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Aug. 17th 1861

Warren Light Artillery

mustered in to C S Army

Aug

" 18 Company at Camp French

" 19 Left camp x Embarked on
Steamer Charm

" 20 Left Vicksburg at 11:20 A M

" 21 Nothing of interest

" 22 Entered White River 11.20

A.M. x went 90 miles from

The Mouth laid up below

St Charles 1 mile

- Aug 23 Arrived at Des Arc . 8 OC P.M
- " 24 arrived at Jackson port 7 1/2 11
- " 25 Ent'd Blk River and arrived at
Powhatan
- " 26 went up 4 miles. river too low
returned to P. remained all day
- " 27 remained at P. unloading x
preparing to March. very
pretty little town.
- " 28 left P. and arrived at Camp
Swett on left bank of
Eleven Points River

Aug 29 Left Camp Swett at 7 1/2
O. C. A.M. and arrived at
Camp Patterson 1 Mile
beyond Pocahontas
at 12 O Clock M

" 30 Left Camp Patterson at
11 1/2 O C and arrived at
Camp Crump 8 Miles
from Pitmans Ferry
at 6 O C PM

" 31 Left Camp Crump at 7 O C
and Pitched Tents at Camp
Hardee on Current River
just below Pitmans Ferry

Sept 1 At Camp Hardee

" 2 At Camp Hardee

Troops forming the advance
of Hardees Column arrived
to day from Greenville Mo
x Encamped here

" 3 Troops Coming in & C

" 4 At Camp Hardee

" 5 " " "

" 6 Removed to Camp Shoup

1 Mile from Pitmans Ferry

" 7 At Camp S First Drill

Sept 8 At Camp Shoup

first inspection

" 9 At Camp Shoup

Drill twice a day

first Arkansas Pris [?]

10 " " "

11 " " "

12 " " "

13 " " "

14 " " "

15 Company Inspection

Sept 16 At Camp Shoup

17 " " "

18 " " "

19 " " "

20 " " "

21 " " "

22 " " "

23 " " "

24 " " "

25 Left Camp Shoup crossed

Pitmans Ferry x Encamped

at Little Black River En Route

for Point Pleasant

26 Travelled 12 Miles through a

Swamp

27 Crossed Big Black x camped

3 Miles from it

Sept 28 Crossed Cash bottom

" 29 Camped at a Mill

30 Crossed Plank Road

12 1/2 miles long & camped
at a lake in MO!!

Oct 1 Arrived at Point Pleasant

& crossed the Miss River
on Steamer Charm &
into Tennessee

" 2 Arrived at Hickman

Ky

3 Camped at 4 Miles

from Columbus Ky

- Oct 4 Moved Camp to a point
 6 Miles from Columbus
 in a Swamp rained all
 night Camp Polk
- " 5 At Camp Polk
- " 6 left Camp Polk and
 went to Columbus put
 our Battery on the cars
 at 4 1/2 O Clock P M
- " 7 battle between Federal
 Gun Boats & our Batteries
 at Columbus & at 11 1/2 OC
 & resulted in their
 expulsion after considera
= ble firing on both sides
 of Shot & Shell no one
 hurt on our side

Oct 7 left at 10 C and arrived
at Humbolt some time
in the night on the Cars

Oct 8 Left Humbolt & arrived
near the Tennessee River

9 Crossed the River and
Embarked on the cars
for Bowling Green Ky

10 Arrived at Bowling Green
and Camped 1 Mile from
town

11 At Camp near Bowling G

12 " "

13 " "

- Oct 14 At Camp near Bowling
Green. Paid to Sept 30 1st
- 15 left Bowling Green with
1st Section of Company
and arrived on the cars next
morning at Cave City
3 O.C A.M.
- 16 Remained at Cave City
the point where visitors
to Mammoth Cave leave
the cars fine Hotel here
not much City though
3 Stores
- 17 Went 18 Miles to Munroe
En Route for Greensburg

Oct 17 rained all day & night

18 remained at Munroe

could not Cross Green River

Water too high Expected

to fight at Greensburg

19 returned to Cave City

Lincolmites run off from

Greensburg

20 At Cave City a Cave

here 100 feet deep Spring

at the bottom water Wheel

raises Water to the

Reservoir

Oct 21 We Started for Dripping

Spring at 10 O C A M

arrived at 3 P M

" 22 Returned to Cave City

arrived back at 2 1/2 OC PM

23 General Review about 35 o out

on parade 5 1/2 PM recieved

Temple Hill marching orders started for
a Lincolnite Camp about 15 Miles
beyond Glasgow Ky. Marched
all night. Weather quite cold

24 At daylight we came on the

Picket Guard who fired on us

and then when we returned their

fire they fled like a flock of

Sheep. burned Their Camp

= took 8 Horses, 12 prisoners
some 2 or 3 Killed nobody hurt
on our side. our boys took
their Flag. 3 drums a lot
of bed clothing some guns
& pistols x C

Came back to Cave City
arrived at 7 PM took one
Meal this Morning at 10 OC
Horses do" 60 Miles in
27 hours

Camp Jo Underwood

25 The rest of our Company
arrived from Bowling Green
have been put into General
Hindmans Command on
account of the promotion
of Gen Hardee

Oct 27 Remained all day at

Cave City expecting to move
but did no heavy picketing
with Cavalry

27 Stayed at Cave City

several Ladies visited us
to see the Cannon which
appear to be a great curiosity
Wrote Home to day.

28 Moved Camp to another position

This morning in a field
stood Guard

20 At Cave City

wind blowing from S W
quite Cool.

Oct 30 Received orders to March
with 2 days Rations at a
moments notice
started & -went to Rock Hill
Station arrived at 8 OClock
PM Wagon with Tents did
not arrive slept out on
the Straw

31 at Rock Hill Station
Wagon with Tents came
in this Morning all right
now

Nov 1 at Rock Hill Station
cold rain all day
Col. Marmaduke came
& Mustered the company
to see what we need in

the way of clothing &c

Nov 2 At Rock Hill Station

Weather cold Wind blowing from N
expecting a Meeting hourly there
was a false alarm last night
everybody turned^{out} & Harnessed up
and Waited for the enemy until
1 OC AM then turned in x
went to sleep

3 at R H Station

Showery all day pretty cold
big frost this morning

4 At R H Station weather

clear but cool

Nov 5 At R H Station

" 6 " "

67 Left R H Station at

1 P.M. camped on the
road 5 Miles from the
Station

8 Left at 7 A.M. and arrived
at Oakland Station at 9 AM
on the Louisville & Nashville RR
and Camped on a lot of a
Lincolnite who left This place
it is a beautiful place
~~at=2~~

9 at 2 AM Long Roll was
sounded Everybody up &
Harnessed up and waited
until Morning. another
false alarm rained all

night as a matter of course

3 PM it has quit raining

but cloudy

10 At Oakland Station

stood Guard went to preaching

Parson Crawley officiated

11 At Oakland Station

12 At Oakland Station Drill

put into Marmaduke^S Battalion

13 At Oakland Station

14 " " "

15 At Oakland Station

Thanksgiving day, Went to

preaching Heard Mr Crawley

16 At Oakland Station
17 " " Guard "
18 " "
19 " "
20 Rec^d orders to March at
daylight went to
Brownsville fought the Abs
for one & 1/2 Hours Killed
5 or 6 then returned to this
place nobody hurt in our
detachment one man wounded
in co of Cavalry named
Dugan. heard since that we
killed seven and wounded
6 or 8 Killed 6 Horses two of
the men killed were on Horse

There was with us 52 of
our Cavalry and 180 of the
Enemy They were all across
The Green River we could not
cross because the flat was
broken we heard the Minnie
balls whistle all around us
saw one dug out of a House
near where I was we did not
get started until 10 AM
and returned at 12 at night
30 Miles there & back very
bad road brought back two
wagon loads of Groceries
from a Union Store
Gen H gave the wounded man
his own shirt

21 At Oakland Station

22 " " "

Drizzling rain false Alarm

last night at Eleven O Clock

23 At Oakland Station

24 " " " Sunday

cold wind blowing There is

no preaching to day as Rev

Crowley has gone to texas to

raise a Company

slight sprinkle of Snow

25 changed Camp near the

Pike

26 changed camp to within
24 Miles of Bowling Green
on Barren River
27 At Camp near BG
28 " " "
29 " " " rain all
last night still raining
This Morning
30 At same Camp
Dec 1 " " "
2 " " " Snowing
R M Marshall was buried at
Bowling Green this morning

Dec 3 At Camp near B Green
" 4 " " " "
5 " " " "
6 " " " "
7 Went down to BGreen
got bundle from Askew
covering Copy of Will & Deeds
8 Rec^d Orders to March
for parts UnKnown
8 Started and went on the
Pike toward Cave City about
8 Miles and Camped in a field of a
Union Man got plenty of

forage old Man swore we
were Stealing it. consequences was
we had fresh pork for breakfast
Scouts are driving in Stock
of all Kinds belonging to
Known Union Men and
sending them to Bowling G
we have with us two Regiments
of Infantry under Col Hawthorne
and the Battalion under Col
Marmaduke all under Gen
Hindman

- 9 Camped 10 Miles further
- 10 Went to ~~Bear Wallow~~ ^{Horse Well} and
Camped Weather Warm
about 5 Miles ^{beyond} ~~from~~ Cave City
- 11 Weather changed light Rain
last night pretty cold

- Dec 11 This Morning some
speculation as to what we are
going to do
- " 12 Moved back to near Cave
City about 1 Mile from it
- 13 At Camp near Cave City
- 14 " " " " "
Considerable Skirmishing of Pickets
at Green River Capt & Lt Oslin
went out last night to reconnoitre
found some seven Regiments
- ~~15~~
- 15 To day one Company of
Abs came across Green
River the Texas Rangers shot

one Lieut one OS and brought
in One Corporal we had
considerable fun with him
they are shipping forage
down to Bowling Green

16 Rec^d Orders to March on
to Morrow direction Green
River

17 Went to Woodsonville some
ten Miles from Cave City arrived
at 1 1/2 O Clock when the Texas
Rangers engaged the Enemy in a
Skirmish on the Hill opposite where
our Battery was posted in a field
The Swamp Rangers and Young
Guards went round on their left

flank and engaged the Enemy
The Enemy then left their position
and ran around the Hill where
They met a body of Texas Rangers
when they had a hand to hand fight
in which Col Terry of the Rangers
and ~~one~~ three others was killed and
several wounded the Enemy lost
about fifty Killed & Wounded at
that place. we charged the position
of the Battery up the road over=
looking a field where the Enemy
had run we opened fire on them
and Killed several we could
not tell how many the Rangers
lost several Horses shot
Capt. Walker was shot Twice and
rode his Horse back to Camp

the Enemy tried to pull him off
his Horse when one behind him
Killed the fellow The report
is That we Killed & Wounded some
150 of the Enemy we captured
8 or 10 of them prisoners and
120 Muskets and returned to
Cave City at 9 O C PM
They fired 3 shots at us from
their Battery across Green
River one of the Swamp
Rangers was shot in the
shoulder no one Hurt in our
Company ~~we came back~~
~~to camp to night~~

Dec 18 Considerable talk in Camp this
Morning. The order has been given
for one piece to go out on
a Scout the 3^d Piece is going
under Lt Shannon.

They returned at night having
burnt a portion of the Railroad

19 4th piece went out today &
burnt more of the road
and returned at dark

20 2^d piece went out this Morning
under Lt Oslin

3 PM Alarm in Camp which
turned out to be false

21 1st piece went out today

- Dec 21 we obstructed the road
above Horse Cave &
returned to Camp
- 22 a Cold rain commenced
This Morning ~~reinforcements~~
~~came up near us last night~~
~~of two Regiments Infantry~~
PM left Cave City in
The rain went 4 Miles and
camped on the road Wind &
rain & very cold
- 23 Came on to Rocky Hill Station ^{or Proctors}
once more where we have
stopped

- 24 At R H Station
- 25 Our forces working to destroy
the Tunnel on the Railroad at
This point Christmas very dull
and dry boys did a little foraging
to get Meat or we would have
had nothing to Eat
- 26 Still working at the Tunnel
- 27 " " " "
firing heard in direction of
Munsfordville turned out
to be the Enemy drilling
- 28 At R H Station

Dec 29 Sunday at same Camp

30 at same Camp

The Sheep sent us this Evening

were returned with the thanks

of the Company still

working at the Tunnell

31 Company Muster to day