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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

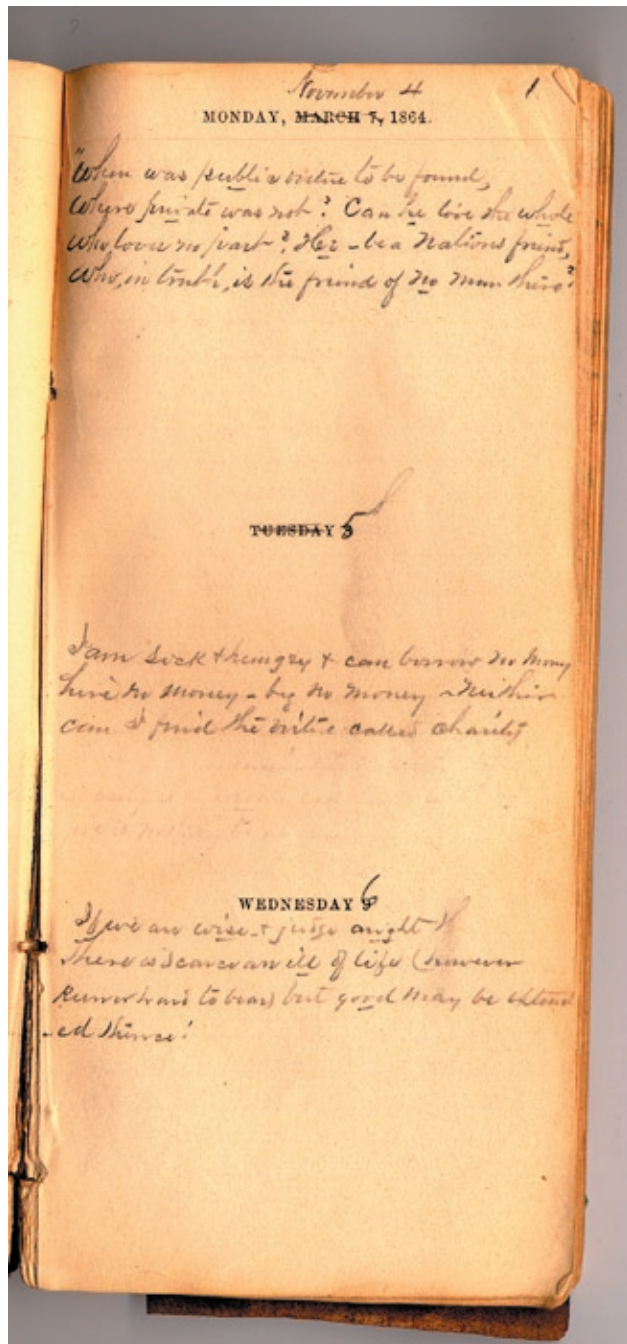
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SUNDAY 6

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Monday, November 4, 1864

"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?

5

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.

"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 —
Thou hast no friend on Home. God alone is
Man's friend. He alone can save
Had a very pleasant dream of Home last night

FRIDAY 11 8

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 wherein he
is placed. It gives sweetness to conversation & serenity
to all his thoughts.
It requires a well trained & balanced mind
to endure such a degrading life as this with
out a murmur. To study such human nature
as stays here & bear with it Requires Christian
fortitude more than I possess.

SATURDAY 12

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wonder where the Govt keeps her Museum
for pocket handkerchiefs?

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But that forgotten we like Heyaenes are:
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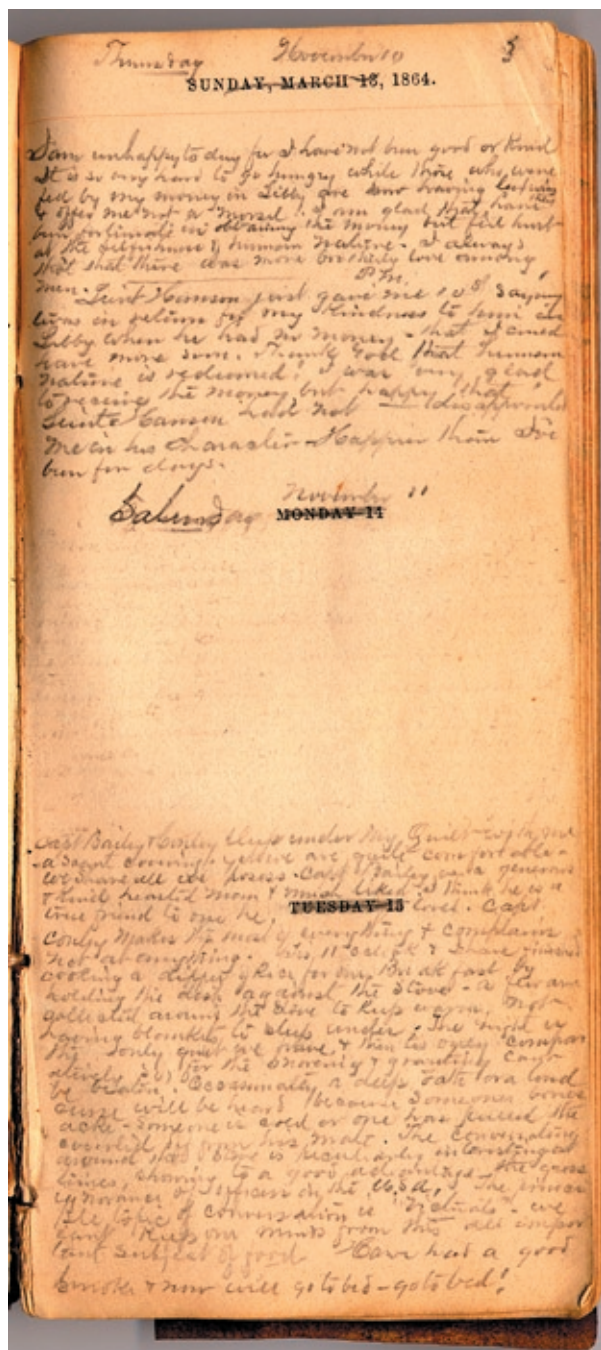
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Thursday, November 10, 1864

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.

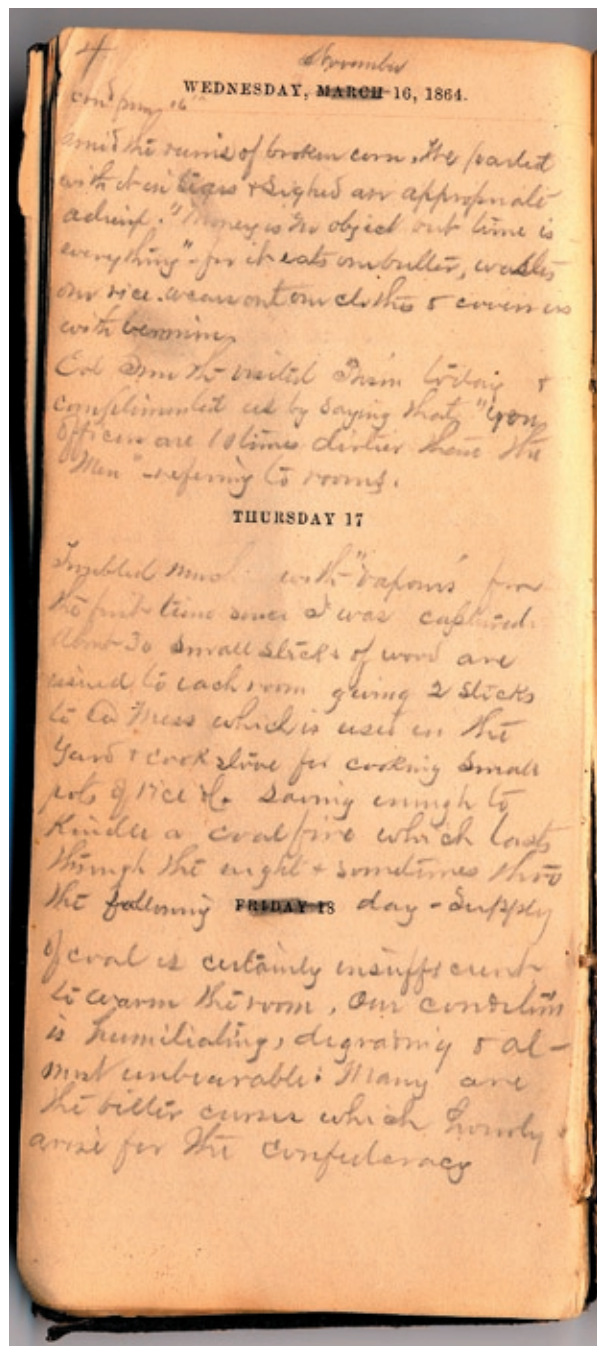
Saturday, November 11

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Capt. 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. Ocasasionally 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 conversatiom is "Victuals" we
cant Keep our minds from this all impor-
tant subject of food. — had good
smoke & now will go to bed-go to bed!



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1864.

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THURSDAY 17

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FRIDAY 18

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SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1864.

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we have some here - one in par-
ticular - a long haired 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
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[tobacco?]"
the initials of his name are
"Heavy"

SUNDAY 20

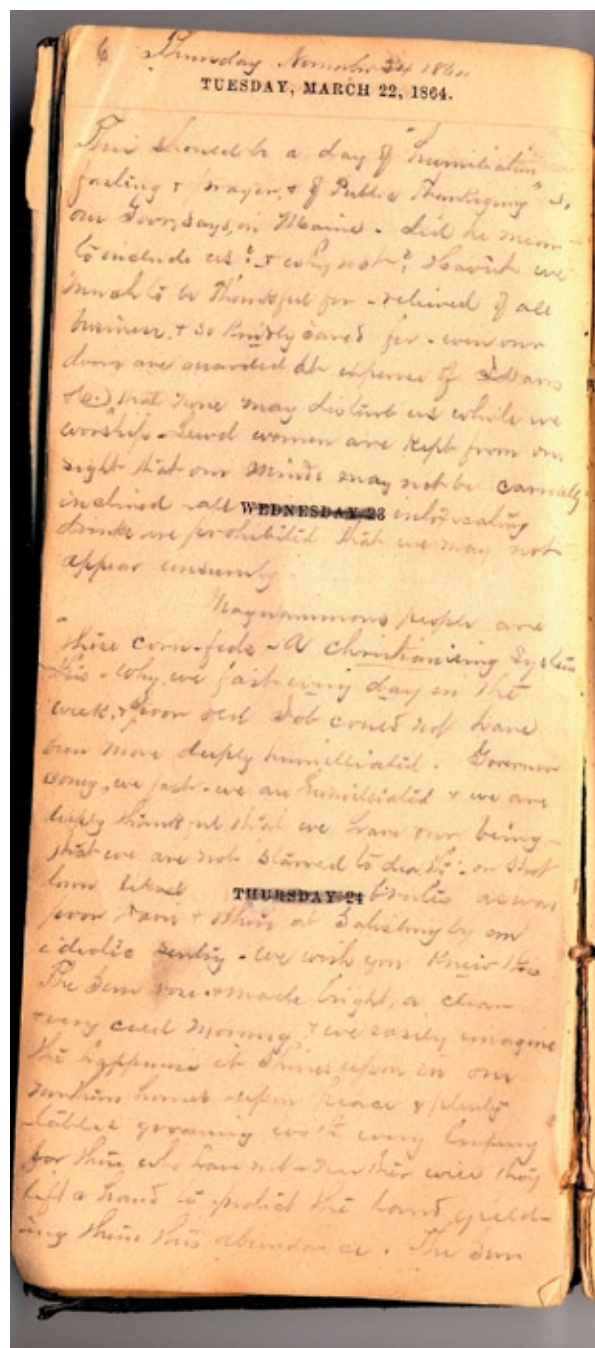
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Thursday November 24

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 25, 1864.

That makes cheerful our N.E. homes
sends through grated & smokey windows
a few fallow 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.

SATURDAY 26

Some few walked the floor all night.
Others favored with blankets are
growling because they have'nt 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 turkeys &
plum puddings & build up bright
hopes of a Christmas with those they
love.

SUNDAY 27

8 o'clock & 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 12oz 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

November 24, 1864, (Continued)

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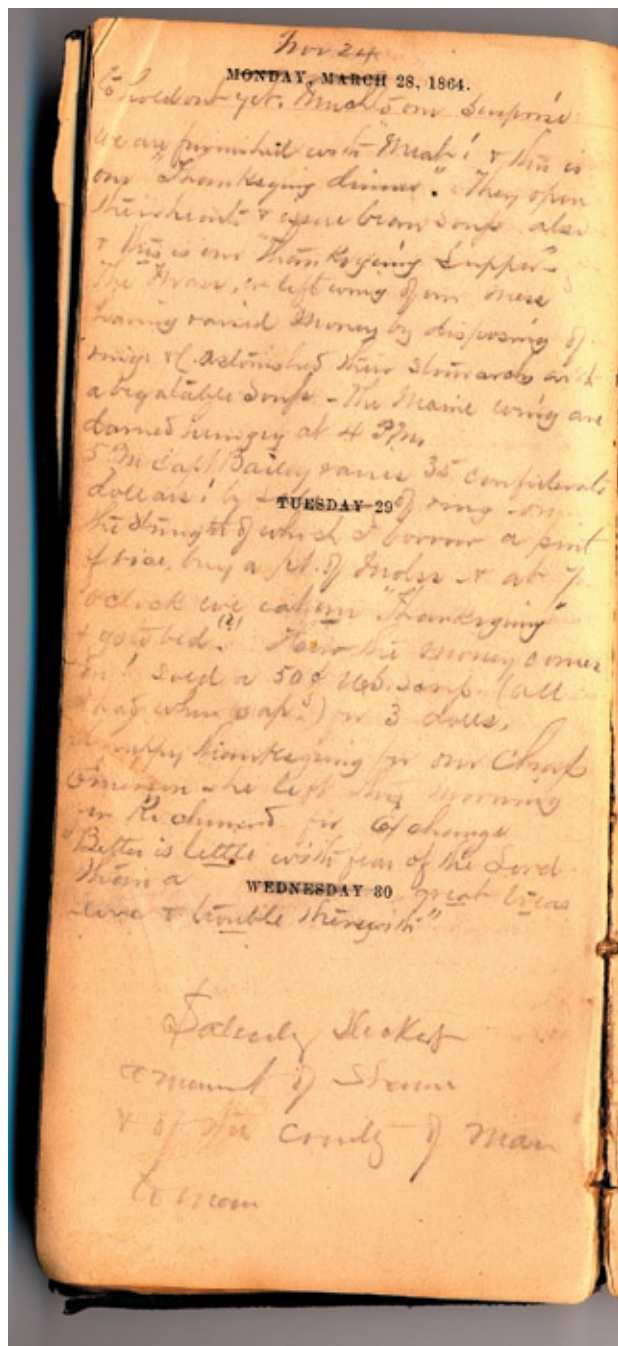
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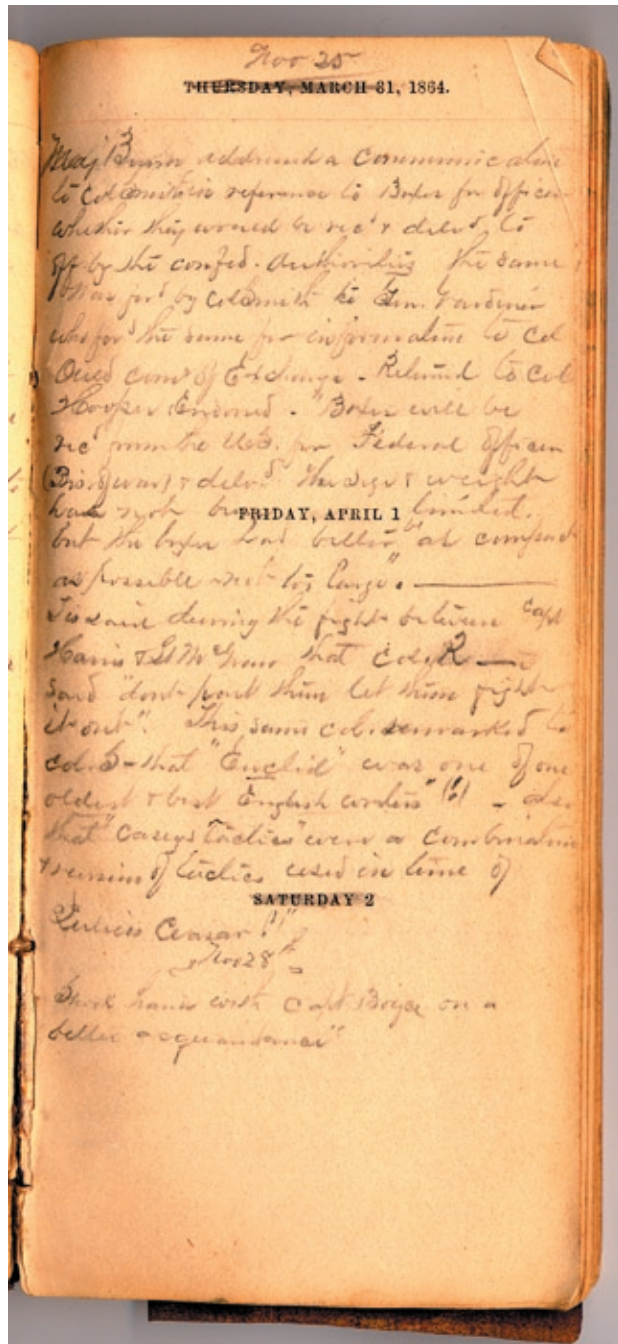
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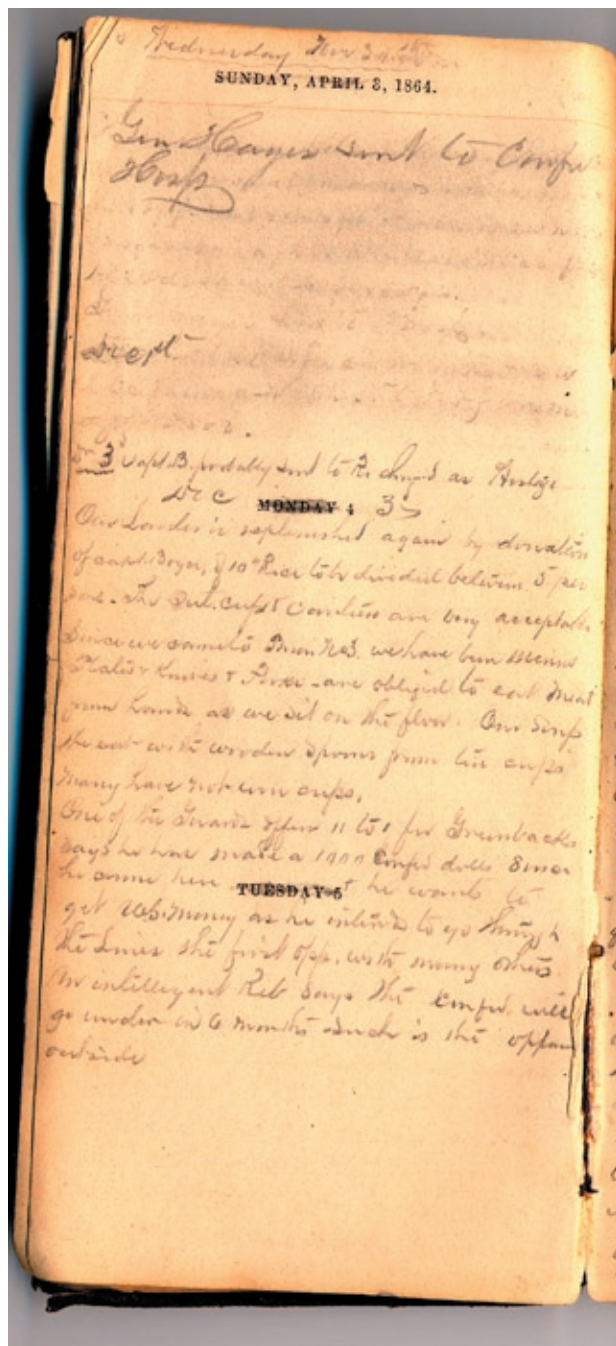


November 24, 1864 (Continued)
to hold out yet. Much to our Surprise
we are furnished with meat! & this is
our "Thanksgiving dinner." They open
their hearts & issue bean Soup also
& this is our "Thanksgiving Supper."
The Mass. or left wing of our mess
having raised money by desposing of
rings &c astonished 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 stength 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 30th

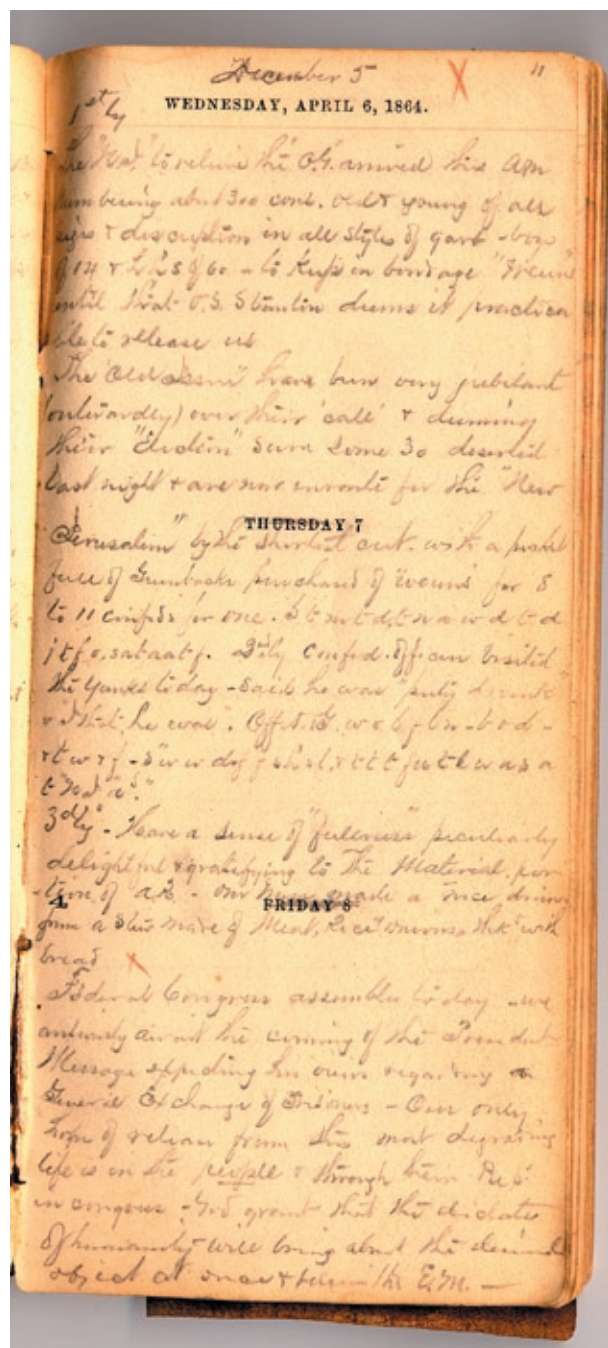
Gen Hayes sent to Confed. Hosp.

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^{stly}

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^{ndly} 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 d e f f s h s l. and t t t f u t l w a s a t 'NI' a?

3^{dly} - 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.

Being very much demoralized.
- heart sick 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
except to those able to hire a pri-
vate tutor. He gets 17 Confederate dolls
per month & receives
nothing. - Is over 50. Crisis expected by
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MONDAY 11

But few comparatively know
the misery of a M. Prison - How
the bright sun seems to taunt
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else rejoicing in the open and
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TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1864.

Impelled a line, 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.

WEDNESDAY 13

It is a beautiful belief, that ever round our head
are showing on noiseless wings the spirits of the dead.
It is a beautiful belief when ended our career
that it will be our ministry to watch over others here
to bid the mourner cease to mourn the trembling be forgiven
- Ah! when delight was found in life and joy in every breath
I cannot tell how terrible the mystery of death
But now the past is bright to me & all the feelings clear
for tis my faith that after death I still shall linger here.

THURSDAY 14

23 CO recaptured on Tenn Line arrived to
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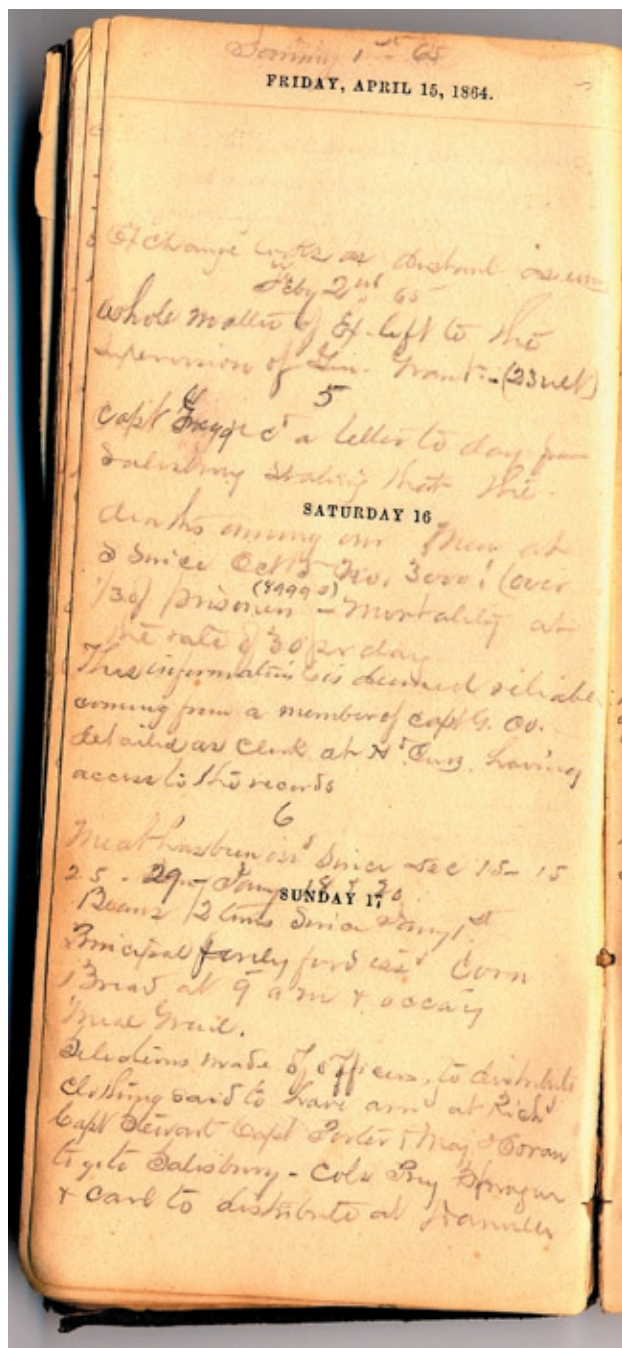
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February 1st 65

Exchange looks as distant as ever.

THURSDAY, Feby. 2nd 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 - Jany 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^d [arrived] at Rich^d [Richmond]
Capt. Stewart, Capt. Porter & Maj. Horan to go to Salisbury; Cols. Prey, Sprague & Carl to distribute at Danville.

Tuesday Feby 7th 65
 MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1864.
 Richmond Papers contain encour-
 aging news relative to Exchange
 of Stk "firm"
 Wednesday, Feby 8th
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 TUESDAY 19
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 SATURDAY 11
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 SUNDAY 12
 Sermon by Dr. Hall from 2 timothy:
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 TUESDAY 14
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WEDNESDAY 8

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THURSDAY 9

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Feb 15
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1864.

The welcome intelligence
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on Friday & Saturday
3 cheers were given, and a tiger.

16
200 leave 17th - alphy - Rr.
No sleep last night
ordered to be in readiness to leave
for Richmond at 6 A.M. 17th
No sleep tonight, either.

FRIDAY 22

17th
Left Danville 12 M - arrd
Richmond 2 P.M. 18th
Arr^d Libby. Capt. Conley and I
slept in the same place as in
Sept. last.

19th Libby
Enjoyed the luxury of hot
coffee milked & sugared.

SATURDAY 23

1st for 6 months
Corn Bread & Corned Beef issued
at 9 A.M. ration smaller than
ever 20

Signed Parole

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FRIDAY 17

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SATURDAY 18

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SUNDAY 19

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SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1864.

Libby Prison
23rd 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

21
got sight of stars & stripes
at Aiken's Landing at
11 1/2 - Left A L in "Geo.
Leary" at 1 1/2 P.M.

Ham - White Bread & Coffee
issued - 1/2 ra whiskey.

Arrived Annapolis 7 A.M.

TUESDAY 26

23rd - Our quarters at building 6
Co. K room 2 Naval School
Barracks.

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

Libby Prison

TUESDAY Feb'y 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 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^d 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 & Jan'y.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1864.

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Harrison B. Sparks
Charles A. Jordan
George B. Brown
Alonso B. Simbourn

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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
C O [Commissioned Officers] from 3^d div. joined us this P.M.
Formed in messes of 12 – Our mess designated
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chosen: secty [secretary] A.R. Small, Adj. 16th, Treas [treasurer] Lieut. Charles
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SUNDAY 21

SUNDAY AUGUST 21, 1864
Services at 7 PM by Chplain Ch. Keyes,
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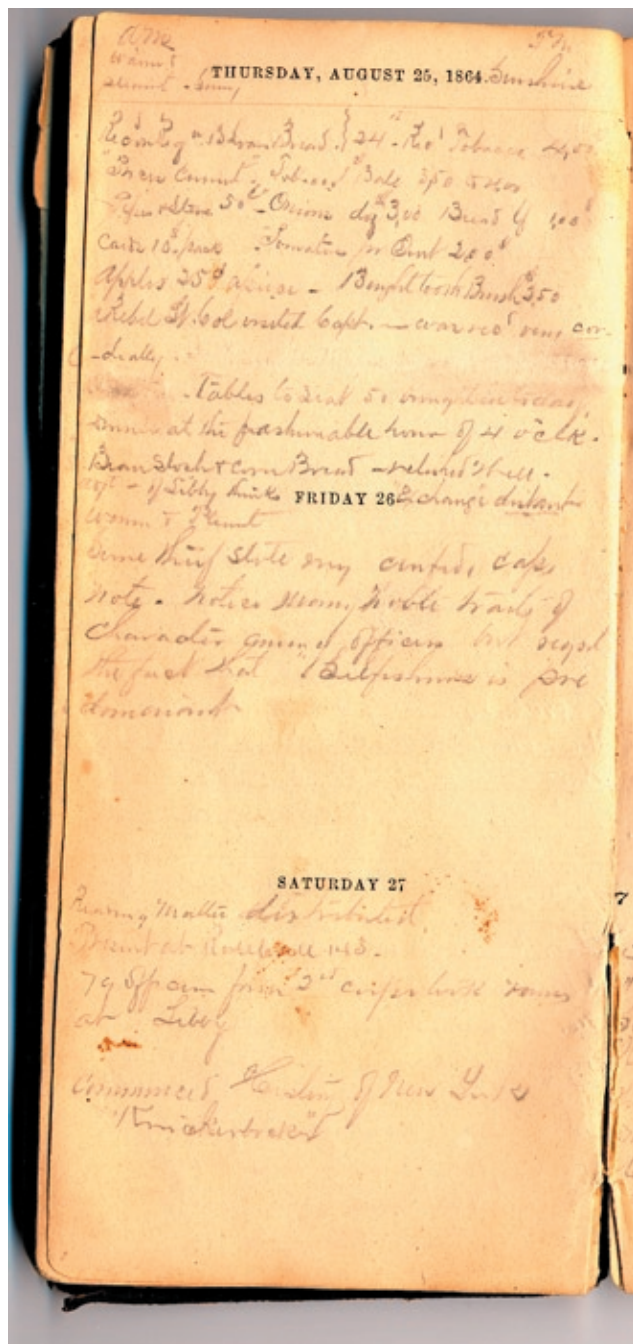
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A.M.
warm &
pleasant sunny

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1864

P.M.
sunshine

Rec^d on Reqn. [requisition] 13 loaves bread 24th Rec^d 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

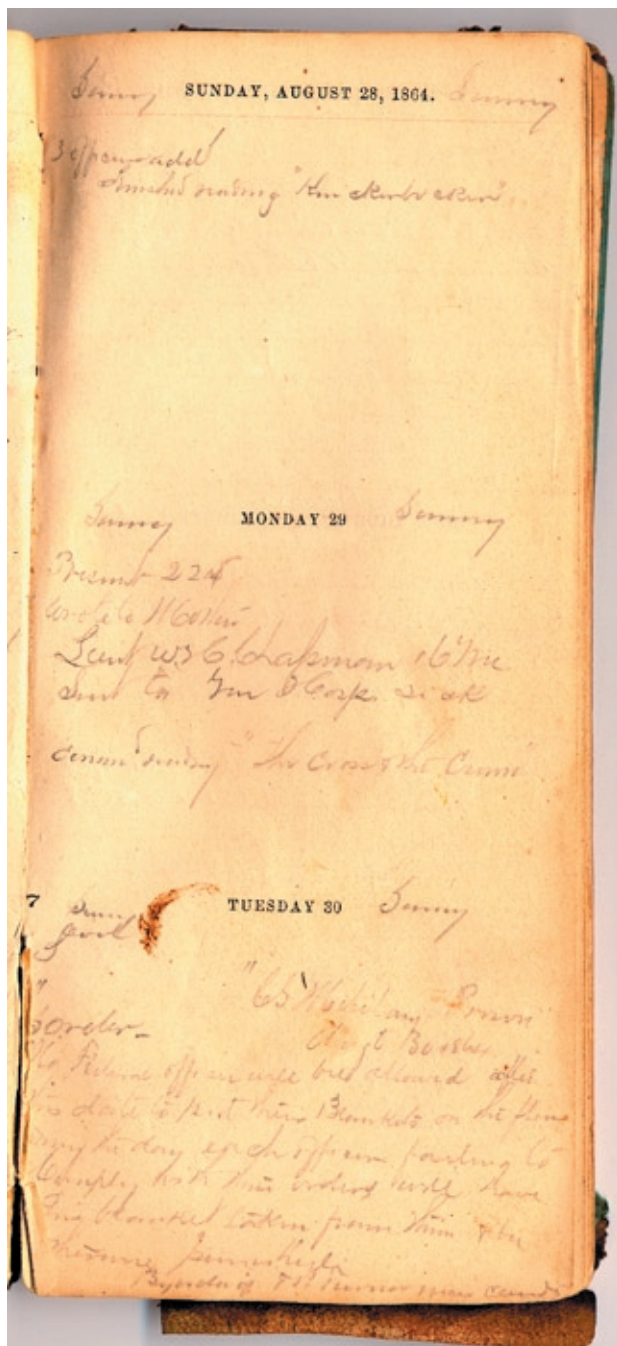
Adj. [Latouche] of Libby thinks exchange distant.

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^d corps took rooms
at Libby.

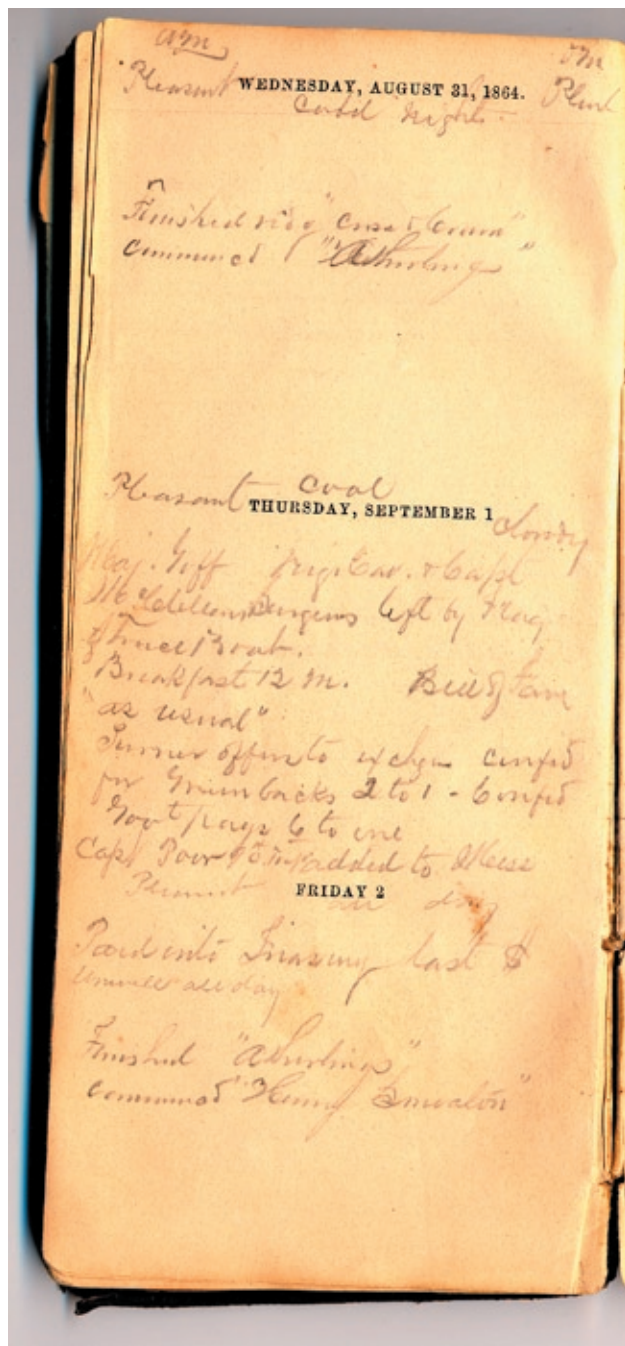


sunny SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1864 sunny
 3 officers add^l [additional]
 finished reading "Knickerbocker"

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 P.M. pleasant
Cold nights

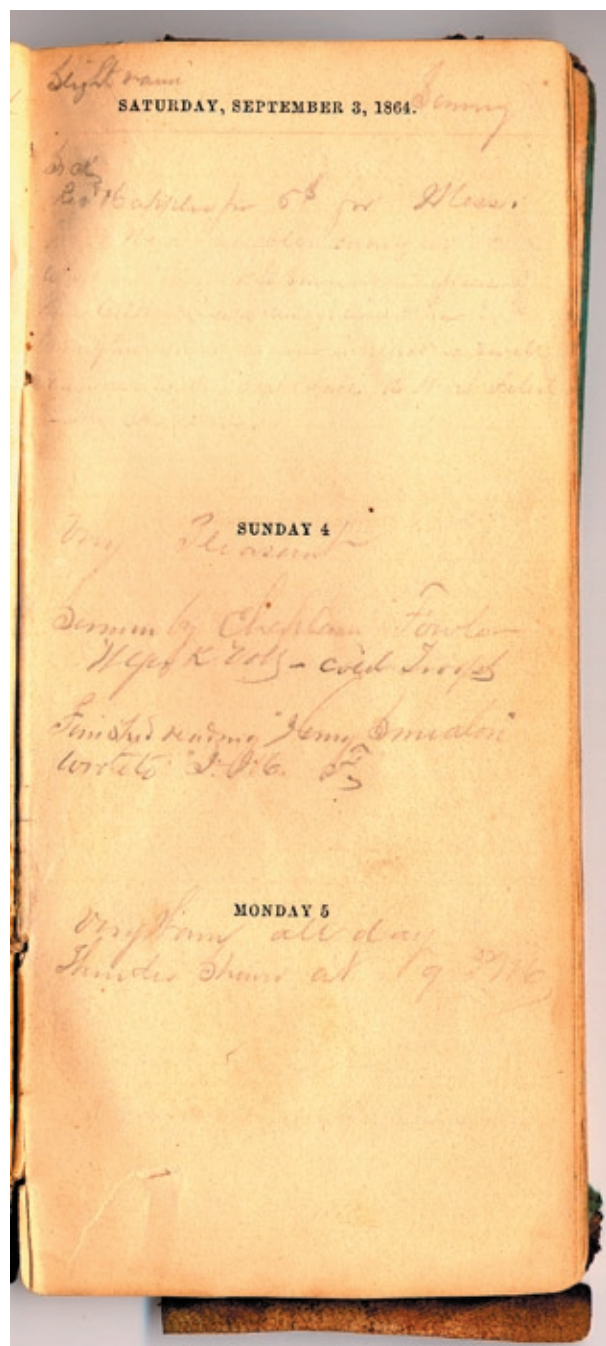
Finished reading "Cross & Crown"
Commenced "Athelings"

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^t pays 6 to one.
Capt. Poor, [cook] 9th 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

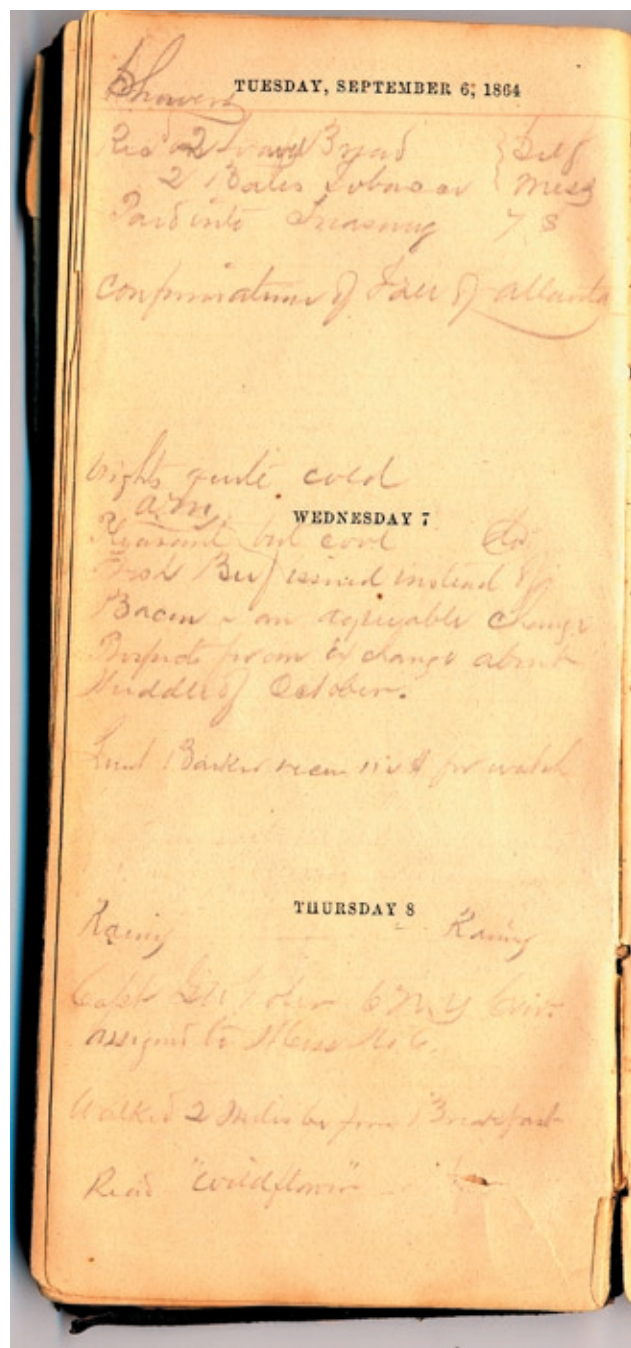
Sermon by Chaplain Fowler,
N.Y. Vols. - Col^d [Colored] troops

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^d 2 loaves bread { self
2 bales tobacco { mess
Paid into treasury 7\$

Confirmation of fall of Atlanta

bright quite cool

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^d 110\$ for watch

THURSDAY 8

Rainy

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Capt. G.W. Goler 6th N.Y. Cav.
assigned to mess no 6.

Walked 2 miles before breakfast

Read "Wildflower"

showers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1864

Rec^d 2 loaves of bread, self
2 bales of tobacco, mess
Paid into treasury 7\$

Confirmation of fall of Atlanta.

Nights quite cold.

A.M.

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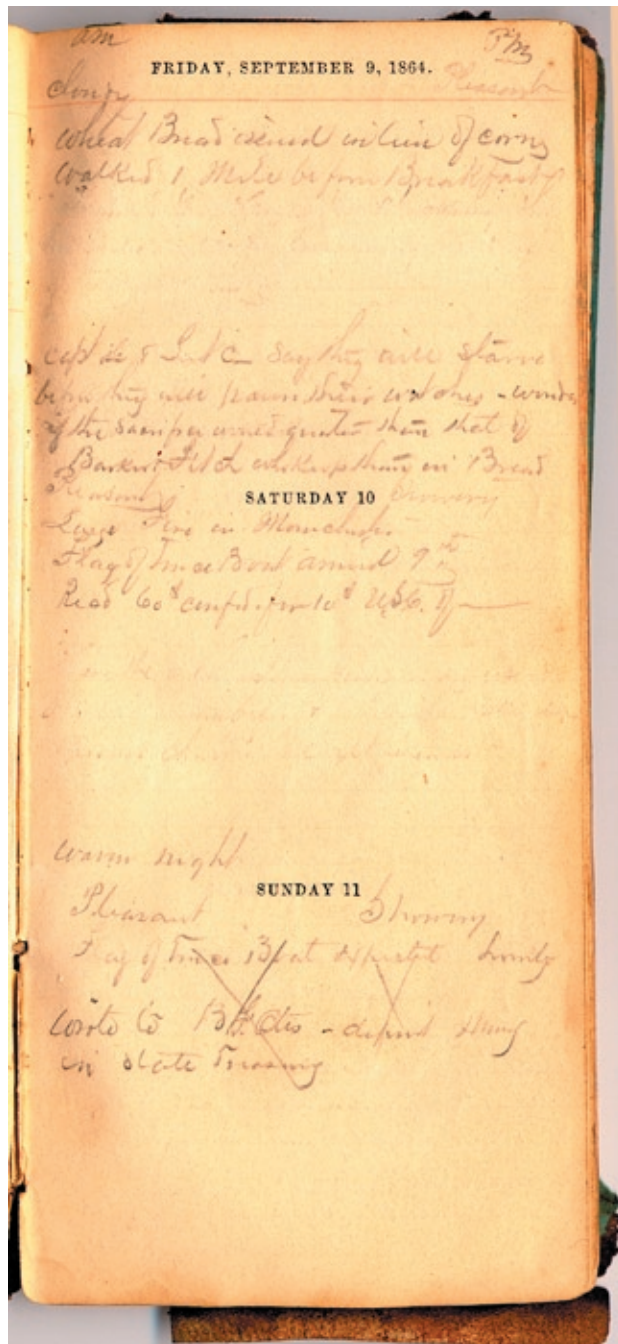
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A.M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1864 P.M.

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

Large fire in Manchester.

Flag of Truce Boat arrived 9th

Rec^d 60\$ Confed for 10\$ U.S.C. [currency] of _____.

[words erased]

warm night

SUNDAY 11

pleasant showery

Flag of Truce Boat expected hourly

Wrote to B.F. Otis – deposit money

in state treasury.

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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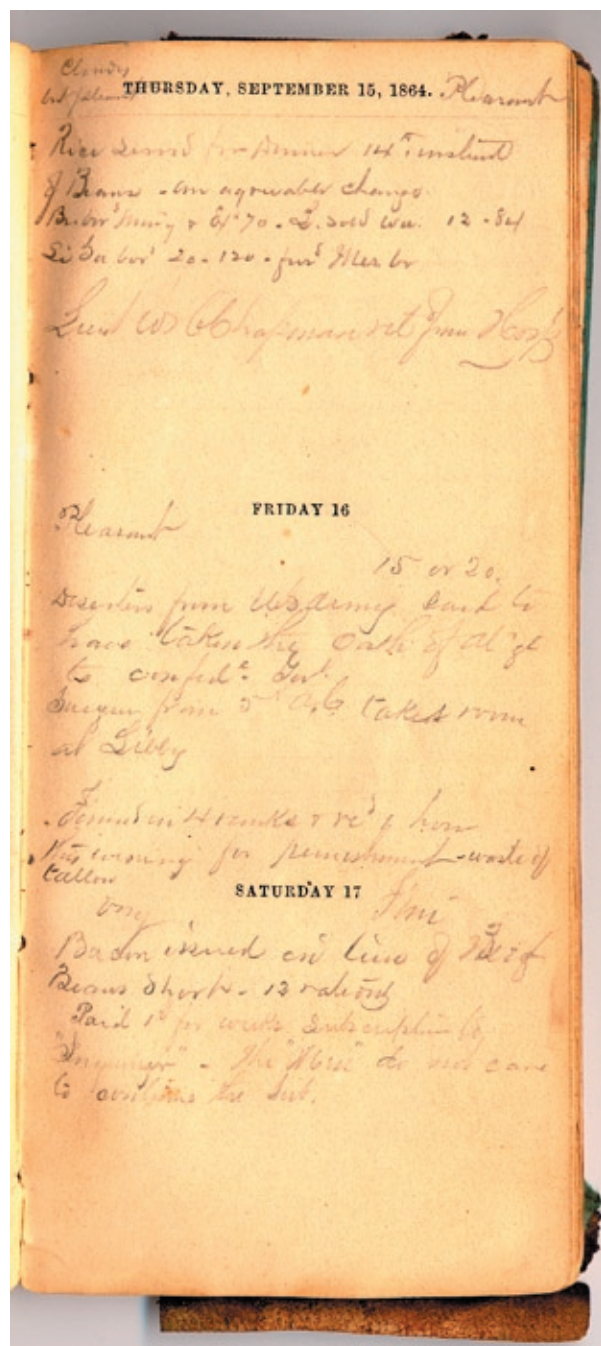
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cloudy

but pleasant

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1864 pleasant

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

Br. Bor^d _____ and ex^d 70. L. sold wa. 12 – 84.

Lt. Sa. Bor^d 20 – 120 – fur^d 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^e [allegiance]
to the Confed^t Govt.

Surgeon from 5th A.L. takes room
at Libby.

Formed in 4 ranks & re^d one hour
this evening for punishment – waste of
tallow

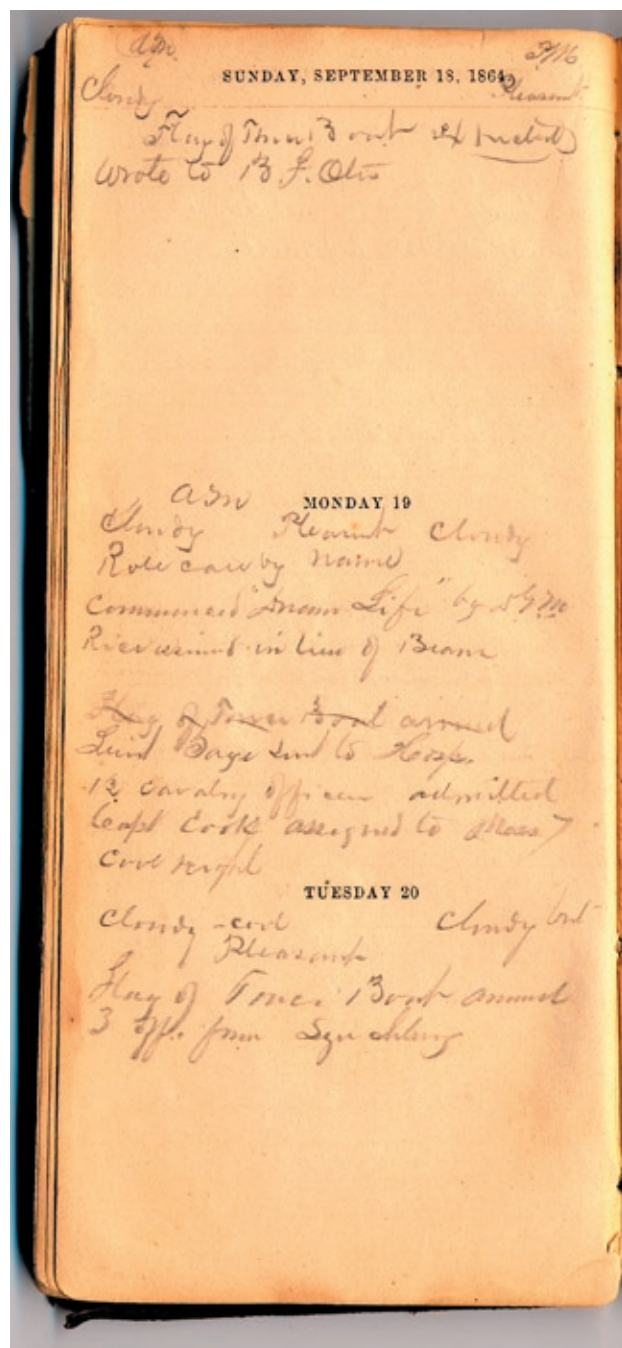
very

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

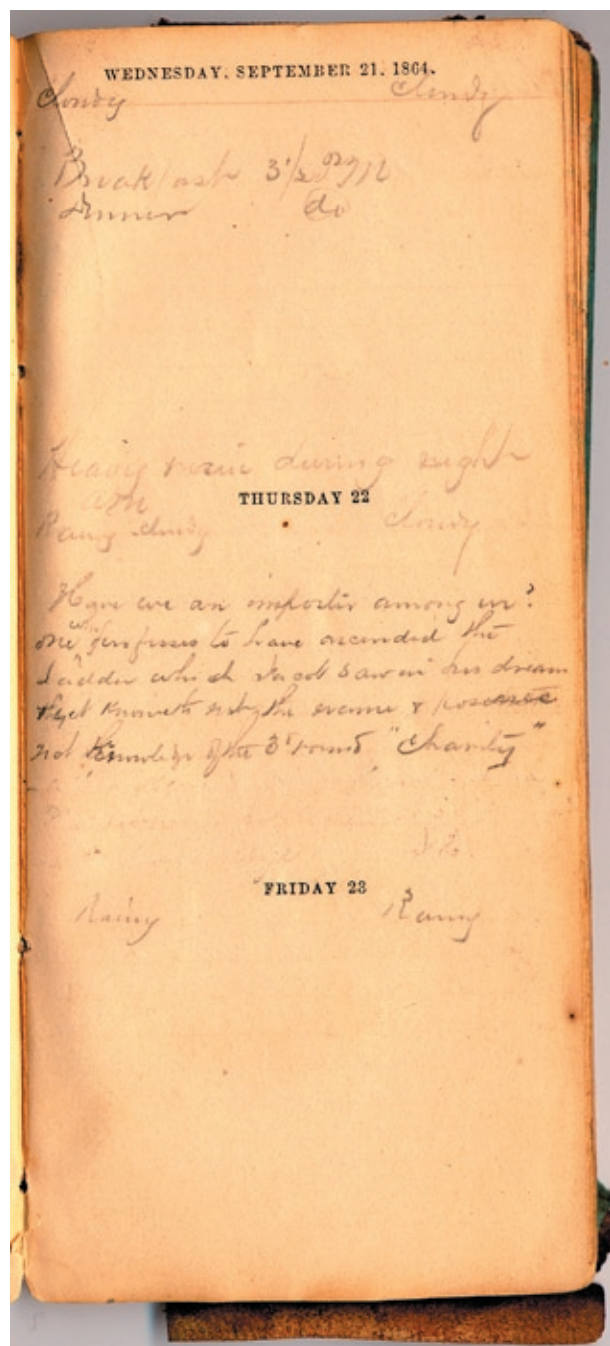
A.M. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1864 P.M.
cloudy pleasant
Flag of Truce Boat expected
Wrote to B.F. Otis

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

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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"

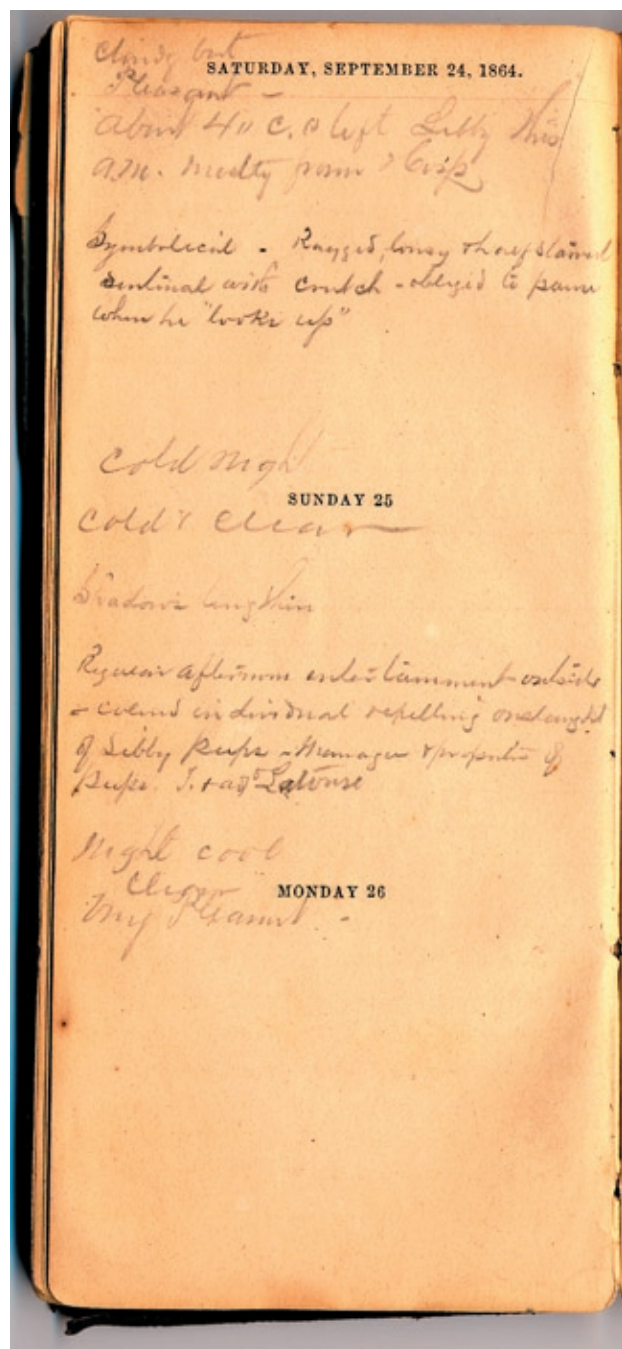
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FRIDAY 23

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

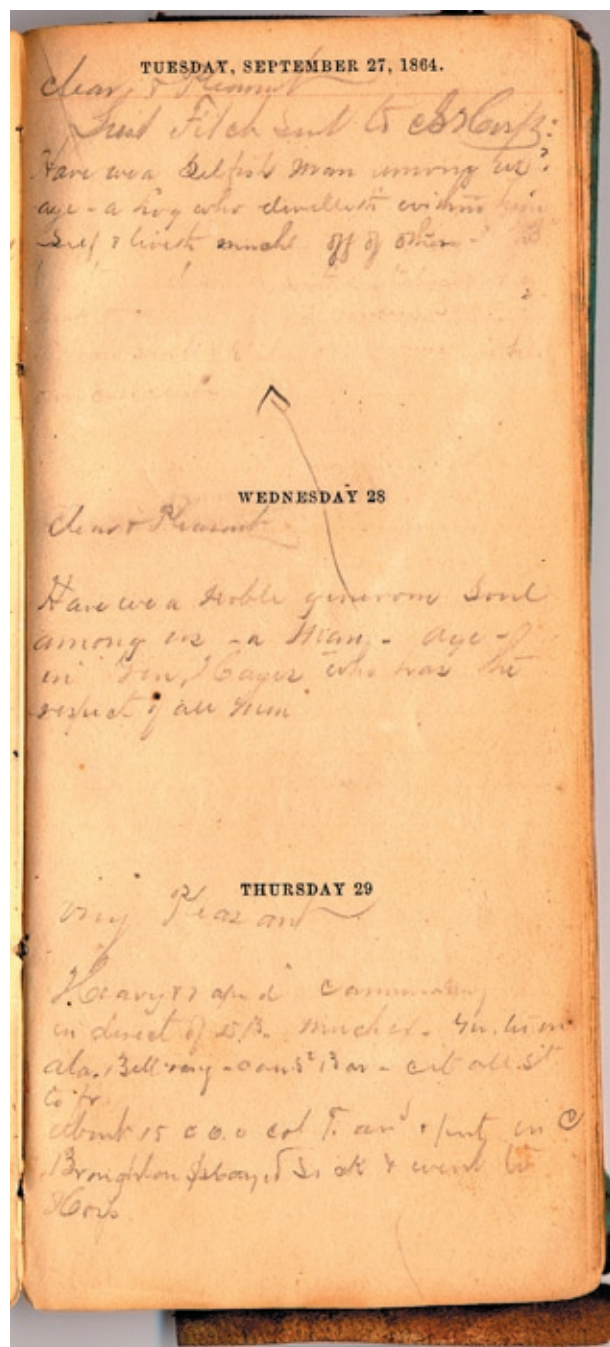
Shadows lengthen.

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 and 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 - cant B ar - cit all st
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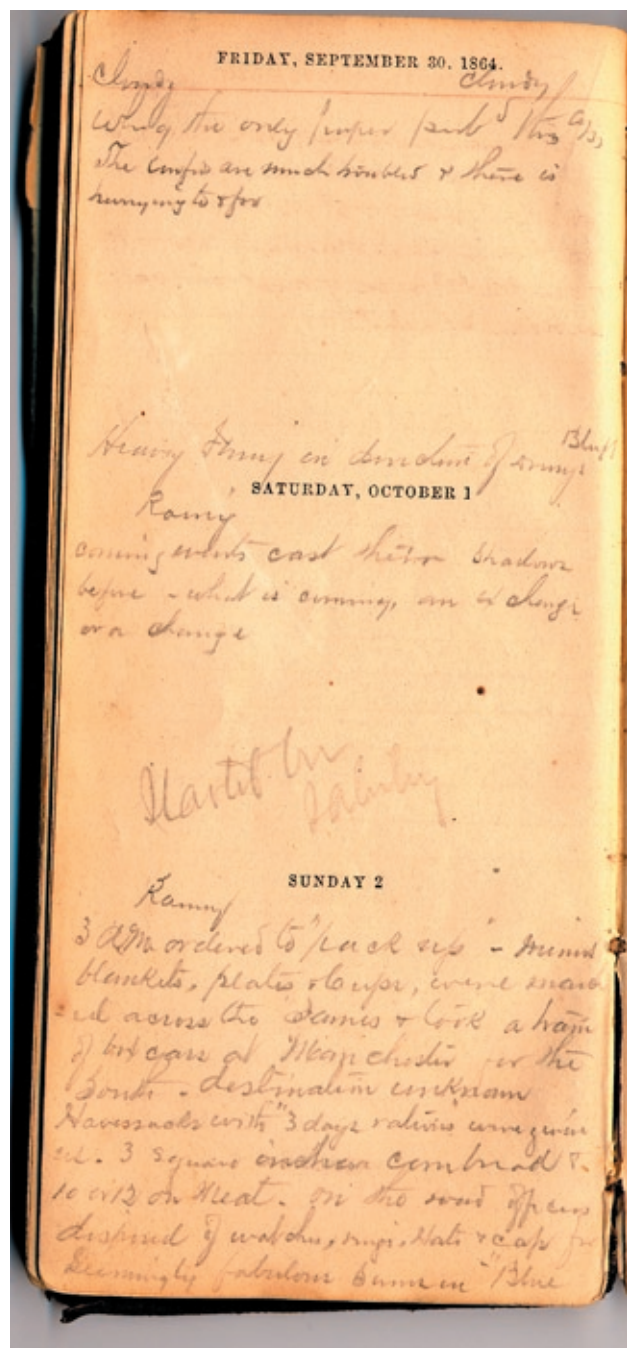
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1864.

Cloudy
Whig the only paper published this A.M.
The Confeds. are much troubled & there is
hurry 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

Start in
rainy

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
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10 or 12 oz. meat. On the road officers
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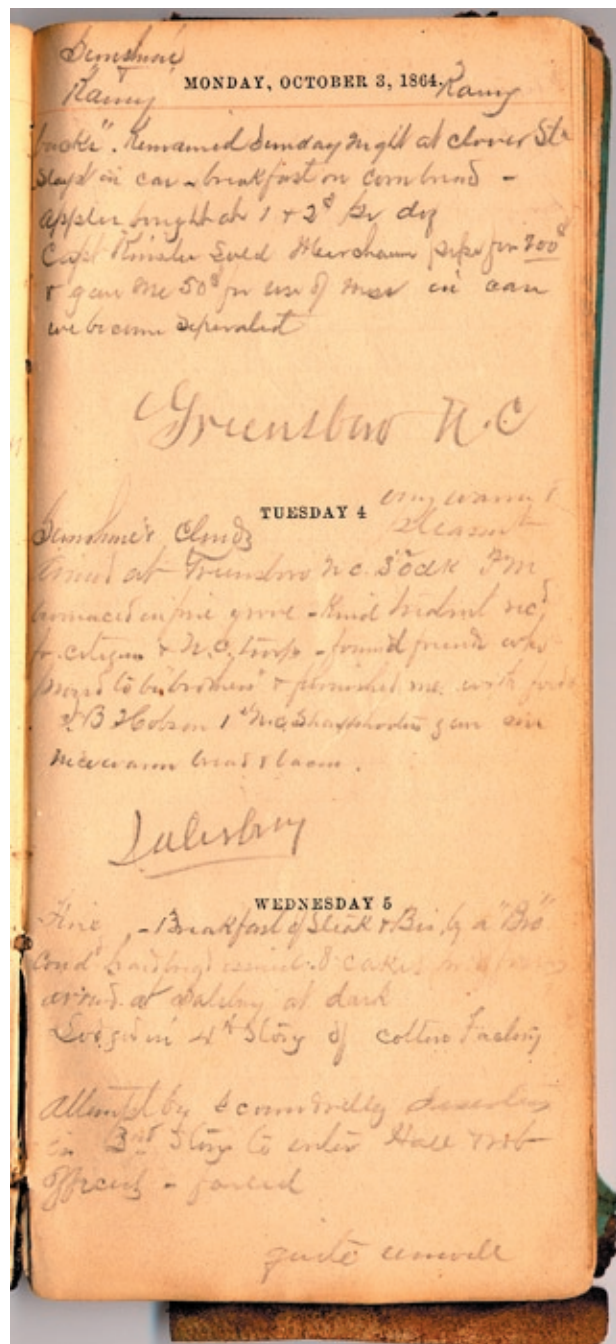
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sunshine +

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.

sunshine & clouds

TUESDAY 4

very warm &
pleasant

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

Bivouacked in pine grove – kind treatment rec^d
from citizens & N.C. troops – found friends who
proved to be “brothers” & furnished me with food.

J.B. Hobson 1st N.C. Sharpshooters gave me
nice warm bread & bacon.

WEDNESDAY 5

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

Cond^d [condemned] hard bread issued & cakes for officers

Arrived at Salisbury at dark

Lodged in 4th story of cotton Factory

Attempt by scoundrelly deserters

in 3rd Story to enter hall and rob

officers – failed

Quite unwell

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1864

Cloudy Rainy cloudy
Through influence of Gen Hayes – officers
moved from quarters in hall & now occu-
py log houses in yard – mess nos 1 – 8 – 18 &
6 in “no. 2” very warm & comfortable
quarters. “Found” dipper, knife & fork – a “Bro” gave
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FRIDAY 7

Very fine all day warm

FRIDAY 7

very fine all day – warm

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More prisoners arrived

SATURDAY 8

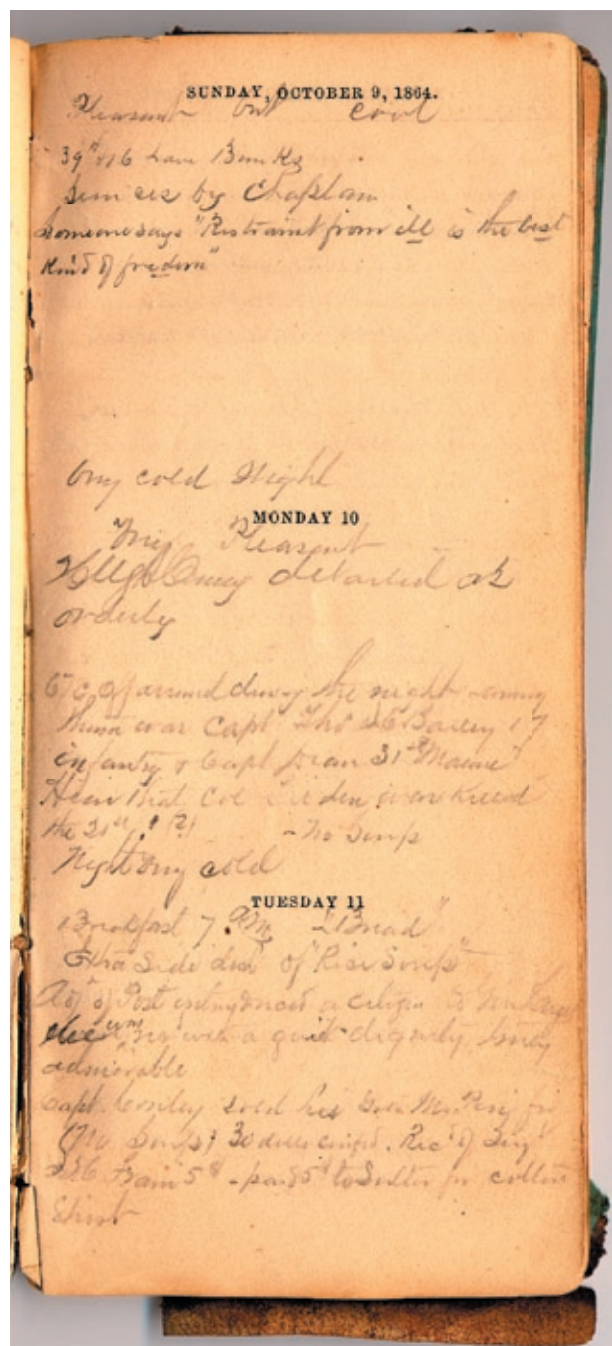
Pleasant
6917 Prisoners of war presently

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 this A.M.

SATURDAY 8

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1864

pleasant but cool

39th Mass. and 16th Me. have bunks.
Services by chaplin.
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 send 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, OCTOBER 12, 1864.

Very Pleasant
5 E.M. 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.

3 E.M. died last night on grounds.

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 7 AM
Supper 1 1/2 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
within 10 days. Poh!

OCTOBER 12, 1864

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1864.

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!

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

SUNDAY 16

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.

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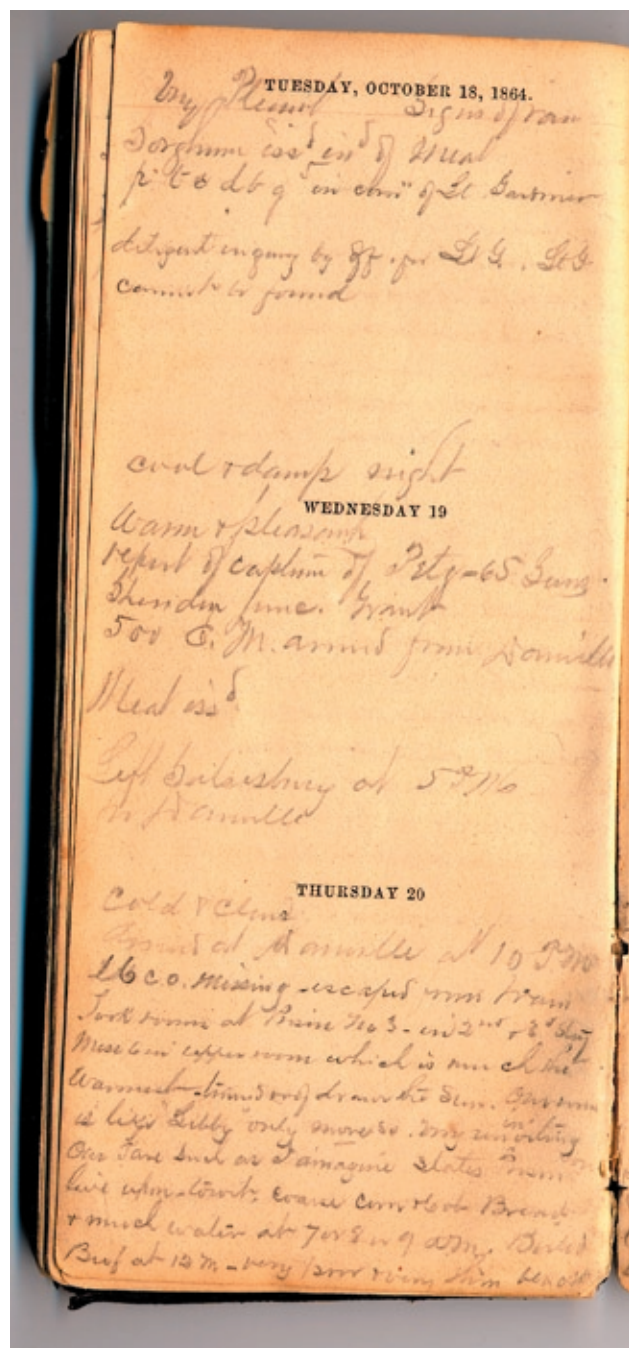
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1864.

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.

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cool & damp night

WEDNESDAY 19

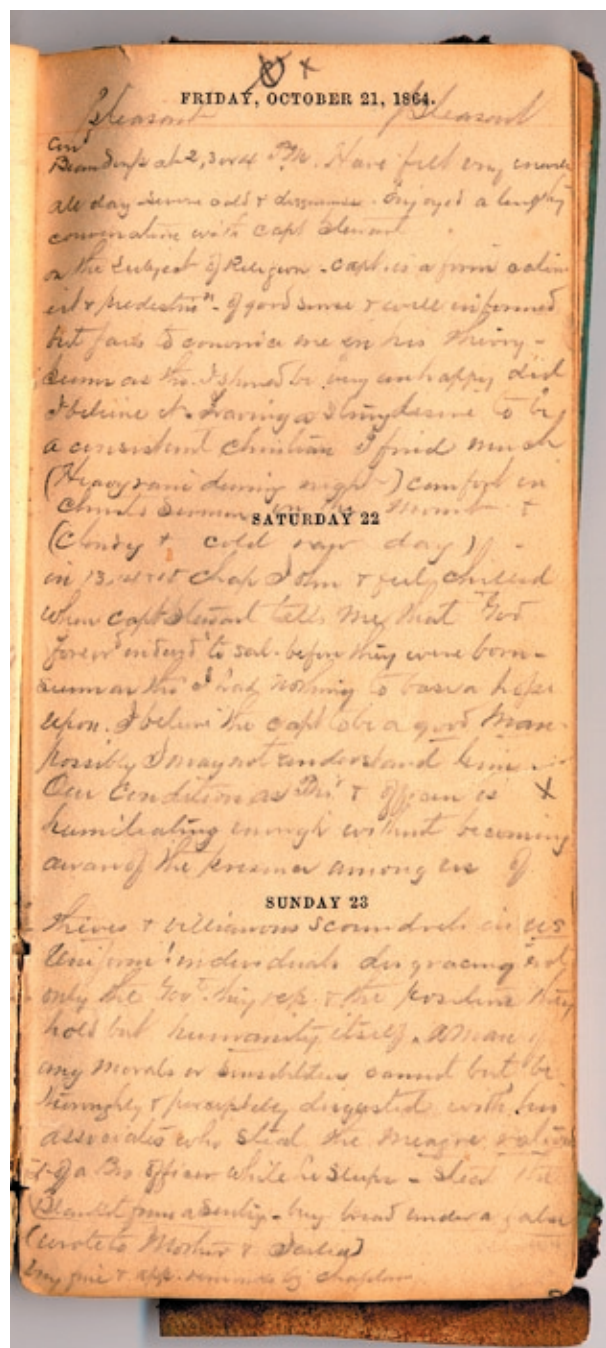
Warm & pleasant
report of Captain of Petersburg, 65 Guns
Sheridan [in Conjunction with] Grant
500 E. M. arrived from Danville
meat issued.
Left Salisbury at 5PM
for Danville.

cool & damp night
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Warm & pleasant
Report of Captain of Petersburg, 65 Guns.
Sheridan [in Conjunction with] Grant
500 E. M. arrived from Danville
Meat issued
Left Salisbury at 5 PM
for Danville

THURSDAY 20

cold & cloudy
Arrived at Danville at 10 PM
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.
Our Fare such as I imagine State Prisoner Convicts
live upon to wit coarse corn & cob Bread
& much water at 7 or 8 or 9AM. Boiled
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1864

Pleasant

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conversation with Capt. Stewart

on the Subject of Religion. Capt. is a firm Calvin-
ist & predestinarian - of good sense & well informed
but fails to convince me in his theory.

Seems as tho I should be very unhappy did

I believe it. Having a strong desire to be

a consistent Christian I find much

Comfort in Christ's Sermon on the Mount.

(Heavy rain during Night)

SATURDAY 22

Cloudy & cold rainy day

in 13, 14, & 15 Chap. John & feel Chilled

when Capt. Stewart tells me that God foreordained

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

SUNDAY 23

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

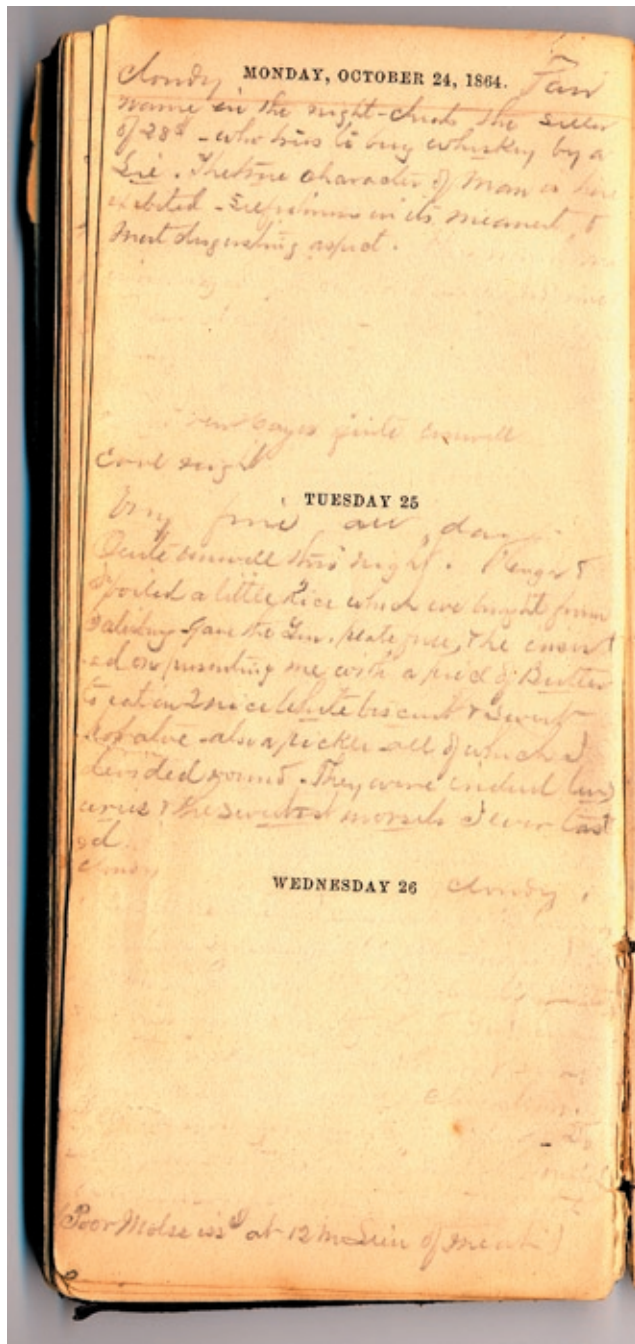
associates who steal the meagre ration

of a Bro. officer while he sleeps & steal the

Blanket from a Sentry - buy bread under a false

(wrote to Mother & Julia)

Very fine & app. remarks by Chaplain



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

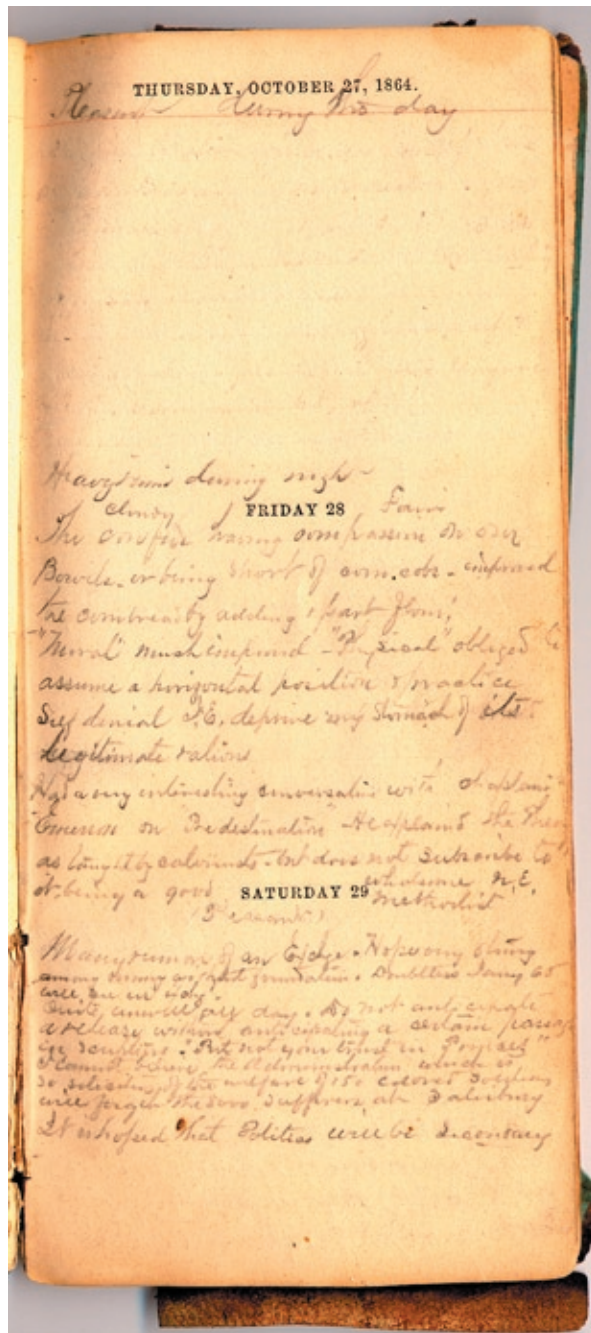
Very fine all day

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

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. Methodist.

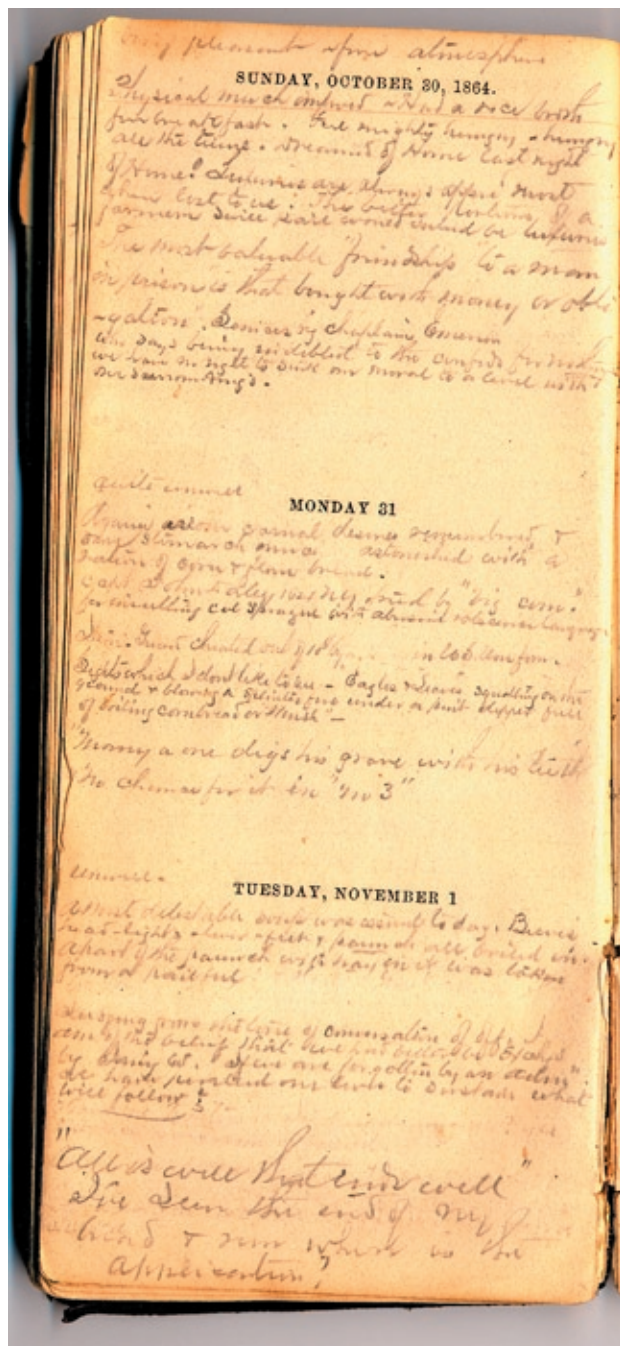
SATURDAY 29

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 obli-
gation. 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 Exchg'd
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 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
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! I bought my servant, tried to buy
a few biscuits from 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

THURSDAY 3

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 wheat ration today!
We consider it a Mistake.

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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.

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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.

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
dry cornbread & water & salt fish while one's
neighbor is eating Sweet Potatoes & butter
boiled lamb &c. Ah! Money-Money!

MONDAY 7

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Salisbury. 300 E.M. have taken the oath
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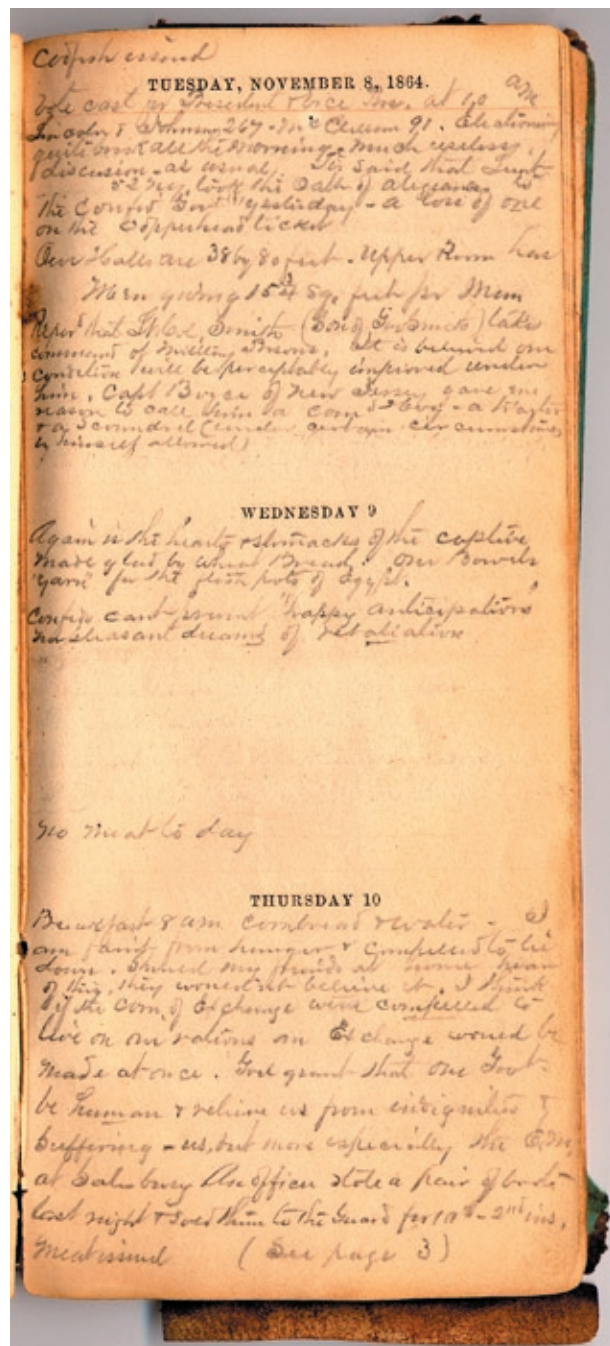
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1864

Codfish issued

Vote cast for President & View 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

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)

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]

Meat issued (see Page 3)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1864.

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
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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\$.

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.
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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] was intensely cold last
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1864.

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

Meat issued to day.

Letters not yet distributed

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

TUESDAY 15

One officer who has a very strong stomach
Does not like to eat any food & appears out in "grey"
one off. tried to sell his shoulder straps!

The Guards carry on a brisk & profitable business
with off-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

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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 appeared to day
at 12 M. Was buried in our stomach.
(See page 11)

Fair MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1864

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.

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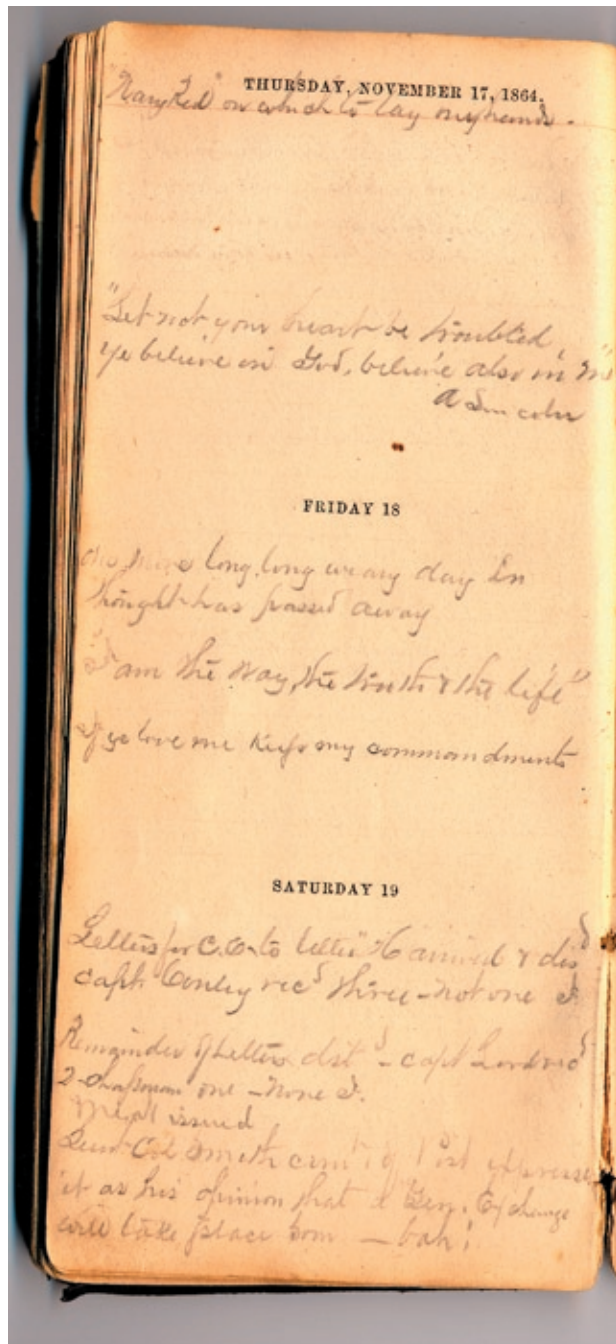
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The last of grease! Butter expired today
at 12 M. Was buried in our Stomach.



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

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-
table.

3^d 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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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1864.

Fight between Capt. Harris - 16th
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 3rd time we are supplied with
wheat bread.

Capt. John Merchant sent to Hosp.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1864

Exchange stock has an upward
tendency

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

Cap

SUNDAY 27

Breakfast 8 AM - Corn Bread
Dinner 3 PM - Meat

Dinner - Meat & Veg Soup - con. by
H. J. Mess

"Whatever 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"

Cold & Clear SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1864
Exchange stock has an upward
tendency.

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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1864.

Wheat-bread issued

Warm & Pleasant 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"*

Pleasant WEDNESDAY 30

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"Take no thought what shall we eat.
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

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 sent to Richmond
at 6 A.M. - Left Haversack, canteen to
Capt. Bailey - & 10 lbs rice for "us"

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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my exchange.

Warm

SUNDAY 4

[No Entry]

See 3 immediate pages 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 1 lb.

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 5th rice

E Men arrived from E Tenn.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1864.

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 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 at 10 A.M. & shot 10 AM.

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

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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
Comrads

25 Officers recaptured on Tenn Line

30th Richmond arr'd today (4:45 PM)

MONDAY 12

Present at Roll call 420 C. O.

6th day since I applied Croton oil to Lungs

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

Comrads

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30 C. O. via Richmond arr'd today

Cold clear MONDAY 12

Present at roll call 420 C. O.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1864.

Intensely hungry.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1864

Warm, fair

Intensely hungry

THURSDAY 15

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

THURSDAY 15

Warm, cloudy

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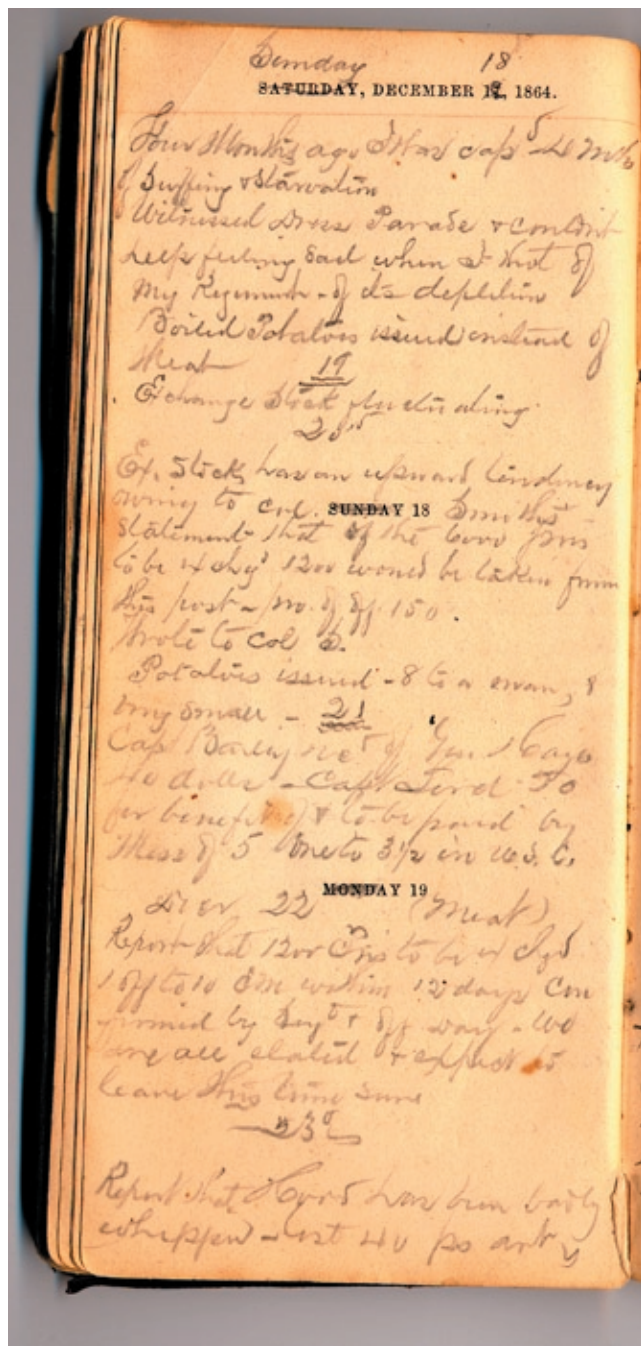
FRIDAY 16

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

Warm, cloudy FRIDAY 16

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that we should be kept here until
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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. Con-

firmed 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.

6 Capt. 560 Hudson sent to 560 Capt.
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. Colonels
16 Majors
86 Captains & 328 Lieutenants

26
WEDNESDAY 21

Rec'd 3 Boxes Meat 1 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.
[There were no entries from Dec 27
through Dec 31, 1864]

27th Dec to Jan 8th have been
quite unwell. Our hopes have
been raised that we should soon

THURSDAY 22

be 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 cartel &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 Majors

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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-

annah fallen. - that the Garrison

escaped. 7000 prisoners taken.

[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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2 weeks.

Many yet

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1864.

Many 10th Learn that Maj
Mulford has arrived & is now in
session with Col. Ould & Hatch
at Richmond. Will they agree?
or are we doomed to years of
captivity & suffering & sto. firm

Report that Butler has been relieved
(Capt Bailey sent to Hosp 14)

SATURDAY 24

All impatiently waiting for
result of negotiations for Exchge
of day & sto. firm

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

18 - Meat

Corn mush issued on 19th

SUNDAY 25

20 - Meat

No intelligence yet from the
Com'r of Exchange.

21

Meat Gruel issued

22

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

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

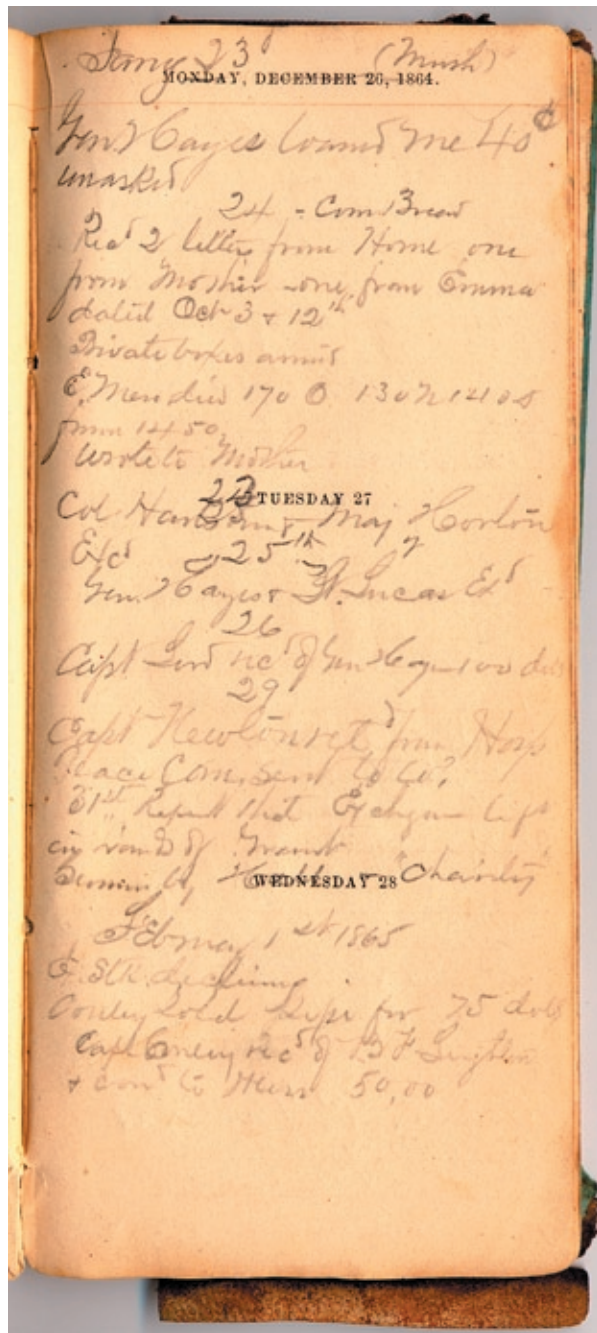
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SATURDAY 21

Meal Gruel issued

22

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



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

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

SUNDAY 29

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

MONDAY 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, DECEMBER 29, 1864.

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

Robt. J. Bates
3rd Div
5th Sac
Adj. 121st Penna Vol
Phila. Pa

FRIDAY 30

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

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Shippensburg
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1. *Doors Lamps - Resr*

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1st Lieut. 13th Conn. Vols
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Abner Small's Diary (re-arranged to be in chronological order)

Stoppages

D Abbott	Gunsling	
Wm Berry	“	“
Chas Emerson	“	“
A. Hines	“	“
L. R. Graz	“	“

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1864

Petersburg Va.

Capt^d (captured) on 18th with Capt. Conley, Lieuts. Broughton & Chapman. Confined in lockup (negro prison) with E M (enlisted men) until 11 A.M. 19th. 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^d div. joined us this P.M.
Formed in messes of 12 – Our mess designated
“no. 6” Northeastern corner of west room, 2nd story – Officers
chosen: secty [secretary] A.R. Small, Adj. 16th, Treas [treasurer] Lieut. Charles
W. Hanson, 39th Mass., Comisy of Sub [Commissary of subsistence]
Lieut. W.H. Chapman 16th 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. MONDAY 22 P.M.
sunny showery
Breakfast at 12 M.
Sent out by Sergeant for 40\$ in "luxuries" – flour-bread 1\$ loaf
Gave Lieut. Kane 1st Conn. Cavalry, 10\$ Capt. Conley 30.00. Had but 50 c.
when Capt^d. Sold my watch for 150\$ on the 18th. Chaplain
C.B. Keyes, 9th 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^d
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
on board & checkers. Loud singing prohibited.
Present at roll-call 132 com^d officers.
Bill of fare for dinner:

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

A.M. warm & pleasant WEDNESDAY 24 P.M.
Rec^d on Requisition of 23^d 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^d addition to mess of Lieut. D.R. Sage 144th 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 25 P.M.
warm & sunshine
pleasant sunny

Adj. [Latouche] of Libby thinks exchange distant.

dominant.

at Libby.

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^t pays 6 to one.

Capt. Poor, [cook] 9th 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^d [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^d 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 6th N. Y. Cav.
assigned to mess no 6.

Walked 2 miles before breakfast
Read “Wildflower”

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 9th
Rec^d 60\$ Confed for 10\$ U.S.C. [currency] of _____.
[words erased]

warm night

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1864

pleasant
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^d _____ and ex^d 70. L. sold wa. 12 – 84.

Lt. Sa. Bor^d 20 – 120 – fur^d 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^c [allegiance]
to the Confed^t Govt.

Surgeon from 5th A.L. takes room
at Libby.

Formed in 4 ranks & re^d 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^d [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 &
pleasant

sunshine & clouds

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

Bivouacked in pine grove – kind treatment rec^d

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

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

J.B. Hobson 1st N.C. Sharpshooters gave me

nice warm bread & bacon.

WEDNESDAY 5

Fine

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

Cond^d [condemned] hard bread issued & cakes for officers

Arrived at Salisbury at dark

Lodged in 4th 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^s 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 grounds.
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

Sheridan [in Conjunction with] Grant
500 E. M. arrived from Danville
meat issued.
Left Salisbury at 5PM
for Danville.

THURSDAY 20

cold & cloudy
Arrived at Danville at 10 PM
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 uninventing.
Our Fare such as I imagine State Prisoner Convicts
live upon to wit coarse corn & cob Bread
& much water at 7 or 8 or 9AM. Boiled
Beef at 12M. very poor and very thin black bean soup
at 2, 3 or 4 P.M.

Have felt very unwell all day. Severe cold
And dizziness.

FRIDAY 21

Pleasant Pleasant
Enjoyed a lengthy conversation with Capt. Stewart
on the Subject of Religion. Capt. is a firm Calvin-
ist & predestinarian - of good sense & well informed
but fails to convince me in his theory.
Seems as tho I should be very unhappy did
I believe it. Having a strong desire to be
a consistent Christian I find much
Comfort in Christ's Sermon on the Mount.
(Heavy rain during Night)

SATURDAY 22

Cloudy & cold rainy day
in 13, 14, & 15 Chap. John & feel Chilled
when Capt. Stewart tells me that God foreordained

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't like 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 wherein 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 conversation 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 thru 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 tirbarken [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 turkeys &
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
tendency.

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^{stly}
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^{ndly} - 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^{dly} - 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

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

No sleep for pain.

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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't. 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. 1st 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
266 W 36 Street, N.Y. City

Facts for the People
Or
Three Thousand, and
Seven Hundred, Things
worth Knowing.

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 19th

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 Jan'y 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^d [arrived] at Rich^d [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^d with money
in drafts – exc. [bills of exchange] on London.
Rec^d letter from Aunt Emma, [dated]
January 27th. Clothing issd [issued] to E M [enlisted men]
and priv box del^d [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 17th alph^y [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^d (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 1st 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^d 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.