## **David Hopkins**

# Com. A 79th Regt

## O V I (Ohio Volunteer Infantry)

David Hopkins served in Company A of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry 79<sup>th</sup> Regiment. His journal kept as a soldier is transcribed here. Hopkins was present in Northern Kentucky during September 1862 (bolded below). The 79<sup>th</sup> OVI regimental history is included at the end of this document.

#### Comments on the Diary

Hopkins was inconsistent with his spelling and sometimes used colloquialisms such as ACROST and A FORAGING. He spelled the word STOPPED as STOPED, yet he spelled STOPPING correctly. He spelled SATURDAY with two Ts, even when he abbreviated the word. He misspelled several others words with double consonants by using only one consonant (i.e. SKINED) and the words dairy (DARRY), daily (DAYLY), and company (COMPNY). Yet, for all this his spelling was remarkably free of errors throughout. He usually did not capitalize the first word in his sentences. His periods and commas looked alike so it was difficult to determine how he wanted his sentences and phrases to read. He sometimes used the archaic practice of using a lower case letter F for the modern letter S, as in crofsed. He was not consistent in this either, as he used both forms, crofsed and crossed in the diary.

He sometimes was mistaken on his days of the week, but soldiers who spend nights on duty and then march can easily mix up their days. It appears at the beginning of the diary he began to edit the first three of four entries by changing September to November; perhaps he did this in later years.

Hopkins started army life as a private and mustered out as sergeant. It is unfortunate that the entries for his diary, if he made any, were lost from the period of March 1863 through December 1864; there appear to be pages missing from the diary. His regiment fought in many battles of Sherman's Atlanta campaign and then the march to the sea in November and December of 1864. His regiment lost 54 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded and one officer and 91 men by disease during the war. He made only one entry concerning the human cost of the war.

After the war Hopkins took up farming in Warren County. He died of tuberculosis in February, 1868 at the age of 29 and is buried in a Hopkinsville, Ohio cemetery. There are accounting entries in the diary after that date so someone had been using the diary for recording information about farming or raising beef. We know of no photograph of David.

#### **DIARY ENTRIES**

August 9th 1862

I commenced [commend?] this little book to the reader, as a narrative of some of the events that transpired in the humble life of the writer during his soldiering, it with its [word indecipherable] gives a dayly account of his whereabouts and employments. It is not written for the special benefit of anyone, but simply as a help to any [word indecipherable] (which is [word indecipherable]) and if need be, as a friend to talk to friends of matters which have transpired, when death shall have silenced my tongue.

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>

Went home on a furlough, came back on the  $5^{th}$  in a spring wagon with some of the [word indecipherable] folks. Aug  $30^{th}$ 

Sunday L.H. Lee came down to camp in the forenoon. in the afternoon went out in the country to a darry farm. got back to camp 4 O.clock P.M.. had a bully time. Some got lost a going home.

Sept 3rd

Left camp Den [Dennison] for Camp King. We stoped at Covington and stayed all night. started for camp King about 11 O.clock P.M. was very hot.

Sep 7<sup>th</sup>

Left Camp King for Camp St. John. stayed there until 6 ½ o.clock P.M. + camped on a steep hill side.

Sep 9<sup>th</sup>

Started for camp Doan [Lieutenant Colonel of the 79<sup>th</sup>].

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1862

Drawn up in line of battle at 2 O.clock A.M.

Sept 11th

Also drawn up in a line of battle 2.O.cl.

Sept 12th

Ditto.

Sept 13th

ordered on a march at 3.o.clock P.M. layed on our knap sacks until daylight.

Sept 18th

Started on a reconisance [reconnaissance] out to Crittenden. got there Saturday eve. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sept 21st

Started back. marched 23 miles. it was very dusty outing.

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>

got back at Camp Doan in the evening.

Tuesday eve Sept 23rd

Marched to Covington. laid along the O. river all night nearly.

Sept 24<sup>th</sup>

went aboard of the Forest Rose for Louisville. arrived there some time in the night.

Novem [September] 25<sup>th</sup>

Marched out east of Louisville 2 or 3 miles and stoped on the rebel Johnsons premises. in the eve marched back to the edge of town and camped.

Nov [September] 28th

Went out on picket. was not relieved until the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Oct 3d

Saturday [October 3 was a Friday] started on march at 3.o.clock P.M. Marched 18 miles and camped for the night. in the morning it rained.

Oct 4th 1862

March to Shelbyville. distance 15 miles.

Oct 5th

Confiscated some pork + veal.

Monday Oct 6th

Marched about 2 miles the other side of Shelbyville and camped in a grove.

Wednesday Oct 8th

Started on a march for Frankfort. Marched until about 12 Oclock at night, and camped for about 4 hours. arrived there about 4 O.clock A.M. Stoped at State House yard until about 8.Oclock, and then started for camp about a mile from town.

Friday Oct 10th

done nothing but rain all day and night.

Satturday Oct 11<sup>th</sup>

Went over to see Bob Coddington in the fore noon. at 12 O.clock Started out on picket.

Sunday Oct 12th

Sam Baldwin and I went out from the post to get a sheep and killed a shoat with a stone. skined it and took out the inside in a hurry. was relieved at 12 ½.O.clock P.M. Started for camp, arrived there and it was deserted so we went on towards town, and near town we found them camped in a nice locust grove.

Tuesday Oct 14th

Went out on picket with some of our compny. Sam Reeves (?) and I went to a house and got our dinner. in the morning went to Conners, got our breakfast and went to a quilting at the same place. had a bully time. we were relieved at 2.O.clock at night. we got our tents, we put them up.

Satturday Oct 18th

Started on a march at 10.O.clock at night. Marched to Versailles [KY] that night. got there about 3.O.clock in the morning. at 7 ½ o.clock we started out again without our breakfast and marched nearly to Lawrenceburg [KY]. stoped and got something to eat. got to Lawrenceburg about 10.O.clock A.M. it is 26 miles from Frankfort. Went out on picket with Lt Hallam. had a good time.

Sunday 19th

Started back for Frankfort by Rough + Ready [now Alton, KY]. got back at camp about 7.O.clock P.M. distance 14 miles.

Friday 24th, 1862

Went out on picket with Lieut Thompson and we went and got supper at Paiges. it got cold about 12.O.clock at night. on Satturday it snowed about 3 inch. on Sunday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> started on a march. went about 18 miles and camped for the night.

Monday Oct 27th

Marched about 10 miles.

Tuesday Oct 28

Marched 15 miles. went through a town by the name of Chapham [Chaplin, KY].

Wednesday Oct 29

Marched 16 miles. went through Bloomfield + Bardstown [KY].

Thursday Oct 30th

Marched from Bardstown to New Haven [KY]. distance 14 miles.

Friday Oct 31st

Marched about 18 mi. passed through a small town by the name of Hogensville [Hodgensville, KY] and camped in a sorgum patch.

Satturday Nov 1st

Marched to Beacon [Bacon] creek. the first day the cars [railroad] run. cut Sam Reeves (?) hair.

Nove. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Marched to Horse Cave. distance 14 miles.

Nov. 3rd

Marched 18 miles and crossed green river at Munfordsville [Munfordville, KY] and camped 5 miles from there.

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>

Marched 18 miles to Bowling Green [KY]. crossed a branch of green river. camped about 9 miles south of Bowling Green in a plowed wheat field.

Sunday Nov. 9th

went to see the 2<sup>nd</sup> O [Ohio Infantry] regt [regiment]. they had started to lost river near where we were camped.

Monday Nov 10th

Had marching orders but was countermanded.

Tues. Nov. 11th

Started for Scottsville [KY]. marched 14 miles and camped in a hollow.

Nov. 12th 1862

Started at 6 O.clock. got to Scottsville about 4.O.clock.

Nov. 13th

Barbered in the forenoon. in the afternoon went out on picket south of Scottsville with Capt. Thompson.

Nov 14th

was relieved. came back to camp. C.W. Harvy [Charles W. Harvey, First Sergeant of Company B, 79<sup>th</sup>] gave me a chicken.

Satturday [Sunday] Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>

Stood in a line of battle. carried rails in the afternoon to cook with. in the morning barbered.

Nov 25<sup>th</sup>

Division left Scottsville for Gallatin, Ten. distance 32 miles.

Sunday [Monday] 24th [Hopkins must have backdated]

Went to the hospital as nurse.

Thursday Dec 11th

D. Perrine and I went to the regt which was at Gallatin. we went with Eagle [George Eagle, Company B].

Thursday [Saturday] Dec 13th

The regt started for Bucks Lodge [?] on the rail between Bowling Green + Gal [Gallatin] Ten.

Dec 25th Christmas

worked in the intrenchments in the afternnon.

Jan 1st 1863

New years. worked on the intrenchments.

Jan 13th 1863

Started on a march about 12.O.clock at night for gal [Gallatin, TN]. it commenced raining a while before we started.

Stoped about 4 miles from town and stayed until daylight.

Jan 14th

Started about 7.O.clock for Gal, got there about 8.O.clock. Stoped in a brick building. it rained all day.

Jan 15<sup>th</sup>

It rained all day and night turned to snowing.

Friday Jan 16<sup>th</sup>

Snowed and froze.

Satturday Jan 17th

The sun shone and a beautiful day.

Jan. 18th

Getting quite warm but still snow on the ground.

Jan 19th

Cloudy and snowing and on guard at the barracks.

- 20<sup>th</sup> Raining.
- 21st Cold + cloudy.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Cloudy; cool + [word undecipherable].
- 23<sup>rd</sup> General + inspection. the day warm.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Moved to camp + it rained.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Warm + looks like rain.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Rained all day + night.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Raining + cold.
- 28th Cloudy.
- 29<sup>th</sup> The sun shines + nice day.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Clear + on picket on the red river pike.
- 31st Cloudy + rained all night.

Feb

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rained all day.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> A nice day sun shone.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Turned cold and disagreeable.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Cloudy and snowed all night.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Snowed in the morning, clear in the afternoon.
- 6<sup>th</sup> On picket on the Hartsville [TN] pike. nice day.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Cloudy + muddy.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mr. Cambell preeches in the afternoon.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Cloudy + rained in the night.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nice over head but muddy.
- 11th rained like the mischief.
- 12<sup>th</sup> day nice + clear. General inspection in the afternoon.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Still clear + warm.
- 14<sup>th</sup> rained all day + night.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Rained in the morning but clear before night.

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- 16<sup>th</sup> Day nice but it commenced raining in the eve. + rained all night.
- 17<sup>th</sup> day cloudy.
- 18th cloudy + cold.
- 19<sup>th</sup> beautiful day.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Warm + nice.
- 21st Rained in the after noon + kept it up all night.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Cold + very windy.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Cloudy in the fore noon + clear in the after noon.
- 24<sup>th</sup> A nice day.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Cloudy and commenced raining + rained nearly all day + night.
- 26<sup>th</sup> it rained nearly all day.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nice day.
- 28th Cloudy + snowed some, very disagreeable + very muddy. we were mustered in for pay.

March 1863

- 1<sup>s</sup> Nice but little cold.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nice day but windy + cool.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cloudy + cold + snowed. cleared off before night.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Cloudy + cold.
- 5<sup>th</sup> got a letter from home. the day cool.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Rained all day + night.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Cloudy + rained in the night.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday cloudy.

[Many pages apparently missing. The next entry may be from December, 1864]

...in the afternnon. wrote a letter home.

25<sup>th</sup> Cloudy + cool.

[Diary continues in pencil in 1865. Previous entries are in ink.]

Savannah, Ga

Jan 18th Left for South Carolina at 8.O.clock A.M. Marched 20 miles to Hardeeville [SC].

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

Laid by. Had Brig [brigade] inspection. rained about 11.O.clock. rained steady all day.

Jan Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

The sunrise cloudy, has appearance of rain. Recd [received] [indecipherable] two letters from home the 19<sup>th</sup>. Rained nearly all day + night.

Satturday 21st

Still raining. took the [word indecipherable] + went to take dinner with Baldwin. rained all day.

Sunday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>

Still cloudy + rainy. Went to church at Com [company] Is [I's] quarters.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Still rainy. cleared off in the eve. went to spelling school at night at Co [company] Is [I's] quarters.

Tuesday 24th

The morn [word indecipherable] and clear. Rcv'd [received] letter from A.

Wednesday 25th

The morn clear+ cool. had Brig [brigade] drill in the P.M.

Thursday 26th

The coldest morn that we have had. on picket.

Friday 27th

Was relieved from picket at 8 ½ Oclock, A.M. Beautiful day.

Satturday 28<sup>th</sup>

Beautiful day. recd a letter from home, ans. [answered] it in the P.M.

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Sunday Jan 29th

Marched at 7 ½ O.clock. Marched about 16 miles. The day was beautiful.

Monday Jan 30<sup>th</sup>

Marched to Robertsville [SC]. distance 6 miles. Beautiful day. Wrote to A.

Tuesday 31st

Beautiful day. Wrote a letter for WHB, to Bloom [?], 'A'. Skirmish between Greg Alley + Muddy Creek Ranger. compromised.

Feb 1st 1865

Beautiful morn. Jno. [Jonathan?] C., Vanhorn Stevenson + I went out a foraging East of the camp.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

Marched at 7.O.clock. Marched about 12 miles. The rebs opposed us at [blank space]. Went into camp South of the town, the rebs skedaddled.

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1865

Marched 10 miles. rained.

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Satt

Marched at 7.OClock. Has the appearance of rain. Cleared off + did not rain. Passed some beautiful residences. On picket. Marched 11.

Feb Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

Marched at 8.Oclock, P.M. Marched about 11 miles. The day was warm.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Train [wagons] guard. rained in the P.M. Went into camp about 8.O.clock, P.M. Crossed a big swamp at Beauforts bridge.

Feb. Tuesday 7.

Joined the Brig [brigade]. Marched acrost a big swamp. Nice day.

Feb 8th Wednes

Tore up the Charleston + Augusta R.R., 19 miles from Branchville [SC] + 2 miles East of Grahams Turnout. Came up there + went into camp. Recd orders to tear up R.R. Started got 3 miles ordered back. Marched at 5.O.clock. camped about 6 miles up the R.R.

Feb 9th Thurs

Marched at 7 ½ O.clock. marched to Blackville [SC], distance 5 miles. Went into camp. Our co [company] Provost guard.

Friday [Saturday] 11<sup>th</sup>

Marched at 7½ O.clock. Tore up rail road. Went to Williston [SC] distance 9 miles from Blackville. 38 miles from Augusta [GA]. Camped there over night. Marched at 8.30 Taking a Northern direction. Beautiful day. Camped on the bank of the Edisto river.

Sunday 12th

Had to wade a part of the way acrost the river. Marched about 18 miles toward Columbia [SC].

Monday 13th 1865

Marched about 8 miles. crossed the [blank space]. Cool raw day. Had to skirmish nearly all day. recd letters.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Broke camp about 12.O.clock, + it commenced to rain. marched about 5 miles and went into camp.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Marched 10 miles. camped about 2 miles from Sexnyton [Lexington, SC] court house.

Thursday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

Marched 10 miles. crossed the Augusta + Columbia R.R. Camped about 2 miles from Columbia [SC].

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

Marched up the river. layed in line of battle. Went into camp about sundown. The day warm.

Satturday 18,

Crossed the Saluda river in the morn. Marched 9 miles. Went into camp at 8.O.clock, P.M.

Sunday 19th

Marched at 6½. Oclock, A.M. Marched about 8 miles and went into camp. Moved to the river [Blank space] and camped for the night.

Monday 20th

Crossed the Broad river after sundown. guarded the Pontons [pontoons]. Marched 8 miles. got into camp at ½ past 2.O.clock.

Tuesday 21st

Marched at 6½ Oclock. marched 13 miles. passed through Winnsboro [Winnsborough, SC]. Camped 3 miles from town.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Marched at 6½ Oclock. Marched 17 miles. camped on the banks of the Watteree [Wateree] river. Had to cross it at ½ past 11 Oclock at night. Camped on the opposite bank.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Marched at 6 O.clock without breakfast. Marched about 4 miles + went into camp. rained all night.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Still raining. Broke camp at 12.Oclock. Moved about a mile + a half. rained all night.

Satt 25<sup>th</sup>

Had marching orders to move at 6.O.clock. The order was countermanded. laid still all day. Rained nearly all night.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Marched at 6 ½ O clo. Marched about 8 miles. camped in a beautiful place. camped at hanging rock.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

Laid by. nice day. rained in the P.M.

Tuesday 28th

Marched at 9 ½ O.clock. A.M. Went about 6 miles. The roads bad. got into camp about 8.O.clock.P.M.

March Wed 1st

Marched at ½ past 7.O.clock. crossed Lynch creeks. camped about 2 miles from big Lynch. Marched 16 miles. Cool + cloudy.

March Thur 2<sup>nd</sup>

Marched at 7.O.clock. Marched about 7 miles and the bridge broke down + we had to stop about 6 hours . Went about 3 miles farther and went into camp.

March Friday 3rd

Marched at 6.30. had to make crodory [corduroy]; passed through Chesterfield [SC]. Camped one mile from town. Our Regt [regiment] had to go out about a mile farther to guard the bridge acrost the Cheraw river.

Satt 4th

Marched at 7.Oclo. Gen. Ward got lost. Rained. Went 9 miles. camped in North Carolina [?] about 2 miles from the Peedee [Pee Dee] river.

Sunday 5th 1865

Laid by. Had Regt inspection in the P.M. beautiful day.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Beautiful morn. Marched at 11.Oclock A.M. Marched 10 miles to Cheraw [SC]. Stoped for supper. Laid there until 4.Oclock the next morn. Marched 5 miles before breakfast. crossed the Pedee [Pee Dee] about daylight. Marched about 20 miles.

Wednesday 8th

Marched at 8.O.clock. rained all day. Marched 10 miles.

Thursday 9th

Marched at 6.Oclock. rained in the P.M. Marched 10 miles, saw but one house. camped about a mile from Lumber river.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

Marched at 6.O.clock. Crossed the river after wading a swamp. rained in the P.M. Marched 10 miles.

March Satt 11th

Marched at 6.O.clock. Struck the plank road in about 8 miles. Marched 10 miles with out stopping. camped near Fayettville [Fayetteville, NC]. Marched 20 miles.

Sunday 12th

Beautiful day. Laid by all day. Wrote a letter home.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>/65

Marched at 1 O.clock. Passed through Fayetteville. crossed the Cape Fear river. Camped 4 miles from town. Beautiful day.

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Tuesday Mar. 14

Laid by. Wrote a letter to Bloom for Bishop. Wrote to (M?).

Wednesday 15th

Marched at 6.30 A.M. on the Raleigh road. Marched about 10 miles. rained in the P.M.

Thurs. 16th

Marched at 6.30. run on the rebs. Formed a line at ¼ of 9 O.clock. Had a fight [Battle of Averasborough]. Fought nearly all day. Had to wade nearly all day.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

The enemy evacuated their works the night of the 16<sup>th</sup>. We moved up and took possession of the works, and got breakfast. Then started for Averasborough [near present-day Dunn, NC], distance 3 miles, to guard the cross roads. Laid there and went into camp.

Satt. Mar 18th

Marched at 6.30, the roads bad. Waded several swamps. Marched about 12 miles. Got into camp at 5.30 P.M. Got breakfast + took a little nap. Marched at 9.O.clock. The day warm.

Sunday 19th

Marched at 9.O.clock. Marched 5 miles, ordered to push forward to reinforce the rest. We formed the left flank. A part of our corps [20<sup>th</sup>] + of the 14<sup>th</sup> had a pretty hard fight [Battle of Bentonville].

Monday 20th

Swung around in the P.M., formed a new line + built a new line.

Tuesday 21st

Moved back to the old line at 3.30.O.clock P.M. Moved back to the front line about an hour +a half afterwards. rained very hard in the P.M.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Marched at 7.O.clock. Marched 12 miles. The country swampy.

Thursday 23rd

Marched at 6.30. The roads a little better. Crossed the Nuse [Neuse] river at Cox's bridge. Marched 15 miles.

Friday 24th

Marched at 5.Oclock. Passed through Goldsboro [Goldsborough, NC] and camped about 3 miles N. East of town. Marched 10 miles. Beautiful day.

Satt 25<sup>th</sup>

Beautiful day. Moved our tent. [indecipherable word] came up. P. Sherwood died from a wound recd on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. Wrote a letter to A.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 1865

Beautiful day.  $\,$  recd Three or four letters from home, + about the same from A. One from S. + one from N.

Monday 27th

Beautiful day.

(No break in diary pages)

Monday Apr 10<sup>th</sup>

Broke camp at Goldsboro. at 5.30. Marched 9 miles, + camped. rained.

Apr 13th

Marched at 5.30, rained and a very hot day. Nearly all fell out + stacked arms from co. [company] A. Marched 17 miles.

Apr 14<sup>th</sup>

Our div [division] in front, hot day. marched 15 miles, + went into camp. Started out to support the cavalry.

Apr Tues. 25<sup>th</sup>

Marched out 12 miles South West of Ral. [Raleigh]. Johnson [Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston] surrendered at 10.Oclock. returned on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Apr Sun. 30th

Started on our way home. Marched 14 miles to Nuese [Neuse] river. hot day.

May Mond. 1st

Marched to and crossed tar river, distance 28 miles.

May Tues. 2nd

Marched at 7.Oclock. Marched 15 miles, + went into camp.

Wednesday 3rd

Marched at 4.30 cross the Roannoke [Roanoke River], + camped about a mile from it. Marched 25 miles. Passed through Williamsborough, NC]. Camped for the first time in Va. [His unit must have passed through Williamsborough first and then the Roanoke River].

Thursday 4th

Revellee [reveille] at 2 O.clock, A.M. Marched at 4.Oclock, crossed McHerren [Meherrin] river at Saffolds bridge [present-day South Hill, VA]. distance 20 miles. Colol [colonel] Ward got so drunk that he fell off his horse. rained in the eye.

Friday 5th/65

Marched at 4.Oclock. marched 19 miles. camped on the North side of Nottoway river. went into camp about 12, then struck the plank road.

May 6th 1865

Marched at 4 Oclock. passed through Black + White [?]. Marched [blank space] miles.

Sund 7th 1865

Marched at 4.Oclock. crossed the Appomattox [River], below Bevill's bridge. distance 17 miles.

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

Marched at 4.Oclock. Marched 17 miles. warm day. Camped about 8 miles from Richmond [VA].

Tues 9th

Laid over. Beautiful day.

Wednesday May 10th

Moved to within 5 miles of Richmond. rained.

Thurs. 11th

Started for home. passed through Richmond, and camped about 3 miles from town.

Friday May 12th

Marched at 7.Oclock. crossed the Chickahominy [River], the roads bad, on account of rain that fell the night before. Marched about 10 miles.

Satt 13th

Marched at 6.Oclock. Crossed the South Anna [River] [blank space]. Marched about 18 miles.

Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>

Marched at 6 P.M.

End Civil War Entries

### 79th Regiment Ohio Infantry -history

Organized at Camp Dennison, Ohio, August, 1862. Ordered to Kentucky September 3, 1862. Advance to Crittenden, Ky., September 7, thence moved to Louisville, Ky. Attached to Ward's Brigade, 12<sup>th</sup> Division, Army of the Ohio, to November 1862. Ward's Brigade, Post of Gallatin, Tenn., Dept. of the Cumberland, to January, 1864. 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Division, 11<sup>th</sup> Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to April, 1864. 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, 20<sup>th</sup> Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to June, 1865.

SERVICE – March to Frankfort, Ky., October 3-9, 1862. Occupation of Frankfort October 9 and duty there till October 26. Expedition to Lawrenceburg in pursuit of Morgan October 10-13. March to Bowling Green, Ky., October 26-November 4, thence to Scottsville and to Gallatin November 25, and duty there till December 11.

**December 1862-July 1863 -** Moved to South Tunnel December 11, and duty there till February 1, 1863. Duty at Gallatin till June 1. Moved to Lavergne June 1, thence to Murfreesboro, Tenn., July 2 and to Lavergne July 29.

**August 1863-December 1864** - To Nashville, Tenn., August 19, and duty there till February 24, 1864. March to Wauhatchie Valley, Tenn., February 24-March 10, and duty there till May 2. Atlanta (Ga.) Campaign May 2-

September 8. Demonstration on Rocky Faced Ridge May 8-11. Battle of Resaca May 14-15. Cassville May 19. Advance on Dallas May 22-25. New Hope Church May 25. Operations on line of Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills May 25-June 5. Operations about Marietta and against Kenesaw Mountain June 10-July 2. Pine Hill June 11-14. Lost Mountain June 15-17. Golgotha or Gilgal Church June 15. Muddy Creek June 17. Noyes Creek June 19. Kolb's Farm June 22. Assault on Kenesaw June 27. Ruff's Station July 4. Chattahoochie River July 5-17. Peach Tree Creek July 19-20. Siege of Atlanta July 22-August 25. Operations at Chattahoochie River Bridge August 26- September 2. Occupation of Atlanta September 2-November 15. March to the sea November 15-December 10. Siege of Savannah December 10-21.

**1865 -** Campaign of the Carolinas January to April, 1865. Occupation of Robertsville, S.C., January 30. Lawtonville February 2. Taylor's Hole Creek, Averysboro, N.C., March 16. Battle of Bentonville March 19-21. Occupation of Goldsboro March 24. Advance on Raleigh April 10-14. Occupation of Raleigh April 14. Bennett's House April 26. Surrender of Johnston and his army. March to Washington, D.C., via Richmond, Va., April 29-May 20. Grand Review May 24. Mustered out June 9, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 54 enlisted killed and mortally wounded and 1 officer and 91 enlisted men by disease. Total 146. [From Dyer's Compendium, page 1533]