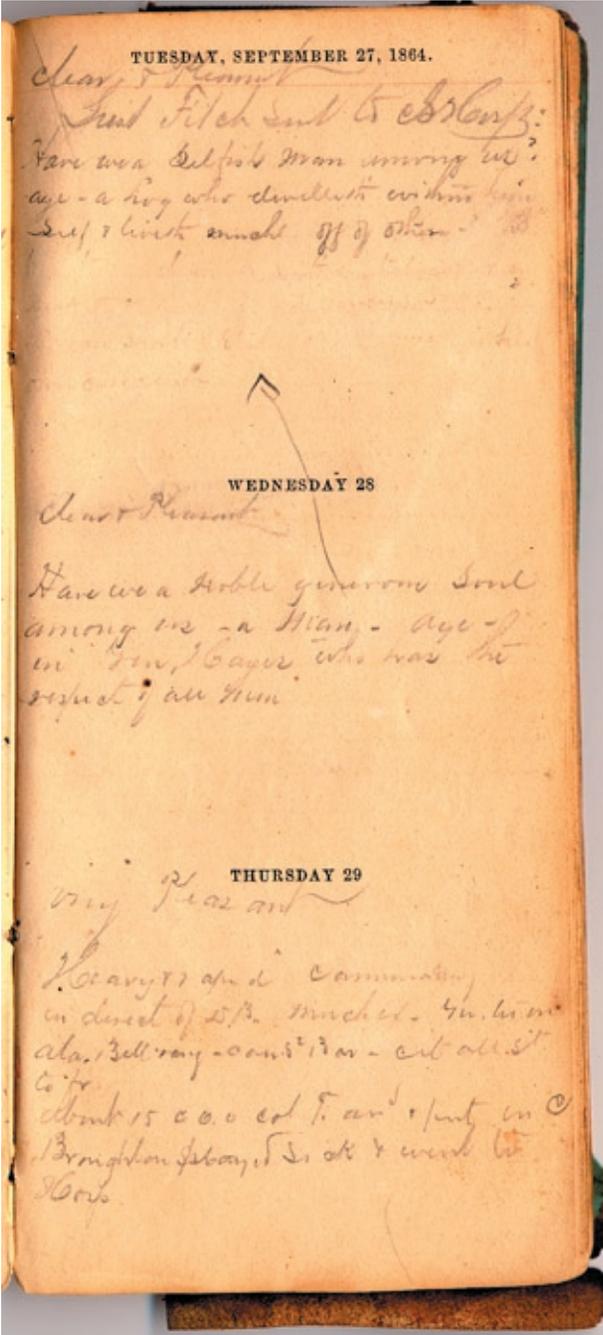
Shadows lengthen.

Regular afternoon entertainment outside  
– colored individual repelling onslaught  
of Libby pups. Manager & proprietor of  
pups T & adjt. Latouse [Latouche]

Night cool

clear                                      MONDAY 26  
very pleasant

[No entry]



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1864.

Clear & Pleasant  
Lieut. Fitch sent to hosp.  
Have we a selfish man among us?  
Aye - a hog who dwelleth within him  
self & liveth much off of others.

WEDNESDAY 28

Clear & Pleasant  
Have we a noble generous Soul  
among us - a Man - Aye -  
in Gen. Hayes who has the  
respect of all men.

THURSDAY 29

Very Pleasant  
Heavy and rapid cannonading  
in direct of D.B. Much ex Gen. tu on  
Ala bell rang. C an t B ar. Cit all st  
to fr.  
About 15 c o o col t ar<sup>d</sup> [Colored troops arrived]  
& put in c[ells]  
Lieut. Broughton played sick & went to hosp.

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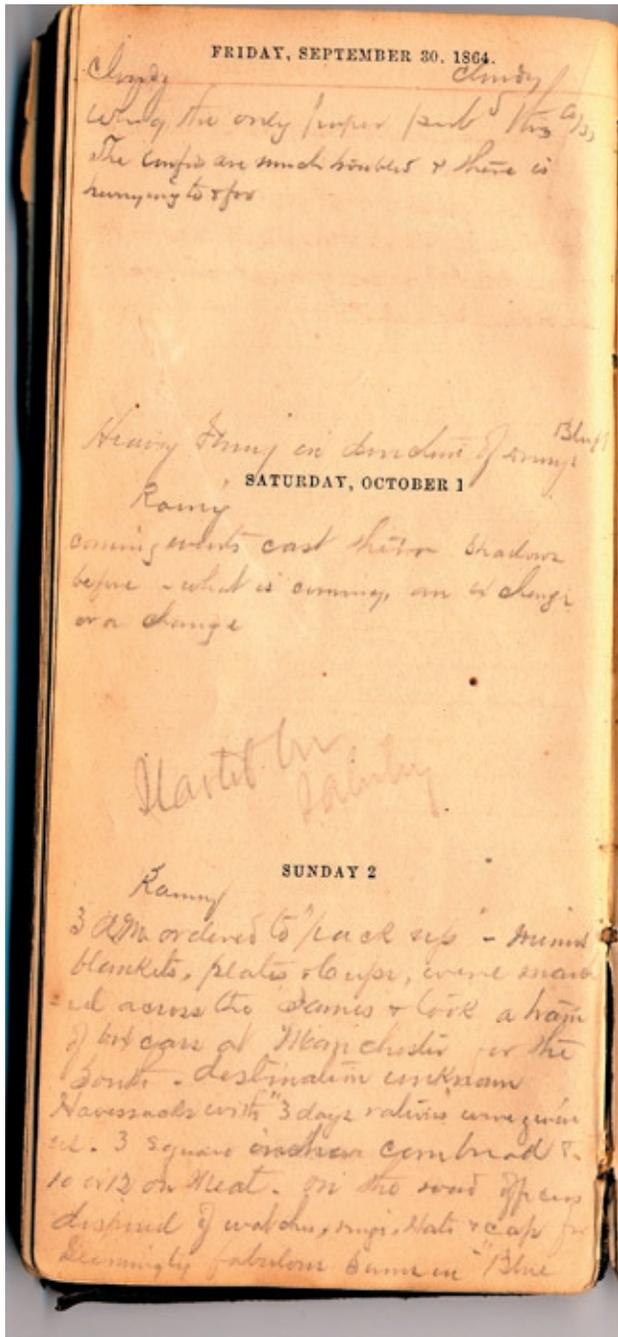
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1864.

Cloudy  
Whig, the only paper published this A.M.  
The Confeds. are much troubled & there is  
hurry,ing to and fro

Heavy firing in direction of Drury's Bluff  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1  
Rainy  
Coming events cast their shadows  
before - what is coming, an exchange  
or a change

Started for  
Saturday

SUNDAY 2

Rainy  
3 A.M. ordered to "pack up" - minus  
blankets, plates & cups, were march  
ed across the James & took a train  
of box cars at Manchester for the  
South. destination unknown.  
Haversacks with "3 days rations" were given  
us. 3 square inches corn bread &  
10 or 12 oz. meat. On the road officers  
disposed of watches, rings, hats & caps for  
seemingly fabulous sums in "Blue  
backs"

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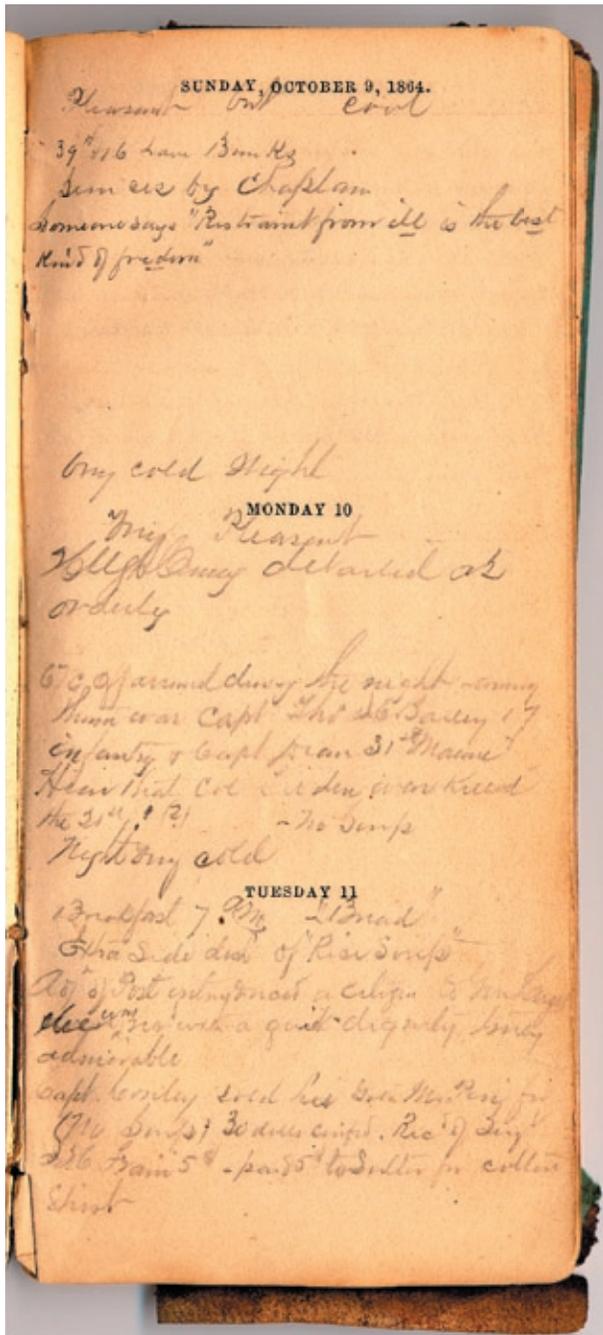
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of box cars at Manchester for the  
South. destination unknown.  
Haversacks with "three days rations" were given  
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10 or 12 ou. (ounces) of meat. On the road officers  
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seemingly fabulous sums in "Blue backs"

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 "Jackie". Remained Sunday night at Clover Sta  
 Slept in car - breakfast on corn bread -  
 Apples bought at 1 & 2\$ per doz  
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 & gave me 50\$ for use of mess in case  
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 Sunshine & clouds  
 Arrived at Greensboro N.C. 3 1/2 o'clock P.M.  
 Bivouacked in pine grove - kind treatment rec<sup>d</sup>  
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 nice warm bread & bacon.  
  
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 Cond<sup>d</sup> [condemned] hard bread issued & cakes for officers  
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 Lodged in 4<sup>th</sup> story of cotton Factory  
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extra side dish of "Rice soup"  
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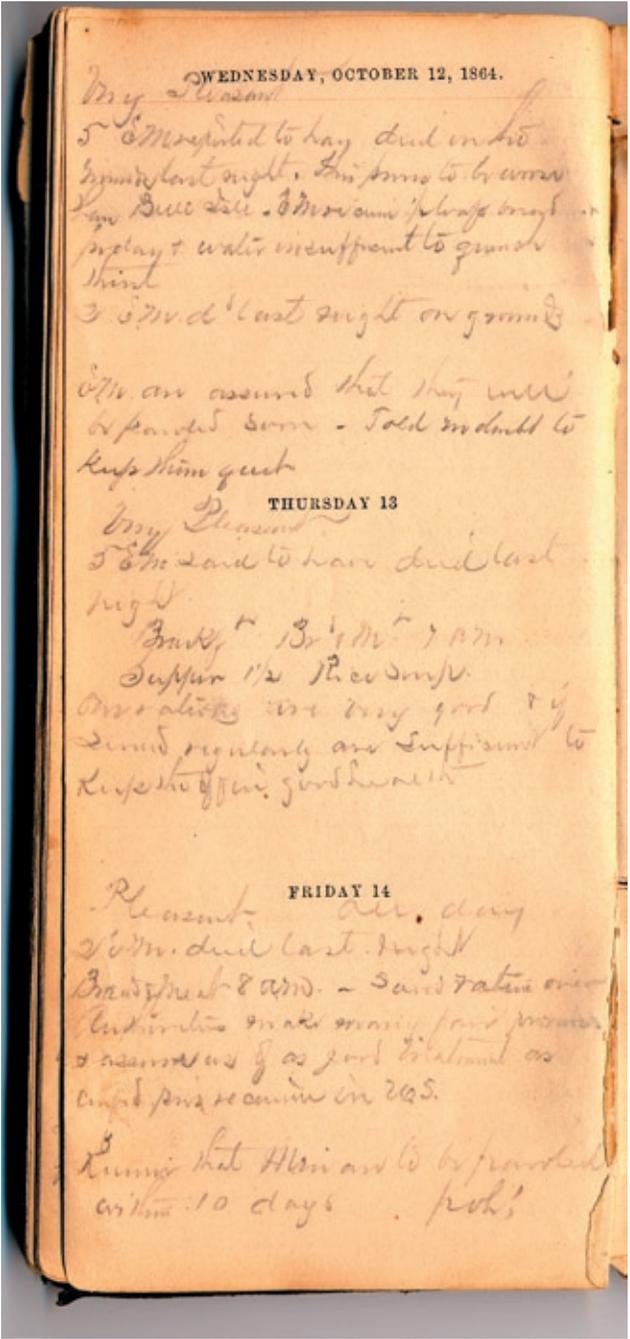
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THURSDAY 13

Very Pleasant  
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night.  
Breakfast 7 AM  
Supper 1:30 Rice Soup  
Our rations are very good & if  
served regularly are sufficient to  
keep the officers in good health

FRIDAY 14

Pleasant all day  
2 E.M. died last night  
Breakfast 8 AM - Saved ration over  
authorities make many false promises  
& assure us of as good treatment as  
Confed. pris receive in U.S.  
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1864.

Very

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3 E.M. d.l.n.

From gamblers & extortioners - from incarnations of selfishness - from bugs in beans & various worms - from Strong Stench & Lice - from Dick Turner & other filth: good Lord deliver us!

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SUNDAY 16

Lieut. Davis Shot dead by guard  
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MONDAY 17

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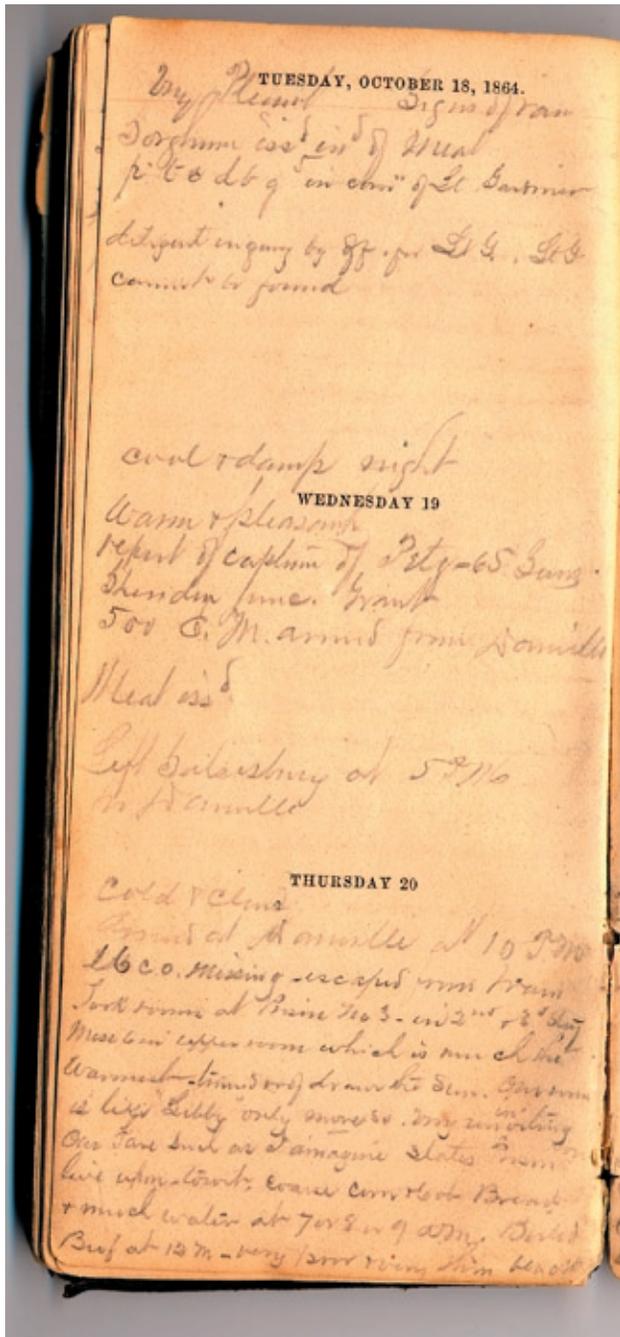
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1864.

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Signs of rain  
Sorghum issued instead of meal  
p. t. c. d. b. g. d. in com [command?] of Lt. Gardiner  
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Sheridan from Grant  
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for Danville

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for Danville.

THURSDAY 20

Cold & cloudy  
Arrived at Danville at 10 P.M.  
16 C.O. Missing - escaped from train  
Took rooms at Prison No. 3 - in 2nd & 3rd story  
Mess 6 in upper room which is much the  
warmest. tinned roof draws the Sun. Our room  
is like "Libby" only more so. Very uninviting.  
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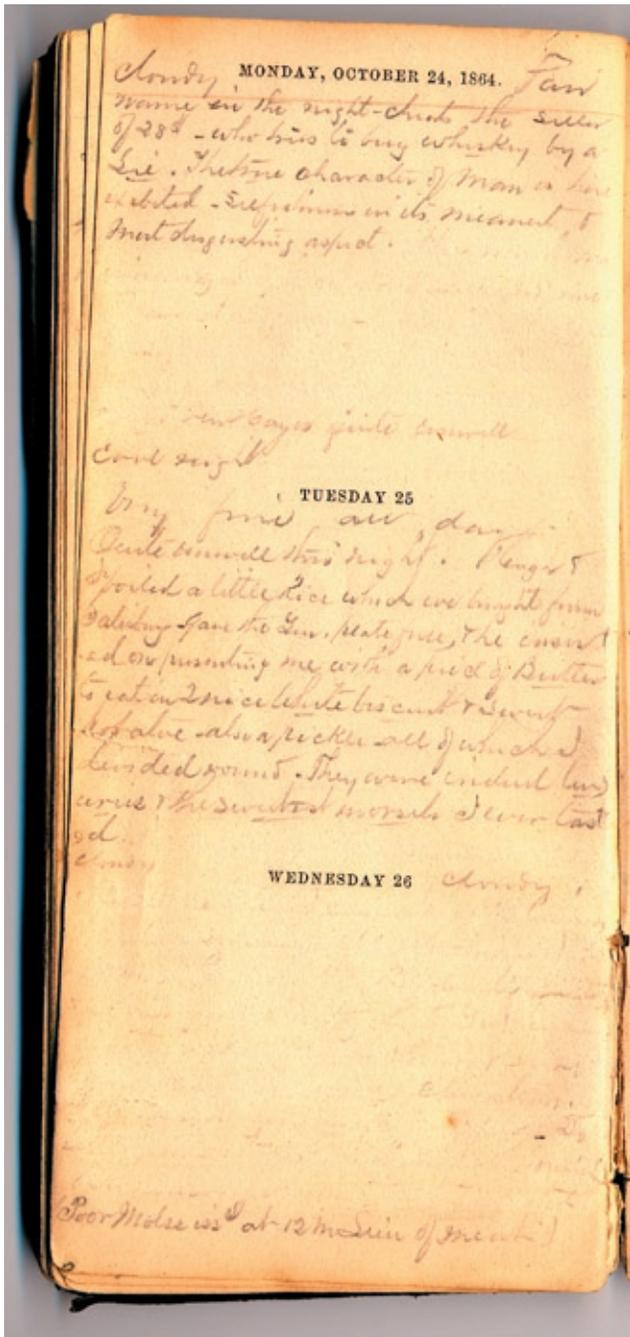
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1864

Cloudy Fair  
name in the night - cheats the Sutler  
of 28\$ - who tries to buy a whiskey by a  
Lie. The true character of Man is here  
exhibited Selfishness in its meanest &  
most disgusting aspect.  
Gen. Hyes quite unwell.

Cool night

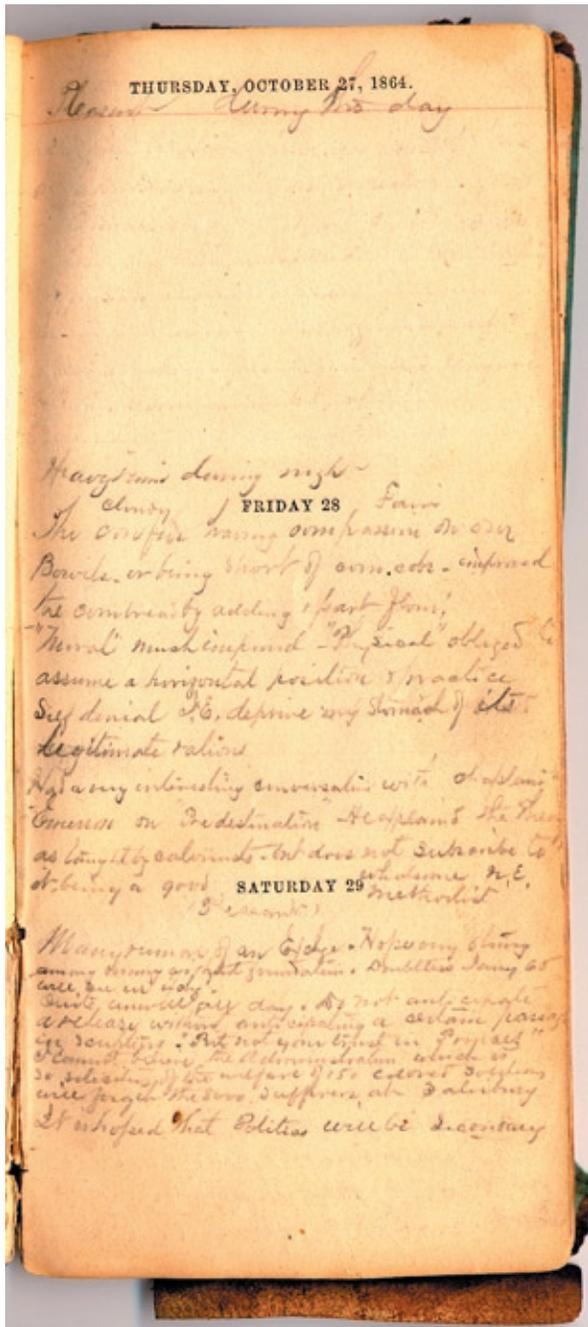
TUESDAY 25

Very fine all day  
Quite unwell this night. Hugh and I  
boiled a little Rice which we brought from  
Salisbury - gave the Gen. a plate full & he insist-  
ed on presenting me with a piece of Butter  
to eat on 2 nice white biscuits & sweet  
potato - also a pickle - all of which I  
divided round. They were indeed lux-  
uries & the sweetest morsels I ever tast-  
ed.

WEDNESDAY 25

Cloudy

[Some words erased]



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1864.

*Pleasant during the day*

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Heavy rain during night

FRIDAY 28

Cloudy fair

The Confeds having compassion on our bowels - (or being short on corn cobs) improved the cornbread by adding 1 part flour.

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SATURDAY 29

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Do not anticipate a release without anticipating a certain passage in scripture “Put not your trust in Princes.”

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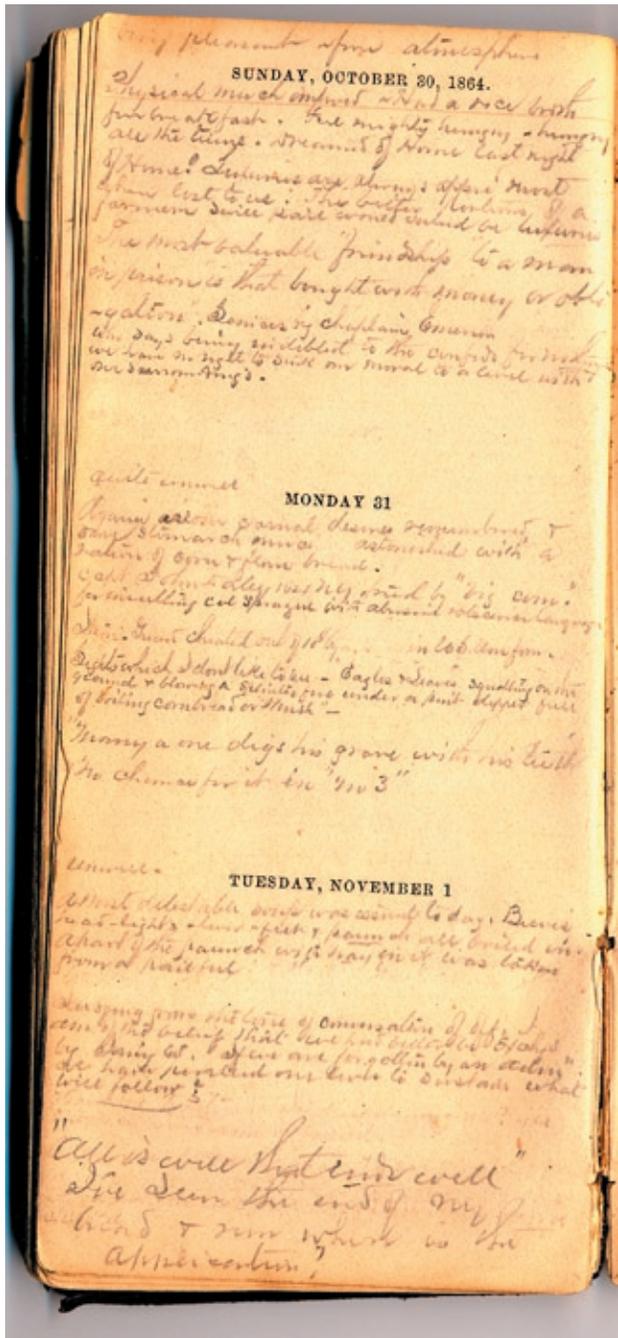
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Very pleasant - fine atmosphere  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1864

Physical much improved - Had a rice broth for breakfast. Feel mighty hungry - hungry all the time. Dreamed of Home last night. of Home! Luxuries are always upper most when lost to us. The better portions of a farmer's swill pail would indeed be luxurious. The most valuable "friendship" to a man in prison is that bought with money or obligation. Services by Chaplain Emerson who says being indebted to the Confeds for nothing we have no right to SINK our moral to a level with our surroundings.

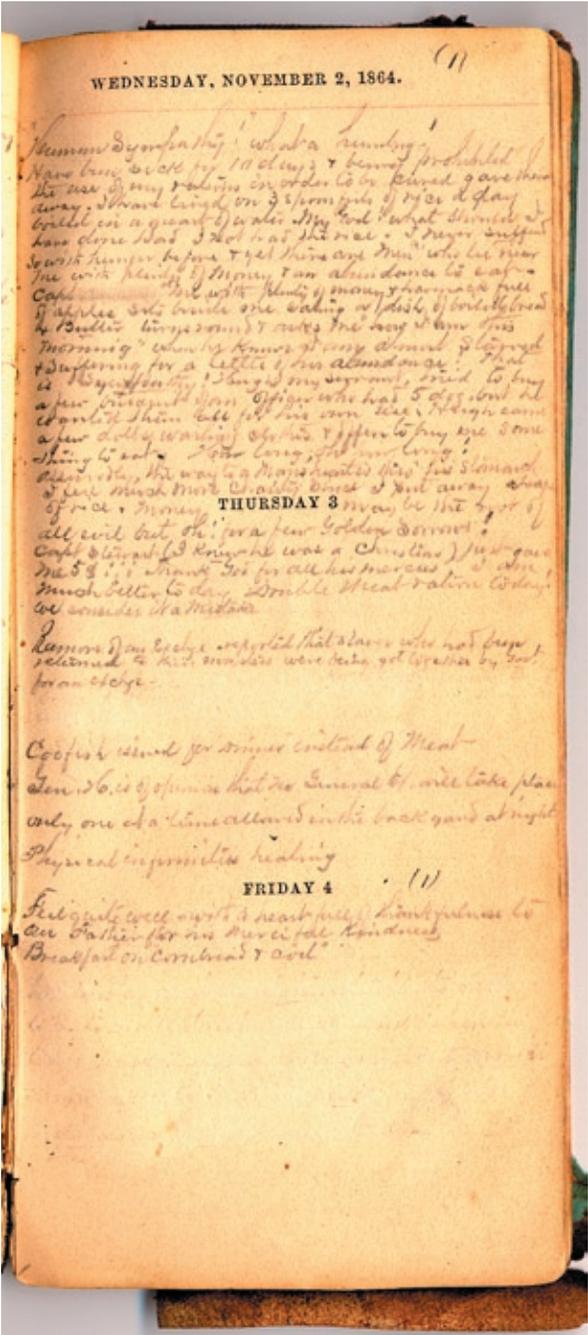
Quite unwell.

MONDAY, 31

Again are our carnal desires remembered & our stomach much astonished with a ration of corn & flout bread. Capt. John Daley, 104th N.Y. tried by "Vig. Com." for insulting Col. Sprague with abusive & obscene language. Guard cheated out of 10\$ by a thug in U.S. uniform. Sights which I don'tlike to see: "Eagles & Leaves" squatting on the ground & blowing a splinter fire under a pint dipper full of boiling cornbreaf or mush. "Many a one digs his grave with his teeth." No chance for that in "No. 3"

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1864

Unwell  
A most detestable soup was issued today. Beeves' head lights & liver & paunch, all boiled in a part of the paunch with hay in it was taken from a pailful. [words erased]  
Judging from the tone of Conversation of off. I am of the belief that we had better be Exchgd by Jan'y 65. If we are forgotten by an Admin we have perilled our lives to sustain what will follow!  
"All is well that ends well."  
I've seen the end of my ordeal & now where is the appreciation?



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1864.

(1)

Human Sympathy! what a humbug!  
Have been so sick for 10 days & being prohibited  
the use of my rations in order to be cured gave them  
away. I have lived on 3 spoonfuls of rice a day  
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Assured the way to a man's heart is through his stomach  
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THURSDAY 3

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for an exchge.

Codfish issued for dinner instead of Meat.  
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FRIDAY 4

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Roll call - all present. Money & watches taken from  
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70 commissioned officers arrived among them a Gen.  
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placed in cells.

SUNDAY 6

Breakfast 8 AM cornbread & salt cod. Ice made  
last night 1/8 inch.  
Services by Chaplain at 2:30 P.M.  
Mess No. 1-8-18 & 22 purchased cook stove &  
set it up tis A. M.  
I must own that my mouth waters for some  
of the luxuries brot in. - Tis hard to relish  
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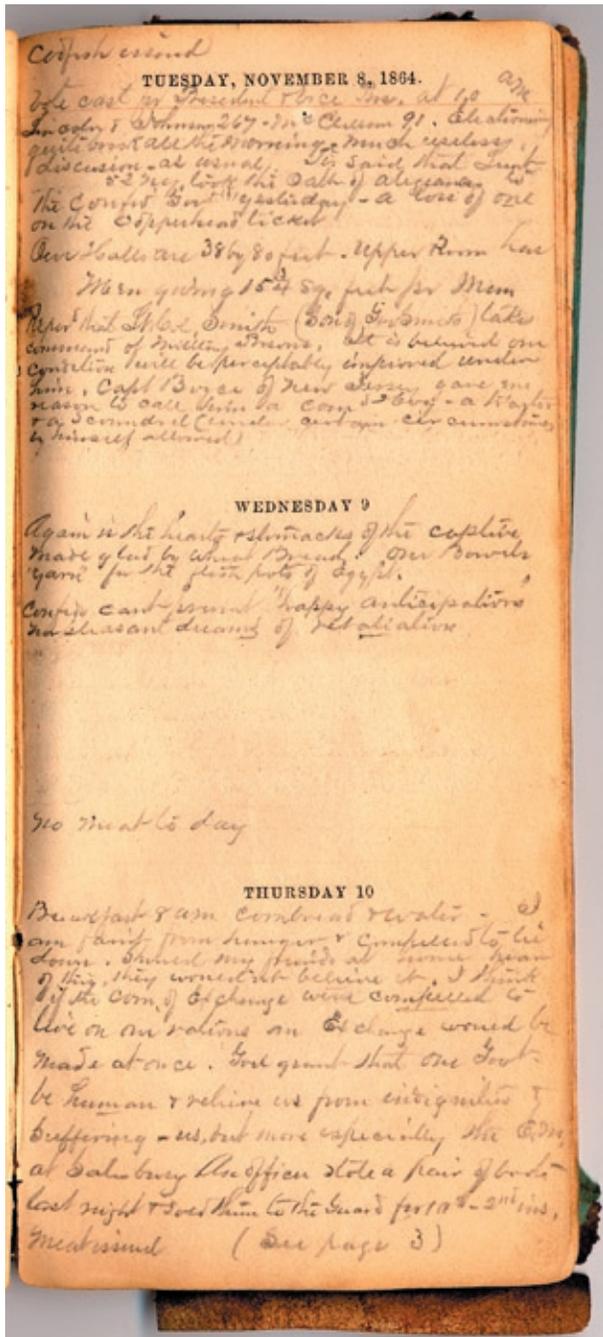
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WEDNESDAY 9

Again is the hearts & Stomachs of the Captive made glad by Wheat Bread. Our Bowels "Yarn" for the flesh pots of Egypt.  
Confeds can't prevent "happy anticipations" nor pleasant dreams of retaliation.  
no meat today

Rainy THURSDAY 10

Breakfast 8AM Cornbread & water. I am faint from hunger & compelled to lie down. Should my friends at home hear of this they wouldn't believe it. I think if the Com. of Exchange were compelled to live on our rations an Exchange would be made at once. God grant that our Gov't. be human & relieve us from indignities & suffering - us, but more especially the E.M.[enlisted men] at Salisbury. An officer stole a pair of boots last night & sold them to the Guard for 10\$ - 2nd ins.[instance]  
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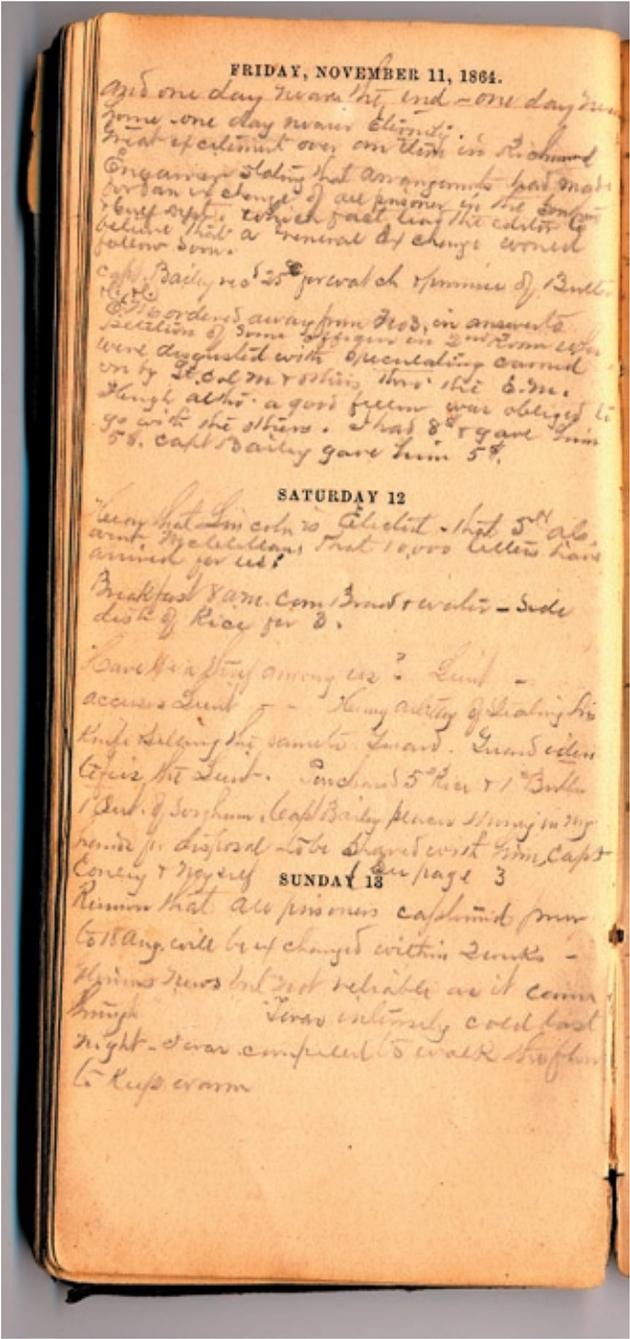
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Breakfast 8AM Cornbread & water - I am faint from hunger & compelled to lie down. Should my friends at home hear of this they wouldn't believe it. I think if the Com. of Exchange were compelled to live on our rations an Exchange would be made at once. God grant that our Gov't. be human & relieve us from indignities & suffering - us, but more especially the E.M. at Salisbury. An officer stole a pair of boots last night & sold them to the Guard for 10\$ - 2nd ins.  
Meat issued (see page 3)



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1864.

Spent one day near the end - one day near  
home - one day nearer Eternity.  
Great excitement over our visit in Richmond  
Organized today that arrangements had made  
for an exchange of all prisoners in the Southern  
& Gulf dept. which fact lead the editor to  
believe that a general exchange would  
follow soon.  
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were disgusted with speculation carried  
on by Lt. Col. M. and others thro the E.M.  
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go with the others. I had 8\$ & gave him  
5\$. Capt. Bailey gave him 5\$.

SATURDAY 12

Learn that Lincoln is Elected. that 5th AC [Army Corps]  
went McLellan. That 10,000 letters have  
arrived for us!  
Breakfast 8 AM. Corn bread & water - Side  
dish of Rice for 3.  
Have we a thief among us? Lieut. [\_\_\_\_]  
accuses Lieut. \_\_ Heavy Artillery of stealing his  
Knife & Selling the same to the Guard. Guard iden-  
tifies the Lieut. Purchased 5# Rice & 1# Butter  
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hands for disposal - to be shared with him, Capt.  
Conley & myself.

SUNDAY 13

Rumor that all prisoners captured prior  
to 18 Aug. will be exchanged within 2 weeks.  
Glorious news but not reliable as it comes  
through [erased] twas intensely cold last  
night - I was compelled to walk the floor  
to keep warm.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1864

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208 Electoral votes & McLellan 29. -- that  
1,000,000 men had been called for!

Meat issued today.

Letters not yet distributed.

Lt. Chapman & I bet with Capt. Bailey &  
Conley a good supper that we would spend New  
Year's day in the Rebel States.

TUESDAY 15

A No. of officers who love their stomachs have  
Sold their uniform coat & appear out in "Grey".  
One off. tried to sell his Shoulder Straps!

The Guards carry on a brisk & profitable business  
with officers having money - supply them during  
the night with all kinds of Meats & Vegetables  
& Bread &c. at enormous prices. Rice outside  
at 40c they sell for \$1.50-\$2 per #. Biscuits \$3.50-\$4  
per Doz. Bacon 6 to 9\$ per lb.

Capt. Boyce, N.J. Cavalry has joined Mess.

Fair WEDNESDAY 16

Like every day - an irregular programme  
of cooking, swearing, eating & smoking. - We  
lie down to get up & get up to lie down.

Propensity for stealing continues strong  
in a few scoundrels. - Lice continue  
to increase. Our Mess on police duty  
swept up filth & emptied spittoons.

The last of grease! - Butter expired today  
at 12 M. Was buried in our Stomach.  
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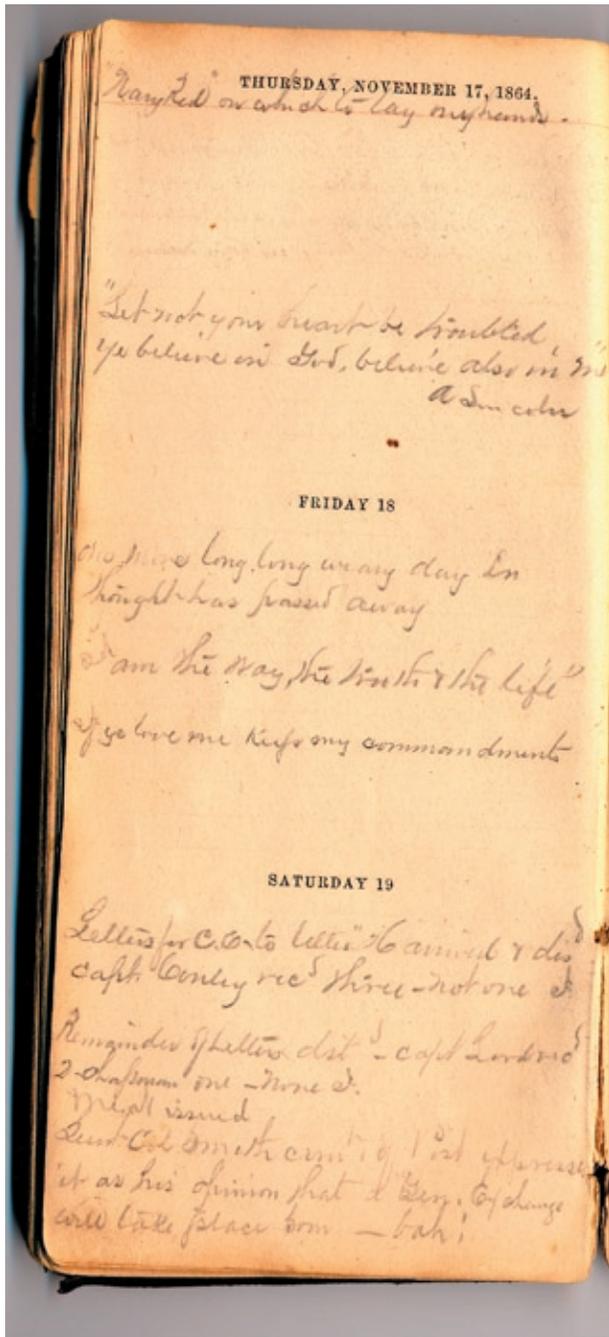
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1864.

*Washed on which to lay my hands.*

*"Let not your heart be troubled,  
ye believe in God, believe also in me."  
A. Lincoln*

FRIDAY 18

*One more long, long weary day in  
thought has passed away.  
"I am the way, the truth & the life."  
If ye love me keep my commandments.*

SATURDAY 19

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Capt. Conley rec'd three - not one I.  
Remainder of letters dist'd. Capt. Lord rec'd  
2 - Chapman one - none I.  
Meat issued.  
Lieut. Col. Smith came - expressed  
his opinion that a Gen. Exchange  
will take place soon. -- Bah!*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1864

"Nary Red" on which to lay my hands.

"Let not your heart be troubled  
ye believe in God, Believe also in me."

A. Lincoln

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1864.

Sermon by Chaplain Emerson  
wrote to Mother  
Flour bread issued - Meat issued  
"If ye shall ask anything in my name  
I will do it"  
"Deliver me"

MONDAY 21

Sorghum issued in lieu of meat - a  
damned poor substitute.  
Made a pudding of rice, cornbread &  
Sorghum which we find very pota-  
table.  
3<sup>d</sup> day of the Storm - dark & dreary  
enough.

Very cold night.

TUESDAY 22

Breakfast of corn bread & water  
Supper 1 pt. of Bean water.

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Supper 1 pt. of Bean water.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1864.

Fight between Capt. Harris - 56th  
Cavalry & Lieut. McGraw of Col.  
Rallston's Regiment

"Greater love hath no man than this  
that a man lay his life for his friends  
Say "country" instead of "friends"

Night very cold & much suffering

THURSDAY 24

Thanksgiving Day in Dixie Prison  
Ye Gods! what a Thanksgiving! It  
might be worse but I don't know how.  
(See page 6)

Chaplain Emerson left for Heaven!

FRIDAY 25

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> time we are supplied with  
wheat bread.

Capt. John Merchant sent to Hosp.

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wheat bread.  
Capt. John Merchant sent to Hosp.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1864

Exchange stock has an upward  
tendency

Perhaps some folks like this  
life - I don't.

Keep

SUNDAY 27

Breakfast 8 AM - Corn Bread  
Dinner 3 PM - Meat

Dinner - Meat & Veg. Soup - con. by  
No. of Mess

"Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father  
in my name He will give it to you"

MONDAY 28

7 of our Mess went under guard  
to River Dan & washed

wonder if the word "Exchange"  
can be found in Rebel "Dixion-  
ary"

Cold & Clear SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1864

Exchange stock has an upward  
tendency.

Perhaps some folks like this  
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Cloudy SUNDAY 27

Breakfast 8 AM - Corn Bread

Dinner 3 PM.: Meat; dessert, meat-and  
vegetable soup concocted by a

No. [Number] of [our] Mess

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Wonder if the word "Exchange"  
can be found in Rebel "Dixyon-  
ary"

Shook hands with Capt. Boyce [Boice]  
on a better acquaintance.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1864.

Wheat-Bread issued

WEDNESDAY 30

Hungry.  
"Take no thought what shall we eat,  
what shall we drink, Your Heavenly  
Father knoweth that ye have need of all  
these things."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Capt. Carroll Maryland shot through  
his hand by Guard ball coming up  
through floor having been fired at an  
officer on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor who accidentally  
spilled some water on window  
sill while standing near it.

Warm & Pleasant TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1864

wheat-bread issued

Pleasant WEDNESDAY 30

Hungry.

"Take no thought what shall we eat,  
what shall we drink Your Heavenly  
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these things."

Warm THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Capt. Carroll, 5th Maryland, shot through  
the hand by Guard, ball coming up  
through the floor, having been fired at an  
officer on 2nd floor who accidentally  
spilled some water on window  
sill while standing near it.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1864.

Exchange stock firm  
Good news from Sherman

SATURDAY 3

Capt. Boyce & Henry sent to Richmond  
6 A.M. - left Haversack, canteen to  
Capt. Bailey - 7 lbs Rice for "us"

Wheat Bread  
Wrote to Uncle Sedgwick urging him to  
see Gilbreth, Morill, & Blaine & effect  
my exchange

SUNDAY 4

Warm FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1864

Exchange stock firm.  
Good news from Sherman.

Cloudy SATURDAY 3

Rain

Capt. Boyce sent to Richmond, probably as a hostage  
at 6 A.M. left haversack, canteen to  
Capt. Bailey, & ten pounds (of) rice for "us"

Wheat-bread issued  
Wrote to Uncle Sedgwick, urging him to  
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Warm SUNDAY 4

[No Entry]

See same date page 11

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1864.

Wheat Bread issued

New issue arrived about 600 strong  
to relieve the old Guard who leave for  
the front tomorrow

Meat & Rice stew for 5 by Chapman & Co.

Trade with Guard stopped

TUESDAY 6

Exchange stock remains firm.

The Stomach has no ears  
Sufficient unto this day is the evil  
thereof

WEDNESDAY 7

Exchange stock dull

Capt. Bailey sold canteen for 5<sup>th</sup> rice

E Men arrived from E Tenn.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1864

Warm

Fair

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to relieve old Guard, who leave for  
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The stomach has no Ears.

Sufficient unto this day is the evil  
thereof.

WEDNESDAY 7

Exchange stock dull.

Capt. Bailey sold canteen for 5 (pounds) rice.

E [enlisted] Men arrived from E [east] Tenn.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1864.

to lie down to get up, & get up to  
lie down - long for night - long for day  
Feel quite unwell - lungs very sore  
- used Croton oil  
Capt. Newton bro't me a plate of hot  
pie - a luxury indeed  
No sleep for pain

6 o'clock 125 EM arrived from E. Tenn

FRIDAY 9

Last night was 48 hours long!  
No sleep last night  
Flour Bread issued  
Commenced storming hail + sleet

10 A.M.

SATURDAY 10

Col. Rallstone, N.Y. shot in bowels by  
guard during the attempt of about  
100 officers to break & escape  
The unfortunate termination of a Quix-  
otic movement.  
Col. R. takes the blame all on himself

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1864

Cold, fair

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lie down - long for night - long for day.

Feel quite unwell - lungs very sore-  
used croton oil.

Capt. Newton brought me a plate of pot  
pie - a luxury indeed.

No sleep for pain.

Six co [commissioned] officers + 125 EM [enlisted men] arrived from E [east] Tenn.

Hailstorm

FRIDAY 9

Last night was 48 hours long!

no sleep last night

Flour Bread issued

Commenced storming hail + sleet 10 A.M.

"New issue" relieved by citizen militia of Danville  
and ordered to Staunton Bridge to repel  
a raiding party from Grant.

[words erased]

Rain & Snow SATURDAY 10

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guard during the attempt of about  
100 officers to break & escape

The unfortunate termination of a Quix-  
otic movement. Col R. takes the blame all on himself

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1864.

Message of Abraham Lincoln rec'd  
in Richmond

Exchange stock dull  
Comrad

25 Officers recaptured on Tenn Line

30<sup>th</sup> Richmond arr'd today (4:15 PM)

MONDAY 12

Present at Roll call 420 C. O.

6th day since I applied Croton oil to Lungs

The blisters are still draining

Commenced reading "Diana of Meriden"

I am very weak - growing so gradually - probably from lack of nourishment - our rations are but just enough to keep soul & body together - I dread to go up & down stairs

TUESDAY 13

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in Richmond.

[words erased]

Exchange stock dull

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30 C. O. via Richmond arr'd today

Cold clear MONDAY 12

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1864.

*Intensely hungry.*

THURSDAY 15

*Col Rallstone died in the night  
Capt Dean 31<sup>st</sup> Me. with 13 others brot from  
Hospital - How are you, Exchange?  
Gen'l Hayes ret'd from Hospital*

FRIDAY 16

*Capt Ford rec'd of \$36.50 Confed  
Capt. Smith told Major Ruggles  
that he just rec'd letters stating that  
we should be kept here until  
Exchg. - when?*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1864

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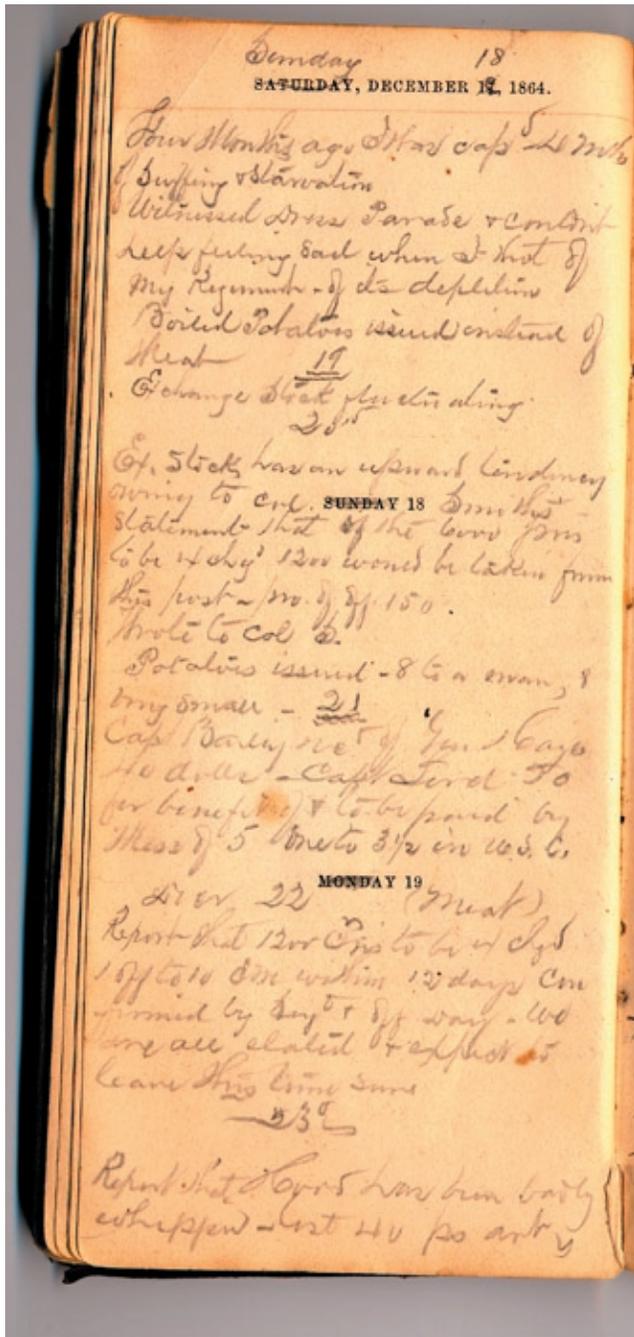
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Warm, fair SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1864

Four Months ago I was Cap'd. 4 Months of Suffering & Starvation.

Witnessed Dress Parade & couldn't help feeling sad when I thot[thought] of My Regiment, of its depletion.

Boiled potatoes issued instead of Meat.

Warm, rain MONDAY 19

Exchange Stock fluctuating

Cool, cloudy TUESDAY 20

Exchange Stock has an upward tendency owing to Col. Smith's statement that of the 6000 pris. to be exchg'd, 1200 wopuld be taken from this post. - No. of off. 150

Potatoes issued, - 8 to a man very small

COOL, RAINY WEDNESDAY 21

Capt. Bailey rec'd. of Gen. Hayes 40 dollars - Capt. Lord 50 for benefit of & to be paid by Mess of 5 - one to 3-1/2 U.S.Currency

Cool and clear THURSDAY DECEMBER 22

Report that 1200 Pris. to be exchg'd 1 officer to 10 E.M. within 12 days. Confirmed by Sergeant & Off. Day. We are all elated & expect to leave this time sure.

Cold & clear FRIDAY 23

Report thaat HOOD has been badly Whipped - lost 40 Pieces artillery.

24  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1864.

Capt. 3 Co Hudson sent to 5 Co  
25 meat  
Capt. Conley rec'd his Shoes  
from Corp. Turner - both for  
one foot!  
Present 2 Brig Genls "P. & Hosp"  
4 Colonels  
8 Lt.  
86 Capts & 228 Lieutenants

26  
WEDNESDAY 21

Rec'd 3 Boxes Meat 1 Bread - 3/2  
per Man in Lieu of Meat  
Sold Boots for Shoes & 100  
dollars. Officer of Guard reports Sav-  
annah fallen - that the Garrison  
escaped. 37th 7000 prisoners taken

Wants Army 8th have been  
quite unwell. Our hopes have  
been raised that we should soon

THURSDAY 22

to Exch'd as Richmond Paper  
stated that Maj. Mulford was  
expected at R last week to com-  
plete arrangements. - Baltimore  
American stated that Mulford  
would go to R. [?] to  
negotiate a Carlit &c.  
Have not received Meat for  
2 weeks

Clear SATURDAY 24

Capt. H. C. Newton sent to Hospital

Cloudy SUNDAY 25

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From Corp. Turner - both for  
one foot!

Present "P. & Hosp"

1 Brig. General

4 Colonels

8 Lt. Colonels

16 Majprs

86 Captains & 328 Lieutenants.

RAINY 26

Rec'd. Boxes Wheat Bread - 3-1/2  
per Man in Lieu of Meat.

Sold Boots for Shoes & 100

dollars. Officer of Guard reports Sav-  
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[There were no entries from Dec 27  
through Dec 31, 1864]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1865

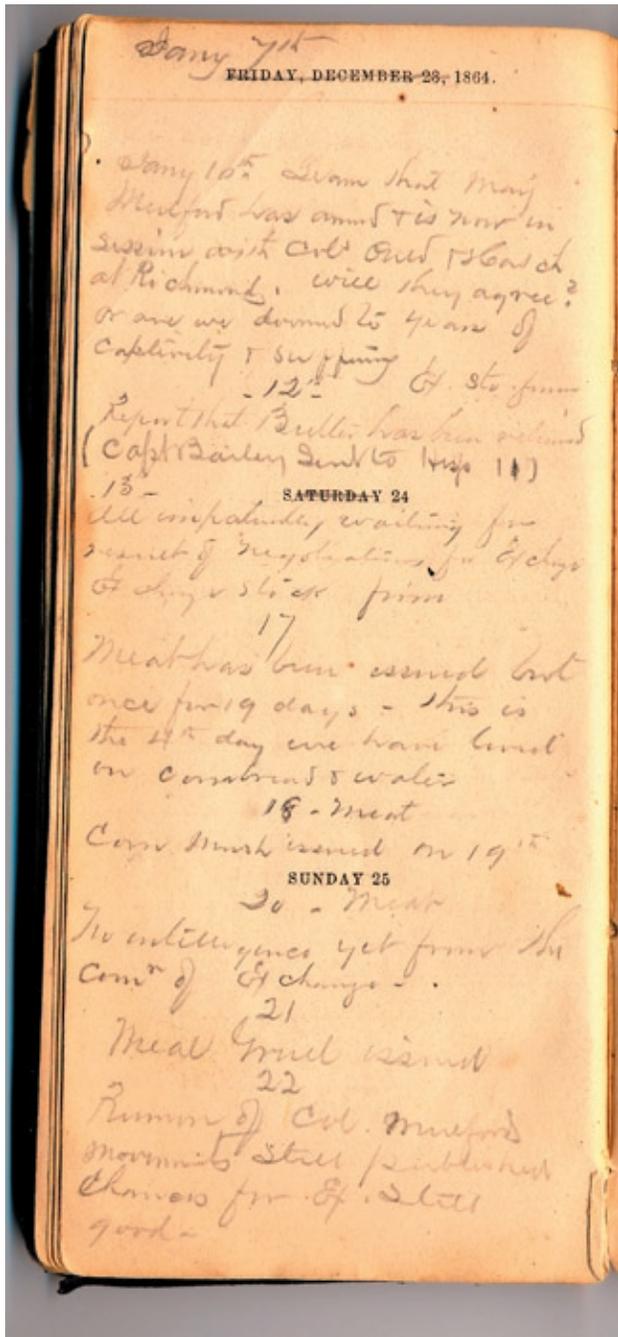
Exchange looks s distant as ever.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1865

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expected at R[ichmond] last week to Com-  
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would go to R.[?] to  
negotiate a carlit &c.

Have not received Meat for  
2 weeks.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1865

Learn that Maj Mulford has arrived & is now in session with Cols. Ould & Hatch at Richmond. Will they agree? or are we doomed to years of captivity and suffering.

WEDNESDAY 11

Capt. Bailey sent to hospital.

THURSDAY 12

Exchange stock firm.

Report that Butler has been relieved

FRIDAY 13

All impatiently waiting for result of negotiations for Exchge.

Exchange stock firm.

TUESDAY 17

Meat has been issued but once for 19 days. This is the 4th day we have lived on cornbread & water.

WEDNESDAY 18 - Meat issued

Corn mush issued on 19th

FRIDAY 20 - Meat

No intelligence yet from the Com'r. of Exchange.

SATURDAY 21

Meal Gruel issued

22

Rumors of Col. Mulford's movements still published but Chances for Ex. Still

Jerry 23<sup>rd</sup> (Musk)  
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1864.  
 Gen. Hayes loaned me 40\$  
 unasked  
 24 - Corn Bread  
 Rec'd 2 letters from Home one  
 from Mother - one from Emma  
 dated Oct 3 & 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Private boxes arrived  
 E. Men died 170 O 130 N 140 D  
 from 1450  
 Wrote to Mother  
 27 TUESDAY 27  
 Col. Harrison & Maj. Horton  
 Ex'd 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Gen. Hayes & Lt. Lucas Ex'd  
 26  
 Capt. Lord rec'd of Gen. Hayes 100 dolls.  
 29  
 Capt. Newton ret'd from Hospital  
 Peace Com. sent to W.  
 31<sup>st</sup> Report that Exchange left  
 in hands of Grant  
 Sermon by Hope and "Charity"  
 WEDNESDAY 28  
 Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1865  
 Ex. stock declining  
 Conley sold pipe for 75 dolls.  
 Capt. Conley rec'd of B. F. Leighton  
 & Con'd to Mess 50.00

MONDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1865

Gen'l. Hayes loaned me 40\$  
unasked. Col. Harrison [Hartshorne] & Maj. Horton  
Exch'd.

TUESDAY 24 - Corn Bread

Rec'd. 2 letters from Home. one  
from Mother - one from Emma  
dated Oct. 3 & 12.  
Private Boxes arrived.  
E. Men died 170 O[October]. 130 N.[November  
& 140 D.[December] from 1450.

WEDNESDAY 25

Gen'l. Hayes & Lt. Lucas [Lucore] Ex'd.

THURSDAY 26

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SUNDAY 29

Capt. Newton returned from Hospital.  
Peace Com. sent to W. [Washington]

MONDAY 31

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3<sup>rd</sup> Div  
5<sup>th</sup> Sac  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut Co A 121<sup>st</sup> P  
Pleasantville  
Benango Co  
Penna

Robt. J. Bates  
3<sup>rd</sup> Div  
5<sup>th</sup> Sac  
Adj't 121<sup>st</sup> Penna Vols  
Phila. Pa

FRIDAY 30

John L. Harvey  
3<sup>rd</sup> Div  
5<sup>th</sup> Sac  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut Co D  
121<sup>st</sup> P  
Kensington Pa

Wesley C. Howe  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass Cav  
(California Battalion)  
Shippensville  
Clariden Co Penna

SATURDAY 31

Milton Cafferty  
Capt 1<sup>st</sup> N.Y. Cavalry  
Residence  
Renion Broome Co  
N.Y

James P. Thomas  
94<sup>th</sup> N.Y.V.  
Batavia  
Genesee Co  
N.Y

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MEMORANDA.

13 miles Lamb - Rest

Woddyes Rise & Progress of  
Religion in the soul

"Mackey's Lexicon of Faith"

Draper Intellectual Development  
of Europe  
Philosophy

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Abner Small's Diary (re-arranged to be in chronological order)

Stoppages

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Wm Berry	“	“	
Chas Emerson	“	“	“
A. Hines	“	“	
L. R. Graz	“	“	

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1864

Petersburg Va.

Capt<sup>d</sup> (captured) on 18<sup>th</sup> with Capt. Conley, Lieuts. Broughton & Chapman. Confined in lockup (negro prison) with E M (enlisted men) until 11 A.M. 19<sup>th</sup>. Moved to island in Appomattox river  
Sold watch for 150\$ Confed. Scrip. Watkins scout gave me 10\$. While in Petersburg I gave Lieut. Chapman 20\$, Lieut [name erased] 10\$  
Wrote to Col T [Tilden]

SATURDAY 20

Libby Prison Richmond Va

Took rooms at this hotel this P.M., 8:30 o'clock  
Food furnished us for first time since capture – bacon 1/3 pound – coarse corn-bread 3 in (inches) square at 9 P.M. Capt Lord & Lieut Fitch with 85  
C O [Commissioned Officers] from 3<sup>d</sup> div. joined us this P.M.  
Formed in messes of 12 – Our mess designated “no. 6” Northeastern corner of west room, 2<sup>nd</sup> story – Officers chosen: secty [secretary] A.R. Small, Adj. 16<sup>th</sup>, Treas [treasurer] Lieut. Charles W. Hanson, 39<sup>th</sup> Mass., Comisy of Sub [Commissary of subsistence] Lieut. W.H. Chapman 16<sup>th</sup> Me. – Contributions were made money passed to treasurer for purchase of “luxuries” for mess (Wrote to JMF [Julia Maria Fairbanks])

SUNDAY AUGUST 21, 1864

Services at 7 PM by Chplain Ch. Keyes,  
9th N.Y. Cavalry.

A.M.  
sunny

MONDAY 22

P.M.

showery

Breakfast at 12 M.

Sent out by Sergeant for 40\$ in "luxuries" – flour-bread 1\$ loaf  
Gave Lieut. Kane 1<sup>st</sup> Conn. Cavalry, 10\$ Capt. Conley 30.00. Had but 50 c.  
when Capt<sup>d</sup>. Sold my watch for 150\$ on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Chaplain  
C.B. Keyes, 9<sup>th</sup> N.Y. Cavalry after a psalm & reading of a chapter in the Bible made  
a few very appropriate remarks cheering to the captives  
last evening. Chaplain Keyes & surg [surgeon] \_\_ leave us for  
flag of truce boat. Reprimanded & threatened with  
punishment by Maj. Turner for "making a fuss" said  
fuss being the prayer meeting Sunday evening.

A.M. cloudy TUESDAY 23 P.M. very pleasant  
Quite unwell yesterday. Feel better this morning. We rec<sup>d</sup>  
of the articles sent for yesterday – flour-bread only.  
I am much surprised at the exhibition of selfishness  
by some of the officers, who cling to the maxim "look  
out for no. one" Capt Conley & I make a Backgammm-  
on board & checkers. Loud singing prohibited.  
Present at roll-call 132 com<sup>d</sup> officers.  
Bill of fare for dinner:

Bean soup & Bugs  
Corn-Bread & water  
"Dessert" - water.

A.M. warm & pleasant WEDNESDAY 24 P.M.  
Rec<sup>d</sup> on Requisition of 23<sup>d</sup> 13 loaves of Bread for mess. Mess no. 6  
subscribes for paper & receives first no. of "enquirer" at 40 c. [per]  
No. News quite encouraging. There seems to be good  
reason for an early general exchange of Prisoners.  
Rec<sup>d</sup> addition to mess of Lieut. D.R. Sage 144<sup>th</sup> Ohio.  
Breakfast at usual hour: bread & bacon.  
yesterday t'was bacon & bread. Capt. [Carsell] McClellan  
received heaps of luxuries from his brother  
[Maj. Henry B. McClellan] in  
Confederate Army. Money market dull.

A.M.  
warm &  
pleasant sunny

THURSDAY 25

P.M.

sunshine

Rec<sup>d</sup> on Reqn. [requisition] 13 loaves bread 24<sup>th</sup> Rec<sup>d</sup> Tobacco, 4\$  
“Prices current” tobacco, one pound bale 3.50\$ to 4\$  
pipe & stem, 50 cents – onions, dozen 3\$ – bread, loaf 1\$  
cards, 10\$ pack – tomatoes per quart 2\$  
apples 25 cents apiece. Bought tooth brush 2.50\$  
Rebel Lieut. – Col. Visited Capt. \_\_\_\_ – was received very cor-  
-dially. I admire Gen. Hayes

[words erased]

Tables to seat 50 brought in today.

Dinner at the fashionable hour of 4 o'clock:

bean slosh & corn-bread – relished well.

warm & pleasant

Adj. [Latouche] of Libby thinks exchange distant.

#### FRIDAY 26

warm & pleasant

Some thief stole my Confed. Cap

Note – Notice many noble traits of  
character among officers but regret  
the fact that selfishness is pre-  
dominant.

#### SATURDAY 27

Reading matter distributed

Present at roll call, 143.

79 officers from 2<sup>d</sup> corps took rooms  
at Libby.

sunny                      SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1864

sunny

3 officers add<sup>d</sup> [additional]

finished reading “Knickerbocker”

sunny                      MONDAY 29

sunny

Present – 224

Wrote to Mother

Lieut. W.H. Chapman, 16<sup>th</sup> ., Me

sent to general hosp. Sick

Commenced reading “the Cross & the Crown”

sunny                      TUESDAY 30

sunny

cool

C.S. Military Prison

S (special) Order –

No federal officers will be allowed after this date to put their blankets on the floor during the day. Each officer failing to comply with this order will have his blanket taken from him & be otherwise punished.

“By order of T.P. Turner, Maj. Comdg.”

A.M.

pleasant

WEDNESDAY 31

Cold nights

P.M.

pleasant

Finished reading “Cross & Crown”

Commenced “Athelings”

cool

pleasant

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1864

cloudy

Maj. Goff Virg. Cav. (Cavalry) & Capt

McClellan surgeons left by flag

of Truce boat.

Breakfast 12 M. Bill of fare

“as usual”

Turner offers to exchg Confederate Currency

for greenbacks 2 to 1 – Confed

Gov<sup>t</sup> pays 6 to one.

Capt. Poor, [cook] 9<sup>th</sup> C [Colored] Troops added to mess.

pleasant

FRIDAY 2

day

all

Paid into treasury last \$

Unwell all day

Finished “Athelings”

slight rain

SATURDAY 3 sunny

Sick

Received 16 apples for 5\$ for mess.  
[words erased]

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1864

very

pleasant

Sermon by Chaplain Fowler,  
N. Y. Vols. – Col<sup>d</sup> [Colored] troops

Finished reading “Henry Smeaton”  
Wrote to JMF [Julia Maria Fairbanks].

MONDAY 5

very warm all day  
Thunder shower at 9 P.M.

showers

TUESDAY 6

Rec<sup>d</sup> 2 loaves of bread, self  
2 bales of tobacco, mess  
Paid into treasury 7\$

Confirmation of fall of Atlanta.

Nights quite cold.

A.M.

WEDNESDAY 7

pleasant but cool

ditto

Fresh Beef issued instead of  
Bacon – an agreeable change  
Prospects for an exchange about  
middle of October.

Lieut. Barker received 110\$ for watch  
[words erased]

THURSDAY 8

Rainy

Rainy

Capt. G. W. Goler 6<sup>th</sup> N. Y. Cav.  
assigned to mess no 6.

Walked 2 miles before breakfast  
Read “Wildflower”

A.M. FRIDAY 9 P.M.

Cloudy Pleasant  
Wheat-bread issued in lieu of corn  
Walked 1 mile before breakfast

[words erased]

Capt. H & Lieut. C say they will starve  
before they will pawn their watches – wonder  
if the sacrifice would be greater than that of  
Barker and Fitch who keep them in Bread.

pleasant SATURDAY 10 showery  
Large fire in Manchester.  
Flag of Truce Boat arrived 9<sup>th</sup>  
Rec<sup>d</sup> 60\$ Confed for 10\$ U.S.C. [currency] of \_\_\_\_\_.  
[words erased]

warm night

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1864

pleasant showery  
Flag of Truce Boat expected hourly  
Wrote to B.F. Otis – deposit money  
in state treasury.

MONDAY 12

showers & cool  
Capt. Sloan – surgeons & others  
left by Flag of Truce Boat  
Sent letter to Col. Tilden by Boat  
Gave address of Father to Chaplain  
Fowler, who promises to write & inform  
of my condition  
Butler's letter to Col. Auld published in "Examiner" &  
an unanswerable argument it seems  
Prospect of any exchange dull  
Very cool night.

TUESDAY 13  
cold & clear  
Ration of meat decreases

Canvas shades put in windows  
adding much to comfort of room

Weather moderated

WEDNESDAY 14

pleasant

“Enquirer” says Commissioner Auld [Ould]  
will not notice Butler’s communication on  
Exchange. Therefore all hopes of an  
exchange seem vain.

Bread ration decreases in size  
of poor quality – Meat ration  
grows visibly less.

Euchre: Conley & Hanson 16  
Baker & Small 17

cloudy

but pleasant

THURSDAY 15

pleasant

Rice served for dinner 14th instead  
of Beans – an agreeable change.

Br. Bor<sup>d</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and ex<sup>d</sup> 70. L. sold wa. 12 – 84.

Lt. Sa. Bor<sup>d</sup> 20 – 120 – fur<sup>d</sup> ms. tr.

Lieut. W.H. Chapman ret. from hosp.

FRIDAY 16

pleasant

15 or 20

deserters from U.S. Army said to  
have taken the oath of alg<sup>c</sup> [allegiance]  
to the Confed<sup>t</sup> Govt.

Surgeon from 5<sup>th</sup> A.L. takes room  
at Libby.

Formed in 4 ranks & re<sup>d</sup> one hour  
this evening for punishment – waste of  
tallow

very SATURDAY 17 fine  
Bacon issued in lieu of Beef  
Beans short – 12 rations  
Paid 1\$ for weeks subscription to

A.M. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1864 P.M.  
cloudy pleasant  
Flag of Truce Boat expected  
Wrote to B.F. Otis

A.M. MONDAY 19  
cloudy pleasant cloudy  
Roll call by name  
Commenced “Dream Life” by D.G.M.  
Rice issued in lieu of Beans  
Lieut. Sage sent to Hosp.  
12 cavalry officers admitted  
Capt Cook assigned to mess 7  
Cool night

TUESDAY 20  
cloudy – cool cloudy but pleasant  
pleasant  
Flag of Truce Boat arrived  
3 off’r [Officers] from Lynchburg

WEDNESDAY 21  
cloudy cloudy  
Breakfast 3 1/2 P.M.  
Dinner “ do. [ditto]

Heavy rain during night

A.M. THURSDAY 22  
rainy cloudy cloudy

Have we an imposter among us?  
One who professes to have ascended the

ladder which Jacob saw in his dream  
& yet knoweth not the name & possesses  
not the knowledge of the third round “charity”  
[words erased]

FRIDAY 23

rainy

rainy

[No entry]

cloudy but

pleasant      SATURDAY 24

About 40 C.O. (commissioned officers) left Libby this  
A.M. mostly from hosp.

Symbolical – ragged lousy half starved  
sentinel with crutch obliged to pause  
when he “looks up”

Cold night.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1864

cold & clear

Shadows lengthen.

Regular afternoon entertainment outside  
– colored individual repelling onslaught  
of Libby pups. Manager & proprietor of  
pups T & adjt. Latouse [Latouche]

Night cool

clear      MONDAY 26

very pleasant

[No entry]

TUESDAY 27

clear & pleasant

Lieut. Fitch sent to hosp.

Have we a selfish man among us?

Aye – a hog who dwelleth within him  
self and liveth much off of others.

[words erased]

WEDNESDAY 28

clear & pleasant

Have we a noble generous Soul  
among us – a man – Aye –  
in Gen. Hayes who has the  
respect of all men.

THURSDAY 29

very pleasant

Heavy and rapid cannonading  
in direct of D.B. Much ex Gen. tu on  
Ala bell rang. C an t B ar. Cit all st  
to fr.  
About 15 c o o col t ar<sup>d</sup> [Colored troops arrived]  
& put in c[ells]  
Lieut. Broughton played sick & went to hosp.

FRIDAY 30

cloudy

cloudy

“Whig” the only paper published this A.M.  
The Confeds. are much troubled & there is  
hurrying to and fro.

Heavy firing heard in the direction of Drury’s bluff.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1864

rainy

Coming events cast their shadows  
before – What is coming an exchange  
or a change.

SUNDAY 2

rainy

3 A.M. ordered to “pack up” – minus  
blankets, plates & cups, were march  
ed across the James & took a train  
of box cars at Manchester for the  
South. destination unknown.  
Haversacks with “three days rations” were given  
us. 3 square inches corn bread &  
10 or 12 ou. (ounces) of meat. On the road officers

disposed of watches, rings, hats & caps for seemingly fabulous sums in “Blue backs”

sunshine &

rainy MONDAY 3 Rainy

Remained Sunday night at Clover Sta. [station]

slept in car – breakfast on corn bread –

apples bought at 1 & 2\$ per doz

Capt. Kinslee [Kinsley] sold meerschaum pipe for 200\$

& gave me 50\$ for use of mess in case

we become separated.

TUESDAY 4 very warm &

sunshine & clouds pleasant

Arrived at Greensboro N.C. 3 1/2 o'clock P.M.

Bivouacked in pine grove – kind treatment rec<sup>d</sup>

from citizens & N.C. troops – found friends who

proved to be “brothers” & furnished me with food.

J.B. Hobson 1<sup>st</sup> N.C. Sharpshooters gave me

nice warm bread & bacon.

WEDNESDAY 5

Fine

Breakfast of steak & bis [biscuits] by a “Bro”

Cond<sup>d</sup> [condemned] hard bread issued & cakes for officers

Arrived at Salisbury at dark

Lodged in 4<sup>th</sup> story of cotton Factory

Attempt by scoundrelly deserters

in 3rd Story to enter hall and rob

officers – failed

Quite unwell

THURSDAY 6

Cloudy Rainy

cloudy

Through influence of Gen Hayes – officers

moved from quarters in hall & now occu

py log houses in yard – mess no<sup>s</sup> 1 – 8 – 18 &

6 in “no. 2” very warm & comfortable

quarters. “Found” dipper, knife & fork – a “Bro” gave

me a bunk, quilt & blanket & table

Capt Conley & I bunk together Have use

of 4 acres of ground – an improvement on  
Libby. More prisoners arrived

FRIDAY 7

very fine all day – warm

[words erased]

More prisoners arrived

SATURDAY 8

pleasant

6917 prisoners of war presently

Deserters from U.S. Army in  
bad repute – our men will  
not allow them over certain line

A number were obliged to run the gauntlet of  
kicks cuffs &c [etc] this A.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1864

pleasant but cool

39th Mass. and 16th Me. have bunks.

Services by chaplain.

someone says “restraint from ill is the best  
kind of freedom”

very cold night

MONDAY 10

very pleasant

Hugh Conway detached as  
orderly

67 C.O. arrived during the night among  
them was Capt. Thomas J.C. Baily 17th U. S.  
Infantry and Capt. Dean 31st Maine  
Hear that Col. Tilden was killed  
the 20th! [?] -no soup

night very cold

## TUESDAY 11

Breakfast 7 a.m. "Bread"

extra side dish of "Rice soup"

Adj. of post introduced a citizen to Gen Hayes  
and he was received with quiet dignity truly  
admirable

Capt. Conley sold his gold M[asonic] pin for  
30 dolls confed. recd of sergt

(no soup)

J.H. Frain 5\$ - paid 5\$ to sutler for cotton  
shirt

## WEDNESDAY 12

Very pleasant

5 E.M. [Enlisted Men] reported to have died on the  
Ground last night. This seems to be worse  
than Belle Isle. E. M. receive 1/2 loaf bread  
per day & water insufficient to quench  
thirst.

2 E. M. died last night on ground.

E. M. are assured that they will  
be paroled soon - Told no doubt to  
keep them quiet.

## THURSDAY 13

Very pleasant

5 E. M. said to have died last  
night.

Breakfast Bread & meat 7 AM

Supper 1:30 Rice Soup

Our rations are very good & if  
served regularly are sufficient to  
keep the officers in good health.

## FRIDAY 14

Pleasant all day.

2 E.M. died last night.

Breakfast 8 AM Saved ration over  
authorities make many false promises

& assure us of as good treatment as  
Confed. pris, receive in U.S.  
Rumor that Men are to be paroled  
in 10 days.           Poh!

SATURDAY 15

Very pleasant

3 E.M. d.l.n. [died last night]

From gamblers & extortioners - from incarna-  
tions of selfishness - from bugs in beans & various  
worms - from Strong Stench & Lice - from  
Dick Turner & other filth - good Lord deliver  
us!

Think not of the morrow for sufficient  
unto the day is the evil thereof.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1864

Lieut. Davis Shot dead by guard.

(8 E.M. d.l.n.)

Services by chaplain

MONDAY 17

very warm & pleasant

6 E.M. d.l.n.

Sorghum issued this Morning in  
Lieu of Meat.

TUESDAY 18

Very pleasant                   signs of rain

Sorghum issued instead of meal.

p. t. c. d. b gd in com [command?] of Lt. Gardiner  
diligent inquiry by Off. for Lt. G. Lt. G.  
cannot be found.

cool & damp night

WEDNESDAY 19

Warm & pleasant

report of Captain of Petersburg, 65 Guns



individuals to Salv[ation] before they were born -  
Seems as tho I had nothing to base a hope  
upon. I believe the Capt. to be a good man  
possibly I may not understand him.  
Our Condition as Pris. & officer is  
humiliating enough without becoming  
aware of the presence among us of  
thieves & villaneous scoundrels in US  
Uniform'd individuals disgracing not  
only the Gov;t they repr. & the position they  
hold but humanity itself. A man of any  
morals or sensibilities cannot but be  
thoroughly & perceptibly disgusted with his  
associates who steal the meagre ration  
of a Bro. officer while he sleeps & steal the  
Blanket from a Sentry - buy bread under a false  
name in the night - cheats the Sutler  
of 28\$ - who tries to buy a whiskey by a  
Lie. The true character of Man is here  
exhibited Selfishness in its meanest &  
most disgusting aspect.  
Gen. Hyes quite unwell.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1864

(wrote to Mother & Julia)

Very fine & app. remarks by Chaplain

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1864

Cloudy

Fair

[No entry]

Cool night

TUESDAY 25

Very fine all day

Quite unwell this night. Hugh and I  
boiled a little Rice which we brought from  
Salisbury - gave the Gen. a plate full & he insist-  
ed on presenting me with a piece of Butter  
to eat on 2 nice white biscuits & sweet

potato - also a pickle - all of which I  
divided round. They were indeed lux-  
uries & the sweetest morsels I ever tasted.

WEDNESDAY 26

Cloudy

[Some words erased]

THURSDAY 27

Pleasant during the day

Heavy rain during night

FRIDAY 28

Cloudy fair

The Confeds having compassion on our  
bowels - (or being short on corn cobs) improved  
the cornbread by adding 1 part flour.

“moral” much improved - “Physical” obliged to  
assume a horizontal position & practice  
Self-denial, i.e., deprive my stomach of its  
legitimate ration.

Had a very interesting conversation with Chaplain  
Emerson on Predestination. He explained the theory  
as taught by Calvinists - but does not subscribe to  
it - being a good N. E. [New England] Methodist.

SATURDAY 29

Pleasant

Many rumors of an Exchange. Hope very strong,  
many without foundation. doubtless January 1865  
will see us exchgd.

Do not anticipate a release without anticipating  
a certain passage in scripture “Put not your trust in Princes.”

I cannot believe the administration which is  
so solicitous of the welfare of 150 Colored Soldiers  
will forget the 8000 sufferers at Salisbury.

It is hoped that Politics will be Secondary.

Quite unwell all day.

Very pleasant - fine atmosphere

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1864

Physical much improved - Had a rice broth for breakfast. Feel mighty hungry - hungry all the time. Dreamed of Home last night. of Home! Luxuries are always upper most when lost to us. The better portions of a farmer's swill pail would indeed be luxurious. The most valuable "friendship" to a man in prison is that bought with money or obligation. Services by Chaplain Emerson who says being indebted to the Confeds for nothing we have no right to SINK our moral to a level with our surroundings.  
Quite unwell.

MONDAY, 31

Again are our carnal desires remembered & our stomach much astonished with a ration of corn & flout bread.  
Capt. John Daley, 104th N.Y. tried by "Vig. Com." for insulting Col. Sprague with abusive & obscene language.  
Guard cheated out of 10\$ by a thug in U.S. uniform.  
Sights which I don'tlike to see: "Eagles & Leaves" squatting on the ground & blowing a splinter fire under a pint dipper full of boiling cornbreaf or mush.  
"Many a one digs his grave with his teeth."  
No chance for that in "No. 3"

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1864

Unwell

A most detestable soup was issued today. Beeves' Head, lights & liver & paunch, all boiled in a part of the paunch with hay in it was taken from a pailful. [words erased]  
Judging from the tone of Conversation of off. I am of the belief that we had better be Exchgd by Jan'y 65. If we are forgotten by an Admin

we have perilled our lives to sustain what  
will follow!

“All is well that ends well.”

I’ve seen the end of my  
ordeal & now where is the  
appreciation?

WEDNESDAY 2 Rainy

Human Sympathy! what a humbug!

Have been sick for 10 days & being prohibited  
the use of my rations in order to be cured gave them  
away. I have lived on 3 spoonsfuls of rice a day  
boiled in a quart of water. My God! what should I  
have done had I not had the rice? I never suffered  
so with hunger before & yet there Men who lie near  
me with plenty of Money & an abundance to eat.  
Capt. [erased] Me. with plenty of money & haversack full  
of apples sits beside me eating a dish of boiled bread  
& butter turns to me & asks me “how I am this  
Morning?” when he knows I am almost starved  
& suffering for a little of his abundance. That  
is Sympathy! Hugh, my servant tried to buy  
a few biscuits of an officer who had 5 doz but he  
wanted them all for his own use. Hugh earns  
a few dolls washing clothes & offers to buy me some  
thing to eat. How Long oh how long!  
Assured the way to a man’s heart is through his stomach  
I feel much more charity since I put away a heap  
of rice. Money may be the root of  
all evil but oh for a few “Golden Sorrows”!  
Capt. Stewart (I knew he was a Christian) just gave  
me 5\$!!! Thank God for all his mercies. I am  
much better today. Double meat ration today!  
We consider it a Mistake.

THURSDAY 3

Rumors of an Exchge. - reported that slaves who had been  
returned to their masters were being got together by Gov’t.  
for an exchge.

Codfish issued for Dinner instead of Meat.  
Gen. H. is of opinion that no Ex. will take place  
only one at a time allowed in the back yard at night.  
Physical infirmities healing.

#### FRIDAY 4

Feel quite well - with a heart full of Thankfulness to  
Our Father for his merciful kindness.  
Breakfast on cornbread & cod.  
“When was public virtue to be found,  
When private was not? Can he live the whole  
who loves no part? He be a nations friend,  
Who, in truth, is the friend of no man there?

#### SATURDAY 5

Last night about 2 AM sentinel discovered hole  
leading under prison & sounded an alarm.  
Roll call - all present. Money & watches taken from  
officers - P.M. Money restored. 1 confed for 1 U.S.  
Capt. Bailey joined Mess.  
70 commissioned officers arrived. Among them is Gen.  
Duffea. Hostages ordered away. Manning from  
Maine among them. Sent to Richmond church &  
placed in cells.  
I am sick & hungry & can borrow no money  
have no money, beg no money neither  
can I find the virtue called charity

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1864

Breakfast 8 AM cornbread & salt cod. Ice made  
last night 1/8 inch.  
Services by Chaplain at 2:30 P.M.  
Mess No. 1,8,18 & 22 purchased cook stove &  
set it up this A. M.  
I must own that my mouth waters for some  
of the luxuries brot in. - Tis hard to relish  
dry cornbread & water & salt fish while one's  
neighbor is eating Sweet Potatoes & butter  
boiled lamb &c. Ah! Money-Money!

If we are wise & judge aright  
There is scarce an ill of life (however  
Rum or hard to bear) but good may be extend-  
ed thence!

#### MONDAY 7

Codfish issued. Arrival of 3 officers from  
Salisbury. 300 E.M. have taken the oath  
of allegiance. The loyal boys stripped the  
U. S. uniform from some of them.

Capt. James Dean, 31st Me. & sent to  
Hospital. Sore throat.

Present 387 C. O. Prisoners

Tho' in the paths of death I tread  
with gloomy horror overspread,  
my steadfast heart shall fear no ill:

For thou, O Lord, art with me still

Man has no friend in Man. God alone is

Man's friend. He alone can save

Had a very pleasant dream of Home last night

#### TUESDAY 8

Codfish issued

Vote cast for President & Vicw Pres. at 10 A.M.

Lincoln & Johnson 267 - McLellan 91. Electioneering  
quite brisk all the morning. Much useless  
discussion - as usual. Tis said that Lieut.

[erased] 52 N.Y. took the Oath of Allegiance to  
the Confed. Gov't. yesterday - a loss of one  
on the copperhead ticket.

Our halls are 38 by 80 feet. Upper rooms have [blank]  
Men giving 15-3/4 sq. feet per man.

Reported that Lt. Col. Smith (Son of Gov. Smith) takes  
command of military prisons. It is believed our  
condition will be perceptibly improved under  
him. Capt. Boyce of New Jersey gave me  
reason to call him a commissioned hog, a traitor  
& a scoundrel (under certain circumstances  
by himself allowed)

It requires a well-trained and balanced

Mind to endure such a degrading life s this

without a murmur. To study such human nature  
as stays here, and bear with it requires Christian  
fortitude – more than I possess,  
Contentment extinguishes all murmers  
and ingratitude towards that Being who has  
allotted him his part to act in this world. It  
destroys all inordinate ambition and every tendency to  
corruption, with regard to the community wherin he  
is placed. It gives sweetness to conversation & serenity  
to all his thoughts.

#### WEDNESDAY 9

Again is the hearts & Stomachs of the Captive  
made glad by Wheat Bread. Our Bowels  
“Yarn” for the flesh pots of Egypt.  
Confeds can’t prevent “happy anticipations”  
nor pleasant dreams of retaliation.  
no meat today  
Tis said that “Nations weep for fallen heroes”  
wonder where the Govt keeps her Museum  
for pocket handkerchiefs?

Our “Commissary” to each allots his proper “Share”  
But that forgotten we like Heyaenes are;  
Our bowels they yearn, while for water we choke  
All our beasted fire- is lost in Smoke &  
being darned hungry I’ll fill up myself

#### Rainy THURSDAY 10

Breakfast 8AM Cornbread & water. I  
am faint from hunger & compelled to lie  
down. Should my friends at home hear  
of this they wouldn’t believe it. I think  
if the Com. of Exchange were compelled to  
live on our rations an Exchange would be  
made at once. God grant that our Gov’t.  
be human & relieve us from indignities &  
suffering - us, but more especially the E.M.[enlisted men]  
at Salisbury. An officer stole a pair of boots  
last night & sold them to the Guard for 10\$ - 2nd ins.[instance]

Meat issued

I am unhappy to day for I have not been good or Kind  
It is so very hard to go hungry while those who were  
fed by my money in Libby one are now having luxuries  
& offer me not a morsel. I am glad that have they  
been fortunate in obtaining the money but feel hurt  
at the selfishness of human nature. I always  
thot that there was more brotherly love among  
men.

P.M. Lieut. Hanson just gave me 10\$ saying  
it was in return for my Kindness to him in  
Libby when he had no money, that I could  
have more soon. Thank God that human  
nature is redeemed! I was very glad  
to receive the money but happy that  
Lieut. Hanson had not disappointed  
Me in his character; Happier than I've  
been for days.

FRIDAY 11

and one day nearer the end - one day nearer  
home - one day nearer Eternity.

Great Excitement over an item in  
Richmond Enquirer stating that arrangements had made  
for an exchange of all prisoners in the Southern  
& Gulf dept. which fact lead the editor to  
believe that a General Exchange would  
follow soon.

Capt. Bailey rec'd 25\$ for watch & promise of Butter  
E.M.[enlisted men] ordered away from No. 3 in answer to  
petition of some officers in 2nd Room who  
were disgusted with speculation carried  
on by Lt. Col. M. and others thro the E.M.  
Hugh, altho a good fellow was obliged to  
go with the others. I had 8\$ & gave him  
5\$. Capt. Bailey gave him 5\$.

[A third of the passage has been erased]

Capt. Bailey & Conley sleep under my Quilt with me

We share all we possess. Capt. Bailey is a generous & Kind hearted man & much liked. I think he is a true friend to one he loves. Capt. Conley Makes the Most of everything & complains not of anything.

Tis 11 o'clock & I have finished cooking a dipper of rice for our Breakfast by holding the dish against the Stove. a few are collected around the Stove to keep warm not having blankets to sleep under. The night is the only quiet we have & tis only comparatively for the snoring & grunting can't be beaten. Ocassionally a deep oath or a loud curse will be heard because someone's bones ache, someone is cold or one has pulled the coverlid off from his mait. The conversation around the stove is peculiarly interesting at times, showing to a good advantage the gross ignorance of officers of the USA. The inevitable topic of conversatiom is "Victuals" we cant Keep our minds from this all important subject of food. - had good smoke & now will go to bed-go to bed!

Cloudy SATURDAY 12

Learn that Lincoln is Elected. that 5th AC[Army Corps] went McLellan. That 10,000 letters have arrived for us!

Breakfast 8 AM. Cornb bread & water - Side dish of Rice for 3.

Have we a thief among us? Lieut.[\_\_\_\_\_] accuses Lieut. \_\_ Heavy Artillery of stealing his Knife & Selling the same to the Guard. Guard identifies the Lieut. Purchased 5# Rice & 1# Butter 1 Qt. of sorghum. Capt. Bailey places money in my hands for disposal - to be shared with him, Capt. Conley & myself.

Cold SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1864

Rumor that all prisaoers captured prior to 18 Aug. will be exchanged within 2 weeks.

Glorious news but not reliable as it comes through [name erased] twas intensely cold last night. I was compelled to walk the floor to keep warm.

Fair MONDAY 14

Learn from Richmond Paper that Lincoln rec'd 208 Electoral votes & McLellan 29. -- that 1,000,000 men had been called for!

Meat issued today.

Letters not yet distributed.

Lt. Chapman & I bet with Capt. Bailey &

Conley a good supper that (wines & [?] excluded) we would spend New Year's Day in the Rebel States.

Cloudy TUESDAY 15

A No. of officers who love their stomachs have Sold their uniform coat & appear out in "Grey".

One off. tried to sell his Shoulder Straps!

The Guards carry on a brisk & profitable business with officers having money - supply them during the night with all kinds of Meats & Vegetables & Bread &c. at Enormous prices. Rice outside at 40c they sell for \$1.50-\$2 per #. Biscuits \$3.50-\$4 per Doz. Bacon 6 to 9\$ per lb.

Capt. Boyce, N.J. Cavalry has joined Mess.

Fair WEDNESDAY 16

Like every day - an irregular programme of cooking, swearing, eating & smoking. - We lie down to get up & get up to lie down.

Propensity for stealing continues strong in a few scoundrels. - Lice continue to increase. Our Mess on police duty swept up filth & emptied spittoons.

The last of grease! Butter expired today at 12 M. Was buried in our Stomach.

Camping [?] amid the ruins of broken corn. We parted

with it in tears & sighed an appropriate adieux. “Money is no object but time is everything” for it eats our butter, wastes our rice, wears out our clothes & covers us with vermin.

Col. Smith visited prison today & complimented us by saying that “you officers are 10 times dirtier than the men” referring to rooms.

Cloudy            THURSDAY 17

Troubled much with “Vapours“ for the first time since I was captured. About 30 small sticks of wood are issued to each room giving 2 sticks to each Mess which is used in the yard cook stove for cooking small pots of rice &c Saving enough to kindle a coal fire which lasts through the night & sometimes through the following day. Supply of coal is certainly insufficient to warm the room.

There are various kinds of fixtures We have some here – one in particular-a long-framed Specimen of mortality full of conceit as he is of lice & filth with a countenance about as expressive as a stick - loose built in body as in morals exhibits his dirty phiz & unwashed hands daily, from 3 a.m. to 12 midnight on a pail on rear of stove - always there & never tires of asking for a “Chaw of tirkarken [tobacco?]”  
the initials of his name are  
“Heavy”

Our condition is humiliating, degrading & almost unbearable. Many are the bitter curses which hourly

arise for the Confederacy.

“Nary Red” on which to lay my hands.

“Let not your heart be troubled  
ye believe in God, Believe also in me.”

A. Lincoln

Cloudy FRIDAY 18

One more long, long weary day in  
thought has passed away.

“I am the way, the truth & the life.”

“If ye love me keep my commandments.”

Rainy SATURDAY 19

Letters for C.O. to letter H arrived & dis[tributed]

Capt. Conley rec'd three - not one I.

Remainder of letters dist'd. Capt. Lord rec'd

2 - Chapman one - none I.

Meat issued.

Lieut. Col. Smith came - expressed  
as his opinion that a Gen. Exchange  
will take place soon. -- Bah!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1864

Sermon by Chaplain Emerson.

Wrote to Mother.

flour bread issued - Meat issued.

“If ye shall ask anything in my name  
I will do it.”

“Deliver me”

MONDAY 21

Sorghum issued in lieu of meat & a  
Damned poor substitute.

Made a pudding of rice, cornbread &  
Sorghum, which we find very pota-

ble.

3rd day of the Storm - dark & dreary  
enough.

Very cold night

#### TUESDAY 22

Breakfast of cornbread & water  
Supper 1 pt. of Bean water.

#### WEDNESDAY 23

Fight between Capt. Harris - H. L.  
Cavalry & Lieut. McGraw of Col.  
Rallston's Regiment.

“Greater love hath no man than this  
that a man lay down his life for his friends.”  
Say “country” instead of “friends”  
Night very cold & much suffering.

#### Cold & Clear THURSDAY 24

Thanksgiving Day in Dixie Prison.  
Ye Gods! What a Thanksgiving! It  
might be worse but I don't know how.  
Chaplain Emerson left for Heaven!

This should be a day of “humiliation  
fasting & prayer & of Public Thanksgiving” so  
Our Gov'r. says, in Maine. did he mean  
to include us? & why not? Haven't we  
much to be Thankful for. relieved of all  
business & so Kindly cared for - even our  
doors are guarded at expense of J. Davis & Co.  
- that none may disturb us while we  
worship. Lewd women are kept from our  
sight that our minds may not be carnally  
inclined - all intoxicating drink are  
prohibited that we may not appear  
unseemly.

Magnanimous people are

these corn-feds - A Christianising system  
this - why we fast every day in the  
week. Poor old Job could not have  
been more deeply humiliated.  
Governor Cony, we fast – we are  
humiliated & we are deeply thankful  
that we have our being-  
that we are not starved to death or shot  
down like brutes as was  
poor Sam & others at Salisbury by an  
idiotic sentry. We wish you knew this.  
The sun rose & made bright, a clear  
& very cold morning & we easily imagine  
the happiness it shines upon in our  
northern homes upon peace & plenty  
tables groaning with every luxury  
for those who have not lifted neither will they  
lift a hand to protect the land yielding  
them this abundance. The Sun  
that makes cheerful our N.E. homes  
sends through grated & smokey windows  
a few sallow rays revealing the  
miserable squalid & poverty stricken  
inmates of Prison no 3, half stripped &  
shivering while they remove the vermin  
that collected on their rags during the  
night. The coal fire has expired &  
real suffering calls from many, deep  
curses & bitter lamentations at their  
miserable condition.  
Some few walked the floor all night.  
Others favored with blankets are  
growling because they haven't more &  
many damns & curses are heaped upon  
the tired walker because he stumbles  
over some half awakened cuss.  
Later many are telling their happy  
dreams of homes - of big turkies &  
Plum puddings & build up bright  
hopes of a Christmas with those they  
love  
8 o'clk & we are politely informed by  
our Chief comm'y that breakfast has come.

Many are the inquiries & guesses as  
to the kind - "Is it corn? Is it wheat?"  
"Oh I hope Tis flourbread! After roll call  
the 12 oz coarse cornbread is dealt out  
& this with cold water is our "Thanks  
giving" breakfast which we hastily  
swallow that we may enjoy the luxury  
of a smoke. Our "terbaker" seems  
to hold out yet. Much to our Surprise  
we are furnished with meat! & this is  
our "Thanksgiving dinner." They open  
their hearts & issue bean Soup also  
& this is our "Thanksgiving Supper."  
The Mass. or left wing of our mess  
having raised money by desposing of  
rings &c astonished their stomachs with  
a Vegetable soup. The Maine wing are  
damned hungry at 4 P.M.  
5 PM Capt. Bailey raised 35 Confederate  
dollars & by sale of rings, On  
the strength of which I borrow a pint  
of rice, buy a pt of molss [molasses] & at 7  
oclock we eat our "Thanksgiving"  
& go to bed.  
How the money comes  
in! Sold a 50c U.S. Scrip (all  
I had when cap.) for 3 dolls.  
A happy Thanksgiving for our Chaplain  
Emerson he left this morning  
for Richmond for exchange  
"Better is little with fear of the Lord  
then a great treasure & trouble therewith."  
Salisbury makes a monument of shame  
and of the cruelty of man to man.

#### FRIDAY 25

For the 3rd time we are supplied with  
wheat bread.  
Capt. John Merchant sent to Hosp.

Maj Byrnes addressed a communication  
To Col. Smith in reference to Boxes for officers

where their things would be rec'd & delv' to officers by the Confed. Authorities. The same was for'd by Col. Smith to Gen. Gardiner who for'd the same information to Col Ould's Commissioner of exchange. Returned to Col Hooper endorsed. Boxes will be rec'd from the U.S. for Federal officers (pris. of war) & delv'd. The size & weight has not been limited, but the boxes had better be as compact as possible - not too Large. Tis said that during the fight between Capt Harris & Lt. McGraw that Col. R said "don't part them let them fight it out." This same Col. Remarked to Col. S that "Euclid" was one of one Oldest & best English writers"(!) also That "Casey's Tactics "were a combination & revision of Euclid's used in time of Julius Ceasar(!)"

Cold & Clear SATURDAY 26  
Exchange stock has an upward tendancy.

Perhaps some folks like this life - I don't.

Cloudy SUNDAY 27  
Breakfast 8 AM - Corn Bread  
Dinner 3 PM.: Meat; dessert, meat-and-vegetable soup concocted by a No. [Number] of [our] Mess  
"Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name He will give it to you."

MONDAY 28  
7 of our Mess went under guard to River Dan & washed.

Wonder if the word "Exchange"

can be found in Rebel "Dixeyon-  
arys"

Shook hands with Capt. Boyce [Boice]  
on a better acquaintance.

Warm & Pleasant TUESDAY 29  
wheat-bread issued

Pleasant WEDNESDAY 30

Hungry.

"Take no thought what shall we eat.  
what shall we drink Your Heavenly  
Father knoweth that ye have need of all  
these things."

Gen Hayes sent to Confed. Hosp.

Warm THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1864  
Capt. Carroll, 5th Maryland, shot through  
the hand by Guard, ball coming up  
through the floor, having been fired at an  
officer on 2nd floor who accidentally  
spilled some water on window  
sill while standing near it.

Warm FRIDAY 2

Exchange stock firm.  
Good news from Sherman.

Cloudy SATURDAY 3  
Rain

Capt. Boyce sent to Richmond, probably as a hostage  
at 6 A.M. left haversack, canteen to  
Capt. Bailey, & ten pounds (of) rice for "us"

Our Larder is replenished again by donation

of Capt. Boyce of 10# Rice to be divided between 5 persons. The Quart cup & canteen are very acceptable. Since we came to No 3. We have been minus plates & Knives & Forks. are obliged to eat meat from hands as we sit on the floor. Our soup We eat with wooden spoons from tin cups Many have not even cups. One of the Guards offers 11 to 1 for Greenbacks Says he has made a 1000 Confed dollars since he came here & he wants to get U. S. Money as he intends to go through the Lines the first opp. with many others An intelligent Reb says the Confed will go under in 6 months such is the oppinion outside.

Wheat-bread issued  
Wrote to Uncle Sedgwick, urging him to see Gilbreth, Morill, and Blaine and effect my exchange.

Warm                      SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1864  
[No Entry]

MONDAY 5                      Warm Fair  
Wheat Bread issued  
"New Issue" arrived about 600 strong to relieve old Guard, who leave for the front tomorrow.

1<sup>stly</sup>  
The N.I. (new issue) to relieve the O.G. (old guard) arrived this A.M., numbering about 300 conscripts, old and young, of all sizes & description(s), in all styles of garb; boys of 14 and [?] of 60, to keep in bondage "we'uns" until that o.s. Stanton deems it practical to release us.  
The "Old issue" have been very jubilant (outwardly) over their 'call' & deeming their "election" sure, some 30 deserted last night & are now en route for the "New Jerusalem" by the shortest cut with a pocket

full of greenbacks purchased of “we’uns” for \$8  
to \$11 confederate for \$1 (U.S). S t m t d, t n a w e d t d j t f o,  
s a t a a t f.

2<sup>ndly</sup> - Confederate officer visited  
the Yanks today; said he was “puty drunk”  
& “ I thought he was. Off. D and G w o l f l n – bod  
- and tw and f - s “w w def f sh s l. and t t t fut l w a s a  
t ‘NI’ a?

3<sup>dly</sup> - Have a sense of fullness peculiarly  
delightful & gratifying to the material por-  
tion of Abner R - Our mess made a nice dinner  
from a stew made of meat, rice & onions, thkd [thickened] with  
bread.

Federal Congress assembles today. We  
anxiously await the coming of the President’s  
Message, expecting his views regarding a  
general exchange of prisoners - Our only  
hope of release from this most degrading  
life is in the people and through their Reps  
in Congress - God grant that the dictates  
of humanity will bring about the desired  
object at once & release the E.M. (enlisted men).

Meat & Rice stew for 5 by Chapman  
Trade with Guard stopped

#### TUESDAY 6

Exchange stock remains firm.  
The stomach has no Ears.  
Sufficient unto this day is the evil  
thereof.

#### WEDNESDAY 7

Exchange stock dull.  
Capt. Bailey sold canteen for 5 (pounds) rice.

E [enlisted] Men arrived from E [east] Tenn.  
Sentry very much demoralized,  
heartsick of war, feels for family.  
Says there are 3 classes in the  
South: landowners & slaveholders,  
middle class able to hire slaves,  
& the poorer caste despised by

all; caste strictly observed; no advantages of education gained except to those able to hire a private tutor. He gets 17 Confederate dolls per month & receives nothing. - Is over 50. Crisis expected by all the "Old Guard" Boys are full of terror & fear the "Yanks".

#### THURSDAY 8

Cold, fair

We lie down to get up, & get up to lie down – long for night – long for day. Feel quite unwell – lungs very sore-used croton oil.

Capt. Newton brought me a plate of pot pie – a luxury indeed.

No sleep for pain.

Six co [commissioned] officers & 125 EM [enlisted men] arrived from E [east] Tenn.

But few Comparatively Know the misery of a M. Prison - How the bright sun Seems to taunt us, as thro bars we see all else rejoicing in the open and among fair scenes. How Our heart yearns for one breath of the free open air for one hour to feel the power of unfettered action, to climb the hillside, to join once more with our fellows - with human beings. But the heavy weight of pain presses us down the long thin white hand that once was so firmly knit, the Stumbling tottering foot that once was so steady, remind us that we are no longer as others - no longer ourselves we are beyond the pale.

Hailstorm      FRIDAY 9

Last night was 48 hours long!

no sleep last night

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Cold clear MONDAY 12

Present at roll call 420 C. O.

444 in hospital and prison.

TUESDAY 13

6th day since I applied Croton oil to Lungs

The blisters are still draining.

commenced reading "Diana of Meriden"

I am very weak - growing so gradually - probably from lack of nourishment. - our rations are but just enough to keep Soul & body together. I dread to go up & down stairs.

WEDNESDAY 14

Warm, fair

Intensely hungry

THURSDAY 15

Warm, cloudy

Col. Rallstone died in the night.

Capt. Dean 31st Me. with 13 others brot from

Hospital. How are you, Exchange?

Gen'l. Hayes returned from Hospital.

Warm, cloudy FRIDAY 16

Capt. Lord received of Gen. Hayes

\$36.50Confed[?]

Capt. Smith told Major Ruggles that he just rec'd letters stating that we should be kept here until Exchg. - when?

SATURDAY 17

[No entry]

Warm, fair SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1864

Four Months ago I was Cap'd. 4 Months

of Suffering & Starvation.  
Witnessed Dress Parade & couldn't  
help feeling sad when I thot[thought] of  
My Regiment, of its depletion.  
Boiled potatoes issued instead of  
Meat.

#### MONDAY 19

Warm, rain  
Exchange Stock fluctuating

#### TUESDAY 20

Cool cloudy  
Exchange Stock has an upward tendency  
owing to Col. Smith's  
statement that of the 6000 pris.  
to be exchg'd, 1200 would be taken from  
this post. - No. of off. 150

Potatoes issued, - 8 to a man  
very small

#### WEDNESDAY 21

Cool, rainy  
Capt. Bailey rec'd. of Gen. Hayes  
40 dollars - Capt. Lord 50  
for benefit of & to be paid by  
Mess of 5 - one to 3-1/2 U.S.Currency

#### THURSDAY 22

Cool and clear  
Report that 1200 Pris. to be exchg'd  
1 officer to 10 E.M. within 12 days. Con-  
firmed by Sergeant & Off. Day. We  
are all elated & expect to  
leave this time sure.

#### FRIDAY 23

Cold & clear

Report that HOOD has been badly  
Whipped - lost 40 Pieces artillery.

SATURDAY 24

Clear  
Capt. H. C. Newton sent to Hospital

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1864

Cloudy  
Capt. Conley rec'd. his Shoes  
From Corp. Turner - both for  
one foot!  
Present "P. & Hosp"  
1 Brig. General  
4 Colonels  
8 Lt. Colonels  
16 Majors  
86 Captains & 328 Lieutenants.

MONDAY 26

Rainy  
Rec'd. three Boxes Wheat Bread - 3-1/2  
per Man in Lieu of Meat.  
Sold Boots for Shoes & 100  
dollars. Officer of Guard reports Sav-  
annah fallen. - that the Garrison  
escaped. 7000 prisoners taken.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1864

John M. Bingham  
1st Lieut. Co. A, 121st P. Vol.  
Pleasantville,  
Benango Co.  
Penna.

Rob't. T. Bates  
Adj. 121st Penna Volunteers

Phila., Pa.

FRIDAY 30

John L. Harvey  
1st Lieut., Co. D  
121st P. Vols.  
Kensington, Pa.

Wesley C. Howe  
1st Lieut. 2nd Mass. Cav.  
(California Battalion)  
Shippinsville,  
Clariden Co., Penna

SATURDAY 31

Milton Cafferty  
Capt. 1sr N.Y. Cavalry  
Residence  
Renion, Broome co. N.Y.

James P. Thomas  
94 N.Y.V.  
Batavia  
Genessee Co., N.Y.

“Z[?] Saint’s Resr”

“Doomsayers Resist Progress of  
Religion in the Soul.”

“Mackey’s Lexicon of Faith”

“Draper Intellectual Development  
of Europe”

“Book of CJosionstitutions” JM

Signs & symbols - Oliver

Eclectic H. Couthley  
No. 5 Beekman Pl. N.Y.

Joseph C. Cary  
1st Lieut. 104th N.Y.S. Vol.  
Residence - West Troy  
N.Y.

Josiah C. Beal  
Capt. 9th M.C. Vols.  
Phillips

M.L. Stone  
Capt. 2 Penn Cavalry  
Conneautville, Penn.

William Caldwell  
1st Lieut. Co. I, 51st N.Y.V.  
New York City

H.C. Buckman  
Capt. H Co., N.Y.V.  
Ohare  
Clinton Co.  
N.Y.

N.P.[?]ower  
1st Lt. H Co. N.Y. Artillery  
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Facts for the People  
Or  
Three Thousand, and  
Seven Hundred, Things  
worth Knowing.

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Daniel Gill  
1 Lt. 4th N.H. Infantry  
Manchester, N.H.

F.W. Whaley  
2nd Lieut., Co. F, 12th Me.[?] Vols.  
Lincoln Center,  
Maine

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1865  
Exchange looks s distant as ever.

MONDAY, JAUARY 9, 1865  
27 Dec to January 8th have been  
quite unwell.  
Our hopes have been raised that we should soon  
be Exchg'd. as Richmond paper  
stated that Maj. Mulford was  
expected at R[ichmond] last week to Com-  
plete arrangements. - Baltimore  
American stated that Mulford  
would go to R.[Richmond] authorized to  
negotiate a carlit &c.  
Have not received Meat for  
2 weeks.

TUESDAY 10

Learn that Maj, Mulford has arrived & is now in session with Cols. Ould & Hatch at Richmond. Will they agree? or are we doomed to years of captivity and Suffering.

WEDNESDAY 11

Capt. Bailey sent to hospital.

THURSDAY 12

Exchange stock firm.  
Report that Butler has been relieved

FRIDAY 13

All impatiently waiting for result of negotiations for Exchge.  
Exchange stock firm.

TUESDAY 17

Meat has been issued but once for 19 days. This is the 4th day we have lived on cornbread & water.

WEDNESDAY 18 - Meat issued

Corn mush issued on 19<sup>th</sup>

FRIDAY 20 - Meat

No intelligence yet from the Com'r. of Exchange.

SATURDAY 21

Meal Gruel issued

SUNDAY JANUARY 22, 1865

Rumors of Col. Mulford's movements still published but Chances for Ex. Still

MONDAY 23

Gen'l. Hayes loaned me 40\$  
unasked. Col. Harrison [Hartshorne] & Maj. Horton  
Exch'd.

TUESDAY 24 - Corn Bread

Rec'd. 2 letters from Home. one  
from Mother - one from Emma  
dated Oct. 3 & 12.  
Private Boxes arrived.  
E. Men died 170 O. [October]. 130 N. [November]  
& 140 D. [December] from 1450.

WEDNESDAY 25

Gen'l. Hayes & Lt. Lucas [Lucore] Ex'd.

THURSDAY 26

Capt. Lord rec'd of Gen. Hayes 100 dolls.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1865

Capt. Newton returned from Hospital.  
Peace Com. sent to W. [Washington]

MONDAY 30

[No entry]

TUESDAY 31

Report that Exchange is left  
in hands of Grant.  
Sermon by Hope and "Charity"

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 1865

Exch. stock declining.  
Conley sold pipe for 75 dolls.  
Capt. Conley rec'd. of B. F. Leighton  
& Con'd to Mess 50.00.

THURSDAY 2

Whole matter of Ex. (exchange) left to the

supervision of Gen. Grant. – (23 ult.)

FEBRUARY 3 & 4 –[No entries]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1865

Capt. Gregg received a letter today from Salisbury, stating that the deaths among our men at S (Salisbury) since Oct 15 no. 3000! Over 1/3 of prisoners (8999) – mortality at the rate of 30 per day.

This information is deemed reliable coming from a member of Capt. G. (Gregg's) Co. (Company) detailed as clerk at headquarters, having access to the records.

MONDAY 6

Meat has been issued since Dec. 15 – 15

25 – 29 – Jan'y 18 & 20

beans 2 times since Jany 1st

Principal and only food iss [issued] corn

-bread at 9 A.M. and occais [occasionally]

meal gruel. Selections made of officers to distribute

clothing said to have arr<sup>d</sup> [arrived] at Rich<sup>d</sup> [Richmond]

Capt. Stewart, Capt. Porter & Maj. Horan

to go to Salisbury; Cols. Prey, Sprague

& Carl to distribute at Danville.

TUESDAY 7

Richmond papers contain encouraging news relative to exchange.

E. Stk “firm” [Exchange stock firm].

WEDNESDAY 8

Woolen mill burned last night.

THURSDAY 9

Store burned last night.

Lieut. Col. Hooper writes to

[Capt.] Granger that Gen. Hayes

has direct communication with

Gen. Grant, who assures him

That the exchange of prisoners will  
Go on as rapidly as possible.  
Potatoes issued. Money all gone.

FRIDAY 10

Maj. Ruggles U. S. A (Army),  
died in hospital.  
Clothing etc. and private boxes arrived.

SATURDAY 11

Northern letters rec<sup>d</sup> with money  
in drafts – exc. [bills of exchange] on London.  
Rec<sup>d</sup> letter from Aunt Emma, [dated]  
January 27<sup>th</sup>. Clothing issd [issued] to E M [enlisted men]  
and priv box del<sup>d</sup> [private boxes delivered].

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1865

Sermon by Dr. Hall from 2 Timothy:  
1-12. Very fine.

MONDAY 13

[No entry]

TUESDAY 14

19[9?] C.O. [commissioned officers] sent to Richmond  
– Cols 1, Capts 4, Lieuts 4 for exchange.  
Northern papers state that gen Ex. [general exchange]  
has been agreed upon.

WEDNESDAY 15

The welcome intelligence  
has at last arrived! we  
leave for Richmond for ex.  
on Friday & Saturday  
3 cheers were given, and a tiger.

THURSDAY 16

200 leave 17<sup>th</sup> alph<sup>y</sup> [alphabetically] Rr.[by railroad]  
no sleep last night. Ordered to  
be in readiness to leave  
for Richmond at 6 A.M. 17<sup>th</sup>  
No sleep tonight, either.

FRIDAY 17  
all left Danville 12 P.M.

SATURDAY 18  
Arr<sup>d</sup> (arrived)  
Richmond 2 P.M.  
arrd Libby. Capt. Conley and I  
slept in the same place as in  
Sept. last.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1865  
Libby. Enjoyed luxury of hot  
coffee milked and sugared!  
the 1<sup>st</sup> for 6 months.  
Corn-bread and corned beef issued  
at 9 A.M. ration smaller than  
ever: 2 ounces.  
Signed parole

MONDAY 20  
[No entry]

TUESDAY 21  
About 80 officers left this  
morning with sick from  
hospital.  
We go tomorrow morn

WEDNESDAY 22  
Left the southern hell  
at 8 A.M. placed our  
feet on God's soil near  
Cox's landing 10 A.M.  
got sight of Stars & Stripes  
at Aiken's landing at  
11:30 – Left A L [Aikens Landing] in "Geo.  
Leary" at 1:30 P.M.  
Ham white bread and coffee  
issued – 1/2 ra (ration) whiskey.

THURSDAY 23  
Arrived Annapolis 7 A.M.

Qr<sup>d</sup> at building 6, Co. K,  
Room 2, Naval School  
Barracks.

FRIDAY 24

Received of Maj. Wilson U.S.A. (Army)  
paymaster, \$233 for  
months of Dec & Jany.