

DIARY OF THE INDIAN EXPEDITION

OF 1863

BY

OSCAR WALL

Copy 1.

87396 Pistol.

8576 Carbine

Chatfield

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Bought at

Camp Pope June

4th 1863

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May 9th

Started this Morning
for Ft. Ridgley found
good roads for 20 miles
then the country became
soft and "slewy", got
stuck in a "slew", took
70 men and 18 mules
to Pull out we
traveled onward
for Paines Ville got
stuck again took us
2 hours to get out
Moved on a few rods
got one wagon stuck
and broke the poll
and left the wagon
got in to Paines Ville
10 P. clock at night--
Raining like thunder

Distance 28 7/16.

10th

Layed over at
Paines Ville repaired
wagons.

11

Started this Morning
on our journey found
awful hard roads all
day ar[r]ived at
Marsanarah.

Distance 13 7/16.

12

Left for Forest City
found good roads
Distance 20 miles
arrived here 2 Oclock

20 7/16.

13

Left for Hu[t]chinson
found good roads
with the exception of
one or two slews saw

30 7/16.

Some beautiful
country

14

Left this morning for
New Auburn found
good roads we ran short
of grub and confis
cated an old stag that
helped draw stone
to build Ft Snelling and
the more Capt. Daniels
looked at him the less
he liked him so he
cut the ropp and let
him go.

15

Left for Ridgely
found awful roads
stopped at Cumings

(Cumings' Grove)

Grove and took dinner
and started on an
Arrived at Ridgely
About 10 'clock. at night

16

Removed tents to
a new camping
ground and pitch
ed them and rested
our selves and ~~her~~
horses for the tasks
awaiting us

17

Picketed our horses
out to graas for
the first time
Seargt. Postle Hide
G. Daniels B. F. M^cVey
and Parmer arrived
here to day from Ft. Snelling

18 Did nothing to day

19

Started to St. Paul
this Morning to
Muster in the serv
--ice. Traveled to Cullins
to d[aly] Distance 40 mi.

20

Ferryed 4 miles below
St. Peter Put up at
Belle Plain distance
distance 32 mi.

21

Traveled to French
Mans distance 31 mi.

22

Reached Snelling
at 8 O. clock A. M.
Distance 10 Mi.

23

Left for Ridgely

rained like thunder
camped at French Mans

24

Camped at Gordon
on Sand creek.

25

Camped at Henderson
and overtook the train

26

Camped at Fort
See Good Heugh--

27

Camped at Cuming
Grove.

28

Camped 9 Miles from . . .
Ft. Ridgely.

29

Camped at Mud creek

3 Miles from Ridgely

30

Arrived at Ridgely
left
and gave our Indian
train in charge of
the Battery.

31

On guard to day and
had
for
he was drunk and
acted like a fool.

June 1

Drilled after noon

2

Drilled to day

3

On Guard to day

4

Drill after noon.

5

Drilled to day

6

Marched to Camp
Pope traveled over
the ground where
Capt. Marsh's men were
Killed at Read Wood
ferry.

7

Stood Guard

8

Went to Ft Ridgely
with Mail stayed
with Co. D. M. M. R

9

Returned to Camp
Pope with Mail

10

On Police to day

11

The Capt. took the
Squadron out to Read
Wood falls about
3 miles from Camp Pope
I should judge the
falls to be 25 feet
high. The Country looks
desolate up here but
may be better than it looks. I
am on Picket to night
for the first time

12

Had Battallion
Drill after noon.
Our Colonel Sam.
McPhail came in
with 5 companys
of cavaldry to day

13

Did nothing to day

14

had battallion drill

15

Did nothing to day

16

We leave camp
pope this morning Ex
pedition consisting of
9 Cos. of cavaldry
of infantry and
a battery of 160
men 60 scouts, 250
beef cattle 300 wagons
of grub and other
things we will
need on the tramp
we are guided by
a half breed

by the name of
Birchinaugh

17

Traveled on to
day found good
roads and beautiful
country stopped
at Wood lake
Near the battle
ground

18

Started 5 O clock
on our journey passed
the ruins of yellow
medicine which look
locked ancient
camped to day 5 Mi.
North west of yellow
Medicine.

19

Layed over to day at Hazel
Wood and scouted
round the Country
visited Pref. the ruins
of Prof. Williamson's
House.

20

Stood Picket
last night and
started this morning
Passed Camp Release
traveled about
14 Miles to day
and found the coldest and
most Disagreeable
day we have
seen since Feb.
and it looks very

desolate.

21

Layed over at Camp
M^cPhale on the west
side of Minn. River.

22

Left this morning
at 6 O'clock and
at noon to day finde
us in a country that Men
have not traveled
sinse the Indian
out brake camp
to night at the
mound 8 miles
N. W. of Lac qui
Parle.

23

We start on our

journey again this
Morning and My eyes
gazed on a new
Country. it is
beautiful prairie &
that is all we have
~~been~~ 20 miles from
timber at the near-
est Point and had
Nothing but prai-
rie Slew watter
to drink and ~~that~~ ^{it}
was ~~is~~ so filthy that
I had to strain it
between my teeth
and spit the
young frogs out
or swallow them
just as I chose.
We found a

"Slough"

hole in the ground
about 4 feet deep
and the same in di-
ameter which con-
tained innumerable
quantities of old
crookery harness
chain axes hoes
and tinware that
the Indians had
buried last fall
or during the winter
Traveled to day 22 Mi.

24

4 O clock finds us
out this Morning
as usual prepare--
ing for our daily
work. We find old
sign of Indians

to day and
travel over some
of the most beau-
tiful land I
have seen in the
west. We crossed
the Minnesota
to day and
to night we camp
in Dakota. *Six*
from
our camp to Stone
Lake. Dis. to day
16.. Miles--

25

Left Camp Marshall
this morning traveled
over some beautiful
country. Visited Stone
Lake this morning

for the first time
 is is as beautiful
 Lake as I ever saw
 We camp about 8
 miles from the head
 of the lake. a man
 in Co L. Killed a
 Buffalo to day it
 is the first that
 has been Killed since
 we started out. we
 found the skeletons
 of 6 Men at the
 trading post. *and*
 Gen. Sibley took
 a squad of men and
 buried the skeletons. Dis. 12 m

26

Left Camp Jeneson
 this Morning found

good roads pretty
 dry and dusty the
~~most~~ ^{most} ~~worst~~ so it has
 been for 20 years
 So say the in-
 habitants ^{of} ~~of~~ of this
 Country. Scarcely
 any water or
 grass. Camp to
 night between
 Stone lake and
 Lake travers.
 Dis. 12 Mis.

27

Layed over to day
 and stood picket
 to night.

28

Layed over to day
 and grazed horses.

29

We still remain in
Camp M^cLaren
but expect to
March to morrow.

30

March to day but
being sick
have not taken items
of our travel. Dis⁸ m.

July 1st

Travel[e]d 12 Miles to
day have ^{had} ~~found~~ No
wood for two
days except a few
Willow brush.

-2- Traveled 12 Miles to day.
The more we ad
vance the poore[r]
grows the feed and

and the dryer
the earth. Camp
to night at Skunk Lake.

3

Left Skunk Lake
this Morning and
things look more
discourageing the
grasshoppers are
eating every thing
in the country.

Traveled 16 Miles
to day.

4

Left Camp Buel this
morning Fair pr[o]s-
pects of rain
to day. Camp to
night in the Shey

enne Valley. a
dull fo[u]rth this time.

5

Looked round the coun-
try grazed horses

6

Grazed horses and
scouted round the coun-
try Saw some Antelope

7

Guarded Mules until
2 O'clock P.M. came
in discharged our
revolvers and reloaded
them and go on pick-
et at 7 O'clock P.M.

8

One of the Pickets
shot at what
he called an Indian

last night but
did not Kill it
and for that reason
we can not say positive[ly]
what it was. I went
up on the hill on
the battle ground of
the Pottawotamies and
Sheyenns it is said to
be one of the most
bloody slaughters
that was ever fought
by the reads. there is scarce
any thing left that may
be recognized by any one
I found a piece of a skull
that had probably been there ever
since the fight it was
old and had decayed very much.
This battle was fought

in the year of 1843 and
as near as we can learn
the Potawatamies were
all most exterminated
in the engagement.

9

Guarded Mules to
day. It is one of the
most uncomfortable
days I ever saw
in my life the wind
is so hot that it
will take a mans
breath. A section
of our train came
in from Abercrom-
bie to day. There
^{and} was two Indians seen
to to day about two
miles from camp.

10

It is so smoky this
Morning that a person
cannot see the camp
100 yards from it
we have the strangest
weather up here
I ever knew of.

11

We start this morning
en route for Devils Lak[e]
we are called out
at 2 O'clock this
morning and is so cold
that a Man's un-
comfortable with
over coat on travel[ed]
18 miles to day.

12

Layed over to day at camp Whorton

Guard Mules. The scouts
saw six Indians last evening
just before we camped.

13

Left Camp Whorton this
morning traveled over some
beautiful land but with no
timber. Saw two herds
of buffalo to day. Camp
to night between three
Lakes of Splendid water.

14

2 O clock find us out as
usual this morning pre-
pareing for our days
labor we were on the
left flank to day. Our
boys Killed two wolves
to day. camp to night
at camp Weiser. Dis to

day 18 Miles beautiful
camp to day but rather
inconvenient as far as wa-
ter is concerned.

15

Left camp weiser this
Morning. Travel 16
Miles to day Camp
to night near a beau-
tiful lake but there
is so much alkali in
it that it is dan-
gerous to use it.

The name of the lake is
Tolac. See fly leaf in
back of this book.

16

Camp to night on a small
lake on the west
side of the Sheyenne
River. Cross the River

to day about 8
 Miles from Tolac
 lake. Killed an elk
 to day it was Killed
 by Lt. Barton, he
 was assisted by one
 or two others we
 have some of the
 Meat for supper
 which is splendid.
 We saw 6 Antelope
 to day but did
 not get any of them. Dist.
 to day 18.

17

Out and at it again
 this Morning--that
 is goldiers duty
 We are on left flank
 to day and resolved

to have some sport
 to day if we could
 first M^CCole, Dave
 Smith and myself
 took the responsibil
 ity on ourselves
 to br[e]ak ranks and
 have a little hunt
 We traveled about
 one Mile when
 we found a flock
 of prairie chickens
 from which we
 got four. we
 went down the
 hill into the
 Ravine there we
 got one duck
 and then start
 back toward the

train when we
 saw four men
 chasing a Buf-
 falo We hasten-
 ed back to ~~the~~ the
 fun which we saw
 in rather a bel-
 ligerent Manner
 Lt Thurber chase[d]
 him about a mile
 and about 30 rods
 from us Killed him
 and a *set of him*
 -gry boys waded
 in we three out
 out what we
 could carry and
 returned to the
 company. Dis. to
 day 15 Miles.

18
 Left camp this morning
 it rains pretty hard be-
 tween 7 & 11 O clock but
 has quit and at 3 the
 sun is shining very warm.
 Lt. Fields of Co G shot
 a private of Co L, just
 as they arrived on camping
 ground it is a severe
 wound and the Man
 will perhaps die be-
 fore Morning the Lt.
 will be tried to night
 or to morrow if he gets
 his just dues he will
 soon depart this life.
 Dis. to day 17 Miles.--

19

Lay over to day camp

near Lake Jesse a beautiful lake it is too.

20

Left camp this morning en rout for James River in search of Indians we understand that they are there. after we camp this evening *there* was 200 Half breed Chip[p]ewas came in our camp they were hunters they say that there are 4000 or 5000 Dakota War[r]iers and that they will give us a fight. Dis to day 20

21

Left camp this Mor-

ning, struck the James River to day, prospects of a fight soon. we have some rain this after noon-- Dis. to day 8 Miles.

22

Left Camp this Morning saw an elk to day and some buffalo also. The scouts say that the Indians have left Camp for the Missouri and if we want them we must follow them which we will do. So says the General-- Dis to day 20 Mis.

23

Left Camp this morning
 -ning travel all
 day and have not
 seen an Indian
 yet and dont
 expect to see any -
 the country is more
 rough and rolling
 we struck a chain
 of lakes to day which
 is said to be ¹⁵ 35 mis.
 long. Dis to day 20
 Miles.

24

Left camp this morning
 at our usual hour.
 Traveled until noon
 when a large camp
 of Dakotas were dis

covered the train
 halted and we pre-
 pared for a fight--
 The Colonel sent in a
 flag of ~~truce~~ ^{truce} to
 see what they wan-
 ted to do. they acted
 like they wanted to
 make peace for a while
 but the villians commenced
 the work by Killing our
 first surgeon Weiser. the
 thing began from that
 we whaled them out
 as clean as we could
 with the leaders we
 had Old Sibley
 is not worth a nish to
 fight. if they ~~would~~ ^{had} have
 let Colonel McPhail have

his own way the reds
 would have been cleaned
 out...so bad that
 they would never
 draw a gun to
 their faces against
 the white Man again

25

Moved camp to day
 Stand picket to
 night rains all night
 very cold and disagreeable
 buried Dr. Weiser this
 evening.

26

Left camp this Morning
 on track of the Indians
 overhall the chaps a
 bout 2 O'clock had
 another fight with

them lost one Man
 Camp here to night,
 Dist to day 12 Miles.

27

Left camp this on
 their trail water
 poor and no grass at
 all horses and mules
 playing out very
 fast. Saw some of
 the red Devs. to day
 Dist. to day 20 Mis.

28

Start out this Morning
 in purault of our blood
 thirsty enemys the head of
 the train advanced
 about a mile and
 the Indians made a
 charge on us but did

no damage the bat[t]ery
 opened on them and
 and they scattered as
 if they thought every
 hair in their heads was
 a snare drum and they
 were all playing yankee
 doodle not a man lost
 to day but some Inds.
 were Killed. 20 mis to day.

29

Left camp this Morning
 find a rough country
 to day reach[ed] the Missou
 -ri after traveling about
 9 miles beautiful
 country it is in the
 valley. find the
 Indians to day in
 large numbers on

the west side of
 the River the 6th
 M.V.S. had a brush
 with them to day but
 no one Killed or
 hurt in the fight
 but Lt. Beaver one
 of the aid[e]s and a
 Private of Co K of
 6th Regt was Killed
 the private was scalped
 the Lt was not scal-
 -ped but his whiskers
 were taken in place
 of his scalp his hair
 was so short that
 they thought it was
 no use to try to get
 any of it. Tis said
 that he had 2000\$

on his belt the reds
took that and his
clothes. Dis. to day 8.

30

Lay over to day in
the Missouri bottoms
Skirmishers were
sent out to day and
they killed two Indians

31

Lay over to day some
scouts report a large
number of Indians
just below us crossing
the river to fight
us on our way back
to camp Atchinson
Let them come if
they have not got
had enough

Atchinson

August 1st 1863

Joy prevails in camp
this morning homeward
bound is the cry ⁱⁿ ~~from~~
all quarters the boys
all rejoice to think
that we may again
be permitted to place
our feet on the soil
of civilization again
we have not seen a house
farm or a mark of a white
mans Labor on freedoms
sweet soil for 47 days
and perhaps will not see
it for 40 more.

Dis to day 8 Miles.

2

Left camp this mor
ning find good feed on

this rout[e] and also
better water than
we have had for some
time we have seen no
Indians since we left
the River Dis. to day 15.

3

Left camp this mor-
-ning saw some Buffalo
to day. One of the
scouts died last night
he was taken very
suddenly, ^{Ojibwa} ~~Cherokee~~
(he is) his name a full blood
Indian and good man. We find one of
the best springs to day
we have seen on the
rout[e] from Camp Pope
camp here to day
Dis to day 20 Mis

4

Left camp this Morning
at the usual hour.--
Rained last night as
hard as it ever did
any Place. I stood guard
last night. We pass
our old guard where
We first found the
Indians see no Indians
to day. Dis. to day 15 Mis

5

Lay over to day be-
tween two salt lakes
but got good water
by digging grass very
good We burned ten
wagons to day and
three yesterday mules
are playing out fast.

6

Left this Morning a
fine day for traveling
this is we travel to
day on the coteau it is
pretty rough for
the teams. Some of
the Chippewas brought
the news to us yes-
terday from camp Aatchison this day that
Bracket got in there
after 4 or 5 days travel
He had to eat frogs and
any thing he could get.
We travel 20 Miles
to day.

7

Left camp this mor

ning bound for the
James River to day
if we can Poss^{ibly} get
there we left the
coteau this Morning
about 10 O clock and
fall on the level
land
plain again. The scouts
capture a lodge of
dakotas there is
Men women and children
but how many I
cant say. We find
our Kind River half
breeds. We March 12
Miles to day.

8

Left camp this Mor-
ning at the usual
hour. Grass very poor

Where we camped
last night and
it not much better
to day camp to day
on the James River.
Dis, to day 12 Miles.

9

Lay over to day on
the James River.
Our co. is on guard
to day we have been guard-
ing the Chippewa camp
to keep the soldiers
out.

10

Start out this mor-
ning in rout[e] for camp
Atchison We follow
our old trail to
day, arrive at camp

Atchison this
evening about
4 O clock find
the boys all
well but some
of them have been
pretty sick. They
have captured Crow
Son since we left.
Littlefield and
Miller gave us
a bully good sup-
per, this evening
which we relished
very much.
Dis to day 22 Mis.

11

Lay over to day graze
Mules and horses to
night we are ordered

to get ready March
to Ft Ridgley
in the Morning by the
way of Snake River
about 250 Miles from
here it is one of the
most absurd things
that has transpired
this summer there
is about 250 of us
going where
old Sibley would not
go with the whole
command.

12

Left camp this Mor-
ning in rout for
Snake River with
about 300 Men. Colonel
M^cPhail commanding.
Beside a long and

and lonesome trip
we have got to
live on half ra-
tions or starve
Dis. to day 10 mis.

13

Left camp Austin
this morning on
our long and lone-
some way. We saw
the train to day
it was 6 or 8 Mis
from us. Dis to
day 15 Miles.

14

Left camp Cox this
Morning cold as thu-
nder looks like a
storm will reach us soon.
We captured 6 of

Brackets cattle last
 night at least they
 are supposed to be his.
 We pass salt lake to
 day and strike the
 coteau. We camp to night on
 a salt lake. it has com-
 menced raining. I drove
 mules a while to day
 but finding it tough
 business I quit.
 Dis. to day 20 mis.

15

Left camp Barton this
 Morning and as we
 came out of camp we saw
 a buffalo bull he came
 up with in two hundred
 yards of us Lt. Thurber
 chased him Some

two or three Miles
 and had to give up
 the chase. we camp
 to night about three
 miles from the Sheyenne
 River. We saw several
 Antelope to day.
 Dis. to day 18 Miles

16

Lay over to day
 at camp Johnson
 where the Sioux In-
 dians of Dakota all
 Met and held a
 Council about the
 hunting ground this
 took place in 1853.

17

Start this Mor-
 ning on our journey

camp to night
on Sheyenne R
We are also 12 Miles
from camp hayes.
Dis to day 17 Miles.

18

Left camp this mor-
ning in rout[e] for
Snake River the poor
blind leaders cant se[e]
as far as I can throw
a stone. Dis to day 13 mis.

19

Left camp this morning
and for Ft Ridgely it
is thought thank the Lord
for it. our hearts are
filled with joy.
Dis to day 20
Miles.

20

Left camp this
Morning and dont
any body know where
we are going the
Colonel and Major
are both half drunk
all the time we
have got 9 days ra-
tions on hand and
cant reach any place
to get any rations
for 14 days. there
was 4 Buffalo came in
the edge of our camp
to night and some
men mounted their
horses and followed
them and Killed one
and are after the rest.

Dis to day ¹⁵ ~~14~~ Mis.

21

Left Camp this
Morning, travel
North East and
camp at Skunk-Lake
Skunk Lake to night
had a mess of Plums
for supper. Dis
to day 10 Miles.

22

Left Camp this
morning cross the Light
-ning nest We are
on the old trail
that we made when
we went up. Dis.
to day 14 Miles.

23

Left Camp to day

about 10 O clock
trave[1] to wood rain
like ^htunder
and as cold as
Greenland. Dis to
day 8 Miles.

24

Left camp this Mor-
ning and as cold as
billy be damed we
pas[s] an old camp be-
tween Travaie and Stone
lakes. I found all
the plums and grapes
I could eat. We camp
about two miles below
camp M^cLarrin on the
hill above stone lake
Co B. Killed a buffalo
to day Ike Miliner

got enough for our
suppers and
after we camp our
Co. and Co M sent
a wagon and got
what we both
want for two days.
We are 150 Miles from
Ft. Ridgely and
only 5 days rations
I suppose we will
have to starve some
on our way. Dis
to day 12 Miles.

25

Left camp this Mor-
ning cold as usual
Pass our old camp
on blue casane lak[e]
camp on Whet-

Stone River.

Dis to day 16 mis

26

Left camp this
Morning and Lt.
Thurber wanted
four Men to go
hunting. I was
one of the chaps
that escorted him
over the plain
we found no game
but Plenty of the
best of Plums. We
find our selves safe
on the Macoguzeppis
to night. We are
on half rations
and some of the time
new-an-we-ee-fem
hungry Mouths

look as if they
could devour the
any thing in the shape
"of fish, fowl or flesh."
Dis to day 22 mis.

27

Left camp this Mor-
ning at the usual
hour and trave[1] toward
Ft. Ridgely Jo. Brown
and the Scouts left
us yesterday they
were going to camp
Pope. Colonel M^c
Phail Says if
the "grub" Meets
us at Lac qui Parle
we will go to Snake
River "bully" for
that. God his soul

Dis. to day 23 Miles

28

Left Camp this
Morning reach
Lac qui Parle about
10 O'clock and meet
the "grub" just
after crossing the
River. I dont know
whether he intende
to go Snake River or not
I am cooking no[w] for
a Mess of ten Men
it is pretty Slick
business. hope it
will soon play
out. Dis to day
13 Miles.

29

Left camp to day

about 11 O'clock
 travel toward
 Ft. Ridgely but
 the Colonel says
 it is against
 his Principals
 but I guess he
 had got a Principal
 it is where it dont
 bother him much
 he Made a big
 blow and examined
 Men and horses
 but when he got
 sober he concluded
 not to go. Dis to
 day 8 Miles.

30

Left camp this
 Morning at the

usual hour se[e] nothing
 of importance to day
 we pass yellow
 Medicine[] to day camp
 to night at Wood
 Lake I found an
 Indian Bible to
 day. Dis to day
 14 Miles.

31

Left camp this mor-
 ning at the usual hour Capt. Allen
 and three other men
 Killed a buffal[oe] to
 day they say it was
 a large one the boys
 took 4 horses and a
 wagon and started
 after him but have

not yet returned.
 we pass camp pope
 this after noon
 and camp on the
 Read Wood River.
 Dis. to day 22
 Miles.

Sept. 1st 1863

Left the Read wood
 this Morning about
 4 O clock. Seargt.
 Smith Myself and
 five others left
 the company this
 Morning and started
 round by the way
 of Birch Coolie
 and look at
 the battle ground
 but we failed

to find it but
 found Some splendid plums
 We reach Fort
 Ridgely about
 3 O'clock P.M. and
 a happy set of boys we are.
 We hope we will be
 permitted to
 advance farther
 in Civilization
 Soon. Dis. to day
 22 Miles.

2

Lay over to day

3

Lay over to day

4

We remain here
 yet to day.

Our capt joined
 joined us to
 day. Lt. Barton
 Left us to day
 for home he is
 going to return in
 a few days.

6

We Were all in
 our tents enjoy
 the comforts of
 a soldiers life when
 orders came to march
 we got our horses up
 packed our ~~horses~~ - Sad-
 dled saddled our hor
 -ses Put our arms
 on Layed awaiting
 orders to forward
 but

(He remain here yet -)

night came and
 we unsaddled our
 "plugs" and went to
 bed.

7

We Started this
 Morning bright
 and early for parts
 unknown. We camp
 to night at a post
 named cottonwood
 16 Miles from Ridgely

8

Left camp this
 morning for another
 post. We understand
 that they are go-
 ing to the Iowa
 line on a line of
 posts. on the frontier

We land to night
at Ft. Hanska on
Hanska or Minnetonka
Lake. Dis to day 14 mis.

9

Left Camp this
Morning on our
journey se nothing
of importance to
day We cross the
Wattanwone to day
and camp at
Ft. Dis to
day 4 Miles.

10

Lay over to day and
Co. E. goes on for
Iowa line. Nothing
of importance to
day.

11

Lay over here to
day.

12

Lay over to day
I and John M^CCole
went down to
Medelia.

13

We remain here
yet I and M^C.
and Jackson
went to Medelia
to day and
got a chicken
a piece

14

Lay over here
to day.

15

Capt. Cox arrived here to day we expect to start to morrow. I and M^c and corporal Moor went out scouting this evening, and did not get back until after dark.

16

Left Wilcot this Morning camp to night at at Hanska.

17

Left Camp to day about 9 0

'clock to day and it is awful cold. We camp at cotton Wood and We got payed off to night My pay is 52\$.

18

Left camp cottonwood this Morning for Ft. Ridgely nothing of importance to day arrive at Ridgely about 10 O. clock. we find that we can get leave to go home for 2 days so I and a few more of the boys start to night.

Stop at New Ulm

Dis 16. Miles--

19

Left New Ulm

this morning

and put up at

the Winebago

agency came through

Mankato--

20

Left the Agency

this Morning in

due season stop

at Rice lake we

came throug[h] Wilton

and waseca a Dis.

to day of 6 miles

21

Left camp ^{at} on Rice

lake about 4 O'clock

this Morning on

our way fer home.

in which we reach

this evening about

9 O clock.

22

Visit some of my

old friends and

loaf round some

23

Helped dig po-

tatoes to day it was

the first work of

the Kind for So

long that went

pretty hard -

24

I went over in

the timber to day

did no work of

any consequence

25

Did nothing
to day of any
consequence--

26

Visit the School
to day.

27

Did nothing
to day

28

Did nothing to
day--

29

Lay over to day
and serenade
the good citizens
of Chatfield

*1185 Miles
the summer*

Chatfield

Fort Snelling

Ar[r]ived here sunday

Oct 29th big John

Jackson

John M^cCole Esqr

co. F. 1st Regt mounted

Rangers Fort Snel-

ling Minnesota

far far away in the dist. west

whos[e] heart beats light

John M^cCole

Sioux City

Minnesota via

St Paul

St Paul

June 3^d 64

July

Commenced work

for N Jaglesong

Haying 3 d. \$4.50

Harvesting 2 d 4

Haying 1 d. 150

Harvesting 50

Do 2

Monday

July 31st 1864


August 3^d --64

Jaglesong & Wilsie

Dr to D. G. Wall

for the sum of \$ 16.50

for Harvesting and

Haying My  and

seal Oscar G. Wall

N. Jaglesong

to O. G. Wall for

Harvesting 1 1/2 \$3

Harvesting 1 day \$2

Jaglesong Dr in

full 1 50

Wilsie \$21.50 Dr

in ful on a/c \$2

Total 22/60

\$22.00

\$4000

Oscar G. Wall

Chatfield

35

Talonose Co.

Minnesota

7061

Mankato Nov. 15
A squad of caval
ry came in to day
John Grimes in com.
bound for Snelling
to muster out of
service. The rest of
the Co. will be
here to morrow
Lt. Barton in comd.
"Bully" for Co. F. hurrah
for our side we dont
~~care~~ for Indians nor
if they muster us out
but we will get in and go south.

75

Mankato
Nov. 16th--63
Lt. Barton Please
draw a couple of
pairs of drawers for
me get the longest
you can find give them
to some of
the boys and let
them carry them
down to St. Peter
Do this for me and
oblige your humble
servant.

Os. Wall

Chatfield

Perry Wall

Perry Wall

Perry Wall

As I have been
very unfortunate
in getting

I will have to
call on you
for \$1.00 if you
will please
let me have
it.

Yours truly,

Os. Wall

Please Send
as Soon as
you can.

add 5 to both ^{terms} ~~times~~ of the
fraction. $7/8 - \frac{12}{13} \quad 13 \times 8$
 $= 104 - 104 \quad 104 - 13 = 91.$
 $12 \times 8 = 96, -91 = 5$ for ans.

$320 \times 2 \frac{1}{4} = 720 \quad 435 \times 1 \frac{7}{8} =$
 $815 - 5/8 \quad 755 - B$
 $-2/5$ of 755 - $302 \times 1 \frac{3}{4}$
 $528 \frac{1}{2} \cdot 755 - 302 = 453x$
 $2 \frac{1}{8} = 362 \frac{5}{8} \cdot$ Sold for
 $528 \frac{1}{2} + 162 \frac{5}{8} \quad 148. \quad 1 \frac{1}{8}$
Whole amt.
Bought for $815 \frac{5}{8} + 720 =$
 $1535 \frac{5}{8} - 1491 \frac{1}{8} = 44 \frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{1}{6}$ of $4/8 \frac{27}{54} + \frac{7}{8}$ of $1/2$ of
 $\frac{12}{3} \frac{861}{48} \div \frac{54}{108} \frac{10}{28}$
 $48 \text{ lbs} \quad 4F$

Oct 9th 1863
 Os. Wall Co, F. 1st Mounted Rangers
 Colonel Sam. Mc phail

Lowe Press Co
 13 Watter Street
 Boston
 Oscar Wall co F 3^d Bat.
 1st Regt Mounted Hor

(Merrill) Co. Co. F.
 James M^cGrew
 Capt. Comdg Co. B. 5 M.
 Corinth Miss.

Sheyenne July 12th 1863
 My Illustrious Bummer I
 feel it

Oscar Wall

