

Diary of F. N. Walker, a
captain in the Confederate Army.
21 January 1862--8 June 1862.
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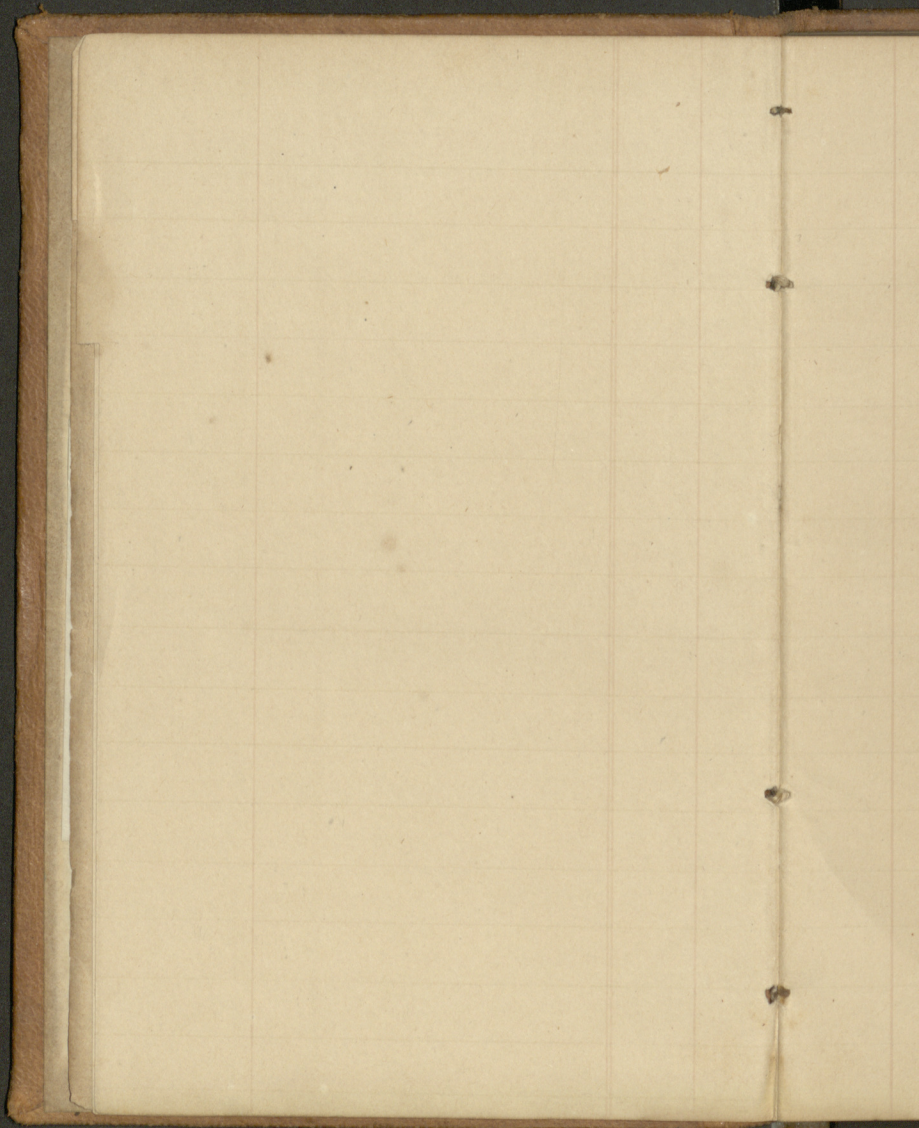
J. M. Walker's Diary
beginning Jan. 31st 1866.

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Tuesday, Jan 21st 1862.
In Camp near
Blackburns bridge on
the famous Bull Run.

Wednesday, Jan. 22
South Carolina contains
a population of 715,371, of
which 308,186 are white
and 407,185 are black.

Excess of black over white,
98,999. Area of square
miles 29,385.

The Burnside expedition is
exciting a good deal of interest
at present. The most recent
conjecture is that it is in =

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tended to attack Newbern
and Roanoke islands on
the coast of N. Carolina.

The Nunnymakers are
quite merry to night -
amusing themselves by the
mimicking of crows,
singing &c.

I learn from the
Confederate States Admis-
-trac, that the North
has heretofore been
profited to the amount
of \$345,000,000 by South-
-ern patronage. (Annually)
The North has received

\$130,000,000 annually by
 freighting Southern
 produce to European
 ports, and bringing
 back the exchanged
 goods for Southern
 consumption - the
 profits on the goods -
 and the protective
 tariffs. No wonder
 the North has grown
 rich.

Thursday, Jan 29

The recent sugar crop
 in Louisiana, amounts
 to 400,000,000 pounds.

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Friday, Jan 24
Went on picket at post
No 4, with 37 privates and
6 non-commissioned
officers. The night very
severe - rain, sleet and
snow.

Saturday, Jan 25

Sunday, Jan 26

Relieved the Bunyons
on the outpost.

Monday, Jan 27

Our men had rather
a hard night on post
last night - 20 men
and 7 posts. Relieved
by Pershaws men.

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Theophilus Scott arrived &
 set in with me as a
 cook &c.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

The day is rainy & cold.
 The battle of Mill Spring
 or Somerset Ky. was a
 Federal Victory. General
 Zollicoffer was killed.

Cedar Key, Florida, is re-
 =ported to be burned by
 the Federals.

Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Thursday, Jan 30

Nothing but mud,
 mud! mud!

Friday, Jan. 24th

Saturday Feb. 1st

February opens with
a fine snow and
here I am without
a cabin.

Sunday, Feb. 2.

Monday, Feb. 3.

A beautiful snowy day
- snow about 3 inches
deep. The Virginia
State penitentiary is
an expense of \$35,000
to \$50,000 per annum.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

I have just read General Beauregard's official report of the battle of Manassas, July 31st 1861. Our force on that eventful morning of all arms of the service in the Army of the Potomac, did not exceed 31,833 and 29 guns. The Army of the Shenandoah was 6000 in the morning - later in the day 8,334 and 20 guns. Our loss was 369 killed and 1,489 wounded, making an aggregate of 1,852. The Federal loss in

killed, wounded and
 prisoners is estimated
 at 4,500.

Wednesday Feb. 5

The battle of Leesburg
 was fought Oct 31st
 and 22nd by the 7th
 brigade
 under command
 of Gen Evans. Our
 loss 155 - killed, wounded
 and prisoners.

The battle of the
 Alleghany was fought
 Dec. 13th. Commander
 Col. Edward Johnston
 of the 13th Georgia.

Our loss 20 killed,
96 wounded and 28
missing.

Thursday, Feb. 6.

Friday, Feb. 7

This day I went into
my cabin - winter
quarters at last.

Saturday, Feb. 8

The number of men
mustered into Confederate
service at Camp Johnston
on June 6th 1861. was - 870.

Since that time 35 recruits
have been added making
in all 905 men.

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The following is the annual
report of the 9th S. C. Regiment
from June 6th 1861 to Jan.
1st 1862.

Number of men June 6 th 1861	= 870
Recruits	35
Deaths	56
Discharged	82
Desertions	2
Resignations	4
Transfers	1
Strength of the Regiment Jan. 1 st 1862	-- 760 men.

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Sunday, Feb. 9.
Visited the battle fields
of Manassas, July 21st.
Names of some of the
graves which I saw.
H. Ramsey of Washington
City. Middle of plateau.
C. W. Moore, led in the
charge on Ricketts Battery.
J. F. Fitch, J. Brown, J. Davis.
Saw the spot, where
Ree, Bartow and
Fisher fell. The spot
where Capt. C. W. Howard
fell - Echols Guards 8th Ga.
L. Lamar W. Allen, of
Macon Ga. Cedar tree.

12th
W. Jones, J. B. Clarke,
Jenn. Mobley, J. T. Duane,
D. C. Halgrove, all of the
8th Georgia.

Saw Hugh J. Henry,
son of Judith Henry,
the old lady who was
killed.

Took dinner with James
Robinson - the free negro.
Received some infamies
from Matthews, opposite
the Pennsylvania house.

Monday, Feb. 10.

The Federals have landed on Roanoke Island, 15,000 strong. This is the latest news.

The battle of Fishing Creek was fought Jan. 19th 1862.

The Federals were victorious and report their loss, 99 killed and 127 wounded - our loss 114 killed, 116 wounded and 45 prisoners.

Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Drew \$90 from Capt. Ambler at Manassas.

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Wednesday, Feb. 12.

1700 Confederates were killed, wounded, and taken prisoners at the battle of Roanoke.

Virginia's quota of soldiers for the war is 65,843.

Thursday, Feb. 13.

Friday, Feb. 14.

Valentine's Day. Our Company is on picket at post No. 4.

Saturday, Feb. 15-

I have just read an excellent novel, entitled, Regina, or the Birth-right, by Margaret Stewart. Characters used - Regina, Ruth, Helen, Earl of Charlemont, Clifford, and Howe, the servant.

A beautiful snow to-day.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Monday, Feb. 17

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Tuesday, Feb. 18

Wednesday, Feb. 19

A rainy day.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Fort Lincoln surrendered
on Sunday, the 16th inst.

The permanent Congress
of the C. S. met on
Tuesday, the 18th inst.

Thos. S. Bocock, elected
Speaker of the House.
Emmett Dixon, Clerk.
James H. Nash, Secretary
of Senate.

Friday, Feb. 21

Nothing worthy of note.

Saturday, Feb. 22

The birthday of Washington.

At night, the State
Guards serenaded Headquarters, and speeches
were made by Col. Baxter,
Maj. Gardington, Adj. Ruthe-
rford and Chaplain
Mayfield.

I endorse Foster's views
in regard to adopting
offensive operations
against the North.

Let them feel the
horrors of an invasion.

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Sunday, Feb. 23

Preaching by Rev. May-
field. Took a ride up
Bull Run in a bateau.

Monday, Feb. 24

One of the windiest
days I ever saw. Tents
all blown down. The
wind is from the
North West.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Assigned to duty in
the Quarter Masters
Department. Received
orders to remove all
the sick and baggage
back to Manassas.

Wednesday Feb. 26.

Thursday Feb. 27

A very windy day. Went to Manassas for some horses but did not get them.

Friday, Feb. 28.

Saturday, March 1st

Went to Manassas, to place some guns ^{on} deposit. Sick with jaundice at night.

Sunday, March 2

The weather is very inclement - some snow and rain.

Monday, March 3

Weather quite severe.

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Tuesday, March 4th
No news of interest, and
I am sick.

Thursday, March 6th
The weather assumes the
appearance of Spring.
Rumors are still rife
about our anticipated
movements.

Saturday, March 8
Left Camp Orr with
the baggage train
and encamped
near Bristol. The
weather is clear
and favorable.

We are evidently evacu-
ating Centreville and
Manassas.

Sunday, March 9.

Left our Wagon Camp
at an early hour and
proceeded on our way
towards the Rappahannock.
After going a short dis-
tance, I began to feel
quite sick with my
faundie, and concluded
to go ahead of the train,
and reach some house
where I could rest and
be accommodated. After
passing old Gray over

Several, winding and muddy roads, & finally reached a private residence near the railroad, some two miles below Warren-ston junction.

Monday, March 10

Pressed three of Mr. Peck's oxen. Camped near Pappahanoek Station.

Tuesday, March 11

The morning is beautiful.

This day will be remembered by many Soldiers as famous for crossing the Pappahanoek, by the

Army of the Potomac.

The baggage trains are crossing on the Railroad bridge which is spanned by four arches.

Crossed the Rappahannock about sundown.

Wednesday, March 12

Stayed last night at the residence of Mr. Parr - a very nice family.

Thursday, March 13

The day passed over in quiet.

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Friday, March 14
Inspection of Quarter
Master's Department —
quite a display of waggons
&c.

Saturday March 15
A dull rainy day, and
we are awaiting with
much anxiety, marching
orders.

Sunday, March 16
Still at Camp Bivouac
near the Rappahannock.
Left the Rappahan-
=nock about 1 o'clock P.M.
and moved in the
direction of Culpeper

C. H. Camped about
two miles below Brandy
Station.

Monday, March 17
Left Camp early and
reached Culpeper C. H.
where we were detained
some four hours.

A great many troops
passed through while
there. Culpeper is a
pretty respectable little
village, and the sur-
rounding hills afford
a fine view of the
Alleghany, which seem
to be about 15 miles distant.

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Encamped about one
mile from Culpeper.

Tuesday, March 18

Crossed the Rapidan
and encamped about
two miles beyond the
Station.

Wednesday, March 19

Remained in Camp
near the Rapidan.

Thursday, March 20

Removed some 4
or 5 miles, and
bivouaced in the
woods. Night very
rainy and unpleas-
-ant.

Trigg March 21

Spent the day in preparing temporary quarters in our woodland Camp.

Saturday, March 22

Went to Orange C. H., which has the muddiest streets I ever saw — worse than Manassa.

Left some Cassinets with Mr. John B. Curtis.

Sunday, March 23

A beautiful day.

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Monday, March 24

A good many of the
furloughed soldiers returned.

Tuesday, March 25

The morning is mild
and spring-like. The
country which we now
occupy is somewhat
hilly, but beautiful in
picturesque landscapes.

Friday, March 28

Received marching
orders, and left our
Camp near Rapid-
an. Encamped
about two miles

From Orange C. H.

Saturday March 29

Went to Gordonsville
for Ammunition.

Stayed at Gordons.

Sunday, March 30

Walked from Gordonsville
to Orange C. H. on the
Railroad in Company
with Dr. Long of the
1st Kentucky.

Received on yesterday
of Maj. Spurrier \$180.
pay, for the months
of January & February.

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Monday, March 31
Our Brigade moved
back, some two or three
miles on the plank-
road, leading to
Fredricksburg.

Tuesday, April 1st
Our Brigade drilled
to-day, and the 3rd did
the best I ever saw
them.

Thursday, April 3
Received marching
orders, and went as far
as Orange C. H.

Friday, April 4
Orders Countermanded.
Returned to our old
Camp.

Saturday, April 5
Ordered again to
Orange C. H. and
stayed there all
night. Cash's Regt.
Left for Richmond.

Sunday, April 6
Left Orange C. H.
for Richmond via
Louisa.

day cold and
 rainy. Chickahominy
 is a smooth stream.

Wednesday, April 9
 The weather con-
 tinues cold, damp,
 and disagreeable.

Arrived in Rich-
 mond about 10
 o'clock. Mr.
 Stopped at the Exchange
 Hotel

Thursday, April 10
 Spent the day in
 Richmond. Called
 on my friends on

Main Street. Drove
out some 4 or 5
miles from Richmond
and Camped.

Left for Yorktown

Friday, April 11.

Traveled about 24
miles, and Camped
4 miles from New
Kent C. H.

Saturday, April 12

Traveled about 20
miles, and Camped
just below Barbours-
ville. Saw some

very nice young
ladies at Barbours=
ville. Miss Fannie —.

The weather is clear
and pleasant.

I notice that nearly
all the residences are
built off the road
some distance, &
consequently are
generally termed Farm
Houses, from the
fact they are in
the fields.

Eat dinner with
Mr. Turner.

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Sunday, April 13

Proceeded on the way to Yorktown or vicinity. Reached the town of Williamsburg about 12 o'clock.

Williamsburg is a very respectable village. Camped at a Mill Pond some 4 miles below Williamsburg.

Monday, April 14

Arrived in Camp near Lebanon Church.

A great deal of Scotch broom in

this country.

Tuesday, April 15

This day our terms of twelve months service expires. Our men were called upon to remain in service till the 1st of May, and a majority of about 100 responded.

Wednesday, April 16.

Our Regt. moved last night about $\frac{1}{2}$ miles down the Mulberry road. The battle of Lamo No 1 & 2 fought - We are victorious.

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Thursday, April 17
I rode out to the
James River, which
is said to be some
5 or 6 miles wide at
the point I visited.

Went in the River
bathing & saw
rascal stole my
pistol, and belt.
Our Regt. has been
under arms all
day.

Friday, April 18
Moved back near
Gen. McClaws head-
quarters, and

encamped on the
 brink of a ravine.

Some of our men
 started home, but
 have all returned.

They showed their
 independence, but
 I could not leave
 with the enemy
 so near.

Saturday, April 19

We are impressed
 for three years
 from our original
 enlistment, which
 seems to bear

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rather hard, but
I suppose the im-
-mergency will jus-
-tify the usurpation
of such uncon-
-stitutional power.

It is a precedent
that will be re-
-ferred to and used
in support of
tyrannical legisla-
-tion, for years
that are yet un-
-born.

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Sunday, April 20
A good deal of firing
last night at Dam
No 1 or 2. The enemy was
supposed to make
some attempt, to cut
loose our Dams. The
Wauwick is quite a
barrier to their advance.
The day has been
rainy and unpleasant.

Monday, April 21
Heavy rain in the
afternoon. A good
deal of cannonading
during the day.

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Tuesday, April 22
Went to Yorktown,
famous as being the
place where Lord
Cornwallis surrendered
to Gen. Washington.

It is a small vil-
-lage, and has a
very ancient appear-
-ance. The fortifi-
-cations are strong.

Dined with Lt.
Nelson of the 6th Ga.
On a tomb I saw
written "William Nelson
Esq. Late President of his
Majesty's Council in this
Dominion. 1772."

Wednesday, April 23
Occasional firing, but
no engagement as yet.

Thursday, April 24

Friday, April 25-

Saturday, April 26
Rainy day, and un-
pleasant.

Sunday, April 27
Visited Yorktown.
The evening threw a
number of shells over
from their Gunboats,
while I was there.

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Monday, April 28

Wednesday, April 30

In the afternoon our
Regt. and Bacoons, with
about 200 Cavalry and
Kempfers Battery, went
to Lands End, and
after staying there
till dark, built up
some fires, and
left. The night was
very dark, and my
horse jumped into a
ditch and fell
with me. I suppose
the excursion was

merely a feint to
draw the enemy's forces
out.

May 1st

May 2nd
Left Custis Farm, and
reached Williamsburg
with the train in
the afternoon. The
army of the Peninsula
is evidently "falling back".
Williamsburg contains
a college and
Lunatic Asylum.

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May, 30th

Visited the College
grounds of William
and Mary. The Statue
of Lord Berkeley stands
in front of the
College building.

on it is inscribed
"The Right Honorable
Norborne Berkeley
Baron de Botetourt
His Majesty's late
Lieutenant and Govern-
or General of the
colony ~~of~~ and
Dominion of Virginia
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Also visited the Lunatic
Asylum, which contains
280 patients. The build-
ings, of the Institution
are superb. Made the
acquaintance of Mrs. L.

Sunday, May 4
Hampton's Cavalry
Charged the Yankees
just below Williamsburg.
Reached the field just
in time to see the
skirmish and charge.
It was a brave charge.
The Hampton Cavalry
lost 2 killed several

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Yankee prisoners were
taken. Returned to the
train, and overtook it at
10 o'clock P.M.

Monday, May 5-
After a short but
hard days drive we
reached a little creek
at 10 o'clock at night
and camped near
its bank. The roads
are dreadful, and
some trains are
throwing off baggage
to facilitate travel.
Our Brigade is

stopped at Summit
Ordinary, some 8
miles in our rear,
and are destitute of
provisions.

Tuesday, May 6
Received an order to
send back to our
Post all the provisions
on the wagons, which
I have promptly
executed. Went out
to procure some
provisions, and on
returning luckily found
a barrel of flour

that had been thrown
 aside for want of
 transportation. Some
 good luck now and
 then.

Wednesday, May 7
 Moved to within
 two miles of the long
bridge. Sent back
 our ammunition to
 the brigade.

Thursday, May, 8
 Crossed the long
 bridge. Camped
 ten miles from

town
of
one
and

Richmond. A great
many sick and
stragglers are with
the waggons.

Friday, May 9
Bought corn and
provisions from
Mrs. Fairbright. Crossed
over to the stage
road, and Camped
near a little creek
or branch, some
ten miles from
Richmond.

The weather is
fine.

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Saturday, May 10
Rode down beyond
the Chickahominy &
found our Regt. An
engagement seems imminent.

Sunday, May 11.
Wrote a note home.
Nothing of importance
to day that I have
heard.

Tuesday, May 13

This day our Regt. went
into a reorganization of
Companies. The following
is the result of the
election in Company "D"

F. N. Walker,	Captain	
G. S. Bibo,	1 st Lieut.	
J. T. Roy,	2 nd	"
C. P. Abemathy,	3 rd	"

Wednesday, May 14

Held an election
for Field Officers of
9th Regt. this day.

Resulted as follows:
James Vance, Colonel,

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B. C. Garlington Lieut.
Colonel, and D. Rutherford
= Ford, Major. There
are now six new
Captains. The follow-
ing is the order, ~~of~~
~~Rank~~ in which
the different Captains
now take Rank:

- 1st Davidson
- 2nd Maffitt
- 3^d Todd
- 4th McGowan
- 5th Walker
- 6th Langford
- 7th Langston
- 8th Sumner

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21st

22nd

23rd

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10th Vance

Saturday, May 17
 At the Spotswood
 in Richmond, on
 business for the
 5th Regt. Expect to
 stay about 5 days.
 My sweetheart is
 gone.

May 18 (Sunday.)
 A very pretty day.
 Wrote to Miss J. &
 my sister Sue.

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Monday, May 19.

Tuesday, June 3^d

Owing to recent changes, during which time I have been generally very busy, I have neglected to take notes as heretofore - and hence the gaps in this Diary for the past 15 days. During this past 15 days, many important events in our army have transpired. The battles of Saturday and Sunday last are matters of

of history, and will
 add an illustrious page
 thereto. Our loss is very
 heavy. We are now
 near the new bridge,
 and have been under
 the enemy's guns for
 several days. He throws
 his projectiles at us
 every hour in the
 day, but with no
 effect or injury to
 the rebels. A general
 engagement is hourly
 expected, and the
 pending issue is
 pregnant with

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grand results, and
results which will
tell greatly for our
weal or woe. We
feel confident of
success and when
the important hour
arrives, intend to
strike a blow that
will tell for our
country's honor &
glory.

Wednesday, June 4
Last night was very
raining, and unpleasant
to Soldiers without tents.

There would doubtless
have been a fight to-day
had not the morning's
rain interfered with
previous arrangements.

On picket at the
Walnut tree.

Thursday, June 5
The enemy is firing
one piece this morning.

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Sunday, June 8
The lines seem quiet
only now and then
a gun.

Company inspection
at 1 o'clock P. M.

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