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5th fine but cold and snowed all day. 6th Brig. Drilled snowed all day and night cold 7th cold battalion drill 8th cold and sloppy Co..and Batt drill. Rained all-night and slippery hard walking. 9th wrote home rained all night. 10th on picket at the front whole Regt for 8 hours. Our Co. turned out 60 men rank and mile marching through mud like walking through fields of glue. Up to over our knees, also heavy fog. Our co. with G and K on the reserve first 24 hours. We amused ourselves around our Bivouac fires as best we could and at night by singing songs telling stories and the Col. Major doctor and other officers sat with us for some time and enjoyed it especially the Doc with his cough medicine, alias gin bottles. I was invited to try the medicine on the condition that I would sing but I politely declined and told him I did not use the article. No sleep all night. 11th Sat., after breakfast, the companies on reviewed relieved those on duty on outposts.

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Jan. 1862 Uptons hill. 12th pleasant. Relieved by the 20th NY of Wadsworth brigade very muddy and hot going back to camp. Civilians we met at Falls Church pitied our condition. After we got back to camp saw John Ames, and Cap Noyes, and Whipple and had a good shake hands with my old boss Jon Ames. Got a good deal of information from him on business and other matters of interest. Rained at night and on 13th co. and batt. drill. Ames and co. left camp. Cold at night and snow. 14th plenty of snow and very cold. No drill answered letters. Cold at night and Hail. 15th rain and very cold, no drill. Got letters. All well at home. 16th no drill. Charles Clark the tailor Mr. Writer and Shook arrived in camp. Had friendly talk with charley they came to see the sights of camp life. 17th wrote home paid in treasury notes for last 2 months.

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Bought paper 4 envelopes bought a stove for our tent 4 of us together. Our new comers were Fred Bauer and brother in law John Kirkpatrick. Stove and fixins cost \$3.50. Got letter from White Creek from Jas. Reilly stating my cousin John Flood was in the 6th Wisconsin Kings Brigade. Our Division. 18th on guard rain all day strict orders against any one leaving camp. Guard not allowed from guard house when on duty. Sunday 19th raining all day. Had sent home \$14. And wrote letters. 20th Still raining, very muddy. Got letters rain all night 21st still raining but light. 22nd Saw 6th Wisconsin return from picket did not see Flood as he passed before I got a chance they had it rough on picket.

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Plenty of mud nothing new. 24th on guard John G. McMurray left after anight. Orders strict very stormy. Lieut. Campbell got back Conroy Tom Kelly and 4 other recruits came with him got some things from home. Good time with the boys at night. Upton Hill, Tom Kelly staid with us all night. 25th unwell, too good a time night before. Sunday 26th muddy and lonesome wrote home. Forgot to state that John G. McMurry while visiting with us sat in our tent quite a while talked on various subjects. 27th Co. and Bat Drill. T.Kelly still with us, rain hard at night. 28th no drill Rain. Inspection by Gen.McDowell postponed on account of rain. 29th very muddy. 30th on guard, raining all day 3qst Regt on picket did not have to go as I was not off guard yet. Myself and t. Kelly lived pretty well on extras. Feb 1st on guard again all quiet. Sunday 2nd had a good dinner Regt. back from picket, Rescued Sergt Smith of Co. G. from being all burned up. I pulled him out of his tent and he was asleep whit it was all in a blaze and his clothes on fire. 3^d showering hard no drill. Got letter from East troy Wisconsin from sister. 4th all quiet. 5th Co drill and inspection. 6th RAINING AND FREEZING ALL DAY. 7th ON GUARD AT THE PICKET.

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Sunday 9th all quiet, 10th Co. drill and skirmish drill first time 11th Feb, fine day, 12th, dress parade at 9 am. Private of Co I. Named Thos..McDonald, alias Nickey the goat got drummed out for being a general nuisance and striking his Capt. He was sent to Georgetown penitentiary for 6 months. He did not seem to care. 13th all quiet. 14th wrote letters, very cold on Guard. 15th Plenty of snow volunteers asked to serve on Gunboats from our division for southwest. 60 wanted 5 from each company. Volunteers as they did not want any one except those who understood sailing and how to handle cannon. Roanoke Island reports taken on 13th with 3000 prisoners in the evening news of fort Donalson being taken with the evacuation of Bowling Green. 8000 prisoners. Great cheering Sunday, 16th fine day 17th Morrison left for Fort Louis to serve on gun boat only one from Regt. Ed Remington.

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Feb 1962. Upton Hill. Leave some time said he was captured outside our lines taken to Richmond and escaped at night from prison said he was on Roanoke Island when Gen. Burnside bombarded it. Escaped from a rebel gun boat-swam to Burnside's fleet and gave him news how to reach the Island. How much truth was in it he knew best however the Gen. He said gave him a pass and letters to Gen. McClellan who ordered him to join his regt. His name however did not appear in Gen. Orders and no report of his bravery mentioned. Great cheering on dress parade on report of Fort Donaldson taken and 15000 prisoners. Gen. Floyd and Gen. Pillow escaped at night 400 killed and 800 wounded reported on our side. 18th out practicing target shooting. Reported capture of Savanna Ga. 19th rain all day. 20th cold. 21st went on picket 48 hours a prisoner brought in to our line by cavalrymen while on scout near Fairfax. Very stubborn and well armed.

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Feb 62 Upton Hill The Col. sent him under guard to guard house. 22nd on Post great firing in honor of Washington's birthday. Jeff. Davis to be inaugurated today. Prisoners taken at Dulins House by the pickets of left wing. Nashville reported taken, rain all night Sunday 23rd Relieved by 20th NY very tired. 24th on guard at railroad very cold and rain wind high great damage reported in Wash. Steeples blown down and buildings tents torn in pieces at the camps and some cases trees torn up by the roots. 25th fine day. Co drill. Col. Wood of 14th Brooklyn back from Richmond was taken prisoner at Bull Run and now exchanged. Regt turned out to receive him in a speech he told the boys they would soon be home. Will they? Heard from J. Leary 1st Mass at Budds Ferry. Wrote letters 26th target shooting, orders to be all ready to march at a moments notice and all officers not to be absent from there.

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Feb 62 Orders read no baggage allowed with officers but a carpet bag. 4 wagons to each Regt. All women ordered from camp and all. Looks like a move. Heard firing at night 24th very windy and cold. Webster back after prisoner in Richmond Right wing of Army reported on advance. Very windy felt sick caught cold. 28th Muster and inspections, very windy and cold, got letters. Sat March 1st 1862 cold roads hard. Sunday 2nd forenoon fine. Afternoon snow. Packed up extra clothing to store away. Co. detailed as skirmish also Co. B., 3rd, rain at night, sloppy, target practice in forenoon. Skirmish drill in the afternoon at dress parade Washington's farewell address read. Regt formed in a square. Letter from Jersey City (A.K) Target practice and skirmish. 5th got light shelter tents to carry with us. 3 men together each man to carry his 2 pieces as they are bottomed together. Threw over a pole each end resting on crotch in ground and pegged down with a piece at the ends...

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completed the whole it could be made as long as you wanted to, by stretching out the pieces, but had to crawl on your knees to get in it was so low. Battalion drills in full marching orders with each man having his pieces of tent in knapsack. Skirmish drill in afternoon. 6th skirmish drill and target practice fine day. 7th on guard very cold, letters, 8th felt unwell. Brig drill in afternoon with knapsacks practiced pitching our new tent 4 and one half-hour drill. No fun for the money. 9th Sunday fine day knapsack inspection. Sent home letters by Mrs. Buck she came on to try to get her son Mike off but could not. All routed up at 12 at night orders to march at 5 am. Great excitement. 10th left at 8 am to Baileys Cross roads. Men kept dropping out on march, teamster from Jersey Brigade said his Brigade has camped 2 miles beyond Fairfax, had with him rebels horses one was mounted in a fight where 4 rebels was...

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killed and 12 taken prisoners all the troops on the move grand sight men very tired near Fairfax and was dropping out on the road. Some threw away some of their things. At Fairfax some rough earthworks was thrown up. It is a very ancient looking village with some large but miserable looking houses, saw some plain looking women there the men so tired some even threw away their knapsacks. It was a hard march for the first one the order to rest on the road was given after and about 5 minutes at a time when I first started the load was nothing, but at night it weighed a ton. When I sat down to rest and then tried to get up. Could hardly move my feet. PATRIOTISM IS VERY SELDOM APPRECIATED BY THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW THE HARDSHIP OF A CAMPAIGN THE FEELING AT THE TIME I CANNOT. After 18 or more miles halted for the night near Wadsworth Brigade.

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March 62 when the Regt halted for the night. I lay down exhausted and soon fell asleep. My 2 comrades after a while arrived and pitched the tent and after eating some hard tack all lay down for the night *11th* awoke feeling little better rained on the march at 10 am the whole brigade was in line Gen. McDowell and McClellan with staffs rode along, the men cheered McClellan he saluted the troops with hat off. Men have confidence in him, more in McDowell. Next camp near Centerville the place reported evacuated as also Bull Run and Manasses and Forts destroyed, no mail since *9th* a General order read in regard to stealing and killing pigs, hens, and provost guard posted at the houses to protect property. One of the Wadsworth men reported shot for stealing sheep. Batl drill in afternoon, nothing to eat for supper large force of cavalry went toward Manasses.

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12th nothing for breakfast. Orders read on dress parade forbidding the men leaving camp. Contrabands came in to camp from Wanneton, fine looking fellows. Reported they had to work on the forts at Centerville and Manasses. Brigade went to Centerville stacked arms on the fort and the men allowed 3 hours to look around. I went to Bull Run looked over the Battlefield Some of the Bodies only partly covered by a woman at a house nearby by where we had dinner. Said the Louisiana tigers dug some of the bodies up. Got back as the brigade was ready to move off the where we left, 5 miles back from Centerville to Battleground. *13th* Batt Drill. *14th* Skirmish drills in forenoon, Brig in afternoon. Jim Dargas was on and was to take some letters home. *15th* Sat. Went on the march with 2 days rations before we marched, Gen. McClellans order was read to the Brigade.

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Gen. McCLELLANS ADDRESS TO THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

MARCH 15th 1862 . Headquarters army of the Potomac. Fairfax court house Va. "Soldiers of the army of the Potomac for a long time I have kept you inactive, but not without a purpose. You were to be disciplined armed and instructed, the formidable artillery you now have had to be created. Other armies were to move and accomplish certain results I have held you back that you might give the deathblow to the Rebellion which has distracted our once happy country. The patience you have shown and your confidence in your general are worth a dozen of victories. These preliminary results are now accomplished(?) I feel that the patient labors of many months have produced their first the army of the Potomac is now a real army. "

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McCLELLAND ADDEESS CONTINUED: "Disciplined and excellently equipped and armed. Your commanders are all that I could wish. The moment for actions has arrived and I know that I can trust in you to save our Country. As I ride through your ranks, I see in your faces sure prestige of victory. I feel that you will do whatever I ask you the period of inaction has passed. I will bring you face to face with the Rebels and only pray that God may defend the right in what ever direction you may move, however strange my actions may seem to you, ever bear in mind that my fate is linked with yours, and all I so is to bring you where I know you wish to be, on the decisive Battlefield. It is my business to place you there. I am to watch over you as a parent over his children and you know that your general loves you from the depths of his heart>"

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"It shall be my care as it has ever been to gain success with the least possible loss. But I know you will willingly follow me to our graves for our righteous cause. God smiles upon us. Victory attends us; yet, I would not have you think that our aim is to be obtained without a manly struggle. I will not disguise it from you that you have foes to encounter. foe men well worthy of the steel that you will use so well. I shall demand of you great and heroic exertions rapid and long marches desperate combats and prinations, we will share all these together. And when this sad war is over, we will return to our homes and feel that we can ask no higher honor than the proud consciousness that we belonged to the Army of the Potomac." GEORGE B MCCLELLAN MAJOR Gen. COMMANDING. That order was received with enthusiasm.

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March 15th 1862. Started on march back for Alexandria about 23 miles, rained all the day. Had to cross several streams swollen by the rain above our knees, wet clean through within about 3 miles of

Alexandria. It rained in torrents at McCloud's Mills. Had to cross a stream that raised 10 feet in 2 or 3 hours. 2 men and 3 horses with wagon drowned. Myself and Dunn succeeded in crossing on a large tree felled so it crossed the stream like a bridge in the delay Regt. Got scattered. Felt almost dead, so exhausted reached Alexandria at dark all places ordered closed. Met a black man who conducted us to a place where we got whiskey. His own included. We also got supper and tried to dry our clothes. Hired a bed for the night, a sucker belonging to the provost guard who got his whiskey for nothing from the proprietor, went off and made a complaint that the man who sold whiskey to us provost Came could find no whiskey, stole 2 silver mounted revolvers from...

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The proprietor and took him off to the slave pen. He was fined 10 dollars next morning for selling liquor to soldiers 38 more arrested for same. Could not get our clothes dry as the rain poured through the roof on us in bed. Felt bad in the morning Sunday 16th woke up had to wring my pants before I put them on were as wet as when I took them off night before. Had a drink and some breakfast went to hunt up the regt. The proprietors son gave us a card with his address. It was no. 233 King Street. Found the Regt. After a while they were quartered in an Episcopal Church. The minister was arrested a week before for preaching secession. When we got there the Regt was all in line, orders to go back to old camp at Uptons Hill. Went back to King St. and got our traps old man back from jail swearing vengeance against spy who gave him away and stealing his revolver and cigars. When we reached Regt again they were in line at depot ready to take the train to old camp to Uptons Hill. Train very slow engine no good, 5 hours going 8 miles.

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Got to old camp about 9 pm very cold. 17th. Cold day. Jim Dargen went home no drill. 18th fine wash day ordered at 3pm to march 2-day rations. Packed up wet shirts as they were left at 3. Marched about 4 miles. Camped on side hill on Alexandria road about 3 miles from city. Felt cold. 19th cold and chilly rained all night. 20th. Ordered for review, order again countermanded on account of the rain. Rained all night. It poured through our tent down our necks and back, not pleasant. Grand night at night to see all the camp fires as far as the eyes could reach. 21st Dull wrote, rained again all night 22nd got letter from home with money in it, rained again all night 23rd Sunday quiet 24th Saw John Flood of Wisconsin, brigade, 25th went with J. Flood to Alexandria had a good time. Regt. was out on review when I got back. 26th cold role called 5 times and plenty drilling. Cold night drew a pair pants. 27th fine day out

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On review. Lord Lyons and several Europeans Nobles present. Gen. McDowell and McClellan. 28th Co and Batt drill. 29th Co. drill snowed all day rained all night. *Sunday 30th* went with J. Flood and sergeant Mangin of their Regt. 6th Wisconsin to Alexandria had a good time got back at dark. Letters from home. 31st. Co and Batt. drill. *April 1st 1862.* Went to old camp and washed clothes warm day. Brig. Drill in afternoon. 2nd no mail men about camp raising the devil with peddlers kicking over their wagons and co. brig drill 3rd very windy and dusty. Capt. Chrysler new Major treated the Regt. 4th on guard Adj. Bentley left camp to join 63 Regt, Irish Brigade as major. He was well liked by the men. His regt. to embark today, div inspection ordered countermanded. We had to fall in line at 3pm with 3 days rations, forward toward Manasses our brigade on right of div. Went by Caileys cross roads. Halted after going 9 miles for the night. 5th moved again at 7 am Rained hard on reaching Centerville took road to left had road...

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halted about 4 miles beyond Bull Run. Felt tired after marching 19 miles. Halted for the night, 6th Sunday, took a good wash before we started at 7 am crossed Manasses plains, saw several graves of Mississippi soldiers with inscription on boards at the head. Splendid place for a battle. Had to wade through a large and deep stream. Water up to our waist. A mile on the stream halted about 9 miles from our last nights stopping. Place very hot-day got letters with money and stamps. 7th Co. inspection at 8am. Snowed all day and night, had to sleep in my wet clothes. 8th felt miserable, snow and rain all day. Now at Bristoe. News came at night to the Col. from McDowell of capture on islands No. 10 with all their boats some Iron Clods large size guns ammunition and a large number of prisoners. Some escaped in the night. Slept another night in wet clothes. No chance to dry them. 9th woke up wet and miserable. Snowed all day and cold wind blowing hard and snowed all night.

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10th, cold and cleared up. some dress parade at 5pm orders read to us that Gen. McDowell takes charge of the dept. lying east of the Blue Ridge and west of the Potomac to the Rappahonack and apart from McClellans, forces known as the Grand Army. 11th fine, news of battle at Cornith with Beauregard and Johnson on the rebel side and Grant and Buel on the Union. Rebels defeated. Johnson killed and Beauregard reported lost an arm, but not confirmed, heavy loss on both, and ours said to be 18000 or 20000 men and the Rebs 28000 or 30000 but not authentic. Greatest battle of the campaign. Fight lasted 3 days. It was called BATTLE OF PITTSBURGH LANDING. News came of battle at Yorktown. Rebs defeated. Dress parade at 6 new move adopted sending for the colors while dress parade was going on. 12th fine no drill. Men allowed to wash and clean up. Reported surrender of Beauregard, not confirmed. Beautiful day. Franklins division of McDowell's Corps. went to Alexandria.

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April 62 Bristoe. And from there to join McClellan. 13th moved about 1 and ½ mile to a splendid grove to camp. Rumored we are on detached service to watch out for Guerrillas and guard R.Roads in Prince William County. 14th Co drill and batt. Some farmers came in and took the oath and asked for a guard to their premises. Some soldiers, ignorant ones, abused them. 15th Rain, batt. Drill at 2pm. Double quick orders at 4 to march left camp and went along the railroad. 2nd Wisconsin was on guard on R.Roads. Had marching at night in the dark. Went about 7 miles to Catlett station then to the left by McDowell's head quarters. Halted in a wood after going 8 miles. Wagons got left behind. 16th fine dress parade at 8am. Batt in afternoon very hot orders to leave at 6 next morning. 17th left at 8 am route to the left through fields and woods crossed several creeks, many threw away their knapsacks very hot day, after going about 9 or 10 miles.

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Came up with rebel pickets our cavalry drove them. Country about here looked fine after going about 15 miles halted very tired and pitched tents, but had to move in 2 hours while there I was on guard went 5 miles further in all 20 miles that day. Lay down to rest in wood routed up at 1 am got half on hour to cook coffee moved on slowly as the wagons was in our charge, had to be very cautious enemy retiring before our advance halted at 8 am for coffee and let all the wagons get up some were stuck in the mud. Myself and Dunn tried to buy some food at a house near by but could not get it they reported to us about the fight at Yorktown. 18th while waiting for the wagon train rest of the brigade got ahead about 4 ½ miles from the Rappahonock. Capt. Hodge rode back ordered us to hurry up and we would be soon up with the rest, next some cavalry came along and reported hot walk before us.