

Sunday September 7th 1862

Mor at 8.30 strike tents at 10.30 we leave (Full Regt) in cars. Arrive in Camden meet Cort John Jim Scovil & Bob ——— Kate & others cross to Phil. take dinner at Coopers Refreshment Saloon. march to Broad St Depot. take cars to Baltimore arrive at Baltimore at 11.30 p.m. march from one depot to the others with guns loaded & Bayonets fixed. sleep on the street all night Jim Wethersby come to me

Monday September 8th 1862

breakfast with Mr. Wethersby Lie on the street at the lower Depot all the mor at 3.30 p.m. the Regt takes cars to Ellicotts Mills on the Patapsco River 10 miles from Baltimore & 6 from Relay House. Here we Bivouac on the ground for the night Report says Stonewall Jackson is near. We are under command of Maj Gen Wool Camp ~~Kearny~~ Johnson

Tuesday September 9th 1862

Morning pitch tents. Remain on duty all day. scenery is very fine & picturesque mountains &c. Ellicotts Mills an old settled town of 5000 inhabitants. At 9.30 we turn in and feel quite well suited to think we have a tent to sleep in.

Wednesday September 10th 1862

At 12.10 a.m. (midnight) we, (Co K.H.B.E.) are ordered arms. the men are in positions at 12.15. five minutes for the first falling out at night. We march to Col. guards & K H & B are placed under Major Davis & go out Helltown road $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles & back to within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of town on quick time here we rest till 9 a.m. & we returned & went to Camp. Afternoon take some sleep Eve our company is ordered under arms & Report at Headquarters after being in line 1 hour in the rain are dismissed and return to Camp.

Thursday September 11th 1862

Mor. at 8 Company ordered under arms again & report at Head Quarters for duty. are again excused & return to camp

Friday September 12th 1862

Morning am appointed Asst Provost Marshal of the district under Col Johnson 12th NJ Vol and at once declare Marshal Law. afternoon Remained in office granting passes & administering the oath of allegiance.

Saturday September 13th 1862

All day in office doing duty as asst. Provost Marshal. Many refuse to take the oath. Arrest several citizens

Sunday September 14th 1862

All day in the Office doing duty as Provost Marshal Arrest several citizens

Monday September 15th 1862

Am in the office all day acting as Provost Marshal administering the Oath of Allegiance to both men & women. Have full charge of the passes &c.

Tuesday September 16th 1862

Mor. leave my Provost Marshal office & take command of my Co when companies C,H,I, & K under LtCol Willets & Major Davis take the cars for Frederick to take command of Rebel prisoners. we remain on the road all day & night without any thing to eat:

Wednesday September 17th 1862

Mor we march Monocacy to Frederick 3 miles & take charge of 1400 "graybacks". The rebel prisoners were poorly dressed some without shoes or hats & they were covered with lice. we marched them to Monocacy & then took the cars to Baltimore we got nothing to eat until 10 pm in Baltimore we give up the prisoners to another (129) Regt N.Y. we sleep in the depot.

Thursday September 18th 1862

Morning we return to Camp Johnson at Ellicotts Mills. Spend the day in Camp

Friday September 19th 1862

In Camp all day

Saturday September 20th 1862

Mor. in camp. Drill the company on the street. At 2 p.m. take the Co on picket, send them off in sections I take the right of the Co. to a post on the Frederick Pike. Eve. the paroled prisoners (2000) pass our post. Our men get a lot of slaves & make them sing nigger songs. After supper on sesesh corn we bunk under a tree.

Sunday September 21st 1862

Mor clear & warm. Boys help themselves to corn & apples. Breakfast at a little house near our picket post. Have my dinner served to me on my picket post—Roast duck &c. are relieved at 3 p.m. March into Camp Rec. invitation to tea at Wm Tyson Esq. with the ladies. decline. spend the eve in camp.

Monday September 22nd 1862

Morning resumed my Prov. Marshal work of this Command.

Tuesday September 23rd 1862

Afternoon go to Baltimore & see Maj Jones Prov Marshal stay all night at the Eutaw House.

Wednesday September 24th 1862

Mor return to Camp Johnson at Ellicotts Mills.

Thursday September 25th 1862

In Camp all mor Afternoon drill in street ——. Eve. with Lieut Potter go to the saloon & grog shop & stop the sale of liquor We take an oyster supper

Friday September 26th 1862

Mor. with Lieut Fogg & a Corp Guard search a house for soldiers clothes find some. Eve take a horseback ride of 10 miles with LtCol Willets Maj Davis & QM Brown spend the remainder of eve in Qt Room have the band play for us about 1 1/2 hours.

Saturday September 27th 1862

Morning at 9 oclock Go with 9 companies (K included) under command of Col Wille to a field some 3 miles distant & drill in Bat. movements. Return at 12 M. Afternoon floor my tent Eve we raise flag staff

Sunday September 28th 1862

Mor take Company to Church Take dinner with Col Johnson, Capt Mattison and several ——— at Mr. Forests At 2.30 pm attend service in camp Eve wrote letters

Monday September 29th 1862

Am Officer of the Day In Camp all day & eve. Eve a 12 go the Grand Rounds

Tuesday September 30th 1862

Morning at 11 oclock go to Baltimore in company with Major Davis. we play billiards take dinner at Shawburgs Saloon. Afternoon walk over city. visit Washington Monument &c. Eve take cars to Relay House & return to Baltimore for news of cars to camp visit place of Amusement stay all night at the Lountain House

Wednesday October 1st 1862

Morning we find the 24 Regt N.J.V. at the Depot. see several friends &c &c &c at 8 oclock take cars to camp ~~Afternoon search to be~~ Boil comes on the back of my neck

Thursday October 2nd 1862

In camp all day boil on neck becomes painful & serious

Friday October 3rd 1862

Very warm My boil is very troublesome & my neck stiff. In Camp all day.
Very very hot

Saturday October 4th 1862

Very warm Morning 48 deserters from 5 Md Regt H.Q. Afternoon send them to Baltimore under Lt. Davis. Lt. Fogg & I take tea at Hotel & call on Miss Berle (?) Wagoman (?). Rain

Sunday October 5th 1862

Mor our Company go out on picket. I remain to do provost duty. Afternoon Mr. Forrest calls. Capt. Mattison sits in my tent all the afternoon. Eve Cold Mr. Elmer, Mr. Mulford, & Mr. Lix of N.J. call.

Monday October 6 1862

Mor. In camp Afternoon sit with the Major & Lt.Col. & the Cumberland Co friends Eve turn out the company and march but 2 miles. after deserters but they were not about. return to camp.

Tuesday October 7th 1862

In camp all day. send a number of deserters to Baltimore

Wednesday October 8th 1862

Mor in Camp. Afternoon With Lieut Davis & guard make demand on Mr. Archer Pres. of the Female Institute for arms and have quite a time- Eve take walk
" Interesting time the search of the Female Institute oh my !! for arms."
(section in quotes was added later in pencil)

Thursday October 9th 1862

Mor. at 3 get up have breakfast and go gunning for squirrels with Capt Mattison Corp Riley & Mr. Forrest are out all day Kill 6 squirrels & some birds

Friday October 10th 1862

Mor. Some of the guard stick a pig & Co K boys then Kill & dress him & have fresh pork. We have squirrel dinner Capt Mattison & Lieuts myself & Lieuts & Cor Riley. Eve take ride on horseback with Quartermaster Brown

Saturday October 11th 1862

Mor. Rains. Afternoon start out to search the house of Mr. Gaither. take Lieut Potter Sergt DuBois & 3 men in two horse carriage. find nothing at Mr. Gaithers coming home as we drive down the hill at Ellicotts Mill, the breast strap slip and let the carriage on the horses they run down hill until the carriage upsets & we an all turned out smash the carriage &c. I hold the horses and bring them up on the fence. Came near flogging the livery stable man take an oyster supper & came to camp with my hands pretty well smashed & my back strained

Sunday October 12th 1862

Morning doctor my hands afternoon Lieut Harris Marries a lady (?) of this place. They only met for the first time 3 weeks ago. (Foolish, both)
Rains during the day Eve rain Cold day.

Monday October 13th 1862

Mor. send lot of deserters to Baltimore. day cloudy & some rain

Tuesday October 14th 1862

Mor. Take out the Company on picket. I take post at Ilchester. Afternoon go through the cotton factory. Have one of my men Kill & dress two cows that were injured by train of cars. Mr. Ellicott to whom they belonged sent for me and introduced me to his daughter who plays —?— for me. spend the Eve with her. They invite me to take bed & board with them but I decline

Wednesday October 15th 1862

Morning after sleeping in an old shed we are relieved by Co A & return with Col to Camp

Thursday October 16th 1862

Mor. Miss Thompson of Salem. Mrs. Col. Johnson & others call at our tent. Evening. Lieut Potter & myself call on the above named ladies. They are serenaded by our band. Finish the evening in Mr. Sand's room.

Friday October 17th 1862

Morning send Capt Mattison to Baltimore with prisoners & go on the same train on Prov. Marshal duty Miss Thompson & Mrs. Johnson & Col Johnson on the train also. After finishing business Capt Mattison & myself take walk on the City. call on Capts ladie friends stop at Barnam's Hotel. Eve we attend the Front St. theatre see Mr. Eddie in Claud Marcel.&c.

Saturday October 18th 1862

Mor. With Capt Mattison return to Camp Johnson send away more prisoners. Remain in Camp all day & evening.

Sunday October 19th 1862

Morning remain in my tent after inspection of the Co. Write letters. Eve have a quiet Chat & smoke in my tent.

Monday October 20th 1862

Morning go with my Company in Battallion Drill. Coming in I take Command of the Regt Eve Cold "First time I command the Regt" (quotes added in pencil)

Tuesday October 21st

Morning. Cold. Call on Major Davis who is sick at Hotel Afternoon take a ride of 12 miles on horseback with Lt Col Willets Eve am engaged as counsel for a prisoner who is to appear before Court Marshal.

Wednesday October 22nd 1862

In Camp all day Examine prisoners &c.&c.&c.

Thursday October 23rd 1862

Mor. Attend Batalion Drill Afternoon take my Co. out on skirmish drill. and break ranks for an hour to give the boys chance to get chestnuts & apples &c.&c. meaning chickens &c.

Friday October 24th 1862

Mor send out my Co. on Picket send prisoners to Baltimore Afternoon call on Major Davis. Eve go to Ilchester to see my pickets. Call on Miss Ellicott they insist on my remaining all night with them. I accept. and after spending a very pleaseant Eve. take a fine bed & sleep at a 240 rate.

Saturday October 25th 1862

Mor. take Breakfast with my host & hostess & daughter. Attended to my Picket Guard. Returned to Camp Plead the case of Private Davis of Co E. before the Court Marshal. cleared him. Eve. Chat with my Lieuts in my tent

Sunday October 26th 1862

Rain all day. wind North East. Remain in camp all day. Mor. have my back cuppe

Monday October 27th 1862

Heavy wind & rain storm all day. Call on Major Davis. Eat Oyster dinner with LtCol Willets. Aft. Go quail shooting with Col Willets.

Tuesday October 28th 1862

Morning. go out for skirmish drill on the four hundred acres of the pompous Major Peters This singular specimen of long drawn meat ordered us off of his place. while we were in the act of chasing a rabbit but we didn't see it in that light & continued our drill.

Wednesday October 29th 1862

Morn. Attend battalion drill. Afternoon with Capt Chase ride 20 miles over the country on a scouting expedition Evening take tea at Hotel had pleasant chat with ladies

Thursday October 30th 1862

Morning Work at rolls all day. Evening stop sale of liquor in company with Capt Jobes. The proprietor takes us to Dr ----- who introduces us to his wife & daughter sets out his ----

Friday October 31st 1862

Morning Inspection & Review day on drill ground. Col Johnson said of Co K that it was by far the cleanest company & LtCol Willets said no knapsacks compared with them in orderly appearance Evening take a moonlight walk with Miss McGowan. attend meeting of line officers

Saturday November 1st 1862

spend the whole day in skirmish drill with the Company

Sunday November 2d 1862

Morning attend service conducted by our Chaplain Rev Wm. B. Otis Evening with Capts Mattison & Schooley and a file of men, empty 85 Galls of Whiskey at a low shop which had been selling to soldiers.

Monday November 3d 1862

Morn examined contraband goods, visit the sick write official letters Evening attend meeting of line officers Have stove put up

Tuesday November 4th 1862

Morn Take a rabbit hunt with Capt Mattison. Evening in Company with Capt Mattison call on Miss Lippincott

Wednesday November 5th 1862

Morn examined prisoners. Attend prisoners & battallion drill. Afternoon examined prisoners, eat an oyster supper, make one fellow pick up stones to acknowledge being a deserter, which he did after picking up three stones Eve take a lazy smoke. Lieut Davis wife came on. Evening Col Willets Major Davis & our Chaplain call at my tent

Thursday November 6th 1862

Morning Drill the company. Evening with Lieut Potter call on Mrs. Daniel Dare Serenade Mrs. Daniel Dare with the Band

Friday November 7th 1862

Morning at 7 o'clock commenced snowing Attend the funeral of Corporal Carter of Co B send 15 prisoners to Baltimore. snows hard all day & untill late at night. Sit in my tent all day

Saturday November 8th 1862

Morning. Snow $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep. go down and visit the sick. Afternoon go Fox hunting with Lieut Potter

Sunday November 9th 1862

Morning attend our Church in our Regimental chapel with a few of my company Evening with Capt Mattison call on Mr Forrest who was very sick

Monday November 10th 1862

Morning with Lieut Potter & Capt Mattison & our Kelly, take horse, carriage, & dogs go gunning on Carrols Manor. have no luck. Evening return to camp

Tuesday November 11th 1862

Morning Pickets send in John Butler, Political Prisoner. Evening Mrs. Lieut Dare, Miss Lippincott & Miss Twiggs take tea and spend the evening with Lieuts & myself in my tent. Lieut Barton (?) with a file of men report M----- Partell Lieut Potter with a squad of men go out and arrest him as a political prisoner. Attend the ladies to their homes.

Wednesday November 12th 1862

Morning Examine prisoners afternoon at 3 p.m. send prisoners among whom were Hayworth & Chase Deserters from 1st Md to Baltimore Call on Gen Wool who has a fit of "Damning & Cursing" Evening with Srgt Dubois attend Holiday St. Theatre See Florence in Column Bawn (?) Stay all night at Mansion House

Thursday November 13th 1862

Morning at 10 a.m. proceed to the camp of the 141st New York Vols. Col Hathaway Dined with the Col and remained till 4 p.m. return to camp at Ellicotts Mills and find the two Lieuts awaiting me

Friday November 14 1862

Morning arrange charges against Political Prisoners Butler (?) & Partell at 11 a.m. with witnesses in case of Chase & Hayworth go to Baltimore & report to headquarters. Afternoon call on several officials. Evening attend Front St. Theatre. Take board at the Eutaw House

Saturday November 15th 1862

Morning after breakfast call on Gen Wool. then call on Col Frothingham then on Major Jones Prov Marshall, then on Gen Wool. go to Fort McHenry to take the confessions of the Deserters Chase & Hayworth return to Gen Wool's room in Eutaw House. Gen Wool sick in bed. After dinner call on Col Frothingham Evening return to Camp at Ellicotts Mills.

Sunday November 16th 1862

Morning sit in the tent with Lieut Potter & his father. Afternoon In tent. Evening with Capt Mattison call on Mrs. Chase wife of the deserter. visit the sick. We then called on the ladies at Miss Twiggs. return to Camp at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ PM smoke till 1 a.m.

Monday November 17th 1862

Morning. Rains. Curse (?) on you wet weather Afternoon go out & take a ride in the rain An awful ride !

Tuesday November 18th 1862

Rains all day. Morning send prisoners to Baltimore under Capt Mattison. I go to Baltimore on the same train. Capt M. takes Dinner with me at Butchers (?) Call on Gen Wool. Evening Call on some ladies the Missess Albertson. Am Introduced to Miss Julia Montague stop at Mansion House

Wednesday November 19th 1862

Rains all day Morning at 7:30 take cars to Relay House visit the encampments at 9.30 return to Ellicotts Mills. Afternoon Eat chestnuts with Major in his tent How are your chestnuts? Evening with Capt Mattison, call on the Misses McGowan & other ladies.

Thursday November 20th 1862

Rains all day. Mor Have house cleaning in tent. Evening Maj Davis, Adj. Capt Mattison Lieut Potter in my tent.

Friday November 21st 1862

Morning Rains. Morning Committee of officers wait on the QrMaster. Afternoon Maj Davis & Adj. sit in my tent & then I sit in theirs. Evening remain in tent write to K

Saturday November 22nd 1862

Mor. My Company go out on picket duty. Lt. Potter to Oeltown ? Sg Riley to Ilchester Sg Holmes to Carrolls Manor at St. Charles College. Lt Dare & myself with twenty four men to the 17 mile stone on the Frederick Pike 7 miles from Ellicotts Mills Spend the day in arranging our quarters

Sunday November 23rd 1862

Mor. all remain at post Afternoon send out two scouting parties they return at 8 p.m. without any captures Eve enjoy a quiet smoke

Monday November 24th 1862

Mor. with serg DuBois & eight men I start on scout. go over 15 miles. capture 1 mule, 5 rifles, 10 overcoats 12 blankets & a large quantity of other clothing & some accoutrements. Eve we find ourselves 10 miles from our post. spend the night with a Mr Hall North of Poplar Springs about one mile. His lady gives us a big supper & lets us sleep in the parlor on the floor.

Tuesday November 25th 1862

Mor. after Breakfast resume our scout Capture one Horse, two tents, 2 guns, Kill a man's dog & find a two horse wagonload of things. Have women tell me they would like to see my "damned Yankee throat cut" Eve start for Camp with the capt. articles in a two horse wagon very dark, have to get out and feel for the road. Arrive at Camp at 10.30 PM

Wednesday November 26th 1862

Mor. in Camp see a nig receive 10 lashes for his thieflike actions. Return to Picket Station. Afternoon serg DuBois returns from scout with another wagon load of captured goods

Thursday November 27th 1862

Mor. Thanksgiving Lt Dare goes on scout. We have a Rabbit dinner. I go huntin in afternoon Eve Lt Dare returns with wagon load of goods captured.

Friday November 28th 1862

Mor I go on scout again. capture several rifles, one Rebel sword taken in the Battle of Antietam see lots of fun stay all night at Mr Griffiths, 3 miles. South of Lisbon

Saturday November 29th 1862

Mor start for camp capture several lots of clothing &c take Dinner with ----- of Lisbon arrive at Picket post at ----- after Sunset
Eve we talk over days proceedings by our pickets fire

Sunday November 30th 1862

Morning all well at Picket post Lt Potter & myself bring two Deserters to camp Report ourselves to Col Johnson I take tea with Maj Davis & Col Willets

Monday December 1st 1862

Mor. send 30 prisoners to Baltimore Dine with Major D & Col Willets
Take tea with them Eve attend a party of Mrs. Chase's at Mrs. McGowans
Dance with several Jersey ladies

Tuesday December 2d 1862

Mor. take little hunt for ---- with LtCol Willets & Maj Davis near camp
Afternoon return to Picket post at the 17" Milestone on Frederick Pike
Rebels reported within 17 miles of us Eve. Nigs. slaves of Carrols come in & the boys dance while the slaves play the fiddle & the banjo & Bones

Wednesday December 3d 1862

Mor take little rabbit hunt Afternoon write to K. Evening! listen to the boys spin long stories by our picket fire

Thursday December 4th 1862

Mor. are relieved from picket to come in to rec. our pay BAYDAY
We are paid to the last of October. Eve with Maj Davis & others empty out the whiskey of the Green House Dance at a party at McGowans while on picket the boys at the 17 mile stone killed over 40 rabbits & 2 squirrels (the latter an added entry)

Friday December 5th 1862

Mor. I take the Regt to Drill ground and act as Col. Drill the Regt till 12 oclock. Return to Camp commences snowing. Eve shut up rum shop It snows all the evening

Saturday December 6th 1862

The Regt receives MARCHING ORDERS Day spent in settling Bills and making arrangements to leave. With Col Willets Maj Davis & QM Brown start for Baltimor in wagon & have to return as horses cannot stand on the ice.

Sunday December 7th 1862

Write letters to my friends. snow still on ground very cold weather, remarkable so for this part of the country.

Monday December 8th 1862

Mor. with Maj Davis go to Baltimore Call on Gen Wool, Prov. Marshall &c.&c
take dinner at Shamburgh call on Col Butler(?) Evening call on some friends
of Major D's. Attend the Holiday Street Theatre. stay all night at the Eutaw
House.

Tuesday December 9th 1862

Mor. after Breakfast call on Gen Wool we (Maj & I) get small change.
Take horse cars to Catonsville & then stage to Ellicotts Mills Dine at
McGowans Pack trunk. Make my arrangements for leaving

Wednesday December 10th 1862

Mor. strike tents and prepare to leave. At 4 p.m. our Regt takes the cars for
Washington &c. Arrive in Washington at 3 next morning after a very cold ride
in iron cars The people in Ellicotts Mills manifest much sorrow at our
departure.

From the 1862 diary of Richard S. Thompson

Captain Co K 12th NJ 8/62 Major 2/64

LtCol 7/64

Discharged 2/65 Disabled Wounds received at Reams Sta. 8/64

Born & raised in South Jersey

Trained in Law accepted to the bar in Phila. at outbreak of war
Prominent lawyer and legislator in Chicago for years

This diary was physically the smallest of any of his being only 3 3/8 by 2 3/8"
The writing is small and necessarily brief. This transcription is as literal
as to spelling, wording, & punctuation as it was possible to determine.

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