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Our Brigade was ordered to charge we did so while crossing Bull Run, McDowalls yells out. Now boys they are on the run give it to them. We followed them up about a mile or more when they took their positions on a hill with a wood on their right, our left, and a bull run a little to our rear. It was now too dark to tell friend from foe and when they opened on our right front. We thought it was our own men firing on us but soon found our mistake they had a masked battery in the woods on our left. When we engaged them they poured in a crossfire on us and made us retreat in haste. We lost heavily in killed and wounded. Our Co. lost heavy. Lieut. Dargan mortally wounded while trying to rally the men. 1<sup>st</sup> Sergt. Shelly and several others of our Co. wounded. Our Regt got scattered, so I could not find their headquarters all night. Woke up next morning all wet found the Reg., our Brigade formed in line.

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*Aug 30th* Battle of Bull Run. Brigade formed in line once more overlooking the battle field Col. Frisbie furious over the defeat of the night before and the men really eager for revenge. We kept changing positions until afternoon when we were ordered to the front. Had a cup of coffee on fire half made? A shell scattered the fire in all directions. We went on the Berdaus ahead skirmishing, Capt King being called in the morning to see Lieut. Dargan had not yet got back. Lieut. Cross in command as Lieut. Campbell had been ordered to hospital at Alexandria from Rappahannock station. After supporting a battery a little while we followed up to the edge of a wood. Capt King had arrived and reported Lieut. Dargan died. He promise d to take his body home but man proposes, and God disposes. While halted at the woods mentioned Fitz John Porter in command. At that point...

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ordered. Gen. Hatch to take our brigade through these woods the Gen. Told Porter there was troops in our advance in the woods, but he would pay no attention to him we then moved on Bendans ahead we had 2 lines the 24th NY on our right 14th Brooklyn NY supported the 24th and the 22nd our Regt. while Passing through the wood we crossed over 2 lines of troops laying in the woods. Think they were Butterfields or Martindales Brigade . In crossing a stone wall some of our men was shot down but could see no enemy. We charged across an open field and soon the enemy appeared on our right over the railroad. Made a left wheel and the fun began. I fired off all my ammunition, 50 rounds some had more. My gun got clogged up and I could hardly handle it it was so hot with the rapid fire. Capt King helped me to...

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get cartridges from the tins in the box. After throwing away the tin he told me I would not need them any more. He then went to the left of the Reg, for what purpose I could not say, but I never saw him again. While our brigade was engaged, we drove the Rebs several time over the embankment and a fresh lob would come out although several lines of troops who were lying sown in our rear was suppose to relieve us, no relief came. They fired a few shots over our heads towards the enemy. When our cartridges was all gone and we were obliged to fall back. the troops who ought to support us turned and went to the rear on the run. I stood it as long as I could, got a scratch in the forehead from I suppose a piece of shell or canister . the rebs had their whole or most of their Force on our right then left...

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and poured in a raking fire of shell and canister, mowing us down. Our company lost our camp. And about 24 men killed and wounded. Our Regt lost very heavy in going to the rear. Our brigade got scattered and I was trying to find them when I was ordered to fall in with the 12<sup>th</sup> NY and go back to the front. That was what I call fighting with 2 regts. in one day. After the 12th tried to rally the stragglers and finding it impossible we again retired and I found myself, as I may say alone on the road for a mile or two. I then got in with the Bucktails and got some cartridges from them we formed a line of battle across the road, to a charge bayonets to stop stragglers, the Duryes's 5<sup>th</sup> NY Zouaves came along, what was left of the poor fellows, badly cut up they lost heavy because they we to our left on the battlefield and exposed to a raking fire their red uniforms a good target.

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*Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1862* belonged to 3 Regts in same day 30NY 12NY and Penn Bucktails. After staying here about an hour we then fell back and I went with others to Centerville and there found our Brigade flag. Gen. Hatch was wounded in the head. We went in to the fight 400 men and next day had 100. For rations

all the stress killed or wounded. A few taken prisoners and a few stragglers came in later. We felt in our Co. like lost children after losing our officers, with Dargen and King killed and Col. Frisbee and several other of the officers. All felt sad, and we knew there would be great crying and lamenting in Lansingburgh over the news. *Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>* drew rations and moved back toward Fairfax on that road near Centerville.

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*Aug 31 1862*, on retreat, Kearney and others killed, saw James Leary, 1st Mass inf. We were there, mustered in, the Gen. Told our major we would be unfit for action, we were so badly cut up. Staid there near Centerville, all night the wounded and sick coming to the rear in ambulances very fast. *Sept 1<sup>st</sup>* left near Centerville toward Fairfax in the evening Gen. Kearney and Stevens was killed near there. at Chantilly the thunder and lightning and rain was the heaviest I ever witnessed BUT THE ROARS OF THE CANNON AND THE YELLS OF THE MEN COULD BE HEARD ABOVE ALL, IT WAS TERRIBLE. *Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>* left Fairfax for Uptons Hill our whole Corps got there at night to our old camp. Found it all weeds. *Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>* hot day washed, wrote home, after washing had to stand naked in sun while my clothes was drying at camp. That night felt sick terrible headache and passing blood. Very weak.

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*4<sup>th</sup>* very sick all day *5<sup>th</sup>* also very sick. *Sat. 6<sup>th</sup>* sick and passing blood. Could not eat very sick. Saw Jim Dargen, Alfred McMurray and Bob Dickson. They came over for the bodies of Dargen and Capt King. Marching orders at night I could not march with regt. The Capt. told me to go to the hospital at Alexandria or Washington. Lieut. Campbell now in command of our Co as captain.. Got back from hospital looking very bad. I left ahead of the regt toward Washington with O'NEIL DUNN VALENTINE AND THOS. MCCLENAHAN they passed us on the road. We arrived in Washington the next morning sick and tired. Not able to follow the Regt through Maryland. I did no go to hospital as ordered. Stopped about 14 days at soldier's retreat-eager to join my Regt. While there.

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*Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 1862* Sandy Gillespie went home with the major. They had the colonel's, and Capt King's bodies with them. I went to the convalescent camp at Alexandria with others and staid there until orders came. *Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>* while at Alexandria drew 1 pants, dress coat, shirts, socks and drawers. Left *2<sup>nd</sup>* from there to Washington to join Regt. I forgot to mention on one trip from Washington to Alexandria in September on boat a collision occurred at midday a steamboat ran in to ours where the river is nearly 2 miles wide. One man killed. Both boats loaded with troops. I stripped all ready to jump and looked for a plank, but found our boat about safe, the other boat turned back to Alexandria and sunk at the dock just as the men got off, narrow escape.

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*Nov 1862*, Camp at Alexandria Convalescent. *Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>* Left Washington for Harpers Ferry. *5<sup>th</sup>* left Harpers Ferry. No rations except 1 days . Marched all the way to Washington on that one day's rations trusting to luck. Came across a sutter on the road going our route. They asked us to help them up hill and across streams but was very stringy..we halted at night in a church the sutter gave us a ham we found cabbage close by. We made a fire and had a good supper. All hands the 2 sutlers with me we took turns at night guarding their wagon. Next morning a squad of Cavalry came along and told us to get as fast as possible enemy's cavalry on our heels. We left our sutters and went on. They were captured with their load and 2 horses got to camp at Warrenton, *Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday*.

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*Sunday* After a hard march and little to eat. *10<sup>th</sup>*. Review, McClellans farewell address read and to receive Gen. Augus, Burnside now in McClellans Place. Fine day *11<sup>th</sup>* Marching orders stopped about 3 miles from Sulfur Springs on the Rappahannock. On picket all night *12<sup>th</sup>* on picket reviewed at night by 20NY. *13<sup>th</sup>* dress parade morning wrote and got letters. *14<sup>th</sup>* inspection drill orders to march in afternoon, *15<sup>th</sup>* *Sat.* The rebels shelled the trains close by one man killed. *Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>* washed my clothes a letter from Valentine. *17<sup>th</sup>* marched on until late at night. *18<sup>th</sup>* marched beyond the Falmouth road towards Acqince creek. Halted at dark for night. *19<sup>th</sup>* marched on near Stafford Ct. House had a steep hill to go up. Rain at night. *20<sup>th</sup>* rain all day. Col Chrysler came and Adjutant Bentley, *21<sup>st</sup>* rained all day, answered letters.

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21<sup>st</sup> on March near Brooks Station. 22<sup>nd</sup> Marched on about noon to near Brooks station. I was on picket guard all night. *Sunday* 23<sup>rd</sup> wash day. *Monday* 24<sup>th</sup>, all quiet. 25<sup>th</sup> answered letters.. Capt. Campbell went for our overcoats. 26<sup>th</sup> saw John Dwyer he is in the signal corps. 27<sup>th</sup> inspection all quiet. 28<sup>th</sup> nothing new. 29<sup>th</sup> non commissioned officers appointed. Sergt Joe McKinney and Con Keleher, Corp. Hugh Sands and Renny Gaston. The clothes put away at Uptons hill arrived at Acquina creek. Cool day. Boxes came at night no overcoats. 30<sup>th</sup> got a blanket from box. *Dec 1<sup>st</sup>*. Wrote to Valentine, brigade drill 2<sup>nd</sup> afternoon, Presidents message in todays papers. He advocated gradual emancipation 37 years to free the slaves. 3<sup>rd</sup> cool day 4<sup>th</sup> orders to march but countermanded. Brigade, Review, paid off for 4 Months up to Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Sent home 37 dollars, orders to move at moment's notice. Answered letters rain and snow all day. Cold. 5<sup>th</sup> did not move. 6<sup>th</sup> same orders to move. *Sunday* 7<sup>th</sup> cold day no move. 8<sup>th</sup> left camp at Brooks station towards Falmouth. 9<sup>th</sup> halted and our regt left as rear guard. 10<sup>th</sup> our Regt got up to the brigade opposite Fredericksburgh in afternoon, but will move again at night. Suppose to cross the river south of the city. 11<sup>th</sup> before daylight our guns opened up on the city. 141 cannon we left in that direction after sunrise took position on the extreme left of the army and near the river all day. 12<sup>th</sup> crossed pontoons 3 miles below the city and in mounting the hill the enemy opened on us killing 3 men. Got in position and lay on our arms all night. 13<sup>th</sup> an eventful day. Position on extreme left supporting battery, the Rebs tried several times to turn our left flanks but could not.

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*Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>*, battle of Fredericksburgh. Kept on double quick up and down the line from extreme left to left center, changing position often. Men all played out all this time shells flying in all directions. 2 men of Co. h killed. 9 wounded. Jack Spicier of our Co. wounded. At night the regt on extreme left the rebus got range of us and poured in canister without much damage. 14<sup>th</sup> we did not have it so hard as day before the rebs tried there best on the center and right of our line heavy loss on both sides. Principally shelling in our front. In the afternoon a truce was held and our pickets met the enemies pickets half way in plain view of both sides. They shook hands cheered changed coffee for tobacco. This was to bring in the wounded. After the time was up pickets took their position again and relied on each other again, TERRIBLE WAR!

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great picket firing all night. 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> our Batteries at daylight opened on the enemy but got no reply. Very hard fighting commenced on right and center. Another flag of truce and meeting of Pickets as day before saw several narrow escapes at night. This time the pickets agreed to cease the firing in each other at night. Letters arrived. 16<sup>th</sup> before daylight retreated across the river. Our Regt. the last to cross of the extreme left after we crossed we halted in woods not far from the Rappahannock. I was a little behind the Regt. Had to lay down very sick. Later on in the morning the Regt was close by, I got medicine from the doctor. 17<sup>th</sup> cold day but fine some snow in afternoon. 18<sup>th</sup> marching orders at daylight Col. paid us a compliment for bravery in action, did not march, did not move.

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Wrote to Father Galbury and enclosed a small present for Christmas to have him remember me by.(\$2.00) 20<sup>th</sup> Sat. Marched. Pitched tents in a wood after going about 12 miles near Belle Plain. *Sunday* 21<sup>st</sup> very tired on Picket at night. Changed position in the morning. 22<sup>nd</sup> relieved at dark by the sharpshooters had to go out of our way reached camp. Got there orders to march at 9am. *Thurs* 23<sup>rd</sup> went towards the Potomac about 4 miles camped near Belle Plain landing. 24<sup>th</sup> fine day on police. Letter from Valentine . 25<sup>th</sup>.. Christmas day very dull, short on rations, nothing to drink, officers had plenty, felt sick, got pills from doctor, day before paid \$2.00 towards something for Christmas. Felt very lonesome thinking of home. 26<sup>th</sup> all quiet, 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade inspection, nothing new 28<sup>th</sup>, fine heavy commorading heard in the distance. About noon feel sick, ordered to fix up tents and made ourselves as comfortable as possible.

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*Dec 28, 1862* at Belle Plain. 30<sup>th</sup>, under marching orders. 31<sup>st</sup>. Muster in and inspection. *Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1863* fine day logged up our tents. Dull day letter from Father Galberry. 2nd captain Campbell gone to

Washington 3<sup>rd</sup> sat around answered letters. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, helped T. Kelly to fix up drew a pair of shoes, socks and mittens. 5<sup>th</sup> orders for review at 1pm. Received by Gen. Wadsworth at the landing. After review boys had plenty whisky, .50 cts. Gallon, some of the lads had a row at night. 6<sup>th</sup> inspection by the Col. and in the afternoon by a Regular officer and a very saucy one at that. After inspection it rained hard, cold night 7<sup>th</sup> cold day parcels came for the Regt. I got a box from home the boys had a time over the things at night very cold. 8<sup>th</sup> very cold day, answered letters. 9<sup>th</sup> unloading clothing from boats at the landing, hard work for a little while

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Jan 1863 at Belle Plain camp. Lieut. Shelly arrived from hospital in Washington. 10<sup>th</sup> raining a lot of clothing arrived for Regt. Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> fine dull, Sergt Kennedy back from hospital, rumor of 24th Regt. leaving the brigade. 13<sup>th</sup> on guard at Div. Headquarters., 14<sup>th</sup> Relieved, wrote letters, 15<sup>th</sup> very windy talk of moving, rain hard at night. 16<sup>th</sup> very windy. 17<sup>th</sup> orders to march did not go washed clothes. Missed dress parade and had to stand extra guard. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> went out chopping fine day. 19<sup>th</sup> marching orders for 9 am countermanded for 24 hours. Plenty of whiskey in camp all day and night. 20<sup>th</sup> marched at 12 pm weather gloomy went towards Falmouth, halted in a clearing all night, felt sick, rained also night hard. 21<sup>st</sup> woke up soaking marched through the mud toward towards Rappahannock river 3 miles above Falmouth, rain all day, sick from cramps.

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Jan 22, 1863 Burnside stuck in the Mud 22<sup>nd</sup> seas of mud. Wagons and artillery stuck 12 and 14 hours to pull an empty wagon stuck at that wagons had hard time to get up with rations. Soldiers had to pull the guns out of the mud with ropes near the river. The rebel pickets yelled across Burnside stuck in the mud 23<sup>rd</sup> detailed wagon guard ordered back to camp. Very sick with cramps and bleeding, had to fall out-gave a nigger 25 cents to spread my blanket for me in an old cellar. After laying a little while got some relief, went through Falmouth out on Belle Plain road halted near to Burnside's headquarters, lay in wind all night 24<sup>th</sup> started for camp, got there at noon. Roads awful. Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> on sick list cloudy day, wrote home. 26<sup>th</sup> nothing new. 27<sup>th</sup> Brigade inspection in rain wet night very windy. 28<sup>th</sup> snowing all day. Burnside, Franklin and Summer relieved of their commands and the command of the army turned over to Gen. Hooker.

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Hooker in command of army. Very cold night 29<sup>th</sup> plenty of snow and very muddy and sloppy. 30<sup>th</sup> letter from Valentine. 31<sup>st</sup> answered letter. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> fine day. 2<sup>nd</sup> some snow very cold. 3<sup>rd</sup>. On guard very cold the coldest I felt since I came to Virginia, guard drew off at 9 pm very cold night. 4<sup>th</sup> clear but very cold. 5<sup>th</sup> plenty snow and rain all night and day, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> NY on pickets. 6<sup>th</sup> wet day several batteries passed our camp, rumored for North Carolina the 9th corps shipped on Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> fine day. 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday washed fine day 9<sup>th</sup> got a fife from David Ferguson. 10<sup>th</sup> no news. 11<sup>th</sup> fine on guard rain all night the guard taken off. Made ring from buttons sent one bent ring home in letter. 12<sup>th</sup> orders for picket rained at night. 13<sup>th</sup> brigade went on picket out about 5 miles. Our Regt. to the Potomac. The 14<sup>th</sup> marched to the Rappahannock,

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Sat 14<sup>th</sup> fine day on picket. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> still on picket rained hard. Relieved by the 22nd and 30th NJ at noon. Reached camp all mud. 16<sup>th</sup> fine day. 17<sup>th</sup> snowing all day and night . 18<sup>th</sup> rain all day and night. 19<sup>th</sup> rain. 20<sup>th</sup> guard tents search by a sutler for stolen goods, found none. 21<sup>st</sup> brigade on picket. I was left on camp guard, snowed very hard at night. 22<sup>nd</sup> Washington's birthday, plenty of snow and very cold. Valentine arrived from convalescent camp. 23<sup>rd</sup> fine but cold. Brigade back from picket. 24<sup>th</sup> off guard fine day. Swore to the amt. of bill of clothes lost. 25<sup>th</sup> fine rain at night 26<sup>th</sup> Con Murphy, White and Longstaff got back to Regt. 27<sup>th</sup> inspection at 10am 28<sup>th</sup> Sat. Mustered in for pay. Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> windy day. 2<sup>nd</sup> fine on guard rain hard at night. 3<sup>rd</sup> off guard. A Detachment under Col Philips acting Brigadier said to be about 5000 all told left here at 3pm.

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March 1863 75 miles from our Regt went on boats down the river Potomac, to be away 7 days. Rainy washed, cold night. 4<sup>th</sup> fine 5<sup>th</sup> went on picket for 2 days. Pleasant. 6<sup>th</sup> all quiet on picket line. 7<sup>th</sup> back from picket rained. The river detachment back, went down the river about 80 miles to the Cone River. Captured a Rebel Col. , 2 men several mules and horses. Sunday very foggy and rain 9<sup>th</sup> fine general

inspection at 4pm 10<sup>th</sup> sick got powder from doctor, snowing in the morning rain hard all night. 11<sup>th</sup> feel sick, Capt. Campbell back from Washington 12<sup>th</sup> cold day on guard but felt sick 13<sup>th</sup> off guard sick very cold. 14<sup>th</sup> Lieut. Shelly gone to Lansingburgh on furlough. Sent 2 handkerchiefs a shirt and 2 pictures by him. *Sunday* 15<sup>th</sup> cold and snowing 16<sup>th</sup> Gen. Inspection wrote letters on picket.

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*March 18, 1863*, Camp at Belle Plain. 18<sup>th</sup> fine Co. drill orders for a party from our Regt for picket, 3 days about 70 men, 6 men and a sergt from our Co. 19<sup>th</sup> cold detachment went on picket at 7am worked on roads about 3 hours. 20<sup>th</sup> snowing day and night. 21<sup>st</sup> Wet day and muddy. 22<sup>nd</sup> sloppy. 23<sup>rd</sup> cloudy orders to pack away all extra clothes and officers baggage. Ready to send away. Lieut. Col Chrysler ordered to Washington. Washed, the articles we packed away at Falmouth came, my overcoat and vest not with them. 24<sup>th</sup> cloudy and rained all night 25<sup>th</sup> Inspection, Lieut Skelly got back from the Burgh. Rained in evening, orders read on parade about the different corps, the badges they are to wear on their hats to distinguish the corps from each other. Our corps 1st a red sphere on the cap of the 1st div, white on the 2nd Blue on the 3rd. 26<sup>th</sup> snow and rain orders for 3 years men in Regt. To be counted and Date of their enrollment and the 2 year men date of their enrollment and when their time expires all furloughs stopped.

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27<sup>th</sup> orders for review countermanded, day fine, 29<sup>th</sup> rain hard all day. Capt Williams of Co. E. arrived. *Sunday* 29<sup>th</sup> cold and windy 30<sup>th</sup> fine working on the road. 31<sup>st</sup> Plenty snow. Jas. Flynn and George Scott got back. *April 1<sup>st</sup>* furloughs again granted. Very cold. 2<sup>nd</sup> fine day but windy, reviewed by fighting Joe Hooker in afternoon on flats by the river, our brigade complimented by Gen. Reynolds. Very tired when I got back to camp. 3<sup>rd</sup> hot day wrote letters 4<sup>th</sup> cold day plenty snow 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday cold day some juice and old whiskey. *Monday* 6<sup>th</sup> cold 7<sup>th</sup> fine batt drill 8<sup>th</sup> on guard, brigade inspection orders to march next day for review before the president and others. 9<sup>th</sup> reviewed by President and others,

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*April 9<sup>th</sup> 1863* - Review by President. Gen. Hooker and staff. Were in light marching orders, very hot. 10<sup>th</sup> Gent minister, fine day 11<sup>th</sup> fine wash day a detachment of 89 men ordered for picket. *Sunday* 12<sup>th</sup> fine day pickets went out signs of a move the mules ordered shot, 13<sup>th</sup> fine marching orders with 2 days rations, at short notice, all got red badges for saps. 14<sup>th</sup> rain all day. 15<sup>th</sup> all ready to move. 16<sup>th</sup> Paid off for 4 months \$52.00 and \$10.65 for clothes lost. \$62.65 in all. Sent home \$50.00 dollars by Capt. All officers tents packed off and gone off. 17<sup>th</sup> Plenty of the boys tight, on guard. 18<sup>th</sup> felt sick. *Sunday* 19<sup>th</sup> Sick, washed, marching orders for next morning. 20<sup>th</sup> started to move countermanded, rain all day. pontoons train pass our camp at night. 21<sup>st</sup> Cloudy. 22<sup>nd</sup> fine, a private of Co. C. drummed out for desertion great excitement in camp. Many under the influence of whiskey

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Private Co. C drummed out at Bell Plain. Jack Laidley under arrest for striking a Lieut. of Co, C Yank, put in irons for giving the deserter money. Got letters. 23<sup>rd</sup> 8 NY mustered out day wet. 24<sup>th</sup> wet day. 25<sup>th</sup> Our 2 years Co. time up but will have to stay until *June 1<sup>st</sup>*. Orders came to hold all 2 years men from date of swearing in to the United States service. Wrote home. *Sunday* 26<sup>th</sup> fine all quiet. 27<sup>th</sup> fine day, Col. encourages us to reenlist. Marching orders 28<sup>th</sup> left early towards Fredericksburgh, halted near river after dark about 11pm. Ordered up at once and moved to the river. Helped to carry and lay the pontoons. 3 miles below the city about the place in occupied under Burnside in December 62, the rebs opened fire on us as the boats grazed on the gravel going in the water. Just before daylight on 29<sup>th</sup>. They killed and wounded about 150 of our division.

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*April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1863*, Battle below Fredericksburg under Hooker  
The Wisconsin brigade orders up and crossed in boats while our pickets kept the rebs engaged during the time of the laying the pontoons. After this the Wisconsin men crossed they charged up the heights. Captured the pickets in the rifle pits and took about 180 prisoners. The pontoons were soon laid and our division crossed. We reoccupied the bank all day and threw up rifle pits. Rained at night 30<sup>th</sup> our company and two other went to the front. On picket stood in the rain, relieved at 8 am, our muster day, some heavy firing in the afternoon on the right. 5 men of the 2nd division killed on the east bank of the

river. May 1<sup>st</sup> all quiet in our front, until evening. Con Keleher back from furlough, brought some gin with him which was needed very much at the time as we were wet through.

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May 1<sup>st</sup> 1863, below Fredericksburgh, Battle under Hooker.

We had to dig rifle pits in a hurry. We were allowed whiskey while at work. Dug after dark. 2<sup>nd</sup> heavy firing in the morning. We crossed the pontoons under heavy fire. 2nd and 3rd division of our corps 1st left at day light for Chancellorsville by United States Ford. Before we crossed Major Perry threw away the mailbag, he got excited, and Capt. Campbell picked it up and carried it until we crossed the river and it was distributed. While crossing the pontoons the rebels got range of us and made it hot for us. Later in the day we followed up the 2nd and 3rd division by same route, halted at night in a wood near the ford. It rained hard I was so tired I could not sleep. My legs kept twitching, nerves all unstrung from the rapid and forced march, we lay about an hour when ordered up to move on before daylight till I couldn't hardly walk. I was so tired.

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May 3<sup>d</sup>, 1863, Battle of Chancellorsville.

3rd crossed the river and took position in the woods. Heavy firing up to noon. Gen. Berry was reported killed. Troy 22nd Regt cut up. 6000 rebels prisoners reported taken. Most of them quite drunk. Our men took Fredericksburgh heights destroyed 6 miles of railroad. Enemy tried to break our line at night but got repulsed. Our troops retook cannon captured by the enemy day before. 4<sup>th</sup> fine day quiet in our front up to noon. 5<sup>th</sup> heavy firing in the evening. 11th corps broke at 1 am. 6<sup>th</sup> retreated back over the river in heavy rain enemy retreating at same time, Hooker had won but did not know it. We halted for the night near Falmouth. 7<sup>th</sup> arrived before Fredericksburgh in the evening, we suppose the intention is cross the river again. 8<sup>th</sup> lay still all quiet. 9<sup>th</sup> fine day moved to a nice grove Close by, washed answered letters.

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May 10, 1863, Camped below Falmouth.

10<sup>th</sup> very hot. Quiet, 11<sup>th</sup> hot day firing heard on our right toward the evening. 12<sup>th</sup> hot day answered letters. 13<sup>th</sup> 24th NY started for home time up. 14<sup>th</sup> thunder showers heavy in the evening. All quiet. 15<sup>th</sup> woke up before daylight orders to march, in an hour great excitement order unexpected by us as we were preparing to get ready for home. After we were packed up all ready orders countermanded, the gloom soon passed away. On guard, heard firing towards the river at night. I suppose by picket's alarm at 12 mid expected to be routed up as I was on guard. I was all ready but no orders all quiet 16<sup>th</sup> brigade inspection at 9am. Drew a pair pants on 15<sup>th</sup> felt sick 17<sup>th</sup> on police felt sick got medicine from doctor. 18<sup>th</sup> unwell had pants fixed fine day 19<sup>th</sup> tried to wash my clothes, 20<sup>th</sup>, hot day.

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May 21<sup>st</sup> 1863, on Picket at the Rappahannock, talked with Rebel Pickets. May 21<sup>st</sup> On picket at river for 2 days. Talked to rebel pickets in a friendly way. Some of them swam across to us. They were from the 6th and 8th Louisiana Regts. 22<sup>nd</sup> all quiet on picket. Our last it was a hot day. 23<sup>d</sup> relieved from picket. Very hot Washed. The 3 years men left us for the 76th NY. Felt lonesome. 24<sup>th</sup> cleaning up. 25<sup>th</sup> inspected and transportation papers expected. 26<sup>th</sup> cool day expect to leave for home tomorrow. 27<sup>th</sup> great excitement, marching orders for the front all got in line, 14th, and 22nd and 30th regts. When transportation orders came to us and was read. there it was the men felt in marching off. We were cheered by 14th and 22nd. They felt lonesome after up we marched to a place called YU BE DAM LAUDINS. Took boat for Washington and bid goodbye to Virginia on arriving to Washington

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At Washington Few of the Regt was there. One of our Co wanted to join us but the Capt. would not allow him, as he did not come back to the Regt when ordered. We reached Albany about 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. And was well received. When our Co. came to Lansingburgh we met with a grand acception. Did not get discharged until the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, when we were paid off. We got 100 dollars, each man who served 2 years.

**THE END.**

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