

CIVIL WAR DIARY
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In attempting to keep a diary, I do not expect to do more than chronical passing events as they transpire, and the reader who in time to come takes the trouble to peruse the pages of this little book must lay aside the critic's cap and make all allowances for the time, place, and circumstances under which these hastily written lines were penned. A new account will be given of the most important movements of that portion of the army to which I am attached and may this little volume serve to pass away a few hours agreeably and ??? the reader of some of the hardships suffered by the soldiers of this war.

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Prairie House Aug 17th, 1862-

Attended church --- Saw Col-Shelby who was camped near town. Spent the evening at home as if it was the last day I would ?? at home for a long time to come.

All the family were at home, also Dr Johnson and Aunt Laura. Intend going into camp tomorrow morning.—

Monday 18th – went into camp on Sals Fork ½ north of A. Houston's—had about twenty men put out to keep out a camp guard to keep what men we had in camp and earnestly hope for recruits for our company – Geo Kirtteg Went to Salt Springs to meet Garnett of Cambridge and left the camp in charge of ?? Harding and myself. Not a very agreeable task as all the men were

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trying to get passes to leave camp for trifling purposes.

Tuesday 19th – Capt Kirtteg came into camp with Capt's Garrett's and Tittsarorth's companies numbering about one hundred new. Capt K's company was also increased to about 50. The men are all busy making cartridges. As I am the only one in camp who knows how to make a cartridge I am kept busy showing the men how. Col. Shelby has just sworn the men into the service of the C.S.A. for the war—some seem disposed to back down from serving so long a time and offer every objection in the world but to no purpose, as Col Shelby is provided with power to conscript them.

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Wednesday 20th Left camp on South Fork at 4 P.M. yesterday and met Col Shelby at Martin's School house. Proceeded there by way of Shelby College. Martin borders and Mary Boswell's to S. Shannon's where we stopped a while and then proceeded in the direction of Columbus. Camped at Mrs. Tracys about 9 o'clock. Had a very fatiguing nights march. Frank Gordons company from Wav??? joined us this morning with some

40 men. Shelby has about 400 men, not more than 2/3 of whom are armed. Federals reported to be in the neighborhood but none seen. Thursday 21st – Left camp yesterday we with about 25 picked men under D. Lilly to go on a scout to Rose Hill. Passed Columbus and traveling

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all night – through the rain and the blackest darkness I ever saw – we reached Rose Hill about 3 A.M. and finding no federals there, passed onto Index (?) where we camped expecting that the command would be up to us. But owing to the great difficulty of traveling through the woods in the dark, they did not reach us but camped east of Rose Hill. Friday 22nd – In accordance with the orders from Col Shelby we struck camp at sundown and moved in the direction of Grand river which we crossed at 10 o'clock P.M. and stopped and fed our horses. Waiting for the command – I got a couple hours of sleep which was most refreshing as we had been up for so long without sleep. Col Shelby got

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up with us at 12 o'clock and we resumed our line of march for the day. Camped about daylight in a piece of timber near Pleasant Gap. Feds reported in the neighborhood. Saturday 23rd – Struck camp yesterday evening late and marched through Pleasant Gap, crossed Osageneir (?) below Papkinsville thence towards Montevallo and camped twenty miles south of the river. Wrote home this morning and sent it by Capt Carry. Channing is somewhat indisposed today but not seriously so. We find forage for our horses very scarce. Our rations brought from home are also giving out, and as we cannot procure any breadstuffs, we have to rely on intirely upon roasting of ears without salt.

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Sunday 24th. Marched all night last night and ran into a scout of Federals this morning at the crossing of Coon Creek. Col Shelby wishing to avoid a fight dropped down the creek 3 miles to a ford and went into camp causing the men to form in line of battle and rest on their arms. Scouts were sent out and not seeing any of the enemy, reported them gone – We were under the impression that they had left and were feeling very safe when to our complete surprise they opened fire upon us from a cornfield near us. The men instantly sprang to their arms and though they were very much scattered when the alarm was given I never saw more alacrity displayed in preparing for battle.

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Blackwell's company together with Garrett's and Tittsworth's on our right wing engaged the enemy and after a smart skirmish of about 30 minutes drove back the Federals, killing 10, wounding a larger number and capturing three. Orderly Sergt – Redel of Co A Mart-Oliver of Co. B and Kurt of Co __ were slightly wounded. The force of the enemy was estimated by the prisoners at 800. We didn't have more than 230 armed men. I never saw men fight better than ours did in this engagement. A great many of the boys were in their first fight and all acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. Chan displayed a great deal of coolness

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throughout the fight and seemed “eager for the fray.” - indeed all the younger part of our company behaved in a gallant manner. A stranger would have been accused to have been in our camp while the fight was progressing to see the unarmed portion of the command cooking roasting ears and carrying them to the men who were in line. We will remain in line till night and then move on south. Monday 25th – took up our line of march yesterday evening at sundown and moved cautiously towards Carthage throwing out skirmishes to prevent surprise. Passed through town without accident about 10 P.M. – traveled all night and are now camped 18 miles south of Carthage.

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Our scouts report six hundred Federals in the neighborhood and captured four who were on their way to Neosho. The men are beginning to suffer from the loss of sleep, last night Col Shelby fell of his horse while asleep. We are now living entirely on roasting ears. Have plenty of old corn for our horses. Had to leave Mart-Oliver and Houston in Carthage. O. Redd has a place in Mr. Trundles carriage and is as comfortable as could be expected. Tuesday 26th. We struck camp yesterday at 4 P.M. and moved south intending to go to Neosho but our scouts reported a larger force of the enemy's there so we bore to the right and after a very fatiguing night's march camped this morning

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about 8 o'clock at Beaver Spring's 11 miles from Neosho. This is a beautiful Spring and most of the boys took advantage of the opportunity to go in bathing. Still living on roasted ears. Got forage this morning. Wednesday 27th Took up our line of march yesterday and marched 5 miles to Rutledge and camped for the night to allow the men a chance to sleep all night for the first time since we left the river. Woke up this morning feeling much refreshed and after partaking of a good breakfast at a private house feel very much improved. Channing seems to stand the trip very well and takes everything as a good soldier should without grumbling at ??? ????

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Thursday 28th Moved yesterday evening from Rutledge to Sulphur Springs. Had ½ pint of meal to the ??? morning for breakfast. Held ???twice for officers in our company. Geo. Rikintley was elected Captain. Geo C. Clar, D R Stallard & Geo Harris Lieutenant. I was elected orderly Sergeant by the boys such against my will and preferred to be a private. Have been very busy all day making a company roll. Friday eve 29th We are now carefree at Huffs Mills in Arkansas for the first time in my life I am in this land of Mosquitoes Buffalo gnats and Lizzards. One almost feels the cold touch of the feet of some slippery Lizzards or shaggy Tarantula when they

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lie down on the dewey/downey?? Beds of “Arkansas feathers,” and often times the sleepy soldier awakes from his rest to find his bed shared by a Quarrelsome Rattlesnake or a many footed Centipede. Then you may seek to find in some of the picturesque log houses by the road sides some thing to remind you of the familiar faces you have left at home. You ride up to the Gate or rather “the place where the gate ought to be” and hitch your horse -- ??garden?? peeping from behind the half open door the smiling faces of

some half dozen “fair daughters of the ??? south” with from ten to 36 ??mi--- different sizes and shades of cleanliness peeping out from under the arms of their elder’s

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anxious to see the soldiers and find out whether “you ens is from Missouri” or “is you ens ???” – both of these questions being answered satisfactorily you may consider yourself at home and if you have a calico dress or a pair of cotton cords you may be sure of a welcome. It was here we met with as unladylike a specimen of a woman in the person of ??? Becky Huff, as who I ever seen among other remar’s derogatory to the character of Missourians said that there were cowards enough in Mo to pave H-ll a mile granting this to be a specimen of her language the ???- may from some ???of the lady herself. With such experience as this it was not probable that we would

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not form a very exalted opinion of the society of this state though it is to be hoped that this is a rare case. We have flour & beef here and are put to our wits ends to know how to cook our provisions – nevertheless we mix our flour on our oil clothes & wrap the dough around sticks & bake it as nicely as though we had all the conveniences of a modern kitchen whether owing to the fine cooking or to our appetites (which never were better) I do not pretend to say which, we never relished any meal more than I did this. Saturday 30th. Camped on head of Flint – about – 12 miles from Glen Springs – got a plenty of Green Corn for our horse’s – We have a plentyh to eat and for the first time since leaving

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home, therefore the boys gave it the name of “Camp Satisfaction”. Had a great abundance of the finest Pears I ever saw.

Sunday 31st. Observed the Sabbath today by laying camp all day. Col Shelby in a general order says “no passes will be granted on Sunday”

Monday Setp 1st Moved to Elm Springs and camped about noon.

Tuesday 2nd Took up line of march for Fayetteville but meeting Genlk Rains about six miles from town returned to Elm Springs & went into camp in our old ground. We were joined here by Rathburn’s and Bullard’s companies & Elliott’s & Crocker’s squads. Had plenty to eat for ourselves but forage for our horses was scarce.

Wednesday 3rd Moved north 15 miles to

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---- Creek and camped. Got the recruits for our company

Thursday 4th Moved ??? to McKinicks’ Spring and camped for the first time in some order. Rains Command came up in the evening and camped by us. Forage for man & beast plentiful.

Friday 5th Drilled company drill as Infantry in the morning 2 hours and Officers drill as Cavalry in the evening same length of time. Mounted Camp Guard for the first time. Men are making every exertion to mount themselves well & most of the company approximated their bounties to (?buy?) horses for those who needed. Forage still plenty

Saturday 6th - Remained in camp & drilled as yesterday. ?????? is with a ? today

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Sunday 7th – Remained in Camp till 2 P.M. when the order came to saddle up. Prepared to move, drew 15 rounds of ammunition & moved north. Federals reported at Pineville. Reached Pineville 10 P.M. and finding no federals there went into camp. The dismounted and un armed men were left with the wagons at the spring.

Monday 8th - Moved from Pineville to within 7 miles of Neosho- came up to where Hays & Caffee were camped in the morning & passed them. Sent out scouts to Neosho. Rain fell incessantly throughout the evening and night. Genl Winden?? came to Hays camp & sent for Col Shelby and appointed him to take command of the three

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regiments. The boys all feel proud of his promotion indeed the Col has to be quite a favorite with the men.

Tuesday 9th – Moved camp – marched toward ??? and camped on ---- creek. – still raining and very unpleasant. Our scouts captured two Pai Indians – sent them to Col Stan????-

Wednesday 10th – Moved back towards Neosho two miles then counter marched & camped 10 miles south of Neutonio??

Thursday 11th – Lay in camp all day. Hays & Coffee came up to us.

Friday 12 – Still in same camp. Held an election for Field officers. Shelby elected unanimously. Col B.F. Gordon was elected Lt Col over B. Elliott, Geo.R. Kirtley, Major over Rathburn. Sent 130 men u nder Capt Blackwell to guard our wagons & artillery up.

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Saturday 13th – News having been received of a scout of Feds being in Newtonia Col. Shelby dispatched Col Hays with about 400 men to try and capture them. We succeeded in completely surprising them and ??? them driving them to Granby. The pursuit lasted for five miles. We killed three, wounded six & captured ten. Col. Hays was unfortunately killed at the commencement of the race. This circumstance threw a gloom over every heart and we returned to camp with sorrowful hearts. The death of Col Hays was keenly felt by all of his men who were all fond of him.

Sunday 14th – Buried Col Hays all of the men turned out – and marched in precision with arms re ???

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All seemed to be imp;ressed with the solemnity of the occasion and many an eye was moist when the Chaplain offered up his appropriate and touching prayer to the throne of God in behalf of the illustrious dead. Our wagons and artillery got up this morning.

Monday 15th – moved camp this morning to 1 mile south of Newtonia??. Named the Camp, "Hays, after Col Hays killed on Saturday last.

Tuesday 16th – Still in camp. Drilled Infantry drill in morning. Officer cavalry drill at noon & company drill as cavalry in evening.

There is plenty of Forage near here and it is probable we will remain near here for some time.

Wednesday 17th. Lay in camp all day drilling three times as heretofore.

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Thursday & Friday 19th – Lay in Camp drilling and shoeing our stock.

Saturday 20th – Went on a scout to the neighborhood of Mt. Vernon and heard there was about 3,000 Federals there. We ran in their ??Piquets?? and waited for them to send out a scout but as they did not we returned to camp.

Sunday 21st – hearing that there was a heavy force coming down from Sarkoxie?? Col Shelby fell back about ten miles to an excellent position to meet an attack and went into camp. Calling his camp by the name of our Genl Price.

Monday 22nd – Remained at camp Price and sent out scouts to see if reports were true. They returned and reported no Federals near.

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Tuesday 23rd – Moved Camp this morning and went to Clear Springs ?? miles from Neutronia called our camp after Col Caffee. Forage plenty.

Wednesday 24th – Remained in Camp & drilled three times a day.

Thursday 25th – Col Cooper with 3,000 indians and Texans and a battery of four brass guns joined us and as he was senior to Col Shelby took command of all the troops.

26th, 27th, 28th, 29th – Remained at Camp Caffee drilling and sharing? Our horses. Today Col Cooper sent Col Hopps regiment with Bledders Battery of two Iron ?six pounders to Neutonia to hold possession of the Mill as the Federals are reported moving against the place and Genl Neiselman?? wants to keep the Mill.

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Tuesday 30th – Heavy firing was heard this morning in the direction of town and pretty soon the couriere brought news of he approach of the Federls to ??Neautonia. All of the men were then ordered out and all but ?Dean's Reg & part of Caffees were sent on a forced march to the scene of action. We ran our horses all the way, the firing growing heavier and more ??? as we neared town. We found the Battery in position in the eastern part of the p;lace having been driven out of its original position (Judy Rithcies barnyard) by the sharp ?shooting of the evening. Who were in the act of entering the tw\own where we fortunately dashed in. Col Cooper was in command

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Of our forces and acted throughout the day in a gallant manner. We attacked the ?? in front & on his right flank simultaneously. Col Gordon endeavored to charge their Battery through a corn field but owing to the murderous fire of graa?? Poured upon us was compelled to fall back. We succeeded in routing them & driving them some 3 miles whre they met a heavy new forcement of Infantry and Artillery & we in turn had to fall back to town which we did in perfect order. The battle lasted until sundown when the Federals retreated, our men following them for a mile or so. We fired the last gun and leaving piquets in the vicinity of town, returned to Camp.

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We lost 10 killed about 30 wounded and very few prisoners (this includes Indians and all) The loss of the Federals was much larger. We captured 117 of them. I am sorry to announce?? among the wounded, Charley I was wounded in right elbow by a grape shot. Capt Bear ?? in right ankle by same. – neither I am glad to say are dangerous.

Wednesday Oct 1st. Last night Col Shelby moved up to town with the men he had with him and assumed command of the town. This morning all the remainder of his Brigade moved to town & after making a reconnaissance north of town with 500 men and one section of Artillery returned & went into Camp 1 mile N. of town.

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Thursday 2nd – Still in Camp N. of town- nothing of interest transpired except the arrival of a Flag of F??? from the federals in reference to their dead and wounded. Real object supposed to be to find out our positions??? Our men have been busy today burying the Federal dead. Forage plenty

Friday 3rd – Intelligence brought in to say of the approach of a large body of Federals. Wagons ordered to be loaded & ready to leave at a moments notice.

Saturday 4th – Sent out scouts last night which returned at daylight this morning & confirmed the ??? of he Federals. Orders to saddle up at 4 A.M. Feel a fight coming on but would rather it would not. The wagons were all sent to the

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rear and Regiments formed to move off. We marched out of Camp and took up our positions and sent out scouts. This was hardly done when the Feds opened upon us from east & west of town with their Artillery a large force of Infantry & Cavalry showing themselves at the same time. The odds being so great Col Shelby fell back slowly covering his wagon train which was in great danger of being captured at the time as the Federals got between Shelby & Cooper. The federals followed to the timber? And after shelling tht for about two hours advanced to find us entirely out of their way – and out of danger. Cooper joined us about 10 o'clock.

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We fell back slowly & camped at night 5 miles north of Pineville on the ugglyest hillside I ever saw.

Sunday 5th – Took up our line of march at sunup & marched through Pineville and went into camp on Cowskie Creek. Had preaching in the evening. Federals reported to be following us.

Monday 6th – Struck camp at daylight to join Col Cooper on White Rick prairie. Met with him about 9 A.M. and went into camp on --- Creek. Stragglers from the Newtonia fight came in today. Col Shelby intends sending them to the infantry.

Tuesday 7th – Still on White R- Prairie. Maj Kintley with 150 men went on a scout this morning. Capt Clark received official information of his promotion this ???- discharged

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D W Lewis from the service on account of disability. Forage very scarce

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Thursday, July 30th. Left Batesville at 8 o'clock this morning on my way to Louisiana. I have spent many of the happiet moments of my life at B and long will I remember its

kind, hospitable and interesting people. The ladies of B. are among the most fascinating I have ever met with, and almost without an exception display an undying devotion to the southern cause. In the time I have stayed there I have had an excellent opportunity to form a correct idea of the state of Society and am satisfied that no place containing as many ladies can produce so many that are models of a lady as can be found there. I have formed many strong at-

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tachments to the place as well as its fair girls and will ever remember with the greatest pleasure my sojourn there. Proceeded on my way to Jacksonport, stopped at Sulphur Rock to see Maj. Lawrence. Found McArthur, I. Clark, & Capt Stonestreet with him. Got my dinner and started with Cap S. to camp. Crossed the river at Col Maguire's. Stopped at Col Maguires to deliver letters to Miss Delia Maguire. Reached Gen Marmadukes Head Quarters about sundown & put up with my friend Col Slayback. Saw Dr Austin in Camp. Will have to stay here several days to get my furlough from Little Rock as it has been delayed.

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Friday 31st. Have been in camp all day with my friend Col Slayback. Went around to see my old company. All the boys are well & it seems like old times to be with them once more: one thing I miss, and how vividly does the past seem to spring up to my imagination when I reflect upon the sad fact that Clark is no more with us to encourage with his words of assurance, & in time of action to animate his men, by his own dauntless spirit. Such men as Clark are never fully appreciated until they are taken away from us; then their sterling worth seems to be fully manifest, & we alas! Too late, ascribe the honor which is justly their due. Clark has been taken from us in the very midst of his career of greatness, and we

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are left to mourn in sorrow the mysterious dispensations of an all wise creator. Tis folly to indulge in useless expressions of grief. The occasion demands great and more intense evidences. Volumns of written words could not convey an idea of our loss. Time in its onward course will gather & sweep years into the dark abyss of oblivion but never can this memory be effaced from the minds of those who knew him but to love him.

Saturday, Aug 1st. Am still awaiting my furlough from Little Rock. Went over to see Col Shelby this evening. He is suffering a great deal from his arm which is very much inflamed and the Drs fear will have to be amputated. Shelby seems to be

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very impatient and I fear that does a good deal towards retarding his recovery. Shelby's presence is much needed just now with his brigade & I fear it will go to ruin if he is kept from it much longer. How strange it is that men who are of so much worth to the cause should be the ones marked for destruction. Shelby will be missed indeed. Few men have done more than he to advance our interest & it seems inaccountability strange that he is

still kep down while men not half so deserving are raised to the rank of Brigadier & Major Generals – Well so much for being a favorite at Head Quarters.

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Sun 2nd Still in camp near Jacksonport. Went over this morning to see Col Shelby. He is suffering a good deal with his arm & is very weak – his coming from Augusta has done him no good -- Every thing is so dull. No news and no excitement to keep our wspirits up – Anything would be better than being in camp so long & in such a place. This evening two wagons came in from Col Kitchen loaded with goods captured from a ???? consisting of Oysters, Preserves, fruits, wines, cigars, something almost unknown to a Confederate soldier and reminds him of better days – Though for a start it is to be hoped the return of them will be soon.

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Monday 3rd Spent the day with Col S. writing for him. He has to employ an awareness as he cannot write with his left hand – There is not a particle of news astir and the dullness of this camp is unsupportable. I will go back to B. tomorrow if I do not hear from my furlough. Dr. Dobbins has just got in from our beloved village & brings news of all our friends which induces me more than ever to go back---

Tuesday 4th Left Camp this morning at nine oclock and after a very warm ride reached Batesville & found all of my friends with one exception well & apparently glad to see me, though I doubt

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if they were as glad to see me as I to get back once more – I find Mrs. Cox has left and my old home looks quite forsaken. Spent the evening with my particular friends Mrs. Smith and Miss Annie, whose kindness to me will never be forgotten, and had as usual a very pleasant time.

Wednesday 5th Spent the morning at Judge Byer's. had a very agreeable time with Miss Annie Byers & Miss Vannie Wilson, both of whom are among my favorites. Returned home at three o'clock and attended a meeting of the reading class which on this occasion sonsisted of Mrs. Maxwell, Dr. Lewis & Misses Mollie & Sarah Byers

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Annie Smith, Mary Case, Sarah Perin & Loutie Maxfield. Wm Maxfield and I think I *(switches back to pencil for here on)*

may safely say that the world might be hunted over and a more agreeable (to say nothing of their other charms) bevy of girls could not be found – Passed the afternoon very pleasantly reading the “life of David Beckett?”. Passed the evening with the same party in a delightful manner at Mrs Lewis'. Miss Eleanor Maxfield added here bright face and agree able company to our already ??select?? circle. How pleasant these little several gatherings are and much better to spend an evening thus than at a ??Base??.

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Thursday 6th Am still inBatesville & will stay until the first of the week. Spent the day making a pair of slippers for Col Shelby. Attended a gathering at Mrs Maxfields at night. Had a most agreeable time.

Friday 7th Spent the morning in visiting my friends. Took Annie?? With Mrs Perin. Took a buggy ride in the evening & had my horse to run off with me and break both of the shafts – escaped without any injury to myself or horse. The safety of the latter being very fortunate as horseflesh is scarce nowadays. Spent the evening at Mrs Smiths with Mrs. Maxfield and Miss Eleanor Maxfield very pleasantly.

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Saturday 8th Passed the morning repairing the broken shaft – succeeded in getting them fixed by dinner. Spent the evening at Mrs. Smiths where the reading class met. Had a (??swim/dinner?) at Mrs. (?Ina) Byher at night.

Sunday 9th Attended Presbyterian Church in morning & spent the evening at Mrs Fairchilds.

Monday 10th Spent the day at ??? Byers with May Lawrence & had a pleasant time.

Friday 14th Once more started from Batesville to try and make my way to La. It seems that the more I stay at Batesville the more I want to remain & I sometimes think

p.91 that I would be satisfied to live there all my life. I have many warm friends there and will always consider myself under many and lasting obligations to the people of that town. Left town at nine o'clock after taking leave of my lady acquaintances & in company with my friends. Dr Austin started for ?Searcy. After crossing White river at Ramseys ferry I bade a last farewell to the delightful town & vicinity where I have lived so pleasantly for the last six months. We proceeded slowly as the weather was excessively warm and the sun shot down his rays with burning heat which seemed almost as though they would

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cause a man to melt. The country through which we passed possessed few attractions either natural or artificial to please the eye or interest the imagination so we had to rely entirely upon our selves for something to amuse us. We passed through Fairburn? (a little village 20 miles fro B) about 1 o'clock. When about 11 miles from Searcy we heard several reports of artillery & were at quite a loss to understand what was this cause when we met a man who told us that the Federals were in Searcy & their gunboats at the river – and that G??? and Elliott were cut off

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This looked rather bilious but I concluded to go on until I saw the Feds for it is a bac plan to run from hearsay unless you have good cause to think the report correct. I came up to Maj Elliotts camp & learned that it was true that they were at the river. & so I staid with him.

Sat 15th Left camp last evening after dark and went up the river to a ford. Reached at about 1 o'clock & camped for the balance of the night. Crossed this morning at 8 o'clock and moved to Searcy. The country as yesterday did not provide/issue?furnish? many objects of interest. We reached Searcy safely about

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2 o'clock. Found all my friends well. Genl Marmadukes had ??? here. Found Mrs ?? but she left for Little Rock in the evening. Staid with my friend Col Slaybuck.

Sunday 16th Genl M. left Searcy for Desarc? this morning so I moved my quarters to the office of my particular friend Dr. Dobbins who is in charge of the Hospital here. Attended the Methodist Church in the morning & heard a very good sermon. Spent the evening quietly at the aforesaid office.

Monday 17th Spent the day at Searcy. Nothing of interest transpired. Dr. Austin got back from Desarc?? This evening.

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Tuesday 18th Started at an early hour for Des Arc. Overtook my friend Lieut? Beattie 13 miles on my way & passed the remainder of the day very pleasantly. It has been just 12 months today since I left home & it may be years before I see it again. Spent the night at Mr? Healy's 10 miles from Des Arc with Lieut Geeves? & Reese Marlin.

Wednesday 19th Reached Des Arc this morning about 10 o'clock – found everything all right- put up with my friend Slayback. Spent the day laying around & trying to drive away bad feeling.

Thursday 20th Spent a very unpleasant night and feel a great deal of tenderness in my

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left leg. Am afraid my wound is going to give me trouble. Received my furlough this morning from Little Rock and as all is now right will start immediately. Bid my friends good bye and started for Brownsville but owing to my leg which got worse I did not get but 16 miles. Stopped with Mrs. Nichols. I have a good deal of fever tonight & am fearful I will be laid up, would give a great deal to be back at Batesville.

Friday 21st No better this morning but struck out again for Col ??? campo & though my leg pained me a great deal & it

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was with difficulty I could ride I kept on & got to camp late in the evening. Found John Smith, Bob Chearner?, W Erwin? & Maj Bull well. Spent the night with them suffering a great deal

Saturday 22nd Started on the Little Rock road to find a house to stay at.-- as I am unable to ride any farther after going some 7 or 8 miles came to me Johnsons (12 miles from the Rock) & stopped with him. My leg is exceedingly painful & shows great disposition to draw up.

Sunday 23rd Still here but not better. Suffered a great deal today.

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Monday 24. No better today. My leg is still very painful and I cannot get it in a position of ease. Have a little fever today. Wrote letters to B.

Tuesday 25th Still no better & there seems more contractions about the muscles. Cant get any medical attention that is worth a cent. Heard artillery firing in the direction of Brownsville this morning.

Wednesday 26th Suffered terribly last night & did not sleep a wink. Today a surgeon of Genl McRea's staff stopped here & prescribed for me & left me feeling a good deal easier. I hope I may get better.

p.99 The fighting yesterday was between Marmaduke & the enemy. The former had to fall back to Viameter??. I saw W. Erwin today. He stopped here as his Reg went to shallow ford

Thursday 27th Cant say that I am any better today though I do not suffer so much pain. My bowels need moving & until that is done I cannot look for any decided improvement. Heavy firing hs been heard most of the day in the direction of the bridge over ?????

Friday 28th Saw several of ??? Reg today & they report the Feds fallen back to Browns

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ville. Several estimate their loss as ten times greater than theirs??. I am no better today and indeed am not relieved in my bowels yet – and cannot expect to feel better until my liver acts well. Sent my horse and saddle off by Mr Johnson who is running off his stock. Saturday 29th A week today since I stopped and I am still no better. I am really low-spirited and well have I cause to be among total strangers and those who were never used to good ???their life I feel more sensitivity the suddent change from B – and often do my thoughts

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wander back & I fancy myself once more among the dear friends I have there / I like live in hope & expect? A change. Saw Capt Dye today who promised to send an ambulance & carry me to Little Rock.

End of diary and change of handwriting

This is the last of Lt. Bulkleys Journal – He was brought to Little Rock, Sept 2nd (Wednesday) & was left at the Residence of Dr John Kirkwood's where he received every attention possible for his comfort. He died on the 5th Sept at 4 o'clock P.M. and was buried on the following day in the

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Cemetery in Little Rock by his old comrades with the military honors of war. May we all be as well prepared to go – when called, as was or mutual friend Billy. The sound of the War Drum will never more disturbe his peaceful slumbers. He has given his all for his country & now let us cherish his memory & love the Cause for which he died—

Laura A. Cox
Batesville
Ark.

Sept. 9th 1863
Little Rock