

# DIARY

This Diary records the marches and distances marched each day by the 78th Regiment, Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry, from February 11, 1862 to July 16, 1865, as recorded at the time by William P. Gault, Sergeant Company F, 78th Regiment, O. V. V. I. Our camp of instruction until February 11, 1862, was Zanesville, Ohio. On that date we received our first order to strike tents and march to the front, and take an active part in crushing the most accursed rebellion that ever was organized against any government.

1862.

February 11th. This morning our regiment received orders to strike tents and march to reinforce our army then operating against Fort Donelson, Tenn. Left Zanesville this evening via the C. W. & Z. road for Cincinnati, Ohio.

12th. Left Cincinnati this evening on board steamers Tecumseh and Neptune for Fort Donelson, Tenn.

15th. Anchored at the landing three miles below Fort Donelson, Tenn., this evening. Remained on the boats all night.

16th. This morning we formed in line and marched around to the rear of the army operating against the fort, and arrived on the battlefield just in time to see the white flag appear on the parapets of the confederates' works, indicating the unconditional surrender of the Confederate General Buckner of his entire army to General Grant. General Buckner surrendered 15,000 men.

17th. We formed our camp about two miles east of Dover.

18th. Marched and camped in or near the town of Dover in a very filthy mudhole.

March 7th. Marched to Dover Furnace and halted, distance 6 miles.

8th. Marched and camped at Metal Landing, distance 6 miles.

15th. Received orders today to march. Struck tents and went on board the steamer Choutau.

16th. This morning our boat ran down to Fort Henry and drew rations, and then started for Crump's Landing. Arrived at the landing this evening, disembarked and went into camp near the river.

31st. Marched to Adamsville, distance 6 miles.

April 2d. Marched out to Burnt Bridge and had a skirmish with the rebels. Returned to our old camp the same evening, distance 10 miles.

6th. Marched to reinforce our army that was then fighting at Shiloh. Arrived at Shiloh about 9 o'clock P. M. of the 6th and took our position in the line of battle on the right of the line. Distance 13 miles.

7th. Our regiment took part in the battle of Shiloh this day. The result of the battle was a complete victory to our arms and a full retreat of the rebel host.

8th. Formed camp on the battlefield near Owl Creek.

16th. Moved camp one mile to left and front.

24th. Marched on a scout in the direction of Purdy, distance 8 miles.

25th. Returned to our camp at Shiloh, distance 8 miles.

28th. Went on a reconnoissance toward Purdy.

29th. Had a skirmish with the rebels and drove them.

30th. Returned to our camp at Shiloh. Distance in the last three days, 23 miles.

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**May 4th.** Marched to Pea Ridge. Distance 8 miles.

5th. Commenced to fortify.

11th. Moved our camp one mile to the left.

18th. Commenced our advance on Corinth, Miss. Marched and camped at Monterey. Distance 6 miles.

22d. Moved camp about three miles to right of the reserve line, and went into camp near Farmington.

27th. Corinth is evacuated and the boys in blue occupy the town.

**June 2d.** Marched to Purdy, distance 13 miles.

3d. Marched to Bethel on the Mobile & Ohio road, distance 4 miles.

7th. Took the train and in company with the 30th Ill. regiment ran up the road and took Jackson, Tenn., by surprise.

26th. Started by rail this morning for Lagrange, Tenn. Arrived there in due time, but before leaving the cars were ordered back to Grand Junction, distance 51 miles.

30th. Marched to Lagrange this morning, distance 3 miles.

**July 7th.** The regiment was ordered back to Grand Junction this morning, except Co. F, and it went back to Jackson to bring up the wagon train.

9th. Company F arrived at Grand Junction this evening and took their position in the regiment. Distance traveled 104 miles.

24th. Ordered back to Boliver this morning. Marched 13 miles and camped.

25th. Arrived at Boliver, distance 13 miles.

31st. Went on a scout to Whitesville, distance 12 miles.

**August 1st.** Returned to camp, dis. 12 miles.

14th. Went on a scout to Summerville, distance 20 miles.

15th. Returned to camp, distance 20 miles.

31st. Part of our regiment was engaged in a

hard fight today near Middleburg. Company F was detailed to support the picket line. The fight resulted in a complete victory for our arms.

**September 6th.** Our brigade (20th, 68th and 78th O. V. I.) went on a reconnoissance to the Hatchie river, 7 miles north of Whiteville, distance 19 miles.

7th. Returned to camp, distance 19 miles.

15th. Ordered by rail this morning to Corinth, Miss. Arrived there this evening, dis. 80 miles.

16th. Marched to Glendale, distance 4 miles.

17th. Marched to Burnsville, dis. 14 miles.

18th. Marched this afternoon three miles outside our picket line and encountered the rebel pickets. Drove them two miles, went into camp.

19th. Advanced two miles today.

20th. Routed the rebel General Price this morning, and took possession of Iuka, Miss. After an hour's rest we marched back to Burnsville, distance 18 miles.

21st. Marched all night and reached Corinth this morning, distance 14 miles.

22d. Started back by rail for Boliver this morning. Arrived in our old camp at Boliver at 10 o'clock this evening, distance 80 miles.

23d. Moved our camp this morning to a beautiful grove near the depot.

**October 9th.** Ordered on a scout to Lagrange, Tenn., distance 23 miles.

10th. Marched back to Van Buren, 15 miles.

11th. Returned to our old camp at Boliver, distance 8 miles.

25th. Guard a forage train northeast of Boliver, distance 28 miles.

26th. Went on a scout with the brigade to Van Buren and returned the same day. Saw no rebels, but on our return to camp found a great many new recruits who had just arrived from the north. Distance 18 miles.

**November 3d.** Marched one mile north of Van Buren, distance 10 miles.

4th. Marched to Lagrange, distance 16 miles.  
 5th. Went on a scout toward Summerville and returned, distance 12 miles.

28th. Our regiment turned over our Sibley tents to the Quartermaster this morning and drew "dog tents." We then started on a march in a southerly direction, but do not know where we will stop or what our destination is. Marched to Lamar today, distance 8 miles.

29th. Marched to Coldwater, 10 miles.

30th. Marched to Holly Springs, 7 miles.

**December 1st.** - Marched to Waterford, 8 miles.

2d. Marched to Tallahatchie River, 7 miles.

3d. Marched to Abeyville, 6 miles.

5th. Marched to Oxford, 11 miles.

11th. Marched to the Yallabusha River, 11 m.

18th. Crossed the Yallabusha and went into camp, distance 5 miles.

19th. Marched to Water Valley, 5 miles.

20th. Called out this morning by the long roll. Lay in line of battle for nearly three hours.

21st. Received orders this morning to about face and return to Lagrange, Tenn. The cause of our return was the disgraceful surrender by Col. Murphy of the 8th Wisconsin regiment of Holly Springs, to the rebel General Van Dorn, thereby capturing our base of supplies. Marched to Spring Dale, distance 7 miles.

22d. Marched to Oxford, 11 miles.

24th. Marched to Abeyville, 11 miles.

27th. Went on a foraging trip, dis. 10 miles.

## 1863.

**January 1st.** This is New Year's day, but unfortunately we have no "turkey" for dinner. Our supplies being captured by the confederate General Van Dorn at Holly Springs, and no forage in the country; we will consider ourselves fortunate if we succeed in finding a "nubin" of corn for our

dinner. Personally speaking, my New Year's dinner consisted of one course, and that was a 'nubin' of corn taken from a mule feed and served "a-laparched." Yet we hope for better days to come.

3d. Recrossed the Tallahatchie river today, distance 6 miles.

5th. Marched to Holly Springs today, dis. 16 miles.

6th. Marched to Coldwater, distance 7 miles.

7th. Marched to Davis' Mills, distance 7 mi.

9th. Marched and encamped 4 miles north of Lagrange, distance 14 miles.

10th. Marched to Moscow, distance 6 miles.

12th. Marched to Lafayette, distance 10 mi.

18th. Marched to Germantown, dis. 10 miles.

19th. Marched to Memphis, distance 15 miles.

**February 20th.** This day commences our Vicksburg campaign. This evening we marched through Memphis to the river and embarked on board the Edward Walsh, in company with the 30th Ill., and started for Lake Providence, La. From the day we left Ohio until we arrived in Memphis, the regiment has traveled on foot 794 miles, 660 by steamboat and 509 by railroad, making a total of 1963 miles we have traveled, in various ways, since we left the old town of Zanesville, O., February 11th, 1862.

23d. Arrived at Lake Providence and went into camp one mile from the Mississippi river, and until March 17th the regiment was occupied cleaning out bayous.

**March 17th.** Embarked on board the steamer Gladiator and ran up the river about 4 miles and went into camp at or near Berry's Landing.

23d. Started for Eagle's Bend this morning on board the steamer Gladiator.

25th. Arrived at Eagle's Bend today. Leave the boat and bivouacked one mile from the river on Steele's Bayou.

27th. Embarked on the Forest Queen and returned to our old camp at Berry's Landing.

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**April 18th.** Ordered on board the steamer *Gladiator*, and ran down the river to Milliken's Bend, disembarked and went into camp near the river.

26th. Marched to Richmond, La., 10 miles.

27th. Marched to Holme's plantation, 10 mi.

28th. Marched and Camped on "Jeff Davis" plantation, distance 10 miles.

29th. Marched down the south side of Bayou Bedell, distance 10 miles.

30th. Marched 14 miles today and camped near Lake St. Joseph.

**May 1st.** Marched down the river and camped opposite Grand Gulf, distance 17 miles.

2d. Embarked on board the steamer and ran down the river to Bruinsburg and landed on the Mississippi side of the river, distance 8 miles.

3d. Started early in pursuit of the 'johnnies.' Followed them to bayou Pierre, 12 miles.

4th. Started early this morning in pursuit, and came up to them at Big Black river in the evening, distance 22 miles.

5th. This morning the "Johnnies" opened on our camps with their batteries and caused us to change our position to a safer place in the rear.

7th. Moved 4 miles up the river and lay in line of battle all day.

9th. Marched 6 miles toward Jackson, Miss.

10th. Marched 8 miles toward Jackson, Miss.

11th. Marched 10 miles toward Jackson, Miss.

12th. Our division encountered the enemy, five thousand strong, under General Gregg about two miles from Raymond, Miss. After about two or three hours fighting, we succeeded in routing them and sent them flying toward Jackson, Miss.

13th. Marched to Clinton, 15 miles.

14th. The battle of Jackson, Miss. was fought today with our division on the reserve. The fight resulted in a complete victory to our arms.

15th. About faced and marched back toward

Vicksburg. Marched to Bolton Station, 19 miles.

16th. Advanced this morning, and about 9 o'clock, A. M. encountered the enemy under Gen. Pemberton well posted on Champion's hill. Our division immediately formed on the right of Gen. Hovey and sailed into them. After fighting about 4 hours we succeeded in breaking their lines and they fell back to Black river.

17th. Marched to Black river and soon drove them to the other side of the river. Dis. marched in the last two days, 21 miles.

18th. Crossed Black river and advanced on Vicksburg and formed line of battle in front of their fortifications.

19th. We supported the first brigade of our division in a charge on the enemy's works. The result of our charge today placed our line about half a mile closer to the enemy's fortifications.

20th. Advanced about half a mile nearer the enemy's fort. Our division is now directly in front of Fort Hill and occupies both sides of the Jackson road.

22d. Today another charge was made on the enemy's works, but with no material success except to convince our army that the enemy's works cannot be taken by storm.

23d. Moved position half a mile to the left to support a battery of heavy artillery. Our regiment now lays in support of the battery and on a line with Logan's headquarters.

25th. This evening Company F of the 78th O. V. I. was ordered out to the front within 15 yards of the rebel works to throw up Gopher holes (or rifle pits) and to watch the movements of the enemy.

26th. Our brigade was temporarily attached to Blair's command and ordered out on a scout up the Yazoo river toward Mechanicsburg, marched 5 miles tonight and camped.

27th. Marched 14 miles.

28th. Marched 10 miles.

29th. Marched and took the town of Mechan-

icksburg, distance 16 miles.

30th. About faced, and marched toward Vicksburg, distance 18 miles.

31st. Marched to Haynes Bluffs, 16 miles.

**June 4th.** Marched back to Vicksburg today and took our position in the line on the ridge in front of Logan's headquarters, distance 10 miles.

22d. Our brigade received orders to march back to Black river to watch Gen. Joe Johnston. Marched 5 miles and camped.

23d. Marched to Black river, 5 miles.

30th. Marched 8 miles to the right and camped on Tiffin's plantation.

**July 4th.** General Pemberton surrendered Vicksburg today to Gen. Grant. He surrendered 31,000 prisoners and an immense quantity of small arms and artillery.

6th. Marched to Bovina station, 8 miles.

13th. Marched to Champion's hill, 9 miles.

14th. Marched to Clinton, 16 miles.

16th. This morning our regiment was attacked by about three thousand rebel cavalry near Clinton Miss. After skirmishing with them for about three hours, we succeeded in driving them back and took some prisoners.

21st. Received orders to march back to Vicksburg, marched to Bolton Station, 10 miles.

22d. Marched to Champion's hill, 17 miles.

23d. Marched 23 miles today and went into camp inside the fortifications of Vicksburg.

**Aug. 6th.** Moved camp  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to the right.

21st. Received orders to march. Embarked on board the steamer Ohio Bell.

22nd. Arrived at Goodrich Landing, marched three miles up the river and went into camp.

23d. Marched 12 miles toward Monroe, La.

24th. Marched 8 miles.

25th. Marched 25 miles.

26th. Marched 15 miles.

27th. Marched 15 miles.

28th. Arrived at Monroe, La., 8 miles.

29th. Started back for Vicksburg, 20 miles.

30th. Marched 20 miles.

31st. Marched 20 miles.

**September 1st.** Marched 23 miles to the Mississippi river and got on board the boats and landed at Vicksburg at 5 o'clock P. M. This was one of the hardest marches we ever made.

**October 14th.** Received orders to march. Marched 16 miles and encamped.

15th. Marched to Brownsville, 15 miles.

17th. Had a skirmish today with the rebels. Marched 5 miles and camped at Goose Pond.

18th. Marched to Bear Creek, 19 miles.

19th. Marched to Black river, 16 miles.

20th. Marched back to our old camp at Vicksburg, distance 12 miles.

## 1864.

**January 5th.** Our regiment having completed its Veteran organization was mustered into the service today, having re-enlisted as veterans to serve during the war.

**February 3d.** Received orders to march. Marched 16 miles and camped at Edwards' depot.

4th. Marched to Bear Creek, 15 miles.

5th. Commenced skirmishing with the rebels this morning at Bear Creek. Skirmished with them all day. Drove them 20 miles and took Jackson, Miss.

6th. Our regiment on Patrol in Jackson.

7th. Marched to Brandon, distance 14 miles.

8th. Marched within 6 miles of Morton, distance 16 miles.

9th. Marched to Morton, 6 miles.

- 10th. Marched to Hillsboro, 15 miles.  
 11th. Crossed a swamp tonight. Camped at 4 o'clock in the morning, distance 9 miles.  
 12th. Marched to Decatur, 16 miles.  
 13th. Marched to Chunkey Creek, 12 miles.  
 14th. Marched within 5 miles of Meridian today, distance 12 miles.  
 15th. Marched to Meridian, 5 miles.  
 16th. Our brigade was ordered to tear up the Southern Mississippi railroad. Tore up 15 miles and camped at Chunkey Creek, distance 15 miles.  
 17th. Destroyed 5 miles of road and camped at Tunnel Hill, distance 24 miles.  
 19th. Ordered out foraging. Returned to camp this evening, distance 18 miles.  
 20th. Marched back to Decatur, 12 miles.  
 21st. Marched 16 miles and put up in the bushes for the night.  
 22d. Marched to Hillsboro, 15 miles.  
 24th. Marched to Beaver Creek, 18 miles.  
 25th. Marched 7 miles and went into camp.  
 26th. Marched and camped 2 miles east of Canton, distance 13 miles.  
 27th. Marched 3 miles and camped.  
 28th. Out foraging today, distance 8 miles.  
 29th. Our brigade was ordered to Livingston today to guard a forage train to Canton, 25 miles.
- March 1st.** Marched 6 miles toward Vicksburg  
 2d. Marched to Bakochito Creek, 18 miles.  
 3d. Marched and camped 6 miles west of Brownsville, distance 16 miles.  
 4th. Arrived back in our old camp at Vicksburg, dirty, ragged and tired, dis. 23 miles.  
 20th. Started for Ohio on veteran furlough.  
 27th. Arrived at Columbus, Ohio.

**April 5th.** The regiment arrived at Zanesville this evening, and was welcomed by the citizens with a grand reception and elegant supper.

**May 6th.** Our thirty days' furlough having expired, the regiment left Zanesville this evening for the front.

- 7th. Left Columbus this evening for Cincinnati  
 8th. Left Cincinnati this evening for Cairo, Ill.  
 10th. Arrived at Cairo today.  
 11th. Turned over our old Enfield guns and drew new Springfield guns, and left for Clifton Landing on the Tennessee river. Went on board the steamer Raymond.  
 14th. Arrived at Clifton Landing.  
 16th. Start for Huntsville, Ala., and marched 16 miles.  
 17th. Marched 17 miles.  
 18th. Marched 16 miles.  
 19th. Marched to Pulaski, Tenn., 15 miles.  
 21st. Marched within 2 miles of Elk river, distance 18 miles.  
 22d. Ford Elk river and marched to Elk Mound springs, distance 16 miles.  
 23d. Marched to Huntsville, Ala., 10 miles.  
 25th. Left Huntsville for Rome, Ga., marched to Decatur, 16 miles.  
 26th. Marched to the Tenn. river, 6 miles.  
 27th. Marched to Flint river, 8 miles.  
 28th. Marched to Summerville, 18 miles.  
 29th. Marched 18 miles and camped in a field  
 30th. Marched to Warrenton, 18 miles.  
 31st. Marched to Sandtown, 18 miles.

- June 1st.** Marched to Wills Creek, 18 miles.  
 3d. Marched to the top of Lookout mountain and camp on bank of the Coosa river, 17 miles.  
 4th. March and camp near the boundary line of Alabama and Georgia, distance 15 miles.  
 5th. Marched to Rome, Ga., 15 miles.  
 6th. Marched to Kingston, 18 miles.  
 7th. Marched to Cartersville, 15 miles.  
 8th. Marched to Acworth, Ga., crossing the

Etowah river, and joined the main army under General Sherman, then operating against General Jo. Johnston, distance 16 miles.

10th. Advanced to Big Shanty, and form line on the left flank of the main army, dis 8 miles.

11th. Advanced one mile and have a very hard skirmish with the rebels.

12th. Continue to skirmish with the Johnnies.

15th. Advanced one mile and fortified.

19th. Advanced and took Brush mountain.

27th. Our division made a feint attack on the right flank of the enemy today.

**July 2d.** Moved from Brush mountain to night. Marched all night, distance 14 miles.

3d. Stopped long enough this morning to make a cup of coffee, then started again. Marched 12 miles further to the right.

4th. Advanced one-half mile and fortified.

10th. Moved 6 miles to the right and formed line on the banks of the Chattahoochee river.

16th. Left Baker's Ferry and marched to Marietta, distance 20 miles.

17th. Marched to Roswell. Lay there until 5 P. M. At which time the 3d division commenced crossing the river. Marched 4 miles and camped.

18th. Marched 9 miles on the Decatur road.

19th. Marched 10 miles and camped within 3 miles of Decatur, Ga.

20th. March 2½ miles south of Decatur and form line of battle.

21st. Advance this morning and charge the rebel works, taking one of the strongest forts they had on their line.

22d. Our corps (the 17th) was attacked about noon today by the rebel—General Hood, which resulted in the hardest fought battle our regiment has ever been engaged in. We fought from noon until dark and gained a very decided victory, although the loss on both sides was very heavy.

26th. Our corps moved to the extreme right of the line, distance 23 miles.

27th. Advanced our line in position and fortified.

28th. Hood attacked the 15th and 17th corps this morning at Ezra Chapel, and after 4 hours' fighting met with severe defeat and heavy loss.

30th. The 17th corps moved 1 mile to the right.

**August 4th.** Moved ¼ mile to the left and had orders to be ready to advance.

7th. Advance ¾ mile and fortify.

20th. Advance 400 yards and fortify.

26th. The entire army in motion. The 20th corps moves back to the river and holds the crossing and supplies, while the remainder of the army moves to the right and rear of Atlanta. Marched all night, distance 15 miles.

27th. Halted long enough to get breakfast then start again, march 12 miles.

28th. Marched to the Montgomery railroad.

29th. Spent the day in tearing up railroad.

31st. Marched to the Georgia Central railroad, and there we found the rebels had left Atlanta and fortified on our front at Jonesboro. Formed line of battle. Distance 15 miles.

**September 1st.** Heavy fighting on our right.

2d. We attack the enemy in position and after severe fighting occupy Jonesboro.

3d. Enemy evacuates Atlanta last night and the 20th corps moves in. They also fall back on our front to Lovejoy station. This morning our army starts in pursuit—march within 4 miles of Lovejoy station and form line of battle, then advance one mile to the top of a hill and fortify. Had a nice little skirmish with them this evening. Distance today 16 miles.

5th. Start back for Atlanta leaving the rebels in their works, march all night and halt long enough for breakfast, distance 17 miles.

6th. Marched 6 miles today.

7th. Marched 10 miles today and camped within 3 miles of East Point.

9th. The regiment moves 2 miles nearer Atlanta.

**October 4th.** General Hood undertakes the flanking game this time. He marches his army boldly to our rear and occupies Kenesaw mountain, and our army starts out after him—marched 19 miles today.

5th. Marched 7 miles and fortified.

9th. Marched to Big Shanty, 12 miles.

10th. Marched to Acworth, distance 8 miles.

11th. Marched to Cartersville, 15 miles.

12th. Marched and camped 7 miles east of Rome, Ga., distance 15 miles.

13th. Marched to Calhoun, 20 miles.

14th. Marched to Resaca, 14 miles.

16th. Marched through Snake Creek Gap and camp, distance 12 miles.

17th. Marched 2 miles to the front.

19th. Marched 1 mile east of Alpine, 9 miles.

20th. Marched to Gaylesville, Ala., 10 miles.

21st. Marched to Chattanooga Valley, 13 ms.

28th. Grand review today.

29th. Start back for Atlanta. Marched to Cedar Bluffs, distance 16 miles.

30th. Marched to Cave Springs, 15 miles.

**November 1st.** Marched to Cedartown, 14 m.

2d. Marched to Van Wert Springs, 14 miles.

3d. Marched 14 miles and camped.

4th. Marched to Dallas, 14 miles.

5th. Marched 12 miles and camped.

6th. Marched to Marietta, distance 15 miles.

8th. Paid off today. Received 8 months' pay. Many of us cast our first vote and all but a corporal's guard voted for Abraham Lincoln for president of the United States, although some of us were only 20 years of age.

13th. The regiment marched back to Atlanta, distance 16 miles.

15th. Started from Atlanta to the Sea today, marched 15 miles.

16th. Marched 20 miles and camped.

17th. Marched 18 miles and camped.

19th. Marched 6 miles and camped.

20th. Marched 15 miles and camped.

21st. Marched 12 miles and camped.

22d. Marched 12 miles and camped.

23d. Marched 5 miles and camped.

24th. Marched 12 miles and camped.

25th. Marched 9 miles and camped.

26th. Left Rye Swamp and crossed Oconee river, distance 14 miles.

27th. Marched and tore up 5 mile of railroad.

28th. Marched 20 miles. Two of Company F killed while out foraging. Joel Runion and the regiment's best friend, old "Bob Hanson" the regimental mail carrier.

29th. Marched 20 miles and camped.

30th. Marched and crossed the Ogeechee river, distance 12 miles.

**December 1st.** Marched to station No. 9, distance 10 miles.

2d. Marched 8 miles.

3d. Marched 10 miles.

4th. Marched to Station No. 5, dis. 16 miles.

5th. Marched 10 miles.

7th. Marched 14 miles.

8th. Marched 12 miles.

9th. Marched 12 miles and had some skirmishing.

10th. Marched and formed line around the old city of Savannah, distance 12 miles.

11th. Marched 4 mi. to the right and formed line of battle.

13th. Fortified our position in good range of the rebel forts.

21st. Savannah evacuated.



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**January 4th.** Marched to Thunderbolt landing on the Savannah river, distance 6 miles.

5th. Left Thunderbolt on board the steamer and landed at Beaufort this evening at 10 o'clock.

6th. Marched out 4 miles from Beaufort, S. C. and went into camp.

13th. Bid farewell to Port Royal Island (on which Beaufort is situated) and marched to the north side of the Island. Lay there until dark, then the 78th regiment is loaded in skiffs and crosses the Coosa river, and rout the enemy on the opposite side.

14th. Marched 8 miles. Had a severe skirmish with the enemy in which some of the regiments of our division lost heavily.

15th. Marched and took Pocotaligo on the Savannah and Charleston road.

16th. Our regiment out foraging, 10 miles.

21st. Marched back to the rear and returned the same night, 12 miles.

**February 1st.** We leave Pocotaligo this A. M. for our raid up through South and North Carolina, marched 14 miles and camped.

2d. Marched 16 miles.

3d. Marched 18 miles.

4th. Marched 3 miles and fortified.

5th. Marched 5 miles and fortified.

6th. Marched 10 miles.

7th. Marched 5 miles.

8th. Marched 4 miles.

9th. Marched and camped on the Edisto river, distance 8 miles.

10th. Marched 4 miles.

11th. Marched 12 miles and had a skirmish.

12th. Took Orangeburg this morning after fording back water for three hundred yards, and flanking them out of their works.

13th. Left Orangeburg this morning. Tore up 7 miles of railroad, marched 15 miles.

14th. Tore up railroad as we marched, 14 mi.

15th. Marched 15 miles.

16th. Marched 6 miles.

17th. Crossed the Congaree river and took possession of the hot bed of the rebellion, Columbia, South Carolina.

18th. Last night the city of Columbia was burned to ashes. Our loss in missing, occasioned by the conflagration, was about 500 men. Marched and tore up railroad for a distance of 12 miles.

19th. Marched 12 miles and destroyed road.

20th. Marched 10 miles and destroyed road.

21st. Marched 13 miles and destroyed road.

22d. Destroyed road and marched through Winsborro, distance 13 miles.

23d. Marched 9 miles, crossing the Wateree River.

24th. Marched 14 miles.

25th. Marched 15 miles.

26th. Marched 7 miles.

27th. Marched to Linch Creek, 11 miles.

28th. Marched 20 miles.

**March 3d.** Marched to Cheraw, on the Great Pedee river, distance 12 miles.

4th. Crossed the river and camped, 3 miles.

5th. Marched and camped, 4 miles.

6th. Marched 5 miles.

7th. Marched to Bennettsville, 10 miles.

8th. Marched to Floral College, 18 miles.

9th. Marched 12 miles.

10th. Marched 14 miles.

11th. Marched and passed through Rockfish and on to Fayetteville, North Carolina, 10 miles.

13th. Marched and crossed Cape Fear river, distance 4 miles.

15th. Cross Black Swamp to-night. Up all night, and the rain pouring down in torrents.

16th. Marched 10 miles.

17th. Marched 18 miles.  
 18th. Marched 15 miles.  
 19th. Marched 12 miles.  
 20th. Changed our line of march and marched 20 miles up Nuse river to re-inforce the 14th Corps that was in danger of being overpowered, at Bentonville.

21st. Advanced one mile and had a severe skirmish with the enemy.

22d. The rebels evacuate our front last night, falling back toward Raleigh, N. C.

23d. Marched 15 miles toward Goldsborro.

24th. Marched to Goldsborro, 20 miles.

25th. Guarded a supply train to Kingston, distance 23 miles.

26th. Marched back to camp, 23 miles. The total number of miles marched since we left Pocoligo, Feb. 1st, is 503 miles.

**April 9th.** Received the news this morning of the capture of Richmond, the capitol of the would-be Confederacy.

10th. Bid farewell to Goldsborro and start in pursuit of the rebel General Joe Johnston and his retreating army, marched 20 miles.

11th. Marched 12 miles.

12th. Marched 2 miles.

13th. Marched 16 miles.

14th. Marched and took Raleigh, N. C., the capitol of the state.

15th. Start out this morning after Johnston, but had not marched more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile when the head of our column was met by Commissioners from General Johnston, asking an interview with Gen. Sherman to arrange terms for the surrender of Johnston's entire army.

16th. Heard the sad news of the assassination of President Lincoln, by J. Wilkes Booth. Thus at the time of the wildest rejoicing in our beloved country that the war is about ended and the stars and stripes are to be once more honored by every

state in this Union, we are called to lay aside the cup of joy and drink in the bitter cup of sorrow.

19th. The rebel General Johnston surrenders his entire army to General W. T. Sherman, subject to the approval of the officials at Washington.

23d. Our entire army reviewed at Raleigh by Generals Grant and Sherman.

24th. Received orders to again advance on Johnston, as the surrender was disapproved at Washington, marched 8 miles.

25th. Johnston again surrenders to Sherman.

26th. Marched back to Raleigh, 8 miles.

29th. Marched across the Nuse river and encamped.

**May 1st.** Ho! for Richmond. Marched and crossed Tar River, distance 21 miles.

2d. The 15th and 17th Army Corps start on a race for Petersburg, Va. Marched to Mason Junction, distance 25 miles.

3d. Marched to Roanoke river, 18 miles.

4th. Marched to within 5 miles of the Boynton plank road, distance 31 miles.

6th. Marched within 23 miles of Petersburg, distance 25 miles.

7th. Marched to Hatcher's run, 17 miles.

8th. Marched through Petersburg, Va. Our (17th) Corps won the race over the 15th Corps, distance marched 10 miles.

9th. Marched to Manchester, across the James river from Richmond, distance 10 miles.

12th. This morning our army under command of General Sherman, starts from Richmond, Va., for Washington City to participate in the grand review of the army of the Potomac, and of Gen. Sherman's army. Marched 10 miles.

13th. Marched to Pamunkey river, 12 miles.

14th. Marched to Poe river, 18 miles.

15th. Marched 14 miles.

16th. Marched to Potomac run, passing through Fredericksburg, distance 16 miles.

17th. Marched 18 miles.  
 18th. Marched to Aqua creek, 18 miles.  
 19th. Marched within 4 miles of Alexandria, Va., distance 15 miles.

23d. Marched and camped on the banks of the Potomac River, opposite the capitol, near the long bridge. The army of the Potomac (or eastern army) is passing in review over in the capitol.

24th. Pass in review through the city of Washington. There was none but "Billy Sherman's Raiders" reviewed today. An immense crowd of people gathered from all states and from all countries to witness the review and to do honor to the boys in blue. After passing through Pennsylvania Avenue in review, we marched about 4 miles outside the city and camped.

June 6th. Received orders to move to Louisville, Kentucky.

7th. Arrived at Parkersbuag, W. Va.

8th. Took the steamer this evening for Louisville, Kentucky.

11th. Arrived at Louisville.

12th. Went into camp 2 miles from the city.

18th. Changed camp to the other side of the city, where water was more abundant.

23d. Paid off today. Received 8 months pay

July 14th. Our regiment received orders to report at Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of being mustered out of the U. S. Army. As the war of the rebellion was ended and the honor of the stars and stripes was preserved and unsullied, the government had no further need of our services.

16th. Arrived at Todd Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, this morning. The regiment was immediately mustered out of the U. S. service. Each comrade of the regiment receiving an honorable discharge from the service of the U. S. Army, and all the back pay due them. After bidding each of the comrades an affectionate farewell, each comrade immediately wended his way to the Depot, and took the first train out of the city for their homes.

## SUMMARY.

The entire loss of the 78th regiment was 90 killed in battle, 200 wounded, 30 missing in action, 225 died of disease, 295 discharged for disability, 47 deserted and 31 transferred to the invalid corps.

The regiment traveled on foot over 4,000 miles, 3,000 by railroad and 2,600 by water. Making a grand total of 9,600 miles it traveled in various ways from its muster in until its muster out.

It is entitled to have inscribed on its banner, the following battles :

Fort Donelson,	Kenesaw Mountain,
Burnt Bridge,	Atlanta, July 21st,
Shiloh,	Atlanta, July 22d,
Siege of Corinth,	Atlanta, July 28th,
Bolivar,	Jonesborro,
Iuka,	Lovejoy,
Raymond,	Siege of Savannah, Ga.,
Jackson,	Pocotaligo,
Champlon's Hill,	Salkahatchie River, S. C.
Siege of Vicksburg,	Branchville,
Baker's Creek,	Orangeburg,
Cflnton,	Columbia,
Big Shanty,	Bentonville,
	Raleigh, N. C.