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¶ 1

Thursday Jan 1st '63

In camp at Helena, Ark wether cool. The day was past in a general Jubellee. A bout 10 O'Clock at at Knight a bout one hundred Rebs made a dash on on our pickets an caused considerable Exitement But dun no harm.

From the first of the 10 of January there was nothing took plases of any note Jan 10th.
Received orders to march.

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Jan Sunday 11th

At 7 O'Clock an We Embarked on Board the Steamboat Anglosoxan and lay oposit Helena All day at 6 O'Clock P.M. the boats got up steam and started down the river. Sum time during the Knight we arrived at White river and lay untill morning

Monday Jan 12th

A bout 10 A.M. our Boats all got up steam and started up the White river we arrived at Pararie landind a distince of 20 ms

¶ 3

The country A long the White River is very low and when the Mississippi River is high overflows the country for 40 ms
from the mout of White river as fur as the overflow gose it is nothing tub a perfect Swamp hardly any body living in sight of the river.

Tuesday Jan 13

We started on up the river and went within 5 ms of St Charles

we we halted for the Knight the
Rebels was reported to have a
strong force at St Charles
Rained All Knight

from Pararielanding to St Charles 40 ms

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Jan Wedensday 14
in the morning the gunboats went
up to St Charles to comence the
atact but found the Enemy had
Evacuated the place. St Charles is a
small plase on the first hi land
a bove the mouth of White river.

We lay at St Charles all day
and Knight. Our Company & Co D
was put on picket. the wether was
very bad it rained untill
a bout dark when in comensed
snowing and snowed all Knight
it was very disagreeable.

¶ 5

St Charles was tolerably well fortified
there had bin four hevy guns Mounted
but they were taken away. They
Rebs had two lines of Rifle pits
a bout a mile long. the men that
they had to defend St Charles had bin
taken to Arkansas post so they Executed
the plase without a fight on 15th Jan
we started on up the River. Sum
time in the Evning we got to
Clarendon. The distance from St Charles
to Clarendon 40 ms the snow
continued all day

¶ 6

Friday Jan 16
the morning was tremendous coald
a bout 7 A. M. we started on up the
River and went on untill we came
to Devaul Bluffs where the Rebels
was reported to have a strong force
But when we got there they

had Exacuted the plase leaving
two hevvy big guns in our
posison and two or three Railroad
cars and a few comisary stores
we captured a bout 60 prisoners
at Devaul bluffs is situghted on
very high ground.

¶ 7

Sum two hundred milds a bove
the mouth of the river there is a
railroad come in to Devaul Bluffs
From Litle Rock, Ark We lay at
Devaul Bluffs

Jan 17th

During the time we lay there
the weather was very coald and
disagrabel Our soldiers sufured a
gradeel on a count that there was
not room for all the men in side
of the Boat. The Boat was crowded
from top to botom and all that
was on the herican roof got there
blankets wet which maid it very
disgar (disagreeable)

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Monday Jan 19

After burning the depot and all the
Rainroad cares that had fill in to
Our posesion we started down
the river. After we left Devaul Bluffs
there was nothing ocured of any note
until we got to Helena. We got to
Helena on 21st of Jan and ~~went to~~
~~our old camp~~. When we got to
Helena our camp was ocupyed by
sum cavelry so we had to go
sum 3 ms in the rear of Helena
and strike up a new camp

¶ 9

We built log cabins and got a
nise camp put up in a few day
there was nothing ocured during
January of any importence the wether

was very wet and disagreeable. Every
piece of low ground was fluded
with water it was almost imposable
for to git from our camp to town
with a team

¶ 10

February Sunday 1st 63

In camp near Helena, Ark wether
wet and rather cool there was nothing
occured of any importance untill 21st of Feb.
the wether was very wet the River
had overflowed all the low grounds
a bout Helena

The soldiers was kept very bussy
in building corderoy roads and
pontoon Bridges in order to git to
The river after suplies

¶ 11

Saturday Feb 21st

In camp near Helena. Received
orders to march at 4 p.m. we left
camp and went down to the river
and got on board of a boat and
lay al Knight

Sunday Feb 22

left Helena early in the morning
And went a bout 15 miles in to
the yazoo pass halted and got off of
the boats and marched a bout 4 ms
and releaved sum Regements that had
bin garding the pass to keep the Gurilers
from falling timber in to it.

¶ 12

We remained guardind the pass untill
Feb 28. During the time we was on
the yazoo pass the wether was very
wet and disagreeable. But we quartered
in a mill and sum houses. So we
got a long pirty well. We captured
a bout 5000 lbs of nice bacon and
all the fresh pork. Beef, chickens and
such things as we wanted. so we
had a prety fair time. During the

time we lay on the Yazoo pass.
General Roos past down the Zaroo

¶ 13

to try to open the Yaroo River

Sat Feb 28

Returned to Helena drew tents and
went in to camp near the town
the wether had become sum more settled
and the road was git considerably
dried up. we brought a good suply
of fresh meat and corn meal and
fresh meat to camp with us from
the yaroo pass

¶ 14

Sunday March 1st

In camp at Helena musturad for pay.

Monday March 2nd

Received pay for two months 26 dols
nothing ocured of any importence
untill the 15th the wether was fine
and warm the Road was giting
good and the river falling Every
thing past of Quiet no alarm rased

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Sunday March 15

A bregad of Soldiers landed at the
warp last Knight and got considerable
whiskey and concluded they wold
take the town. They runn the
provost guards out of town and was
just going for things in general
Our Regments was ordered out by
General Gormain to put down the
reit we was marched to town
double quick. But when they saw
us coming every man got for his
boat on quick time. after we got
the fuss quld.

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General Gorman cam out and and
complimented us very hilz fore our
respond to his call we then gave

him three cheers and returned to
our quarters. Nothing occurred during
the rest of March of any importance.
the wether was warm and nise the
most of the time we had several
company Betalion and Division Drills
Generaly comanded by Bregadeeer
General Gorman

¶ 17

Wednesday April 1st

In camp at Helena, wether fine and
warm nothing ocured of any importance
untill the 5th

Sunday April 5th

In camp at Helena. Received orders
to march at 4 p.m. Co C & Co K of our
Regt and two companys out of nearly all
the infantry and Cavelry Regments
Comanded by Colonel Platen of the 5th
Kansas Cavelry Our two Companys and
The 5th K Emarked on Board the
Harison and run up to the mouth
of the St. francis.

¶ 18

Monday 6 Apr

At day light we started up the St.
francis river to Madison when we
got to Madison we landed and
surounded the town and captured
a few prisoners on the 9th we got
to Wits Burg. A small little vilag
a bout 200 milds a bove the mouth of
the river here we lay for two or
three days the Cavlry scoured the
hole country had a few skirmishes
lost two or three men and captured
a bout 60 or 70

¶ 19

We left WitsBurg after destroying every
thing that wold be of any use to the
Enemy. We captured a fine lot of
bacon and all the turkeys, gees, and

chickens that we wanted we ran
down to the mouth of the langee and
layed over for the Knight

April 10

We ran up the langee four milds and
put off all the Cavelry to go to Helena
by land we then return tho Helena
and found our Regt on a boat redy
to leav

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Sunday April 12

On board the steamer Universe. Lay at
Helena all day

April 13

Havys Devision was all on board of
boats and redy to start. A bout 8 A M
the boats all got strung out in a line and
ran down to Catfish Bend and lay
over for the Knight

April 14

Ran down to Milikens mend and lay
on the boat all Knight

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Wedensday 15

Disembarked this morning and wet in
to camp with orders to have three days
rations in our haves sacks and redy
to march next morning at 5 A M.

Thursday April 16

Struck tents and all our surplus
plunder on boad of the boats and
truck up the line of march in good
camping time. We got to a little plase
cold Richmond. A nise little plase
distince 12 ms from Milikens Bend. We
camp here for the Knight.

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Friday April 17

Reville at 4 A m. Marched at 7 A M
marched 8 ms and went in to camp
for the Knight. This part of Mississippi
is butiful country. sum of the finest
houses and gardens that I ever saw

and splendid plantations. threw
country we pretend to follow no
roads went threw plantations or any
way that we could git a long. Burning
all the fenses where ever we wold
camp at Knight.

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Saturday April 18

We moved on near Carthage where
Art DunBars plantation, where. we
had to lay over sum two or three
days to buld sum pontoon Bridges,
while we lay here we had a
goodel of rain tho our regt was
quartered in houses and faird very
well we had no tents and no
transportation for any thing more than
we cold cary on our back with
from three or four days rations in
our haver sacks and 80 rounds of
cartages.

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Monday April 20

We left Dunbars plantation and tuck
up the line of march from Hardtimes
landing on the Mississippi River on the
27 Apr. We got to Hard times landing
on the Missi River on the Louirance
sid of the river from Dunbars plantation
to Hard times landing we had sum
very hard marching and bad roads
and the advances had a shirmish
ocasionly with the Rebels.
Ostre house had the lead and the car
the Sentre Havey on the left Smith on
the resev.

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Thursday 28 Apr.

Hardtrimes landing Lousiana
About 3 p.m. we embarked on board
of sum boats and barges that had
run the Blocade at Vicks Burg

April 29

At 3 O'clock AM our boats left
Hardtimes landing for Grangulf we
arived in sight of Gran Gulf a bout
day at 7 A.M. the gunboats formed
in the line of batli and condensed the
atact a bout 8 the fight was going
in fury and lasted untill about 12

¶26

At 12 O'clock the boats drewed off as
they found the rebel works to strong
for them to entierly silence them. the
rebel batries had injured our boats
considerable and kild sum of our guners
the intention was to silence the batries
and land our men in the front
and charge the rebels out of there works
But on finding the rebel works to strong
for our boats was concluded to land
and march below the gulf and let the
¶27 boats run the blockade at Knight and
next morning cross the troops below
and make the attack from the rear. \Our forses was marched below
the

gulf by 9 p.m. and camped for the Knight.

April 30

the boats all runn the Blocade with
but litle damag during the Knight
at daylight we comensed gitting on
boats to corss the river By daylight
By 7 A M the boats were all loden and
started down the river.

¶28

We landed At the mouth of Beang pier
sum 12 ms below Gran Gulf. drawed
four days rations and struck up the
line of march for Port Gibson we
traveled slowly untill a bout 10 p. m.
when we halted to git a bit of super
we had hardly got a bite to eat
untill we was ordered forward
we travailed on slowly untill a bout
1 in the morning when we was
halted by a rebel Batry it was not

long untill our Batries got in possicion
and drove them a way

¶29

Friday May 1st 1863

The skirmishing was kept up untill a
bout 3 a m when we halted to git
sum breakfast. But before half of the
men had got any thing to eat the
rebels opened fire on us and we
had to fall in line. We got our
lines formed a bout Seven and was
soon ordered forward it was but
a short time untill we got to work
in earnest Our men behaved splended
never did I see such fiting dun
before. Our boys threw there hats
in to air an went at them in
good earnest.

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where we first came on them was
on an open field the rebels held us
pretty tit for a short time then at
them we went at a charg Bayonet
on double quick they could not stand
it they broak and run in confusion
in this charge we captured 4 peoses
or Artilery and a good may prisioners
and kild and wound a lot of them
A bout noon the rebels seamed to of
got reinforcements and came on to us
again

¶31

Soon the battle raged with as mutch
fury as ever by this time our Batries
had got in posician and mad a
terable slauter in the rebel ranks. We
drove them a gain from there posician
in good stile and the evening foundest
intirly master of the field. we were all
so near wore out after not stooping
any scarsly for two Kinght then
marching all day and Knight then
fiting all day. that we cold not

follow up there retreat if we
could we wold of run beter
then we did

¶32

The Batle of Nagnolia Church or Port
Gibson was fought on high ground
and the rebs had the advantages
in evry posable way and this fight
our loss was a bout 450 kild,
wounded and mising the Rebel loss
was estimated at 1000 kild and
wounded and 700 prisioners the loss
of the 11th Ind was 2 kild and 18
wounded. Soinds the first of May

¶33

Saturday May 2nd

At day brake a great portion of the
troops were advansing on Port Gibson
Our regt moved forward a bout 7 A.M.
but the enemy had disapeared. We
moved forward untill a bout 11 A. M.
and arrived at Port Gibson the rebs
had retreated a crost Beaupeer and
birned the bridge here we halted and
lay untill pantoon Bridges could be
put a crost the Beaugh which took
all day and Knight to bit it ready
for crossing

¶34

Port Gibson is a butiful town and in
a ms country there is 7 splended
church houses in the plase and
before the war there was a bout
16,000 inhabitence here we parold
500 sick and wounded rebel soldiers
the town was not damaged, but
very litle while we stayed there After
we left the citizins of the plase
parold a lot of the wounded we
had left there and captured sum
of our ambulance and raised a
general row

¶35

So I have understood that there was a lot of cavalry sent back and burnt the place to the ground. the citizens of Port Gibson was very clever while we stayed there accommodated us in every way that they could the most damage that we did to them was to go in there gardens and take all of there garden sass and all there chickens and such other little things as looked tempting

¶35

Sunday May 3

At 6 O'Clock A M we moved forward on the Grangulf road the Rebels had retreated in great disorder leaving nearly every thing they had behind them in one place we found about 100,000 lbs of bacon that they had hauled out of Port Gibson aiming to get it away but we were so close to there heels that they were obliged to leave every thing and flee for the wrath to come the Bacon that we got here was a

¶36 great relief to our soldiers for the most of us was getting very short of rations as we had drawn no rations since we left the river and in the fight nearly half of the men lost there haversacks. After we got across Bayou Pierre we found the rebels had evacuated Grangulf and was they retreating to Vicksburg or Jackson so we continued our march on the Vicksburg road Skirmishing with there rear guard occasionally and taking a few prisoners occasionally at 4 PM called a halt and camped

¶37

Monday May 4

In camp at Willow Springs we lay still until 3 p.m. when we received orders to march orders were counter

manded and we did not move that
day We lay here untill May Sixth
a waiting for our suply train to come
up but no train reached us. We
were all out of rations with the
exceptions of what litle we had picked
up we could git plenty of fresh meat
¶38-But we had no salt for our days
we had scarsly any thing to eat
once and a while we would git
a little corse cornmeal, but we had
no way to cook it. tho we manged
to git a long But I suposed that
it could not be helped So we
all kept in good heart and where
every the rebels wold show fight at
all we wold drive them with
hevy loss. Willow Springs is
a bout 8 ms from Port Gibson
near Blackriver

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Wednesday May 6

In camp at Willow Springs. Revelle
at 3 A. M. moved forward at 4 A M. on the
Jackson Road to a litle town by the name
of Rocky Springs. A distance of 8 ms from
Willow Springs. We arived at Rocky Springs
a about 11 A M. We halted here and got a
few rations of salt pork and crackers
which put new life in us for we
had marched a bout 8 milds without
super or breakfast We camped here
for the knight

¶40

Thursday May 7

In camp at Rocky Springs. Received
orders to march at 3 p.m. We marched
a bout 2ms and took our posician
in line of batle in the rear of
Ostre house but the rebels wold not
show fight it was the general opinion
that we wold have considerable fiting
to do here but as luck wold have

it the rebs retreated a gain and
left us without a fight
wether fine

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Friday

~~Wednesday~~ May 8

Still in line of batle nothing going
on of any importance A bout 3 p.m.
General Grant Logan McPherson and
others road a round our lines
reviewing the troops

Saturday May 9

Still laying still nothing ocured of
importance during the day in the
Evning our Band came up with us

¶42 Sunday May 10

At 6 A. M. we received orders to march
at 8 the hole forse way under way
we moved in the directions of Jackson,
Miss. At 4 p.m. we halted after marching
8 ms and camped for the knight the
wether extramly hot
nothing ocured during the day or
of any note

Monday May 11

Revelle at 5 A. M. Sherman moved to
the front we lay in camp all day
wether very hot and dry dust
a bout half nee deep

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May 12

Revelle at 4 A.M. A bout 6 we moved
forward a bout 8 A M we past Shermans
comand and took the road to VicksBurg
About 10 A.M. we came to the rebel
pickets from Edward depot on the Vicks Burg
and Jackson road

Havy imediately cald a halt formed a
line of batle throwers out Skirmishers
and made an atact on the rebels. We
Skirmished with them untill a bout
twelve O Clock when we drove them
a crost

¶44

Bakers creek within a bout four miles of Edwards Depot After we got the rebels drove a cross Brakers crick we halted and began making every preparation for to make an attack on the Depot. Early next morning we had heavy details out working at Knight building bridges and making roads at Knight Our men built 7 bridges across the crick and had them ready to cross on a day light next morning

¶45

Wednesday May 13

About 9 A.M. we crossed the crick formed a line of battle and put out our skirmishers and attacked their pickets of the rebels and made every preparation for a fight. At 10 A.M. we were ordered by the right flank and left Edwards Depot without a fight. while we were fooling the rebels here. Sherman Logan and McFarson had gone and captured Raymond with but little loss Also Jackson Rebels had a large force at Edwards Depot

¶46

Thursday May 14

Orders to move forward at 5 A.M. it rained from the time we started until we got to Raymond a distance of 6 miles here General Logan had had a fight and lost about 40 men and took 500 prisoners and killed and wounded about 200 rebels. We moved some four or five miles in the front of Raymond and camped for the night it continued raining all the afternoon and a good part of the night

¶47

Friday May 15

Reveille at 3 A.M. moved forward at 4 A.M. on the Jackson road to Clinton a small

place on the railroad 12 miles south of Jackson. here we filed left on to the road for Vicksburg and traveled about 7 miles when our scouts brought in word that Ostrehouse had cut a road to meet us and had been attacked by a heavy force of rebels, here we halted formed a line and waited for what might come. Ostrehouse had been attacked only by the ¶48

advance guard of the rebels and had drove them back, we got everything ready for a fight and lay until morning during the night all the forces that was at Jackson was sent for as we expected to fight. All the Vicksburg troops at this place the troops left Jackson after they destroyed everything that they thought would be of any account to the rebels. General Logan and Quimby got up with us by dark and the rest came up during the night

¶49

Saturday May 16

Reveille at 4 A.M. Struck up the line of march about 6 A.M. we had not been marching over an hour before our advance was skirmishing with the rebels. We formed line of battle and about 8 A.M. moved forward in line we had not went over a half of a mile until our skirmishers opened the fight. Hays' division was to make the attack when we had advanced about three hundred yards of the rebels we found that had

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a very strong force and a most battery the ground was so rough that our batteries could take no part in the fight. Our general saw that the only way to get at them was to charge them, so our regiment was

ordered to charge the Batry when we
got within a bout 100 yards of the rebels
batry we went forward at a charge
Bayonets double quick the greap and Canester
and musket balls flew over our heds as
thick as hale ever flew but as luck
wold they hurt scarsly any of us

¶51

We did fire a shot untill we got
within a bout 20 steps of the rebels then
we let a volly in to them which kild
a power of them and confused the Baline
of them we then went in to them with
Bayonet we kild all there Batry horses
with our Bayonets and captured a full
Batry of artiliry we followed up the
rebels nearly a mild killing and taking
prisioners all the time and not without
thining our rank considerable

¶52 After we followed up the rebels
nearly a mild they got hevy renforcements
and returned the charge they cam on
to us 3 thousands out flankeds on all
sid and we were forced to fall back
But not but a short distance whenwe
got reinforcements and soon sent them
flying a crost the field a gain ~~Our~~ they
rebels was then persuid to Blackriver
by fresh troops the loss of our
regement in kild wounded and
missing was 164 the Division loss
was 1450 in kild wounded and
missing

¶53

Sunday May 17

Our troops moved on to Blackriver and
give the rebals another whiping mad
a final rout of the rebals captured
3000 prisoners and several peases of
Artillery Our Bergad was left at Champion
hills to parole the rebals wounded and
bury the ded the 17th was past
princapaly in burying the ded and

taking care of the wounded the rebels
wounded was not all taken care of
untill nearly dark A good many of
our ded has bin buried.

¶54 Monday May 18

The day was past principlaly in burying
the ded Our ded were generally buried
toteraly desent the rebels was gethered
up in piles and heaved in to holes
any way to git them out of sight
the wether was so hot that they
begin to stink very bad before we
could git them buried there was
but two small Bregads left to take
care of all the ded and wounded
and to gether up all the arms that
lay scatered over the field

¶55

Tuesday May 19

A bout 12 AM we got all the ded buried
and all the arms gethered up and started
for Blackriver We arived at Blackriver
a bout 6 pm we crost the river and
camped for the knight with orders to
be redy to march next morning at
4 O Clock

Wednesday May 20

Revellee at 6 AM. orders were counter
manded and we lay at Blackriver
untill four O'Clock p.m. when we a gain
marched for VicksBurg we travailed untill
about 12 at night when we halted untill
morning

¶56 Thursday May 21

Moved forward at 7 A.M we moved forward
untill a bout 11 AM when we halted for a rest
a while during the time we were resting
there came a temendous hard rain About
2 pm we moved forward and took over
posician in the rear of VicksBurg and
camped for the knight the plase had bin
Atacted on the 19th But as we was left
behind to tacare of the wounded and ded

the Batrys was all at work when we
got here but had dun nothing more than

¶57

Drive in the rebals pickets and git there
lines formed and comensed Sharpshooting
a litle in the evening we drew rations
and mad redy for advancing on the
rebels works the Gunboats and morters
was sheling the litz all the time day
and knight

¶58 Friday may 22

Sheling at intervels all knight at 7 AM
our Divishion moved up to Suport
Ostre house A bout 8 AM we got our
posician the fight was kept all day
during the day three divisions caryed
the rebels works but after holding
them sum ten hours they was forsed
to give them up the rebels slauatered
our men badly kild and wounded
a bout 2000 Belonging mostly to car
and logan the rebel loss was but
light we had 2 men wounded

¶59

Saturday May 23

Last Knight a bout half our After dark our
Regt and the 29th Wis was ordered to
the right to suport a batry of Sieg
guns after climing over hills and
hollows for a bout half of the Knight
we foud our plase and halted for the
Knight the firing was kept up from
booth sids nearly all Knight Early this
morning our batrys opened sloly on the
rebel works hevy firing at the river
from our boats A bout sunset the
Bateries comensed sheling the town

¶60 Sunday May 24

firing was comensed early this morning
from our Sharp shooters and was kept
up all day most of the time very sloly
Co. D 11th had one man kild Our men
are working day and Knight preparing to

make a general Seig of the Our Batries
have dun good work so far silinced
a great many of the Rebel Batries and
dismounts a great many more of them
Our men have such a good rang on
the rebels works that they hardly
evr show a gun

¶61

Monday May 25
firing comensed at daylight and was
kept up untill 3 pm when a flag of the
truse was sent out for bury the ded
the rebels fired one shot after the flag
of truse was raised and wounded one
man in our regt and one in the 1st
U.S Regt. there was no more firing from
that time untill 8 p.m. Our men and
the rebs met and buried the ded there
was men that was wounded in the
Chargeon on the 22nd May that had not
bin got off of the field they were a
dredful sight

¶62 Our men could not git to them to take
care of them without the rebals shooting
them so all that was wounded to bad
to git of them-selves had to lay there
without any care or any thing to eat
they were a terable sight the flise had
blowed ther wounds and they were full
of magots this was a terable afair. But
it could not be helped Grant sent in a
flag of truse on the 23 Asking permission
to takare of his kild and wounded but
the rebels rejected it so we had to wate
for there one time

¶63

Tuesday May 26
there was but litle firing last Knight
firing comensed sloly at daylight and
kept laning a way a litle on booth
sides at 5 O'Clock pm our Batries destroyed
a rebal magazine firing was kept up
sloly all Knight the report was that the

rebels was going to try to Break out
But they faild to make any atempt
the gunboats and moter are sheling the
sitz all the time Our works are going
on finly day and Knight

¶64 Wednesday May 27

firing continued at 7 AM we moved to
the left and releaved the second Bregade
We then sent out two companys at a
time as sharp shooters Releaving Each
company Evry 2 hours none of our
Boys was hurt during the day we
were kept purty Buissy all the time
that we were in the pits rebels shot
prety closte to us over our heds
and sumtimes nocking the dirt in
our fases. But luckly did not
hurt any of us the day was very
hot wether Dry

¶65

Thursday May 28

The firing was kept up sloly all Knight
by our Batries in the rear and mortar
boats in the front At daylight our
Sharpshooters opened the fight firing was
kept up sloly all day late in the
Evning there was sum hevy firing
to our right

Friday 29th

the firing was kept up sloly all Knight
At 7 O;Clock A M our hole line of Artilery
opened a fire on the rebels works the
comanding was so strong that it farly
shook the ground the shells wold

¶66 burst all over and a round. the rebel
works a bout 8 A.M. the firing ceased And
there was but litle more untill late
in the Evening when our hole line opened
fire a gain for a short time During the day
we had two or three very nise showers
suficient to lay the dust.

Saturday May 30

firing was kept up sloly all Knight our

men were at work all Knight building
rifle pits there was but little firing during
the day from either side wether fine

¶67

Sunday May 31st

But little firing from either side last
Knight At 3 AM our guns all opened a constant
fire on the Rebs for one hour after that
there was nothing ocured during the day
of any importance wether very hot and dry

¶68 Monday June 1st 1863

considerable firing on both sides last
Knight At 3 AM our guns all opened a gain
on the Enemys works firing a shot from
each gun Every minute for a short spell
after that the firing was kept up
sloly by our Sharpshooters all day and
ocasionally a shot from our Batries the
gunboats and morters eep the shell
bursting a mong the rebs most Al Knight
Our works are being strengthing fastly
wether very hot and dry

¶69 Tuesday June 2

hevy firing was kept up al Knight the
Rebels showing signs of trying to break
out tho they did not make any atempt
to break our lines A bout 10 am the rebs
got a hevy gun or two in posision and
gave our camp a few shells But dun but
litle harm only kild a mule or two and
they were Branded CS. so it was no
loss to us Our Batries soon got range
on them and made them skedadle Nothing
else ocured of any importance

¶70 Wednesday June 3

there was but little firing during the
Knight nothing ocured during the day
untill a bout 3 p.m. when the rebs got 3
or four guns in posision and opened a
brisk fire on us the fight was prety
hot from that untill dark. A bout
dark our Batrys succeeded in silising
the rebel Batrys the Batrys that the

Rebels fired did us but little harm there
shot all being to high they flew a
mile beyond our camp before they
struck or the most one fell hit in
our right but did no harm

¶71 Thursday June 4

firing was kept up all night quite
brisk at 7 AM we moved our camp
up within about 4 hundred yards of
the rebel works At 8 A.M. our company
went in to the rifle pits and stayed until
12 AM we had no man killed
firing was kept up pretty steady while we
were in the pits I fired 70 rounds and
did not shoot very often unless I had a
pretty fair shot firing was kept pretty
brisk all evening from both sides weather
very hot

¶72 Friday June 6

firing was very slow all night At 4 AM
Co C & A went in the rifle pits and remained
until 8 A.M. No one was hurt rebels fired
very slow there was but little firing on
either side all day

¶73 Sunday June 7

pretty heavy shelling All night At daylight
the shelling gradually stopped and the Sharps
shooters had but little to do on our line
But there was heavy fighting to our right
most all day weather very hot

¶74

Monday June 8

the most heavy shelling last night that
I have ever heard from the gunboats and
mortars the day passed off very quiet until
in the Evening when General Lawman went
to put out his pickets the rebels opened
on them with muskets and artillery
the fight was so heavy that it alarmed
the whole camp our regiment fell in and
marched out and took our position in
the rear of our rifle pits and looked at
the fight going on But did not get a

tast of it Lawman drove the Rebels Baack
and held his posican after a hard fight
lasting A bout an our Lawman was
wanting to move his works up closter to
the rebels forts and they were determined
that he shouldn't doith

¶75 Tuesday June 8

hevy firing from muskets and artillery
allnight ocasioned by our men trying
to advance there works the day past
of very quit scarsly any firing from
either sid all day wether very hot

Wednesday June 10

very hevy shelling from our mortar Boats
all Knight it comsend raining at 7 AM
and rained hard untill a bout 11 AM. when
it slacked for a spel At 2 P.M. it comensed
and rained all the Evening nothing ocured
during the day All very quit

¶76 Thursday June 11

In the ruffle pits 4 A.M. hevy firing from
the mortar boats All Knight and an ocasional
shot from our Batries considerable firing
from the rebal sharp shooters while we
were in the rifle pits canonding was
kept up all day in intervies Wether fine
Friday June 12

there was but litle firing last night A bout
8 A M the rebs got a Batry in posision
and gave our camps a few shells firing
was kept pretty study all day

¶77 Saturday June 13

hevy firingkept up all night the rebels
sheld our camps considerably but with
litle damage considerable firing all day
but with litle interest

Sunday June 14

last night Every thing was very quite
more sow then comon firing comensed
sloly at day light and was kept untill
a bout 2 p.m. then the rebs opened sum
Artiliry on us and hevy firing was kept
up from booth sides until dark

¶78 Monday June 15

Firing was lively all night the firing was nearly constant all day we had one man severly wounded while in the riddle pits there was a hard fight on the right wing

Tuesday 16

last Evning at dark the rebels got a gun in position and commenced shelling the right of our Brigade Our Batteries kept up a constant firing on them untill they silenced them the day was past with but little firing on our line considerable on the right

¶79 Wednesday June 17

the rebels opened their Battery on us again at dark and shelled our camps at intervals all night but hurt no body the firing was kept up most all day very rapidly both from artillery and musketres

Thursday June 18

Last night our Batteries threwed Redhot shot in to Vicksburg and burnt several houses it caused a large fire but we could not tell what damage they did the rebel sharpshooters kept up a brisk fire all day

¶80 Friday June 19

the rebels opened on Lawman last night as he was putting out his pickets with musketry and artillery and there was a hard fight for an hour or so Lawman was wanting to put out his pickets close up to the rebel works so as he could plant some heavy Siege guns and dig riddle pits the firing was kept up by both parties nearly all day pretty brisk at dusk we had some heavy firing on the right centre

¶81 Saturday June 20

there was but little firing on the line last night it was our Co turn to go in the riddle pits at 4 A.M. A few minutes

after we got in to the pits our Batrys
clear a round the line opened on the
enemy works the balls went over our
heds like bees the shells would burst
right in the rebels works then the rebs
wold pump out ~~we avoid them in this~~
~~way~~ they wold not mere then git out
of the way of the shels before we wold
let a volly of musketz in to them
¶82 then they wold jump in to there holes
a gain we avoid them in this way
untill a bout the O'Clock when the firing
graduly seased there was but litle
firing in the afternoon I think we
kild a good many of them in the
bombardment in the morning

¶83 Monday June 22

But litl firing all night our men were
at work all night advancing our riffle pits
there was nothing ocured during the day
of any importance our men kept at
work all day

Tuesday June 23

there was but litle firing on our line
last night tho considerable to our right
and left At a bout one A M the rebels opened
a fire on our working party and mad
them hist there holds All of our Artilery
is being moved to the front the rebels
sharpshooters kept up a very study all day

¶84 two of our boys was wounded our
company fired 1400 rounds of catrages
during the four hours that we were in
the pits

Wednesday June 24

Rained all night the firing was kept
up all night our line was out line
of batle we thought that the rebels
was trying to capture sum of our
Batries the fuss was caused by Lawman
advancing his works our works are
all going a hed fine the firing was
slow all day

¶85

Thursday June 25

there was no firing on our line last night our boys beat the rebels last night and got position of the ground before the rebels got there pickets out and held the ground there was but little firing in the forenoon at 3 p.m. Logan got a fort undermined and ready to blow up About 1 pm the tattered flag which was a signal for the whole line of artillery to open in less than a minute the whole line was one dense smoke Our boys commenced charging and the rebels thought we were charging and they all raised clear

¶86 Above there works Our boys lit a volley in to them which soon made them hide again the firing was kept up pretty brisk for an hour to of our boys was wounded

Friday 26

there was nothing occurred of any importance during the night our men worked all night without any trouble the day was very quiet only an occasional shot from our batteries the sharpshooters kept laming away pretty steady we have 2 20 pound guns in our rifle pits

¶87 Saturday June 27

there was but little firing on our lines last night our party of pioneers worked up so close of the rebel pickets that they commenced throwing dirt on him he told the men that was at work he thought they were crowding things a little too strong they told him to just rest Easy he shouldn't be hurt they kept firing the dirt on him until he found if he did not get out of the way that he would be covered up head and ears there was but

litle firing all day

¶88 Sunday June 28

Last night the rebs and our men met
and shook hand on our picket line Our
boys sent and got sum whisky and
treated the rebs they says that they
could not drink to our success but
they hoped for beter times the night
was passed without any firing
Our men worked a way all night we
went in to the riffle pits at 8 A.M. firing
was very slow all day our working
partys was kept at work all day

¶89 Monday June 29

Our men and the rebs rebs met a gain
last night and had a social conversation
our men dug nearly up to the fort
the rebs showed sum lines of trying
to drive us a way from our works
but our picket was strengthin so
they did not under take it there
was considerable firing during the day
the rebels got a gun in posician
and gave us a shell or two but
our guns soon silenced them

¶90 Tuesday June 30

An Co and Co H was on picket last night
the rebs opened fire on our pickets working
party but hurt none of them the picket
gard returned the fire and kild or
wounded sum of the rebels we could
hear them hollow as the sum of them
was hurt the day was past with
but litle interest the rebels threw
a few shell over our camp but dun
no harm Our Batries soon silenced them

¶91 Wednesday July 1st 63

The night was past with but litle
interest on our lin considerable fiting
to our left A bout oposit of Lawman's
division A litle before day there was
a brisk cannading to our right cause
not none Evrything past of with but

little interest until about 2 p.m. Our
men tried to blow up a fort to
our right and charged another
there was heavy firing all the afternoon
¶92 Thursday July 2nd
heavy firing was kept up all night from
the mortar boats we could hear the
rebels beating their drums and playing
their Brass Bands they were reported
to be moving in heavy columns to the
left with their knapsacks and haversacks
on the supposition was that they were
going to try to break out on the left
but they failed to make any attempt the
day was past with little interest sum
heavy cannonading during the day

¶93

Friday July 3rd 63

heavy firing All night from our river
Batteries and mortar boats sum of the
shells bursted out side of the rebel
works A bout 8 p m there was a heavy
firing Between the right of our Bregad
and the rebels, the rebels rushed there
men out and got position of our
ground so our boys gave them a
fight and drove them back losing
only man wounded from that things
past of very quiet our boys saved
¶94 picket in 3 and four steps of each
other but got a long finally at 6 O'Clock
a m there was a flag of truce came
out from the rebels offering propositions
of a surrender Grant refused any
Kind of a Surrender Except an unconditional
At 1 p.m. firing commenced again but in a
short time there was another flag of
truce came out and hostilities were
ceased until 10 O'Clock t night
¶95 Saturday July 4
there was no firing during the night
Every thing was very quiet all night
at half past nine in the morning the

the white flag was hoisted clear a
round the rebel flag. At 11 AM the
rebels marched out sid of thore works
and stacked arms and we took
posesion at 12 O A.M. Received Marching
orders to bee redy at 5 O clock p.m.

But did not march at 5

¶98 Wednesday July 8

in camp at Botton Depot on the
Jackson & VicksBurg RR Lay in camp
untill 6 O clock p.m when we struck up
the line of march we moved sloly
untill A Bout one in the morning where
we halted untill day

Thursday July 9

On the VicksBurg and Jackson road we
were on the road untill 12 AM when
we arived at Clinton on the VicksBurg
and Jackson RR from VicksBurg to Jackson
Blackriver 10 ms ~~Button~~ Depot Edwards
4 ms Botton 10

¶99 Friday July 10/63

Remained at Clinton Al night with orders
to be redy to move at any time moved
forward A bout 8 O Clock AM. Our advance
had went but a short distence untill
the comensed shirmishing with the
Enemy A bout noon our men drove the
Enemy in sid of there works at
Jackson there was a brisk Shirmish
Kept up all the afternoon and considerably
Artilary firing we had our lines formed
by noon our division was on the reserv

¶100 Saturday July 11

In rear of Jackson Miss firing comensed
at day light we lay still untill a bout
1 pm when we ware ordered to go to
the right and take a posician on the
Right of General Benton we met the
advance guard of the enemy sum
distence in the rear of Jackson We
formed our line of batle throwed out
Skirmishers and advanced in line

of batle a bout one mile considerable of
skirmishing was going on untill dark
we campt near the RR.

¶101 Sunday July 12

Nothing ocured during the night of any
importence A bout 8 in the morning
we comensed advancing our lines
hevy skirmishing soon comensed and
was kept up all day we had 8 men
wounded during the day General
Lawman advanced to our right and
amed to charg the emenys works but
was repulsed with hevy loss Our de
he fell back to our rear wich left
our right plant exposed so we had
to halt but held our posician

¶102 Monday July 13

In line of batle rear of Jackson Mississippi
hevy Skirmishing was kept up al night
Skirmishing was kept up all day we
had 2 men wounded in the regiment
Our boys ws buiz all day putting up
Brest works in the Eavning the rebels
came out and atqacted our men in
front of Generals Orbs headquarter but
was drove back with hevy loss
geneal Lawan's loss in yesterdays
fight was s496 kild and wounded

¶103 Tuesday July 14

In the line of battle rear of Jackson, Miss
nothing ocured during the night of
any importence We have bin very
Buisy all day building Brest works
they are allmost compleat there was
a flag of truse rased at 1 p.m for
the purpos of burying the ded all
firing was seased untill 4 pm After
the flag of truse was taken in the
rebels threw a few shell and grape
at us but dun us no harm we
had no men hurt during the day

¶104 Wednesday July 15

Firing was kept up nearly all night the

rebels appeared to be in great spirits
we could hear them cheering in all
direction and beating their Drums and
playing on their Brass Bands Skirmishing
was kept up all day a long in the
Evening the rebels commenced shelling
us but did us no harm Our Batteries
replied but they were so far off that
they could not affect them any the
rebels appeared to be at work all
day strengthening their work Our works
are being strongly built

¶105

Thursday July 16

Every thing past of tolerably quiet during
the night the rebels were busy at
work all night strengthening their works
the rebel sharpshooters fired briskly all
day there was heavy firing all day to
our left Gen Blair had heavy fighting
he drove the rebels out of their works
and then the rebels got reinforcements
and drove him back again Blair was
then reinforced and drove the rebels
out again and held his position
the loss was heavy on both sides

¶106 Friday July 17

During the night the rebels evacuated
Jackson and kept up a continued
racket all night they appeared to be in
great spirits they were playing on the
Brass Band for a couple of hours
and wound up by playing Dixeyland
and the Barony Blew flag we found
out that the rebels had left about
6 O clock A.m and it went long until
the town was full of our boys the
citizens were principally all gone Jackson
has been a nice place with about
18,000 inhabitants it is well destroyed now

¶107 Saturday July 18

This morning heavy details were made to
tear up and burn the railroad ties

Everything is being destroyed that is of any use to the enemy the men were kept at work all day destroying Every thing that is of any Vally to the enemy a great many of the rebels are deserting and coming in to our lines one army corps is in pursuit of Johnston heavy rain in the Evening

¶108 Sunday July 19

Jackson, Miss nothing occurred during the night of any importance heavy firing heard on the road in the direction that Johnston retreated Supposed to be the ninth Army corps in pursuit of Johnston the rebels are deserting and coming in to our lines several of the captured men at this place is taking an Oath of Allegiance and going home

¶109

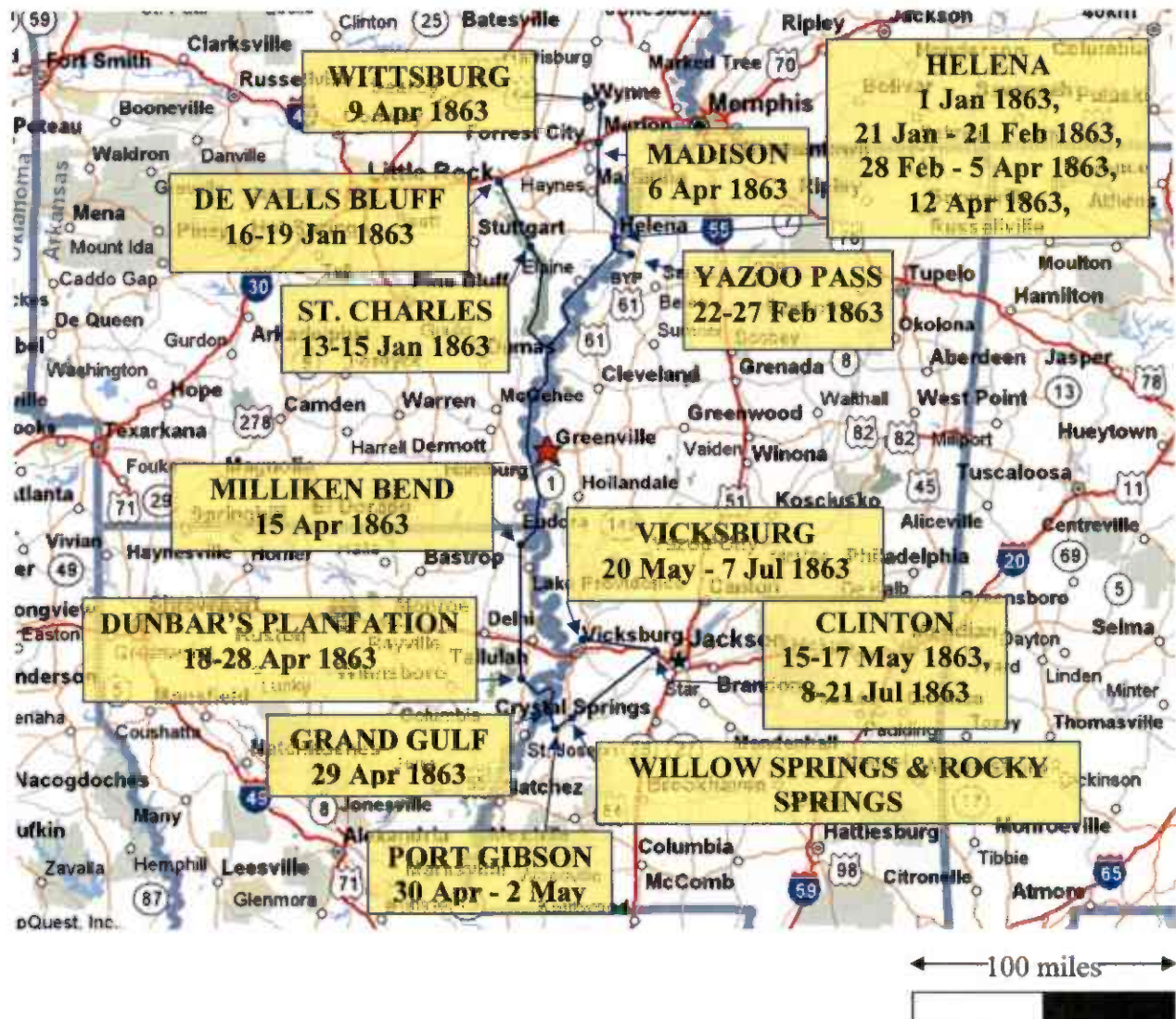
Monday July 20

Rear Jackson Miss nothing occurred of any importance during the night 6 pm nothing of any importance occurred to day orders to march at 3 in the morning up to the present time we have captured near three thousand prisoners

Tuesday July 21

Revel at 2 A M marched between 3 and 4 O'Clock A M we marched slowly until about 4 pm, when we came to Raymond and camped

Map of W. F. Hollingsworth Memorandum of 1863



W. F. HOLLINGSWORTH

William Ferrel Hollingsworth was born in Vermillion county, Indiana, January 20, 1837 and departed this life February 15, 1916, having lived 79 years and 26 days.

His boyhood was spent in Indiana and his young manhood in Iowa. He served his country during the civil war, having early in the war enlisted in the Eleventh Indiana, Company C.

On April 3, 1864, he was married to Emaline Hall of Red Rock, Ia., and during the years which followed they continued in a loving companionship to the hour of his death. Six children came to bless this marriage, all of who are living and are Jesse B. of Scottsbluff, Neb., Ira S. of Burton, Neb., Mrs. Nelson Meyer of Bethany, Neb., Mrs. Laura Sanders of Ashland, Neb., W. H. H Jr. of Kalispell, Mont., and Austin J., of Kansas City, Kas.

Our brother was one who held deep religious convictions and one who tried with all his being to measure up to the divine standard. He was reared a Quaker, later united with the United Brethren church, but did not find the church his ideal until he heard the plea of the people known as the disciples of Christ. He believed in the fundamental plea of this religious people for Christian unity and the Restoration of Apostolic Christianity.

He manifested his faith in his devotion to the Christian church at Plainview, where all of his children accepted the Christian faith, and upon the removal of the family home to Bethany he has here shown a similar desire to make himself useful in every possible way. The home has been there in Bethany for the past fifteen years and he ever found much pleasure in his Christian associations. To all who have known him his life has been like an open book. He was gentle and full of faith. He was a father and husband who spent his life in loving sacrifice.

*(William F. Hollingsworth is buried in Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln, Nebraska)
(Section 12, Lot 6155, Grave 8)*