

Excerpts from the Civil War diary of

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March 7, 1864 -- We went to Camp Chase and staid that night.

March 8 -- We went to the city and was mustered into the service and drewed our township bounty

March 22 -- We drilled today

March 25 -- Today they was 280 prisoners was sent to fort delaware. So they say that old Colonel moodey brother was with them i saw him he looks as hard as you pleas

March ~~28~~⁶ -- . . . Capt. ----- came last night with some recruits. Today they cort marshaled 12 of the invalede boys i sold my revolver today for \$17. i got a black mark last night

April 1 -- i suppose if nothing happens it will be Co. C, 60 reg.

April 2 -- today we were organized and T. B. ?yle is our captain

April 4 -- We went to the city to be mustered in but we said that we would have our bounty first we laid on the flore(?) of it til we got the head ache we laid from 9 to ? o'clock

April 5 -- I came home today with Wilson Mills

April 6 -- We buried Wils Mills. . .

April 7 -- I came back to Camp Chase today. . . tonight they sent Tom H(?)athcock to the guard hous the boys were glad of it they think it might help him

April 8 -- i took sick in the morning and i got better at night

April 13 -- we got orders to go to Washington this week

April 16 -- we drewed our goverment bounty today

April 18 -- we drewed our guns today

April 30 -- Catlet Station, V. A.

May 1 -- We drewed six days rations of hard tack tonight i stood picket guard last night

May 4 -- This morning we left camp with three days rations

May 5 -- . . . the reg camped at the rapidan this morning and marched to the front on the left center

May 6 -- This morning we crossed the rapidan and marched to the front on the left center hard fighting all day today it came close to us

May 7 -- We marched from the left to the center and then to the left again and camped for the night

May 8 -- today we marched to the rear and then took the center mill road

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- May 9 -- About ten o'clock to day we engaged the enemy force which was about three to our one we stood one hour when we broke and run back to a ditch behind a fence
- May 10 -- To day we was relieved from the front about ten o'clock this evening we was run to the front and ---- breast works then we had to leave and laid on our arms all night the bullets flew
- May 12 -- This morning we was sent out to skirmish and was drove in and lost our reg
- May 13 -- Today we throwed up some breast works under fire
- May 14 -- To day still finds us in our ditches
- May 16 -- We laid in our breast works it is a hard place
- May 17 -- We laid in our breast works all is quiet along our line
- May 18 -- Today we marched out of our rifle pits and laid in the open field. . . it was done on account that we was shelled like the very nations
- May 19 -- To day we pulled up stakes and marched about five miles and found ourselves on the left of the lines in the front again as usual
- May 21 -- We marched in the afternoon and camped in the woods we marched like thunder I saw cherry half grown and corn three or four inches high
- May 22 -- We marched all day today hard as usual and camped for the night at bethel
- May 23 -- We stayed at bethel church this morning we started and marched to york river and camped i went out a forigin on . . . and got a load
- May 24 -- To day we drawed rations for three or four days we marched this morning about forty rods and laid down and stay til night
- May 25 -- Last night our Co was put on picket the rebs tride our lines but that was all they done
- May 26 -- To day we laid around all day . . . the sharp shooters plaid on us today
- May 27 -- Today we marched all day and till midnight
- May 28 -- This morning we started on our tramp in the evening I fell out and camped for the night with bil poling we stayed four miles of the Purmunkey (?) river
- May 29 -- This morning i came up with the regiment we ~~are~~ are now within sixteen miles of richmond and once more in the front
- May 30 -- the march to day is easy
- June 1 -- To day we moved from right to left a time or too and then maid breast works then we left and laid on picket the rest of the time
- June 2 -- this morning we fel back a piece to try the rebs on we marched about (?) miles the rebs folowed us up so fast that we had to stop and fight
- June 3 -- this morning we advanced on the rebs and laid behind brest works