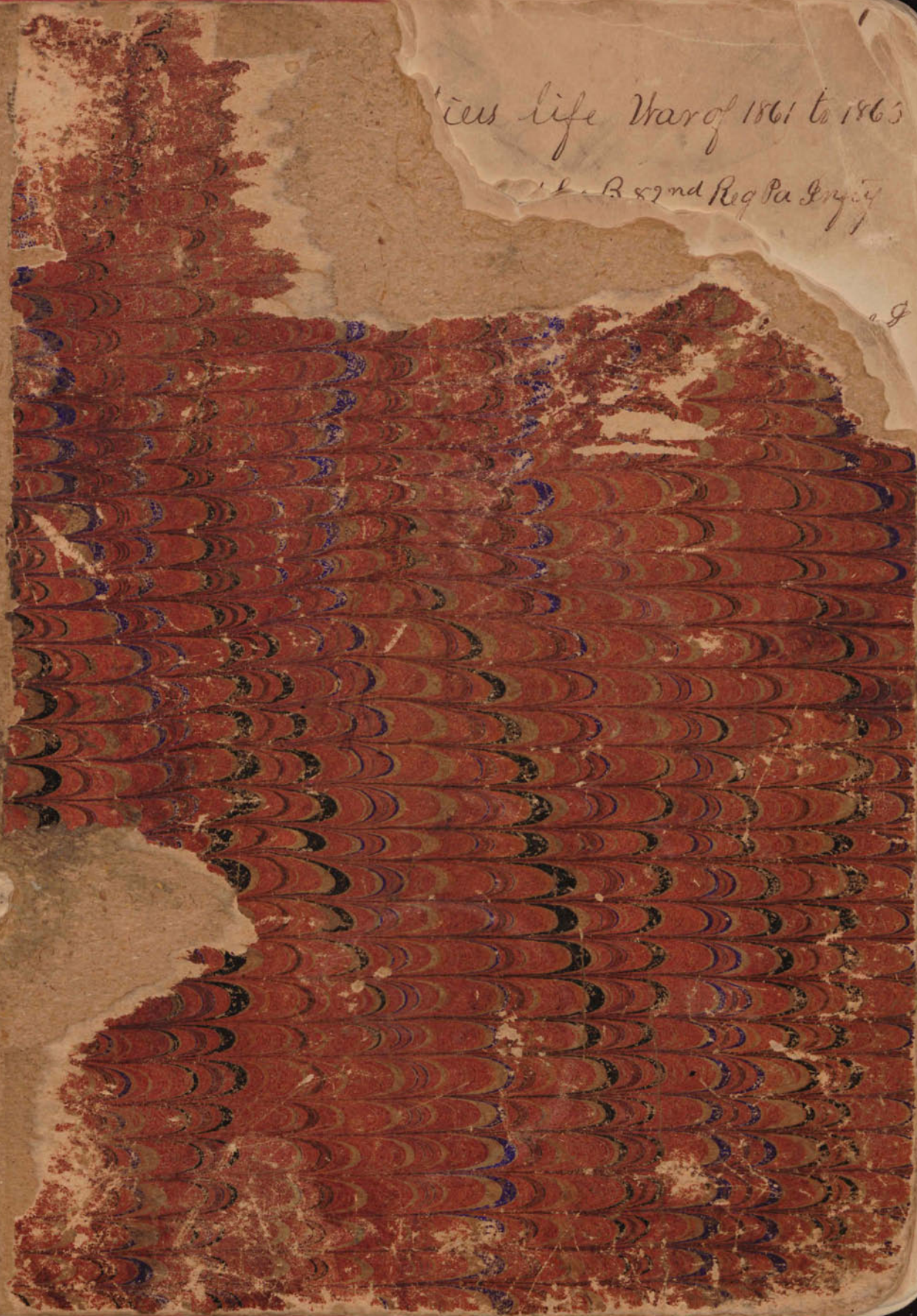


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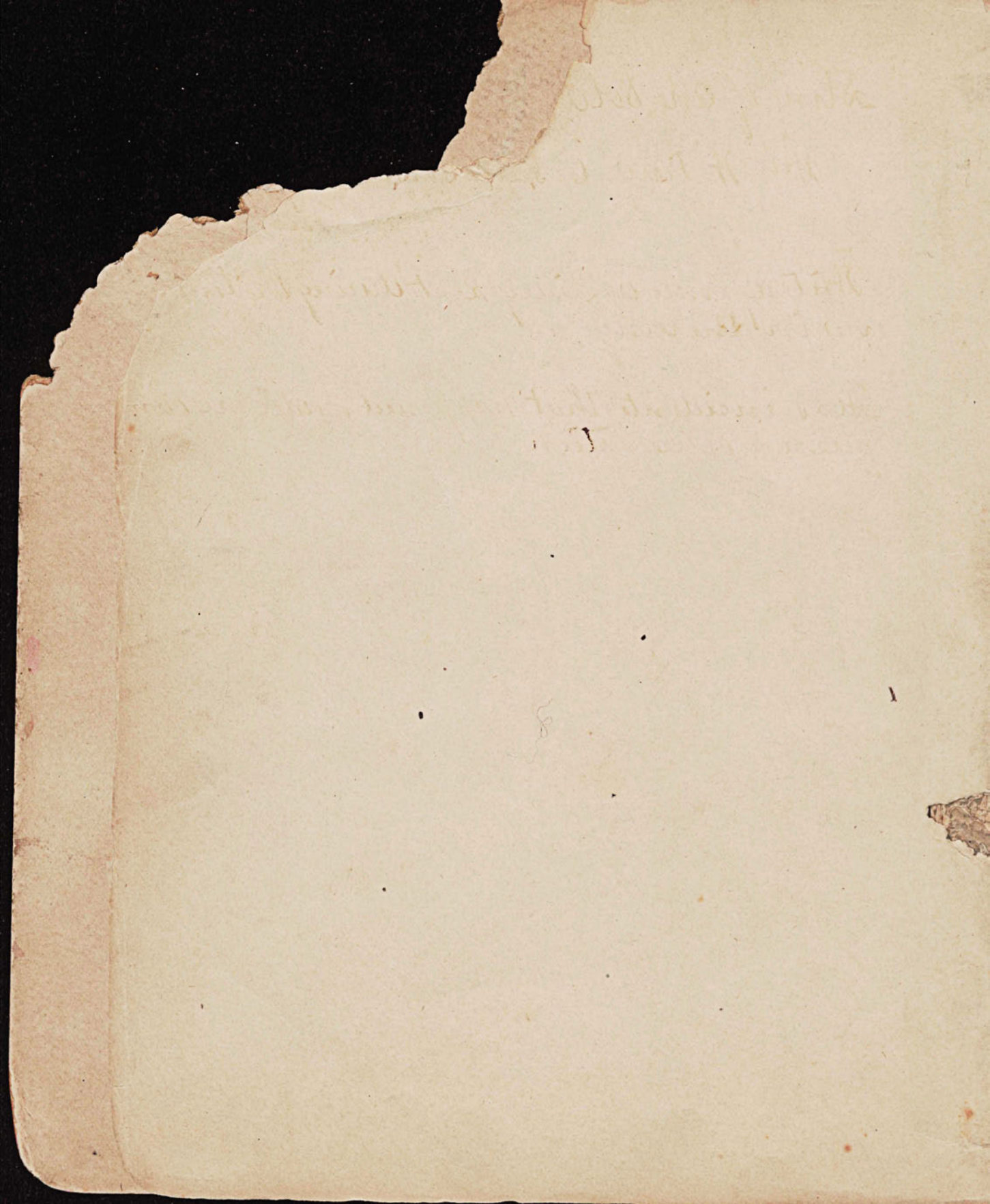




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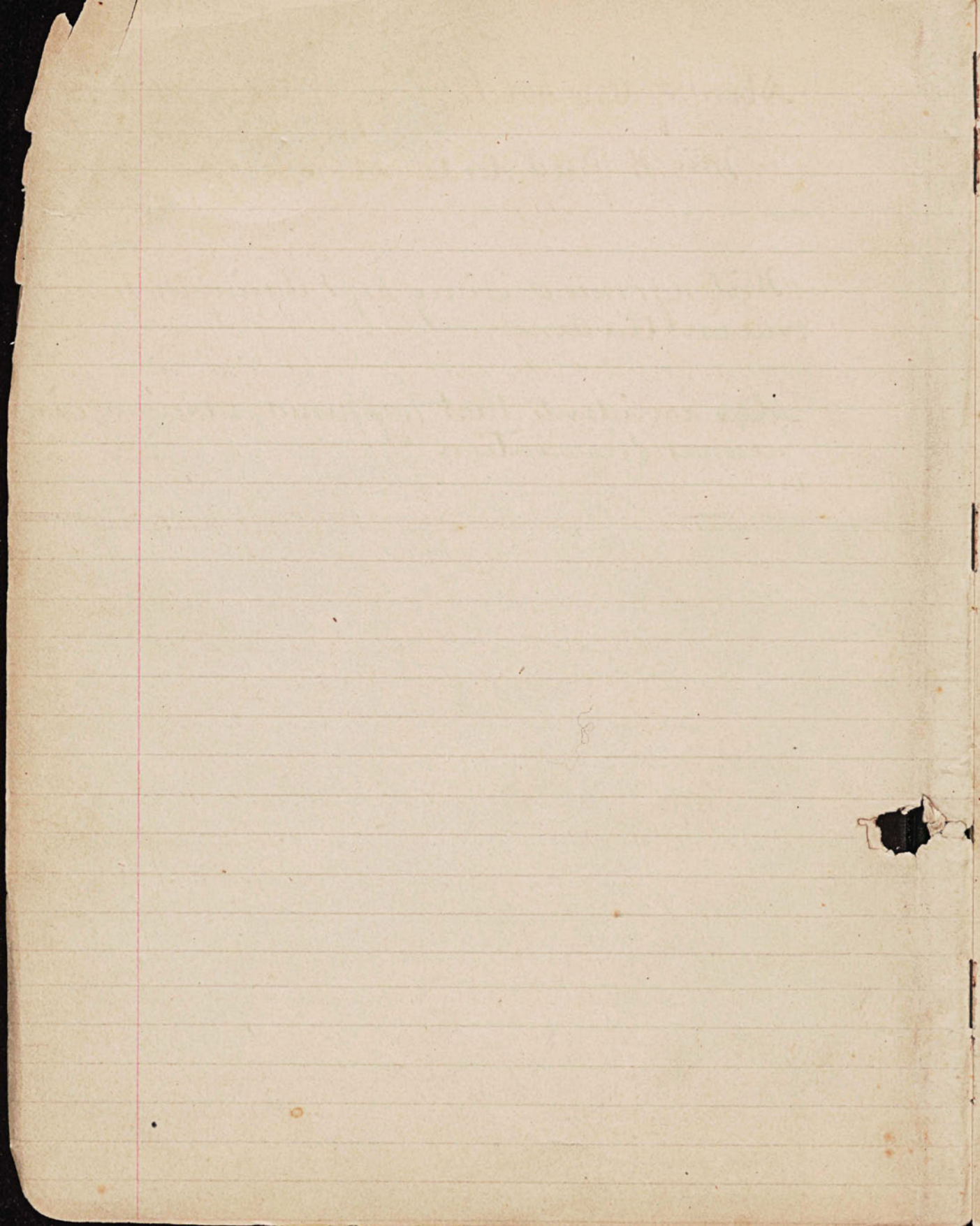


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Story of One Soldier's Life War of 1861 to 1865

Wm W Perry Co I, and Co B, 82nd Reg Pa Infy

Written from a Diary kept during the time I
was in the Army

Also incidents that happened under my own
personal observation



January 2nd 1864 This Morning Abraham Thomas and I
left our homes to go to Brookville to enlist in the
Army. So as far as his brothers in Beaver Sp
where we remain over night

Jan'y 3rd Left Mr Thomas and go to Brookville and remain
there over night

Jan'y 4 This morning we were sworn in to defend the U.S.
against all traitors and immediately left with
about 30 others for Watertford Erie Co Pa We left
on sleds and take dinner at Brockwayville
out at Bort Jack we arrest a deserter and take
him along with us We pass the night at
Ridgway Elk Co Pa

Jan'y 5 This Morning we leave Ridgway for Sheffield
have good sleighing and pass through considerable
of wilderness and arrive in the evening at
Sheffield where we expect to take Cars for
Watertford

Jan'y 6 This Morning after breakfast we go to the Railroad
and take the Cars for Warren where we are
compelled to change Cars and wait six hours
for our train for Watertford at last train
arrives and we board it and are soon on our
way to Watertford where we arrive and go to
the Soldiers Barracks and pass the night.

Jan'y 7 This morning we are ordered to report at the
Examiners office in town for Examination as to
our fitness after a thorough Examination we
are accepted and ordered to be enrolled.

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- Jan'y 8 This day we are enroll'd sworn and mustered into the service of the United States Thomas and I become members of Co I 82nd Penna and put on the Blue I have some trouble to get a suit of clothes to fit me by hunting for some time I at last get a suit
- Jan'y 9 This morning a Com'de and I attend Church at Waterford. The men have all been sent away but an Crowd and we will leave next week some day
- Jan'y 10 We are still at Waterford it is said that we will remain here until the 15th then we will be sent to Pittsburgh
- Jan'y 15 This morning we board the Cars for Pittsburgh from Waterford to Erie, Erie to Cleveland Ohio Cleveland to Pittsburgh where we arrive some time during the night of the 16th of Jan'y.
- Jan'y 17 This morning a number of us go to a restaurant for breakfast during the day we are sent to a new Camp up the River Near Braddocks fields Camp is named Cooper here commences the routine of a Soldiers duty
- Jan'y 18 We are ordered out for drill They have three large Barracks one for Cavalry Artillery and Infantry I become an inmate of the Infantry Barracks they are made bunks for the men to sleep in with stoves in each end and a Cook house of a short distance

- Jan'y 19 Today we signed the pay rolls and were fully initiated into the duties of a soldier drill
 This Camp is nicely situated and no doubt is a pleasant place to be in dry weather but at present there is nothing but mud
- Jan'y 20 Drill again to day. We receive our first pay I get \$7.50 and send ~~over~~ of it home to our folks
 Today I saw a man tied up by the Thumbs for some slight offence it looks and is cruel
- Jan'y 27 Last evening we were ordered to be ready to leave this morning we get ready and march to the Railroad but for some cause no train comes to take us and we go back to Camp
 About 2 o'clock we board the train for the East and are off for Harrisburg over the Mountain route
- Jan'y 28 Arrive in Harrisburg shortly after daylight and leave the Cars and march to the Soldiers rest where get breakfast of Soldiers rations We remain in Harrisburg until after dinner When we board the Cars for Baltimore where we arrive in the evening and march to the Soldiers rest for supper and remain there over night
- Jan'y 29 After breakfast This morning we had permission of our Commander to take in the views of the City of Baltimore we visited several places of interest in the City and returned to the Home about 2 o'clock and made ready to leave for Washington

Jan 30 We arrived in Washington over the B & O Rail Road last evening and passed the night in the Soldiers Rest a very large building with part of it allotted for tables for eating purposes our rations consist of Soft bread Coffee and Boiled Beef we stand and eat The first thing we saw was the Washington Monument but it is not finished. We saw the Capital in the distance Washington seems to be full of soldiers just at present and is a fine city but plenty of mud and surrounded by Camps as far as the eye can see We dont get much chance to see anything in Washington We remain at the Soldiers Rest all the day The parties with us from Pittsburg now leave us I would like to have an opportunity to look around here dont have it

Jan 31 This morning we board the Cars and cross the Potomac River and go to Alexandria We are now in one of the famous Cities of Old Virginia While crossing the river we had to wait until the draw in the bridge had been replaced it being opened to let a vessel pass The river is about one mile wide. We arrive at Alexandria and march through a number of the streets past the Old Masons House where Ellsworth was killed to a building where we are told to make ourselves at home

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Feb'y 1st We remain in the barracks to day strict orders not to allow any one outside the guard limit I pass the time reading while others play cards There are quite a number of soldiers here and the surrounding country is one vast camp

2 We march to the Depot of supplies and each get a musket and accoutrements and shelter Tent and are now ready for business We are march back to the barracks where we are drilled in the manual of arms and instructed in the duties of a soldier I am inclined to think that I shall like it I shall try and do my duty as near as I can Don't know when we will be sent to our regiments perhaps in a few days

Feb'y 3rd, 4th These two days we remain in the old barracks in Alexandria Trying to improve ourselves and become accustomed to the duties of a soldier The officers in command say that on tomorrow we will be sent to our Regiments

Feb'y 5 This morning those of us who belong to regiments in the Army of the Potomac are ordered out the board the Cars and are soon steaming out to what is called the front pass many famous places and land shortly after noon at Brandy Station and are soon on the march for 6th Corps Headquarters where our regiment upon our arrival there we learn that our regiment has been ordered to Sandusky Ohio and we are sent to 2nd Div 6th Corps Hdqrs

Feb 6 We remained last night with some Massachusetts men and we nicely entertained by them. We see considerable of Army Life. We draw rations and prepare to build tents when orders come for Thomas and I to report at 6th Corps headquarters. We do so and are attached to the Provost guard composed of Vermont men. We are told that we will remain here until our regiment returns take up our quarters with the Vermont boys and get ready to build tents for ourselves.

Feb 7 A team and a number of Vermont men go with us to cut timber for our tent. Cross Hazell River and cut Cottonwood and split them for tent. We have so far to haul it that we get but 12 pieces hauled in to day.

Feb 8 We go out to day and haul in some more timber for tent. We are joined by a man by the name of Burdick who has enlisted for our regiment. He helps us at our tent.

Feb 9 We have now all the tent lumber on the ground and will soon have a home to live in. Another member of the 82nd by name of Shannon joined our crowd to day. We now number 4 just enough for our tent.

Feb 10 Today we all went to work and it did not take us long to get our tent in order. The sides are built of timber and roof of our shelter. Tent it is rather warm to considering all things.

Feb'y 11 Today we finished our tent and made our bunks to sleep in and think we can enjoy ourselves

Feb'y 11 to 28 Our time has been put in by drilling and standing guard and we have become somewhat accustomed to the duties of a soldier. We are attached to 2nd Vermont regiment for all purposes of drill. The weather has been fair all this month no snow like we have in Pennsylvania

March 1864 We are still at 6th Corps Headquarters this was the residence of John Minor Botts a man who was true to the Union and it is a pleasant place but it is being badly spoiled by so many soldier camps being around the property. We made a trip out towards the Rebels position captured some Negroes and a blind rule saw one or two Rebels at a distance returned to camp without having any person hurt. There are rumors afloat that Gen Grant is to be placed in charge of the armies and will remain in charge of the army of the Potomac. Rumor has been confirmed and Grant has been out and review the army and the next business will be to get ready to move. We have been faring pretty well and learning and becoming accustomed to a soldier's duty. After 4 hours drill have the rest of the day to ourselves to do as we please.

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Apr 1 to 25 Our time is occupied in drilling and standing guard over government property. A number of men of our Regiment and the 23rd Pa have joined us here so that we have quite a crowd awaiting the return of the brigade from Ohio. An army in winter quarters is very quiet. There is a report that our brigade will return in a few days and we will be sent to our regiments.

Apr 26 Today while on guard in front of Gen Sedgwick's tent I saw Gen Schaler our brigade Commander ride up dismount and go in and report. Three regiments of the brigade have returned and have established camp about one mile from Brandy Station. The regiments are the 65th 67th and 122nd N.Y. 23 and 82nd Pa are yet back in Ohio. A number of the New York men go to their regiments this evening.

Apr 27 We are ordered to get ready to join the brigade and march out to camp and are temporarily attached to the 65 New York. Everything is excitement and bustle for it is supposed that the army will soon move. A number of men for the 23rd and 82nd Pa join our detachment. Among them is Philip Smather, Geo Smather, Geo Smith, John Black, W Williams and a number for other companies of our regiment that I don't know. Also a number for the 23rd.

April 28 Ordered out for inspection with arms. On inspection to day Gen Shaler wanted to know how old I was he said boys like me should be at home I told him I would get through alright and I was considerable older than I looked to be

This evening while I was frying meat for my supper there came up the worst wind storm I ever saw and had to run to save my tent from being blown over when the wind storm had passed my frying pan was full of sand and I got no Beef for my supper

April 29 Today a number more men joined our detachment. We now have quite a crowd for the two regiments

April 30 Squad and Company drill and in the afternoon Battalion drill

May 1st Attended preaching to day out in the open air
Draw rations to day and get ready to march it is generally thought the army will soon move

May 2 Today troops have been marching past us all day but as yet we have no orders to move but drew 100 rounds of ammunition that looks as though we were soon going to move This evening orders were issued to us to move and we will move out with eight days rations and 100 rounds of ammunition

- May 3 This Morning we took up the March on to Richmond
 The that is Shaler brigade have been detailed
 as train guard as the trains move slowly we do
 the same The Country seems to be full of
 men marching and they seem to come from
 every direction We go into camp about
 sundown the roads are good
- May 4 Took up the line of march this morning again
 still train guard nothing of importance
 happens to day go into camp early in the evening
- May 5 Took up the line of march again this
 morning It is very warm This afternoon
 we cross the Rapidan River and have been
 marching over part of Ala & Hancockville
 battlefield there is yet to be seen bones
 and skeletons of men killed here a year ago
 About dark the Wagon trains go into park
 and we are ordered forward to the front All
 day we could hear artillery firing
 We have a couple of rations of fresh meat
 I boiled mine and did not get ready to
 lie down till near midnight This has been
 a hard day on me I am more played
 out to day than any day yet The 2nd
 Division of our Corps opened the fight
 to day near the Brock Road and have
 had considerable of a time to maintain
 their ground hence we are ordered forward
 to assist them in their time of need

May 6th

We left our camp this morning about 3 o'clock and march towards the battlefield as it is dark we cannot tell what kind of country we are in. We march along quietly and pass regiments camped along the road about daylight we come out on the plank road and from the evidence around us we are near the battlefield. We halt for a short rest and a number of Ambulances loaded with wounded pass us. We move on up the road the air is full of smoke and a great smell of burnt powder. We leave the road and strike off into the woods and form line of battle and soon hear the jip jip and see our comrades fall. As soon as formed we move up to support the 108 Ohio to repulse a charge. We hear the old Rebel yell and they come as though they meant business. The Ohio boys receive them in good shape and they go back in disorder for a time. We have some rest and have time to eat our breakfast. Our officers now rearrange our line and our brigade moves up in the front-line. Shaler's Brigade has the right of the whole line. There is one regiment on our right I think it is Maryland regiment. Our line is formed as follows 65th 122nd 67th New York with our detachment with the 65 New York Seymour's Brigade on our left.

May 6 The whole line is ordered forward we move. Through woods swamps and underbrush and have a hard time to get through. We advance I presume two miles this way the Rebels falling back our line is halted and our company is sent out as skirmishers. We go out in front but the woods are so dense that we can see but a short distance in front - the Rebel sharpshooters keep us dodging bullets all the time. We think we see the enemy massing for a move of some kind and so report to the Commander but takes no measures to repulse the attack. It seems to me that the Rebels are marching around our right and will attack us in the rear. Now the Rebels are on the move they seem to be sure for they have no skirmishers but come right on. We fire into them but it don't check them in the least they come right along and we fall back to main line after joining main line we continue to fall back but try as we may we cannot check them so we continue to fall back to our first position when we come in contact with Rebels coming up in our rear we stop and fire in both directions the Rebels pour volley after volley into us and our men are falling fast all around us a number have been killed wounded and

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Missing it is now nearly dark just now I notice
Genl Skaler surrender also Genl Seymour
William of Company has been captured
Burdick, Smith Reity Smathers Es and myself
are wounded I am shot through right shoulder
in retiring from the field I was Confused as
well as the officers in passing to the rear
Col Hamblin asked me where I was going I told
him to the rear he said not that way for there
back there were Rebels he said boys like me
should of been at home with their Mothers
I tell him I will get through all right
after some time I find my way out to the
plank road but the way the balls flew was
awfull At the field Hospital the Surgeon
refused to dress my wound saying that I was
wound unto death and no use to pay any
attention to me I shall do the best I can for
myself but there is a lot of wounded men
here and dont know how I will come out
but shall try and come out on top of the ground
I gave my Haversack to Comrade Burdick and
he is not here so I have nothing to eat
the men who brought me to this place lay me
on a stretcher to sleep but I cant sleep my
wound bleeds and hurts me to much for that
some person gives me a little beef tea to
drink if I only had more it is now 10 o'clock
and the Rebels are shelling the Hospitals and
we will have to get out of this

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May 6 The Musketry firing is drawing nearer
I think I should of felt better had the Surgeons
Made an effort too dress my wound
O what suffering and misery there is here
All is confusion and moving around in haste
Some time during the night I am loaded
on an Ambulance with a man of the 5th main
and leave the Hospital during this night I
suffer untold pain We have a couple of
blankets and if it was not for the fast during
could sleep some We lost a great many men
out of our Corps to day of one thing I am sure
that I did not run to day until I was
ordered to that was a wonderfull charge of
the Rebels. The army seems to be on the move
for some other place for men are marching
in Column along on which we are traveling

May 7 Some time during the night we are
unloaded from the ambulance and laid
on the ground I dont sleep any for my
wound it too painfull for that
daylight finds me unable to raise
myself We are compelled to lay with the
sun beating down. Some comrades carry
me into a tent that has been erected
for the Wounded Not all who were
unloaded from the ambulances are
able to get some are cold in death Towards
evening a Surgeon passes me but does not
offer to dress my wound but passes by

May 8 Last night we were loded on Waggons and on the move to Fredricksburg We have a Negro for a driver roads are rough and he is Carles and huts. the wounded I am suffering for water and ask an attendant to get me a Cantern of water he dose so and it refreshes me How beautifull the trees and fields look but how sad to think that War in all its harrows is drenching this land of ours in blood misery and Woe

This is Sabbath a day of rest and worship in our distant Northerl home. I know that my Mother is praying God to spare the life of her boy I feel satisfied that I shall recover my Wound has not yet been dressed and dont know when it will be. We arrive in Fridicksburg about noon and are set down at a church door but I dont see a Chance for me here to get my wound dressed so I go outside and lody on the grass here I find Comrade Smith of Co A of our regiment he tells me he is but slightly wounded and he will stay with me I have had nothing to eat since Friday evening Comrade Smith Keeps putting water on my wound and that helps it with this aid I am able too walk around some through this place While on the Street a Lady ask me if I am in need of something to eat I tell her I am she says for me

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May 8 To wait until her return she soon returned with a large piece of bread and a cup & eat it breathing a prayer for the Southern Lady who was so kind a Union Soldier. She tells me that she prays for the success of the Union Armies & I could but get my wound dressed & I would feel pretty good Smith continues to bath it with cold water but it needs something else.

May 9 Remained at Fredricksburg to day I moved around more to day than any day since I was wounded went over a part of the old battlefield over which I regiment charged in May of 1863 up and Mays heights where the Washington Artillery of New Orleans was captured by our brigade I am not able to move around much but keep moving to find something better from the way the wounded are coming the army is yet hotly engaged men who have been in all the battles of the army of the Potomac say that the fighting since the 5th has been the hardest the army ever done and have lost more men the town is full of wounded men and full of sorrow and misery to day the Rebels came to the hill overlooking town and fired into the wounded men there was consternation for a short time but they soon left after killing a few men

May 10 I am still at Fredricksburg at the old Church this is no place to get help there are too many wounded men My wound is in a bad condition and needs something done for it a Surgeon told me today that if I was not dead tomorrow he would dress it for me Watched the Surgeons while amputating arms and legs they set up in fast order Soon a number of us will be sent to Washington for treatment Camp to night on the outside of the Church sleep on the ground with a stone for a pillow I am among strangers and fare about as well as other Soldiers There are too many Fops here for Doctors

May 11 Ordered this morning those of us who could walk to go to Bell plain Landing on the Potomac River I go with the Crowd and Cross The Rappahannock River the Crowd was so Large that I did not get across for some time about noon Cross on the Porton bridge I saw a mule team fall of the bridge into the river. I dont have nothing to eat I saw Comrade Burdick in the Crowd but could not get to him for the Crowd the wounded are streaming along the road it is said that it is nine miles to the Landing I dont expect to get there today in my weak condition it is more than I can do Soldiers generally Camp where night overtake them with some others I stop along the road and we build

May 11 A fire for if it is may the nights are cold we had the fire burning nicely and was all sitting around talking when up comes a Cavalryman and kicks our fire all to pieces telling us that the woods are full of Rebel guerrillas and if we are not carefull we will be captured having no desire to be captured go further along the road and I lay down and try and sleep

May 12 Arrived at Bell Plain Landing early this morning I feel sore from laying on the ground last night - There are a number of boats in the River I see some women busy making Coffe and ask them if I can have something to eat they say if I am wounded I can I tell them I am and I get bread and Coffe after eating one of them dresses my wound give me a clean shirt wash my face and comb my hair My wound was in need of attention this is the first time that it has been dressed since I received on the 6th They tell me that the two days battles 5th and 6th are now known as the Wilderness it is well named for I saw nothing but woods after being cleaned up I leave the tent and go towards the River they tell me I will have no trouble to get on the boat I find guards in abundance also Surgeons to Examine men

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to see that none pass only the wounded the two first Surgeons and guards tell me to pass on I come to the last Surgeon and guard they have a man sitting on Camp stool to see if he is wounded after an examination they find he is not wounded but wants to get away from his regiment falsely he is placed under arrest The Surgeon examines my wound looks me in the face and tells me to pass on I go on the boat and find it full of Wounded. Shortly after going on the boat a number of men carry a Boy on board I see the 6th Corps badge and ask them what Officers remains they have in that bot they say Genl Sedgwick's killed May 8th Our Corps loses its best Officer in him it fills me with sorrow to hear of his death having been at his headquarters all winter I loved him as an officer he always had something kind to say to his men. Peace to his ashes Rations are furnished us on board of the boat meat Bread and those having cups Coffee I have a cup and get coffee and consume considerable of time eating The boat moves out further into the river and we are transferred to a larger boat where we have more room I seat myself on a coil of rope and the steams for Washington The boys are begining to sing I am glad I am out of the Wilderness it is pleasant on the river this

May 12 evening I can hear the groans of the wounded
 Thanks to those Ladies my wound is feeling
 good a short distance below Mt Vernon we pass
 a boat load of Soldiers going to the front they
 have a brass band which plays patriotic airs
 their boat runs close to ours and there is
 considerable of chaffing between them and
 the wounded men We can see Mt Vernon in
 the distance on the left of the river but do not
 stop we pass on and about 5 o'clock anchor
 at the 4th St Wharf at Washington as soon as
 the gang plank is put out Ladies Come on
 board with Sandwichs and Coffee I get a couple
 and am soon engaged in eating them after
 eating my lunch I go out on the wharf and
 sit down and watch the crowd when Genl
 Sedgwick's body is carried off ever hat is raised
 and the Wounded of the 6th Corps gather around
 and form an escort to the St, where ^{it} is received
 by a body of Soldiers. I return to wharf and
 seat myself when a gentleman comes up and
 asks me if I am a Pennsylvania Soldier I
 answer I am he then asks what County I
 tell him Jefferson he then asks my name
 I tell him Perry he asks if I am a son of
 Rob Perry's of Ringgold I tell him I am
 he says he is well acquainted with Father
 and tells me he is glad to have the opportunity
 to help me and will see that I get to a

May 12 govt Hospital he leads me to where the ambulances are loading up the Surgeon in Charge seems to know him for he pays attention to his request and puts me in the Ambulance and tells the driver to go to Carver Hospital my tells me if he can get time he will call and see me. I ask his name he tells me it is Scofield he is our member of Congress I arrive at the Hospital and am assigned to Ward 78 bed 33 My wound is considerable the worse of my trip besides wound in Shoulder I have a buckshot in my right eye and upper lip. The Surgeon Comes in and examines my wound and says it is in bad condition and he can do but little this evening I want to sleep but the pain of my wound is so that I cannot the Surgeon leaves me some powder for that but they dont do no good I am now at my journey's end for some time this is a large tent and about sixty men in it and all badly wounded I have not lost heart or am not homesick but I feel this evening as though I did not care whether I lived or died but shall not give up if I do I will surely die and I am not over anxious for that the groans in the Ward are terrible and there must be considerable of suffering among the men

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The Surgeons powder done no good for I did not sleep any This morning the whole board of Surgeons came to my bed and examined my wound and say the way the ball entered my shoulder it should of killed me and dont see how I am living They make my wound bleed quite freely and probe it from both sides and draw something through it from front to back and take out a piece of my old wool shirt Clean it out and put water into it that I thought would kill me but it did not They dress it and it feels better than it has since I received it after getting some breakfast I lay down and sleep and do not waken until after noon in time to hear the band play a dirge and see them leave with dead soldiers Our Hospital is situated Near The Columbia College it is a nice pleasant place

May 14 I am pleasantly situated at Carver Hospital to day I wrote home my first letter a kind lady wrote it for me I fear that Mother will be alarmed about me and I wrote telling them I was not so badly wounded as some others My Collar bone is broken and it will be some time before I can return to my regiment I am compelled to remain in my bed that is the hardest on me

- May 15 My wound is beginning to mend slowly and is not so sore to day There are two Rebel Soldiers in this ward and both are badly wounded one has both eyes shot out the other is wounded in the Leg they are members of the 30th N.C. regiment They both wander Considerable in their minds and think themselves Men of some importance This War has caused Considerable of sorrow and misery to gratify the ambition of a few men
- May 16 I got tired laying on my bed last night and got up and walked to the door and took a look at the stars when I wanted to return I could not find my bed in the dark and had to lay on the floor the balance of the night
- May 17 I am still at Carver Hospital. More wounded are coming in from the front I saw my name published among the missing in the battle of the Wilderness I hope Mother wont see it before she gets my letter
- May 18 Last night there was a thunder storm among the wounded it caused a great many groans it is strange that a thunder storm hurts wounded men but such is the fact The Rebel in the next bed to me had his leg amputated to day he still raves
- May 19 I am improving some. A great many Ladies visit this Hospital they all have something to say about my age I get a great many oranges and Delumons Surgeons are all good

May 20 A number of Sisters of Charity visited our Ward today and distributed a number of Cholic papers I presume to make Converts I have nothing new to report of my wound

21 Had a letter from home today Mother tells me that a number of my school mates in other regiments were killed and wounded Today Mr John H Reily of Washington visited me at the request of Father he seems surprised to see how I am improving with the wound I have he thinks I had better be at home going to school perhaps it would be better for me He makes a great many inquiries as to how I am treated here he remains with me for some time and leaves me some money More Ladies call to see me today People are very kind to me I wonder how long it will last I get a great many books to read

May 22 Today President Lincoln and Mrs Lincoln visited our Hospital They spoke and shook hands with every man in the ward and asked where they were wounded. The President is a tall railboned man while Mrs Lincoln is rather small the President is head and shoulders taller than what she is The Soldiers are all pleased with their visit They had a kind word for all of the Soldiers They seemed to be interested in every man in the Ward The President

May 22 Said to me that I was the Youngest Soldier that he had saw yet and I was certianly the youngest in the Army he said he was sorry to see me so budly wounded but hoped I would soon recover I told him I hoped so too he then left us His visit done all the Soldiers good

May 23 Improving slowly but it will be some time befor my Shoulder is healed To day I walked around through the Hospital grounds and was supriased to see that they were so large I put in Considerable of my time reading

May 24 This morning I went to the dining room for my breakfast it is the first time since I came to this place

May 25-26 I wrote home today telling our folks that I am improving and have good treatement and not to bother about me The Reble Soldier in the bed next to me died this morning far away from home and friends. The guard here are men who have been disabled in battle a number of them are budly crippled. More men to day from the battlefield A number of men sent north to day

May 27 Surgeon Genl Barnes Examined my wound to day and said only one in ten wounded as I am recover I thought I was in a fair way to recover with care. Walked around some more to day

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- May 28 Today wounded men have been coming to the hospital from other battlefields and some are badly wounded in a few days a number of men will be sent further north to make room for other men my wound is improving fast now The Ladies still continue to visit the hospital There are men here from all of the states but I have found none from my regiment I suppose they are at other Hospitals
- May 29 Mr. Johnson tells me that I am among the number that will be sent north tomorrow I am anxious to go by that means I will get nearer home it will be good news to my Mother to get near home we are treated well here could not be better treated at home
- May 30 To day the medical board decided that I should go north I had promised Mr. Reily to visit him but cannot do so now as we are ordered to leave in the morning Presume we will go to Philadelphia
- May 31 This morning Ambulances came to the hospital to haul us to the B & O Depot where we are loaded on box cars and are soon on the road for Baltimore as soon as the train stops Ladies come and give us sandwiches and Warm Coffee and have words of kindness for us there is still a number of Loyal

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people in Baltimore We are moved over to the Calvert St depot The Ladies remaining on the train until we arrive there and leave us to appear as ministering Angels others of our Comrades We soon leave Baltimore and steam away for Philadelphia We cross the bay at Port Deposit on a Ferry boat the first I ever saw our train is all run on the boat it is late in the afternoon when we cross the boat is guarded by 100 day men We arrive in Philadelphia some time after dark and cross Broad St to the Citizens Hospital where we are welcomed There I get my wound dressed and am shown to the dining room for supper I think this room is the largest I ever saw and am soon engaged in eating the best supper I have had for some time This is a Transfer Hospital and is controlled intirely by Women and supported by the Ladies of Philadelphia. The upper story is used for sleeping purposes to which we soon retire

June 1

This morning we are shipped to the different Hospitals in the city I am sent to Moore hospital at Chestnut Hill It is 12 or 15 miles up and we go by train arriving at the Hospital We are weighed and I weigh 81 lbs I am assigned to Ward 37 bed 35 The people on this trip have been very kind to me Our Ward master is a 6th Corps man he is a member

- June 1 of the New Jersey brigade I find this a nice pleasant place to be
- June 2 Slowly improving Dr Staveland has charge of our Ward he is a painstaking Doctor
Miss Biadle of the Sisters of Charity visited the Ward to day
- June 3 to 7 Same as other day an improvement for the better
- June 7 to 14 Have very good medical attention here
14 to 22 Nothing of importance to note
- June 22 This being my first day that I was able to look around I want to see something of the Hospital There are 40 Wards about 65 men to a Ward
a nice grove attached to the Hospital
- July 23 Went to the Library attached to the Hospital and took out a number of books to read The Sisters of Charity are trying to get a number of the men to join the Catholic Church but can't get me if I know myself
- June 23 to 27 Clerks have been in the Ward to make out papers for me for a Furlough so the chances are that I will soon be on my way home
- June 28 My Furlough came all right to day and I am ~~on~~ soon on my way to the city and will be absent until the 18th of July I leave Philadelphia for home

Not having any money I get transportation
 to Kittanning and am fed along the way by the
 Union loving people After leaving Kittanning
 I go by stage to Brookville and arrive there
 late in the evening without money or friends
 only one man in town seemed to manifest any
 interest after finding out I was wounded he took
 me to his hotel and kept me all night free of
 charge I refer to Mr Thompson When I enlisted
 I was credited to Brookville and was to have
 two hundred dollars bounty they paid Father
 \$100 dollars \$1500 I got myself When I was
 reported missing in the battle of the Wilderness
 Several parties took advantage of that fact and
 thought they could see a good chance to keep me
 out of money due me Mr Thompson I never
 shall forget After a good breakfast at his Hotel
 I started to walk Home Where I arrive in the
 evening June 30th 1864

July 17 Returned to Hospital from furlough home on last evening enjoyed my trip home I find the most of the people inclined to treat a Soldier with Kindness The people of Pittsburg are especially Kind to the Soldier Mother was pleased to see while at home I celebrated my 15th Birth day Found a few new faces at the Hospital on my return but the most of the men are here yet my wound improved while at home very fast

July 18 to 22 A number of men sent to their regiments today

July 23 Received a pass today to go to the City while there drew my ration for the time I was home \$5.40 had a pleasant time

July 23 to 31 My wound is improving fast and hope that it will soon be well

Aug and Sept Nothing of importance to note these two months only that for September I acted as Quartermaster all of the men who came with me have returned to their regiments

October There is some excitement over the election it is a rare thing to find a Soldier who is for McClelland for President he don't have many friends in fact I have not found one who says he will vote for him. This month we join in a grand many torchlight processions in honor of Lincoln all the Soldiers are for him

- Nov 1 to 4 There is a report in circulation that all the Soldiers will be sent home to vote There is no question asked of them how they will vote Many have already gone
- Nov 5 I received a furlough this morning also transportation to Kittanning and immediately started for home where I shall remain until the 22nd of Nov
- Nov 7 I arrive at home to day about noon I stopped and took dinner to day with Mr Frease Neare our home
- Nov 22 Left home this morning in company with Frease and Stutzell of the 105 Baughman of the 148 Baughman and I go on to Philadelphia the others to Pittsburgh We go across the country to Kittanning where we stay over night
- Nov 23 Boarded the train this morning for Pittsburgh and leave this evening for Philadelphia
- Nov 24 Arrived at the Hospital this morning two days over our time nothing has been said to us so we are on the safe side
- Nov 25 to 27 Remained at the Hospital these two days it is begining to get rather cold
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving day the Ladies take charge of the Hospital to day and furnish us a good dinner and roast turkey my wound is almost healed

Nov 29 to 30 Same as other days Nothing strange
to report only that most all the men
in the Hospital are gone

Dec 1 to 19 this month has been void of anything of
interest up to this date

Dec 20 Received orders to be ready to move
that looks like returning to our regiments
With the best of wishes to all at Mower Hospital
I leave and go aboard of the Cars and soon
am on the way to Washington City pass
through Baltimore late in the evening
and arrive at our old home in Washington
City the Soldier rest and stop for the night

Dec 21 This morning we march past the
White house across the River to
Camp Covalence where we are assigned
quarters in Barracks and draw some
need clothing I draw an overcoat
There was plenty of mud in the streets
of Washington also plenty in Virginia
we cross the River at the long bridge

Dec 23 This afternoon we marched to Alexandria
and loaded on board of vessel bound
for City Point What a time we had before
we got to our destination at one time
it was thought that all on board
would be lost but we put to sea and
ran ahead of the storm and weathered
it out as best we could

Dec 24 This evening we arrived at City Point and I was glad to get ashore if it in at poor a place as these barracks are I soon try to get a little sleep but it is impossible to do so

Dec 25 This is Christmas also Sunday and what a crowd Card playing and all other devilment that one can think here I find Comrade Smith on his way to the regiment I lost track of him last may at Fredericksburg he tells me that he was at the Hospital at Philadelphia dont want to stay only a short time.

Dec 26 In Stockade at City Point

Dec 27 Boarded the Cars to day for the front at Petersburg arrive at 6th Corps headquarters about noon They are at the Yellow House Genl Wright Commands the Corps has been in command since Sedgewick was killed from here I go to 1st Division headquarters then to brigade from there I am sent to Regimental headquarters and report to Col Bassitt he asks which of the old Companies I belonged to I tell him Co D he orders me to report to Cap Knight of B as that is my company I report to him and places me in a tent with Smith Bros and Sheldon where I remain over night it gives me time to make other arrangements

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- Dec 28 In camp to day in the works in front of Petersburg in the distance can be seen the Rebels works This morning I go into a tent with Comrades Bushely, Lewis, Boudish, and Vandervoort making five of us in the tent I take Comrade Bushely's place on dress parade this evening
- Dec 29 On our right is a battery of Artillery and to the right of that is Fort Hell we are lying in the works This afternoon I received my Musket and accoutrements and in shape now for business We can hear Picket firing every day
- Dec 30 We have but little duty to perform only Camp Guard and drill Some to keep our hands in shape Our camp is near the Weldon Railroad
- Dec 31 This is the last day of the Year This morning the long roll sounded at 4 o'clock and we hustled out to repel an attack of the Rebels but it was only a dash on the Picket line The Rebels retired taking some of our men Prisoners Sargent Patterson Corp Bond and Private Bushely and Carter of our Company were taken other men were detailed to take their places on the Picket line our brigade stood in line in the works until after daylight then were sent to our quarters We have got used to these attacks they don't bother us any

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Jan'y 1st

Our brigade is Composed of the 49th 82nd 119th Pa regiments 37th Mass, 2nd R.I. and 5th Wisconsin Commanded by Genl Edwards and occupies the right of the 1st Division of the 6th Corps connecting with the left of the 9th Corps Considerable of picket firing today in our front but Considerable heavier on our right We are perhaps 5 miles from Petersburg Co and Battalion drill to day also dress parade in the evening

Jan'y 2nd

Today I am one full year in the Army and many have been the chances in that time on my return to Company the only person I find that was with us at Brandy Station is Philip Smathers Thomas we have never heard of since the battle of the Wilderness he is supposed to have been killed We have to carry our wood about 3 miles on our shoulders today I carried in a load and thus escaped Battalion drill Today the Rebs tryed to shell us out of our camp but Battery No 7 soon got to work and silenced them No person hurt in our regiment My wound is now about healed Capt Knight took me to Dr Richardson's quarters too have him examine me to see if I am fit for duty he excused me from duty for the balance of the week The Capt is kind to all his men and wants no man to perform duty unless he is able I ask him what I am to do he say loaf in camp

Jan'y 3 As I am relieved from duty I ask and get permission to visit the 105 Pa regiment had of known it was so far I would not have undertaken the trip I saw Capt Swase and his brother Philip and also a number more of the Ringgold boys but a number of them were killed in the Campaign from the Wilderness to Petersburg. return to camp and receive letters from home

Jan'y 4 to 8 Have remained in camp nothing new to report the doings in camp vary but little from one day to the other Heavy Picket firing in our front may be called on to resist an attack

Jan'y 9 Reported to the Orderly Sgt. as ready for duty and am detailed to work on Fort Fisher one mile to the left of the Jerusalem Plank Road dont do much shooting as I am acting Sgt Since Pattersons Capture and Dremells absence we have not a sufficient number it is late when we return to camp We can see the Rebels lines from our position plain While working to day the Rebels tryed to shell us out we to refuge in the booms of the fort and after it was over went to work again Several men were wounded but none from our detail I report them all as present and all returning We have to report every evening to the Adjutant

Jan'y 10

I am resting to day since Bushkelys capture there are but four men in our tent three of us are Jefferson County men and one from Erie Co. A. B. use the same street to form the Company on with a row of tents on each side of the St Picket firing and Johnny Reb deserting whenever the opportunity offers we are under fire every day so we have become used to it

Jan'y 11

This morning the Corps was ordered into line and marched outside of the breast works in a large field and formed a square closed on three sides immediately the Provost guard of the Corps with brass band and ambulance appeared in sight the band playing the dead march and the guards with fixed arms marched into the square we then knew for what purpose we had been brought out it was to see a man shot for desertion The guard marched to the center of the square and the man was helped out of the Ambulance and asked if he had anything to say he said he had nothing to say he was then blindfolded and seated on his Coffin and 12 men with loaded muskets to their position in front of him and at the command fired he dropped off his boy dead The men were then formed in Column and all marched past his remains it was a cruel sight the Rebs began to shell us but our batteries soon silenced them and

Jan'y 11 We returned to our Camps a number of the men said if they had of known that was what we had been ordered out for they would not of went

Jan'y 12 Detailed for Picket duty last night and this morning we march out to Picket line Sheldon Shell and two men from the 2nd Rhode Island form our Post we station our videts and set down to watch the Rebs it has been raining all day and it promises to be a hard time At dark we draw in our videts to within twenty rods of the Regular Post during the night a Rebel deserter comes in on the Next Post to us about all he has is tobacco and corn the two Picket-lines are very close within easy talking during the day the men lay low as soon as a head appears above the rifle-pit pop goes a gun and the owner of the head probably goes to the Kingdom, Picket-duty so close to the enemy is not safe

Jan'y 13 We will remain on Picket-to day and still it rains and no shelter but the Heavens We have our overcoats but they do not amount to much We have to be very cautious and watchfull or we may be attacked and a great deal rests on the pickets if the Johnnies come they wont find us a sleep we keep bright fires all night as well as we can for the rain

Jan'y 14 This morning we are relieved from picket in returning to camp we find all the small streams of water are bank full and I am almost drowned in attempting to jump across a stream I jump fall in and lose my gun a comrade furth down gets my gun another comes to my help and I am soon on solid ground but as wet as can be we arrive in camp clean our persons and guns and I lay down on my bunk and take a good sleep and am ready for duty at dress parade receive letter from home to day

Jan'y 15 I'm camp today The government are lifting all the Union dead and are burying them all in a cemetery a little bit in the rear of our camp Our camp is in the works and other camps in our rear to support us in case of an attack, when not on duty I am reading While here we have company and Battalion drill There has been some snow but in this climate it dose not amount to much

Jan'y 16 I remain in camp today Clean my gun and do what washing I have today Company drill as usual This afternoon there is some heavy picket firing but we have become used to it and it dose not trouble us any about the last thing we hear in the evening and the first in the morning is shots I am detailed for camp guard for tomorrow

- 6 Jan'y 17 Went on Camp guard This morning I would rather be on picket there is to much style here
 Jan'y 18 Received from Camp guard and laid in my tent the balance of the day
 6 Jan'y 19 Went over to Corps Headquarters to day and look around some on Battlin drill This afternoon
 Jan'y 20 Today John Maclean of our regiment was drummed out of Camp He had been tried by a Court martial and sentenced to have his head shaved and then drummed out of Camp The mode was as follows The entire Division was formed in line at Regimental front then the Culprit was brought forward to the right of the line and the sentence read to him then the Commander ordered the sentence to be executed he was place between two file of Soldiers three in front refusing their arms while those in the rear came to a Charge bayonet Then all the drum corps in the Division were united as one the Command was then given to march and the bands commenced to play the Rouge March and started down the line of the Division returing part right of line out into the field then running him towards Railroad Station on the double quick And we dont know where he went the regiment can get along without him

Jan'y 21 There has been considerable of firing in front of the 9th Corps they hold a position in front of Meads Station the base of our supplies and no doubt the Rebels would like to have that place comparatively quiet in front of our position to day

Jan'y 22 This morning we were ordered out for inspection the inspector concluded that he would see how many men had clean feet the men of the old Cos he did not inspect so closely Cos I, K, L, D & he inspected very closely A, B, H, F and G are old soldiers they are the remnants or what is left of two regiments the 23rd Pa and 82 Pa the first named Cos are one year men and were very closely inspected dont know what he meant

Jan'y 23 I was detailed to day to work on fort Fisher and went down there to work did not do much this fort is about two miles from our camp a number of the regiments of the 2nd Corps are encamped near here there is a large lookout erected here for observing the movements of the Rebels and they annoy it considerable by firing and trying to destroy it near here is the Siege train of the Army the largest guns I ever saw and when they fire them they make the ground tremble the concussion of the gun will knock a person down returned to camp late in the evening

Jan 24 Remained in camp to day and had
in get the papers every day
it is cold to day but no snow
There was an artillery duel to day between
Battany 7 and a Rebel fort it lasted for
several hours no body hurt our men did
not seem to pay much attention to it
Received letters from home to day

Jan 25 Battalion and Company drill to day
Went over to Meads Station after drill to day
and saw more boxes of hard tack than I ever
saw before We draw one days ration of soft
and three days hard bread put the hard
bread in a poke and then hammer it with
a stick until it is all broken up then fry it
in grease and call it souse, souse and sow belly
is about all the go here Pickets are firing
to day again am detailed for Picket

Jan 26 This morning I report at the adjutants
quarters for Picket We relieve men of
the 5th Wisconsin regiment it is near our
old position this evening I am placed on
videt post in the woods and I dont think
I was ever as lonesome in my life and was
afraid when the wind whistled through
the woods then the Rebels call the hour
and half hour to night it is half past
Eleven and all is well that goes along
their whole line as far as one can hear

- Jan'y 27 Relieved of picket about 10 o'clock and came to camp and sleep while on picket we are not allowed to sleep in fact we don't want to sleep after being on picket we are not expected to perform any duty until dress parade
- Jan'y 29 Saturday and the first business is inspection after that if we can find any place we are permitted to attend meeting but there are very few Chaplains here.
- Jan'y 28 Today on inspection I received the best marks for having the best and cleanest gun and cleanest clothes wrote a number of letters today
- Jan'y 30 Went out with Lewis and Boudish my tent mates and carried in wood carried it fully two miles then it was only pine
- Jan'y 31 Remained in camp about all day and read papers It is getting near the time when something will be done in front of Petersburg pretty soon some person will get hurt
- Feby 1st Every thing seems to indicate that there is some kind of a movement on foot men have been marching past our camp all day and Grant won't remain quiet very long in front of the 9th Corps every thing is excitement and mounting guns on Fort Steadman something will drop soon
- Feby 2 At home this would be ground hog day No ground hog in this country the Soldiers have killed him long before this same evidence of a move of some kind

Feb 3 We are all waiting for a move of some kind the Rebels are watchful as well as we are a large body of Cavalry March by our camp to day they seem to be pointing towards the left of our line We dont expect to take part in any move as we have all we can do in the works where we are

Feb 4 Report in circulation that we are to move to the left of the Army to help the 2nd and 5th Corps We draw to day an extra amount of Ammunition Weather not very pleasant

Feb 5 This morning received orders to be ready to move at a moment notice but to leave our tents as we will return here again This evening after dark we received orders to move and left our Camps and marched toward the left of the line marched all night it is cold and frosty we halt in line of battle and told to keep quiet and make no noise

Feb 6 It rained sleeted froze and is awful cold and at daylight we see no enemy in front of us we are near a small stream and on the opposite side is a fort apparently empty as we dont see no Rebs We are ordered to cross the stream there is just on way to cross and that is where we plunge in and go for the fort then we find there is some body there

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they fire into us and we can not return the fire our powder is wet a bad position for a soldier to be in but that is the position that we are in we lay down to protect ourselves from the enemys fire and will have to stay here till evening orders are passed along the line to steal away one by one and cross the stream and take position on the other side If the Rebs were to make a charge they would capture all of us I dont think I was ever so cold in my life my clothes are all wet and froze then we are permitted to have no fires about dark we all get back to our old position I am bound to have a fire or a Court martial as the most of us have shovels a number of us go to work and dig a hole in the sandy soil 8 ft long and 5 ft wide and about two ft deep and build a fire in one end about midnight we get our furnace in operation and nothing be seen of the fire the take turns at warming and soon are feeling better but dont get no sleep

Feb 7

We hold our position all day towards evening the Rebs make a charge on another part of our line and fail just as we did yesterday towards evening we move back the camp of the 5th Corps and go into the quarters with a New York regiment I sleep to night on a pile of wood in a tent of some Germans and rest very well

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- Feb 8 Today we returned to our camp the monument had to be abandoned on account of the intense cold weather This is what we call the Hatcher's Run Raid and the battle of Dabney's Mills Our losses are nothing When we return to camp a ration of Whiskey is issued to us not being used to it it makes some of the men drunk Lewis of our tent was not out on the raid So we have a warm tent to go into The ground is all covered with ice
- Feb 9th Cold to day and remained in camp Our tent is good and warm We are blessed in having a good supply of wood and plenty to eat makes a Soldier's bearable
- Feb 10 Ground is still frozen and remained in camp
- Feb 10 In camp to day as usual A few men returned to the regiment Among them Gen. Smathers who has been away for some time
- Feb 12 Sunday had regimental inspection to day and then later in the evening dress parade Firing on picket line to day
- Feb 13 Detailed for Camp guard This morning and am on guard in front of Col's quarters I don't like being on guard there is too much style for me a guard has to salute every officer who goes and comes and that I don't like to do

- Feb 14 Relieved from guard this morning
Battalion drill it has got warmer now and we
have plenty of mud Heavy picket firing again
this afternoon
- Feb 15 Worked on Fort Fisher to day the fort is about
Completed Today about 10 o'clock two Johnny Rebs
left their lines in daylight to come to our line
the Rebs yelled at them to come back and the
Yanks yelled come on Johnny they came on
with the whole Rebel line firing at them
our men stood on parapet of the Fort but strange
to say no person was hurt so much for bad
marksmen the Rebs arrived safely in our lines
- Feb 16 Deserting from the Rebel lines is getting
to be a common thing they realize that
their Cause is lost 50 more came in on our
front last night They are mostly N.C. men
it has got to be so common that when there
is heavy firing we are satisfied that some Reb
has left his Post and is making a beak for
our lines They are paid for their arms
and sent North Remained in camp to day
- Feb 17 I remained in camp to day did not
have much to do
- Feb 18 In camp to day to day some stray balls
passed through our tent the only
damage done was to make a hole in the
cloth roof Such messengers are common
but as yet no person has been hurt

- Feb 19 This is Sunday also Regimental inspection have no duty to do to day only attend at Dress parade
- Feb 20 Remained in Camp to day
- Feb 21 Same as Yesterday
- Feb 22 This is Washingtons birth day and in its honor the brigade drill and dress parade at Corps Headquarters Review by Genl Wheaton our Division Commander. More picket firing quite heavy
- Feb 23 Rebels tryed to cut our base of supplies at City Point but failed as usual. The Walnut grove Cemetery near our camp is getting to be quit large
- Feb 24 Remained in Camp to day and repaired my clothes. Company and Battalion drill raining like Sam Hill our Street are fearful muddy. Heavy picket firing all day
- Feb 25 Heavy firing in front of the 9th Corps position it seems to be a cover for some movement. the 9th Corps attempted to advance their picket line but was driven back. All quiet along our front to day
- Feb 26 Sunday inspection to day again the brigade inspector came over and inspected us to day. He says Co B keep their arms in the best condition of any ⁱⁿ regiment. He want our arms so that when the time comes to use them they are in shape

Feb 27 Went on picket this morning our position is different to what it was before the Rebels are in plain view when the North Carolina men are on picket we have considerable of talking with them but it all changes when the Virginians are on duty they are the most vicious men in the Rebel Army they keep up firing continually and try to hurt some body too we have to be watchfull to night it was a most terrible dark when I went out to relieve the videts he told me that he did not like things in front and to be carefull and if heard any thing to halt it and fire and run like Thureidee Nothing happened during my tour The Rebs are at some devilment

Feb 28 Relieved off Picket this morning and came to Camp and cleaned up our guns This is the last day of the month

March 1 The armies are beginning to get closer to gather the 24 and 25 Corps from the Army of the James are moving over to this side and every thing goes to show that something will be done soon The 25 Corps are mostly all Negroes Then again Genl Sheridan with the Cavalry from the valley is reported on the move to join us here so we expect soon to be on the move We all wish for the war to be over received and wrote letter home to day drew a new supply of Ammunition

Mar 2 Heavy Cannonading on the left of our line but it is too far away to tell what it is also heavy firing on our right all quiet along our position

March 3 Remained in Camp to day this evening or rather night the long roll sounded and we all stuck out for our best work and remained there until morning and witnessed the heavy firing from Fort Hell and another Fort over in Rebelliendom it was dark but it lighted up the whole Country so that we could see to read at daylight we returned to our quarters

March 4 To day President Lincoln is unraughted for his second turn in its honor we parade over at the Yellow House right here the Railroad runs the closest of any place to the Reble lines they seem to have discovered it and have mounted one or two heavy guns to fire at the Cars to day they knuced an engine all to thunder then they Cheerged to beat the Dickens we will get even with them some time they have but one Road leading into Petersburg that is the one we are after and we will get it one of these days the Second Corps should of had it before this the Yellow House is one mile from our Camp it was a Station on the Weldon Railroad

March 5 Sunday The orders are to get uady for everlasting inspection I am getting tired of it but have to go wether we want to or not
 Today Harry Law of the 148 visited me he and I are related it is the first time I have saw him since I have been in the service he tells me that the Ringgold boys in the 148 Pa are all right when he called at our tent I was patching my pants he only stayed a short time he tells me that he is brigad Blaugler on Genl Barneys Staff of the Second Corps he returned to his position in the evening
 Every thing indicate a movement of some kind

March 6 This morning I was detailed for picket we arrive at our position about the middle of the forenoon we soon find that the Virginians are in front of us just as soon as a head appears above the Rifle pit they fire at us They came near hitting me twice to day the ball came to near to be comfortable. This evening while on Viddette post I heard some person whistle I said halt who comes there out in front a Rebel Soldier raises up and waves a white handkerchief and says he wants to come in I say Come on he had two friends shall they Come in I say come after coming a short distance they stop and ask if they shall bring their arms I say yes they soon arrive at the post and they have loaded guns by the time they arrive the

- March 6 receive arrive they leave their guns and are sent to the rear After I am relieved the Capt threatens to have me Court-Martialed for not Compelling them to lay down their arms but agreed too let me of this time he says could easily of made way with me and got back to their own lines!
- March 7 Relieved from picket this morning and returned to Camp And done no duty until dressparad Nothing much going on in camp today only rumors of a Peace Commission meeting at City Point to arrange terms of peace between the two sections
- March 8 Remained in Camp to day and wrote some letters Company and Battalion drill heavy firing in our front to day by the pickets. Another Rebel left last night and came into our lines, Report is that they leave at every opportunity
- March 9 Same as other days No Change in the situation only that the Rebs are closely watched by our men one of these days we will make a move and route them out and that will be the end of them
- March 10 I remained in Camp to day It is reported that we will soon receive some pay I think it time I have received but 32nd since coming into the Army and some money would not be out of place I could use some weather nice and pleasant

- March 11 No change in the Situation about Camp
All we have is our Camp fire and the whistle
of the Reble ball we have got used to that it
does not bother us any now a person soon gets
used to that
- March 12 Sunday in Camp to day comes our usual
Regimental inspection We dont have no
Chaplain and dont have any religious
Services in Camp dress parade this evening
- March 13 Plenty of rumors in Camp of all kinds but
none of them amount to any thing
One is that President Lincoln will visit
Camp Thomas Reed of our Company
received a furlough to visit his home for
a short time
- March 14 Report says that Sheridan and his forces
have left the Valley on a raid around
Richmond and that he is to join the Army
in front of Petersburg and then our Corps
is to join him in a forward movement
This is the time of the year that all kinds
of rumors are in circulation
- March 15 We dont have much to do only eat we
have plenty of rations but still I get tired
of our rations and wish for fresh bread
but dont get it so make the best of what
we have Received letters from home
to day and replied to them heavy
firing in our front to day

March 16 Detailed for Picket to day and moved
 out to a new Position between the
 Jerusalem Plank Road and Veldon R.R.
 The Rebel lines here are pretty close to
 us. We attempted to trade a Philadelphia paper
 for a Richmond paper with the Rebs to day
 they agreed to do so and for us to send a
 man unarmed with a paper half way and
 they would trade we sent our man out with
 the paper the Rebs seemed slow but at last
 their man started but rather slow and
 when not over 50 feet from our man the
 Rebs commenced to fire we quickly fled to
 our rifle pits to protect our man by doing
 some tall running he arrived safely in our
 lines but had no Richmond paper Then
 our men began to call the Rebels a—
 Liars fools and traitors or after that for
 the balance of the day we laid low and
 kept Johnny Reb in his hole We all had
 to be carefull after this incident
 About 3 O'clock Lieut Norman came along
 with his sword trailing on the ground and
 wanted to know if we were all sleeping I
 happened to hear him and said we were
 all awake but I was the only one who
 was awake it was a narrow escape for
 it is death to be caught asleep on the
 picket line so much for accomodating
 officers like Lieut Norman—

March 17 We are to remain on picket to day
 There is between the two picket lines what a
 one time was a board fence with a number
 of boards left on the fence the Rebels have
 tried a number of times to get those boards
 but we would not let them have them
 Now do we feel disposed to let them have them
 Yet this afternoon they run up a white flag
 and wanted to talk and it was about the
 boards they said they would divide them
 allow us to have one half and they the other
 after some parlaying we concluded to agree
 after they saying that the firing on us yesterday
 was the fault of their officers and that they
 would not fire on us again we allowed
 them to send out some men after their
 share of the boards it soon came our turn
 when we sent out our party to get boards
 When a Rebel teamster with his six mule
 team took it into his head to desert and
 bring in his team to our lines they
 commenced to fire on him and to protect
 ourselves we had to return the fire but the
 Rebel teamster arrived safely in our lines
 We got no boards but got a man, wagon
 and mule team to all appearance the
 boards were worth more than the whole
 Rebel outfit as a class the Rebels know
 nothing hardly able to tell the state they are
 in

- March 18 Relieved from picket this morning and came to camp pretty well tired out got our things in shape for inspection tomorrow every thing seems to indicate a movement of some kind soon the Cavalry in Camp near us have left they marched towards the left of our line
- March 19 Sunday Morning and orders for inspection after inspection I go out to the Cavalry Camp for some word No other duty until dress parade at 6 O'clock in the evening
- March 20 To day is rather pleasant nice and warm Our regiment had a game of foot ball to day No person hurt
- March 21 Remained in Camp to day the usual firing between the Pickets of the two armies Considering the great amount of firing few are hurt it has been some time since we had a man wounded We have a good deal of fun in Camp
- March 22 The Paymaster came to Camp and paid us of to day I got one hundred and twenty five dollars And paid a Suttlers bill of nine dollars and sent one hundred dollars home to Father The boys have comenced to gamble soon some of they boys will have no money
- March 23 I go over to the 2nd RI and buy me a Cap. Shirt and a pair of Suspenders balance of day remain in Camp

March 24 This morning I was detailed for Camp guard and get a position over near to Battery 7 this is a pleasant day nice and warm

March 25 This morning at about 4 o'clock of the night I heard heavy firing and cheering and am satisfied that the Rebels are attacking our line from the direction it is at Fort Steadman I waken up the Drummers and tell them to beat the long roll Shorty comes out of his tent and listens a moment and says Hell is to pay up there he beats the long roll and soon our Companies are forming in line. Then comes a Staff Officer and orders our regiment to Fort Steadman saying that the Rebels have captured the fort and are moving towards the Railroad to destroy our base of supplies our regiment moves off on the double quick and soon arrive in sight of the Fort and what confusion the Rebels have possession of the Fort and are receiving reinforcements but I have halted and that will be fatal to them for in 15 minutes the whole of the Sixth Corps will be on the ground and then there will be a favorable movement and the Fort recaptured The 211 Penna is designated as the storming column with our brigade to assist soon they move straight for the Fort and in 15 minutes it is in our possession or rather that of the Ninth Corps

March 25 By 9 o'clock the Fort with 1500 Rebels have been
 recaptured Most all the Rebels were Captured
 and Killed the Storming Column was under
 the Command of Genl Gordon and Mahone
 The fought like devils but it done them no
 good I dont know ^{how} many men the 9th Corps
 lost We lost none in our regiment Col
 Bassett had his horse killed under him
 After every thing is in Shape we move back
 a short distance and make coffee and then
 move on past our camp down to Fort Fisher
 where we make a charge to straiten our line
 While charging the Rebels shell while crossing
 a small run a piece of shell drops down
 and hits Heckendorne on the head and
 he drops in to the water and is pulled
 out by some of the men or else he would
 drown the Col of the 49 Pa was killed
 in the charge After scaring the Rebels
 we return to camp after dark On calling
 the roll only one of our men fails to
 answer to his name Heckendorne is on
 hands with his head tyed up I dont
 know what we accomplished While out
 to day did not fire a shot being camp
 guard I allowed a man by the name of
 Houser to take my place and I went
 with the Company

March 26 Rested to day This is Sunday and
 dont have any thing to do

March 27 Remained in Camp to day Saw Sheridan to day at Arnie Headquarters his men have been marching past the Yellow House all day Soon something will be done

March 28 Ordered on picket to day after dark we were ordered to get as close to the Rebel lines as possible to learn from their conversation what they intend to do Genl Grant thinks they are going to evacuate Petersburg and to find that out is what we approach their lines I crawled up to within 15 feet of their on my hands and knees and listened to a conversation in regard to home One said John we should of never went into this War here we have been fighting for almost four years and have accomplished nothing and in the end we will have to surrender and lay down our arms The Northern Army is too strong for us and I for one am tired of this and will hail the day of peace with joy the other said he to was tired and he said he believed that Lee would soon leave Petersburg and he had better soon be at or he would never get out after hearing more conversation I crawled away and was soon hatted and gave the Countersign and returned to our lines and reported the conversation that I had heard to our officers and returned to my post, My information was important

March 29 Returned to Camp to day after being in Camp Capt Knight called me to his tent and Complimented me for the discharge of a dangerous duty in the way I did. He drew a new supply of ammunition

March 30 Every thing in and around Camp is excitement. We all think there is some movement on foot. Sheridan has asked for our Corps to join him. We understand that the Fifth will be sent to him in our place as we hold an important position here our men are all great admirers of Sheridan. He says the Sixth are the best fighters in the Army.

March 31 The excitement still continues and we will soon leave this place. This evening our Company are ordered out to reinforce the Picket line. We go out after dark and lay down on the ground in easy supporting distance of the balance of the line and remain all night but nothing happens every hour we can hear the call from the Rebel lines that all is well they first call the horn and then add all is well it is rather cold to lay on the ground and not allowed to have fire a Soldier leads a great life here we are always in danger and don't know when we will be called on to cross over.

April 31 After daylight we returned to Camp and
 got our Breakfast while in my tent I heard
 a terrible fus outside on going out I saw
 that Holiser of our Company had shot
 himself through the hand in attempting
 to draw the ball from his gun he failed
 to take Cap of of gun and by a quick
 jerk he snapped the Cap and drove ball
 Ramrod and ball screw through his hand
 and tent he was told to take Cap of the
 gun that he would hurt himself
 but he failed to do as he was told with
 the result mentioned He was sent of
 to the Hospital. We received marching
 orders to day and draw rations and
 ammunition dont know which direction
 we are to move at dark we receive orders to
 take down our tents rumor says that our
 order is to make a charge some time after
 dark our batteries commence to shell the
 Rebs and off to the right of us the
 Cannnading is heard and it lights up
 the surrounding country so well that I
 can see to read soon all our batteries are
 at work and the noise is terrific about
 11 O'clock we receive orders to fall in
 line and are ordered to make as little
 noise as possible it is but a short time until
 we are in line with the rest of the brigade

April 1 We march down the line inside of our breast
 works to in front of Fort Fisher then file out
 side of the works and take our position with
 the balance of the Corps All this time the
 Cannonading is terrific with now and then
 a volley of Musketry While marching to our
 position while making a step a musket ball
 passes between my legs We soon get into our
 position and lay down the Corps is massed
 the Vermont brigade 2nd Division is in our
 front close enough to talk to them Our
 intention is to surprise the Rebels and to that
 end we all have to keep quiet while lying
 on the ground the men talk in subdued
 whispers occasionally the Rebel pickets fire
 a volley and kill a man and wound
 others a party has been sent forward to
 surprise and capture the Rebel pickets
 if they capture them the hardest part of
 our task is accomplished if not we will
 have to do some hard fighting One of the
 Vermont boys has just been killed by a
 stray bullet the Capt orders the men to get
 his money and watch to send to his
 mother up in Vermont After this a
 great many mothers in the North will have
 bad hearts in massing the men our brigade
 is in the second line The 2nd Division Gen Getty
 has the first or division Gen Wheaton the 2nd
 line 3rd Divis Gen Ricketts the 3rd line

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April 2 We lay on the ground until about 4 O'clock
Then at a signal gun from Fort Fisher our
Whole Corps is on the move the Capture of the
picket-line was only partially successful
and by the time we get to the abattis
we receive a volley from the Rebel pickets
and a few shells that only makes confusion
on shell struck our company it not being
light enough cannot tell what damage it
done in a short time we get through the
abattis I being small I get through a hole
and the Coll. Sgt hands over our flag to me
so that he can climb over the top he soon gets
over and we start on the run for the Rebel
Fort mount it and jump down among
a lot of Rebels who proceed to bayonet us
Some of the Vermont boys come to our
assistance and we soon rout them The
Rebels come out of their tents and run
for the rear just at daylight the Fort is
ours I dont know what regimental flag
was first on the works but ours was there as
soon as any of them I dont know when I
saw anything thing more grand than just
when it was breaking day and light enough
to see plainly to see old Glory spread to the
breeze and our men coming over the Fort
and the Rebs running We follow them
and soon come to a plank road with a
telegraph wire which we cut

Morning

April 2

The Sergt Major mounting on the Shoulders of one of our men and cuts the wire with his sword. We move out along the road quite a distance and meet a number of people going to church for this is Sunday Morning. We go on until we come to a Rebel Suttlers Shop and we Confiscate Apple Jack and drink Considerable of it and also treat a number of Women who are there and have a general good time with them until the Adjutant Lieut Norman Comes and tells that We are wanted with the balance of the regiment which we join in line of Battle and move out through woods across streams to the Rail road which we tear up and bend the Rails we tear it up for quite a distance and now the only Communication with Petersburg is destroyed and Petersburg will soon be ours. At our halt for rest Gen Grant Meads and Wright Comes up and Compliment us for our Mornings work. We Capture 3 Rebel flags and a number prisoners and open a road to Petersburg. Our Company roll is called we find that Osgood, Smather, Showers, Ross, Hoch, and a number others of our Company are missing.

Afternoon

April 2 After resting a short time we march back to where we first broke the lines in the morning and assist the 9th Corps in taking the fort the should of taken long before this we have been more than two miles inside of the Rebel lines here we meet Hoch with two jugs of apple Jack and muddling drunk he gives us the jugs and the Capt tells him to lay down and rest dead men are all around us here no person knows anything of Azgova, Smather, and Shovers We now start for the City in crossing a swamp we get in a cross fire and the Johnnies play the shot and shell into us in good shape we are ordered to lay down in the mud and water for protection hardly down until we are ordered to support a Battery which we do and lose some men Comrade Bish of Co D is killed besides me it is no fun to support a Battery it must be the middle of the afternoon We can see into Petersburg Since 12 O'clock last night we have been marching and fighting I for one am hungry and tired for some time now it has been rather quiet only Artillery firing We move up into an old road and bother the Rebels in trying to get out a skirmish line balls drop all around but only a few are wounded This has been a warm day all around

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Evening
April 2

We remained in our position on the Hill until evening. We captured Lees headquarters to day and found New York and Phila. papers of yesterday how did they get there. This evening we moved back a short distance and built breast works tore down a house for that purpose and sent out Skirmishes. We join to the left of the Second Corps they having come up to where we are. We now have a chance to make Coffee eat our Breakfast Dinner and Supper all in one just as I am ready for Supper. Ross comes up and tells me that for some Coffee he will give me mollasses. I tell him to set down and help himself. After Supper Hoch joins us and says he was most awful drunk to day. We all fell good over our success to day. Our Corps have done the most dangerous work of the Army to day and done it in good shape. It has been a hard and trying day. The Skirmishes out in front are at work outside of that everything is quiet. I just now saw a member of the 5th Wisconsin come in with his hand badly shot. None of our men have been hurt since about the middle of the afternoon a short time ago one of our Artillerymen put a shell into a Rebel Carriage it exploded also exploded the Carriage it caused them to run.

Night
April 2

About 9 o'clock I was resting very quietly with my back against the breast works when I heard my name called and going to a fire a short distance in the rear who do I find but Philip Freare of the 105 and Christ Shick of the 57 Pa regiments they are both from our town they say their Corps (2) done but little fighting to day as they were near to us they concluded to pay us a visit they see all the Ringgold boys in our regiment and remain about an hour when they return to their regiments and I go back to my place in line and try to get some sleep to all appearance the Rebels have left or are leaving, this has been a hard day on us but we have been successfull in all we undertook.

April 3

About daylight we are informed that the Rebels have evacuated Petersburg About 3 o'clock we could see a large fire over towards Petersburg. Some time during the early morning we move out in a large field and form into Column for marching and are furnished a ration of whiskey befor marching away Heckendorn, Hgatte Jillard return to the Company and say that they have been in Petersburg and bring us back some cigars and tobacco they got there they say they must meney

April 3

9th Corps Marching but as usual the Sixth Corps was ahead of them. We start on the pursuit of Lee and march South don't know where he is but will find him. We march past Sunderland Station and out towards Emalia Court House and pass on the way Lots of property on fire. We have marched with few rests to day and are passing through a nice Country found no Rebels to day and about Sun down halted for 3 hours then we resumed our march. While in line to day Geo Corbett of our Company took sick and it took three men to hold him. About 10 O'clock went into Camp for the evening it is most terrible warm.

April 4

Resumed March some time during the after part of the night. Halted in a large field and drew rations. While here informed that Richmond had been Captured yesterday morning. The men do considerable of cheering all are feeling bands playing and men shouting. We all think now that the War will soon be over and that we will soon be sent home. Some men of our Comp., who were on picket when we broke the lines rejoined us here. After a couple of hours rest we take up our line of march again. Towards evening we go into Camp for a short time.

April 5 Resumed the march shortly after midnight
 Still Marching towards Amelia Court House
 Our line of march is mostly along the Railroad
 The Cavalry ahead of us have been skirmishing
 with the Rebels all day we have not yet come
 in contact with them. We have marched quite
 many miles to day but in the evening
 we halt for a short rest but again resume
 the march. We think we are near the Rebels
 but will have to wait for daylight

April 6 This morning about daylight we are up and
 formed in line of battle. The Col. makes us
 a speech telling us that we may expect a
 battle and he wants us to acquit ourselves
 as we have done before. We spend nearly
 all the forenoon hunting and marching
 in line of battle but do not find any
 Rebels. We capture a flock of sheep and kill
 them. I get a piece of mutton and intend
 to cook it at the first halt. Not finding
 the enemy we march out to a road and
 resume our march in Column. After going
 about two miles we halt. Stack arms
 and are told that we have twenty minutes
 for dinner. Just as I am about to start on
 the hunt of water we hear the sound of
 cannonading in front. The bugle blows
 and we fall into line and start off
 on a rapid march for the front. The

April 6. Fighting seems to be stationary after marching
 about five miles we meet some cavaliers
 coming back with some prisoners they tell
 us we are needed in front. We cross a hill
 and our officers tell us to close up the
 Command to double quick is then given
 and away we go and form line of
 Battle and lay down just then Genl
 Sheridan rides up and tells our brigade
 Commander that he is under his Command
 and when the men are somewhat rested
 to move forward our men cheer Sheridan
 We soon move forward through fields
 and come to a house where there are a
 number of women in marching by I
 ask one of them if they saw any Rebels
 about they say none are handy we know
 better for we have heard their balls whistle
 by us. We pass the house into a corn field
 through it and across a small creek
 about waist deep and plunge into it
 and just when we get into it the Rebels
 fire into us we cross it and lay down
 before crossing the brow of the hill on the
 other side after a few moments we are
 ordered to advance and as we raise up
 we receive a terrible volley of musketry
 we endeavor to advance but cannot
 the odds against are too much we

April 6 across the river and our Second brigade
 comes to our relief we readvance this time
 we drive them and start them on the river
 and drive them into Custer Cavalry Division
 Genls Evell and Fitz Hugh Lee Surrender to
 our Corps We capture Lees Wagon train and
 set it on fire All told we capture over
 9000 Prisoners one of our own batteries played
 the dickens with us by shelling us when
 in the Creek Our killed in our Company
 are Evans, Boudish Birely and Ross
 Wounded Capt Knight, Lieut Beecher
 Srgt Paterson Burdick Jillard Reed
 Fishmen Shell Shannon Sheldon and
 Thomas died on the field our Company
 was considerably scattered There was but
 five of us to gather at 10 o'clock when ordered
 out for picket Our loss in the regiment
 was severe to days work has thinned out
 the Rebels considerable the Rebel loss was
 greater than ours, to day I lost my hat
 and haversack with my hatpins Since
 Sunday morning we have lost 20 men
 out of our Company the loss in the
 regiment has been in the same
 proportion we captured more men or
 prisoners than we had in our brigade
 another battle I am safely through with
 wonder how many more I will pass through
 This battle is known as Sailors Creek

April 7 We Rested for a short time this morning then resumed our march in pursuit of Lee We expected to cross the River early in the afternoon but could not find the stream and had to wait until our pontoons came up and did not get across until after dark Farmville is on the opposite bank when we came into the town every body had left We went to hunting something to eat I get some flour and tin full of mollusks Tobacco is plenty We get plenty of it We march a short distance beyond the town and go into Camp about midnight

April 8 I arose early this morning and baked cakes and fried beefsteaks for my breakfast Resumed our line of march today in passing a place where Lees army camp last night I found Lees order to Ewell to burn Richmond before leaving all along our route today we see evidence of Lees rapid flight every wet place is filled with artillery ammunition Broken down artillery wagons and baggage wagons and dead horses from the start it has been evident to us that this Campaign would wind Lee up Yesterday before crossing the River we had a small skirmish with Lee but lost no men We march on feeling good knowing that it will be but a short time until we capture Lee and his army

April 9 We have been Marching the greater part of the
 night. Could see the evidence of the rapid
 flight of the rebels even in the dark they
 have tried at all points to impede our
 progress trees have been cut across the
 road and things of that kind. We are now
 nearing Appomattox Court house Lee has
 been heading for Lynchburg for the last
 three days Sheridan headed him off from
 joining Johnston in North Carolina and
 to all appearance he has headed him off
 from Lynchburg, the air is cool and
 we are marching quietly along expecting
 a terrific battle to day. The different Corps
 are beginning to unite and draw to
 gather about the middle of the forenoon
 we begin to come up to Lee's Army and
 skirmishing has begun and movements
 for position after forming line of battle
 we lay down on our arms and wait
 for operations to commence. Report is
 that Lee has ask Grant to meet him
 to arrange terms of Surrender. The White
 flag is flying and we are resting on our
 arms to see what the outcome of the
 meeting between Grant and Lee a
 number of Officers including Genl
 Mead have passed our position as usual
 our Corps is well to the front and if it
 comes to fighting we will be in

April 9 Lee is completely surrounded and I see
 nothing for him but Surrender Noon
 We are called into line and Col Bassitt
 announces to us that Army of Northern
 Virginia has Surrendered to Genl Grant
 There is considerable of rejoicing over the
 event We all feel good and men are
 gathered in groups talking over their War
 history even the mules are rejoicing over
 the event The terms are Unconditional
 Surrender and so far as we are concerned
 the War is over We march into a grove
 and put up tents and as I am Sleepy
 and tired I lay down and sleep a couple
 of hours and then move around to
 see what the Rebs look like they are
 a ragged set of men but have been good
 fighters After almost four years fighting
 the Army of the Potomac has been
 Successfull About the first thing Grant
 does is to furnish Lees Army with
 rations to do so he has to put his own
 on half rations We have no hatred to them
 and are willing to divided with them
 to days event is one of the greatest that
 has happened on this Continent and
 I am glad that I was permitted to be
 at Appomattox Court House April the
 9th 1865 it will long be remembered

April 9 I presume our people at home will be rejoiced over the events of to day and will laud and praise the Soldier for a time

While passing Genl Edwards Quarters to day I had a notion to steal his dinner I noticed that he had buisness while the rest of us had hard tack, it seems to me that the old flag never looked so pretty as it did to day when floating to the breeze after for years struggle it comes out in flying colors and triumphant over all and the Rebel rag goes to rest for ever

April 10 Remained to day in Camp near the Court house, Officers are busy making out parole papers for the Rebels and they will be sent to their homes as soon as possible They seem to rejoice over the close of the War as much as we do they all unite in saying that the Surrender of Lee will close the War Genl Mead in General orders at the beginning of this Campaign told us that it would be sharp and rapid and that we would have hard marching but in 10 days or two weeks it would be over his words came true and I presume we will now return to Washington and soon be allowed to go to our homes the men are anxious to get home a nice pleasant day

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April 11 This morning in a cold drizzling rain we took up our line of march North We are gratefully hindered by Artillery and Wagon trains in the road and it is very muddy and hard marching Still we make good time I presume we march 15 miles to day I am always glad to see our brigade and division flag halt that is evidence that we will soon camp about dark We camp fore the night we can now stop where night overtakes us and don't need no pickets or camp guard

April 12 Resumed our march this morning in returning we take a more direct route and it is not so far but the marching is just as hard We try to capture something to eat but it seems hard to get some person has been ahead of us The roads are very bad but warmer than yesterday

April 13 Arrive at Birkerville To day about noon this is a small town of perhaps a dozen of houses but is the junction of the Richmond and Danville Lynchburg South Side and Petersburg Railroads and is the place for which Lee headed for first when he left Petersburg but our fight at Sailor's Creek or Deathville started him towards Lynchburg We march into a woods and prepare to go into camp and are told that we will remain for some time

April 14 To day We get our first mail for two weeks
I get a number of letters and papers
from home and am glad to hear that they
are all well. We spend the day arranging our
Camp we put up dog tents have a
pleasant Camp to day I visited the
Station and saw the largest lot of muskets
that I ever saw in one pile they have
been gathered from the battlefields
around here and are the arms the
Rebels surrendered To day I found a
pocket book with 30 cents in and spent
it for a can of Sausage and dont think
I ever eat anything that tasted so good

April 15 We have our Camp arranged now and
I write letters home and then go to a run
and wash my shirt and pants I lay on
the grass and wait until they dry I have
only the one shirt and pants The Rebel has
some men under guard with boards on
their back which says that they straggled
and others with coward printed on the
boards that have to march the whole
regimental front with these boards on
their back and can be seen by the
whole brigade Lieut Williamson is
Commanding our Company now Lieut
Howard having been relieved We are
ordered to prepare for inspection for tomorrow

April 16 Sunday inspection to day report of Inspector not very flattering for us There is a report in circulation that President Lincoln was assassinated on Friday Evening in Fords Theatre Washington but it is not confirmed I hope it is not so We are all anxiously awaiting hoping that it is not true

April 17 This evening on dress parade Genl orders were read to us telling us that President Lincoln had been assassinated by J Wilkes Booth in Fords theatre Washington on the night of the 14th and that he died on the morning of the 15th it was received by us with great sorrow and threats of vengeance on all Rebels. Father Abraham as the Soldier knew him was loved by all the Soldiers it seems impossible to believe but it has been conveyed in an order by Genl Mead Our flag is at half mast and dropped and Officers wear Grief on their left arm and the Hilt of their Swords the sentiment of the army is that the assassin should be lynched and quartered President Johnston is not much respected by the Army of the Potomac I shall never forget the last time I saw Lincoln less than a month ago when he visited the army at Petersburg has been a pleasant day

- April 18 In Camp to day rather pleasant In this Country
Summer Comes Sooner than it dose up in Penna
We expect soon to go North as the War is virtually
over we see no necessity of Keeping us here longer
- April 19 Nothing of importance happening in Camp
We have drew rations and are having square
meals now again It is as pleasant as Summer
her now We do not see any people outside of the
Soldiers the Citizens of Virginia dont visit
us.
- April 20 I remained in Camp all day Rumors
that Sherman is having trouble with
Johnston it seems that he wont Surrender
on the Same Conditions that Lee did reports
Says that Sheridans Cavalry will go to
North Carolina and perhaps one Corps of
Infantry
- April 21 It seems to be settled Our (6th) Corps is the
one that will go with Sheridan when he Can
do so it is our Corps that he calls for He wanted
our Corps at Five Forks but Could not get us
we were otherwise engaged and he had to
take the 5th and he and Warren had trouble
We draw rations and get ready for our trip
So we will have several hard days marches
I was in hopes that our marching was about
over The whole Army is ordered to march
time not set but it will be soon
Another pleasant day I am can work

- April 22 This morning our brigade marched out to the
 Station and joined the balance of the Corps and
 started for the South. The other Corps marched
 North, Marched through a Country to day
 that the Army has never been in before
 it is the best part of Virginia. The roads are
 dusty and hard marching. Camped for the
 night but Allowed to forage any.
- April 23 Resumed our march this morning again
 just before Sunset we Cross the Roanoke River
 at a small town named Brooklyn and
 Camp for the night Warm and dusty
 I am very tired this evening and sleep
 well.
- April 24 Resumed our line of march early and
 march all day. All the talk is what shall
 be done with Johnston when we get to him.
 Camp for the night near a town named
 Halafax. There a few houses here and a
 Court House. I never saw so many Negroes
 as there are here. We get our brigade band
 to playing and the Negroes to dancing
 and have considerable of Amusement.
- April 25 Resumed our marching to day and
 Cross the Dan River and march through
 Stanville. It is a nice pleasant town not
 very large but larger than any town
 between it and Petersburg 24 miles South
 of the town. We Camp for the night.
 We are now in North Carolina.

April 26 After marching a short distance we were halted and would remain there until further orders. We remained until evening when fell into line and moved into a strip of woods and established a permanent camp which is easy to do only have to put up tents and it is done. Rumor says that Johnston desires to surrender to Sherman and agrees to do so on the same terms as Lee did. Johnson surrendered today something over 27,000 men that about winds up the whole business of this Rebellion.

We are near Cambridge and would of arrived in front of Johnson today.

April 27 We fix our camp up for staying some time. Have captured a lot of Beans and steal a large kettle to cook them in. Have quite a feast. Spend the afternoon hunting something to eat. It is reported that there is a lot of meat secreted handy us but we cannot find it.

April 28 We march back near to Danville today and ordered to prepare a permanent camp. It is about time we knew what to do in arranging a camp.

April 29 As usual out on the hunt of something to eat that seems to be the only ambition that a soldier has now. We hope that we wont stay here long. Wonder where we will be sent next. Warm today. The people here claim to be sorry for the death of President Lincoln.

April 30 Visited Danville to day and saw the old prison where so many of our men were confined and died also saw the old Arsenal grounds all the buildings have been destroyed by fire Here Jeff Davis established his Capital when he left Richmond he only remained here a few days and then left and took the government with him returned to Camp Gate in the evening repaid for my trip

May 1st Scouted around to day saw a great many Rebel Soldiers to day they all say that they were whipped they have learned that one Southern man cant whip five Northern men they have discovered that if any difference the Northern man is the best

May 2 Remained around Camp all day to day it is rather cool for this climate

May 3 Ordered this morning to prepare to go north and march to Danville and get a board of cars but have to wait until Engine is repaired run across River when Engine breaks down and do not get away until after dark then make the run to Birksville if the road is old and a ramshackle it is still better walking

May 4 We arrive at Birksville some time during the forenoon We leave the Cars and Camp for the night alongside of the Railroad expect a train for Petersburg tomorrow

- May 5 This morning we again board a train and Run out to Wilsons Station where we leave the Cars and Establish Camp We are 26 miles frome Petersburg on the South Side Railroad report says we will remain here until Shermans Army marches frome North Carolina and go with them to Washington Our Company road out here on a Car load of baled hay
- May 6 Have been buisy fixing up our Camp have a nice place to Camp plenty of good water and if we have plenty to eat we can get along Received letter frome home to day One year to day I was wounded now the Rebellion is past Grant made his words good of one year ago when he said in one year he would disperse Lees Army but what terrible battle and loss he has had to make his words good
- May 7 This is Sunday and we remain quietly in Camp Some of them go out to a plantation near us and get a lot of leaf tobacco and make cigars Our brigade is guarding the Railroad dont see no necessity for that I dont think any person will steal it We still keep up a show of discipline more for to have something to do than any thing else

- May 8 There is a mill dam near us and a number of us were out fishing but if there was any fish they did not bit the government is busy shipping old guns north along the Railroad
 James in camp to day wanting to see snipe for three in a bunch they want fifty Cents it is a terrible price
- May 9 In Camp to day James Burdick returned to the regiment this afternoon this is the first time he has been to the regiment since he enlisted over a year ago he has a violin and pet squirrel dont know what he wants with them perhaps will start a show
- May 10 Made a trip through the surrounding country to day but found nothing
- May 11 Round camp to day we are all getting tired laying around
- May 12 Same as other days once and while on guard
- May 13 Still in camp at Wilsons Station some men returned to the regiment to day
- May 14 Sunday had inspection and dress parade this evening
- May 15 In the same place our company is still under the command of Lieut Williamson
- May 16 Same old camp and nothing to do wish something would happen

- May 17 Still in Camp but hope soon to leave here
drew rations today and expect soon to leave
all excitement the boys anxious to leave
- May 18 This morning left our Camp and marched
towards Petersburg We do some terrible marching
Col Allen of the 5th Wisconsin is in
Command of the brigade Camp for the
evening 24 miles from Petersburg
Terrible warm and hard on the men
- May 19 Resumed our line of march this morning again
and Passed through Petersburg Some time during
the forenoon it is considerable rained and I saw
a number of Shells in the Corners of brick
buildin it is not much of a place to fight for
everything in town seems very quiet and saw
but few people After passing through the town
we took the road for Richmond We had
a long hard march today We see evidences
of the War on all sides dismantled Forts
and buildings burnt War is a terrible thing
- May 20 Resumed our line of march today it is
raining I am detailed as guard today and
march in the rear of the regiment We march
steadily along towards evening when we
halt and go into Camp near Manchester
This side of Richmond was well fortified
and would of been hard to take we are
Camped in a large field Chas Barry of
the 206 visited me this Evening

May 20 I am relieved from guard about noon
passes are being issued our men to visit
Richmond I am promised one for
Monday it rained considerable to day
a number of men of the 58 Penna visited
us to day

May 21 This is Sunday and I put in the time
visiting the works around here a few men
could defend them against a large Army
Shermans Army is passing through
Richmond has been for several days

May 22 This Morning I received the promised pass
and crossed the James River to the City
and went to the Market House and took
dinner with Chas Barry Afterwards we
go to Libby prison and go through that
it is a large brick building and is now
famous for the number of prisoners and
the cruelty practiced there We go out to see
the Capital building of Virginia it is a
large handsome building and near it is
the building in which Jeff Davis resided
while in Richmond We also visit Castle
Thunder on a Nothe St where the Rebs
confined Union prisoners We return to
Market house I remain there a short time
and then return to my regiment and
prepare to march I think it rained the
hardest that I ever knew this evening
We were all like drowned Rats.

May 23 Left our camp to day & started for
 Washington City it being early yet we found
 the Army of the James ranged on either side
 of the streets of Manchester to act as escort to
 us through Richmond Genl Halleck has
 concluded that he will review us as we pass
 through the City that keeps us back
 Considerable and dark finds us only 7 or 8
 miles from Richmond on our way towards
 Hanover Court House We continue to march on
 cursing Genl Wright our Corps Commander
 Blaming him for all of it We were not under
 Hallecks orders and he should of done as
 Sherman refused him permission to review
 but he allowed it and so we do not get into
 until after 12 O'clock We passed a tent just
 before camping and imagined that it was
 Genl Wrights tent and of all the cursing and
 swearing I never heard the like our men
 called Wright a thief, Coward and dog robber
 When passing the tent some person came out
 and asked what regiment The 82nd Pa You
 a— old son of a B— we move on further
 then halt and camp for the night any
 officer who to gratify his ambition would
 march men as we have been marched
 should be shot Officers as well as private
 Complain and swear it would not surprise
 if old Bots would find some means
 to Punish for our talk

May 24 Just as I expected our regiment is placed under arrest and for punishment we are to guard the Wagon trains to Alexandria We lay around all day waiting for the trains to come up We are camped on a part of old battlefield of Hanover Court-house and Cold Harbor We visit the old Church here also an old Court House said to be the one in which Patrick Henry made his famous speech "Woe be it then here could I took Richmond if he and Fitz John Porter had not been traitors The train comes up and Parks for the evening We change our Camp to protect the trains Lieut Col Niles commands the regiment Col Bassitt is under arrest for our devilment

May 25 This morning we started out in a hard rain it rained the most of the night and the roads are in a terrible condition 900 Wagons passin over one road soon wear it out I get a Wagon that is covered and has but a few sacks of oats on it I put my gun and Haversack on it and find that it goes better than carrying it We only go about 7 miles today the bad roads retard us some and I quote many poor drivers keep us back

May 26 up and on the march by daylight it promises to be a nice day the Waggons mostly being empty we make good time today and make about 15 miles it is late when the rear of the train parks

We have been well supplied with ripe cherries along our route being nice and pleasant we walk all day. We cross a small river

May 27 Started out early this morning and marched about 9 miles and then went into Camp I am detailed for guard at a private house and have nothing to do. We are now on the line of march that the army traveled a year ago the folks tell me what a time they had when the army passed through here at the house where I am at there are a couple of very pleasant girls and one Negro girl as white as I am the Negro is a Union girl the other two are Rebels. I have all my fun with the Negro girl the adjutant rides out and tells me after the last Wagon has past then I follow on until I overtake my Company

May 28 I had a good nights sleep last night and a good Breakfast this morning a short time after the train passes I follow after and do not overtake my Company until afternoon. Arrive at Fredricksburg this evening after dark and cross the River and Camp for the night

- May 29 We remain at Fredricksburg to day while the train crosses the river and run around through to town and visit the battlefield and take in all the sights We kill a hog this evening and have fresh pork without salt I find the old Church that I was at a year ago also visit the old Cemetery it takes the train all day to cross they move out towards Centerville and Park We remain in our camp near town
- May 30 Early this morning we break camp and follow after the Wagon train We make good time to day and travel about 15 miles This is Sunday we expect to get to Alexandria in about a week We go into camp for the night
- May 31 Resumed our march this morning again The roads are getting good and we are making good time We are now near the site of Pofres Battle Pass some of the old battlefields I rode considerable in one of the Wagons to day
- June 1 And still we are on the march pass over the old Bull Run battlefield and are nearing our Camps of the winter of 1863 and 1864 We expect to get our train to its destination by Saturday evening
- June 2 resumed our march this morning as usual We are making time want to get through

June 3 Started out early this morning and march 15 miles and camp for the night on the banks of the Opequan Creek Garrisonia for the first time since we started

June 4 Resumed our march this morning again this is our last day with the Wagon train we only have 7 miles to Alexandria We leave the train about noon and march over to Halls Hill where the brigade is encamped and put up our tents soon after getting in camp Genl Wright staff and some ladies ride past our Camp the regiment range themselves along the road and call him all the mean names they can think of and give him to understand that training was no punishment for us that it was the best thing we ever had he says our regiment is to independent for Soldiers but we done good fighting

June 5 Fixed our camp up in shape with the intention of staying for some we are situated near what is known as Baileys Cross Roads about 54 miles from Washington The Blackberries are getting ripe and there are plenty of them here The old Forts around here are to be seen but are not in use Shermans Army and the Army of the Potomac are here.

- June 6th Orders for us to prepare for Corps review at Washington on Thursday the 8th and we are busy getting in shape for that it is very warm and it is pleasant to be here the duty we have to do is light
- June 7 Today we had brigade battalion drill to perfect ourselves in marching our aim is to do the best marching tomorrow Capt Knight returned to the company last night we were all glad to see him ordered out for review in light marching order
- June 8 We left our Camp early this morning for Washington and was in the City by 8 or 9 o'clock ready to march out on Pennsylvania for Review formed on Maryland Avenue but had to wait awhile the President and other officers were not present after waiting until it got warm we marched out ready for review I saw an immense crowd when we got on the avenue just room for us to march through and streets crowded that way from the Capital to beyond the White House we try no fancy movements but do plain marching the crowd do considerable of cheering I pay not attention to the officer on the reviewing stand I am left guide of the first platoon of our Company the heat is terrible hard on us after leaving the

June 8 reviewing stand we double quick for a couple of squares and pass over to Georgetown crossing the river on the old Aqueduct after crossing into Virginia we are told that we can take our time getting back to camp myself and several comrades lay in the shade on the river bank and do not return to camp until about dark we had quite a number of men sunstruck to day I suppose it was caused by drinking too much ice water I did not drink much Pennsylvania Avenue is a hard place to march Coble Stone huts ones feet

June 9 Remained in camp to day and rested it is getting very warm Rumor says that the men will soon be discharged Shermans men are leaving for their homes

June 10 Went out on the hunt of berries today they are ripe here and are plenty Thicket berries grow on trees in this country Farmers who have farmed are cutting their grain that is considerable early than in Pennsylvania

June 11 Sunday in camp is very quiet we get the papers and read considerable that is about all we have to do now but all are anxious to get home see no necessity for us remaining here longer

- June 12 In camp at the old place Report says that a Corps or so will be sent to Texas to watch the French troops there and enforce the Monroe doctrine if any Corps goes it will be ours for Sheridan Commands there and ours a favorite of his that is the disadvantage of being good fighters Sheridan is a hustler
- June 13 done nothing to day This evening the army had a torch light procession the torches were made by putting Candles in their bayonets and lighting them it being dark it looked nice with bands they marched to the Long bridge intending to go to Washington and Call on the Sect^y of War they want to know why they have not been sent home but the guards at the bridge would not allow them to cross they returned to their Camps Swearing vengeance
- June 14 We are not allowed to visit Washington men still jump the guards and get there report says that the parties concerned in the plot to assassinate President Lincoln are to be hung soon J Wilkes Booth was killed some time in April in fact had to be killed he would not surrender
- June 15 John Lishel and I visited the 58 Pa to day and took dinner with Christ Shick they are two miles or more from us

- June 16 We have Covered our Company Street with Cedar brush and it keeps out the Sun and is not near so warm There are a grato many vacant Camps near us The men will have be sent home I presume we will go to Texas Our Officers are anxious to go and give the French Soldiers a dose of American Lead
- June 17 To day at Sick Call I went up to the Doctors Tent I have been unwell for several day all he gave me was a dose of Quinine and excused me from duty Genl Wright must be afraid of something he has placed as his headquarter Guard a regiment of Regulars No person will hurt him
- June 18 Sunday and we are here yet I am still on the Sick list I had the worst headache last night I ever had thought I would die to day it is not so bad go and get more Quinine frome old Reddy it dont do me much good
- June 19 Our men have refused to leave here unless it is to be sent home they utterly refuse to go to Texas Word has been sent to Gen Wright that as soon as we land on Texas Soil if we are compelled to go that minute he will die The men say The Contract is filled on their part the Rebellion is over and it is the duty of the government to muster them out as soon as possible and they will be satisfied with nothing else

June 20 It is now settled that one division of the 2 Corps, one of the 5 Corps and one of the 6th Corps will be retained for some time. Genl Wright is the Commander of the Provisional Corps as it is called one division of the Sixth Corps is the one retained. The men have held a mass meeting and resolved while they are anxious to go home and consider it a violation of the Contract to hold them longer. They will do nothing to defame their fair name and bring disgrace to the Corps. They will submit to this imposition but under protest that is the sentiment of our division. We know nothing about the other divisions.

June 21 Still in Camp. The Soldiers are rapidly leaving Washington for their homes. We understand that the matter of sending our Corps to Texas has been abandoned and the 25 Corps will go. They are negroes and can stand the climate.

June 22 No change in things today only that it is getting warmer. We have our camp so that we are not troubled much with the sun. We have abandoned all drill.

June 23 Once and a while we receive visitors from the City but not often. It is so warm that we stay close to camp and put in the time reading and sleeping and pitching horse shoes.

- June 24 I received letters from home to day
Was out a couple of miles from camp
to day I am tired of camp and long to
get at something camp life when there
is no duty to do is hard
- June 25 Sunday Officers Concluded to have
Inspection this forenoon the men all
turned out Had dress parade this evening
had a number of Spectators to watch us
- June 26 I visited a Fort on Munson's Hill to day
these places have no attraction for me
- June 27 Still loafing around camp to day
we got a number of Negroes to Sing and
dance for us to help kill time
- June 28 As it was warm I remained in camp
Meads Congratulation Order to the Army
was ready to us to day also Grants telling
us that we would soon be sent home
- June 29 In camp to day nothing out of the
course of usual events has happened
- June 30 In camp at Hall Hill some
regiments of other divisions went home
to day
- July 1 Today I am 15 Years old and have been
all most 18 months in the Army I don't
think there is any that are younger than
that We have two drummers that are about
the same age that I am Today the
37th Mass started for home they came over
and bid us good by said they would all ^{remember} us

- July 2 Sunday Dress parade the 37 Mass going home yesterday breaks the tie of the brigade and shows us that our turn will come if we are but patient they were a good set of boys could allways be relied on
- July 3 The 2nd R.G. is preparing to Celebrate the 4th by having a performance on a rope their Srgt Maj. will walk a rope Still they are in Camp at the same old place
- July 4 I went over to see the man walk the rope he had it erected on posts about 18 ft high he done it well Bands playing and firing a Salute we had dress parade this evening it rained some in the evening and cooled the air
- July 5 The 49 and 119 Penna Regiments went home today it is said that others are to follow the brigade escorted them to the long bridge and their parted as brothers
- July 6 Remained in Camp today other regts of our division went home today The 2 R.G. left for home today the 5th this and or regiment escorted them to the bridge and then returned to Camp
- July 7 I visited several vacated Camps today when I see other regiments going home it makes me anxious to go but will have to wait until orders come.

- July 8 Remained in Camp today to see so many vacant camps it makes me homesick and it is lonesome to say the least
- July 9 Sunday last Sunday did not think that we would be here today but here we are had dress parade this evening
- July 10 Today the 5th Wisconsin started for home he escorted them to the Long bridge and opened ranks and allowed them to pass through then both regiments slacked arms and the men went to shaking hands and wishing each other all the pleasure that was possible he felt sorry to part with them we marched back to camp feeling that we were alone and had lost all our friends
- July 11 Searching around through the Country today Orders to make out our muster out papers as soon as possible extra clerks have been put to work
- July 12 Clerks still at work and do not finish until late too late for the mustering officer to be on hands we expect him tomorrow
- July 13 Today the mustering officer appeared to muster us out of the service there is a certain form that of calling the name of the person and he answering and stepping three paces to the front we are now ordered to Philadelphia for our pay then home

July 14 This morning we broke camp at Halls Hill and march to Washington arrived there about the middle of the forenoon We left the Negroes in charge of our camp On arriving at the B & O depot we find we can get no train until late in the evening I get dinner at the Soldiers rest I spend a short time looking around the city the 183rd Pa Marches up to the depot to go home we have a fight with them about two boys and a number of men in both regiments get bloody heads at five o'clock they leave on a train it is about nine o'clock when we get our train we then bid adieu to Washington City I dont know that I shall ever visit Washington again We board train and foot around and do not arrive in Baltimore until midnight

July 15 We pass through Baltimore during the night and without any stops run on through to Philadelphia and leave the train and march to the Cooper Shop refreshment Saloon and get dinner and what a dinner every thing a person can wish for and Ladies to wait on the table after satisfying the inner man we march through several streets and people out to receive us the fire department of the city was out in full force We arrive at Camp Cadwalder at about six o'clock and go into the barracks There some of the men go to the City

July 16 This is Sunday and after breakfast I with a number of others started for the City and spent the day in Fairmont Park viewing the sights. There is plenty to be seen here. There was a great many visitors to day it seems to a great place of resort on Sundays. returned to Camp late in the evening

July 17 Remained in Camp to day getting our papers in shape ready to be paid off. We signed the rolls to day turned in our arms today

July 18 This afternoon we received our pay and discharges and go around and bid our comrades good by and part with them perhaps never to meet again. There are many good and noble men of our company and I have learned to love them for their kindness to me only a boy. Capt Knight bids me good by and with tears in our eyes we part and each man goes his way. I gather up my knapsack and in company with other comrades go to the city and walk to the Pennsylvania depot. On arriving there we find that our train wont leave for some hours and we go to a Hotel nearby and order supper. We relish our first meal out of the service and eat only as hungry men can. About dark go to the depot and get tickets for Indiana and go aboard of the train for a night trip to Blainville Pa.

July 19 We arrive at Indiana about the middle of the forenoon get some thing in town and get our dinner and hire a team to haul us to Perryville We pay 2⁰⁰ a piece about 11 o'clock we arrive at Georgetown 54 or 55 miles from Perryville We pay 50^{cts} to lay on the Hotel Carpet

July 20 At four o'clock we leave Georgetown and go to Perryville where we get breakfast and the crowd parts each one for his home Heckendorf and Gearhart are at home Smathers, Smith, Black, and Smith, go to Sprankles mill Dinger and I go to Ringgold where I arrive at about one o'clock Surprising our family I am now where I left some 18 months ago and found the family all pleased to see ^{me} So this day closes my narrative I have tried to write down the events as they happened to me and battles just as I saw them in my way I have not written about all the events but just the most important events and had of a necessity to be brief many times I wrote under great difficulties I perhaps may write more as I meet the comrades from time to time if I ever visit Washington again I shall not the difference I am thankful to God that he spared my life to return home from so many dangers of a Soldier's life

1865.

April 2nd when all was ready for charging on the enemys line we aimed to do everything quietly but some person as usual commenced to yell and the Rebels soon commenced to put the shot and shell into us. We moved up to the Rebel works they had a strong line of abttees and I being small got through all right our Color Sergeant threw the Colors over to me and Cursed me to stand still until he got over it would of been a nice thing for me to have carried them on the works but out of respect for him I remained until he was over the abettes and in shape and so lost an opportunity for promotion. The grandest sight I ever saw was this morning when the Color Sergeants planted their flag on the enemys work in the words of the scripture it was good for us to be here the flags all seemed to have more and new lustre and the stars seem to be brighter and new glory added to the stripes. Old glory appeared to be a living thing who would not die for his flag thousands have done it before this and more to follow.

Dec 31st 1864 This morning at about 4 O'clock the
long roll was beat and soon we were out in
line of battle ready to resist an attack from
the enemy while going into line the air was
full of fery missels that hurt soon after getting
into line the Rebs were driven back they
Captured our Pickets among the Number Captured
was Sergt. Patterson, Corp Bond and Private
Bushelly, He Per. and Carter of our Company
After the fun was over and we had our
breakfast I attempted to draw the load
from my gun but Could not do so I
went out in the Company It looked
around saw no person in site and fired
my gun when the gun cracked I heard
some person hello and look around
and saw the Officer of the day standing
alongside of me he marched me to the
guard house and I was under arrest
upon arriving at the guard house the Lieut
of the guard Lieut Kollobaucher of our
Company said Perry what you do here
I Told him I was under arrest for firing
my gun in the Company It he said he
would attend to that so he hobbled of
to the Col quarters and returned with
Col Bassitt who upon inquiry soon
released me and ordered me to my quarters
and ordered me to sin no more So ended
my first and last arrest

Time April 1865 place Petersburg Virginia
Up and in line in double quick time at 2 o'clock
occasioned by loud reports of Musketry on our
front. Remained in line until 2-30 when we
were dismissed. Turned into our bunks for another
nap. Riked out again into line of battle at 4
o'clock remained in line until 6-30. Then
dismissed and had breakfast of fried souse
fried pork and Coffe. Wrote letter home
Mention of souse and pork. Everything passed
off quietly excepting that Houses in attempting
to draw the load from his gun shot himself
through the right hand and went to the
Hospital. Supper the same as other meals excepting
had fried beef Played eucher until taps or
tatto. Orders received to pack up and be ready to
move at once moved off to the left of line
towards Fort Fisher Formed in line of battle
with (one brigade 3 brigade 1st Division 6th Corps)
in front Heavy picket firing along the line
to draw attention of the enemy from our
movements. Heavy Cannooding on the right.
Lay in line under a heavy fire of the enemy
untill about 4 o'clock 4th April 2nd When we
received orders to Advance on the enemys works
With loud cheers we charge forward and in an
instant were through the Chevan de freise and
on their fortifications drawing the enemy in
handsome style and in great Confusion before

us. Our regimental flag was the first flag on the
fort. Pushed forward to the second line and then
onward to the third driving everything before us.
After finishing the job in capturing the works we
got to work destroying Rebel property. Set everything
on fire that would burn. Skirmished through the
woods and captured a lot of prisoners and a battery of
24 guns. Advanced through numerous streams captured
and burnt 24 loaded wagons belonging to the Johnnies
also the Headquarters wagons of the Rebel Gen. Heath
Containing his flag uniform and various other articles.
Met a number of people going to Church both old
and young. Met a number of young girls from
16 to 20 ~~old~~ at a Rebel Sutters shop treated them to
Apple Jack and had considerable of sport. They were
smart and simon pure Rebels and full of fun.
Pushed onward towards the South Side Railroad
tore down the telegraph cut the wire and hacked the
poles. Then moved along the right of the line to
within one mile of Petersburg. Gen. Grant passed
along the line and was loudly cheered. Drove the
Johnnies to the City and threw up a line of works
to protect us from the fire of the enemys sharp-
shooters. Comrade Hoch joined us here with two
jugs of Apple Jack he seemed to be pretty well
loaded inside as well as out. We all took a
drink for the success of the Union Army. We have
considerable amusement watching a Rebel Officer
on a white horse trying to form his skirmish line
One low Cannon that we have on the right of our

regiment bursts his line but he has grit and sticks to it and succeeds in forming his line.

Advanced our picket line to within one quarter of a mile of Petersburg. Having nothing else to do concluded to have supper of Coffee and hard tack just when ready to eat Comrade Ross came to me and offered to trade mollusks for Coffee. I made the trade and invited him to have supper with me.

This is the first I have eaten since Saturday morning. Bands are playing lively airs during the night.

This evening I was visited by Pearce of Co G 105 and Shick of Co H 57 Pa regiment. They both coming from the same town as I. They remained for a couple of hours and then returned to their regiments further to the right of the line and I turned in for some sleep. Considering all things I rested well. Our wounded to day are Osgood and Shoups and Smathers missing.

April 3rd Orders were received to charge the enemys works at 4 O'clock this morning so we were up at a little after three O'clock and had breakfast of hard tack and Coffee. Examined my gun found it in good condition and then waited for 4 O'clock about that time came that Gen Lee had silently folded his tent and skipted for other fields and Petersburg has surrendered. The Mayor surrendering to Lieut Col Nailor of our regiment. Beckendome and Hyatts.

of our company on picket were in the city they entered it about 4 o'clock they brought back cigars and tobacco they got there Report circulated that Richmond has been captured Great enthusiasm among the troops

Moved off about 8 o'clock toward Lynchburg Pike As the enemy are making for Lynchburg
Steady marching until half past one o'clock weather warm and clear Halted in a field along the road for dinner while eating my meal of hard tack and coffee Gen Mead and staff rode by and were loudly cheered. Burned everything along the route. Gen Grant complimented the 6th Corps for their gallant conduct. Moved off at 3-30 marching slow and easy Marched about five miles along the pike and then halted for the night Went after a couple of rails and put up my tent rested very well considering all things

April 4 Up at 3 o'clock with orders to move at 4 o'clock packed up and moved off at the appointed time Went about two miles halted in a large field for rations Great enthusiasm among the troops in consequence of the recent victories Official dispatches received that Richmond has surrendered Cheers upon cheers was given hats thrown in the air bands played Star Spangled Banner, Yankee Doodle, Hail Columbia, Rally around the flag and various other tunes suitable for the occasion The boys almost crazy with joy and excitement - Could whip an army of 100,000 Johnnies at the present time Moved off at 3 o'clock and

Marched steadily until 8 o'clock when we halted for the night in a large field along the road about 15 miles from Jetterville. Got a couple of rails and then had supper of hard tack.

This afternoon Comrade Corbett of our Company was sent to the Hospital with an attack of fever.

April 5th - Resumed March shortly after midnight. Managed to get breakfast by eating as we marched.

March along the pike towards Lynchburg. Orders read to us respecting the speedy close of the war and for the troops to endure all hardships like true soldiers and to be willing to die of starvation and fatigue as we have shown ourselves to die by the enemys bullets. Gave three hearty cheers to show our willingness to endure all privation. Steady muddy marching until 11 o'clock when we halted to draw rations. Afterward moved off again and marched steadily forward until 11:30 o'clock. Halted for the night about 10 miles from the Danville Railroad. Had supper of hard tack and coffee. Slept well on the ground.

April 6th Up at 4 o'clock with orders to be ready to move at once. Started off without breakfast at 4:15. Moved to the right to feel the position of the enemy. Skirmished through woods and marched by the right and left flanks all the morning until 11:30 when we made a halt for dinner. I had captured a ham of mutton and expected to have a feast. Just as we were about to commence operations

Heavy Cannobading took place on our left and front
towards Danville. Immediately moved forward
again to where Little Phil was at then joined his
gallant troops. About 3-30, O'clock about 15 miles
from Buksville on the Danville Railroad. Were
immediately deployed in line of battle with orders to
advance slowly and without noise moving left
abluig. Advanced cautiously across ditches, ravins,
and thick undergrowth until we reach a large swamp
which was waist deep and in some places reaching
to the arms swamp about 300 yards wide.
Halted for a moment again pushed forward
right through the swamp. When near the center
the Johnnies opened on us from behind their
breastworks killing and wounding quite a number
but the 6th Corps couldnt see the point of going back
but pushed our way through the swamp until
we gained firm ground. Then with a yell of
defiance and a cheer of victory we charged forward
through the woods and across a clearing 300 yards to
a wagon train which we captured and burnt the
same. We captured Gen Ewell and nine thousand
prisoners and many flags and small arms. Our
brigade capturing more prisoners than we had men
in the brigade. Prisoners marched to the rear and disarmed.
There is great rejoicing among the troops. Our killed
to day are Boudish, Ross, Brinkman, and Evans,
Wounded Capt Knight, Lieut Beecher, Corp Thomas
Private Buddick, Jillard, Sheldon, Sullivan, Reed
Lieut Detailed for Picket to night.

April 7th Up at an early hour and after Lee, Reach
Farmville early in the afternoon but not having
our Pontoon we could not cross until after dark
The people all left before we arrived and we had
things our own way and about sacked the town &
Captured five thousand dollars of Confederate money
Also quite a large of tobacco After wards we march
about one mile from town then halt and camp
Some property scattered along the route the Rebels are
retreating in a hurry and are hard pushed this evening
we drove them out of their camp When we captured
their Camps their fires are burning and Campkettles
are filled with water ready to make Coffee They left
in a hurry Skirmished all day with the Rebels but
lost no where I had pancakes and fried beef for
supper The best meal I have had since leaving camp
We are now heading toward North Carolina Lee
is endeavoring to form Junction with Johnston this
April 8th Up and off without breakfast I had Coffee
made and carried it in my hand and drunk it
As I march all Chuck holes in the road show that
Lee is being hard pressed we see broken down wagons
and broken Artillery Carriages shot and shells and
Cannister Thrown into mud holes and wet places
Lee will soon have to make a stand and fight then
a surrender and the end by tomorrow will have all
the avenues of escape closed. Gen Sheridan has asked that
our Corps (VI) be sent to Co-operate with him and
the Cavalry Our position is such that we cannot leave

While halted to day resting in an old Rebel Camp I found Gen Lee's order to Gen. Evell to evacuate Richmond and burn the City. We are marching towards Appomattox Court House. We pass through a country that the army has never been in before. We halted for a short rest near fine field of wheat. It did not long remain so but was soon destroyed. It seems wrong to destroy property but such is the fate of war.

We have been on the move all day go into Camp about 11 O'clock.

April 9th We have been on the march the greater part of the night what promised to be a Camp only proved to be a couple of hours rest. We are now marching towards Clover Hill or Appomattox Court House. Clover Hill is the Railroad Station. The signs of the hasty departure of the Rebels is seen all along our route of march during the early morning the 3rd Corps come in on our right and continue to march parallel with us. The troops all appear to realize that something is going to happen that usually don't care spirit is lacking and they seem to be preparing for a final struggle. Steady marching until near the Court House when an adieu camp places us in line of battle and we are ordered forward to a brow of a hill advance to the top and lay down in the valley we can see the Rebel army in line awaiting an attack in the distance beyond the Court House can see Sheridan's battle flag defiantly floating. A report is circulated that Lee has sent in a flag of truce asking for terms of

of surrender. We are ordered to remain in position during the continuance of the cessation of hostilities. About 12 or 1 o'clock we are officially informed that Gen Lee has surrendered the Confederate army of Northern Virginia to Gen Grant. We break our formation of line of battle and resume that of column and the Confederate soldiers march out with folded banners and lay down their arms never to resume them again. Gen Lee informs Grant that his army is without rations. Grant orders his Commissary General to furnish rations to them. There is considerable joy amongst the troops over the surrender. The men are all wild with excitement there is about as much joy among the Confederate soldiers as there is with the Union. In less than a half hour I see Confederate and Union soldiers playing checker. I feel satisfied with the termination of events and erect my dog tent and lay and sleep realizing that the war is over and the rebellion is ended. Thankful that I was permitted to be present at the surrender of Gen Lee April 9th 1865.

I was a member of Co. B, 82 Penna Inf. and took part in the events above described which but a boy under the age of sixteen years. Things here described are just as I saw them and just as our regiment took part in.

Wm W. Perry

Time April 1864 place Brandy Station Virginia
On inspection to day Gen. Shaler while inspecting
the 65th New York to which the men of the 23rd and 82nd
Penna are attached temporarily Wanted to know my age
I told him I was 17¹/₂ years old he intimated that the
place for me was at home I am considered the
youngest soldier in the Army of the Potomac this
winter that is carrying a gun If there is any
honor attached to that I am entitled to it

April 28th 1864 in Camp Near Brandy Station Va

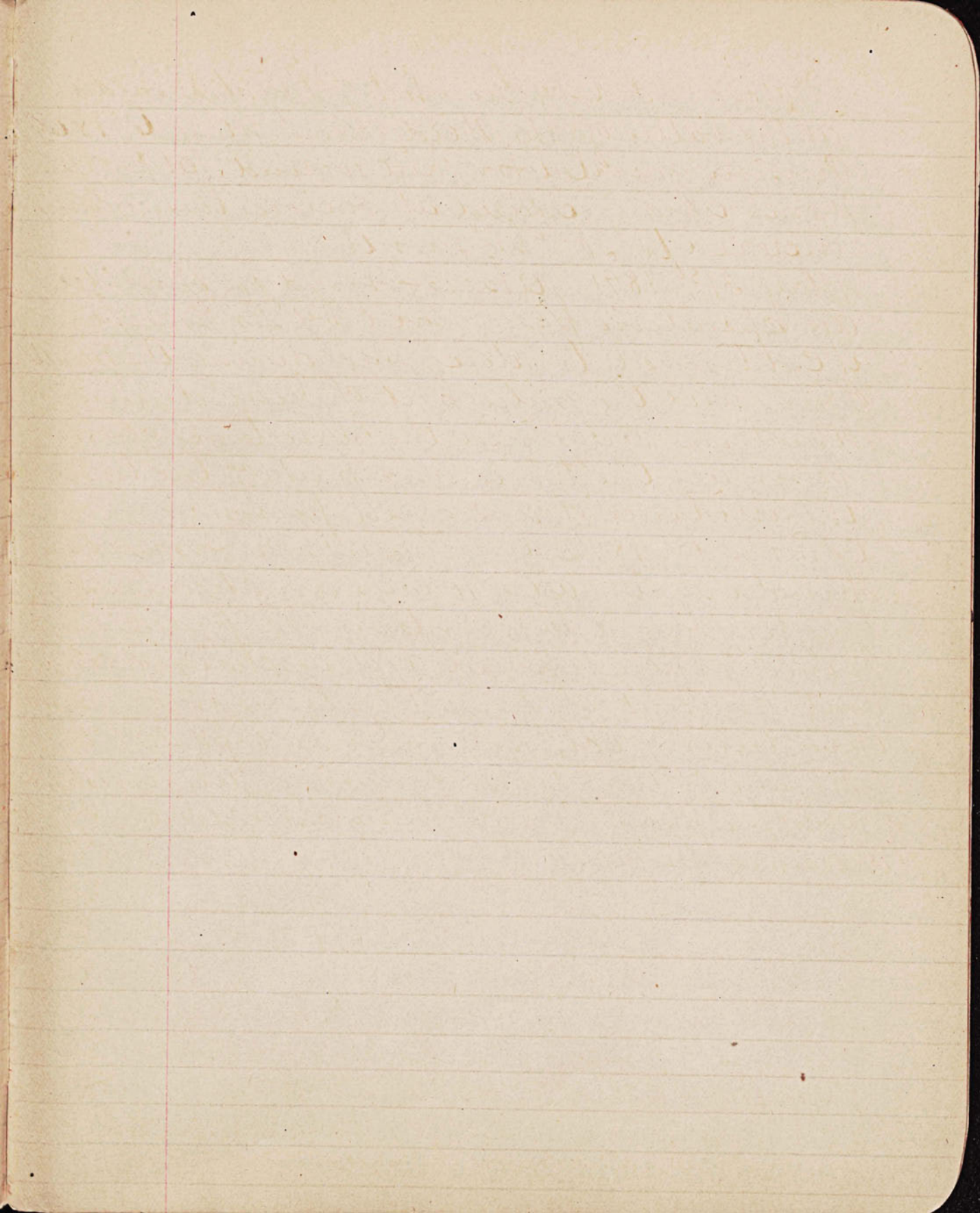
I was 13 years and 5 months of age when
I enlisted in the Army Jan'y 2nd 1864
Wounded at the battle of the Wilderness May the
6th 1864 Age at that time 13 years 9 mos 5 days

Born July 1st 1850, enlisted Dec 1st 1863
mustered at Waterford Erie Co Pa Jan'y 2nd 1864
discharged at Halls Hill Va July 13th 1865

Was wounded by Gunshot of Right Shoulder
at the battle of the Wilderness May 6th 1864.
Pension granted for said wound at \$4⁰⁰ per
month and increased at various times until
increased to \$20⁰⁰ per month

May 31st 1891 Abscess formed in Shoulder
an operation performed by Dr Grube
it continued to discharge during the month
of June and the greater part of July during
this time I required the assistance of one
person all the time and part of the time
the assistance of a second person.

October 1st 1892 another abscess formed in
Shoulder again after 10 days an operation
was performed by Dr Crewsall by cutting
Shoulder open behind and discharged a
great amount of pus this time it remained
open during Oct, November, and part of Dec,
during all this time I required the assistance
of another person in dressing shoulder and
dressing myself.



Was wounded May 6th 1864 by gunshot of
right shoulder at Battle of Wilderness treated
for said wound at Earver U.S. Hospital Washington
D.C. and Morrer U.S. Hospital Pension granted for
said wound June 1866 at \$4⁰⁰ per month and
increased at various times until it now is \$30⁰⁰ per month.
June 1st 1891 it got sore by abscess forming in shoulder
an operation performed by Dr. Grube it continued
to discharge during the month of June and part of
July 1891 during all this time I required the aid
and assistance of another person all the time and
part of the time the aid of a second person shoulder
continued this time sore and open during June,
July and August 1891.

Again Oct. 1st 1892 abscess formed again in shoulder
an operation performed by Dr. Colesell and continued
to discharge during Oct-November and part of December
at this time during time mentioned was confined to
my room and required the aid and assistance of
another person. Again July ¹⁸⁹³ abscess formed and operation
performed by Dr. Colesell after being open it discharged
during July and part of August when it almost
healed when abscess formed second time and broke
open of its own accord and continued to discharge
more or less during the balance of the year and
did not heal until Jan'y 1894 during 2 1/2 months
of this time I had to have the aid of another person
Testimony on file in pension dept. proving up to this
date by two Physicians and 6 neighbors

Between Oct. 10th and 15th 1894 Abscess formed again in shoulder and after 10 days broke open and discharged quite freely and continued in bad condition until Dec 1st 1894 this time it was the repetition of other years requiring the aid of another person May 1895 Abscess formed again in shoulder and after the usual time it broke open and discharged freely for a month and a half Sept. 6th 1895 shoulder begins to get sore and abscess formed again Sept-10th 1895 abscess broke open and discharged freely again at all these times I required the aid and assistance of another person since 1891 it has been sore on an average of twice a year and averaging three months at each time making since 1891 '84 month of each year that I require the aid of another person

The following is a list of men the Army from
Ringgold Township during the Civil War 1861 to 1865

1	JA Freas	Capt	Co G	105 th	Penna Infy			
2	J H. Freas	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
3	W H Freas	Sergt	Coapt G	105 th	"	"	"	"
4	Garet Shrauger	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
5	Philip Shrauger	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
6	James Hawthorne	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
7	Joseph Hawthorne	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
8	Geo Geist	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
9	Samuel Geist	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
10	Geo Sauseman	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
11	Henry Sauseman	Co	F	82	Pa	"	"	"
12	James W Walker	Sergt	Co G	105	"	"	"	"
13	A J Monks	Sergt	Co G	105	"	"	"	"
14	Jacob Campbell	Per	Co G	105	"	"	"	"
15	Henry Slagle	"	Co F	62	"	"	"	"
16	Peter Slagle	Sergt	Co G	105	"	"	"	"
17	Wm Slagle	Per	Co G	105	"	"	"	"
18	John P Smith	"	Co G	105	"	"	"	"
19	W H Orts	"	"	G	105	"	"	"
20	Watson Young	"	"	G	105	"	"	"
21	Henry Young	"	Co	E	148	"	"	"
22	Daniel Smith	"	"	E	148	"	"	"
23	Abraham Thomas	"	F	82	"	"	"	"
24	John Micheal	"	B	78	"	"	"	"
25	Solomon Holben	"	B	78	"	"	"	"
26	John Shick	"	"	78	"	"	"	"

Removed to Kansas
Died at Beaver City Neb

Died After Discharge

Died After Discharge March 1900 Soldier Home Erie

Killed at the Wilderness May 6th 1864

Died at Brookville Va 1909

Killed at the Wilderness May 6th 1864

Killed at Savage Station Va June 1862

Died at Yorktown Va March 1862

Died at Washington Ill of Wounds received at Wilderness

Missing at Cold Harbor June 1st 1864

Killed at the Wilderness May 6 1864

Died after Close of the War at Pungotauney Pa

Died of Wounds received at White Oak Swamp

Died after Close of War Drowned in Sandy

Died at Brookville after Close of War

Died at Camp Jameson Va Dec 1861

Died of Wounds received at Spottsylvania May 10 1864

Missing at the Wilderness May 6th 1864

Died at Louisville Ky 1862

Died at Nashville Ten 1862

~~Died at Brookville since the Close of War 1909.~~

30	Ruben Shick	Co B	78	Pa	Infantry
31	Frank Huffman	Sgt	Co B	78	"
32	Geoph Huffman	Pvt	Co B	78	"
33	Wm Higgins	"	Co B	135	Pa Infantry
34	Joseph Shuffatt	Col	Sec Co E	148	" " "
35	Mrs Shuffatt	Co D	58	"	" " "
36	Wm W Perry	Co J	82	Pa	Infantry
37	James Wyckoff	Co J	82	"	"
38	T L Hale	" K	11	Prima	"
39	W L Reetz	" L	58	"	" " "
40	Christ Shick	L	57	"	" " "
41	David Slinger	Co K	82	"	"
42	David Gearhart	Co E	148	"	"
43	Samuel Gearhart	" E	148	"	"
44	R J Buxington	Co J	105	"	"
45	Marion Buxington	Co K	11	Pa	Infantry
46	Elmer Marts	Co L	58	"	"
47	Wm Marts	Co L	57	"	"
48	Wm Milliron	Co E	148	"	"
49	John Milliron	Co E	148	"	"
50	Adam Haines			18th	US Regulars
51	Jacob Haines			14th	Pa Cavalry
52	Henry Yount	Co L	105	Pa	Infantry
53	Samson Klegensmith	Co E	148	"	" " "
54	Geo W Richards	Co J	62	"	" " "
55	John Richards	Co G	105	"	" " "
56	Amos Hinderliter	Co L	82	"	"
57	Henry Hinderliter	Co G	82	"	"
58	Andrew Harp			18th	US Regulars

Died at Brookville since the close of War.
Died at Brookville Feby. 1900

Killed at Fort Forks March 1865

~~Killed at Fort Forks March 1865~~

Wounded at Wilderness May 6th 1864

Missing at Cold Harbor June 1st 1864

Died at Northville Pa 1909

Died at Piquetta since close of War

Died at Allens Mills Jeff Co Pa 1903.

Died at Emerickville Pa 1909

Died of Wounds received at the Wilderness May 6 1864

Killed at Mechanicsville Va July 1862

Died since the close of War

Died since the close of War

Died in Salisbury Prison

Died at his home near North Freedom Pa 1910

Killed at Gettysburg July 2nd 1863

Died since the close of War

Died at Brookville Pa

1910

59	Jonas R Shick	Co C	78	Penna Inftry
60	W V Shaffer	Co G	105	"
61	Wm Geist	Co B	82	"
62	Wm R Shaffer	Co D	58	"
63	H Shoffner	Co D	58	"
64	John Snyder	Co E	148	"
65	Wm G Geist	Co D	58	"
66	John M Hartman	Co E	148	"
67	Wm Hartman	Co G	105	"
68	Anthony Peters	Co G	105	"
69	Geo W Barr	Co B	78	"
70	Hance J. Barr	Co B	6	Artillery
71	Samuel Stewart	Co C	10	Pa Inftry
72	John Startzell	Co G	105	Pa
73	Alvin Startzell	Co D	58	"
74	W A Haines	Co G	105	"
75	Jacob Hillard	Co G	105	"
76	Henry M Riehl	Co G	105	"
77	Wm Piler	G G	105	"
78	Joseph Reed	Co G	105	"
79	Conrad Shoffstall	Co G	105	"
80	Jacob Fauringer	Co G	82	"
81	Jacob Riehl	Co B	135	"
82	^{Samuel} Michael Kindelstein	Co D	57	"
83	John Morrey	Co D	57	"
84	Wm Entry	Unarmed Troop		"
85	Isiah Prattstewart	Co E	148	"
86	Moheny Eisenhart	Co G	105	"
87	Geo B Haines	Co H	212	"

Died at Ringgold Jan 26 1865

Died at Brookville after close of War of Wounds

Died in Kansas after close of War

Killed at Po River May 1864

Died at Washington of wounds received in action

Killed near Ringgold after close of War

Died since close of War

Died at Falls Creek Pa Date unknown

Died since the close of War

Killed in Battle

Killed at Wilderness May 6th 1864

Died at his home near North Freedom Pa 1909

~~never married and died single~~

Head buried in St James Lutheran Cemetery Ringgold Pa

Died at his home near Ringgold Pa 1910

Deserted June 1864

Died at Brookville Pa

1909

Emergency men 1863

1	J. B. Farr	Co H	57	Malitia
2	David Mullion	Co H	57	" "
3	J. C. McNutt	Capt Co H	57	" "
4	Amos Sawyer	Co H	57	" "
5	Wm. Milliam	Co H	57	" "
6	Henry Snyder	Co H	57	" "
7	James E. List	Co H	57	" "
8	John H. Snyder	Co H	57	" "
9	J. B. McFarland	Co H	57	" "
10	U. H. Sliven	Co H	57	" "
11	Amos Lerch	Co H	57	" "

74 men Enlisted for 3 Years.
12 men Enlisted for One Year

74
12
86

Killed in Action
Died of Wounds
Died of Disease

15

7

6

Total

28

28

Died in Prison
Wounded in Battle

2

22

Deserted

1

Discharged at Close of War

5

58

86

Died since the close of War

19

88

Supposed to be living at this date March 20-1900 38

Died at Dayton Pa 1904

Died after being discharged
died at his Home at Northville

1910

Died at his Home near Ringgold Pa 1910

Died at his Home at North Freedom Pa 1910

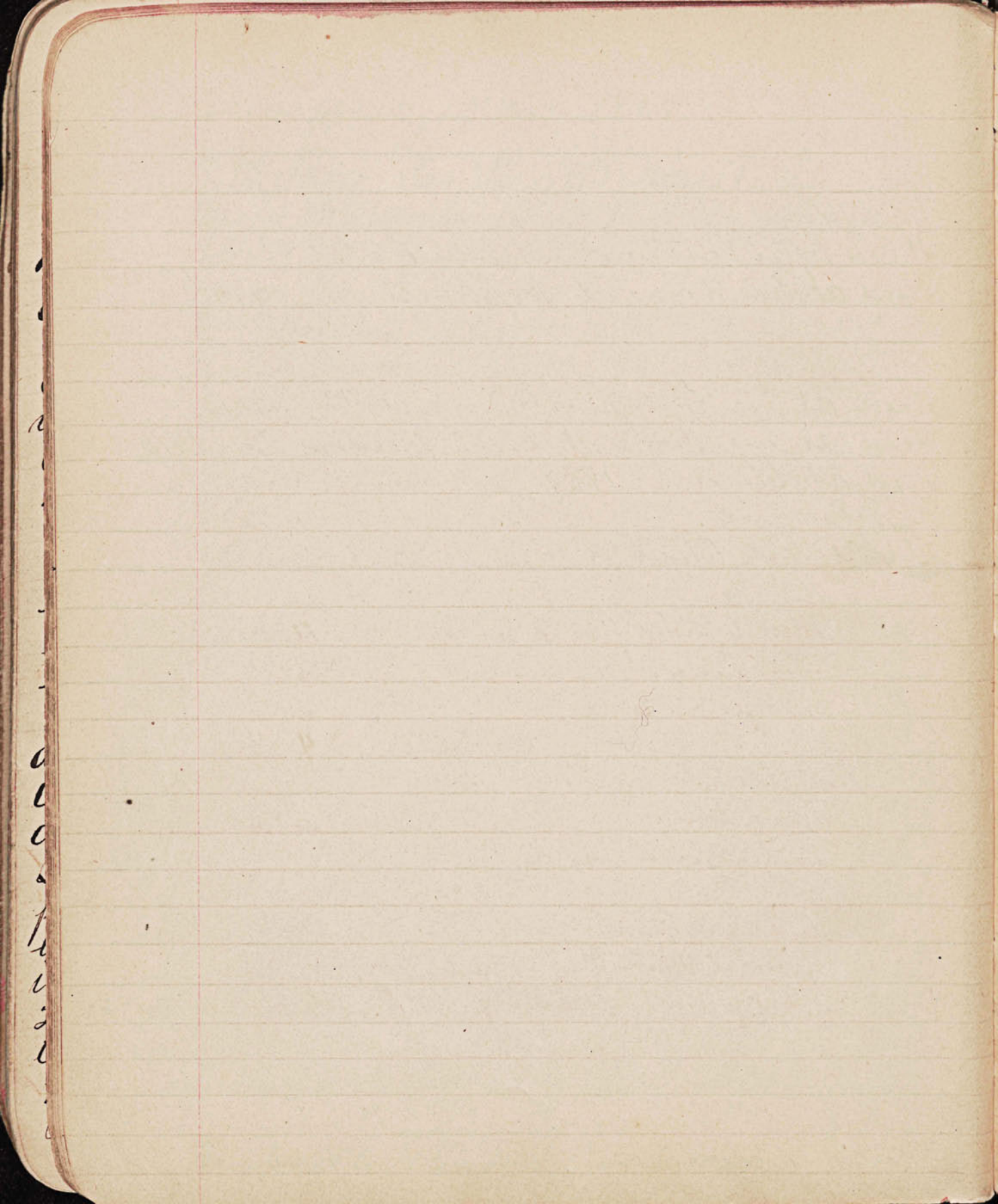
Died at Blair 1899

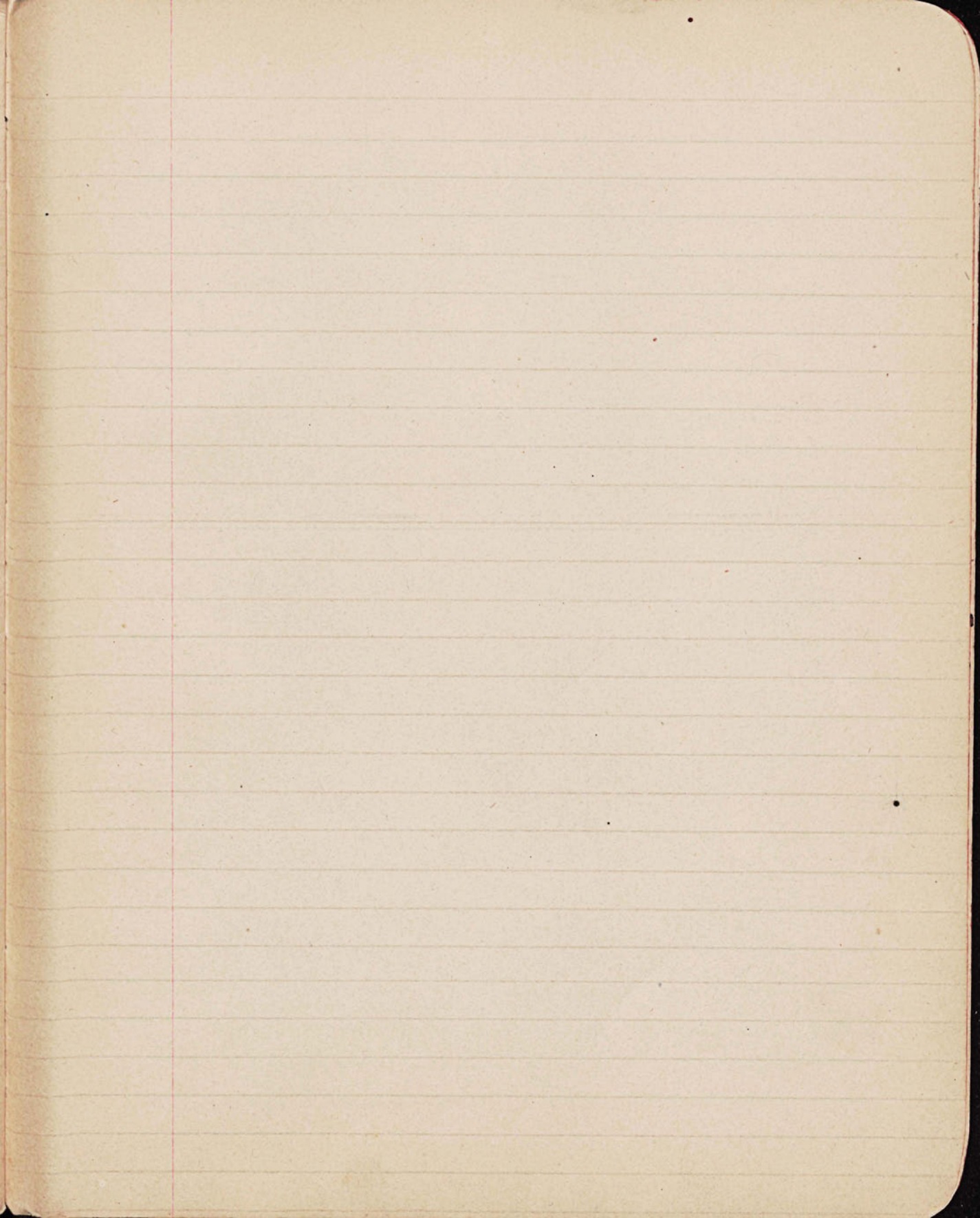
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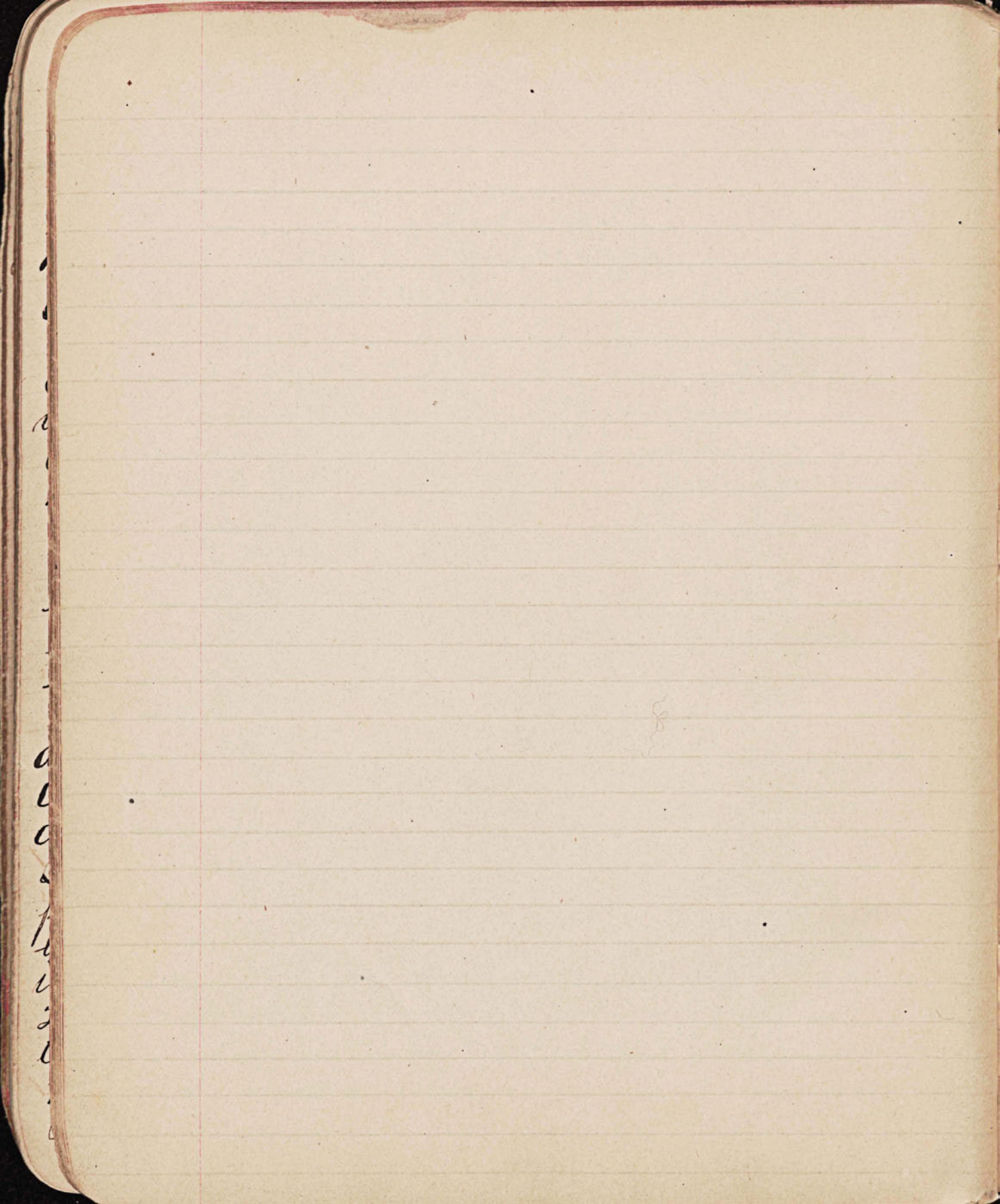
Men Enlisted for 3 years	71	
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Emergency men	11	
Total	94	

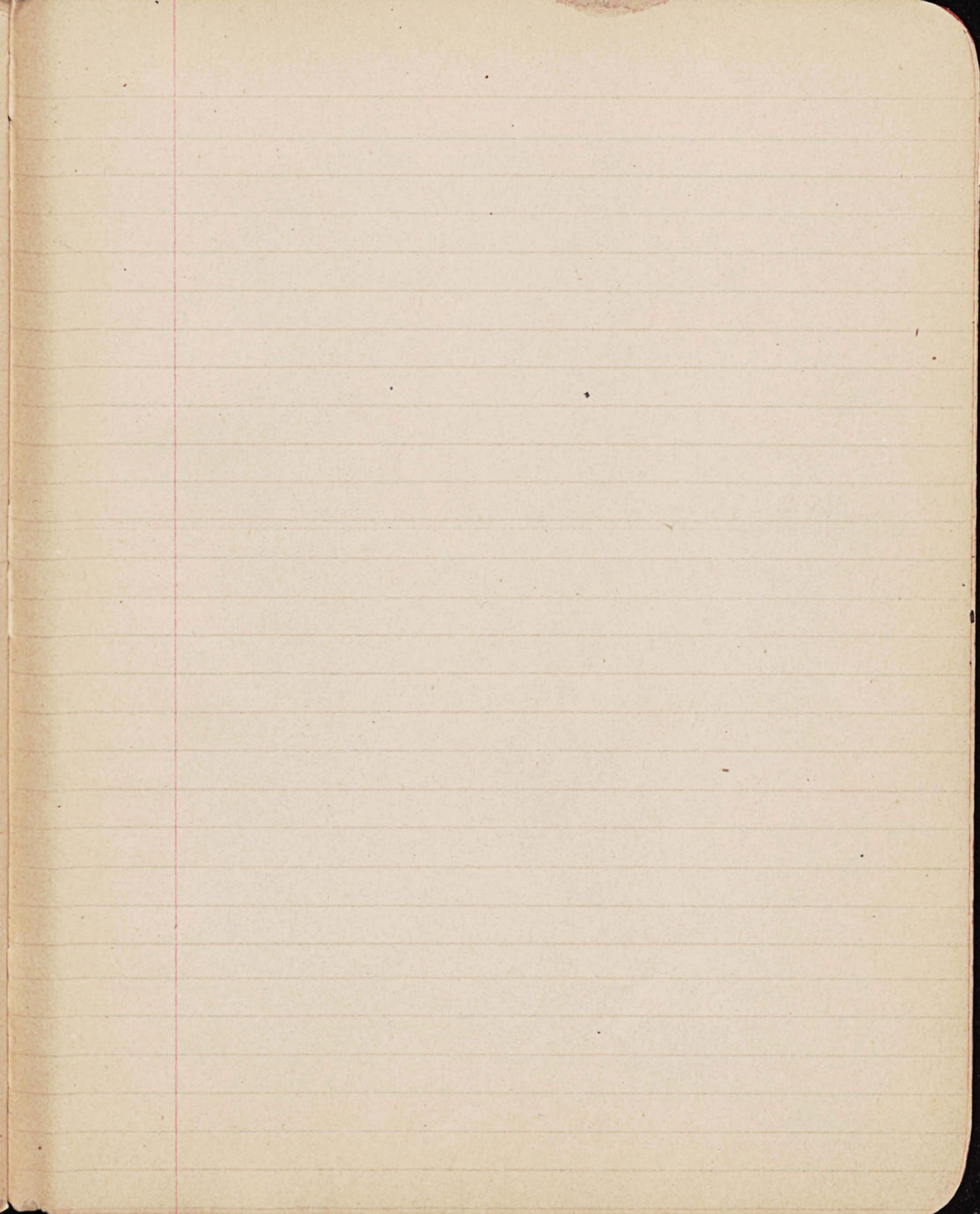
Killed in Battle	15
died of Wounds	7
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died in Prison	2
Total Deaths	30

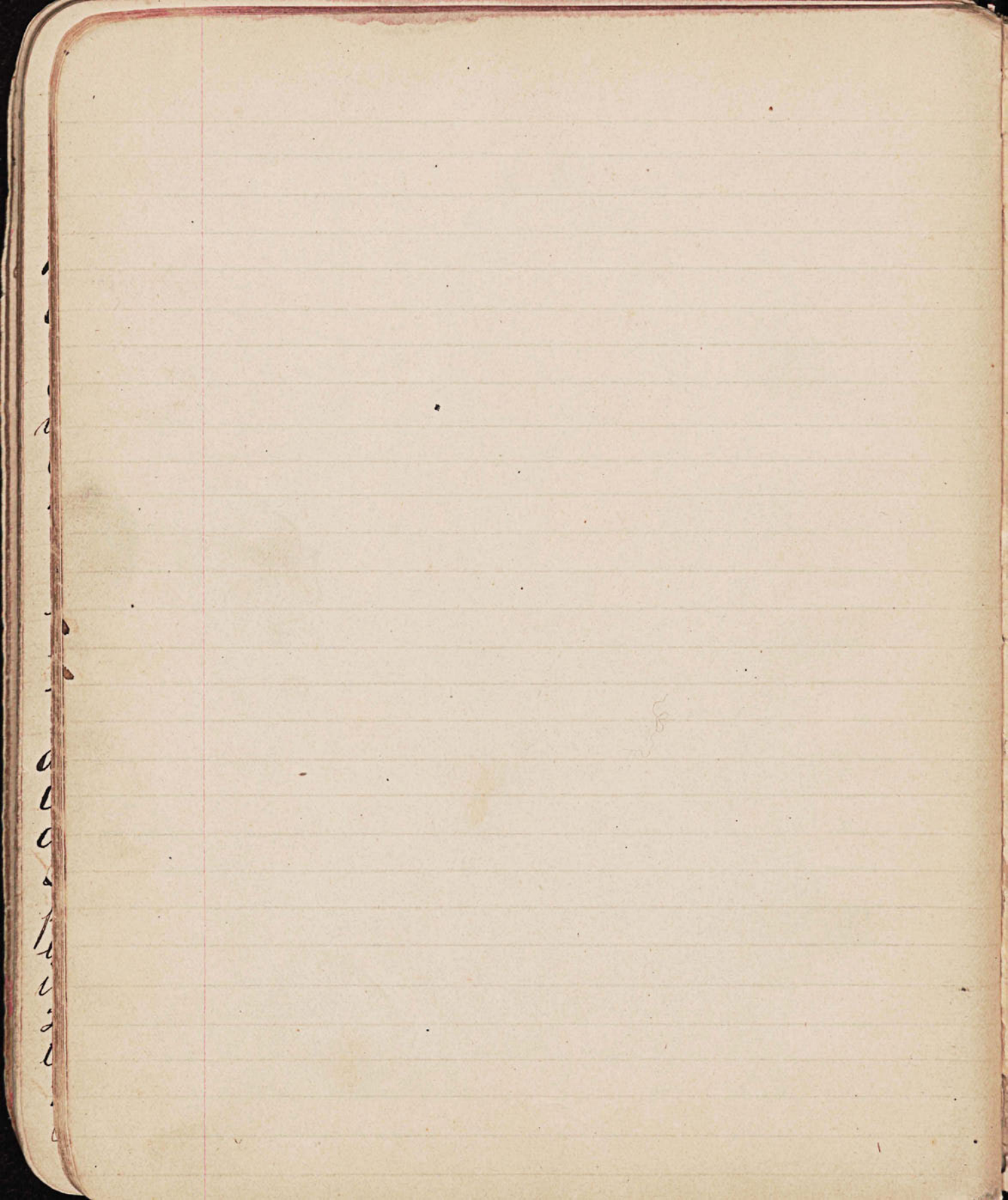
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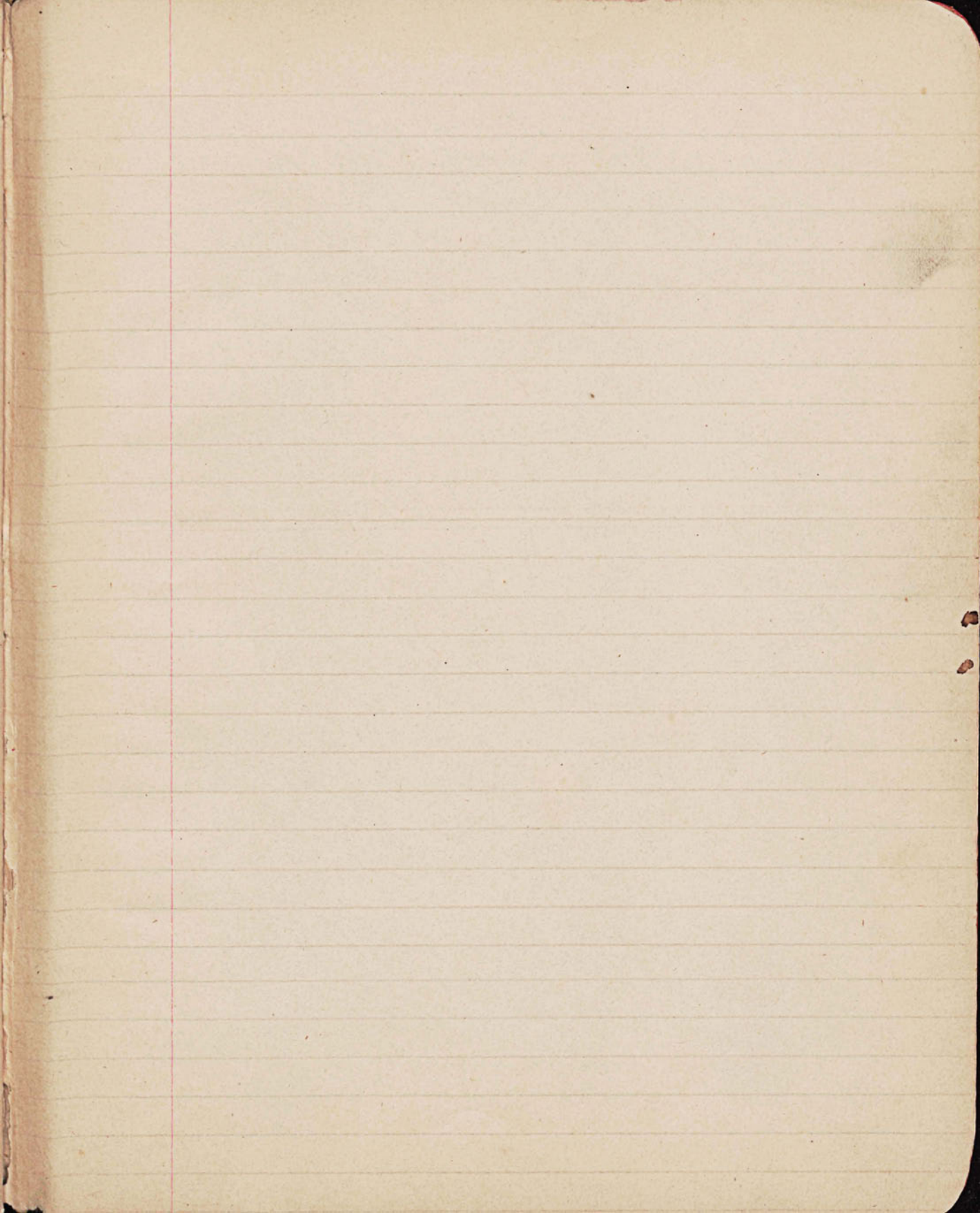


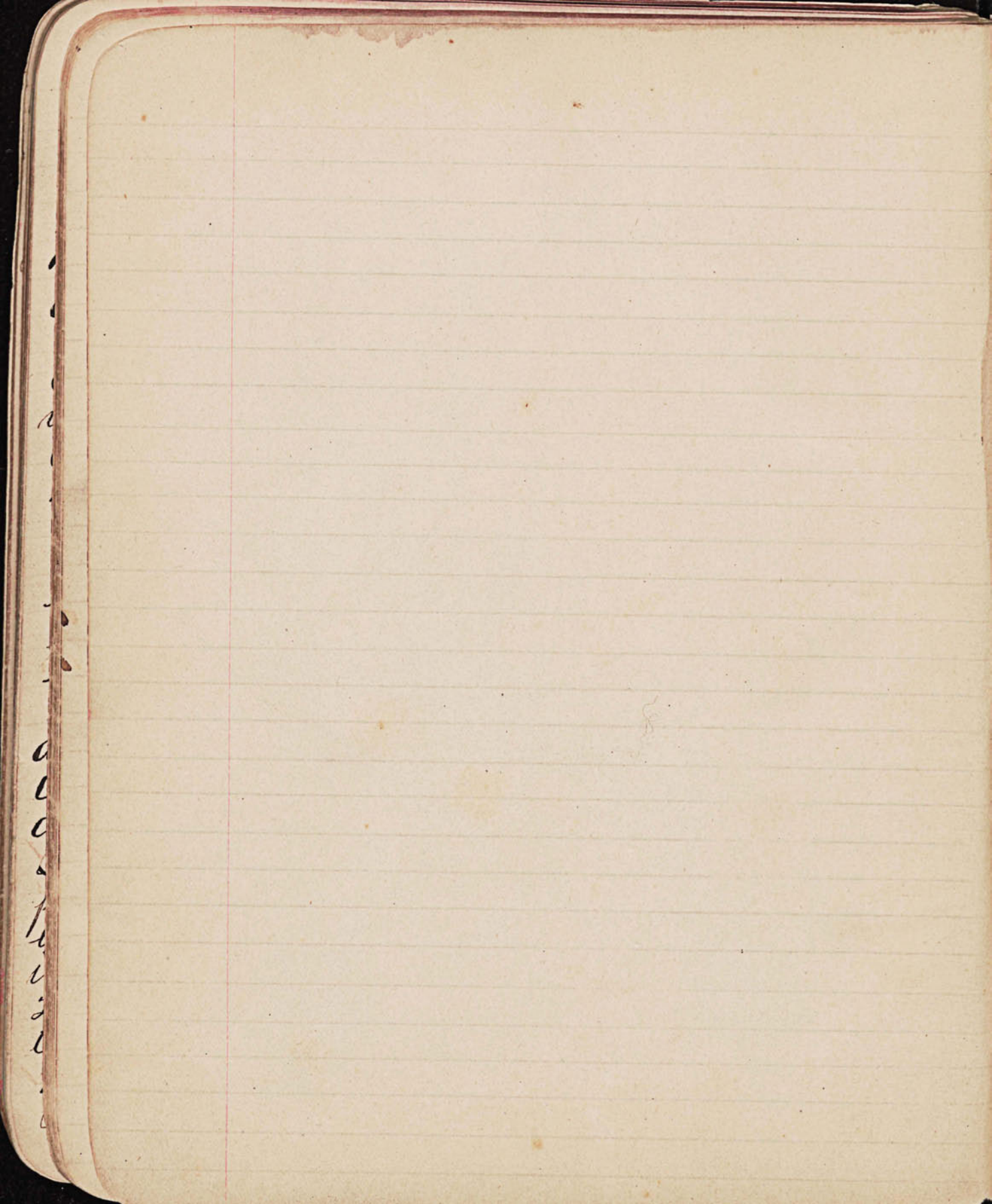












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