

Tuesday 19th

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Moved forward about 1 1/2 mi. in the morning. Our Div. formed in line. Our Brigade in two lines 77th & 97th Ill. in advance. 19th & 48th " 2nd line. 130th Ill. formed the reserve. Rebel works in a high hill - Their troops in front passing into the Reifle? pits. Country very much broken. ^{Commanding} in the rear of works - we guess it may be Gun - boats engaging batteries in front on Sherman on the right of our line. News came that Serg't McVay died at Cayuga on the 17th inst. from the effect of a wound rec^d in the abdomen by falling from a wagon when in the line of duty.

Troops not in position at 10.00 A.M. Osterhaus coming into line at that hour. Our line about 1 1/2 or 2 mi. from Rebel works. There seems to be no movement of the army to indicate a fight this side of fortifications. Said to be rifle pits 1/2 mi. in our advance. Word that Sherman has Hairⁿ Bluffs. Order to advance at 2.00 P.M. Moved forward as formed within 1/2 mi. of works. Considerable of firing - mostly at the artillery - & the rebels can hardly fire their pieces. No general charge. Rebs shelled our position considerable but did not injure any one in our Reg't. But little of our artillery engaged. We

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don't seem to be doing
any good. *2 M. brought*
us cooked *beef* & crackers.
Lay in position at night
on arms. The operation
of the whole line seems to
correspond with those of
our own Brigade.

Wednesday 20th

Our cannon firing a
little more briskly than
yesterday. Firing of Inf.
similar to that of yes-
terday & keeping the Rebs
from Guns. Our heavy
cannon firing very accurately.
No change up to 9.15 A.M.
Ben. Ladd joined Co. though
quite weak. Wrote note to
my Wife at 9.30 A.M.
Orders to prepare for charge
at 1.00 P.M. Change to
go as far as possible. Our

Wednesday 20th

Regiment advanced ?
attached itself to the left
of 130th Ill. according to orders
within 500 yards of works.
Chaffin of ~~to~~ ^{Co. K} - Colin
Guard - badly wounded
in thigh. No other casu-
alties. Forced the enemy
to change position of
one gun. Relieved after
dark by a Co. of 77th Ill.
who went on Picket in
our front. Our Brigade
retired to ravine about
400 yards in rear of
position. Our men con-
structing rifle pits &
throwing up ~~the~~ doubts to
plant batteries at night.
Provisions very scarce
but we expect plenty
tomorrow - for we now
have communication by
way of Haines Bluff.

Thursday 21st

Weather fine & has been since we invested this place. Carr's Div. in advance this morning. Our *success* to last night but meagre. I think we could take the place quite easily by storm but the loss would be *heavy*. I think that we had better reduce the place by seige & with long range cannon. Reinforcements arrived. Rebels repairing works last night. Mortar boats shelling the city. Rumor that reinforcements are coming to the enemy. Cannonading early in the morning. Two or three *wounded* on our side.

Friday 22nd

Few pieces of artillery planted in front of our *regt* last night. Our *up Regt* detached to join Gen. Sally of Carr's Div. Our Artillery playing briskly on the enemy. Mistake in above about our being detached. Our Brigade to support Sally's Brigade. Sally in two lines *was* brigade the same. 48th & 77th 1st line of ours & 19th & 97th the second. Charged on the works at 11.00 A.M. & took possession of one Fort. Firing kept up very briskly until time of this note 3.00 P.M. Alonzo Smith mortally wounded & Woosley badly & Camion slightly. *James* Collion deserted ranks. Some 15 or 20 prisoners - deserters - came over. No information.

Friday 22nd

Serg't Sweet Co. G. killed
 Some others wounded in
 the ~~right~~ ^{rest} Bahan Co. "D"
 killed. Maj. M wounded
 just below knee. Serg't
 Yost mortally wounded by
 shell in thigh. Isaas M^C-
 Pherson severely wounded
 below the knee. Smith &
 Yost died of wounds in
 the evening. Mahlon Davis
 mortally wounded in bowels.

late

~~I~~ ate in the evening. Rebels
 drew us out of Fort in
 the evening & took some
 of the 77th & 22nd Iowa pris-
 oners. They got the colors
 of 77th ~~th~~ th *th*. Our Div. drawn
 back in night of in
 line about 600 yds. for our
 fort.

Saturday 23rd

Moved ~~into~~ ^{to} Ravine & lay
 until dusk then went with
 Brigade across RR. Brinco
 Smith & Yost in one grave
 near Hos. of 10th (Smiths Div.)
 Division. in rear of house-
 on knoll-in edge of woods.
 (J.Y. A. 48. A.S. A. 48. O.V.)
 Cannonading works during
 the day & mortars at night.

Sunday 24th

Lay in same position. M.
 Davis died about 2.00 A.M.
 Was buried in same plase
 as Smith & Yost - M. Davis
 A. 48. O.V.-
 Wrote note to my wife.
 Wrote to Mrs. Sapha Smith of the
 death of her son Alonzo.
 Wrote to Mrs. Edna Yost of
 the death of John Yost.
 Wrote to Mrs. Sarah Davis
 of the death of her husband.

Monday 25th

Lying in same position.
 No infantry firing but
 Pickets. Suspension of
 hostilities in P.M. to
 bury the dead. Our
 men & the rebs. talked
 a great deal together.
 They seem disposed
 to fight it out. Mail
 went out in morning
 with 4 letters to my wife.
 No appetite after breakfast.

Tuesday 26th

Quite sick. Very bad diar-
 rhea & feverish. Ate noth-
 ing since breakfast yes-
 terday. But little
 - except the planting of
 artillery. Suspension of
 hostilities in P.M. to
 bury the dead.

Wednesday 27th

Still quite poorly. Got
 medicine of Dr. Watts.
 Wrote note to my wife.
 Medicine helped me
 & I felt stronger in P.M.
 Went to Hos. to stay
 until I am able for
 duty. Rather quiet du-
 ring the day.
 Serg't Ladd quite poorly.

Sick. ^{Rec} Thursday 28th

Rec. short letter from my
 Wife of 8th . My health
 but little if any better.
 Everything very quiet in
 the morning. Wrote to my Wife.
 Rec^d letters from my Wife
 of 12th & 18th . Rec^d no-
 tice of discharge of H. Fra-
 zier by Mustering Officer.
 Rec^d communication from
 Chance asking Roll.
 Wrote note to Capt. Robbins.

Friday 29th

Wrote letter to William
 McVery concerning the
 death of his son Edward.
 Wrote note to my Wife.
 All our cannon opened
 on Rebs at 6.00 A.M. &
 fired 1/2 hour. Terrific.
 Short cannonading again
 in the evening. Mortar shel-
 ling during the night. Ex-
 pecting that the Rebs will
 try to cut their way out.
 My health a little better-
 though still quite weak.

Saturday 30th

Made & forwarded Inventories
 & Final Statements of Serg'ts
 Yost & McVery & Privates M. Davis
 & Smith to Adj. Genl of Army.
 Sent Des. Roll to
 My health improving. But
 little firing during the day.
 Sent \$5.00 to

Sunday 31st

1/2 Hour cannonading
 at 3.00 A.M. & a little
 in P.M. when the enemy
 threw a few shells at
 an observatory we were
 constructing. My health
 better. The Equipage
 sent by Vicksburgh home
 up to prevent the Guer-
 rillas from getting it &
 at James Plantation. Ia.

Monday June 1st

Wrote to my Wife. Put
 up things to send by Col.
 Parker to my Wife. Sent
 Col. Parker \$10. to be paid
 to my Wife when he gets "to
 ." Wounded sent to R
 River except Carmin.
 Weather quite warm.
 Going to seal up this diary
 to forward by Col. Parker.

June 1st any other person any-

My Dear Wife:

In the back of this book you will find that I owe Mrs. Bolin who lives near Samantha 75¢. If you have an opportunity you may pay her. If B.F. should ever present the note he holds against me for \$10. you may pay him the face of note, without interest. If he had not deserted it would have been paid long since & I am unwilling to pay interest. If he is not satisfied with the principal pay him nothing. If you have an opportunity collect the \$3.00 from William Baxla of Co. "D". I am not aware that I owe

thing-except Sutlen whose account it is not expected you will ever pay. You can see nearly the amt. for your satisfaction in back of book. If there is anything in here that disagrees with your sentiments you can pitch into me in your next. I need another Diary as soon as I can get one.

I want one about like this - heavier cover if you can get one.

Forward by mail as soon as you can get one.

I am not particular about style so it is as good as this one.

Everything is very quiet this evening - no firing by either party.

I have Sanders charges
with \$1.00 - but he thinks
I owe him \$10.00. You
need not do anything with
his case.

Cyrus

Diary Commencing June 1st, 1863

Monday June 1st 1863

Sent my old Diary to my
Wife by Col. Parker who
Starts tomorrow morning for
Highlands. Such a bundle
& a larger envelope contain-
ing old commissions, letters
&c-all sealed up.

Went with Co. &
Reg't out in the trenches
at night. My health still
poor. Sharp firing about
11.30 P.M. but the enemy
showed no disposition to
advance.

Tuesday June 2nd

Relieved at daylight. Feeling
worse on account of exposure.
Col. Parker & ? started
home in the morning. Made

Tuesday June 2nd con.

Thursday June 4th

& filed certificate of lost Arms. Health still improving. Bought

Fire in the City last night. a pair of jeans Pants \$5.00

Weather quite warm.

worth \$3.00. Heavy cannon

being brought forward. Duty

Wednesday June 3rd

very heavy-at least every

Wrote to Mrs. Tish, Mrs Smith, other day. Property

Mrs. Davis & Mr McVay

from Grand Gulf to

that final Statements of

their Deceased relatives

Friday June 5th

had been forwarded to the

Cool & cloudy in the morning.

^{A.G.} of the Army.

Teams gone to

Got affidavit of

after property. Co. Property

Peter Dillon of Co. "C" as to the arrived at night. Left

burning of property by

the Hospital & joined the Co.

the Guard at James' Plantation.

² & filed it with papers.

Saturday June 6th

My Rhumatism

Wrote a long letter to my

better today. Wrote to my

Wife. My health good-

Wife. The Rebels threw

Rhumatism left me.

several solid shot over

I am gaining strength.

our camp.

Sunday June 7th

Mortar received then
bombardment. Rec^d
notice of error in Cor-
neals. Muster-in. News
came that the 23rd Iowa
& negro troops had repulsed
an attacking party at
MilliKins Bend -loss
heavy on both sides.
Co. inspection in the morning.

Tuesday 9th

Quite sick. Severe headache &
pain in Stomach & bowels
with diarrhea. Taking med-
icine. Reg't went into
pits at night. Dig. out.
No movement of Rebs-no
fighting. Worse at night.
Mail came in-nothing
for me.

Wednes. June 10th

Monday June 8th

Operations same as usual
-pushing up pits, bom-
barding &c. Made & filed
Certificate of lost Cols. E. to My Wife & expressed my
Inspected equipment of
Co. & made list of amt. on
hand. Sent Alice ?
Picture to Corneal. 50
deserters from Rebs last night
Unwell.

Paid servant "Elick" to May 31, 1863.
My health better. Cloudy &
Prospect of rain. Rained
nearly all day. Wrote letter
anxiety & surprise at not getting
any letters in the last 4 or 5 mails.
Mortars Keep up constant bom-
bardment Some stray shots
came into camp today-no
one hurt.

Thursday June 11th

Raining hard nearly all last night. Cleared off this morning. Metcalf & co., *settlers,* -joined the Reg't in the evening.

Friday June 12th

Bombardment heavier.

Heavier ordnance at work.

Mail but not letter

for me from home. *Wrote*

up register of C.C.G.E &

Q.M. Property. Health indifferent. *rays* from fort. Unusually

Saturday June 13th

Rebs shelling with a small

mortar. My health better.

Operations as usual-

Making steady advances

-loss very light.

Sunday June 14th

Brisk firing today. The enemy trying to dislodge our fatigue party by shells & grape from a small cannon. Wrote to My Wife.

Monday 15th

Mail came in-nothing

for me. Had charge a

fatigue party at night

making pits about 150

quiet all night. My

health not very good.

Tuesday June 16th

Tired & Sleepy. Quite cool-

raining in the evening.

Wrote to My Wife.

Wednes. June 17th

Rebs Mortar busy-doing
us no damage. Health
poor. Rec^d letters from
My Wife of 5th & 8th .
Wrote to Isaac. Wrote to
My Wife answering both
her letters. More large
guns being mounted
in position.

Thursday June 18th

Hain, & "Elicks" money
stolen last night. Wrote
to Corneal-sent for envelopes.
Jess quite sick. Rec^d
letter from Benj' Conard
concerning accounts of

Davis &c.

Friday June 19th

Ans, Mr. Conards' letter. Orders
to be ready for any emergency.

Saturday June 20th

Our entire line of Artillery
opened at 4.00 A.M. &
Kept up a tremendous &
unceasing cannonading
until 6.00 A.M. when the
troops were put under
Arms. The bombard-
ment was afterward
Kept up till 10.00 A.M. when
the troops were dismissed.

Sunday June 21st

Commenced letter to my
Wife but only wrote a
few lines.

Monday June 22nd

Rec^d my Wife's letters of May
26th & June 13th. Rec^d and
answered letter of Jacob Davis

Concerning Elihu. Finished
letter to Wife Commenced Yesterday.

Tuesday June 23rd

Expecting to march to Black River-did not go. Raining slowly at night. Col. Sullivan joined the Regiment. His arrival caused very little joy. Part of our Div. marched toward Black River. Heavy *in front* on the left at night.

Wednesday 24th

Raining slowly in the morning. Reg't Paid off. Got up recommendations for Capt. Lindsey for Ast. Judge Advocate Gen. & had them signed by the Officers of the Reg't. Rec^d recommendation for command of new regiment.

Thursday 25th

Went to Chickasaw Bay ~~to~~ & saw Maj. Hazetten, Chief Paymaster, Concerning erroneous payments by Maj. Jordan. His opinion was favorable & he said he would instruct Maj. Jordan.

Maj. Gen. *Geo. S. Logan's Division*

blew up a Fort & it was followed by a very heavy fire along the whole line. The enemy *Logan's* Kept Men out only at great sacrifice.

Reached Co. at dark- Quite tired & unwell. Rec^d my pay in morning \$262.39 Everyone confident that we will soon get the Rebel Stronghold.

Friday June 26th

Wrote to Mrs. Sopha Smith enclosing \$1 rec^d for a shirt belonging to her Son. Rather ^{quick} quick during the day. Sent \$200.00 to My Wife by Adam's Express-paying freight & insurance. I requested her to pay J. S. Sander \$9. Wrote Mr. Sander to call upon her for the money. Did not pay insurance-the Co. would not insure. The freight was \$1.50 Rec^d letter from My Wife of 15th ^{inst.}. Jess Paid me for my old coat. Unusually quick during the day. Our trenches advancing. Paid "Elic" for June \$5.00

Saturday June 27th

Wrote to My Wife answering her letter of 15th ^{inst.}. Capt Posegates resignation accepted to take effect on the 25th ^{inst.}. Some firing.

Sunday 28th

Very quick all day. Posegate gave the Officers a treat at night.

Monday June 29th

Daniel ^{Williams} gave me \$90 to Keep for him. I gave him my note & Sent the money to my Wife. Posegate Started in the P.M. Rec^d letter from Ed Arthur relative to the removal of the remains of John ? .

Tuesday June 30th

Mustered at 4.00 P.M.
Rec^d letters from Hamp,
Smith, Cashatt & James
H. Dryden.

Wednesday July 1st 1863

Wrote to Jim Dryden.
Making out Rolls.
Health not very good.
Seige progressing well.

Thursday July 2nd

Wrote to My Wife at night.
Impression prevails that
we will charge the
Rebel works on the
4th. The Cannon
are being supplied
with a large amt.
of Ammunition &
We are getting impatient.

Friday July 3rd

Rebel Gen Bowen came
out with a flag of truce
about 9.00 A.M. to make
arrangements for conference.
preparatory to surrender.

He was received by Gen.
Smith but Grant de-
clined to treat with
any one but Pemberton.
Grant & Pemberton had a
Consultation at 3.00 P.M.
-result unknown. We hope
hope to Spend the 4th
in Vicks. Finished Roll
~~of~~ + forwarded returns of
Q.M. Property. Maj. Jordan
rectified his error in
payment of Privates
E. Davis & Jno. Cunningham.
No firing. Unusualy heavy
Picket at night.

Saturday July 4th

Orders to dress & put on accoutrements at 2.00 A.M. to be ready for any emergency. Rebs surrendered at 8.00 A.M. 27000 prisoners- 250 cannon & 50000 ~~of~~ stand of small arms &c. &c. Works well arranged but contrary to our expectation, the pits had no ditches. But few got to go into City as we were under orders to go to Black River at 4.00 P.M. McPhirs. Corps in the City. Rec^d two letters from My Wife of 21st & 23rd ~~let~~. Quite ^{un}well^l at ~~no~~ no Supper. We do not march till morning.

McPherson is

Sunday July 5th

Marched at 6.30 A.M.- 13th, 15th & 9th Army Corps form the expedition. under Maj.Gen. Sherman. Very warm-many gave out. Encamped on Clear Creek a small clear stream. My Servant "Elick" remained behind. Very unwell.

Monday July 6th

Sent all baggage back to old camp at Vicks. Moved forward at 4.00 P.M. & encamped in fortification east of Black River at dark. Rec^d letter from E.A. Conkling & *Benjamin* friends. Wrote note to my Wife in A.M. Health better but still poor. Symptoms of Dysentery.

Benjamin