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Diary of little events

Jno. Joyes Jr.

Lieut. of Byrne's Horse Artillery

Genl. Jno. H. Morgan's Cav: Div:
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Capt. near Salemville, Ohio
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July 26 1863.

Johnson's Island, Ohio

U. S. Military Prison

1864

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September

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1. An order was issued to-day limiting our correspondence to two
letters per week. They will be taken from the island on Mondays &
Thursdays. Wrote to my mother inclosing C. S. stamps. ^{1a}

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2. A Confederate soldier was sent from Ky. to this place & hung
to-day by order of a Court martial. The Herald, World & N. Y. News ² ³

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rec. to-day are very favorable to an early exchange --

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3. & 4. Nothing of interest has occurred. I saw a letter from
Ned to Elias. ⁴ ⁵ I have just written to Ma.

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5. I have been greatly disappointed in consequence of the non-
arrival of letters from home. Since early last evening we have been
having a constant disagreeable rain, and very high N. East wind. I
have just finished reading "Vernon Grove". ⁶ ^d Rec. a letter from ----. ⁷

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6. Nothing of interest has occurred. Still very windy and dis-
agreeable.

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7. Wrote to ----. The wind has at last ceased & we have a pleasant day.

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9. th Heard of the death of my noble Chief Genl. Jno. H. Morgan. ⁸

10. th The fall of Mobile reported, but not believed by the Confederates.

I have rec. ^d no letters from home since 19th Ult. ^o

11. th Wrote to my Mother expressing my uneasiness about affairs in L[ouisville].

13 th & 12. th Nothing worthy of note except the departure of my friend

Maj. Julian Mitchell of S.C. for exchange. We had met in prison and our mutual attachment was strong.

14. th Wrote to ----. Weather fine & bright.

15. th ^d Rec. a letter from Indie stating that all were well but my mother in great grief in regard to poor dear Bud's death.

16. th Thirty six sick left for exchange Elias D. Lawrence of the number.

17. th Wrote to Uncle Tho. Joyes. ^s

18. th Wrote to Ma --

19. th Beautiful weather. Rumors and "revived hopes" of an early exchange.

20. th Great excitement prevails in regard to a supposed conspiracy to

relieve all of the prisoners on the island by sympathisers. It is believed within the "Bull Pen" to be a hoax.

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21. I have just written to Ma dating my letter ^d 22. I requested Col.

^d Hill to for. to Mrs R. money sec. for Elias, &, am informed it has been sent with him to Fortress Monroe. Wrote to ----.

^d ^d *Lawrence?*
22. Rec. a photograph of Miss Lizzie L^a for Elias. (Per request" ^d
del. to Chipley).

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23. During the day quite changeable. About 9 O'Clock P.M. The Island was visited by a terrible hurricane. Several of the roofs of the houses were blown away but fortunately no one was killed but many a "poor Reb" was scared --

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24. It is still cloudy & very windy. About 2500 Colonists will long remember the "Friday night hurricane" -- About four hundred of the "Invalid Corps" reinforced the Island Guard. (Buck) Hiram ^{ce} ~~Rise~~ spent the night with me.

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25. Wrote to Ma. I am very greatly disappointed that I can get no letters from home.

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26. An order was read out on dress-parade announcing the surrender of
Genl. Breckenridge & Early. Many of the prisoners have heard of it &
feel very gloomy. I cannot believe that it is true.

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27. I have been a prisoner of war fourteen months to-day. Faces are
bright this morning & the gloom of yesterday has been dispeled.-- The
telegraphic report of the surrender was "premature" and I am sure now
the fact never will be. A letter from Ned to Elias was handed me.

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I also rec. a letter from cousin Indie dated the 20 inst. affording
me much pleasure. It is the first for a long-long time. Nothing yet
from my mother ---

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28. Wrote to ----. Very cold & raining.

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29. Rec. a letter from ----. Still cloudy & very disagreeable.--

th ^d
30. Rec. a letter from Indie -- enclosing one sheet of P.O. Stamps
from Cousin Pat & mentioning Ma's great distress. Requested Capt. Manor
^t ^d
Sup. of Correspondence to forw. Ned's letter to Cousin Pat.

October

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1. Have just put up a stove in our room & built the first fall fire --

which is decidedly comfortable this raw, wet day.

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2. Still raining, muddy & disagreeable. Wrote to Ma. Rec., after I
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had written, a letter from Ma & had to re-write my letter. Rec. a letter
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from my friend Maj. Julian Mitchell dated New York 26 Sept. He was
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to sail for Fort Royal on the 27 per Steamer "Arago" for exchange --

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3. Rec. a letter from Ned dated at Abingdon, V. Sept. 6. It con-
tained much that interested me & five C. S. stamps.

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4. The papers contain very encouraging news from Genl. Forrest near
Athens, Alabama. "No letters."

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5. Dull, dark & gloomy. It has been raining very hard since midnight
until now 10 O'clock A.M. Rec. a letter from my mother dated Sep. 29.

The envelope of my Sunday letter to Ma was returned to me to-day with the
statement that only "one letter per mail" was permitted -- To my know-
ledge this order was not disobeyed. I wrote again to-day to my Mother.

Another "hole" was made under the fence last night -- "somebody is out".

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6. Beautiful morning -- About Sixty sick and wounded left for exchange.

My friend Maj. Geo: McKnight was one of the fortunate. Rec. a letter from
^t ^d
Berty Spotts from S. Nicholas Hotel N. York. Also rec. one from ----.

This afternoon we are having a very high wind.

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7. Very windy, and heavy clouds with but little rain -- Favorable
news from the Western Army & Forrest.

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4 Rec. a letter from Cousin Pat Joyes, also one from Harry T. Duffield of
N. York. The wind is very high, and snowing for the first time this
season.

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9. Wrote to ---. It is very cold, clear & windy. Early this morning
I saw a little ice. Capt. McBeth left yesterday afternoon on special
exchange. Col. Wood takes his place --

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10. Beautiful day -- clear and pleasant. News from Hood, Genl. Lee's
army good. The papers also report the defeat of forces under Genl.
Burbridge near the saltworks in V. ^a Phil Allen commenced rooming with
me this afternoon ---

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11. Rec. a letter from my Mother dated Oct. 4. which afforded me great
comfort. My dear mother appear[s] very, very sad, yet I believe I can dis-
cover in her letters a slight change for the better. God grant that I
may soon be enabled to be with her, to add some comfort and happiness in
her declining years.

This has been a most beautiful day -- Indian-summer-like. On yesterday afternoon at 3 O'Clock I had been confined in this "Northern Hill" just twelve months. I feel thoroughly convinced that if I can only survive the present "trouble," that I will have the experience of Methuselah condensed within a few years.

I took tea with my friend Adj. Dud Chipley ---

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12. Glorious weather, but heavy clouds are appearing as the day closes.

Wrote to my mother promising to direct my next to India. I referred to the photographs again and to the rumored intention of my father to return -- acknowledged Pat's letter & alluded to cousin Flory's questions of Lt. Peeler (A. I.) of Florida -- in reference to his knowledge of Critt's death at Pensacola.

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13. Clear & cool -- Rec. the letter from Cousin Pat to Col. Hill in reference to some few articles for which I had written.

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14. Rec. a letter from Ma and one from ---- & which will likely be the last --

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15. During the past two mornings we have been retained at roll call for more than one hour. The weather is Indian Summer-like; gold on the

rise & news from our armies very encouraging --

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16. Wrote to Pat Joyes enclosing an approved letter for underwear, etc.;

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Rec. a letter from Indie dated 11.

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17. Lovely weather. News from every quarter decidedly encouraging for
our forces. Sherman in a very precarious situation.

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18. Dull enough ---

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19. Rumors of heavy engagements in Virginia on "Cedar Creek" -- Yanks
claim a victory ---

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21. Yanks admit, to-day, a loss of five thousand from Sheridan's forces
in late fight in V. ^a Cloudy & cool --

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22. I awaked this morning to find the ground covered with snow about four
inches deep. The thaw to-day is very rapid --

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23. Wrote to Cousin Indie -- Rec. a letter from ---., & one from Maj.

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Geo: McKnight dated "Fortress Monroe" Oct. 12 & 13. A quiet, dull,
uninteresting kind of day -- nothing to do & nothing to do it with.

Clear, and bright.

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24. Rec. a letter from Cousin Indie dated 16. We are having a series

of lovely days. Have been reading all day the "Chronicles of the Bastille"
in which I am often reminded of the great similarity of present daily
practices.

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25. A series of fine days -- Maj. McC^[every] of my mess rec. a most acceptable
lot of groceries from Canada for which we had secured an approval for
their admission. "Great Goodness how lucky you are" was the general
remark.

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26. Wrote to my mother -- Favorable News of a general exchange again
in the "N. York Herald." I don't believe one single word of it -- I
have been a prisoner too long -- & the election too close.

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27. Cloudy & dull -- no news.

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28. Rec. on the 25 a small box of underwear, [illegible word] etc.--

It has been drizzling rain nearly all day, and everyone appears to have
their feelings more or less influenced by the dull, gloomy weather --

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29. Damp and disagreeable. Remained in my room very close all day
reading & have just finished the work upon the "Bastille" and have en-
joyed it much --

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29. Closed the day by playing a game of "whist" with Adj. Hayward
of N.C., Norvill of V.,^a Maj: McCreery and Adj. Chas. Wallie Lewis ---

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30. Sunday & the last one of October. A long weary, dull, &
^{rainy}
unusually month it has been to me. Not a day will I ever with the
least pleasure be anxious to revert to in coming years -- except
the few moments passed in reading letters from my home & a few
dear friends --

Wrote to my Mother -- & mentioned my financial situation.

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31. The last day of the most disagreeable month I have passed
since early spring.

November

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Nov. 1. The brightest and most pleasant day for a long while -- I hope
it is emblematical of bright prospects from every quarter --

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2. Rather cool, cloudy, & lonely. Dark day even for a prisoner's
experience --

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2. Wrote to Harry T. Duffield ---

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3. Raining. Made a furnace for baking bread in my room.

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4. Rec. a letter from ---- and one from cousin Indie Venable.

Quite cool and no wood has been sent in to the blocks for several days.

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5. The ground this morning is frozen quite hard. Jack T. has been in bed unwell for several days.

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6. Genl. ^gMarmaduke & Cabell arrived here last night -- the former has become a member of our room -- Wrote to ----. Rec. a letter from Indie and one from Miss Sydney [^{NAME} illegible word] giving me the first definite information ^din regard to the decision respecting brother Clarence -- Commenced raining just at dark.

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7. Damp & disagreeable. Nothing of importance transpiring.

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8. This is the election day -- when will be decided whether President L[incoln] or G. B. McClellan shall rule for the next four years. The former will most certainly be elected by an overwhelming vote & I am glad of it. It has been raining nearly all day & everything looks dark & gloomy.

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9. Blustering, rainy day and most particularly disagreeable. Closed this, as last night, by playing a game of whist having as my partner Maj.

Genl. John T. Marmaduke.

Wrote to my Mother --

10.th The wind blew almost another hurrican^e reminding us of the memorable night of the great wind storm which unroofed several blocks. Today has been disagreeable and we are likely to have a high wind again to-night.

I have had a severe attack of vertigo again, but after suffering all day I am now much relieved.

11.th Very high wind last night. Slight snow this afternoon ---

12.th Snowing quite hard during the night and continues this morning.

Held our roll call in the room.

13.th Quite pleasant weather yet there is still snow on the ground.

Wrote to my Mother. The last Sabbath passed in my 29th year & I have endeavored to pass it as becomes the sacredness of the day.

14.th This is my thirtieth birthday. I have formed new rules for my future guidance, and humbly ask of our Heavenly Father that at the expiration of another ten years, if I shall be permitted to live so long, I can then say in every thing I have so lived as to make me worthy of a longer life. In the accomplishment of my good purposes I most

humbly & sincerely ask the guidance & assistance of God Our Father. I have commenced this day and shall continue during my imprisonment to read at least one chapter per day in the Bible & New Testament, and will endeavor to do so even after I am released when not unavoidably prevented.

The Genl. has been quite unwell and "little" Dunn has suffered a great deal & is now confined to his bunk.

The snow is melting rapidly yet I think it is changing rapidly and we are surely to have a cold night.

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15. Very pleasant bright day. The Genl. and Dunn have each been quite sick. A number of prisoners rec.^d from Graciot Street S. Louis Prison.^t

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16. Lovely morning, clear & bracing. I have several slight attacks of vertigo during the past few days. No letters from "Dixie" or elsewhere as I had certainly anticipated to-day. The Genl. was removed to the Hospital -- Commenced raining at dark. Wrote to Indie -- Closed the day by playing a game of whist with Maj. McC^[reery], Phil. Allin, Col. Crandall. Prospects for exchange, special or general gloomier than ever.

Enclosed Maj. Mac's photo- in Indie's letter. Now Good night.

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17. Visited the Genl. twice. Called upon Lieut. Bullock & Waller with

Genl. Cabell. Had tripe for breakfast. Clear day -- No letters.

18. th Called upon ^{the} Genl. immediately after breakfast & carried with me

the morning's paper. The mail has brought few letters to my room, during the
past week nothing for me -- Stood for a long time at roll call -- freezing --

19. th Loveliest day for many weeks and I have taken a great deal of exercise
on our "boulevard."

20. th Damp & foggy -- Good news rec. concerning Genl. Breckenridge's attack
& capture of Genl. Gillem & a greater portion of his command Rec. a letter
from Ma & one from sister Stella. Answ. each in one to the latter.

Visited the Genl. and Col. Green, at the hospital & found them in fine
spirits --

21. st Very cold, with high wind. Visited the Genl. at the hospital --
Am very anxious about---- as I have not rec. a letter for two weeks.

Closed the day with a game of whist & was badly defeated --

22. ^d Very windy & cold. The Genl. returned from the hospital. Have been
having our roll called in our rooms in consequence of the inclement weather.

23. ^d Very cold -- pump frozen up -- Had Charley Powell to breakfast with me

this morning -- Rec. a letter from Stella dated 15 th inst.

Wrote to cousin Tho. I. Johnstone. Genl. Cabell took tea with me --

Sent out an application to Lt. Col. Scovill for permission to send to my Mother for some tobacco which was refused.

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24. The Journal rec. to-day contains an editorial advocating the over-
^d
throw of slavery in Ky. The first very plain article on the subject which I have noticed from the pen of Mr. Prentice -- He has been leaning in that direction for a long while, but now the vail is no longer worn.

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25. Hazy day -- Took several long walks and feel much better from the exercise --

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26. Have been a guest of the U. S. Gov. for sixteen months to-day --
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Rec. a letter from Miss--- which was very gratifying. Saw the death of Henry Davidson announced. Rec. a paper, compliments of Harry Duffield from N. York.

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27. Lovely day so Spring-like. Read ^dFreemantle's "Three months in the Southern States." Rec. no letters, contrary to expectation but wrote one to my dear Mother. Considerable excitement consequent upon Sherman's movements. We here nothing positive, but conjectures are numerous -- yet one one result is anticipated -- his defeat.

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28. Sent out a communication to Col. Hill for the provisions which Maj.

McKnight ordered for the mess.

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Rec. a letter from cousin Indie. The weather is very variable, yet quite pleasant. Had my side whiskers shaved by Sterling a most excellent barber.

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29. Lovely day -- One death took place at the Hospital to-day -- young Lt. Williams from M. No letters. Saw where Stephen Shotwell, Arthur Kellogg, D. L. Benedict, etc. were drafted in Louisville, Ky.

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30. Beautiful weather -- worthy of a better part of the world --

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Wrote to----. Rec. a pictorial paper from cousin Indie -- News glorious from Sherman's army -- I certainly feel confident that he must fail -- & God grant it I most humbly pray.

← December

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1. Rather disagreeable day. No important news & no letters. Saw the announcement of the wedding of Mr. Alonzo Rawson to Miss (Tedis) Rebecca S. Carter of Louisville --

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2. Raining & very disagreeable but not cold. Rec. a letter from my mother

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dated 24 Ult. also rec a pictorial newspaper --

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3. Rained during the night. & this morning we have a very high wind

with an occasional shower, Roll was called in our room -- Lewis was

quite sick during the night. Rec. a ^d letter from Indie dated 26 th ^o Ult.

Col. Keenan, Capt. McClurg & Lieut. Dunham of Florida discoursed some

very sweet music in my room.

A very high wind has been raging during the entire day. Col.

Krandall of Louisiana returned yesterday from the hospital.

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4. Quite cool during the day. Wrote to my Mother. The mail was brought

in very late -- The boat was so late coming over that we rec. ^d no papers.

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5. Rec. a letter from my fond mother dated 29 Ult. I have felt par-

ticularly gloomy the entire day having heard through the above letter that

my dear---- was not expected to live. God grant that it may not prove

so. The weather has been very pleasant. Read several chapters in the

bible --

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6. News not very encouraging to-day from Sherman's advance yet I conclude

correct information cannot be obtained by the Northern press -- some little

rain. Sent a very pretty little ring to Cousin Florence Joyes made by a

friend of mine here.

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7. Wrote to Indie. The wind still very high -- the weather ^{[an] [a]} chgble.

Some little rain interspersed with snow. News for us very good. Saw the statement that Geo. D. Prentice had arrived at the Spottswood Hotel in Richmond, V. ^a Gold closed in N. York at 2.40. on yesterday.

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8. I passed a very disagreeably cold night. I awoke several hours before day feeling very uncomfortable. -- Few days last winter were colder than this -- no boat has arrived to-day & by morning to-morrow we expect to find the bay frozen entirely to Sandusky -- the first time this season -- The wind has pretty much ceased blowing --

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9. Saw the announcement of Dr. ^[Johnson's?] Johnsonson's (J. C.) death in the th L[ouisville] Journal of the 6 inst. aged 78. Somewhat warmer than yesterday 8 1/2 P.M. it has just commenced snowing -- The boat made its usual trip but not until this afternoon -- bringing over the last two days' papers.

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10. Special orders have been issued to-day by Col. Chas. H. Hill Comd. ^t by which our facilities for correspondence have been increased. Three letters per week are allowed and these leave the prison ^{yard} ~~yet~~ at 9 O'Clock A.M. on

Monday^s, Wednesdays & Fridays. All applications to the Comd. will be taken
out every morning and not as heretofore only twice a week. This is the
only order which has been issued relieving us since my captivity -- all
others have increased never diminished our discomforts.

The snow has reached about two inches in depth & ceased before
daylight. Permission has been granted us to build a private kitchen ad-
joining the one built for Genl. Tumble. The one we have been occupying
is disagreeable beyond description --

11. th It commenced snowing again yesterday afternoon & still continues.
It is rather mild this morning yet not sufficiently to melt the snow. No
Western papers rec. ^d I slept delightfully last night. Wrote to Cousin
Pat. Joyes.

8 O'Clock P.M. The wind is again very high & much ice in the bay.
No boat has arrived to-day from Sandusky -- no Western papers rec. ^d by
mail --

12. th It is most infernally cold & we have just breakfasted in our room.

^d Rec. a letter from my mother enclosing a few stamps & two \$. The papers
contain no news. On the th 8 inst, the thermometer stood at Chicago 10 deg.
below zero -- at Toledo 4 deg. below. It was bitter cold here but I do

not know the precise degree -- Lak[e] frozen over.

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13. Lieut. John Bowles of Louisville was killed while attempting to make his escape last night. There were quite a number engaged in the risk but none proved entirely successful. Lt. Pierce Cousing of Lt. J. B. skaled the fence and after getting seven miles distant from the prison was recaptured & brought in this morning.

I called upon Lt. Col. Bowles this afternoon to tender my sympathies in his misfortune. He seems to grieve deeply. Wrote to my Mother acknowledging at the same time the rec. of a letter, to-day from Stella.

I retire feeling peculiarly gloomy. An order stating that "under existing orders no book can be rec. nor will applications to be approved for any be considered until further information can be rec. from Hd. of Dept. at Washington --

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14. Many are crossing on the bay -- No important news. Some snowing.

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15. Snowing all the forenoon. Genls. Marmaduke, Cabell & Gordon left for "Fort Warren". They will cross on the ice as no boats have yet been able to navigate; as I write I can see them in the distance "toddling along" on their weary way.

Wrote sister Stella enclosing a lock of Genl. John T. Marmaduke's

hair. She desired it "because so much like Ned's" -- Rec. ^d two
novels from ma. I was permitted, quite unexpectedly, to retain them. News
of a severe engagement near Savannah.

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16. Very disagreeable day -- raining and sleeting -- no letters from
anywhere -- Savannah reported captured but not believed. Commenced
reading a novel "Olive Blake's good work" which I have been told is
interesting --

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17. The papers brought over again on the ice this morning -- Much warmer
& thawing -- very slippery from the sleet which fell yesterday. Rec. ^d a
letter from--- written by an amanuensis in consequence of her continued
ill health. An order issued to-day prohibits, hereafter the removal of
dead bodies of any Confederate a prisoner on the Island, to be interred
elsewhere.

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18. We are experiencing all displeasures a dull, misty dark day can
afford -- The ice is rapidly thawing -- A Report has been brought into the
Bull Pen that Hood's Army has been defeated & routed but no one believes
it. Rec. ^d a very pleasant letter from Cousin Indie. I was electrified
to see by the ^{Louisville} Journal that Miss Miss Diddy Nicholas was married to a Mr.
^t
J. L. Barrett of S. Louis, Mo. Wrote to Cousin Indie.

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19. It is rapidly turning cold again -- Col. J. O. Nixon left on parole this morning -- will have to confine himself to the limits of the Northern States. No papers have yet been brought over -- the crossing is considered dangerous (1 O'Clock P.M).

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Since writing the above the papers are rec. and contain the most discouraging news ever rec. ^d since my captivity -- I hope, my only relief, that it must be erroneous.

[Churg?]
McCoy Col. Keenan & Capt. Smith have just left my room after discouraging some very sweet music.

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20. Wrote to ----. A bright fine day but little consoling news.

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21. Cold & snowing hard -- still bad news --

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22. The truth is beginning to peep out and affairs do not look quite so gloomy. It is bitter cold and a large number of prisoners have been added to our gloomy abode. Four we have invited to accept our hospitality for the night. It almost makes the heart bleed to witness the scanty apparel with which our poor recruits have to withstand the chilly blasts of a Northern winter. ~~["blast" crossed out]~~

Wrote to my dear Mother --

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23. An order has been issued to-day increasing the number in our little
rooms to eight members, which we have to comply with by the 29th inst.

Very cold and windy -- No letters & nothing of particular interest.

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24. It has become much warmer -- & I have passed much of the day out
of my room. Harry Price has commenced rooming with us. Quite a gloomy
Xmas ever for a "gay young man." Oh! how I wish I could spend the
morrow with my dear mother, father etc. Many of the Federals have been
skating on the bay in front of my window, so the prospect of a boat
arriving soon is not very good -- My Xmas eve frolic consisted of a
- quiet game of whist with Dr. John Cooper of Lexington Ky. as my partner --
we had the good fortune to be the winners, Fellowes & Lewis my opponents.
Gave to Col. M. L. Woods, Montgomery, Ala. -- my power of Atty. to
father to draw ten months pay for me from the C. S. Govt. dating from
th ^d
30 April 1863. It will be forw. care Hon. E. M. Bruce M. C. Richmond,
^a
V. on the Col.'s arrival in "Dixie".

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25. A dull gloomy Xmas -- Wrote to my Mother -- the crossing on the
bay is considered dangerous yet some little express was brought over.
Sat up with a prisoner from Mississippi wounded & captured recently at
- Franklin, Tenn. in Company with Capt. Threileman at the Hospital --

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26. Much warmer & ice melting rapidly -- some little sprinkling
rain -- Jack T. was taken quite sick last night & remained in bed all of
to-day. An order ~~was~~ issued this A.M. prohibits our receiving hereafter
"The Enquirer, N.Y. Daily News, Chicago Times" and similar papers. Col.
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Woods left yesterday afternoon -- No papers rec. to-day --

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27. Again turning colder -- Will sleep, for the sake of variety, with
H. Price to-night. News still very gloomy. Had been a prisoner seventeen
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months on the 26 inst.

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28. Called upon Lt. Bullock at the hospital -- Ice much stronger
and will become much more so after to-night for it is very cold.
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Rec. a letter from sister Stella enclosing ten dollars (\$10) from
Cousin Pat. Gold quoted at 2.17 ? in N.Y. on yesterday.

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29. Some little snow during the day but almost too cold for a
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deep snow. My letter rec. yesterday from Stella was dated & Post marked
th ^d
11 inst. At this time last year I rec. my letters from L[ouisville] in
from two to five days from date. I cannot now account for the great diff-
erence in time it takes at present. Wrote a reply to Stella's letter.

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No papers rec.

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The N. Y. Times rec. to-day strongly advocates a general exchange.

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30. Very cold -- slight snow during the night. Rec. a letter from my
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mother dated 21 inst. also two "Frank Leslie Pictorials" from my
friend H. T. Duffield in N. York --

Was called upon by Capt. Walton Wa[t]kins son of Judge Watkins of
^d
Little Rock, Arks. He had just rec. a letter from Cousin Pat Joyes to whom
he is related on the maternal side -- Genl. Marmaduke while here spoke to
me in the highest terms of this young man's gallantry -- and particularly
of his bravery during the engagement at Helena Arks. -- Genl. Fagan
mentioned his conduct at this place in a very complimentary manner in
his official report of the battle --

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31. Very cold, with slight snow during a few hours in the morning. The
Lake has been frozen over since the 12th inst. sufficiently strong
to permit persons to walk, & most of the time, as at present, to
ride or drive across. I rec. no letters to-day.
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← January 1865

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1. A bright cold morning. Stood about forty minutes at roll call

& immediately after called upon friend Lt. Waller Bullock who is now sick

in the hospital -- carried him an apple, the first I had seen for months.

Maj. McCreey has just left the hospital and returned to our room -- Adj. C. Wallace Lewis will take the place he has vacated as

steward of Hospital. Rec. a very pleasant letter from Indie and answered same, acknowledging also the receipt of a letter from Ma.

I envy this beautiful day, many I see enjoying the pleasure of skating on the bay. Having occupied an "upper bunk" for more than fourteen months I have made an exchange with Lt. Dunn and will hereafter try the luck of a "lower bunk" commencing to-night.

2. Rec. a very warm hearted letter from my dear "ol" yet very young friend Leal S., dated Xmas day New York and enclosing her ferrotype --

Cloudy but pleasant day -- no important news.

The garrison band has been playing some operatic peices in a most exquisite style.

3. Answered Leal's kind letter, requesting ferrotype of "Sissie".

Price & Phil Allin each received packages of eatables. Delightful

day and good news in regard to prospects of an exchange -- though it may indeed be only "grape" -- Purchased yesterday from the Sutler 2. quires

letter paper, 2 pkges. of envelopes, 5 plugs of tobacco, 66 postage

Stamps --

Lt. Col. Hunley of Ala. made his escape yesterday & up to the present has not been heard from.

The exchange "grape" has certainly added new life to every poor prisoner. I hope (of course I do) that it may be true --

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4. This has been a lovely day and we are now satisfied that a majority of the "trans-Mississippi Dept." prisoners will be removed from here within the next few days whether for exchange or not we are unable to conjecture -- A feeling of great uneasiness has been felt by myself & other friends of Capt W. H. W^m [Wilson] of Louisville on acct. of failure to return to prison after leaving the "pen" this morning -- I cannot force upon myself the belief that he intends to desert a cause he has espoused with such energy and credit to himself for the past three years.

Yet if 'tis so, I do certainly feel that there must really be some palliating circumstances which he has not felt disposed to make known to those who feel a great interest in his welfare. Several express loads were brought over on the ice, which is still very strong and in fine condition for skating.

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5. Rec. a box of eatables from S. Louis, and a cask from Canada for our
mess -- Billy Wilson has without doubt taken the "amnesty" without assigning
any reason to either of his friends. Wrote to sister Stella also received
a letter from here dated 28th Ulto. announcing the approaching marriage of
Honl. James Guthrie & Mrs. Robert J. Ward -- Mrs Lizzie Powell was
married a few days since to Mr. Morris Nash. Lovely day -- During the
afternoon we had a grand muster & inspection -- my honour -- and stood in
line for upwards of an hour.

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6. Found the ground covered with snow at an^d early hour this morning --
it is now noon and still falling & melting nearly as rapidly -- Lt. Rufus
C. Jones of Ala. made his escape from the island on yesterday. The Col. has
offered in the "Sandusky Commercial" 100 Dollars for his capture. Called
upon Lt. Bullock who is yet confined in the hospital & quite sick -- gave
him some apples and lemons -- The change in the atmosphere is very sudden
this afternoon -- as I retire it is very cold and clear. It is rumored that
a general exchange has been concluded between Messrs. Rob. Ould & Mumford --
how true this may be I will not even attempt to conjecture.

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7. Beautiful day -- had my picture taken -- in photographic style by an
artist-amateur -- who had made his aparatus in prison -- Rec. a^d ^{sed} letter

from ---- and one from cousin Indie --

Went for the first time to hear the "Island Minstrels" and heard a most beautiful song entitled "We may meet but we will miss him," also one called "Gentle Kate". While listening to the first I thought of my fond lost brother and could not refrain from dropping a tear -- May God bless him is ever my humble prayer --

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8. Fine weather -- Col. Hunley has been recaptured & returned here.

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Replied to ----s letter of 29 Ult. Saw a letter from Genl. Basil Duke to Sam Mc^dKee which came by way of Knoxville, Tenn. Rec. a communication from Maj. Genl. J. T. Marmaduke who is now at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor.

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9. The transMississippi Officers left to day -- amongst the number was Maj. McCreery of my mess and Lt's. Miller, Lee, Fraim, Roates, & Capt. J. C. Mc Donald & Col. W. M. Poudor of Mo. The day has been cloudy, dark & drear with several attempts to snow --

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10. It commenced snowing during the night -- and we have been having a perfect storm of it the entire day -- It has been with great difficulty that I could get through it to our dining saloon (?). I am much pleased our friends were so fortunate as to get off yesterday. Wrote to Indie

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11. The snow is several inches deep -- bright but very cold day. The most disagreeable duty imposed upon me is to be forced to stand at roll call every morning about 3/4 of an hour. But there seems to be no relief. Of course I shall hereafter "play old soldier" to get an excuse whenever I can -- but have as yet never made any attempt to deceive --

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Rec. a letter from my dear Mother and wrote (but under ground) to Harry T. Duffield enclosing my picture taken in prison on the 7th inst. which I requested him to have photographed -- We are having a very high wind --

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12. Wrote to my Mother -- Very cold. Saw a dispatch announcing that the Galt House L[ouis]ville is in ruins by fire -- also saw the marriage notice of Morris Nash to Lizzie Powell & John Wolfork to Sue Wolfolk.

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13. Stood unusually long at roll call, on a deep bed of snow -- returned to my room nearly frozen as I am thinly clad, with no overcoat and cannot get a permit to send for one. Read the full correspondence between Gov. B. of Ky. & Genl. Burbridge -- also the message of the former.

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14. Rec. a letter from Stella dated 6 but post marked 9 inst. It has somewhat moderated and just before dark this afternoon it has commenced to snow.

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15. A very dull Sabbath -- cold cheerless, abominable weather -- Wrote to Cousin Judith -- Saw from the Commercial that Ned Vernon had married in Campbell Co., Ky. Had a snow cream for dinner and regarded it the greatest imaginable treat.

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16. Clear and quite cool -- No important news. The arrest of Ex Sen, Foote near Alexandria V. on his way to the U.S. lines -- Hol. A. O. P. Nicholson's return to Tenn. has created much wonder -- He and Foote each have sons who are prisoners here and are highly esteemed gentlemen. No letters
^d Pearce made another attempt to escape last night. Had supplied himself with an imitation musket & bayonet & fell in with the guard while making their nightly round.

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17. Have been reading the "Romance of real life" by Mr. Henry Cocktose -- have found it only passable -- not my style -- Wrote to Sam Winston,

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18. Pleasantly cool -- no news or letters.

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19. Rec. a letter from Indie -- a very sad one enclosing photo's of Aunt Indie & young Morton V. Joyes. Col. Bowles spent the afternoon with me -- but left immediately after tea. The fall of F. McAllister has been the chief subject of conversation. Wrote to my dear Mother enclosing per-

mission to purchase for me a pair of shoes --

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20. Weather moderating very much. Was aroused immediately after I had fallen asleep last night by a sentinel at my door who informed me that each room in the block was similarly guarded. An attempt by a party from block 8 to escape had been discovered and the Capt. officer of the day was making thorough search for the participants.

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21. Much warmer with some little rain -- An order has been issued which in a few days will turn my mess out of our quarters. Our rooms are regarded the best in the prison and have been set apart for the infernal scoundrels who have made application to take the oath of allegiance to the U.S. Govt. generally termed "Amnesty". Capt. Minor of La. took tea with me --

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22. Several attempts to rain and only one to escape -- the latter was punished by remaining several hours on the top of a barrel & the former punished us with sloppy & very disagreeable walks. Wrote to Cousin Indie.

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About fifteen East Tenn. political prisoners left to day for "Exchange" so reported -- 7 1/2 P.M. the weather is turning much cooler with high wind --

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23. Windy & much cooler -- Only a few of the Dixie letters rec.

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Rec. a letter from ----.

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24. The telegraph this morning states that Genl. Grant now will have full control of the exchange of prisoners. I once more have hope of speedy release. Wrote to ----. This has been one of the coldest days of the season --

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25. Tomorrow I commence the nineteenth month of my imprisonment. The thermometer stood this morning about 9 A.M., at 4 deg. above zero, & this afternoon, 5 P.M. at 2 degrees above. Jack T. is attempting some kind of tune (?) on the flute; anyone having experienced the music produced by a new beginner upon this favorite instrument can appreciate what I calmly suffer. I am ever willing to submit to any inconvenience so long as it interests a friend & fellow prisoner -- for Heaven knows we have little indeed to keep up our weary spirits. I feel sure Jack will some day be a Master performer if he continues to persevere with vim he at present manifests -- Rec. from Cousin Indie a brief note, dated 17th inst. inclosing a photograph of my dear brother Erskine -- I can never realize his death -- poor fellow his memory shall forever be fondly cherished -- In his death I feel that I have lost my only real friend -- when I except my fond Father & Mother. God bless him -- is my constant prayer -- & I humbly ask that when it may please my Heavenly Father to deprive me of life that I may leave behind me

a character as pure & nobly ^[E] with the love, and regret of such friends
as now mourn my poor dear brother.

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26. The 18th monthly return of my "captive day". The thermometer about
2 deg. above zero this morning but moderating this afternoon. Rec. a paper^d
from Harry Duffield.-- Wrote to my Mother --

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27. Bitter cold day -- Sixteen prisoners left for special exchange this
afternoon -- among the number Col. D. B. Penn of N. Orleans, Lt. Cha. Norvell^s
of Lynchburg, V. and Col. Graham of Texas my friends, ~~among the number~~^a
Rec. a long letter from Cousin Indie & sent several messages to my Father^d
& brother Ned. Jack T. is in very bad health -- I think strong symptoms of
consumption. --

General exchange is still favorably discussed & with great hope that
it will soon commence.

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28. Cold & cloudy -- nothing new.

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29. Weather moderating very much -- Dark & disagreeable -- Wrote to
Cousin Indie --

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30. This morning at roll call we of our mess rec. orders to vacate rooms^d
12- etc. by 12 O'clock A.M. to make room for applicants to take the oath --

This was a severe lick but like good old soldiers we bore our misfortune manfully & soon commenced a hunt for other quarters -- I have been very fortunate & am now located a[t] Mess 2. Room 19 Block no. 2. -- My room mates are clever intelligent gentlemen. Beautiful day.

31st. Still lovely weather & having my new bunk, and all little matters settled I feel content -- Rec.^d a letter from my Mother dated 25th inst. & one from Geo. McKnight from Columbia S.C. of Oct. 25th. The former contained the picture of my little nephew & niece -- excellent likenesses -- Wrote to my Mother.

February

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1st. Bright day -- Rec.^d a letter from Brother Ned dated Oct. 29th at Charlotte'sville V.^a His spirits appear gloomy & mentions troubles which I do not understand.

2^d. We are having a series of lovely days, but the thaw has rendered it very disagreeable under foot. The "sense" of the Senate is reported by Telegraph in this mornings³ paper to favor a general exchange & a resolution to this effect adopted.

2^d. Wrote to Brother Ned enclosing the children's pictures. The letter was taken by (Col. Humphries Maj. Holliday of Nicholas, Co. Ky. Wrote to Stella

^d
3. Raining at an early hour this morning & continued until about 12 M.

Very muddy & sloshy. Two more rooms in block 1. ordered to be vacated in
the next few days -- Saw a letter from Elias D. L^{awrence} to Norvell from Atlanta

Geo:

th ^d
4. Dark gloomy day -- much wind -- Rec. certificate that \$1.50 had been
placed to my credit -- but no letter giving me information whence it came.

Saw the wedding cards of Mr. Beverly Wilson & Miss Charlotte Dunham --

Saw Lawrence's letter to Lt. Jno. Henry Sears --

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5. Wrote to Harry T. Duffield. Very cold & windy -- This afternoon
Maj. Jack Thompson, Harry J. Price &
1 *Maj. Printer^{up?}* left on parole for Elmira, N. York to distribute our Con-
federate supplies to prisoners. Wrote to Mrs. Carrie V. Price also to cousin
Judith Venable -- Quite a change has taken place in the weather -- the wind
since early last evening has been very high & very chilling -- the ground
frozen hard.

th ^d
6. Cool but pleasant -- no wind -- Rec. twelve pages from my old mess
mate Maj. A. J. McCreery the last dated Baton Rouge La. th Jan. 17 on his
trip down to Red River for Exchange --

Exchange news a little favorable this morning -- a statement that three

thousand per month have been negotiated for.

7. th Very cold morning, but slightly moderating this afternoon & commenced
^d snowing. Rec. a letter from Maj. McCreery & a letter from home arrived but
considered contraband in length & refused admittance --

Wrote to Sgt. John A. Byrne at Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill. ^sprison.

8. th The letter considered contraband was from my Mother & upon application
it was sent in to me by Capt. Jno. J. Manor Supt. of Pris. Correspondence.

Snowing again to-day --

9. th ^d Rec. a letter from --- dated Feby. 1. st Answered same to-day -- Snowing
a little to-day, but more pleasant than yesterday -- News of heavy engagement
on the James -- we are acknowledged, in despatch as gaining a position but
"paid dearly for it" -- Moderating & beautiful moon light nights --

10. th Saw a difficulty this morning between Lt. Harman Morgan & a fellow
named Berry who claims to be an officer -- ^d The former rec. three severe
wounds, not fatal, with a bowie knife and the latter had his head badly
bruised with a billet of wood -- Good exchange news -- weather moderating --
Bush Castleman left by taking the oath -- may he be eternally d-d and all
others who do likewise --

11. th Cold, but clear & bright. The wind blew a hurricane again last night -- danger for several hours of unroofed buildings -- During the night snow fell.

12. th Have had severe pains in my breast for some days past. Rec. ^d \$10 from home -- Wrote to my Mother -- Dined with my new room-mates and had an excellent prison dinner --

13. th Lovely weather -- Exch[ange] question "high up", everybody excited, & every imaginable "grape".

14. th Excitement higher than yesterday -- Dick Spalding, Col. McSpadden, Lt. Moon, of Huntsville, Ala., & several others left on "special" -- The former took messages for me -- also Clarke of Miss. Fine day & the promenades thronged with eager listeners to every floating "grape" -- Rec. & Answ. ^d ^d a letter from Cousin Florence J. enclosing me ten doll. ^[over] Have been reading with much pleasure "Lucile" by "Owen Meredith" --

15. th 8 A.M. -- Sleeting -- had sick leave & did not attend roll call -- Wrote by Capt. W. S. Sample of Tenn. to my Father care Hon. E. M. Bruce at Richmond.

16. th About one hundred left to-day on exchange --

^s Lt. Allin & B. H. Dunn of my mess of the number. Several attempts at

rain or snow Commenced with my new mess to eat in our "shanty" -- Wrote to
my th Mother -- Lt. Waller R. Bullock left for Baltimore on on parole --

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17. Dark day -- much exchange excitement -- Rec. ^d a letter from Cousin Indie
^d
dated 3 inst. Lt. Harman Morgan died about 7 P.M. from effects of the
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wound rec. from the hands of a fellow named Tom. Berry --

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18. Berry was placed in irons this morning -- where I hope he may remain
until hung -- for no one more justly deserves such fate -- Smoky weather.

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Rec. a letter from my Mother dated 9 inst. Col. Hill informs us that
squads of one hundred each will leave here at the rate of from one to three
hundred per week --

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19. Wrote to cousin Indie. Dark and somewhat inclined to rain -- Much
exchange excitement. Weather moderating --

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20. Bright, cheerful morning -- One hundred left on exchange -- Dick Hewitt,
Lt. Will H. Harris of Columbus, Miss. -- Lt. Col. William Frierson of Shelby-
ville, Tenn., of my mess with several other of my friends were included.
Mrs. Cummings, mother of Lt. Harman Morgan visited corpse of her son, by
special permit, in this prison -- Lt. Olin H. Lumpkin, Holly Springs from my
mess also left. --

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21. Beautiful day -- Wrote to my Mother. An extra issued announces
the evacuation of Charleston & Wilmington & the fall of Columbia S.C.

The Garrison band honored the event -- The "Pen" is "blue" --

22.^d Cannon were fired to day here in honor of the day and rejoicing over
the evacuation of the cities named yesterday -- Rec.^d a letter from my
Mother and one from Stella -- the latter enclosing five dollars (& some
stamps which only reached the island but not me). Fine weather -- a variety
of grape. I have been reading "Cyrilla" by the author of "Quits" & "Initials"

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23. Rec. a letter from Indie at Shelby, Co., one from Maj. Jack Thompson,
at Elmira, N.Y. The former contained seven stamps -- Fine day but have
been suffering from severe pains in my breast & stomach since 11 O'Clock
last night -- They came on suddenly -- & I have suffered much. Wrote
to Stella.

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24. Lovely day -- About three hundred Rebs were taken away from here
yesterday. Lt. G. M. Stockton & Capt. T. B. Franks of my mess -- Took
Capt. John Cooper, Frank Riggs & Adj. W. D. Chipley in my mess --

th ^d
25. Raining the entire day. Rec. a letter from Harry T. Duffield in
regard to my ferrotypes also one from my Mother dated the 18th inst. She

has been quite unwell but seems to be improving -- Lt. Dudley (Isaac T.)
[and I] are now the sole occupants of our mess room. Quiet indeed &
particularly lonesome.

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26. Very high winds last night and to-day throughout -- Rec. a letter ^d
from B. H. Dunn my former mess-mate. Also one from ---- of the 20 th inst.
[Louisville]
Saw a despatch in the Journal concerning Bob. B--, Howard Smith etc. --

Wrote to my Mother --

th ^d
27. Windy & cloudy & much cooler. Rec a box, left to me by Olin H.
Lumpkin, by making special application to Col. Hill Comdg. Post after I
had been refused by the Surgeon H. Eversman -- Capt. John Cooper of my ~~mess~~
mess has been confined to his room for several days suffering intensely
from some affection of his fingers -- supposed to have been injured while
making a "post mortem" of Lt. Morgan who was killed here a few days since.

Capt. Joseph T. Sessions of Lexington, Holmes Co., Miss. -- Capt.

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18 Miss. Reg. Infy. was my physicia^{tion} during a severe illness on this
Island, and I make this memorandum that I may be enabled to remember
my indebtedness for his kindness & if Possible in some manner to reci-
procate in an appropriate manner at some future day --

← March --

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1. Rec. a letter from my Mother with postage stamps enclosed & dated
^d 23 ^t inst. It announced Sue's arrival at M. Sterling where she awaited
a passport. Mrs. C. had telegraphed that one had been obtained through
Mr. Blair. My Mother seems very anxious and uneasy about me & the possi-
bility of never seeing me again -- She says that "she has given one son, but
it will certainly kill her to be deprived of the second." It is dark &
gloomy weather but pleasantly cool -- I have been confined to my room
since early yesterday with severe pains throughout my whole body -- the
effect of cold --

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2. Rec. a letter from ^aIndie of the 25 Feb. announcing Sue's arrival --
She requests me to write to Miss Jinny Merton, Farmville V. -- Wrote to
sister Sue enclosing my photograph to Indie. The darkest cloud I ever saw
passed over ^[the] Island and over the bay this afternoon making the water look
perfectly black -- but neither did rain fall or wind blow as all antici-
pated -- Many prepared to vacate their blocks in fear of the latter -- One
heavy wind storm is enough for one to experience in such shells as we occupy --
To-night it is very dark & gloomy -- Adj. Chipley commenced rooming with me
to-day --

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3. Fine day -- many of the Port Hudson officers have been out to sign
their paroles for exchange -- The ice in the bay is rapidly breaking up --
from the Island to Cedar Point perfectly clear -- Heard that Dr. Will Galt
has opened his office in L[ouisville]. Ben Anderson committed suicide about
th ^o
27th Ult. in Cincinnati -- Have had a sty on my eye giving me much annoyance --

th ^d
4. Rec. a letter from my Mother with a few lines from Indie included an-
nouncing Jack T.'s letter written by my request; & giving me the address
of Mrs. Joseph T. Morton, Grace, between 1st & Fonster, Rich. V. upon whom
I am to call "with hogsheads of love." The ground early this morning was
covered with several inches of snow; which has since been melting --

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5. Indie desires me to tell Jinny Morton that he[r] Uncle Chase died
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Feby. 10th -- This has been a very quiet, bright day -- the snow & ice
rapidly disappearing Wrote to my Mother -- Have had considerable trouble
with my eyes -- Close confinement & constant reading have done me much
injury --

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6. Lovely weather -- but very muddy under foot -- rendering it too disagree-
able to leave our quarters for necessary exercise -- 300 prisoners are to
leave as soon as they can be "ferried across the bay" -- The Commander of
this post Col. Cha. W. Hill certainly, according to the transactions which

I have had with him, seems to act with uniform courtesy, and in a just and considerate manner while carrying out strictly his orders from Washington -- Of his course I have nothing to make complaint. "Grape" announces the capture in the valley of Early & 1800 troops -- not believed -- also defeat of Sherman with a loss of 30,000 men. Rumors in L[ouisville] that a force of 50,000 are advancing on Nashville under Dick Taylor -- "Grape" in fact is wild to-day -- Ice in the bay remains "in statu quo" but such weather will create a "change of base" ere long.

Read a rare a/c of a masquerade party which took place at Mrs R. W. J's in L[ouisville].

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7. Bright day -- Rec. a letter from Sister Sue contain[ing] 8 C.S. stamps
^d
Went out with a burial party to pay the last respects to my old friend Harman W. Morgan. Ice slowly disappearing -- Wrote to Cousin Indie, took my regulation-
weekly bath & retired after a long & tiresome day --

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8. Cold, windy & sleeting -- The boat made two trips from Sandusky to-day --
th ^d
the first since Dec. 12 -- I was called out to H. Qrs. this afternoon &
signed my parole to go on exchange.

The arrival of the boat caused more excitement than I have seen for months past in our monotonous "Bull Pen" --

9. th ^d Rec. a letter from Cousin Indie dated March 3. ^d am requested to get
Autograph Album from W. P. Johnston with "sentiments." Chilly, dark &
disagreeable day -- Wrote to Ma requesting Sue to learn two songs for
me, "Gentle K" & "The Vacant Chair" The wind is very high --

10. th ^d Rec. a letter from Jack T. dated 25 Feb. -- off Pt. Lookout -- Bay
(C. T. (audensky))
frozen over again & no communication with the City -- Moderating this after-
noon but last night & the early morning were almost as cold as I have ex-
perienced this season -- ^d Rec. yesterday a pair of shoes from home -- they
suit me admirably --

11. th ^d Rec. a letter from H. J. Price from Elmira, N.Y. Wind has been very high
all day -- moving the new ice considerably -- An order issued to-day grants
the privilege for us to purchase any articles of food & clothing, except boots
& military wear, from the sutler -- Gave Chipley Jack's letter to attend to.

12. th Beautiful spring like day. Took several long promenades & had Jim Wilson
(Maj. & AAG) with me to tea -- Wrote to sister Sue --

13. th ^d ^{at} Rec. a letter from my Mother dated 1 inst, sent by Express enclosing
five dollars -- It was a dear, sad letter, rendered so because I am so soon to
participate in the dangers of the field -- God grant she may ever be happy,

regardless of whatever may be my good or bad fortune -- Her teachings and good advice concerning a proper course through life will be strictly followed, and never shall an act of mine cause her a blush of shame. So far as lies within my power I shall try to win, by a proper deportment, the love and esteem of all worthy men with whom I may be thrown in contact and by the grace of Our Heavenly Father I hope to be successful -- Inclination to rain all day, -- and this afternoon turning quite cool -- The boat was enabled to make a trip about noon. The wind is rising (8 O'Clock P.M.) and I fear before morning will return so much ice into the bay as to prevent the boat's running --

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14. Fine spring-like weather -- Three hundred left here for exchange.

^d th
Rec. a letter from ---- dated 6 inst. Wrote to ---- probably my last from here --

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15. Lovely day -- I have just seen the first sailing vessel which has shown itself on the bay during the season -- Great quantity of Express rec. ^d

News decidedly "blue" .

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16. Very high wind all day & some rain -- Large amt. of Dixie Express again; several hundred boxes. Wrote to my Mother --

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17. Wind very high -- clear but becoming cloudy as night approaches --

Jerome Clark announced hung -- and if all I hear is true I think he deserves to be -- Col. Bowles has been busy during the day distributing the "Genl. Beal" supplies of clothing -- I have been terribly "blue" since yesterday, but cannot ascribe it to any particular cause -- general dipression I suppose.

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18. Last night we experienced for several hours a terrific wind storm which equalled the one on the memorable Friday night -- I vacated my [room?] and took up my quarters with a friend on the lower floor -- The [consternation?] equalled that witnessed before --

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Rec. a letter from Sue -- she "cannot remain more than a few months absent from " --

Mrs. Tyler had never noticed her note on her son's letter -- She was to go to Newport for a day or two. Had written to Mrs. E. M. Bruce & sent her husband's pictures -- but learned that Mrs. B. had gone South. Rather calm & bright this afternoon -- Quantities of "Dixie" tobacco ^d see. -- Have had severe head-ache the entire day -- The Journal (Louisville) advocates in its issue on the 16th that exchange should cease -- in consequence of correspondence between Genl. Wade Hampton & Genl. Sherman --

I'm opposed -- decidedly -- Wonder if I can't engage Prentice to take my place for a few months -- he would then agree with me, fully, that this is

no happy mode of worrying through life --

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19. A beautiful, calm, quiet day -- but no interesting news of any "sort".

The "bull pen" was lively with new uniform[s?], enjoying the lovely spring sunshine. Wrote to my Mother --

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20. Bright, pleasant day -- scarcely a cloud to be seen. Rec. ^d my share of the "Bruce" tobacco --

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21. Raining this morning -- Dined, yesterday, with Col. T. W. Baxter, & Capt. Latiné. Chipley "took up" his quarters as Steward of Hospital. Three hundred prisoners left for exchange -- many of my particular friends included. Sent messages by Capt. J. A. Ross, Hempstead, T. Berry, & Lt. E. C. McDowell, Capt. John Fellowes & Maj. Tho. Hollingsworth of Baltimore. Wrote to Cousin Judith Venable -- As night approached a very black lowering cloud came over our "pen" and I apprehended another tornado; but it proved to be surcharged with rain rather than wind and poured down upon us showers of rain --

I sincerely hope I may never see another tempest while I occupy my present unfortunate quarters --

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22. After ^d had retired last night a most terrific wind ^d commenced blowing --

almost tearing the roofs from every building in the pen and continues with great fury the entire of to-day. No letters or important news.

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23. Unable to resist the effect of the high wind last night I changed my quarters to a friend's room (Frank Pope's) in a more safe locality & where I had a sweet sleep free from all interruptions -- Rec. a letter from my Mother of the ^d 12th inst. There seems to be no inclination with old "Boreas" to cease his blowing -- His music is anything but a soporific melody whe[n] we know the un-safety of our buildings -- Wrote to Harry Duffield --

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24. The wind lulled at an early hour last night & since then we have had a calm -- but a dense cloud hangs over us, like a sickly incubus, threatening heavy showers of rain -- The papers, this morning, report a fight near Raleigh N.C. The result not definitely given, but sufficient to make it appear favorable for us --

th ^d
25. Pleasant weather -- but indications of an early rain. Rec. a letter from Maj. A. J. McCreery at Shreveport, La. on the eve of his departure for Texas -- Also letters from Mother, Indie and sister Stella -- Uncle Tho. Joyes' health I regret to hear is rapidly failing -- "Old Pap" (Stevenson from M.) took the "amnesty" after two years and seven months imprisonment --

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26. Pleasant day -- engaged a new cook -- Wrote to my Mother. This is
the closing day of twenty months imprisonment.

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27. Turning much cooler, the wind direct from the N. East. We anticipated
orders to day to prepare for our departure, but as none were issued a more
weary, disagreeable day never has passed -- & long beyond calculation -- No
important news but "grape" in quantities --

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28. Cloudy but pleasant. All of us quite disappointed that we have not
^d rec. the long looked for orders -- ^{t s} Dined with L. Cha. Powell, Capt. Mathews,
Capt. Packwood & several others at P.'s room --

Wrote to sister Sue.

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29. Had Chipley & Cooper to dine with me -- Have been quite unwell since
early last night. A billious attack with neuralgia -- Could not partake of
dinner myself but attended under much discomfort on a/c of invited guests --
Has been raining all day and every thing around looks gloomy here --

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30. Very high N. East wind all day & night -- Confined all day to my bed
with neuralgia & chilly sensations -- To ^o unwell to write home by to-day's
mail --

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31. Lovely day, but still confined to my bed -- but much better. I think

I will surely be able to leave my room to-morrow. Ben Thomas of Shelbyville Ky. took the amnesty this morning -- Bob Rollins has just brought me some fresh eggs & tea which he "thinks will do me good" -- As taps are sounding the wind is rising very high from South West --

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April 1. No letters yet from home although I requested that none of my relatives should anticipate my departure -- From their last letters some days since I inferred that they would surely have me many miles down in "Dixie" even before I had made preparations to leave prison -- The wind is again very high this morning but the sun shines brightly -- I left my room for breakfast this morning -- and am feeling almost well. No "blow" this afternoon --

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2. Lovely weather, calm and bright -- I had a very bad night past with a severe attack of coughing and a return of the neuralgia -- Have remained again nearly the entire day in my bed unable to partake of any food. Lt. Cha. Powell, Maj. Winchester, Maj. Belden have kept me company -- No news, and to-day no mail has been brought in -- Wrote to my Mother --

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3. An "extra" to-day announces the fall of Richmond and the entrance by

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Genl. Wirtzel & forces at 8. A.M. -- I am still quite unwell, and have a very severe cough which gives me considerable pain -- Lt. Redd commenced

to room with me this evening --

A confirmation of the above report has been rec.^d this afternoon with the additional news that the City is on fire --

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4. No further particulars from V. to-day -- Fine weather -- but I am still unable to leave my room -- my cough seems as bad as ever giving me a great deal of pain & trouble -- No letters. I am much surprised that I can get none -- Wrote to my Mother --

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5. There is among the Federals Great rejoicing here over the fall of Rich.^d -- Salutes have been fired and the band discoursed the National airs -- I am improving; but my cough still annoys me much -- Dr. Eversman called upon me at my room to-day -- Still no letters from home.

"Grape" is tumbling with the news that a large squad has been ordered & will be sent on exchange in a day or two by way of Vicksburg Miss. ~~for exchange.~~
The weather is really charming -- We have, indeed been blessed with a series of lovely days. Rec.^d this afternoon through Col. L. E. Hunter of Clinton, La. a message from Cousin Emma Bell (Née Edgerton) --

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6. High S. wind all last night, cloudy a portion of to-day with several attempts to rain -- but this afternoon it is clear & bright & calm -- Genl. A. P. Hill is mentioned in this morning's dispatches as having been killed --

Wrote to ----. My cough is improving.

As night closes over us the wind is rising again with every prospect that we are to have another terrific "blow" from the South West.

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7. An extra to-day announces the capture of six or seven Genl. Officers taken on Gen. Lee's retreat from R[ichmond]. South West wind very high all the night past & during the entire of to-day -- Still confined to my room. Dr. Cooper, Tabb, Salter, Loveless and several others were removed from prison, I suppose, to Cincinnati -- They were witnesses of the Morgan murder by "Berry" who it is stated will be tried at Cin[cinnati] -- He (Berry) was taken with the above mentioned party --

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8. No letters yet -- Clear calm, & bright morning but I do not feel well enough to enjoy its beauties -- I find that I am in error concerning the party which left yesterday -- they have been forwarded to "Dixie", via Cairo, Ills. The prisoner was in irons --

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9. Sunday -- Cloudy, but calm & pleasant. Wrote to Cousin Judith V.

No letters.

It commenced snowing this afternoon & up to a late hour we are having a severe snow storm, & high wind from N. East. Col. Hill Com^d t. of Post has

returned after several days absence, during which time L. Col. Palmer^t
has been in Com.^d

10.th To-day's paper announces that Genl. Robt. E. Lee surrendered on yesterday
with the entire Army of Northern V.^a The Federals are firing a salute of two
hundred guns -- & flags are flying from every house top -- The band is
playing National airs, and the Rebs are gloomy -- The day is cloudy but
calm & pleasant. My cough is much better, but gave me considerable trouble
last night -- Great God how many disasters are yet in store for us -- we have
heard of nothing else for weeks -- Notwithstanding the gloom which now seems
to surround us I have full faith that the cloud's silver lining will soon dis-
pell the darkness and leave us a future truly bright & glorious -- Let us all
be but true to ourselves and there can be no fear as to the final result, which
I feel must terminate as I have so long hoped --

11.th Dull, rainy disagreeable day -- There is a rumor that Genl. Jo. E.^s
Johnston has surrendered his army -- Wrote to my Mother. My cough does not seem
to improve.

12.th About four hundred & fifty new arrivals here last night from N. V. Army --
I have taken into my room 1st Lieut. Battles of the Washington Arty. Very
high winds all day --

13. th Fine, pleasant day -- ^d Rec. a letter from th Indie and one from Adj. C. W.

Lewis from Fort McHenry. I answered the former --

14. th ^d Rec. a letter from th Indie of the 9 th inst. which afforded me much

gratification -- At retreat this afternoon a national salute was fired of thirty-six guns -- Just after dark the houses on the outside of the "Bull Pen" were all illuminated -- and fire works of all kinds were displayed in grand profusion -- the band during the entire evening discoursing music -- A general rejoicing, thanksgiving etc. among the Federals -- The day has been bright & clear yet I am unable to say the same for myself -- just the reverse I have much cause for regret and despondency -- and yet I feel justly proud that I have endeavored to perform my duty in what I will ever consider a noble cause. I must conclude that now we have lost all -- but I can never be deprived of the pleasure it will always afford me to revert to [the] bravery and skill shown by our gallant armies in the field.

15. th How little indeed do we know what a day may bring forth -- Yesterday throughout this country there was general rejoicing, and to-day sadness and mourning throughout -- An Extra this morning announced that The President Abraham Lincoln was attacked by an assassin while at the theater in Washington from the effects of which he died this morning at 7.22 A.M. Mr. Seward the

Secretary of State was also attacked last night and stabbed three times in the throat and died this morning at 9.45 -- The Post flag, and also those in Sandusky have been at 1/2 mast since -- Our officers all regard the death of Mr. L. as a sad blow to our future -- for we were fully impressed with the belief that his policy would be lenient -- The early part of the day was clear & pleasant but as night approaches we have every indication of rain --

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16. No rain has fallen -- The day has dawned brightly & every thing is passing quietly -- Our future seems more shrouded in gloom than ever -- Wrote to Indie (dated th17.).

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17. Fine weather -- No letters. The assassin has not been captured -- Retired very early before dark hoping that I can gain some advantage over my cough by bringing on a perspiration --

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18. Thirty thousand dollars is offered for the apprehension of President Lincoln's assassin. We have a series of lovely days. Have just heard that

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Capt. Rich. Hewit died one week after his arrival from here in Richmond, V. ^a

He was my friend -- a clever gentleman and a good soldier truly devoted to

the cause for which he has devoted his life -- Imprisonment brought on the

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disease which proved fatal -- Wrote to my Mother -- Rec. a letter yesterday

from sister Stella --

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19. No very important news. A high East wind all day -- I am taking some
medicine -- a prescription from Dr. Eversman -- which causes such a nausea that
I have not been able to leave my room since morning -- My cough seems to be
improving -- I have lost considerable flesh and feel much debilitated.

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20. Friday -- no important news -- Wrote to my Mother, also rec. ^d one
letter from her dated th 12. inst. I have been quite sick all day but feel
better to-night --

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21. Rained during last night but clear & sultry early this morning Late
this afternoon dense clouds are gathering with high S. W. wind Heard of the
death of Lt. Jo. Goldsborough -- was killed shortly after reaching his command
after leaving this prison a few weeks since -- Rec. ^d a letter from ---- dated
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15 inst. -- The papers announce Col. Moseby's surrender, also Genl. Rosser's
proposal to do like-wise -- I feel much improved to-day -- but much reduced
in flesh & strength --

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22. The wind from the West has been very high since early last night -- The
roofs of nearly all the blocks are trembling -- I am improving slowly --
Nothing very interesting in morning papers -- & no letters --

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23. A quiet, semi bright day -- Rec. a letter from ---- which I answered --

Remained throughout the day in my room reading some old periodicals of

1850 & 51 --

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24. Fine day. Met an old Greenville friend & have invited him to accept
a place in my room which he has accepted with his friend who I have found to be
an intelligent clever gentleman. their names are Robt. Sims, ^t st adj. 21 Miss.
Regt. of Infty. & Capt. Brandon, same regt. An offer has been tendered to all
in the "Bull Pen" to take the amnesty and return to their homes -- Wrote to
Stella --

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27. Nothing has transpired within the past few days -- we have been having
some beautiful weather -- Many are making application for the "amnesty" but so
long as a C. S. Army remains in the field under J. E. Johnston Genl. I shall
not even consider the matter -- Wrote to Indie --

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28. At an early hour this morning it commenced to rain and a dull, dreary
disagreeable day we have passed. Booth the [assassin of Lincoln] is by
telegraph reported killed --

No important news from any quarter -- Had a severe attack of bilious
collick last night.

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29. The telegraph announces the surrender of Genl. Jo. E. Johns^s[t]on's Army

and all forces under his command. The day is clear and bright but, under our many defeats all prisoners are gloomy indeed. Many applications for the amnesty are being made --

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30. This morning all who applied yesterday are giving in their occupations, previous to the war, to the officer Supt. of prison Rolls -- Wrote to Uncle Tho. Joyes requesting him to forw. ^d me means for transportation home & for the purchase of a citizens^s suit. Most glorious weather, but in a mind unfit to enjoy anything --

← May

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1. Bright, sunny weather. Genl. Dick Taylor is reported to have surrendered his forces upon the same terms extended to Genl. Lee. Very few among the prisoners refuse to take the amnesty oath. The cause for which we have served faithfully for four years I now regard as hopeless, and further resistance entirely useless --

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2. Cloudy but pleasant morning -- & throughout the day -- The "Bull Pen" is nearly unanimous on taking the oath. Lt. Col. Bowles, Maj. Robt. Styles still advocate "waiting" -- which few are inclined to accept as their cause --

I have written to my Mother & rec.^d a letter from her this morning

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dated Ap. 24.

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3. Lovely Spring like day. Very few now remain who have not taken the oath
or rather applied for it. Nothing interesting from any quarter.

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4. Rec. a letter from Elias dated Abingdon V. Feb 12. The first from him
since his departure -- Cloudy morning. President Johnson offers (as an-
nounced by telegraph this morning) a reward of one hundred thousand dollars for
the capture of Jeff. Davis and twenty five thousand each for Jake Thompson of
Miss., Geo. N. Sandry, C. C. Clay and others.

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5. Clear & warm all day but commenced clouding rapidly about 8 P.M. and
was raining hard with much thunder & lightning about 9 P.M. & throughout the
night -- Number of prisoners in "Bull Pen" up to 12 M. to-day 2816 -- of which
number 2398 have made application for the Amnesty -- leaving only 418 --

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6. Raining hard this morning & quite chilly -- had roll call in our rooms --
the majority of the surplus reb's have applied since noon yesterday --

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Rec. a letter from Ned dated Abingdon, V. March 16 -- Wrote on the 4
to Cousin Judith.

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7. Beautiful weather. Rec. Ma's kind favor of the 1. Nothing of interest

transpiring -- Wrote to Ma --

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8. Pleasant weather -- Lt. Col. Robt. Breckenridge arrived from Columbus Ohio where he had been confined closely for seventy one days -- I took him to "bunk" with me for the night --

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9. Beautiful & bright weather -- Rec. a letter from ---- dated 2^d inst. Had a general inspection of Qrs.

The impression now prevails that we shall not get away from here until
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June 1. Wrote to Sister Sue --

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10. Lovely day with nothing new to record.

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11. Rec. a letter from Cousin Pat by Express containing ten dolls^[or] and a kind favor of the 5th from Indie. Answ. each in one to the latter -- Fine, bright day -- An order, releasing all who applied for the oath before the fall of Richmond, has been issued -- & they will probably be sent away to-morrow --

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12. About sixty were released from here to-day -- Bright spring weather --

No news --

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13. Cloudy morning, but no rain fell during the day -- Lt. Frank Riggs &

Lt. M. M. Benton C. Navy commenced rooming with me --

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14. rained hard all night & continued until early this morning -- It has been cloudy since but no rain -- Wrote to my Mother.

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15. The bay this morning was enveloped in a dense fog & long before the boat reached the shore we could hear the shrill steam whistle indicative of important news -- and at 25 minutes to 8 A.M. we rec. the intelligence that Pres. Jeff. Davis C.S. had been captured at or near Macon, Geo. Rec. a letter from Cousin Pat Joyes in reply to one I wrote Uncle Tho. I learn since writing the above that the capture was made at Irvingsville, Geo.

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16. Wrote to Cousin Pat & sent the letter by Capt. Malcolm who left here this morning -- Bless me! how melting the weather is -- Though occupying the coolest room in this delightful spot, it has been difficult to pant through the intense heat. No news, no letters, & no nothing -- in fact this has been a most disagreeable day -- and not a pleasant thought can we as yet ~~can we~~ anticipate for the future; all look gloomy enough -- Wrote to Hon. Ja. L. Speed Atty. Genl. to secure his assistance in obtaining my release from prison --

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17. Raining nearly the entire day -- No news --

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18. Wrote a note to Capt. J. J. Manor to have sent in to me my copy of
the "Schönberg-Cotta Family" -- It is very cloudy, windy, & raw this
morning -- Adj. W. P. Chipley left this afternoon for his home Lexington, Ky.
Wrote to Ma.

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19. Frequent showers during the day with intervals of bright sunshine -- No
news. Have been reading the "Diary of Mrs. Kitty Frevelyan" by the author of
the "Terra-cotta family". For a christian female the little work I think
would be excellent reading -- About seventy five men discharged from prison
this morning.

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20. Lovely weather, bright & cheerful -- No news --

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21. Fair weather, and a most delightful breeze the entire day -- cooling &
pleasant. Having rec. no letters for many days I declined writing by the usual
mail for I knew of nothing under the Sun that could afford any one the least
pleasure or interest -- besides I am feeling too blue to inflict a relative
or friend with my gloomy thoughts --

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22. The morning telegraph announces that the President's proclamation has been
reviewed at the Cabinet meeting & has been ordered printed "immediately -- I
suppose we shall have it to-morrow. Sent a letter to Sue by Lt. Col. Robt.

Breckenridge who took the oath & left this morning -- Col. McGammy of Memphis, with about eight others were released upon the oath but they are no less than deserters, having applied for the oath before the fall of Richmond & while Genl. Lee's & Johnson's Armies were still in the field & evidently, then, had no intention of giving up the struggle. This is a glorious day, bright & pleasant, but my desire to get home makes it seem long indeed --

23. Rec. Cousin ^dIndie's favor of the 16th inst. Answered same. Weather very pleasant. Removed our stove. We are most anxiously awaiting the President's proclamation -- Rec. two Pictorial papers from Harry Duffield -- Indie mentions Sue's visit to Mrs. P. -- The above mentioned papers are probably from Edward Preston as I hear he is in N. Y. --

24. th It has been raining to-day & is quite cool -- Yesterday & to-day the "Grand Review of the Federal Armies" near Washington D.C. takes place -- Splendid arrangements have been made in Washington to give the President, & other distinguished personages a fair view of the "Veterans" as they march through Penn. Avenue.

The Amnesty oath has not been administered to prisoners leaving for the past few days except in special cases -- The Oath of Allegiance was granted instead by order from the War Dept.

Col. [blank] De Mass of Nashville leaves by Special to-morrow.

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25. Quite cool & we have unfortunately removed our stove -- No letters
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rec. by me. Have spent the day reading the "Shonberg-Cotta-family" -- Wrote
to my dear Mother --

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26. Very windy, dusty but pleasantly warm -- Nothing new.

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27. Rec. a letter from my Mother dated 23 inst. announcing my Father's
arrival in L[ouisville] on last Sunday night. ^{previous}, Sue had returned
from N. York. Weather bright and pleasant.

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28. This is a lovely, quiet Sunday. I have now advanced two days into my
twenty third month's captivity & with no bright prospects of an early release --
wrote to Ma.

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29. A little cloudy but pleasant Capt. William Brailsford of Savannah,
Geo. leaves on special oath to-morrow for home, via N. York. Discharged, yester-
day, our cook James Ward for unruly conduct The papers announce that an
Amnesty has been granted to all persons who have been confined "for the war"
by Military Courts & confined at the Dry ^[illegible word] & elsewhere -- the[y]
^[Chicago]
are to be immediately released --

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30. Wrote a brief note to Harry Duffield by Capt. Brailsford. I arose at
5 P.M. this morning & found a lovely, clear sunny morning -- Rec. ^d an express
letter from Cousin Pat enclosing twenty dollars, & ans^d. same -- Oppressively
hot this afternoon --

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31. Very warm & but little breeze. Lt. M. M. Benton C.S.N. of my mess has
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rec. an order to leave to-morrow morning at 7 A.M. for his home. The Amnesty
proclamation of President Johnson was issued on the 29th and rec. ^d here by
telegraph on yesterday.

← June

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1. Bright, sunny day and the weather most oppressively warm. Wrote to my
Father by Lt. M. M. Benton who will mail it at Cincinnati -- Also wrote to
Cousin Indie --

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2. And order rec. from Genl. Grant directs that transportation be furnished
prisoners to their homes after taking the Amnesty oath --

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3. Still very hot, and no news. A very quiet day --

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4. Rec. a letter from Cousin Florence Joyes announcing that she had seen
Genl. Grant in person who promised to have me released immediately -- also a
letter from Dr. B. W. Dudley at Lexington, Ky.

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Answ. the former -- Dined with Lt. H. A. Battles Washington Artillery of
N[ew] O[rleans].

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5. Much more comfortable than for a few days past, as we have had a pleasant

breeze. Lt. Albert Berry rec. ^dorders to leave for Newport, Ky. on to-morrow --

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6. Very hot all day -- No^d orders to leave & no letters rec. Wrote to Dr.

B. W. Dudley, Lexington, Ky --

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7. About 2 O'Clock P.M. we had a most refreshing shower lasting about one

hour, with thunder & lightning agreeably interspersed. The night is glorious

for sleeping sweetly --

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8. Pleasant weather. From ten to twelve prisoners are being released per day

during the past week, on special orders -- Russworm left for Louisville this

morning -- Wrote to my Mother --

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9. Ang^d order was rec. & read to prisoners by Col. Cha. W. Hill Com. of

Post releasing all now confined in prison below the rank of M^aj. in the Army

& Capt. in the Navy except such as had been educated at the Navy schools at

Annapolis, or at West point -- We had a heavy storm during the afternoon --

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10. Lt. Isham T. Dudley of my mess left by special order to-day -- Delightful

weather.

11th Went out to H. Qrs. & signed several rolls & the oath this morning --

settled my a/c & am now ready to leave to-morrow for Louisville, Ky.

21th Rec^d a letter from Harry T. DePied
enclosing eight photostatic copies of my
pictures taken in this prison & sent
him — Also rec^d a letter from my
mother, enclosing fourteen stamps.
Fine weather — Wants to — — — enclosing
my pictures.