

DIARY OF JOE UNDERWOOD

Gibson's Battery
Squires Batt
Light Artillery

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Camp Magruder

Near Minden La

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Dec. 25th 1864

This is Christmas and it is decidedly the dullest and most monotonous day for a holiday I have ever spent in my life. It is the second Christmas I have spent thus, a Soldier, away from home and friends. Many things of interest to me have transpired since this day a year ago. During that time, and for a year previous I have been a soldier in the service of my country. I have traveled over the greater portion of La. and Ark. I have been exposed to many hardships and deprivations, but have uniformly enjoyed excellent health. It would be useless for me to attempt to recount the many incidents of interest to me which have transpired during the past eventful year. Even if I had an inclination to do so it would occupy more time and space than I have to spare. Our Battery (Gibsons) is now camped within 10 miles of Minden La. Camp Magruder is the title of our present abode we have built winter quarters here and we expect and hope to remain here all winter.

This are the second set of winter quarters that we have built since winter commenced and I think we should be allowed to enjoy this during the remainder of cold weather, as we have well earned them.

Jan. 1st 1865

The first day of the New Year has arrived, Bright and clear, not a cloud to be seen in the horizon, may the whole year be as bright and pleasant as the first day. This day seem's well fitted for joy A day to make every heart glad. This is the sabbath and as I have had nothing to do, I have employed my time in writing letters
How fast time flys it hardly seems six months since last newyears day. I hope ere another year rolls around that the war may be over, I may return home I hope that during the present year we may be able to force our enemys to recognize our independence

Wednesday Jan. 4th 1865

I have at last been greatly blessed by a furlough I start home today. Soon will be among my relatives and friends which to me is the greatest pleasure in the wide world

Jan 25th 1865

I am at home once more, after a long and tedious trip I reached Columbia on the 13th of the present month. I was exceedingly gratified to once more visit my relatives and friends. I have now been at home nearly 2 weeks and have enjoyed my self very much indeed. I have met many old friends and all seemed glad to welcome the soldier home once more. Times are rather dull in Texas. No Mercantile business of any importance except in Houston and adjacent towns. I intend starting for the Battery on the 21st of February

Jan 31st 1865

I am still at home enjoying myself finely spending furlough very agreeably. The weather has been very unpleasant for the past two or three days - raining and cold. Aunt Louisa, Cousin Mary and Uncle Tom Borden are here visiting Pa & Ma. My time is fast gliding away only 20 more days to spend at home. I wish it were longer but it cannot be, I am compelled to return to the battery by the 1st of March, which is the time my furlough expires,

Feb 11th

Good news from the Battery I heard last night that they were undoubtedly ordered to Huntsville Texas. This will give me 8 or 10 days more at home, besides it will save me 3 or 400 miles ride

I am truly in luck. It is better to be born lucky than rich is an old adage, and a true one Lt Hill spent most of this week with me, and I have had a friend visiting me who I had not seen for ten years Ben Kirkman a friend of my early boyhood. I attended a conversational party at Mr. Shepards on the night of the 9th and I had quite a pleasant time I met many of my lady friends Old schoolmates. The weather has cleared within the past few days very much for the better, warm and clear. Copri Turnes of our battery spent last night with me he is direct from the company He brings no news

Feb 13th 1865

Today is Fathers birthday I am still at home spending my time agreeably I leave for the army on the 21st No excitement in our little town Lt Hill was down to see me last week He has returned to Grimes county will be back in a week

Sunday Feb 26th 1865

This is my birthday The third that I have spent in the service, and the first that I have spent at home since I have been a soldier. Little did I imagine when first I enlisted that I would pass my 3rd birthday as a soldier I was almost confident that ere that length of time should pass away that this war would be among the things things that were-- I will again be a wanderer from home-- soon, I start for the army next Thursday if no unforeseen accident does not prevent I would have left before this, but Lt Hill ordered me to remain here until the 2nd of March I expect to be among my comrades in Camp again within a few days I dislike to leave home and return to the dull disagreeable and monotonous camp. But it is necessary and I must cheerfully go where duty calls, and my country needs my services

Thursday March 2nd 1865

I left home with a sorrowful heart today. I left Mother and Sisters in tears. It was indeed a bitter parting-- A sad farewell. Father went to Houston with me we spent the night at the old Capitol. I met Uncle Tom Borden here --

Friday Mch 3rd/65

Bade Father good bye with a heavy heart and commenced my longe journey for La I went as far as Cypress City on the cars. From there I went to Rose Hill horse back and camped for the night

Saturday March 4th 65

Started early, went to Montgomery Stopped at Murphys hotell--Lt Hill arrived about 4 o'clk

Sunday March 5th 65

Went to Anderson with Lt Hill who had some business there-- Spent the night at the pistol factory I saw Dave Daner and the Park's

Monday March 6th 65

Traveled to Huntsville 35 miles met Bill there in accordance with previous arangments we stoped at the Scilders home were treated very kindly

I called on Mrs Mosely while in town She seemed glad to see me The old town looks as it did when I attended college here very few changes

Tuesday 7 Mch 65

We rode 31 miles to day to a Mr Gails spent the night with him we had some difficulty in crossing Trinity river we had to wade a mile. The river very high we are getting on finely with our pack.

Wednesday 8th 65

We traveled 34 miles and are spending the night with Mr. Jones 14 miles from Crocket

Friday Thursday March 9th

The weather extremely cold blowing and sleeting-- We started but could not stand the cold So we stoped at a Mr Kyles and spent the day and night

March 10th 1865

Left Mr. Kyles early weather pleasant -- Crossed the Neches at Canons bridge and reached Rusk by sunset-- Met some of Col Browns boys here -- They were to have a party that night and insisted on our attending we went-- I have been to partys without number but this was decidedly the richest rarest and most racy one that it has ever been my good fortune to attend We danced and went it high until 1 oclk It was then whispered around that a wedding was to come off a Mr Smith was to be married to a Miss Meridith A run away match for which the party had been expressly given-- They were made man and wife before 2 oclk

March 11th 65

Started on our days ride at 9 ocl^k traveled within six miles of Henderson and camped for the night

March 12th 1865

Lft Camp at 7 ocl^k Passed through Henderson (quite a pretty little town) Also passed through Nipan Tuck and are spending the night at Mrs Alexandrias 4 miles from Grand Bluff on the Sabine

March 13th 65

Crossed the Sabine river ferried two miles, river very high Reached Shreveport or at least Maj Squires Camp threemiles from town after dark. We were very much disapointed at not finding our battery here Learned that it had gone over on the Washitta river

March 14th 65

Went into town this morning and learned that our Co. had undoubtedly been attached to Harrisons brigade and had gone to Copenhagen-- That it had been reduced to a two gun battery-- Remained in town all day as we could not cross Red river spent the night on the Str Texas and conclued to go down to Nacatochis on her the next day

March 15 1865 Wednesday

Remained in town all the morning-- Started down the river on Str Texas at four ocl^k, Will reach Grand E Core tomorrow some time where we have conclued to stop

March 16th 65 Thursday

Still aboard Str going down Red-- Reached Grand E Core this evening and camp here for the night -- This is a dull place but two or three familys living in the town

March 17th 65

We are still at Grand E Core -- Lt Hill has gone to Nacotochis on business we are to leave here this evening

March 18/65

Left Grand e core yesterday and stayed last night with a Mr. Hunicts we only rode 10 miles yesterday Today we have traveled 25 miles and are spending the night with Mr. Greens

The buffallo nuts have worried our horse considerable today--

March 19th 65

We met with a a sad accident last night One of our horses very sudenly and unexpectedly died C A little mare of Bill Copes wich I was taking to to him A favorite animal Mollie by name. She was well at night but when we woke up this morning she was dead After our sad misfortune we were compeled to leave our pack of clothing behind. So we made another start and rode six miles when two of our remaining animals were taken very sick so we are now stoping at a Mr. Collones and working on our stock making strenious efforts to restore them to health by morning, hoping then to resume our journey

March 20th 1865 Monday

Our horse has entirely recovered but our mule has grown worse we have concluded to resume our journey any how, as we are very anxious to get to camp, being over our furlough We rode six miles when our mule became entirely unfit to travel We concluded to leave Bill and Mule at a Mr Williams and send for him after we should get to camp but fortunately I met who traded me a mare for my mule and we resumed our journey traveled 25 miles and stoped for the night at a Mrs Risins

We swam several creeks today

March 21st 1865 Tuesday

We got a late start this morning and reached our Battery camped at Copenhagen two miles west of the Washitta, about 2 ocl^k I found all my friends cheerful and in good health. They seemed glad to have me back among them I found that the report concerning our battery's being reduced to a two gun affair was true. Every thing appears natural in camp The usual dull monotiny has come back to me in all its force. I am tired of camp life already--

March 22nd 65

On duty already first day in camp set to work cutting pine poles to build a cow pen. I worked hard all the morning, and rested during the evening This evening Calvin and I took a walk and borrowed a book from a very kind lady, who says she will loan me books when ever I want them

March 23rd 1865

I am on herd today I have been in the saddle all the day spent my time in reading

March 24th 1865

I am on gaurd, It is indeed disagreeable standing gaurd so soon after enjoying the comforts of home. Quite cold last night unpleasant walking post

March 25th 1865

I have been passing my time very agreeably to day reading some magazines which a lady living in this settlement very kindly loaned me She says she will let me have whenever I want them

March 26th 1865 Sunday

I and all my mess went to Church today but I came back to camp because I could not get seat on account of the crowd I have been writing letters to Ma and sister all the morning Lt Allen goes to Nachatochis tomorrow and will mail them for me at that place

Monday, March 27th 1865

Cold rainy and disagreeable day I have spent my time in reading and writing-- The only occupation that can relieve the monotony of camp life -- especially on a wet day-- Lt Allen arrested two men yesterday stealing turkeys He has them under gaurd in the park-. I am tired of camp life and I am exceedingly home sick would to God that I could return home and spend the remainder of my days at . . . in peace and contentment-- But! alas that is imposible now duty calls me away-- and I will try and be satisfied with my lot-- As I feel that I am doing my duty

No letters from home yet I am anxiously expecting to hear from Mother or Father soon To receive a letter from them now would be a great gratification to me

March 29th 1865 Tuesday

I was detailed this morning to go to mil, after meal I went-- and have been buisy all day shelling corn - very good occupation. We went to mill traded corn for meal, and got back to camp tired and hungry late in the evening

March 29th 65

We having more rain, the country is almost flooded. We have had more rain this winter than has fallen for ten year's before I am on gaurd, have been standing post in the rain. Not very agreeable employment Two prisoners to gaurd The battery wagon is the gaurd house - we are still at Copenhagen, on the Washitta river attached to Col Harrison's brigade So a Cavalry we have nothing to do except lay in camp. We are fed on corn bread and hog meat

Thursday March 30th 65

On gaurd last night and I had the most disagreeable time I ever experienced in my life cold noth wind blowing, and the ground covered with water my feet came very near freezing - I had to gaurd the battery and one prisoner besides I had quite an adventure to befall me while on post, - my hat blew off and was caried accross the pra- by a strong gust of wind. I could not find it until this morning owing to the intense darkness of the night -- The weather still very cold this morning wind from the north, and cloudy -

Friday March 31st

I have been laying around camp all day doing nothing but idling away my time Passing the flower of life in idleness. I am neither improving my body, or my mind. But I have the satisfaction of knowing that I am serving my country

This evening three men came to me and claimed the mare that I traded a mule for at Winfield. They belonged to Harrisons brigade. Swore to the mare, before a masistrate, and therefore took her from me. But Lt Hill has very kindly given, Giraud, and my self, permission to go to Winfield, and procure the mule. We start tomorrow. If the mare's being proved away from me, will enable me to get my mule again, I will feel indebted to the men for swearing to her, as the mule is worth three times as much as the mare.

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Giraud, and I, started early this morning for Winfield, after mule - Allen, and Philps, started with us they are going to Nachitoches. We only go to Mr. Morris [?] Parish, Morris is the man who has my mule. We went to Mill five miles from Cepenhagen, had our horses fed, and started, followed the direction's of the old miller, and got lost, rode all day, and at night found ourselves only nine miles from camp. Spent the night with a Mr Black at Bevans ferry on the Castor Creek

April

Started early and rode hard all day reached Mr Morris! house (The man who had my mule) about 8 oclk. Allen, and Phelpes, spent the night with him, but Giraud and I went to my old friends Mr. Colluns and spent the night, fared very well. Good bed good meat, and bread corn coffee, &c-, Mr. Colluns is a very fine man, he has 3 or 4 daughters Good, and industrious girls - They seemed to take a fancy to us. It is needless for me to say, that the feeling of friendship was sincerely reciprocated by us

Sunday April

We went to Mr Morris this morning very early. He very willingly gave up the mule to us - we then made a start for camp and after swimming various creeks, and wading for miles we reached Mrs Risins by sunset and spent the night with her.

We had very good lodgings, plenty to eat and a good bed, to sleep in. We met a young lady there, I did not learn her name, a Soilders daughter, and she was a beautiful girl. She told a melancholy story how she had been served by some man who disliked her, or her Father, I dont know which. This man set her store house on fire, and it burned to the ground consuming all her provisions Corn bacon &c which her Father had collected for her surport during his absence from home. The young lady has an idea who burnt her out - but not will tell who she suspicions

Monday April

We started late, and stoped on the road for diner reached camp before dark, in safety found every thing all OK in camp

Tuesday April

I have been busily engaged all the morning writing, to send by Eugene Angier, who has received 52 day 's furlough, and starts for Brazoria Co Texas tomorrow morning. I feel slightly unwell this morning - My trip to Winfield fatigued me considerably I am home sick today and disgusted with camp life

Wednesday April 5th 1865

I went on a detail to procure wood, this morning for burning coal. This evening I have been reading and playing chess with Dr Weems. He beat me two games, then, gave me two and I beat him a game. We had quite a shower about noon. Still cloudy, the prospect for rain good. Eugene Angier started home on furlough. this morning. I wish I could have gone with him. I would give world's if I posed to remain at home, until death. should force me to leave that loved abode.

Thursday April 6th 1865

Tom Copis and I have been hunting horses all. They strayed off several days- we rode all over this country but failed to find the animals I suppose some one has taken a fancy to them and appropriated them to their own use I took dinner with a Parson Mendth a babbtist - He treated me kindly I saw 4 paroled prisoner's from Richmond Va. They had been in a yanky prison, at Fort Delaware since the 4th June 63, they gave an awful discription of how they were treated. They say that 8 ration's made only one meal - Poor fellows They looked weary and way worn I deeply sympathized with them They were true patriots, that had endured an exile from home shut up in a yanky prison for over two years They were true to the cause, they devotedly loved - I saw an act of kindness, which you seldom see in this degenerate days Mr Mendth gave this men their dinner and a pr of shoes to one, who was bare footed without recompense.

Friday April 7th 65

I have been reading Pettersons magazine, borrowed from Mrs Squires. They are quite interesting and entertaining. Bill Copes reached camp this evening direct from Shreveport He brought new's of the defeat of Grant and Sherman by Johnson and Lee. He also brought a number of Yanky papers some of Harpers weeklys. They contained some very amusing and radiclous cuts they were quite comical. I expected a letter from home by him but I have again been sadly disapointed. I shall not look again until I see the welcome messingers arrive.

Time still rolls on minutes glide by almost imperceptibly we live, still live and soilder contented and cheerful if we simply receive sufficient to keep body and soul together we are willing to do all in our power and suffer all sacrifices and hardships if we can only succeed in the glorious cause in which we are engaged, and I believe in, due time, the successful end will be accomplished If we will only be cheerful and determined in the good work before us. For God has promised success, to the faithful, and I believe his care and protection is with the struggling and suffering patriots of the south

April 8th 1865

I am on guard, stood two hour's, I do not find as disagreeable, as I did when first standing, after reaching camp. Very cloudy and prospect for rain good

April 9th

After standing guard last night, as usual I feel tired sleepy and dull. It has been raining incessantly all day! rain! rain, never ceasing rain the clouds float over the sky black, and threatening - the heavens seem to be flooded this spring. they seem to be determined to once more to deluge the world and I would think such a thing very probable if not were for the sign which God has set in the sky. as a promise to man that he will not again flood the world

Monday April 10th 65

Still raining I have been taking it easy under my oil cloth but with now and then sluices of water pouring through the frail shelter, wetting me, blankets, and all. Delightful situation. I have been reading Petterson's Magazines, with with great interest quite different, this from sitting beneath a good roof watching the rain drops beating against the window pane. contented and happy -

April 11th 1865

Wm Philpes arrived from Nachtoches today. He brought me a letter from sister Laura. Good news, from home, all well and every thing prosperous

The letter was dated 16th of Mch my favorite horse Divie died a few days after I left. I was sorry to hear of this. He was a good and faithful beast. I sat up with Sgt Schley last night. He is very sick with the typhoid fever, poor fellow I fear he will not survive his present illness

April 12th 1865 Wednesday

It has been raining in torrents all day, the water comes down in sluicis, showing no mercy to man or beast. I have never seen such unpleasant weather. The mud is about 1 foot deep all over our camp. I wrote a letter to sister this morning, to send by Bill who starts for Shreveport in a few days

Thursday April 13

We had some meat for our breakfast this morning, the first we have had for two days during that time we have been living on dry corn bread we also got some corn for the horses yesterday, the first they have had for two week's

Friday April 14

I am spending my time in reading I am interested in some magazines borrowed from Mrs Squires

Bill Copes has received an order to return to Shreveport

Lt Allen who is there on Company business sent for him

He starts tomorrow morning

Saturday April 15th

Still reading magazines - on corn detail this morning we shuck about 20 bushels in an hour. We drew five day's rations of, salt, bacon, and meal. The first bacon that we have had for 2 month's. Quite a luxury to us, we are now having beautiful weather, clear and pleasant more pleasant than rain and, mud

April 16th 1865

This morning Geo Jarvis, and I went to Church, in the country, 6 miles from Camp. We heard a very good piney wood's, Methodist, sermon, And also had the exquisite pleasure, of seeing some very pretty girls. Came back to camp about noon and wrote two letters to send by F. Eidenan who starts home on furlough in a few days.

April 17th Monday

?How have I spent this day is a question which arises in my mind, as night approaches. In idleness, again and again I am compeled to answer this question in this way. I do sincerely desire some employment to engage both body and mind and bring to me contentment. I tired of doing nothing. We are having delightful spring weather clear an bright.

April 18th 1865

This evening we recd order's to march for Shreveport immeadtly, we are to start on the 20th inst - I cannot ascertain the object, in the move, some think, we are to be refited and recruted and some, that we are to be transfered to heavy artillery. I have made no conjections, Rumor is rife on the subject, but like all camp rumor's they are all very unsatisfying. I have been reading Scots Marzan - a very interesting poem - we were visited by an exceedingly high wind about sunset a tree top blew off & fell within 8 feet of my tent and very near Bill Howard, but no one was hurt.

April 19th 1865

Nearly every one in the battery is busily engaged, preparing, for the march. I am afraid we will have an unpleant time, as our stock are poor, and the roads are bad.

This morning I was assigned to drive in the lead of the 1st Calson George Derbasis piece, very good position. I have two of the best horses in the battery.

April 20th Thursday

Started for Shreveport this morning in accordance with order's.

Traveled only six(6) miles, to Hard Scrable, and camped for the night - very high wind and hard rain during the night. I streched my oil cloth and rested tolerably well.

April 21st 65 Friday

Marched at 8 oclck, raining, the ground very slippery our horse's could hardly keep their footing. After some difficulty we succeeded in making 8 miles and were sudenly brought to a halt by a creek which was swimming, so we camped for the night

The rain has ceased and sun is shining.

April 22nd, 1865

The Creek is low enough to cross this morning so we started and traveled about 4 miles, and our progress has again been impeded, by another creek so we are again laying over for the water's to fall.

April 22 Sunday

Resumed our march at 8 oclck this morning, traveled 9 miles and camped for the night in a very pretty place, beautiful weather for marching warm during the day, but cool at night and the heaviest dews I have ever seen will wet a blanket during the night, my horses have been balking some today and acting badly

April 23 Monday

Marched 10 miles today, my horses are doing finely pulling well. The roads are very bad hilly and muddy Camped within a mile of Vernon, We drew some bacon this morning.

April 24th 1865

Started this morning at sunup. Some of the horses balked mine acted finely. We reached Woodville by 1 oclck Camp here until morning. I wrote to sister Laura this evening. We are out of meal no bread for supper.

April 25th 1865

We are stoping here, at Woodville for the purpose of resting and recruiting the horses and men we will probably remain here until Friday or Saturday Then we resume our march for Shreveport hoping to reach that place by the 10th of May I went to a Tableaux last night I and Maj Cook escorted two very pretty school girls to the exabition

Quite pretty girls they were and the exhibition was quite entertaining. The object of the tableaux, was, given for the benefit of the suffering soldier

We received some bad news from Gen Lee yesterday I hope it may not be true -

Wrote to sister Laura today

April 26th 1865

I spent the day in camp went to another Tableaux last night Went with Miss [?] the same young lady that I went with the first night. She sent me a very nice bouquet beautiful flowers they were

We are going to have more rain I think. Very warm and cloudy weather

April 27th

I have been on herd today, Herd all day and lost two horse's, but fortunately did not get punished for it. The ladies of Woodville gave our battery a very pleasant Picnic today. So some of our men say, I being on duty could not attend which I regret very much as I know I would have enjoyed myself. Some of the Ladies were kind enough to send me a nice dinner, but unfortunately I did not have the pleasure of eating it, as Sergt Jarvis laid it down and the hog's eat it for me

April 28th Friday

The horse's that I lost last evening came up during the night I am glad of it as it will enable us to move on, in accordance with previous arrangements

We started at 1 oclck P.M. traveled some 8 or 10 miles broke down a wagon and camped for the night. We left Dr Weems and Perry behind with the ambulance, to take care of Sergt Schley who is very low not expected to live. Poor young man It seem's hard for a young man just in the bloom of life to be carried off by the full destroyer death I deeply sympathized with his parents who love him almost to devotion.

April 29th 1865

Repaired wagon early, and started on the march at 10 oclck. Drove 18 miles Horse's and men very tired, passed through the town of Acadia and camped near Mount Lebanon we will remain here until the 4th or 5th of May

April 30th Sunday

We are very pleasantly situated at Mount Lebanon a nice cool camp Lt Allen arrived in camp a few days ago on the 28th. He starts for Texas today for the purpose of getting horse's to refit our battery Charley Rose goes with him. Tom Copes goes as far as Shreveport after letters will join us at Minden in 5 days. Sergt Jarvis lost or had stollen from him his knap sack yesterday I lost a six shooter by the operation as my pistol was in his knap sack

May 1st 1865 Monday

We are still at Mt Lebanon. I have had fever all day. Cause unknown to me I feel very badly this evening. I whiped Bill for insolent language to me this evening

May 2nd

I still unwell, fever increasing taking medicine Dr Weems is very kind & attentive to me

May 3rd Wednesday

I am still unwell hope to recover this week some time. We expect to leave here tomorrow for Shreveport. I am anxious to again get started
Mt Lebanon is a pretty place but very dull

May 4th Thursday

We resumed our march this morning. I am still quite unwell, but think that I am slowly improving
We traveled about 12 miles - camped in a pleasant place for the night.

May 5th 1865 Friday

We started at 7 o'clock traveled, 15 miles and camped for the night

May 6th Saturday

One of our wagons broke down yesterday, and we were delayed this morning, in repairing it. It commenced raining this morning at 11 o'clock, and we have on that account had a very disagreeable day's march. We passed through Minden, and crossed Bayou Dor Cheate during the day we also crossed Bayou Bad, Coc today ferried 1 mile as the stream was high

May 7th Sunday

We are still winding our way toward Shreveport, hope to reach that place tomorrow. It is still raining while marching the wagons and Caissons often stick to the hub in mud but the faithful animals toil patiently on. The men walking have an unpleasant time as the mud is over shoe top

As I am an invalid I ride in the ambulance, and fare very well, we camp tonight within 7 miles of Shreveport I am to sleep on the Str Wellena as the ground is too wet for a sick man to sleep on. My fever has left me and I feel well.

Much better than I have felt for a week

May 8th 1865

We reached Shreveport this morning about 12 oclock passed through town and moved to Camp Johnson, where we expect to remain for some time

I received a number of letters from home at this place, one as late as April 23rd. It was quite a treat to me, hearing from home. I read my letters with the deepest interest

May 9th 1865

I have been busily engaged all day writing letters home, to send by Tom Copes, who starts for Texas tomorrow on a 60 days furlough. A Mr Midcalf received the furlough and gave it to Tom.

We are now continually receiving very bad news from East of the Mississippi river

I hope that it is all false

May 10th Wednesday

We are still at Camp Johnson. I do not know how long we will remain here, or where we will next go too.

Tom Copes started this morning, on his furlough in high spirits, he rode my mule.

I hope he may have a pleasant time. Bad news still comes. Madam Rumor is continually at work in our camp. Strange startling tales are afloat

A man can hear astounding news, seemingly borne on every gust of wind which whistles by

May 11th 1865

We are still camped near Shreveport at Fort Johnson. I am still on the sick list, but I feel entirely well, but Dr Weem's will not allow me to report for duty for several days to come

May 12th 1865

I have the fever again today I also have a severe headache. I hope I am not going to be much sick
4 of our men deserted last night and 2 the night before the cause of their sudden departure was the bad news we have been receiving from east of the Mississippi river

Dr Weem's has received a 60 day's furlough and starts for Columbia tomorrow I am glad he has succeeded in getting permission to visit his family as he is a good and faithful soldier and deserves a furlough

May 13th 1865

10 of our men and I among the number Lt Parker Comanding were ordered with the horses & mules to a pasture near Phelps plantation 12 miles from Shreveport for the purpose of reconciling them They have grown very poor since leaving Copenhagen on account of having no corn we hope to find a good pasture where they will fare better. We had some difficulty to day in crossing creeks the bridges were down and water deep but we reached a good place to camp in safety Dr Copes procured some corn for us and our horse's fared very well

Three horse broke down during the day and we left them behind.

May 14th Sunday

After a good nights rest we all awoke very much refreshed, and resumed our journey in fine spirits reached the pasture by 11 oclk and found very good grap also we found thousand's of nats and masquetoos to annoy us, nats by day and mosquitoes by night I had fever yesterday but feel well today

May 15th 65 Monday

I spent the night with Bill Copes who is staying on Mr Phelps place. I had a very agreeable time

I got some very nice dew berries they were quite a luxury to me the first I have had this year

May 16th 1865 Tuesday

We are still camped near Phelpes plantation
The Horse's are in a fine pastures and doing better -
We had a very heavy rain last night, we stretched out
tent and fared well The sun is shining and weather
pleasant

Vick went to town today but brought no news two more
men left our battery night before last

My health has been restored fever gone and I feel well

May 17th 1865 Wednesday

Nothing of an exciting nature has transpired in
C. 3 today, we had rain most of the night last night.
I had a return of my fever yesterday

4 of our horse's have died since we left
Shreveport, we expect to loose some 5 or 6 more before
we get away from here, we are now living on beef and
venison We also find an abundance of berries in woods
and fields

May 18th 1865 Thursday

No news, Lt Parker has gone to Shreveport to learn
all he can he returns this evening

Lt Parker while setting arround the cheerful camp
fire last night told many lively tales He made one
remark which he wished me to record the remark was should
ever meet any of our fellow soldiers after the war that
would seem to us as brothers, such I believe will be
the case -

I went out yesterday evening and got some corn
for my horse which was almost famished. It refreshed
the old fellow and he is in fine spirits this morning

May 19th 1865 Friday

Yesterday evening we received orders to march
for Shreveport with the horses in our charge That we
were ordered to Houston Texas I do not believe that
the report is true but hope it may be so

We started for Shreveport at seven oclock marched all day and camped within 3 miles of the town, we succeeded in getting some corn for our stock We are hearing some very exciting news today to much to repeat

May 20th 1865

We received orders yesterday to March for Shreveport with the horse's I learn that we have received marching orders for Houston Texas I hope it may be so but I do not beleive it we started early and traveled 9 miles and camped for the night in a pleasant place some kind ladies gave us some milk for supper

We have no news from the other side of the Mipipippi river

May 21th 1865

We started early reached Shreveport by 9 oclock corssed the river in safety and reached camp all right Two of our boys left last night taking a mule and horses (Corpl T-r- and Private T-s-n) Corpl G-d a mess mate of mine and a noble fellow left this morning

I was sincerely sorry to see him go but he thought it was for the best

About dark this evening all of our men excepting George Jarvis Calvin Alsnorth & SS Lott left for their homes in Texas I also remained behind all took good horses we that remained behind hope to get orders to go to Texas. We succeeded in reserving two mules to work in ambulance and hope by that means to get our baggage through

May 22ond 1865

We moved camp yesterday into the woods to hide our horse's we were affraid they would be stollen and therefore we moved to a seclued spot

We have received orders to march for Houston today

We started at one (1) oclock & traveled 18 miles and camped for the night at Mr Vincin's We fared very well

Monday May 23rd 1865

We crossed the Sabine river and reached Carthage today after a very tiresome trip

May 31st 1865 Wednesday

I am at home once more. I can hardly realize that such is the case. And at home for good too I suppose

It is the general opinion that the war is at an end. Four long years we have struggled suffered fought and shed the best blood of our land and have failed to accomplish our object and our condition is now far worse than it was at the begining of this eventful period. Our country has been devastated our people impoverished and our home's made desolate without success in our endeavors. Texas and all southern states well be governed soon by Federal authority. But this the downfall of my country and the distruction of her instutions is too sad a theme for my pen to dwell upon.

I am now released from the duties of a soldier and I have no employment I shall remain at home during the summer months and in I hope I may be able to go to school but in regard to that I will form no conjectives. But I will be entirly be governed by events and circumstances I will quietly await the development of affairs.

June 1st 1865

I had quit a misfortune to befall me on my trip to Houston - When I reached City I felt very tired and quik unwell so I conclued togo to Houston on the cars, but ascertained that I could not get the horse. I was riding aboard the train, as it was full, so I gave him to a negro belonging to Mr Moseley of Cedar Lake to ride down to the City and instructed the boy to meet me in town that evening at Central depot. But he failed to make his appearance up to this time. I have not heard a word from him. I regret the loss of the pony very much as he was not my property but belonged to Sergt Jarvis who kindly loaned him to me.

I have spent most of the day at home with Mother
This evening Tom Copes and I went out to see Mrs and
Mr Alsworth They treated us to a fine lot of plums
I enjoyed them. I took tea with Tom tonight and spent
an agreeably evening talking to Andy Copes

Friday June 2nd 65

I have been at home all day - Bill arrived by car's
this evening H: brings news that Sergt Jarvis had
found the Negro and got his horse. I am glad of this
as it releives me of all indebtedness to Jarvis

No new's by cars

A great many people in town this evaning

Every one seem's dispondent and disheartened

Almost Evry face wears an air of gloom in
consequence of the condition of our political affairs
I for my part try to look on the bright side of evry
thing and be cheerful as I can - -

Saturday June 3rd 1865

I father Laura and Ella went to the plantation
to day had a fine drive roads very goods darky's all
seemed glad to see me The crop is very poor but rather
better than I expected to find it juding from the reports
that I heard concerning the condition of the crop's
on the place

Mr. Winstead is in charge of affairs out there
I walked all over the place and examined in most evry
thing mules hogs & c
I found evry tning in very good condition I shall go
out there in a few days to hunt and [?]
a while for my health - -

Sunday June 4th 65

I attended curch this morning and heard a good
sermon preached by the Rev Mr Sommerville

After Curch I had the pleasure of meeting many
of my old friends some of them I had not seen for
years before I was gratified to meet them and they all
seemed glad to see me It is indeed pleasant to retrun
to the scenes of former joys and mingle in the society
of thoes whom you have played in childhood and dealt
with in manhood and always found them to be true friend's;

Honest and upright men & boy's Brazoria County has suffered but little in the loss of men during this long and bloody struggle. I find that most of my old friends have returned home in good health. We of this community should indeed be thankful to the almighty God for the care and protection that he has excersied over our younge men - of our neighbourhood

Parson's Sommerville Congergation today had the appearance of former times There were many there who I supposed had not been in that house for years before

Monday June 5th

I and Charley Gauthier went out to the Bernard today to visit Lou and Billy Black - but neither were at home

But we met Billy on the Chanes pra- and learned from him that Lou had gone west, I worked a pony of Nat's in the buggy today trial trip he does finely - We met Judge Terry this morning he is on his way to Sonora

The cars came in this evening but brought no news

Tuesday June 6th 1865

I went to the town of Brazoria today it bears the same lonely deserted appearance for which it has always been noted

No body to be seen nothing doing and nothing to be heard

I had coat and made arangements to have a pr of boots made

I went to with Jim Seymour, who reached Columbia yesterday

Wednesday June 7th 65

I have been staying within the house all day, as I am not very well and am affraid to expose my self to the sun -

I took a pleasent ride with Tom Copes and Orlander on this evening and found my horse which had not been up for a day or two -

Thursday June 8th 65

I have writing letters and scribbling all the morning -

I went fishing this evening and met with very good success caught -19

No news by cars - Weather very same prospect for rain - a good shower would be a great blessing to the country Now crops every where are suffering and being cut off by the dry weather

Friday June 9th 1865

I have been reading Rollins history this morning it is a very instructive and interesting The portion which I am now reading relates to the ancient forms of govt The Patra where the Father was the supreme ruler of the family It shows how this form of govt gradually and by degrees grew into unlimited monarchies, by one family subjugating another and so on until many families were consolidated into powerful nations

By the ambition of single men with the assistance of there adherents brave and desperate clan's were formed which spread terror and distress throughout the world

Saturday June 10th

I attended an auction today but did not invest Goods were sold very cheap -

I also saw many of my old schoolmates amid friends The usually quit little town of Columbia was crowded with people from the country today

Sunday June 11th 65

I went to Church at West Columbia. The Rev Mr Somerville preached

We had some rain this morning, but not enough to do any good I hope we will soon have more as the crops will almost be entirely cut off with out rain -

Monday June 12th 1865

Spent the day in reading and idleness - We had a slight shower about noon -

Tuesday 13th

Today I went to the plantation on the Bernard Charley Gauter accompanied me went by Billy and Lou Blacks to see the boys and from there this evening we went up to our place

Lou and Billy are to give a little dancing party tomorrow night Charley & I have promised to attend

We are to have the Chancis pra- girls Miss Sweeney's Miss Lane &c-

I anticipate a pleasant time Shall most assuredly attend

Wednesday 14

I sent boy Sam to town this morning after some party clothes - Charley & I went hunting saw some deer out did not get a shot

Started for Billy Black in the evening found Sam there with the clothes in accordance with previous arrangements - dressed up went to the party, but we were all sadly disappointed by the nonattendance of the invited ladies, not a single lady made her appearance during the evening. Mrs Black gave us a very nice supper we retired at 12 oclock very well pleased with our party we regreted very much that the younge ladies failed to attend - But we considered ourselves somewhat to blame as there was some 8 or 10 younge men present and not one of them went after a lady

Thursday 15th

After spending the night and most of today with Billy Charley and I returned to our homes in Columbia Rather tired but very well pleased with our visit.

Friday June 16th 65 .

I have been staying in the house all day

At my usual employment when at home reading and writing

The days pass rapidly by and I hardly know how I spend my time I feel that I am wasting my precious moments and that I must do some thing; either go to work or study

Sunday June 25th 1865

For the past week I have been staying very closely at home Trying to improve my time in the best possible maner I have been studying mathamatics; reading; and writing; I am now reading Rollins history, the portion where he treats of the ancient feast, oracles, and origin's. He describes minutely the ancient amusements of the Greeks and Romans. Now the gladiators fought, the wrestlers wrestled, and races ran for the prizes. Even Kings participated in ths games, and felt honored with the reward assigned to the victors. He tells us that the greeks, had not as barbarous scenes, at their festivals as the Romans, and that they did not celebrate the down fall of their enimies, with as much pomp , and cerimony as the Roman nations; but, had more respect, and mercy, for thoes, who had been subjuated by thier armies I attened a very pleasant little Pick-Nick on the 17 of this month, and had quite an agreeable time, good many younge laddies present I met Miss Amanda Bill on that day. The first time I had seen her for over 2 years, she is very pretty, looks more beautiful than she did the last time I saw her.

I attended Church at West Columbia on the 13th, and as usial I heard a good sermon, from Mr Sommer-ville. Who never fails to deliver an excellent discourse I went home with the charming Miss Manda, from Curch and on my way home I got a drenching, So much for playing the gallant but the younge ladies very agreeable society, was pay for the wetting. No pleasure in this world with out its share of misfortunes. No sun shine with out/a mingling of grief in the cup of happiness its shade - and no joy with out

The rest of the week, until Friday the 23rd, was spent at home in study. On that day (Friday 23rd) I attended another Pick-Nick, or fish fry as they are usually termed. And with the fascinating young ladies from the Bernard, Miss Johnsons and Cayces, I must say that I enjoyed myself. We fished lounged and talked, and thus in merriment and gaiety we past the day away

At night we resorted to the hospitable house of Col H Player and there prolonged the scene of mirth, until the morning star was twinkling in the east - and warned us that the torch of Phibes would soon shed its lustre over the world and bid merry makers and frolickers go to rest - And industrious people arise to labor - we respected this friendly warning bade the young ladies adieu and with sleepy heads, and wearied limbs - we winded our way to our homes

On Saturday the 24 after only a few hours sleep, I went with Ma Gran and the girls to visit Mrs Sam Sweeney, and Mrs Jones - we had quite a pleasant visit. I being very sleepy, Mrs Sweeney, very kindly gave me a pallett, and I slept most of the evening. We broke down coming home, and I had a most delightful time repairing the carriage. We reached home after dark in safety - Today! Sunday, I went to the M.E. Church in town, heard what I suppose was an excellent sermon from Parson Shappard - but I am sorry to say that I did not attend very closely to his remarks - and consequently I have not been profited much by his advice instruction &c &c

On the 23rd Friday Mr TH Borden started north for the purpose of bringing Sallie Carson home Poor Girl! I expect she will be indeed glad to see him as she has been debarred from the society of relatives for the past 5 years far away, in a strange land, with scarcely the pleasure, and gratification, of hearing from home. But thank God! she will soon be with us again; Father went to Galveston with Mr. Borden to see the old gentleman off -. Mother is slightly unwell tonight with headache and all are at rest excepting me I am alone in my room recording the events of interest that have transpired during the week

Silence reigns supreme over nature, the world is at rest.

This is solitude, which has unsurpassed charms for me. When alone I can give my vivid imagination full scope. I can at will, mingle in former scene's, and again joys, and indulge in pleasing reminiscences of the glorious future. These are the charms that solitude has for those who love it - - -

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Tuesday June 27th 1865

Since last writing in this book I have started upon a new course of conduct I am determined to cease all idlings and pursue the path of knowledge with energy assiduity and industry I am now studying under Parson Sommerville he is a good instructor, and very kindly gives me all the assistance I need in Latin Algebra and Arithmetic -

I commenced reciting to him yesterday, I go to Dr Morris every day at 1 oclock, Mr Sommerville also teaches Thomas Copes Lucien Morris and William Gains we have a very interesting time reciting and working propositions in mathamatics Mr Sommerville I think is decidelly the best teacher I ever saw his explanations are lucid and easy to understand

I am very ignorant so much so that it is a source of great mortification to me I have had heretofore as good oppitunties as any boy could wish for, but I have foolishly let them pass by with out improvment and I now look back upon evry past life and regret that I have wasted so many precious moments in folly and idleness when I should with energy have exerted all of my ability in acquiring an education. But tis foolish to mourn over the folllys of the past and mar the good resolutions of today by reflections upon the almost inexcuceble conduct of by gone days

But tis better, with firmness to determine to improve by the bitter experience of life so in the future you may never be compeled to mourn over the imperfections of former days--

Thank God! I have another opportunity of acquiring something of an education

I shall here prescribe a rule of conduct for the coming year which I shall attempt to follow as strictly as possible

1st Never go to recite without knowing my lessons perfectly

2nd Never allow frolicking or any kind of amusement to interfere with my study hours

3rd I shall never fail attending regularly, all recitations, without something unusual should prevent

4th I shall never knowingly do anything to displease my instructor

5th I shall use evry energy in my power to rapidly progress in my studies

For the past few days I have read ver little as I was fearful that if I read a great deal it would seriously interfere with my studies

History is very interesting as well as instructive, but I fear I will be compelled to abstain from reading altogether for a while on account my extreme backwardness in all the branches of learning I will be compelled to employ all my time in refreshing my memory, but I intend appropriate all my leasure moments to that occupation

During the past three days I Rollins description of the Roman Grecian theatres, the maner in which they were conducted who were the favorite writers and actors on the stage&c &c--

Thursday June 29th/65

I attend the usdal recitations at Dr Morris yesterday and today I had hard lessons but knew them I find studying very irksome and disagreeable employment after being idle but I am still determined not waver or be swerved in my good resolutions

I intend to toil on hoping sometime to be rewarded for my exertions

July 1st 1865 Saturday

In reviewing the past week I find that I have improved somewhat I did not miss a single recitation- On Friday Mr Sommerville was ill with chills and fever and could not hear us.

We are having rainrain evry day we have a shower - it is the Salvation of the crops

Bill Copes and Calvin Alsworth reached home in safety yesterday they were the last of Gibson's battery to reach home

We have received but little political news this week = Jeff Davis not yet tried

Slx Stevens and Robert E Lee requesting pardon of

Andrew Johnson president of the United States
Provisional governor appointed over Mississippi
Announcement of Breckenridges arrival in Cuba-
& Gold 1,43 Cotton 48

I have studied hard this week and today as it is Saturday and I have no recitation I am resting, that is, idling away my time.

I have not entirely wasted my time today. I have been reading some this evening. Rollins as usual - I am through his introduction and will commence the first book soon. He gives in the introduction spoken of a short synopsis of the most important events that transpired in Rome and Greece at the time when they were, at the zenith of power and glory and ranked as the first nations of the earth.

This week father was expected home, but did not arrive.

We received a letter from him stating that he would not be home, until next week some time - He has gone to Galveston to attend some business.

I have neglected to record one event of great importance to the State of Texas which has transpired within the past few days. I allude to the arrival of our conquerors commanded by Maj Gen Granger, to take possession of the State of Texas, and the emancipation of the Negro's.

He (Maj Gen Granger) assumed command of the District of Texas on the 19th day June.

And on that day he issued his order liberating the slaves.

He advises them to remain with their masters and informed them that they will not be supported by the government.

Some of the slaves are leaving - but the majority of them are quietly remaining at home. Father informed his negroes, that are in town, of their freedom - They did not seem to rejoice over the information and one instance in connection with this I think worth recording - An old Negro of ours who goes by the title of Aunt Lizzie seemed very dispondent on account of this news and appeared unhappy until Mother assured her, that she would give her a home and take care of her as long as she would behave herself and work.

Old Aunt Lizzie then cheered up and seemed to be in a good humor. She may be a hypocrite and might have assumed the unhappy appearance for effect but this is not my candid opinion - because she is very much attached to our family. None of our Negroes have yet left us -

Monday July 3rd 1865

I am becoming accustomed to study, and therefore it is not near so irksome as at first - I am through the declensions of nouns in the Latin in division of Algebra and fractions in Arithmetic - Thus I begin the week. Mr Sommerville is well, and his little school is beginning the week with the prospect of making some improvement

I have found more leasure for reading in the past few days than is usialy the case, I have been reading the account given by Rollins of the Ancient Maners Customs religion of Egyptitians and also a description of the bird Phoenix He says that in Egypt, there anciently existed (or at least the people believed to exist) a bird which lived, six or seven, hundred years, by name Phoenix. And that only one of these birds existed at a time, whene it grew old, and was ready to die, it would go to the mountains there build a nest, in which to die, and after death, the marrow in its bones, whould form a worm, from which, another bird was created.

This bird would gather all the remains of its parent, and transport them to a temple at Herlepolis, and then consume them with fire, and from this old fabulus tale the term Phoenix, which morderly is applied to evry thing, strange or unusial, originated.

Rollins gives this tale no credit, He considers it a fable

I also read with much interest, the description of the embalming of the dead bodys. No man was entitled to the honor of being embalmed, without the had lived a moral, and upright life, and as evry one considered it an ever lasting disgrace to their family, and posterity for them to fail to receive this privilege, it was a strange incentive for the moral cuture of the younge, and for all to act with justice, and honor, - The Embalming was done in this maner - the brains of the body were drawn out through the nose, by an instrument made for this purpose, and the entrals were taken out, by a hole being cut in the side of the body, with a sharp stone - Men were appointed espiacialy for this business, and as soon as they completed their work they were compelled to fly from the wrath of the people, as it was customary for evry one to stone them

In his discription of the temples, he particuarly speaks of one which was erected on the coast of Eygipt for the purpose of directing Ships to the proper harbor He here shows how depraved human nature will often act, - the King who caused this structer to be erected ordered that his name should be inscribed upon it - but the archtect, wishing to perpetrate his name, cut it on a stone, plastered it over with lime, and inscribed the Kings name upon the lime - The lime soon wore off and left the stone to view with the builders name written upon it

July 5th 1865 Wednesday

I have been attending school regularly during this much of the week, and I am exceedingly gratified to be able to say, that I have recited almost perfect-lessons and feel that I am making some improvement - Yesterday was the fourth the anniversary of the birth of the United States of America, in this portion of the world it passed off very quietly.

I have not read in my history at all within the past few days. I have not had the time to spare from my studies.

Tuesday July 11th

I have begun this week with a fair prospect of improvement. I have been studying with energy and industry for the past week I went to the plantation last Saturday, and I talked to the Negroes some about their newly acquired freedom. They seem to have lofty ideas in regard to the privileges they will be entitled to, under the new arrangement of affairs they are contented and willing to remain on the planation but do not like Mr. Sheford our present overseer.

I spent the day out there and returned home in the evening

Monday July

Studyed hard all the week-, a little unwell on Friday and therefore could not recite perfect lesons.

Mr. Sommerville was visited with another chill on Saturday and did not preach on Sunday. So well all attended church in town and listened to Parson Catrexpataiah (a expicopalian minister) he preached both in the evening and morning

I have been reading the history of Carthage of

the various wars of that republic in Spain and Sicily
and Spain

Virgils Bucolica

Ecloga Prima

Mel. Oh, Tityn, thou reclining

Virgils Bucolica

- 1 Scillian muses let us sing a little greater
- 2 The groves and tumble myrica do not dilight all
- 3 I we sing the woods

Virgils Bucolica

Ecloga 4th

Silician Muses let us sing a /line little greater
Groves and Mumble

Roll for Gibsons Battery

Comissioned Officers

Wm. E. Gibson	Capt
Appointed March 63 left the Battery Jan 65	
Wm H. Allen	1st Lt Sen
Elected 62 at Camp Bates left the battery Apl 65	
H Z Hill	1st Lt
Assigned to battery marched 63 stayed to the last	
D J Parker	2 ond Lt
Appointed May 63 stayed with battery to the last	

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Perry Carpenter
Howard O T " reduced
John Isle Blacksmith reduced
Wood V L "
Sulth J Sadler

Buglers

Becker 1st
Howard, W 2nd

Privates

Alsworth C. W.
Anderson John
Andrews
Byrom Jim
Belcher Linsey
Bowllock Alf
Bushwall Frank
Buff
Barackman Elk
Boon Simon

add
mess 14

Books, Borrowed from Lib.-

Scots, Bob, Roy, by Mrs. Adriance

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J B Copes Dr

Aug	64	Money loaned specie	\$10	settled
"	"	" " Confed	\$100	20 for 1
Apr	65	" to pay ? "	\$10	20 for 1
"	"	" " ? for boots	\$ 2, 50	specie
May	"	Paid Tom Copes	\$16	specie according to order
"	"	" Boy Barnes	50	specie according to order

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J. B. Copes Cr

Jan 65 Money borrowed 7.50 specie
 Apl " " " \$ 20
 May " Settled \$250 confed with Phelps for --
 Apl " Money loaned specie .50
 Dec 64 on misapct confed \$1

H Z Hill Dr

18 for 1

Dec 63 Money loaned confed 337 10 for 1 8.70
 Dec 64 On buggy trade specie 25
 " " Money loaned " 5
 Jan 65 " " " 3
 March " " " 10
 March " " at Anderson confed 250 10.00
 Jan " " Money loaned on ? ? 13.88

J B Copes Cr

Dec 3rd By cash for eggs \$7.50
 Dec 23rd " " " potatoes \$5.00
 Jan 2nd " " " soap 45.00
 \$ 57.50

From April 7th 65 to Apl 15th
 By Cash for Eggs specie 75

J B Copes

C W Alsworth Cr

Dec 1st By cash for flour \$ 20
 " 5th By cash for chickens \$ 2
 " 9th By cash for potatoes \$ 5
 \$ 27

April 1st
 For 1 bushel potatoes .50 specie
 " eggs confed 200 confed
 By cash for potatoes specie .50 specie
 " " " eggs specie .50 "
 " " " butter & soap 100 "

F. M. Giraud Cr

Dec. 3rd	By cash for butter	\$ 10
" 10th	" " " soap	\$ 5
"	" " " caps	\$ 20
Jan 1st	" " " soap	\$ 1
		<u>\$ 31</u>

Settled to March 20th 1865

J. G. Jarvis Ct

Dec 10th	By cash for caps	\$10
		<u>\$10</u>

From April 15th 1865
 By cash for potatoes specie .50
 Apl 14th Cash for soap " .20
 May 3 65 By cash for butter" .50

J P Underwood Dr

Jan 2nd To Miss for 3 lbs of soap \$12

J P Underwood Cr

Settled to March 21st 65

Dec 15th	By cash for potatoes	\$ 5
" 28th	" " " soap	\$ 2

From April 1st/65 7

March 27th	By cash for eggs confed	\$10
Apl 5th	" " " eggs "	12.50
" 14th	" " " soap "	5.00

J B Copes

Dbt.

For money borrowed in Aug 64 \$100 confed.

For money borrowed ? 14th \$100

For Money loaned to me Jan 65 specie 7.50
 For " " " " Apr 11 465 " \$ 10
 For " " " " " " specie 3
 " " borrowed \$ 5.
 " " money paid ? \$ 6

P Quarles Cr.

Jan 1st By cash for soap \$5
 \$5

Mess account at Camp - Camp
 Magnider La.

Peter Quarles Cr \$5
 Joe P Underwood Cr 7 Dr \$12 settled
 J. G. Jarvis Cr \$10
 E Giraud Cr \$36 settled
 C W Alsworth cr \$27
 J B Copes Cr \$57.50

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W H Howard Dbt

Apl 17th Cash loaned \$5 specie
 J. H. Shortridge Dbt
 Cash loaned confed \$ 20 15 for 1
 W E Gibson Dbt
 Cash loaned confed 100 5 for 1
 J Holcomb Dbt
 Cash loaned confed \$ 10 10 for 1
 settled J G Garvis confed \$ 18.50 15 for 1
 W W Black Dbt
 For horse confed \$150 5 for 1
 Thos. Kemper Dbt
 Cash loaned confed \$43 18 for 1
 Wm Turner Dbt
 Cash loaned confed. \$60 20 for 1
 E L Angier Dbt
 Cash loaned specie \$ 4 April 3rd 65
 F. M. Giraud Dr
 Cash loaned specie \$ 4
 T. T. Copes Dr
 Cash loaned specie .50
 J. Geo. Jarvis Dr
 For money loaned .50 specie
 Wm Turner Dr
 March 65 Money loaned confed \$60 20 for 1

Letters received from March 20th 65

1 from Sam Bryan March 8th Ans. Mch. 28
 1 " Sister, Laura "16th ans. Apl 12
 1 " Father "26th " May 10
 1 " " " "
 1 " " " "
 1 " " " "
 1 " " " "
 1 " Sister " "
 1 " " " "
 1 " " " "
 1 " Charley Gantier Apl 3rd" May 10th
 1 " Sam Bryan " 11th" " 11th
 1 " Mother "
 1 " J. G. Jarvis June 2nd ans. June 3

Eugene Angier Dbt

For money loaned March 29th 65 \$5
 " " " specie April 3th 65 \$4
 F. M. Giraud Dbt
 For money loaned specie \$4

T T Copes Dbt
 April 4th For specie .50
 J B Copes Dbt
 April 12th money to pay loan confed \$10
 Calvin Alsworth Dbt Apl 15
 money borrowed confed Paid \$5

Joe P. Underwood Dbt
 To M. L. Weems \$ 20
 " T. T. Copes \$40
 " J B Copes 7.50
 " Settle 5 sheets paper
 Settled with Smith March 30th 65
 J P Underwood Dbt
 To Barnes borrowed confed \$5
 To F M Giraud
 On ? acceptd confed \$20
 To J B Copes confed \$ 1
 Calvin Alsworth specie 25
 To Boom for making coat - specie 250
 To F M Giraud confed specie 50

J B Copes
 Columbia
 Texas

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J B Copes
 Columbia
 Brazoria Co.
 Texas
 Jan 2nd 1864

C Camp Magrudes

The weather from Apl 12th 65
 Wednesday Apl 12 very rainy & cold
 Thursday " 13 cloudy

\ Since March 20th 1865
 No of letters to Pa 1 2 3 4
 " " " " to Ma 1 2 3
 " " Transferred to 1 2
 " " to sister 1 2
 " " another page 1
 " " " " ? 12
 " " " " Aunt L 1
 " " " " to cousin Mary 1
 " " " " C J ? 1

Joe P Underwood

Letters written from March 20th 1865
 1 to Father written March 22nd "
 1 " L Black " " 24th "
 1 " I Craig " " 23rd "
 1 " Ma & Sister Laura " 26th "
 1 " Cousin Mary and Aunt Louisa 26th "
 1 " S P Bryan March 28th 65
 1 " C I Gantin April 5
 1 "

Letters written since March 1st-65
 Father 1 2 3 4 5 6
 Mother 1 2 3 4 5
 Sister L 1 2 3
 I Craig 1 2 3 4 5 6
 C Gantin 1 2
 S Bryan 1 2
 L Borden 1 2
 M Borden 1 2
 L Black 1 2 3
 M. . - 1
 I G Jarvil-1
 N Z Mill-1
 H M Forshey-1

Camp Three.Creeks Ark

I received this book from home on the 25th of Nov on that day Bill Copes arrived in camp from home and brought me a great many nice things from home he broke down six miles from camp and I went after him with a wagon we were all glad to see him he brought us many letters from relatives and friends

And besides he brought an immense amount of clothing for all the Brazoria boy's

Joe.P. Underwood.

Gibson's Battery

Squires Batt

Light artillery

Maj.Gen. Foray's Div

Texas ... Infantry