

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1862

I wrote a letter to Charles today and then went out shooting ducks I killed a loon after firing about 40 shots at him with my carbine

April 9<sup>th</sup> I went up the black the river about six miles and got some sweet potatoes we then crossed the river to look for three of our drummer boys that went over there the last we ~~was~~ knew of them but we did not find them an old seesh told us that they were taken prisoners we had a turkey shoot and then returned to camp with our boats

April 10 Nothing of any importance happened today

April 11 We saw the marimac run out and capture three of our chronas towards night she fired on our gun boats at which returned the fire and the Steamers retreated beyond Jewels point

April 12 I went down to Foyles morose today the men in the fort was watching the rebel gun boats we moved our camp onto dryer ground it has been very wet and cold here

April 13 Today is the sabbath we have a sabbath morning inspection at noon Steer made a prayer for the recent victories we have gained

April 14 We struck our tents this morning and marched for Yorktown we took dinner on the enemys works at big Bethel and then we marched to Harwoods mills and encamped for the night

April 15 the next morning we resumed our march until we came within shelling distance of the enemy we have 80 prisoner to guard here

April 16 I am on guard today there was a number of rebels shells burst near our camp today

April 17 It is warm and pleasant today there was a cannonading kept up all night at three o'clock there was a shell struck near me I got it it did not burst I went to our pickets I could see the sentinal on the enemys works

April 18 Last night there was some skirmishing on our left and some in that direction today

April 19 I am on guard duty today they have made two or three balloon ~~over~~ ascensions today it is cloudy and commences to rain

We are bound for Kerehmon

- April 20 nothing of any importance happened to day
- April 21 I ran around the country to day and saw our men planting their siege guns
- April 22 I went over to the 64 to day and had a visit with the boys towards night the rebels tried to shell our camp but failed our sharp shooters picked off their gunners
- " 23 I went out within half of a mile of the enemys works saw them out on drill and heard their band play Dixie
- " 24 I run some bullets to day Quire Wallerman came and made me a visit to day I threw the best there was in the seat to day but the square had I went down to our battery to with Quire the rebs threw ashell that passed over our heads
- " 25 I went from the York River to the James river to day I stoped at the one hundredth regt and James Saxton the rest of the boys are sick
- " 26 I am on guard to day it is wet and cold Hurrah for the sunny south
- " 27 to day is the sabbath I red some chapters in my bible and then went over to the 83d Pa and saw John Platree also a letter from Louisa
- " 28 I done my washing to day
- " 29 I was on police duty to day &c the rebels threw over a large number of shells at our men that was at work in the trenches they did not do much harm but made a great noise I reckon we will play the same game in a few days our sharp shooters make some of them pay dear for their tricks
- " 30 There was some skirmishing last night and heavy cannonading
- May 1 The enemy continue to fire on our intrenchments with but little effect
- " 2 Our company went down to ship point to unload a cargo of shot and shell for hunds battery we had a hard time of it
- " 3 We received two months pay to day