

## The diary, reads in part [with some spelling corrected for readability]:

[Aug. 25, 1863]...Col. Shelby and Family came Shelby took command of the Post...

[30 Aug.] ...I had my picture taken by George Haus & Brothers."

[Sept. 3] got to McMinneville...Poor camp & poor grub and little of it. I don't like the place...

[Sept. 5, 1863]...listened to speeches...to Mr. Herman Maynard Father of Edward, Lieut Co and Provost Marshall a member of Congress, a smart man...

[Sept. 7]...got news that Burnside's Headquarters was at Landing good for the East Tennessee Stocks men came in and brought 7 prisoners with them one bad man he had killed 10 Union men.

[Sept. 8] Our train from Alexandria got in at 9 o'clock also the 5th Iowa Cavalry and the 1st Middle Tenn Battery...

[Sept. 9]...Brigadier Genl. James Spears took command of the Post...

[Sept. 13]...All of the troops left here except the 5 Iowa Cav....

[Sept. 14]...there was about 60 of Old Bragg's men came in and gave themselves they report Bragg's army in bad condition.

[Sept. 15]...27 Regular Rebel soldiers came in and gave themselves up. Inspection, I was consigned to the 2nd floor as head nurse...

[Sept. 16]...I was ordered to my Regt We left at 3 o'clock to Tullahoma at 5 o'clock We stayed a few moments at Manchester 12 miles from Tullahoma Tenn we stayed at Tullahoma over night...

[Sept. 17]...on to Anderson, that is right on the line between Tenn & Alabama...run on to Bridgeport hard looking...

[Sept. 21]...We started on the Chattanooga Road...

[Sept. 29] We took up in line of march at 5 o'clock went over the largest mountain I ever saw. saw a lot of wagons and ambulances turned over the cliffs and mashed into atoms...Hear cannonading.

[Oct. 4] We left camp at 6 o'clock came along well...11 o'clock came to where the wagons were burned Rebels burned 350 wagons lots of ammunition shells We went on to the battlefield and camp. There were 200 mules killed we got 200 that our Boys had recovered...

[Oct. 18]...We met a large train of ambulances 100 they were loaded with wounded...

[Oct. 23]...Major Genl Grant came to Chattanooga...

[Oct. 26]...10 o'clock got orders to stop work and go to cleaning up our guns. 1 o'clock got orders to take 80 rounds of cartridges and be ready to march at 6 o'clock leaving our tents standing...We fell in at 7 o'clock took up the line of march crossed the Chattanooga traveled 5 miles and field to the right stacked arms and laid down to sleep for the night

[Oct. 29]...3 o'clock...heard the rattling of muskets. Soon after breakfast we started and went to the river then we heard good many guns our men had crossed the river. We were the 3rd Reg crossed even we got across the Rebels had left that point crossed 2 pontoons 25 men to the boat got across and went up a rocky bluff. The Rebels threw a few shells down no harm got to the top of this ridge and our Comp was deployed as skirmishers...got dinner and joined the rest of the boys throwing up breastworks...we made a complete surprise on the Rebels in the morning. 3 o'clock the pontoon bridge was closed. We got artillery on the mountain at 11 o'clock our loss killed 6 wounded 20 one Lieut Rebels killed 8 wounded not known...the Rebels had a Brigade of them commanded by Brigadier Genl. Wood. We understand the Rebels lost 2 killed and wounded 60...I sleep on the side hill where we had to hold to the brush to keep from going down the mountain. In the morning we landed 125 men before Mr. Reb was looking for it we revealed their Pickett Post. It was the best arranged thing I ever saw. Before Mr. Reb. knew it we had possession of both ridges. General Smith I understand planned the attack this battle was called Brown's Ferry...

[Oct. 29]...detailed to go on Pickett. Heavy cannonading in the direction of Look Out Mountain.

[Nov. 4]...waked up at 2 o'clock to go across the river we did not get across till about morning there was a building burned up in town when we came threw I was very sick very sick laid in my tent all day...

[Nov. 13] We went on Pickett said close to the Rebels. Them on one side of the creek and us on the other...

[Nov. 17,1863] Mission Ridge Battle...Heavy cannoning up the river Supposed to be Gen's Serhmans force it lasted about half hour...

[Nov. 20]...orders...to cook 2 days rations and take 100 rounds of cartridge...Great preparations was going on all threw camp for a large fight...I gave Sam Williams all my things to keep till I returned. Also a letter to my parents to send if I should fall

[Nov.21]...The orders for us moving was countermanded in the night...

[Nov. 22]...throwing a few shells from Fort Wood at a Rebel Wagon train...

[Nov. 23] We was waked up at 2 ock and was to march at 3-15 Was to act as independent reserve and the Right... Stacked arms and 3-15 the Ball commenced in...by Gen'l Howard 11th Corps...

[Nov. 24]...heard skirmishing on Lookout 12 ock it came a skirmish engagement and 2 ock we saw our men come around the point of the mountain...12 ock there was heavy firing of musketry and loud cheering. Sgt. Hookes took 3000 prisoners...

[Nov. 25]...Stopped in front of Fort Wood laid there half an hour then marched in to a wood and laid there about 1 hour...skirmishing commenced and we was ordered into rank formed the line of battle went through the woods, fixed bayonets ordered double quick we double quick one mile up the mouton and took their works and 10 pieces artillery and a great lot of prisoners. Fighting lasted 2 hours. Gen. Granger captured 32 artillery he was on our right. Our Regt lost killed 7 wounded 70...

[Nov. 27]...heard skirmishing...and we heard this till we came to Ringold this was 1 oak...Hookes took 400 prisoners and 6 pieces of artillery. Gaines Milles...alot of prisoners said to have taken the Washington Battery, the best they have...We pieced over the old battlefield Chickhamonga [sic].

[Dec. 1] Grand review of the Troops by Major Gen'l Grant...It lasted half the day...

[Dec. 9]...12 oak got orders to take 2 days rations and go to the old Battleground of Chickhamonga as a escort for Gen. Grant & Thomas...

[Dec. 10]...got to the Battleground...we spent most of the day in looking around at the scene...[

Dec. 18]...went to work on a high knob clearing off the ground for a grave years they intend to build a monument."

Brown's includes some additional entries including accounts and notes on letters received.