

THE JOURNAL OF EMMIS DUNCAN, Junior  
Orderly Sergeant,  
16th Regiment, Kentucky Militia Detached

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PREFACE

"So now Brave Boys  
I'll bid you adieu  
And go no more  
To the Wars with you."

Ennis Duncan, Jr. began his "Journal" on Wednesday, September 8, 1814 in high spirits, a young soldier of the Kentucky Militia off to the wars. He wrote the last entry on his return home on Sunday, April 15, 1815, concluding with the note "For I still have the Rheumatism which I got on Christmas & expects to be a Cripple with it all my Life." In between he records a social history which even the keenest imagination could not conjure.

As a soldier, Sgt. Duncan was devoted to his duty and gives ample evidence of being able to carry his rather extensive responsibilities with care and attention. As a man, Sgt. Duncan views his surroundings as he saw them, without injecting the veneer of a literary technician or the romance wrought by patriotic fervor. On more than one count, this journal is a mirror in which are reflected the many facets of military life on the War of 1812 frontier. Though its writer never fired a shot in battle nor had any other exciting military experience, a window on the war is opened wide through which we may gaze into the habits, discipline, problems, and thoughts of servicemen of the War of 1812.

Comparable only to the journal of Dr. Joseph Gardner Andrews, kept during the Indian Wars of the last decade of the 18th century (and in much the same circumstances), the Duncan Journal is unique in that it goes beyond the realm of most of the commentary usually found in diaries and journals kept by other soldiers. Though some evidence seems to indicate that the text was recopied at a later date, there is no evidence that the narrative was "illuminated" by an afterglow. Even so, it makes for interesting reading and there is no need to indicate those parts of the journal which are of especial importance.

The transcription which follows is unedited, except for a spacing of sentences, clauses, and phrases to make it more easily read. Mr. John O. Marsh has completed a complete editing of this manuscript which now awaits publication.

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JOURNAL  
of  
Ennis Duncan Junr. Odly Sgt. in Capt Logan's  
Company 16th Regt. Ky M Detach'd  
on a  
CAMPAIGN  
into  
UPPER CANADA  
in the winter of  
1814 & 1815  
Containing all the Regimental - Detachment  
Garrison And General Orders  
Delivered to the Regiment  
On its March and  
in Quarters  
To which is added  
the proceedings of the different  
Courts Martial  
of said Regt

8th September

1814

- Rendezvous'd at Washington a Cloudy day & some little rain,  
marchd to Maysville took water and saild all night
- 9th Landed at Newport at 12 OClock & took up our lodging in the Garrison  
of Nport -- wrote home by James Vickers
- 10th Afraid that some animals with many legs had an older right than what  
we claimed, and not being willing to contend for rights with our new  
Neighbours, we gave up peaceably and marchd out and formed a temporary  
encampment nearly one mile above Nport on the Bank of the Ohio -- and  
in the Evening Drew our first whiskey Rations from Uncle Sam
- 11th Drew the first rations and mov'd Encampment to the back of Newport on  
the Bank of Licking

Newport Ky 11th Sepr 1814

Regimental Order

The Commandants of Companies in the 16th Regt Ky  
M Detachd, will proceed forthwith to the reception of  
Substitutes

Signed Andrew Porter Comdg 16th Regt Ky M

ADjt Newton will deliver this Order to the Comdts of  
Companies

Sunday

- 12 Movd Encampment to one Mile above Newport on the Bank of the Ohio for  
the sake of Better Water, a very warm Day
- 13th This day when we were drawing rations there was five or six of the  
men belonging to the Regt that wanted to fight me but some of my own  
Company being present took my part wrote home by Wm Campbell, and  
Wm Bloxsom enclosd a 10 Cent peice to John R Duncan
- 14th Laying still in Camp Very warm Weather

- 15th We was inspected & no fault found to any one Laying still in Camp  
Eating and Drinking
- 17th Making some preparations To March

Head Quarters Nport Ky 17th Sept 1814

Regimental Order

Ordered that each Capt, with his Company parade on tomorrow morning, at 5 OClock, opposite the Garrison at Nport to cross the River Ohio, on their March to Detroit

Signed Andrew Porter Lieut Col 16th Regt  
Ky M Detached

The ADjt will see the above order executed A Porter Lieut Col  
This day a mutiny appeared to be rising in Camp on account of drawing no pay, before we crossed the River; a Man came by our lines, persuading the Company not to cross; untill we received at least one months pay none of our Officers being present I was just going to put him under guard --- but Lieut. Wood hearing the disturbance stepped up and ordered him away also gave me orders to watch him & if he stoped in our company to put him immediately under Guard --- wrote home in the Evening

Sunday

- 18th Crossd the Ohio & marchd 6 mile & encampd Camp pleasant Camp No 1 on Mill Creek
- 19th Marchd 11 mile & encampd at the sign of the Mairmad[?] --- Camp No 2
- 20th Marchd 17 milo though Swampy wet ground mud sometimes to the Knees --- a very wet night which wet us completely to the skin but no deeper Camp No 3 on Dicks Creek
- 21st Marchd 4 mile to Franklin through mud enough enough halted drew rations & eat Breakfast at 12 oclock then marchd 5 mile farther through mud & rain mud to Knees & wet to the skin Camp No 4 on the Big Miamnee

22nd Marchd 15 mile to Dayton a fine day but muddy Marching Camp No 5

Camp Miami 22nd Sept 1814

# Regimental Order

Any person belonging to my Regiment detected in pillaging, or marching disorderly between this & their place of destination, or while under my Command shall be dealt with for such pillaging in the most rigid manner; and for such disorderly manner of march they shall positively be corrected, and all Capt of Companies are strictly enjoined to keep their men within the bounds of their respective Companies, unless sick or lame, in which case they are to be placed in front which will enable them to march more at their ease

It is farther orderd that Benedict Bacon Junior Capt in the second Battalion take rank as such &c

Signed Andrew Porter Lt Col 16th  
Regt Ky M Detachd

Note this order was issued the morning of the 22nd before we marchd from Camp Miami -- The remainder of the Order will [be] found amongst the proceedings of the Courts Martial -- E D --

23rd Lay at Dayton and Drew a few stand of arms, also a mutiny appeared again to be rising in Camp on account of not receiving any pay this Disturbance was most amongst the Substitutes Countersign fine times

24th Marchd from Dayton at 12 OClock and marchd 12 mile and encamped near Tatmans Pararie Camp No 6 -- passed through 3 pararies the 2 first very muddy sometimes to the Knees -- this Day as soon as we took up the line of march J l h 8 G 3 6 g 22 s [obviously a code name] refused to carry Arms also disobeyed & Cusd the Capt I was ordered to put him under Gaurd & marchd him about one mile under Gaurd -- the first disgrace in Capt Logans Comp this night some of the [men] made free to pillage some pork

Camp Big pararie 24th Sept 1814

Regimental Order

The Col. Commandant has viewed with no small degree of astonishment the desertion from this Regt -- disgraceful to freemen & particularly so to Kentuckians heretofore famed for their patient faithfulness in the discharge of evry duty assigned them by their Country to put a stop to so disgraceful conduct orders that each Comdt. of Companies shall without delay make out & deliver to the ADjt. a correct list of each absentee as accurately as possible that they may be advertised & treated as the Law Directs --

Signed Andrew porter Lt Col 16th Regt Ky M

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Camp Big pararie 25th Sept 1814

Regimental Order

Viewing with indignation & regret the abominable and detestable practice of stealing and having been informed that many things were stolen last night by some of the men under my Command I do hereby order that the whole Camp be searched & examined to ascertain the perpetrators of this shocking practice --

Signed Andrew Porter Lt Col 16th Regt Ky M D

Sund.

25 This morning a search was made through Camp Capt Logans Compy was very willing that their camps should be searchd Passed the big meadows and several small pararies Marchd 14 mile and encamped at Camp No 7 Close by Springfield -- Crossd Bucks fork of Mad River this day better roads than any we have had for some time back

26th Marchd 14 mile to Urbanna and encampd, at Encampment No 8. passed through several pararies some parts of the road muddy enough this day the Fife Major & one of the Fifers put under Gaurd for going into a water-millon patch

- 27th Lay at Urbanna a Court Martial held to try some men for stealing I was appointed provo whilst on duty was taken sick and had to be relieved or was rather dismissed by the president before another was appointed Countersign Attention
- 28th Still Laying at Urbana a Soldier belonging to the 2nd tried to force past the Centinel & got the Bayonet of the Centinel run in his Groin his Life but poor hopes of -- wrote home by mail this day feels as well as usual
- 29th Appointed provo to the Court for the trial of Wm Bray the Centinel who ran the Bayonet in the man Groin on yesterday he was Cleared -- this day drew Arms -- also one months pay Countersign Liberty
- 30th Again acted provo -- this Day David McIlvain of Capt Logans Company taken with fits, also wrote home by mail this evening after Dark the good news came in Camp by a handbill which came into Urbanna in the evening that the British on Lake Champlain was Conquered by the Americans -- Countersign Hallelujah

October 1814

- 1st This Day the Mail brought into Urbanna the Official account that the British on Lake on Lake Champlain was Conquered by the Americans -- the Regt Marchd up in Town & Fird by Division in the public Square Marchd back to Camp & illuminated it with our ration Candles some of the candles was hoisted to near to tops of the Trees & cut a respectable figure -- we had not Candles enough to illuminate to our mind & some of the Regt went in Town to buy some & the best answer they got was go to Camp & make use of them that you have put up in the tops of the Trees -- & the town did not light one Candle on the account Countersign Rejoice

Sunday

2nd Acted as provo again -- John Low of Capt Logans Company discharged on account of inability -- wrote home by J Low & inclosed a small Bill Countersign Move

3rd Took up the line of March at half past 4 OClock P M and March 3 mile on dry pararie roads & encamped at Camp No 9 on Kings Creek -- PS at Urbanna our our Waggon was discharged (on account of reports that the roads was impassible for Waggon) and pack horses procured for the conveyance of our baggage, and this evening to see the capers of the horses was indeed laughable some pulling back some falling down some juping and runing forward & some breaking loose and others runing away & Camp Kettles Tin pans Tents &c flying & tossing about

4th October 1814

Regimental Order

Sir you are hereby ordered to March the 16th Regt. at 9 OClock A M to Wm Newels Esqr Draw your rations & wait for further Orders

To Major Stephen Thresher  
Comdt 1st Batn 16th Regt Ky M D

Signed Andrew Porter Lieut Col  
16th Regt Ky M Det

4th Marchd with a quick stop through several muddy pararies had often to pick our stops 8 mile and encampd at Newels Camp No 10 drew rations & eat Breakfast with a good appetite -- regulations was made for us to draw at Kings Creek but some disappointment prevented the provision from coming on & so the Regt had to March on with out their Breakfast Countersign Lexington

5th Marchd 10 mile to Manary as hard as we could go & never halted to take wind untill we got to Manary there we halted about 2 minutes then

marchd 2 mile further to Camp Manary No 11 on Cherry Creek now in the  
 midst of Indians settlements this day Marchd through a great many muddy  
 pararies & some Oak woods also seen the first Indians that we have seen  
 on our March A wet & rainy day which made the roads in the Oak wood  
 slippery & pararies muddy Countersign Winchester

6th

Camp Manary 6th October 1814

#### Regimental Order

The Col. Comdt. of the 16th Regt. feels mortified to find that the march of said Regt. is totally inconsistent to all order and in violation of a heretofore Order prohibiting firing it is now expressly and positively enjoined on all comdts of Companies to keep their men within the bounds of their respective Companies as well on march as in Camp -- to use their utmost diligence in preventing their men from firing as well as to suppress profane and Vulgar language

At the beating of Taptoo a perfect silence must & shall prevail through Camp -- The Regt. will fall in order of March from the orders of the ADjt. the front of which will up such step step as shall enable the rear to keep a regular march with them they will take up the [line] of march at 8 OClock A M

Signed Andrew Porter Lieut Col Comdt 16th Regt Ky M D

6th A smart white frost this morning marchd 11 mile to Camp Dillen No 12  
 through very muddy ground often over the knees the Cols. horse got mired  
 and stuch for sometime 2 Waggons that was in company on their way to  
 Sandusky Stalld so often that they did not get up to their Encampment this  
 night. passed old & Solomons towns while the Regt. was halted to rest  
 in a very fine place of grass the Officers horses let to graze withe the  
 equipments on the Doctors & his[?] Masters horses scared & run of but  
 caught again & brought to Camp in the Evening nothing lost but a saddle  
 Blanket Countersign Timberlake

7th

Camp Dillen 7th October 1814

## Regimental Order

The Commandants of Companies are hereby ordered to have the Guns in their several Companies that are now loaded immediately discharged -- and see that all their noncommissioned Officers and privates have their Guns again loaded. The Majors Thresher and Kennedy will march their Battallions by the side of each other untill farther orders -- The ADjt. will detail the necessary Gaurd for this line of march

The Regt will take up the line of march at 8 OClock

Signed Andrew Porter Lt. Col Comdt  
16th Regt Ky M D.

- 7th Marchd 10 mile to Fort McArthur & encamped on Tuppers 2nd encampment 1/4 of a mile north of Fort McArthur -- Encampment No 13 -- muddy roads but the Battallions marching side of each other saved the mud but had plenty of brush -- past several old Indian encampments our spies discovered several Indians but at first took them for some of the Regt. that had went on ahead or else would have shot some of them -- also the Adj. & front Gaurd seen them they also took them to be some of the Regt. at first untill they got out of reach of their muskets or at least under head way so that our men could not shoot them Countersign Paris
- 8th Laying on Tupper's 2nd encampment our spies discovered (or at least so reported) some lurking Indians but neither Killd any nor made no prisoners -- This day been very unwell took opium in the morning & salts at 12 OClock which did not work untill midnight, in the Evening the Regt. paraded by Battalions & a Regimental order road, when our Company was parading some of the men undertook to give some directions contrary to the Captains which a little ruffled Capt Logans Temper & drew from him some short words the first short words I believe that Capt Logan has been heard to speak on our march Countersign Urbanna

Camp McArthur HQrs 8th Oct. 1814

Regimental Order

The Col. viewing with much regret the obstacles which retard the march of the Regt. to day Orders that the whole Regt. be formed immediately for the purpose of disciplining

The Col farther viewing the frequent & unauthorised firing of Guns in & about Camp in violation of all law and prudence & also in violation of positive orders, & viewing the vulgar conversations -- profane oaths & curses degrading to all civilized people & more especially to Kentuckians heretofore famed for their morality & decent deportment

Orders that evry Officer or private knowing of these, or of any improper habits in Camp immediately report the offender that he may be punished according to his demerit

It is further ordered that no man leave the Camp or his place on march without proper authority

Signed Andrew Porter Lt Col 16th Regt Ky M D

Sunday

9th In the morning received orders to load, marchd at 10 OClock from Camp No 13 and marchd 10 mile (but on account of swamps had to march 14 mile) to Camp necessity No 14 -- our spies Killed a fine Bear this day on our march -- this Evening at proper Encamping time we had a very good encamping ground & good water but Lieut Phillips of the Regulars (who was on his way to Detroit kept in Company with the Regt) said there was better ground & water one & half mile ahead we marchd three mile & found no water except but some some small swamps this day 3 or 4 of the pack Horses got mired & left to die the first horses that we have lost this Evening when the Butchers were shooting Beeves one Ball missed a Beef & lodged in the leg of Col Porters Horse -- Countersign Dry

10th March from Camp necessity at 10 OClock & marchd 15 mile and Encamped at Camp No 15 on Blanchards fork of the Oglaze passed several old Indian Encampments & beautiful land Sugar Trees 3 feet through & only some small swamps in places we came to the waters of Blanchards fork at 11 OClock A M

and Encamped Sun 3/4 of an hour high in the Evening on the main fork better water than any since we left Ft. McArthur, Countersign take care  
 11th Marchd at 9 OClock marchd 10 mile to Fort Finley and Encampd on a beautiful spot of Ground which a white man had begun to clear but prevented as I am informed (By some of the indians complaining that it was infringing on their rights) Encampment No 16 passed through some beautiful land that looks almost like Kentucky woods this day through weakness had almost gave out the pack master Genl. cut of several Knapsacks that was on the pack horses some of them got lost Countersign Black swamp

Fort Finley 11th. Octr 1814

#### Regimental Order

The several Commandants of Companies are hereby Ordered to have the Guns under their Command fired off well cleaned & loaded again this Evening

Signed Andrew Licut Col 16th. Regt Ky M Detach

12th Marchd at 10 OClock from Finley or Camp No 16 and marchd 11 mile & encamped at Camp regular or No 17 on swan Creek this morning the Pack Master Genl Thompson refused to let the sick ride or even let their knapsacks be packed for them -- he also said our spies should pack thier knapsacks & provision (& we had drawn 3 days provision to take us to Fort Meigs) which had almost raised a mutiny in the spie company and they said & swore if they had to carry their knapsacks they would return to their respective Company's but Col Porter interfered & had them packed whether Thompson would or not also some of the sick's knapsacks was put on which Gentleman Thompson did not like -- passed the fallen timber & entered the black swamp (which is not for so far very muddy except in places) now on the head waters of Carron River -- this day through weakness had almost

gave out I tried in the carry my Knapsack & marchd about 3 mile with it then Capt Logan took it & carried it about 4 mile & finding some of our Companys pack horse drivers they took it & said they would see it safe in Camp Saml Latham took my gun & so I made out Keep along but in the Evening felt very tired -- in the evening the Regt received orders to parade in the morning at the first tap of the Drum & stand to our Arms till we could see a Man 100 or 150 yards -- Countersign My Wife

13th Marchd from Camp Regular at 9 OClock and Marchd 13 mile & encamped at Camp Newton No 18 on the Black Swamp -- after marching 8 mile our spies brought word of fresh Indian signs close ahead and expected they would attack us immediately we were halted examined our Arms & ammunition & the Regt put in a more proper state of defence. the place that was first laid out for our encamping ground was an old encampment & the ground cleared we movd into the woods there was no good water near & when we went for water a good many would go together & carry their arms the Woods full of Indian trails -- we sunk different wells & got water about 3 or 4 feet deep In the Evening the ADjt read the following Order to each Company in the Regt.

Camp Newton 13th October 1814

#### Regimental Order

It is ordered that the Centinals shall stand at least one hundred Yards from the lines and any of the Centeries found not complying with this order shall assuredly suffer the rigour of the Law It is farther ordered that each Capt of Companies shall order their men so that not more than one third of his men shall sleep at one time, and then lay on their Arms, and in case of an attack they will form in the inside of their Tents, and maintain their ground at the point of the Bayonet and after Taptoo a profound silence is required in Camp -- and at Revelee each Company will form in the inside of their tents and there stand with their arms untill further orders and be ready to take up the line of march at Seven OClock

The ADjt will execute the above Order

Signed Andrew Porter Lt Col 16th Regt Ky M D  
 at 25 minutes past 11 OClock alarmd the Centinel fired on two Indians  
 opposite Capt Logans Company the Regt formed in a moment (Capt Logans  
 Company got the applause of the Field Officers above any Company in the  
 Regt for being quick & regularly formed) stood to Arms 30 minutes & then  
 got orders to be ready at the first alarm & dismissed to quarters alarm-  
 ed again at 45 minutes past 12 OClock formd again & stood to Arms 30  
 minutes this alarm the Centinal fired on one of our Beeves which was  
 grazing out side of the lines in the morning Major Thresher & one or two  
 of the Compy Officers examined in the morning and found 2 Mocasin tracks  
 in about 25 or 30 yards of the Centinal which first fired the ball struck  
 within a few feet of the tracks through the night the Indians stole 10  
 of our best pack horses & scattered our Beeves so that 20 of them could  
 not be found & as soon as we were out of sight of the Camp the Indians was  
 in it they were seen by some of the Drovers just before day a little  
 Bell was heard tinkling round the Camp some expected it was some token  
 of the Indians & it was said (by some who understood Indian manovers) that  
 if our Regt had not formed so quick at the first alarm we would have been  
 attacked -- Watch word stick to it. Countersign Richmond

14th Marched at 9 OClock & marchd 13 mile to Camp Thresher No 19 principal  
 part of the road was black swamp pararies mud & water often midthigh  
 deep passed old mud Fort & the sand hills -- the rear flanking party got  
 to firing about 2 OClock alarmed by it in front & formd line of Battle  
 immediately The ADjt rode back to find the cause & found that some of the  
 flanking party was trying their muskets at a raccoon -- this day feels  
 tolerable smart & packs my Knapsack Capt Logan carried my gun this

night 3 false alarms between 11 & 12 O'clock some of the Centinals got to firing at the horses & Beeves & killed 1 horse one of the Centinals fired at the next one to him & cut the weeds close on the line, the Centinal who killed the horse ran into Camp & refused to return to his post he was put under gaurd, Watch Word here we are Countersign Hallifax

15th This morning Major Kennedy led John Mepherston (the Centinal who shot the horse last night) round the lines as a spectacle to the Regt he was marchd round bare headed & a gaurd with him, marchd at 9 O'clock & marchd 13 mile to Fort Meigs & Encamped between the Fort & the river Camp No 20. marchd 8 mile through the last of the Black swamp pararies mud & water nearly midthigh deep & had to wade it on only the Beef rations --- the last 5 mile on the Bank of the Miami of the Lake good dry road -- the mud & water had like to have out done me this day, Countersign Nancy

Sunday

16 Lay at Meigs drew 6 Day's rations to take us to Detroit got orders that we would have to pack it in our Knapsacks so were busy baking up our flour (the Beef drove along with the Regt & Killed one days rations every Evening) Court Martial called I was appointed provo the Regt busy washing of the Black swamp mud & shaving this morning a smart frost this day our spies took a small rout Capt Spencer & Jonathan Grant (of the spie Company) got at odds Cockd their Guns at one another, Major Thresher interfered & Grant returnd to Camp this Evening wrote hom sent by private hand to Urbanna post Office Countersign Malden

17th A smart frost this morning, a boat was procured to transport the sick to Detroit also the Regt. had permission to put their Cloathing on board which lightens our Knapsacks Ensign Hunter was appointed to take Charge

of the Boat & loading Marchd about 2 OClock from Camp No 20. Crossed the Miami\* marchd about 1 mile & encamped on the ground of Col Dudleys defeat Camp No 21 -- in Crossing the river several fell also some of the pack horses & fceves -- in the evening 2 men belonging to Capt D Goodens Company detected & put in irons for stealing a smoothe bored Gun & tin Tumbler Countersign Christmas

\* after crossing the River the Regt was Ordered to fire & load again

18th This morning I spent some time in Examining the bones of some of the Men who fell in Dudleys defeat, there was an entire skull found with the marks of five Tomahawk strokes on it after examing it some time Lieut Gooden & myself dug a hole with our Tomahawks & buried it -- Marchd about 8 OClock from Camp No 21 and marchd 18 mile & Encamped at Camp Kennedy No. 22 -- Marchd 5 miles on the bank of the Miami passd the old British Garrison crossd Swan Creek & 2 other small Creeks from Knee to midthigh deep passed through some swampy pararies also the maple swamp mud & water from ancle to near waist deep in Crossing the Creeks some fell in & in the swamps some would stick for sometime; myself for one stuck different times, orders in Evening be ready at a moments warning or the first alarm Watchword Fight on Countersign Harrison

19th Marchd 18 mile to Camp Raison No 23 the road principally through large swampy pararies mud & water from ancle to midthigh deep & sometimes deeper Crossed Otter & several deep pararie Creeks Crossed River Raison in the Evening high wind swift water & Cold Crossed the River nearly opposite the ruins of an Old British Garrison, this night the wind blew hard & very Cold, some one also made free to come & to my Knapsack & take about 2 or 2 & 1/2 pounds of Tobacco & 8¢ of silver -- our Camp was back of

- French Town Apples plenty but wood was very scarce & hard to get some the Regt had to pack it half a mile Watch Word Take Care -- Countersign France
- 20th Butter this morning brought into Camp 5 Shilling a ball about  $3/4$  of a pound in a ball -- Marchd 18 mile to Camp Huron No 24 -- Crossed Sandy Creek half leg deep -- stony Creek knee deep -- (At stony Creek we got the first sight of Lake Erie) crossed Big Swan Creek mid thigh deep & stony bottom Sergeant Brush & Nimrod Martin of Capt Logans Company & several of the Regt in Crossing Big Swan fell -- & the water in all three Creeks was very cold -- some parts of the road tolerable good & some parts through large muddy pararies passed several large Old Indian Encampments Crossed in the Evening a very deep swamp in attempting to Cross several of the pack horses got mired the Regt had to build a kind of a bridge to get the horses over Crossd Huron about dark in a small Boat some of the Regt did not get across till late in the night & then had to pass a pararie 1 mile to Camp the pararie was a wet one the water over the Knees in many places -- large pararies on each side of Huron Grass as high as a Man's head -- some snow fell & a very cold day the mud & water often over the Knees and cold enough Watch Word Kentucky Countersign Paris
- 21st This morning Lieut. Col. Andrew Porter arrested -- Major Steph. Thresher took Command orders to march to the River & cross to Malden marchd 5 mile to Camp Gale No 25 on the Bank of Detroit River got to the Encamp- ing ground about 1 OClock but on account of having to pack our baggage across a swamp or Bayou did not get encamping untill near dark -- this day had three swamps or Bayous to Cross the first one we crossd on a temporary

bridge at Browns Town (here we got plenty of Apples) the second we crossed on an Indian Bridge which was tolerable old I expected it would break down but the Regt got safe across the way the Indians built this bridge there was 2 forks about 2 feet 6 inches long down about 2 feet apart a small pole laid across & at about 15 or 16 feet another set of forks & a pole then a kind of hewed log laid so as to reach from forks to forks all the way across the third one we had to wade & pick steps sometimes over the Knees this last Bayou the Horses could not get across with their loads even some of the Field Officers Horses mired so the Regt had to pack the baggage over. this Evening very cold & wood scarce some little snow fell. Watch Word how are you Countersign pleasant

22nd Lay at Camp got plenty of Apples, A Fatigue detaild to get the pack horse's across the last Bayou or swamp & then ferried them over to grass or grazille Island to recruit & winter -- the Regt ordered to fire off & clean their Arms Countersign Wait

Sunday

23d This Morning while I was calling or as soon as I had calld the roll the Adjutant came & read the following order to the Company the order was issued on the Evening of the 22nd but not made known to Capt Logans Compy untill roll call this morning

Camp Gale 22nd October 1814

#### Regimental Order

Major Joseph Kennedy will by half hour by Sun tomorrow morning proceed across the River with the front guard and land about one & a half miles below Malden He will there remain untill the whole of the Regt crosses See that a good & sufficient encampment is procured about that distance from Malden

The Officer of the day for tomorrow will strictly & positively order the Officer of the Guard to permit none except those with side Arms to pass the front Guard -- &

all Comdts. of Companies are ordered to permit none of their men to leave the limits of their respective Companies.

They are further enjoined to suppress all strolling, disgraceful to Soldiers & Kentuckians -- The Comdt has witnessed with pain the ridiculous extent to which this disorderly conduct has been carried and all similar conduct in future shall positively be punished

Signed Stephen Thresher

Major Commanding 16th Regt Ky M Deta

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Adjt Genls Office 8th M District  
Hd Qrs. Detroit 22nd Octr 1814

#### Genl Orders

Col. Gratiot is hereby authorised to institute Genl Courts Martial & approve all sentences thereof, with exception of those which direct the cashiering of an Officer, or the Death of an Officer or soldier -- By Command

Signed C. S Todd A A Adjt Genl

The Officer  
Commanding  
Fort Malden

Sunday

23 Major Kennedy (crossed in the morning) with the front Gaurd Capt Bacons Company & 1/3 of Capt Logans got across in the day -- the remainder of Capt Logans Company got in the Boat about Sun down it was late or we got across & then had to March up into Amherstburg (Major Kennedy did not procure an Encampment according to Order but marchd with the front Gaurd up in the Town of Amherstburg) & had to get Quarters the best we could drew some Bread for the Compy & lay down in Blacks Tavern & slept comfortably till morning the house as full as it could hold -- in the fore part of the day Capt Logan recd a letter for me & expecting I would not be over to night sent it to Camp Gale by Lieut Watson who went over with a boat for some of the Regt

- 24 Received the letter which Capt Logan received on yesterday for me it was from home the first letter which I have received since I left Maysville (the first letter that has been received by any of the 16th Regt in Canada) what of the Regt. was over Marchd up to the ruins of Malden (Tune Madison and Liberty) & Encamped No 26
- 25th Received a letter from home dated 14th Sept almost worn out by being carried about Also wrote home by Adam McFarren this Evening it was reported that Major Kennedy cut a Man belonging to the Regt across the face with his Sword Countersign York
- 26th A very rainy day John Crabtree a private in Capt David Goodens Company died in the hospital the first Man that has died in the Regt. this Evening the following order concerning cleanliness was handed me to copy & read to the Compy next morning at roll call or Revelee the rain continued with out cessation the whole night Countersign Mississippi

Adj. Genls. Office Ft. Malden 26 Decr 1814

As health depends so much on cleanliness it becomes necessary to issue an absolute order that no Soldier shall ease himself in any of the ditches round the Fort or any other place near the Fort except in sinks dug for that purpose in the rear of the Fort & it shall be the duty of each Officer of the day to visit those sinks once a day while on duty, & call a fatigue at any time to dig others when he may deem it necessary ---

The Comds. of Companies or detachments are held responsible for the good conduct of their respective Commands for the strict observance of this Order & any Soldier found violating the same shall be confined & punished at the discretion of a Court Martial

By Order

Signed Lew Morgan -- Lieut Arty  
A A A Genl.

After Orders

The Adjutants will hand in their reports at 11 A M & the Odly Sergeants will attend at the Adj. Genls Office at 12 to receive orders

By Order

Signed L Morgan Lt. Arty A A A Genl

Fort Malden 26th Octr 1814

## Regimental Order

The Company of spies under the command of Capt John Spencer are hereby dismissed, & ordered to return to their respective Companies untill farther orders

Signed Stephen Thresher Major  
Commanding 16th Regt Ky M Detach

27th A rainy day. Court Martial opened for the trial of different offenders  
Court commenced at 12 O'clock, I was appointed Provo Martial -- A fatigue detailed & sent over to Tecumsehville or Fort for the Bark at that place for the use of the Regt. we laid floors in our Tents with part & used the rest for sleeping on. Watch word Fight on, Countersign Kentucky

28th This day Capt. Logans Company moved Quarters from the front or West side of the Fort to the North West corner & got better ground than where we was first quartered Court sat again the ground very muddy especially between the Court & Gaurd fire also had to copy the following order

Adjut Genls Office Ft. Malden 28 Oct

## Order of the day

Lieut Richie is to be releived from his arrest on account of the withdrawal of the charges exhibited against him by the prosecutor

The Comdt of the 16th Regt. Ky M D is specially ordered to cause his Capt. to have correct reports made of their respective Companies Muster rolls must be made for mustering the troops on the last of this Month

Lieut. Knox of the Rangers is appointed to do that duty

By Order

Signed Lew Morgan Lieut Arty A A A Genl

29th The Court met again at 11 O'clock in the afternoon the following Order was handed me to copy & read to the Company

Adjut. Genls Office Ft Malden 29th Oct

## Detachment Orders

The troops will parade on the outside of the Fort this Evening at 4 OClock where the proceedings of the Court Martial of which Major Kennedy is President will be read, All the troops not on duty will parade with their Cloathes Arms & accoutrements in the best possible order Each morning so soon as the gaurd is releived the old Gaurd will march out side the line of Centinels and discharge their peices

No gun or pistol is to be fired within the Fort, or within one mile of it except by special permission of the Commandg Officer -- any Soldier found violating this Order shall be punished to the extend of the Military Law --  
By Order

Signed Lew Morgan Lt. Arty A A A Genl

29th the Regt paraded agreeable to the above order on the North end of the Ft. & the sentence read which is to be found amongst the proceedings of the Court Martial. the sentence was to be executed at 9 OClock A M but was postponed untill sundown the Regt Marchd into the Fort & each Company foamd on their own ground untill the sentence was executed The Commissioned Officers was formed in the Centre of the Fort & each Odly Sgt. had to head their different Companies while the paddling was going on one Man belonging to Capt Logans Compy broke ranks & went to the Centre I sent a gaurd to fetch him back he did not see the gaurd untill the Sgt touchd him on the shoulder he started & was in such a hurry in turning round the corner of a Markee that he caught on the line & hung awhile his hurry & scrabbling to get off filld the gaurd & different Companies adjoining so full of laugh that it was hard work keeping order in different Companies the chap got into ranks before the gaurd got up with him

Sunday

30th This day the first Fatigue calld out for the commencement of the Fort or rather to clear of the brush & level it --- Court Martial met at 11 OClock & adjourned untill 9 OClock next day Ordered to make out Complete monthly returns agreeable to the follow order which kept me writing untill 12 OClock at night

Watch word Not beholden Countersign Liberty

Adjut Genls Office Ft Malden 30th Oct 1814

#### Detachment Orders

From the various reports made by the several Capts. of the 16th Regt. Ky M D it becomes necessary that each Captn of the Regt. shall make out a correct Monthly report of the state of his Company at present -- & the alterations that have taken place during the months & giving the names of the absentees their Ranks where they are & by whose Orders or from what cause to be handed into the Adjutant on the 31st of Octr 1814

By Order

Signed Lew Morgan Lieut Arty A A A Genl

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Ft Malden 30th Octr 1814

#### Regimental Order

The respective Capts. of the 16th Regt Ky M Detachment will at revelee beat Cause their Rolls to be called, they will also at 10 OClock in the forenoon of each day, have their men paraded & take them through the regular exercises for one hour -- the Capt will also at the beating of the retreat have their respective rolls called & have them again taken through the regular or necessary exercise

Each Captn will also strictly observe to read or have read to his Compy the Article of War on the 6th. of Novr next

Signed Stephen Thresher Major Comdt  
16th Regt Ky M Detached

31st Court met at 9 OClock & finished all the business on hand & dissolved which makes 5 day session A Fatigue 150 strong calld out to commence the Fort

Adjut Genls. Office Ft. Malden 31st Oct

#### Detachment Orders

The muster that was ordered of the Troops this day is postponed untill the 9th Day of November next when it is expected that all the troops will appear with their Cloathing Arms &c in the best possible order -- By Order

Signed Lew Morgan Lt Arty A A A Genl

November 1st 1814

- 1st This day a scouting party detailed (or rather made up the detail with Volunteers) took scout for the purpose of making discoveries they started at 8 O'clock A M & just followed the Sun no appearance of any Enemy the scouting party Commanded by Mr John Spencer Captn. of the Spy Compy on our March -- there was an order handed me to Copy which was issued on the 30th Octr but detained by some of the Odly Sgt so that I did not get it untill this evening -- this day washd my Cloathes myself for the first washing ever I did & makes a tolerable good wash lad, Watch Word Navy -- Countersign Neavy
- 2nd A very rainy day also news came to Camp that the British had taken 2 American Gun Boats on Lake Huron Watch word Tobacco, Countersign Run
- 3rd Wrote home by Mail the letter I commenced writing on the 27th Oct but on account of the multiplicity of Compy business could not get finishing it untill this Morning Also had to copy the following order & Detail out the following Quoto from Capt Logans Compy the Quoto from Capt Logans Compy had to furnish -- Watch word Discipline, Countersign prohibited

Adjut Genls Office Ft Malden 3rd Novr 1814

#### Detachment Orders

Major Stephen Thresher of the 16th Regt Ky M will have detailed, one Captn two Lieuts, two Ensigns four Sergeants, four Corporals & 100 privates, to hold themselves in readiness to March at a moments warning

The Major will himself Command the detachment

Doctor Frazer will act as Surgeon & Lieut Morgan of the Arty as Adjut to the Detachment -- By Order

Signed Lew Morgan Lt Arty A A A Genl.

Quoto from Capt Logans Compy to fill the foregoing order one Corporal & 11 privates

4th The detached Men making preparations to march some that was detailed did not like it & some that was not wanted to go & so some of them swapt places & had they calld for Volunteers Capt Logans Compy would principally have turnd out this Detail causes a great many conjectures & a great deal of talk in Camp as to the intent what it is for. Watch word Wolf Counter-sign Wayne

5th This day the detachment started at 11 OClock A M all in high spirits Watch word McArthur Countersign Brown an order was issued the fore part will be found amongst the proceedings of the Court -- the last part as follows.

It is farther ordered that all persons are prohibited from cleaning Fish or leaving filth of any discription in the Garrison they are positively ordered to carry all such things below the Centinal on the River By Order

Signed James Newton A A A Genl

Sunday

6th Nothing particular Camp flying about that Genl McArthur had Killed 200 Indians and taken 100 prisoners

7th Court Martial set I acted as provo -- The following order issued in the afternoon which very much displeases some of the Regt

Fort Malden 7th Novr 1814

Regimental Order

The Comdt of the 16th Regt Ky M viewing the dangerous & unsoldier like practice of Centinals kindling fires & sitting while on post -- Orders that the Officer of the Day will immediately have the fires round the lines extinguished & confine evry Soldier on post that is found sitting or Kindling fire

Signed Joseph Kennedy Major Comdt 16th Regt K M

8th Court Martial met again & dissolved our Flour ran out & an appearance of wanting Bread Cold weather appears to be set in

9th This Morning landed with Flour from detroit some of the Flour which Col Croghan took from the British on Lake Huron in August last & it eat very sweet -- Saml. White a private in Capt H Ellis's Compy Deserted but taken again in the night on the lower point of the Island & put in Irons; a comfortable warm night Watch word Augusta Countersign Newport

Fort Malden 9th November 1814

Regimental Order

The Captains of Companies will at 10 O'clock tomorrow parade their respective Companies on the green above the Fort & see that their men are clean their arms & accoutrements in perfect good Order --

Signed Joseph Kennedy Major 16th Regt Ky M

10th The Regt paraded & inspected by Lieut Knox of the Rangers no Fatigue detaild to day W word Howard C sign Heigs

11th This morning about an hour & a half before day some little alarm raised by the firing of a gun in rear of the Fort the Ball strik the old Magazine General Court Martial convened for the trial of S White the man who deserted on the 9th Inst. I acted as provo

Adjut Genls Office Ft Malden 11th Nov 1814

Detachment Orders

It must in future be the duty of the Officer of the day to report in his morning reports all persons who passes the lines after Taptoo noting such as are possessed of the Countersign from those who have it not Commissioned Officers will be permitted to go to their Quarters but Non Comd Officers Musicians & Privates will be lodged in the gaurdhouse till releived by the proper Authority The Officer of the Day will evry 2 hours detachd a Corporal & 6 men to patrol the Streets of the Town & bring in all who may be found there without regular permission

All persons belonging to the Army found gambling in or out of Camp must also be reported By Order

Signed James Newton A A Adjut Genl

SECRET

Major Kennedy will have brought up & cause to be kept in close confinement till farther orders from the new settlement Messrs Leclair & old Stockwell the one for harbouring Spies & the other for concealing from our knowledge the place where [the] Enemy have concealed Ordnance &c Signed Ft Malden 11th Nov 1814. C Gratiot Col Comd

12th This Day a detachment 50 strong (Commanded by Capt Henry Ellis & Ensign Martin) detaild & started at 11 OClock took 4 days rations & started down the River. Csign Richmond

Sunday

13th The Gun Boat Porcupine passed by up to Detroit -- Rations appearing to grow short & the rations stoped from the Inhabitants which makes a great deal of Grumbling amongst them high wind a wet Evening & Night

14th A pleasant Day this Evening the detachment under Capt H Ellis returned & brought up one man as prisoner an express past here on his way to Genl McArthur. the Regt paraded on the green above the Fort

15th Nothing worth notice this day. Watch word Augusta Countersign Ellisville

16th Orders this day to give the Guard & Fatigue for the next day notice the Evening before

17th This day our Beef ran short & so had to live on Bread which makes a great deal of grumbling in Camp but in the Evening a quantity of Beeves came from Detroit a pleasant day but turned cold at night Watch word Flomingsburg Countersign Maryslick

18th A Cold day this Morning word came to Camp or Fort that Genl McArthur had returned from his scout various reports as to his success but in

the Evening received tolerable direct word that he had taken 250 prisoners & paroled them had three skirmishes & only lost one Man & 8 wounded --- wrote home this letter I commenced writing on the 14th Inst. (but so busy transferring the back Orders & proceedings of Courts Martial in the Compy Book) that I could not take time all at once to write for myself  
 Watch word Wolf Countersign Washington

19th Col. Porter Ordered to Detroit to have his Trial Major Kennedy summoned as a Member of the Court Martial also a Number of the Rangers whose time of service was out arrive here on their way home

Sunday

20th Orders to Detail 100 Men from the Regt for a Scout the Detachment to be Commanded by Capt J Logan, also 2 Lieut & 1 Ensign (Hunter) 4 Sgts. & 4 Cpls Detaild Quota from Capt Logans Compy 12 privates --- but one of the Detaild Cpl being absent when the Detail was paraded a Cpl was taken from Capt Logans Company, one of our Compy this Day had almost Killed a French Man in Amherstburg for calling him a Yankoe Son of a B---h he had to heel it into the Ft. or else the French would have paid him in his own Coin  
 Watch word Furlough Csign Farewell

21st A pleasant morning the Detachment paraded Drew Sixty rounds of ammunition & 3 Flints p Man took one days rations & started at 10 OClock A M all in high Spirits it causes a great deal of talk & many conjectures in the Regt Col Porter returnd without having a trial but not as yet releved from Arrest. Watch Word Perry Csign Rogers

22nd This Day been unwell, we drew no Beef this day on account of the Beeves getting out & runing away they was got again in the Evening but not in time to Kill --- Orders to call the rolls at Taptoo & any that is not there to answer to their name find them & bring them in --- this night a heavy

Rain & the appearance of winter setting in --- Parole Word Bacon Counter-  
sign Beef Watch Word Bread

23rd A Cold Day also been so unwell that I was not able to parade the Compy for  
2 Days past this Evening Saml. White the Deserter had to ride the  
Wooden Horse for 15 Minutes the fellow appeared to take it as fine  
sport & whipt the horse with his hat & buntered the Regt for a race --- he  
was carried round the Parade Ground on the Horse by 2 of the Men he was  
laughing all the time also was read on Parade the following Order which  
very much displeased some of the Regt some swore Militia never was under  
such tight regulations before it was not the Officers that grumbled as  
much as the Privates

Fort Malden 23rd Novr 1814

#### Detachment Orders

The General orders of Yesterday will be published to the  
Troops this Evening at the Garrison or parade. the prisoner  
Saml White will be brought from the gaurd by a Cpl & two Men  
Marchd to the Centre of the parade & there uncover himself  
whilst the orders are reading as soon as the[y] shall have  
been read, the prisoner will be led to the horse & made to  
mount him for fifteen minutes in presence of the Troops --- after  
which he is to be escorted back to the Gaurd house & the same  
operation of riding the horse to be repeated ovry Evening till  
the sentence is carried into effect at the expiration of which  
the Prisone r is to be discharged from the Gaurd & ordered to  
join his Company

Major Kennedy will superintend the Evening parade whilst  
the sentence is carrying into effect

The Col Comdt has observed with pain the little subordination  
existing in his Camp & the almost total disregard on the part  
of the Officers generally in the Execution of orders, & their  
great neglect on most evry subject which relates to their duty  
compells him however disagreeable the task is to observe to them  
in this public manner the high sence of disapprobation such con-  
duct meets with

Officers will permit themselves through ignorance or other-  
wise to assume powers which their good sence will point out to  
be highly incorrect they give furloughs to their men or permit  
them to sleep from their quarters; priviledges which belong only  
to the Comdg Officer & if assumed by any other person would  
subject such person to the loss of his Commission therefore to  
put a stop in future to this disorderly conduct it is strictly

ordered that none but Comdts of Companies are permitted to give passes to any of their men during the Day & then not more than five from each Company at a time will be permitted to be absent from quarters, & after retreat beating no man unless on duty will be permitted to pass out of the lines without a special written permission from the Comdg Officer --

Officers seem also to be ignorant that they are not to be absent themselves more than one mile from Camp without permission this even must be corrected & for their farther information they are not to be from Quarters after Taptoo without special permission of the Comdg Officer, as the Comdg Officer from the multiplicity of his avocations cannot attend particularly to the execution of evry order it is therefore on that account why Officers of the Day exists in an Army his functions are not nominal, the[y] are positive he is from the nature of his office the immediate representative of the Commanding Officer -- it consequently follows that the superintendence of the Camp & of all existing regulations are entrusted to his care during his tour of duty & it would be highly criminal in him to neglect any part of his duties in fact he is in honor bound as a Gentleman & Soldier, not to sully any of those appellations by neglect on his part, he should be anxious to inform himself of evry thing relating to his functions & in that way only can he with a safe Conscience say that he has discharged his duty to the best of his knowledge & it is not by runing to Town or otherwise that he can say as much

In future the men must parade at Taptoo & answer to their names, Comdts. of Companies will be held accountable for all absentees & all absentees from evry roll call will be considered as a deserter till the motives of his absence be explained Men for duty will be notified of it the Evening before they come on that there may be no delays in assembling them, Comdts of Companies should see that their respective quotos are alert in turning out whenever the tap of the Drum notifies them to parade

Gamblins & disorderly conduct are again forbidden in or out of Camp & it is the duty of evry Officer to quiet & bring to punishment all persons guilty of those offences wherever he discovers them & in neglecting so to do he lays himself open to an arrest -- Singing, Whooping or any noisy conduct whatever after Taptoo in Camp is forbidden & in whatsoever Compy the disorder may consist the Officer Comdg that Company shall be put in close arrest, for disobedience of orders & neglect of duty for allowing his Command to be disorderly, in case he cannot produce the delinquents

The Col Comdt will not in future accept the plea of ignorance feeling assured that it could not exist at this time had the Officers been anxious to acquire a sufficient Knowledge of their profession he feels also assured that example is the only way of teaching persons who will not learn from a sence of duty therefore no thing but the severist justice can be expected of him in future, as he has laid indulgence aside perceiving that coersive measures are necessary Signed

C Gratiot Col Comdg

- 24th A very Cold day & I have [been] very unwell S White took another ride on the headless or wooden horse this evening he appeared not to like it as well as last Evening Watch Word Whiskey. Countersign Punch
- 25th Took a dose of Castor Oil which wrought well S White took another ride this Evening it cleared off & has the appearance of better weather Watch Word Newport Countersign Lexington
- 26th Feels on the mend Genl. McArthur paid us a short visit S White had to take another ride this Evening the horse or the Men that carried him got so capersome that the rider got two falls -- discharged from Gaurd to his Compy Watch word Virginia Countersign Ohio
- Sunday
- 27th Feels as well as usual this Day finished Copying the back Detachment & Regimental Orders
- 28th This Evening a Vessel arrive here with Troops on their way to Detroit Commanded by Capt Stockton of the 28th Regt U S Infantry Parole word Clark W Word Bourbon Csign Harrison

Head Quarters 8th M District  
Detroit 28th Novr 1814

Genl Orders

Col Gratiot will take command of the troops in the Service of the U.S. within this Territory & is appointed Civil & Military Commander of the Upper district of U Cannada He is hereby authorised to appoint an Officer to muster the Troops whenever he may deem expedient, & to institute Genl. Courts Martial & decide upon their sentences except in cases extending to the loss of Life or the dismissal of a Commissioned Officer -- By Command

Signed C S Todd  
Acting Adjt Genl

The Officer  
Commanding  
Fort Malden U C

29th This Day we received word from Capt Logan the Detachment under his Command was all well & hearty & met with good success in getting provision down at the new settlement they Paymaster commenced paying the Troops one Months Pay.

30th One of the Rangers died in the Hospital & Buried by Sgt. W Porter with the honours of War a very wet day & the tide raised so high that we could draw no Beef this afternoon the water 3 feet deep on the Slaughter House floor Sgt Hancocks Day to issue but he would not do it neither any of the rest of the Sgts. because it was not their day & after drawing for the Compy (in the rain) had to issue it myself the rain continued all night this Evening wrote home Parole Good. Csign better. Watch word best

December 1814

1st This Day winter appears to be set in in earnest some snow fell -- & very cold high wind. this Evening a very considerable swelling raised on Cheek or jaw but no pain with it

2nd This Day cold indeed, my mess lost their ration of Bread through the neglect of those that issued Sgt Brush Day to issue but he Swore he would not neither make good the Bread that was lost this Evening the following Order made Known to the Regt also received two letters from home & enclosed the poem on the Court of enquiry (of the 15th Regt Ky M) held in Washington Mason County in August 1814 Watch Word I will Countersign I wont

#### Detachment Orders

Mr Spencer is detailed to do the duties of Post Master for the Regt of Ky Militia Stationed at this Fort

Persons wishing to send for letters from the Detroit Post Office will furnish Mr Spencer with a list of their names -- at Mr Spencer's quarters there will be a small box in which letters are to be deposited on the return of the Mail a list of the letters in the office will be posted & no one are to apply to the Office unless he sees his name on the posted list Application

to go to Detroit to search the post office of that place will therefore be useless in future

Signed C Gratiot Col Comdt

3rd I had this day to draw off an inspection return or rather the copy of an inspection return which kept me busy enough Capt Logans Compy or what part was present was paid one Months pay this night a heavy snow fell & cold enough Countersign Quebec

#### Detachment Orders

It would appear that the Officer of the Day arrogates to himself the power of permitting himself & other Officers to go out of the Garrison after Taptoo Orders which are issued must be understood & carried in full effect -- the Officer of the Day is at no time to leave the Garrison during his tour of duty & he must visit his lines at least three times during the night & as often through the day, any Officer found neglecting this part of his functions will be dealt with according to the nature of his offences

Signed C Gratiot Col Comdg

4th Was issued to the Regt only half rations of Bread & one & a half ration Beef Word flying through Camp that the British is coming on which makes some uneasy enough Parole Burlington Countersign Quebeck Wword Hallifax

5th This morning the Orderly's call beat in order to find which of them had the back Orders in Possession Sgt Hamilton still had some of them yet which ought to have been passed on some time ago he gave the Adjutant a great deal of insolence which the Adjt. bore untill Hamilton told him that he the Adjt got drunk which raised the Adjts temper he ordered Hamilton to his Quarters or else he would send him to the Gaordhouse & have him punished for such insolence the QM Sgt being present was laughed at & asked if ever he got such jaw from Sgt Hamilton, the Adjt said he never would take such insolence again from any Sgt. & dismissed the rest of us in quite

goodhumour & gave us orders to make the rest of the Sgts see to almost evry thing when we had orders to copy & in general to do more than what they have heretofore this day only half rations of Bread issued to the Regt but in the Evening Ensign Hunter & eight Men (part of the Detachment under Capt Logan) brought up a small supply of Flour which the Detachment under Capt Logan procured down at the new Settlement this night a heavy Snow fell & about 2 OClock cleared off blew hard & Cold enough the Men that brought up the Flour fetches word that the inhabitants of the new Settlement in the general way uses them well Parole Harrison Csign Harding Wword How are you

6th This Morning at roll call the Adjut. came & gave me orders to detail him out two Men from Capt Logans Compy to parade at his Quarters immediately with their Arms & Accoutrements in perfect good order (the detail was to examine a boat that there was some suspicions of) I calld for Volunteers & plenty turnd out & more than what was wanted the boat took the slip & got away, the Men that came with Flour last night returned at 8 OClock a beautiful sunshine day which thawed the snow some little also I have been unwell this day this night found some Gambling in one of our tents I informed the Lieut of it he staped in took fifteen of the Cards brought them into the Cpts. Markoe & made a blaze of them those that was gambling or most of them had reported sick for three or four Days past Parole Alexandria, Csign Baltimore Wword Fredericksburgh

7th This Morning 8 of the Men on detachment with Major Thresher returnd here, reported to have joined the Rangers got furloughs untill the 11th Inst came to Malden & deliverd up their Arms & accoutrements -- a pleasant Day wrote two letters home & taken very unwell in the night at Taptoo the

the Gun was fired the Artillery Man that fired was drunk & took the Taptoo for the Revelec, he was put in confinement the fire raised some little alarm particularly in Town some of the Inhabitants ran up to the Fort & did not so much as take time to dress themselves Parole Gratiot, Csign Miller, Watch Word Morgan

8th A Cloudy cold Day & I have been very unwell so that I was not able to parade the Company in the Evening Merodith Lively a private in Capt Whaley's Company (who had joined the artificers) had to Mount the Wooden horse & ride him 15 minutes also received the following order concerning the Fatigue Parole Thresher, Csign Kennedy, Wword Porter

After Orders

That the Fatigue for tomorrow are to Cook their provision tonight for tomorrow & have their Arms in good order & move on to Canaird Bridge by 8 OClock & repair it so that it may be passed with ease —

By Order Signed James Newton A A A Genl

9th This Afternoon Capt Logan with the Detachment under his Command returned all well hearty fat & in high spirits, Parole Stone, Csign Steel, W word Stick to it

10th General Court Martial I acted as provo -- in the Evening Lieut Darniell & three Men (who was on Detachment under Major Thresher) returned to Malden Cold Clear weather this night had the first head ache since I left home Parole Jefferson, Csign Garrad, Wword Nelson

Sunday

11th Court to day again acted as provo, in the Afternoon & all night had a very severe Head ache -- this Night John Kennedy a private in Capt [blank] Company while on post as a Continel in returning his ramrod or acting awkwardly with his Musket it went off & shot his hand through Parold Rain Csign Snow, Watchword Frost

12th A very Cold Day also had a severe head ache this Morning but in the afternoon it got better, our first Mail in Ft Malden arrive & had a crowded Office — this Day got time for the first to do some writing for myself Parole Air Countersign Fire Watchword Water Also the following order issued

Fort Malden 12th December 1814

Detachment Orders

Major Kennedy of the 16th Regt Ky. Militia is hereby appointed to inspect agreeable to the Law such Public Horses as may be in possession of the QM Genls Department at this Post —

Signed C Gratiot Col Comdg

13th Garrison Court Martial held, I servd as provo; a very cold day, some little snow fell & some Ice runing & making in the River -- Parole Ice, Csign Ink Wword Joy

14th Court sat I again acted as provo, this morning as I was going from my Quarters or tent to Capt D Goodens Qrs where Court set the Fatigue was a Marching off Wm Mason one of the Fatigue Men from Capt Whaleys Compy was giving the Adjut a great deal of jaw & insolence the Adjut ordered me to take a gaurd & lodge him in the Gaurdhouse. the Chap laughed hearty at it & said he would as soon go under Gaurd as not for it would clear him of work to Day also was given out the following licence the first Marriage licence that has been issued or given out since the Regt has been at Malden the Groom belonged to the Regt Parole Blue Countersign Brown Wword Black

Fort Malden 14th December 1814

This is to authorise & permit you to join together in the holy estate of Matrimony Isam Malarey & Mary Brown according to the Usual Rites & Ceremonies of this province & for so doing this

shall be your sufficient warrant

Signed C Gratiot Col Comdg M T &c

- 15th A pleasant Day this Evening when we were drawing Rations the Commisary Blair would issue no Salt which caused some words between him & me said his word was Law here & he would give no salt because the Beef was a little salted which raised my little temper so high that I expected he would lodge a complaint against me for telling him some little of what I & some more thought of him but he did not A rainy Night also some little thaw took away some of the snow very high Wind which blew down several of the Tents & tore some pretty much Parole French Csign Scotch Wword Irish
- 16th A windy Day this Evening Edward Wilson of Capt Whalys Compy got 9 Slaps with the paddle on the lower end of his heck bone for Stealing & Cpt. Loyd of the Arty got 6 slaps for leaving his post while on gaurd also reduced to the ranks Parole Cold Csign Warm, Wword Hard
- 17th Court Martial set I acted as provo pleasant weather the mumps got into Camp which takes some of the Regt to the Hospital. Parole Man. Csign Woman, W Word Child
- Sunday
- 18th This day the Gaurd house Barracks &c commenced this Evening only half rations of Bread, but a ration & a half of Beef issued to the Regt Corpl Boyds day to issue to the Compy he wished me to issue the Bread which I did one man got displeased at the way I divided it thought I did not do him justice, our second Mail in Malden arrive this Evening a Cold night hard frost & some snow fell Parole Hard, Csign Hand, Wword Head
- 19th A Cold day Corn meal issued to the Regt in the place of Bread & the meal very coarse & not sifted an uncommon cold night

Parole Virtue, Csign Liberty, W Word Indepence

20th A very Cold day but in the night moderated a little half rations Bread bread but one & a half rations Beef issued to the Regt which the Men does not like but puts up with it tolerable well for full fed Kentuckians Ensign Martin & Sgt Porter went back of the Ft to hunt squirrels & found hid in the swamp several articles such as smoothing Irons, hand Saws, skillets pewter Basons, frying pans, Kettles &c &c Parole General, Csign Jackson, Wword Mexico

21st A pleasant day the Rangers that was here started for Detroit Corn meal issued again for Bread the following Order concerning the Gaurd issued which some of them thought too tight & grumbled much at it Parole Fight, Csign Like, Wword Hell

Adjut Genl Office Ft Malden 21st Decr 1814

#### Detachment Orders

Licut Morgan A A Adjut Genl. & Adjut Newton 16th Regt Ky M D will visit the Gaurd alternately evry day & see them properly drilled & instructed in their duty By Order

Signed Lew Morgan Licut Arty A A Adjut Grl

22nd A pleasant forenoon but in the afternoon turnd cold clouded up & in the night snowd some little this day drew half ration of Flour the first flour that has been issued for a long time, one & half ration Beef Parole Americans, Csign Arms, Wword Victorious

23rd This morning none of Capt Logans Compy reported sick which is I believe the first morning that none reported sick since we crossd the Ohio, for sometime pa st some of the Compy had a practice when detaild on Gaurd to stand during the day & at night report sick & have another detaild in their place this morning Captain Logan issued to his Compy an order (& ordord

me to put it in force hereafter if needful) that if any detaild on Gaurd from his Compy should report sick at night & have another detaild in their place the one who stood at night should have credit of tour for Gaurd & the one who reported sick should go on the next day but one & so have to stand two days & one night to make a tour — this order it is likely will make duty lighter on the men who is willing & always ready to do their duty a cold day in the Evening it began to snow & snowd tolerable smart through the night, I was so unwell that I was not able to parade the Compy, news flying through Camp that peace is about taking place which news makes a great many pleasant Faces in Camp Parole Good Officers, Csign Makes Wword Good Soldiers

24th A Cold day the Regt Busy getting wood immediately after Taptoo some of the men got to firing & throwing Catridges down the chimnoys, the Alarm beat the Regt paraded & kept under arms half an hour the Officers examined but could not find the Offenders Major Kennedy said if the firing was heard again the Regt should stand under Arms all night Parole Maria, Csign Eliza, Wword Beauty

Sunday

25th This morning at half past four the firing began again the Alarm beat the Regt paraded & kept under Arms half an hour then dismissd, in a few minutes the firing began again & again calld to Arms & stood under Arms for some time the Men grumbles amazingly when any one is paddled for stealing but this morning they could cheerfully help to paddle the Men for shooting because it keeps them standing in the Cold & it is a very Cold morning I was taken with a Rheumatism in my left Knee so that I was not able to be out any longer than while I was calling the roll after day light Capt Logan Licut Wood & Ensign Hunter treated the Compy to two

Gallon of Whiskey & we soon had a drunken sot some drank three Gills  
smack off none except Officers was allowed to leave Camp; almost all  
the Officers of the Regt went to town to dine & it only cost them \$3.25  
Cents a peice in the Evening a great many of the Regt got Drunk & some  
of them was so all day some wanted to take a spell at boxing, orders  
in the Evening that whatever Compy firing was heard in that Compy (& no  
other) should parade & stand under Arms untill the offender was found  
the night passed over in quietness altho it was very Cold no fatigue  
call'd out to day Parole My, Csign Wifes, Wword Wheel

- 26th This afternoon three Cannon mounted on the S East Bastion the first  
Cannon that has been ready for play in the new Fort Malden Parole Fiddle,  
Csign Dance, Wword Hop
- 27th This afternoon they fired off 3 rounds of the new Bastion also tned[?]  
the N East Bastion with Ball which stands it well; the shock of the 18  
pounder rack'd one of the ambozores of the S East Bastion some little  
Capt Logans Compy got to making fun of paddling drew one another across  
a Cannon that was lying in our lines & paddled with their hands Parole  
Wait, Csign for the, Wword, word
- 28th This day so warm & pleasant that we had no need of fire in our Tents except  
for Cooking, began raising the platform in the N East Bastion; wrote  
home by mail Parole Pitcher, Csign Bottle, Wword Glass
- 29th Pleasant weather almost like the Indian Summer in Ky this Evening a  
boat load of pork came from Detroit for the use of this place, the Ice  
had jam'd at the head of the Island & so had to haul the pork upwards of a  
mile to the store house The Q M Sgt. proposed giving whisky or pork for  
the back rations of Vinegar since we have been in Malden but as he could

not get the full value of the vinegar I would not take it untill I took the voice of the Compy they choose taking Whiskey & told me to do the best I could & they would be satisfied they said they knew I would get as much as possible & so agreed to the vinegar in Whiskey Parole Attention, Csign Present, Wword Arms

30th Still so warm that we have no need of fire except to cook & lay by at night Pork for the first issued to the Regt this night Benjm Havins a private in Capt D Goodens Compy died in the Hospital the second man that has died in the 16th Regt & both from the one Compy B Harrins was on the march one of the heartiest & strongest men in the Regt always lively & full of fun, nicknamed Capt Baby Parole Make ready, Csign Take aim, Wword Fire

31st A pleasant day Benjm Havins buried with the Honors of War, half ration of Bread & one & a half rations of pork issued to the Regt, this day Recd from G H Perrin Q M Sgt three Gallon of whiskey in lieu of the vinegar due the Compy from the 26th Octr inclusive to this date it was not full value of the vinegar but the Compy was satisfied with it, & on account of some of the Compy being part of the time on detachment & some in the Hospital, all did not draw an equal share I made the calculations for each one & there was not one word of grumbling in the whole Compy which was contrary to my expectation -- the Q M Sgt. wished me to be at the drawing of the rations to day the Rheumatism had fell from my Knee to my heel & between the stiffness of my Knee & pain of my heel I made but a poor out in walking to Town & back at 50 minutes past 7 P M, a small Cannon in the Centre of the Fort was Fired off the Alarm beat the Regt paraded & orderd to the Centre of the Ft 120 men orderd for a gaurd, 14 the quote

from Capt Logans Compy examined Arms & Catridges Boxes & filld evry Catridge Box with catridges & gave out an order that if any firing was heard through the night there should in the morning be an examination of ammunition & whoever was lacking of Catridge should be punished on account of my lameness as soon as I calld the roll went back to my tent but as soon as I heard the order I hobbled down & got mine filled at 50 minutes past 9 the Rogt dismissed to quarters -- 3 men was taken & put in irons who was suspected of loading & firing the Cannon the rest of the night passd over in quietness Parole Damn Csign All, Wword British

Adjt Genls. Office Ft. Malden 31st Decr 1814

#### After Orders

A detail of 120 privates Commanded by a Capt Scrgt & Cpl, will be immediately detailed as a Gaurd for the internal regulation of this Fort By Order

Signed Lew Morgan Lt Arty A A Adjt Genl.

Sunday 1st January 1815

Ushered in the New Year with heavier load than usual in the Morning Gun, while the Fatigue was parading roast Beef boat & the fatigue dismissed with little or no trouble the day so warm that I sat at my writing with my hunting shirt & neck handkercheif off in the evening part of Capt Logans & Capt Forest Companies joind to paddling one another in sport & had high fun in the night it clouded up & rained some little

2nd This day it rained so that the fatigue had to be dismissed at 11 OClock in the Evening threc men Josiah Stone of Capt Logans Compy, Saml. Taylor, of Capt Greggs Compy & John Stoops of Capt Roberts Compy had to ride Blind Grey for 15 minutes & two Regulars got paddled a cold night Parole No Csign Soldiers Wword punished

- 3rd A Cloudy cold day & high wind the men who rode grey last evening had to ride again this evening & they seem proud of the honor of being on horse back, also the two men who fired the Cannon on the Evening of the 31st Decr got 12 slaps each with a paddle the sentence of the Court was 10 each, but while the sentence was putting in execution Major Kennedy orderd two slaps a poice extra so they had good count Col Porters waiter also got 12 slaps well laid on for stealing from the Col. wrote home by mail Parole Beauty, Csign Innocence Wword Perfection
- 4th A cold day this evening the same 3 men had to mount old grey again they seem fond of the fun this night the deepest snow fell that has been this winter Parole I, Csign Love, Wword You
- 5th A Cold day for sometime past Pork has been issued to the Regt before we got Pork the whole cry was for Pork now Pork has been issued, they want Beef & to day Beef was issued some of the Men said it was Horse flesh & some said it was an old Ox that died with Poverty but better Beef need not be wished for Parole [blank]
- 6th A Cold clear day, received orders & had to make out a Monthly report for Decr. 1814 on a new plan or form to any that has yet been made out, this Evening I paraded the Compy for the first time since Christmas Parole [blank]
- 7th A pleasant day, the Contractor was disappointed of Meal & Flour, & so neither, Bread, Meal or Flour issued to the Regt this Day. Lieut Morgan was sent to meet Major Thresher at Detroit & demand his Sword, which raises anger in the Regt at half past 6 P M Major Thresher & the men under his Command returnd all well & hearty, but very much displeasd at the thoughts of the Old Major being arrested they say when the Majors

Sword was demanded he said he had not quite paid for it yet & would not give it up untill he had at 45 minutes past 6 P M the halloo was started at the gate of the Ft "Hurrow for Major Thresher" & passed through the lines like lightning the Alarm beat & the Regt ordered to the Centre of the Ft. the Col gave orders to stand under Arms for four hours, but we was dismissed to Qr at 8 OClock the detachment does not like coming under such regulations & some wishes to be on the River Thames Parole Young, Csign Handsome, Wword Tender

Sunday

8th This morning an advertisement was seen on the Gate post forbidding any one to F--t in their sleep without a written permit from Major Kennedy this afternoon half rations of corn meal issued on yesterdays but none on this days return & no good promise of any, Wood issued to the Regt by the Cord 4 1/2 Cqrd to Capt Logans Compy Parole [blank]

9th A pleasant day, no Bread, Flour, or Meal issued to the Regt. & only Pork rations of Beef at 11 OClock received Orders to be ready for inspection by 3 OClock PM Arms &c in best possible order, while we were drawing rations the Col. came & gave orders to the A D Qr M Genl to go out & fetch in all the provision he can find & drive in all the fat Cattle he can see at half past 2 Flints issued so that each man should have 3 apeice to shew on parade, at 4 OClock the Regt paraded & inspected which took up the time untill dark, received a letter from home immediately after dark some of the men undertook to stone the Col House at 15 minutes past 7 the Odlys call beat & got orders to detail a Gaurd for Camp Gaurd 6 men from Capt Logans Compy in all 5/4 at 8 OClock the Gaurd was formd & a disagreeable time of sleet, this Evening a large sky light appeared in the East several has been seen this winter but this

one the largest, Sleet and rain all night & quietness after the Gaard was placed Parole [blank]

10 The ground very slippery with the sleet but soon thawd away, as soon as the Fatigue paraded roast Beef beat & all soon dismissed in drawing rations Capt Logans Compy drew only two thirds of their rations of Flour no Beef or pork issued to the Regt but the promise of some soon, as soon as the Flour was drawn a busy time of baking & eating, in the afternoon Capt. Roberts who was left sick at Urbana rejoined the Regt a cold night & high wind Parole [blank]

11th A Cold day & only half rations of Bread issued to the Regt & at present no likelihood of drawing more than half rations of Bread untill a new recruit of Flour comes in some pork arrive this morning & issued to the Regt on yesterdays draw but the three last Companies that was to draw would not receive it on account of it being all heads but in drawing to day it was made up altho we had to take a good share of heads about one head to 50 pound wrote home by Mail Parole [blank]

12 A Cloudy moderate day but at night turned somewhat colder & snowd a little & only half rations of Bread Parole [blank]

13th A tolerable moderate Day half ration of Bread again this Evening about seven OClock in the N East a light appeard in the Clouds somewhat like to a Comet & at first was taken for a Comet but at 8 OClock it was not to be seen Parole [blank]

14th A pleasant Day & full rations of Bread issued which very much pleases the Regt. this Evening on Grand parade the proceedings of the Court Martial for the trial of Major Thrasher was read the men was so rejoiced to hear of the Major coming out so well that silence could not be kept in the lines, while details was reading some cryd Amen, some Glory, &c even in the line

of Odly Sgts silence was not kept & the Regt had smiling faces a Cloudy  
warm Night Parole The Csign United, Wword States

Sunday

15 A warm Morning, an advertisement was found on the Gate post of the Fort  
begging the Col pardon for past misdemenors of the Regt & promising good  
behaviour for the future also beging him to dismiss the Camp Gaurd, the  
Camp Gaurd was not dismissed but so much reduced that it only took two in-  
stead of seven from our Compy half rations Bread again Joseph Williams  
a Substitutue for David McIlvain came on & joind the Company D McIlvain  
was taken with Fits at Urbana & Furloughd for twenty days but did not come  
on at the time; his substitute fetches word that he still has fits I  
was taken this day with the Rheumatism in my neck & left shoulder which  
made my neck stiff & lost the use of my shoulder & painful enough Parole  
[blank]

16th A warm cloudy day & at night raind some little still on half rations of  
Bread Parole [blank]

17th A warm cloudy day this evening while the Camp Gaurd was parading a letter  
was brought to me, also for two more of Capt Logans Company which the  
careless post master at Detroit had faild sending by the Malden Mail  
Parole [blank]

18th A clear sunshine day this morning Major Kennedy arrested which pleases  
some of the Regt as much as the arrest of Major Thrasher displeasd them  
a high quarrel between the two Majors this night a warm wet and heavy  
Snow fell Parole [blank]

19th Snowed in the forenoon, as soon as the fatigue was paraded they was dis-  
missed on account of the snow & cold, wrote home by mail, in the Even-  
ing a quantity of Beeves between 40 & 50 head which was pressed from the

Inhabitants between this & Sandwick was brought in for the use of the  
 Regt a Gaurd had to be calld out after night to Gaurd the Beeves  
 Parole [blank]

20th A Cloudy day the French came down & beggd & plead with the contractor  
 for their cattle, but he only cursd them & told them he had left plenty  
 for their use Parole [blank]

21st A tolerable pleasant day got bled by the Doctor which appears to ease the  
 Rheumatism, two men belonging to Capt Bacons Company went out to hunt  
 one of their Guns went of accidentally & shot the other (Jones) through the  
 shoulder, still half rations of Bread Parole [blank]

Sunday

22 A tolerable moderate day though Cloudy in the evening some Pork came  
 from Detroit in the night snowd a little Parole [blank]

23rd A snowy morning as soon as the Fatigue was set to work roast Beef beat  
 on account of the Snow, but at 11 OClock cleard off & Fatigue beat the  
 men did not parade for Fatigue as quick as they dismissd for roast Beef,  
 Phillip Likes who stayed behind at Urbana in October came on & joind our  
 Company, my knee uncommonly painful with the Rheumatism, tryd in the  
 Evening to bleed in the foot but could get no Blood Parole Da---d,  
 Csign Cold, Wword Night

24th A Cold day my knee so painful I could neither sit or stand with any ease.  
 Capt Bacons Company got orders to be ready to march by tomorrow moring &  
 to take evry thing with them but their tents Camp Kettles & pans Parole  
 [blank]

25th An uncommon cold day got bled in the foot by the Doctor which appears to  
 ease my Knee about one OClock Capt Bacons Compy marchd destination un--  
 known but causes a great deal of talk in Camp, a stinging cold night  
 Parole [blank]

26 An uncommon cold day & still on half rations of Bread & no likelihood of getting full rations soon, talk going through Camp that an attack is soon expected the river jamd up with ice for the first time this winter & froze solid across Parole [blank]

27th A very cold day provision storing up in the Fort Parole [blank]

28th Still Cold & clear & provision storing up, talk in Camp that the British is coming to see us which some does not like Parole [blank]

Sunday

29th Uncommonly Cold received a letter from home the first that I recd out of the Malden office Parole [blank]

30th A Cold day but not quite as cold as a few days past has been, in the night clouded up snowd a little & blew uncommonly hard, 1/2 rations Bread Parole [blank]

31st This morning an uncommon high N wind & the snow blowing so that a Man could scarcely see across the Fort, the wind so high & the snow blowing so about the Company could not parade I calld the roll in my tent & each man answerd in his own tent, about 10 OClock the wind fell, & at 12 OClock it began to moderate, the night tolerable moderate Parole [blank]

1st February 1815

A tolerable moderate day, at 10 OClock At 6 the Odly Sgts got orders from the Adjut or Comdt. to parade all those in each of their Companies who reported sick in the morning & march them in good order to the Doctor some of those who reported did not like an examination & said they was now well enough Capt Logan had went to Resumpsyville on the Ice & the Lieut. said all the sick need not go & gave them orders to march as they pleasd the Adjut was very much displeasd that the order was countermanded by the Lieut & threw out some heavy threats against him, in the Evening orders

came in for Major Thrasher & Capt Forests Company to march on the 3rd Inst  
to Fort Gratiot, wrote home by Mail a warn[m] Night after such cold  
times Parole Jackson Csign Whip, Wword British

2nd A pleasant Day & so warm that I thawd some little Capt Forests Compy  
busy washing & fixing to start a report in Camp that some more Companies  
is to be ordered off in 2 or 3 days, which started some of the Men in the  
youngest Companies to washing & fixing too, report in the Evening that  
Col Butlers Regt was encampd at Browns Town, still on half rations  
bread Parole Death, Csign Before, Wword Dishonor

3rd A warm Morning at half past 9 A M, Capt Forests Company started appear-  
ingly in high spirits, Capt Moross of the Artificers threatend to keep  
by force what of Capt Forests men had joind the Artificers but they made  
higher threats than he did & he found it was more than he could do to  
stop them & so let them alone, in the Evening the Centinels removd inside  
of the Fort & the Camp Gaurd dismissed in the night some of Capt Greggs  
Compy got to handling powder it caught fire & blew their Tent some dis-  
tance & burnt some of the Men severely & tore their Tent, several  
accidents has happened with Catridges, but none to equal this Parole [blank]

4th Snowd in the Morning some little; the remainder of the Day warm & Cloudy  
a warm Night some rain & snow Parole [blank]

Sunday

5th A warm Morning & a wet snow falling as soon as the Fatigue was set to  
work roast beef beat, at 11 OClock quit snowing & turnd somewhat colder  
at 12 OClock Fatigue beat, at 2 OClock very few of the Fatigue was at  
work, the Odlys Call beat & each Sergt orderd to parade all of their  
Fatigue (that was in their Tents) at the Adjut Qrs some the men was very  
mad & threatned the Sgt very much, a tolerable cold night Parole [blank]

6th A cold day, about 11 OClock at night Col A Porter & one of the Citizens discovered as they thought about 15 British Light Horse Men, in the Town of Amherstburg haid once they halted, haid a second time, they wheeld to the right about & rode off as hard as they could go Col Porter gave the alarm at 15 minutes past 12 OClock Capt Logan received & gave orders to his Company to be up examine their Arms & Ammunition & be ready at a moments warning, the Cannon was loading & evry thing preparing for Action the Regt. Capt Logans Compy in particular ready for Action in a few moments, I was orderd to detail 3 of the steadiest men from our Compy & parade them immediately at the Adjts Qrs. Corporal Wood volunteerd his service & the Comdt accepted of him which made 4 men from Capt Logans Compy 25 men from the Regt Commanded by Ensign Martin to scout out by the Woods, below the Town & round the Fort the distance of a mile or mile & half the detail started at half past 12 & returnd at 45 minutes past 2 but made no discovery of an Enemy, the Officers appeard very active Parole Not, Csign Yet, Wword Boys

7th A tolderable moderate morning & a light snow falling at half past 7 OClock A M Major Kennedy, Capt Logan & Capt Whaley went to Town & took a scout round to try to make discoveries found a quantity of (shod) Horse Tracks, at 9 OClock Col Gratiot arrive from Detroit his horse uncommon warm, at 50 minutes past 11 Odlys Call beat & each Sgt orderd to parade 3 men at the Adjts Qrs immediately for to take a scout Volunteers perferred, as soon as I calld for Volunteers & told what it was for more turnd out while I was speaking than what was wanted & had it been required Capt Logans Compy would have turnd out (if not to a Man) at least 30 or 40 Men the scout Commanded by Capt Logan started at 15 minutes past 12 OClock & returned at 15 minutes past 3 P M scouted out the distance of

- from 3 to 4 mile round the Fort but seen no signs of an Enemy, a pleasant Afternoon, immediately after retreat beat in the Evening, orders to detail a Patrole Gaurd for the Night, 30 Men from the Regt. detaild, laid out in 3 releivs each relcif to scout 2 hours at a time the night passd over quietly Parole Red Csign Rosy Wword Eye
- 8th A cold Cloudy morning moderated about the middle of the day & snowd a little in the Afternoon, at 12 OClock 30 Rangers under Command of Lieut Carter came from Detroit for the purpose of Ranging the new Settlement, down the Lake, in the Afternoon Col Butler arrive, report says that his Regt is to be on in a few Days, Patrole orderd out in the Evening again, half rations bread & one & a half rations of Beef issued to the Regt some of the Men says it is Horse Beef, but they want some thing to grumble at Parole The, Csign Eagles, Word Flight
- 9th A warm Cloudy Day the Rangers busy geting their Horses rough shod report going through Camp that the 16th Regt is to start home in 18 Days which please the men well Parole Washington, Csign Loxington, Wword Hampton
- 10th A pleasant Day, this afternoon I made out to walk to Town for the first time for a long while, about 3 OClock 18 or 19 round of Cannon heard here from Detroit half ration Bread & one & a half rations of Beef issued again & expectations of us drawing the same way as long as we stay in Malden a tolerable moderate night and a light snow fell scarcely enough to cover the ground Parole Shelby, Csign Governor, Wword Kentucky
- 11th A Cloudy cold morning but soon cleard off & a tolerable pleasant Day, in the Morning that part of the Compy that lay on the East side of the Fort was orderd to move their Tents to the North side of the Fort on part of the Ground that Capt Forests Compy had occupied in order to give room for the building of Barracks, I was orderd to relcive all that I had detaild for

Fatigue that belonged to the Tents that had to move, The mail arrive in the Evening but too late to be opened that night, the mail carriers brought word that the firing at Detroit on yesterday was on account of the news of a victory gained by Genl Jackson over the British at New Orleans, on Grand Parade Wm Walton of Capt D Goodens Compy had to ride the wooden Horse for 15 minutes & two of the Regulars paddled, my knee so well that I paraded and marched out the Compy at Dark the Fort illuminated on account of the news of Genl Jacksons victory, the Fort so light that one could see to pick up a pin except in places where some of the Tents shaded, Candles hoisted on top of the picketing Guard House & Tents, some News papers handed out of the Office so that the news was published to the Regt the Men much rejoiced at the news a Clear cold night Parole Attention, Csign Right, Wword Face

Sunday

12th A cloudy cold morning my turn to act as Odly of the Day had a small packet of papers & some letters to carry to Town the first time I have had any thing to do when acting as Odly of the Day, began fixing for the foundation of the Barracks on the East side of the Fort, at half past 12 OClock Fired a Salute on account of the news of Genl Jacksons victory, in the middle of the Day moderated some little & a little snow falling, in the Afternoon between 20 & 30 Men of the 2nd Regt U S Rifle arrive with the heavy baggage of the Regt (stationed below the Town,) they fetch word that the Regt will be on in a day or two in the Evening turned cold & a very cold Night Parole Beautiful Csign Lovely WWord France The following orders was delayed too late to be inserted in proper Order

Adjut Genls Office Ft Malden 18th Jany 1815

After Orders

Major Stephen Thrasher of the 16th Regt Ky, M; D; will assume the Command of this Post till further Orders By Order

Signed Lew Morgan Lt. Arty A A Adjut Genl

Adjut Genls Office Ft Malden 30th Jany 1815

Detachment Orders

Major S Thresher will assume the Command of this Post during the absence of Col Gratiot The Major is enjoined to hurry on the defence & to be extremely vigilant in enforcing a strict discharge of duty from evry individual under his Command By Order

Signed Lew Morgan Lt Arty A A Adjut Genl

Fort Malden 1st Feby 1815

The Daily Fatigue at this Post will heretofore consist of one hundred privates, four non Commissioned Officers two Commissioned Officers will Command them

Signed S. Thrasher Comdt

Adjut Genls Office Ft Malden 5th Feby 1815

Detachment Orders

In future the Contractors will attend in the Ft from 10 OClock in the Morning untill 1 in the afternoon, & from 3 to 4 in the Evening for the purpose of issueing rations to the troops at this post untill further Orders By Order

Signed Lew Morgan Lieut Arty A A Adjut Genl

Fort Malden 8th Feby 1815

Detachment Orders

The Detachment order of the 5th Inst relating to Contractors is hereby repealed & they are hereby directed that one of them be present at all hours to make such issues as may be required

from the Department

Signed — C Gratiot Col Comdg

- 13th A Cold morning through the day clear Sun but cold aid about 10 OClock  
300 of the 2nd Regt of the U S Rifle Men crossd the Lake on the Ice &  
Quarted at Col Elliots Farm one & a half mile below Malden, this Evoning  
for the first time I took a walk round the Fort a very cold night  
Parole Kentucky, Csign Militia, Wword Detached
- 14th A Cold Morning but the Day tolerable pleasant with a clear Sun but cool  
air this day drew full rations of Bread, for the first time we have drawn  
full rations of Bread, for a long time back & the promise of complete rations  
while we stay in Malden, this Afternoon Ensign Hunter, P Applegate &  
myself took a walk on the Ice down to Col Elliots Farm to see the Rogulars  
the farthest I have been from the Fort since I have been in Malden a  
moderate night Parole[blank]
- 15 A pleasant day Clouded over about 12 OClock, 26 of the 2nd Regt U S  
rifle men came from Detroit, a pleasant clear Night Parole Jackson,  
Csign New Orleans, Wword Victorious
- 16th A pleasant Day Col Gratiot resignd the Command of Ft Malden to Major  
Kennedy, in the Evening on Grand Parade the Sentences of John Wallace of  
Capt Logans Compy & Joseph Kennedy of Capt S Goodens Compy was read,  
Major Kennedy reprieved them both which makes the Regt like him better than  
ever they disliked him, talk in Camp that the Sick is to start on Monday,  
in the Evening Major Kennedy told Capt Logan & myself that he intended  
starting the sick on in a few Days & as I had the Rheumatism he allowd for  
me to go on wrote two letters home one of them in the morning the  
other late at Night, a warm Night & some little snow we have had a great  
many little snows this while past yet it has been a long time since the

Ground has been Covered

17th A Cold Morning & snowing hard but soon turned to rain & the Fatigue dismissed, about 11 O'clock quit raining & the Fatigue called out again, in the afternoon heard one clap of Thunder the first we have heard since the Day we crossed the River Reason a Cold night & hard snow Parole [blank]

18th A Cold morning & a high North wind, but moderated about the middle of the Day, in the Evening got orders from Major Kennedy to give to the Compy next morning on parade viz be ready at 10 O'clock to parade Arms &c in good order, also got orders myself to be ready to start as the sick is to march in 2 or 3 days at farthest Parole [blank]

Sunday

19th A tolerable moderate morning at 10 O'clock the Regt paraded the sick detailed out by the Doctor myself amongst the rest to start on Tuesday a moderate night I reported James S Wood 1st. Corpl to the Serjt Major as Only Sgt of Capt Logans Compy in my place Parole [blank]

20th A pleasant forenoon & expectations the sick would have to go by Detroit from the appearance of the Ice as it appeared rotten about 12 O'clock clouded over the Major & several Officers went to examine the Ice & found it sufficiently strong in the Evening began to rain but in the night turned to snow & a tolerable deep snow fell, word came direct from Detroit that an express had arrive there bringing word to the Commander of that place that peace was made between the U States & G Britain terms not known as yet here in the night the Ice in the River broke up Parole [blank]

21st A heavy Snow falling rations drawn for the sick & those detailed for Guard, but on account of the snow & the appearance of bad weather the sick ordered not to start untill tomorrow, as soon as the Fatigue was set to

work roast Beef beat & evry Man to his Qrs. soon quit snowing & turnd Cold, & in the night very Cold the River froze over Parole Discipline, Csign Presorves, Wword Armies

22nd A cold morning, as soon as the fatigue paraded roast beef beat through the Day turnd more moderate, at Night turnd Cold, Parole Hull, Csign Detroit, Wword Fell

23rd A Cold Morning, David Little of Capt H Ellis's Compy died in the Hospital, the sick got orders to return & be reported in their respetive Companies, wrote home by Mail as soon as the fatigue paraded roast beef beat & orders given for each & evry Man to be ready to parade in an hour & a half for inspection, the sick who had gave up their Arms orderd to draw them again, Paraded the Arms inspected & Ammunition issued so as to fill evry Catridge Box full the Regulars of the 2nd Regt Rifle men put on Fatigue at the Ft., talk of the Enemy being close at hand & some expectation of them attacking this place a tolerable moderate night to what we have had some time past Parole [blank]

24th A tolerable moderate morning the Fatigue of the 16th Regt set to puting up scaffolds on the South & part of the West sides of the Ft. so as to raise the men to fire out of the port holes, the Regulars of the 2nd Regt put to work on the out side of the Ft. a quarrel took place about rations between Capt H Ellis & the Qr M Sgt, Capt Ellis struck the Sgt. also kickd him which set the Qr M very mad a moderate Night Parole [blank]

25 A cloudy moderate day, part of the Fatigue set at scaffolding & part at diging, in the Evening those who went for the Mail returnd without it on account of its not arriving in Detroit, the second mail that has faild coming to Malden a warm Night Parole [blank]

Sunday.

- 26 A warm Thawing Day & Night Parole [blank]
- 27th A pleasant warm day, wrote home by Capt Spencer the fatigue reduced one half which makes an odds off from sixteen to eight men in Capt Logans Compy Parole Bloomfield, Csign Lewis, Wword Dearborn
- 28th A warm Day Doctor Timberlake, Paymaster Chilton & Capt Spencer started for Ky, in the night the Ice in the River broke up considerably Parole No, Csign Peace, Wword Yet

March 1815

- 1st A windy warm morning thawing weather so that the Ground has got very muddy, in the Evening word brought that an express had brought word to the Comdt at Detroit that a cessation of Hostilities had taken place between the U States & G Briton, in the Night the Ice broke clear out of the River Parole Armies, Csign Preserves, Wword Nations
- 2nd A warm Day, busy making out payrolls Major Kennedy Capt Logan & some other Officers went up to Detroit to hold Court Martial for the trial of Lieut Col Andrew Porter of the 16th Regt Ky M D, and Major Mott of the Ohio Militia Parole Leave, Csign To be, Wword Absent
- 3rd A warm Cloudy Morning cleared off about 10 [blotted out] the Afternoon Clouded up & distant Thunder [blotted out] a warm pleasant Night Parole Sleep, Csign All the, Wword Day
- 4th A rainy Morning & distant Thunder, this morning Commisary Blair contrived to raise a report that some provision was stolen last night out of the Commisary House by the 16th Regt. he said they had bursted open the shutter but no marks of violence could be seen on the shutter, some of the Centinals who stood at the Door was put under Guard, & one of the most respectable man in Capt Logans Compy was one of them, some high words

past between Blair & me on the account, & when I told him marks of violence would be seen on the shutter if any one had been in, his face coloured high when he found his own evidence condemned him in the Evening Blair started different reports about the way the men got into the House, received a letter from home, in the Night high wind and hard rain Parole Washington, Osign Hamilton, Wword Knox

Sunday

- 5 A clear day & uncommon high Wind, the Fatigue of the 16th Regt. totally dismissed, a windy warm Night Parole Good, C Sign Virtuous, Wword Sensible
- 6th A pleasant Day the Regt making preparations for starting & engaging boats to transport them to Sandusky, in the Night a smart Frost
- 7th A pleasant Sun but cool air
- 8th A warm Day in the night several fights took place amongst some of the Regt, & some hard blows exchanged but as our time was nearly expired the Officers passed it by unnoticed a cloudy night
- 9th A very warm Day & a great deal of Ice (of a greenish colour which the French calls the Black Ice) runing Down the River Detroit from Lake St. Clair, the Ice said to come out of the swamps on Lake St Clair
- 10th At 2 OClock A M James M Boswell, Sgt Major of the 16th Regt. Ky, M. D. Died in the House of Mrs Allen of Amherstburg, he was much lamented by all his acquaintance, I was sitting up with him when he Died, had lay upwards of a Month sick, at day light began to rain & we had a wet morning, Capt John OFallan of the 2nd Regt U S Rifle men Mustered the 16th Regt Ky M D out of Service, the Arms & Accoutrements delivered to the Qr Master, as the Men were delivering up their Arms &c they sung

But if that she waits for my return  
 I am sure that she'll wait to the day of her doom  
 For I mean to travel the Country though  
 And pass for a Jolly Soldier

the two oldest Companies put across to Browns Town, I drew five Days rations for Capt Logans Company & then had a busy time writing certificates for the Compy, some of the Company started as soon as they got their certificates & got across the River in Canoes, some of the Regt got to fighting & appeared like a roudy set, in the Evening the Regular Guard took Command of the Fort, & brought in tight regulations, at night a heavy rain & uncommon high wind

11th The Regt busy & some starting in Canoes, as they were starting they sang

When wilds Wars deadly blast was blown  
 And gentle peace returning  
 There's many sweet Babes Fatherless  
 And many Widows mourning  
 I left the lines & Tented plains  
 Where long had I been a lodger  
 And for Kentucky homewards on  
 So cheerry I will wander

Some took leave of Malden with the following

So no brave boys I'll bid you Adieu  
 And go no more to the Wars with you  
 But I'll travel Kentucky through & thro  
 And pass for a Jolly Soldier

I deliverd to the Qr Master the Camp Equipage of Capt Logans Company, & got share in a Canoe in order to coast round the Lake to Sandusky, took Capt Logans trunk with the Company papers, & left Malden with a light heart at 12 OClock when crossing the River found the two last channels very rough, had on account of the wind to lay by on one of the Islands for near two hours, our little Canoe appears to ride the waves well, Coasted round the shore till midnight, on account of shoal shores & Ice could not land sooner the pararies was on fire which gave us light to see how to go

Sunday

12th Started at day light & coasted round to about ten OClock the wind raised so high & drove the Ice to the shore so that we could go no farther, got into the Bay of rocks at the mouth of stony creek lay by in an old House a short distance up the Creek at 10 OClock began to rain & had a wet day, also a windy & wet night, took a shake of the Ague

13th A pleasant morning the Ice solid for 2 miles from the shore, we pushed off got a channal through the Ice & went about two mile the wind rise high we turnd & made out to get to the shore with hard work while coming back to get to the shore through the same channel or opening at which we came out, we was two or three times drove side ways into the Ice & had hard work to make the shore, I took the papers & books out of the trunk left the trunk, put the papers in my Knapsack, which made it heavy enough took it a foot through mud & water enough crossd the River Reason in a Canoe one mile above the road, passd a drove of 300 Cattle on their way to Detroit, in the pararies muddy & the water on them deep, most of the Creeks swiming but generally got logs to cross on, & where there was no logs went straight on, at night got good camping built up a good fire lay down to sleep, about ten OClock began to rain, had a very wet night and heavy Thunder

14th A very rainy Morning, some of the Men in company stayd by the fire, George Wood & myself went on through rain, mud, & water for about 2 mile to a French mans house, warmd ourselves & got some Apple brandy, about 10 OClock quit raining the rest of our Company came on, pushd on through muddy wet pararies water sometimes over the waist, & had some Creeks to swim & the water very cold at about Sun two hours high in the evening came to tolerable good encamping ground, stopd for fear we could not get

as good ground ahead out poles & Brush to sleep on & made a Blanket Tent, in the night high wind blew off our Tent, hard rain, heavy Thunder & sharp Lightning, had another shake of the Ague about midnight

15th Pushd on swamps part of the way waist deep some creeks to swim, had one Creek to cross which had a bottom about a quarter mile wide & water from hill to hill crossd the main channel on some floating poles, & logs & got some high stumps the rest of the way had to wade some had to swim but by picking the way & swinging to the Brush could make out to cross without swimming, but the common depth armpit deep the coldness of the day & water almost chilld me to death past on through swamps sometimes half thigh deep to Swan creek which was very high & too swift to swim went about one mile up, where we found a Tree across pushd on through wet & muddy swamps & pararies to opposite Fort Meigs, but too late to get across the River about twenty of the 16th Regt Ky M D stayd in Mr David Hulls & he try'd to make us as comfortable as possible, this Day had a great many snow showers, & a cold night

16th Got across to Fort Meigs early in the Morning & drew rations, but too unwell to travel on, examined the Books & papers & found them wet enough & tryd to dry them, a cold day & night at night hard snow & rain, about midnight had another shake of the Ague

17th A windy cold day, some showers of snow & rain, & very unwell, about 30 of the 16th Regt, Ky M D procured a boat to take us to Portage, & when ready to start the French man who had agreed to take us would not go, so the most of them pushd on by land a cold night & hard frost

18th A Cold day & uncommon high wind with hard showers of snow, took a shake of the Ague in Day light & so unwell that I was not able to be out of Qrs a clear night & hard frost, in the night had another shake of the Ague

Sunday

- 19th A cold day & high wind, with some heavy snow showers & clear spells, felt very unwell, a clear night & hard frost.
- 20th A clear cold morning & looks like settled weather about 1 oclock clouded over & a smart snow fell a snowy night, no shake of the Ague, but between 2, & 3 hours of a chill & very unwell the remainder of the Night
- 21st A snowy morning & very unwell, about 10 oclock quit snowing & turnd cold, wrote home by mail in the afternoon had a long chill of the Ague; in the night a heavier snow fell than any that has been at Malden this winter
- 22nd A cold windy day in the afternoon had a severe shake of the Ague, & after the shake was very sick, a tolerable moderate night
- 23rd A moderate cloudy day & very sick, a warm night & hard rain
- 24th A Cloudy morning, Col McDonald of the Ohio M, procured a boat to send some of the Ohio troops to Sandusky, I made application to the Col for a passage for the sick of the 16th Regt Ky M D (at this post) the Col gave us a passage but said I should be responsible for the good conduct of those who belonged to the 16th Regt. the boat to be commanded by Sgt. Patrick of the O M, D, about 12 oclock cleard off at 2 took water with a pleasant wind saild till in the night but the waves so high could not make round Cedar point so encampd on the Maumee side of the point 26 mile from Meigs, on pretty encamping ground & a pleasant night, & in the high waves in the Bay & but little wind
- 25th A pleasant morning some detaild to take the Boat round the point, & the rest getting breakfast ready, started at 9 oclock no wind & so had to row, at 10 oclock a head wind began to rise (& continued till evening) passed two vessels & a flock of about 2000 swans, encampd at Sun down at the mouth of carrying River 27 mile from Cedar point, a cool night & smart frost

Sunday

26th This morning the wind appeared to sie, 8 of the 16th Regt took a cross the

point (in order to lighten the Boat) to the Sandusky Blockhouse 3 mile on the Sandusky Bay, water generally half log deep & sometimes deeper, Kindled a fire warmed & eat Breakfast, the blowing hard down the Bay allowed the boat could not get up the Bay, got directions from a French hunter to go by the mouth of muddy Creek & so pushed on 6 mile through pararies & pararie Islands to the Creek water in the pararies from ancle to waist deep & on the Islands Snakes so think that we had to keep a sharp look out; got to Muddy Creek about 2 oclock but the wind so high we could not get across & so encamped on a pararie Island some of the Men sold part of their Cloathing to to the hunters for whiskey, & a lively set of men it soon made, in the night, Clouded up & rained a little

27th A windy wet morning some French hunters that was going to Lower Sandusky, agreed to give us a passage in their Canoes, 2 went in a small Canoe the rest in a large one, the French men with whom I went got so drunk they did not know what they was about & got unruly, I threatnend runing them through with my Sword, then they lay down & got asleep, & I stoerd, & when they awoke one of them fell over board passed several Indian encampments, came to Mrs Whitacers a Dutch widow 3 mile below Lower Sandusky got supper & staid all night & a smart snow fell

28th A cloudy morning pushd on to Sandusky & drew rations eat Breakfast & pushd on again at 12 oclock through tolerable muddy road to Ft. Seneca, mud part of the road over the anclos had to wade Wolf Creek waist deep, a cold rainy night & some hail, some Indians lived in the Fort, & their dogs got to our meat & got a good belly full

29th A windy wet & cold morning, started at Sun up past Old Mr. Spicers & Ft

Ball & encamped 3 mile from Ft Ball at the 21 mile Tree about Sun one hour high, & had to cut poles & brush to sleep on rain show & hail all day & a disagreeable & cold night of rain snow hail & wind

30th A wet cold morning started early past some Beech flats mud & water from ankle to half leg deep, after going about 3 mile a few of us took an Indian trace to save mud, which led us off the road & no Sun or moss to steer by, so we did not get into the road this day & rain & snow all day which in the forenoon froze as it fell, in the afternoon more moderate some of the Company who kept the road had the rations, & so we had empty stomachs to sleep on, our camping ground so wet had to cut poles & pile Brush to sleep on & in the night had to rise & get more brush, at dark began to snow & snowd all night hard the fire thawd the snow on our Blanket tent which leakd through & wet us completely

31st A very cloudy morning, the snow so thick on the limbs & bushes that we could see but a short distance started early on empty stomachs & nothing to eat, I felt very sick, the snow near half leg deep about 8 oclock the Sun broke out & the snow on the limbs thawing & falling fast which wet us completely to the skin, about 10 oclock I was so sick that I was able to go no farther, the Company struck up a fire, one of them Mr Walker staid with me the rest pushed on & promised to fetch a Horse from Upper Sandusky for me a pleasant afternoon, a cloudy warm night & very sick

April 1815

1st A Cloudy warm morning & a high fever on me & so sick hardly able to rise, about 8 oclock began to rain some little about 10 oclock felt some better Walker took my Knapsack & we started at 1 oclock struck the road: had 2 Creeks to head round the back water, about 1 hour before night came to Tiamocaty Creek uncommon high the large Bridge swept

away. found still some Fire where some Men had encamped, so we encamped on the same Ground hard rain all Day but at night cleared off tolerable cold, & through the night I was very sick

Sunday

2nd A Cool morning & cloudy, yet we seen the Sun rise started about Sun an hour high, went between 2 & 3 mile up the Creek in order to get round the back water but found a large stream of runing water & very rapid, so came back to the road to raft in the dead water, Walker just began to get some poles & I to cut some withs to raft with, heard (the Men who had went on) halloo on the other side & askd Walker if I was Dead, a Sgt Sampson & Sgt Jutt of the Ohio Militia came along & Brought Horses also got an Indian to come with his Canoe (from Negro Town) to swim the Horses back & forward, also brought some provision for us the first we had seen since the 29th of March but I was too sick to eat any, crossd the Creek got on a Horse lay on his wethers & got to U Sandusky in the Evening Sick enough & in the scarcely expected to see morning

3rd A Cold Day wrote home by Payne & Warfield very sick & at night a high fever discoverd that it was the Yellow Jaundice that is on me

4th A pleasant day the waters falling & the roads drying was told that a Publick Waggon was to start in the morning for Franklinton, made application to Qr Master Murphy for a passage, who told me to see that all the sick of the 16th Regt Ky M at this place had rations & we should all have a place in the Waggon feels a little on the mend, in the night 2 heavy Thunder storms high wind, hard & heavy hail about midnight taken with a purging & vomiting & thought that I should have died before morning.

5th Purging & vomiting severely untill 8 oclock. at 9 felt better, the

- Waggon ready [to] start with the assistance of 2 men got into the Waggon  
& felt bad enough drove about 13 mile & encamped a Cool night
- 6th I feels very unwell, A pleasant day pass'd through some deep water  
& muddy roads; passd the Scioto block House had to cut the road  
round some Logs with our Tomahawks came 11 mile to Mr Gallants the  
first white settler feels some Better but weak
- 7th This morning felts so well that I helped to Geer & hitch about 10 oclock  
taken worse & a high Fever which continued all night. a wet forenoon  
but pleasant afternoon came about 11 mile & stoped. muddy roads & a  
flat Country
- 8th A pleasant Day felt so well that I walked about 4 Mile the roads tol-  
erable good came about 12 mil passed Delaware & stoped at a Mr Thomas's  
at night a smart frost
- Sunday
- 9th A clear cool Morning felt tolerable well so took it a foot with 1 or 2  
more to Franklinton 16 mile drew rations crossd the River & came half  
a mile to Mr Vanhornes, a warm night
- 10th Started early a warm Day about 10 oclock my feet began to feel sore &  
blister crossed Big Belly in a Waggon -- Walnut Creek on a Log came 23  
mile & was refused by a Tavern Keeper the privilege of sleeping by his  
Fire but directly after invited by a Mr Yates & his Wife to stay all night  
& they treated us uncommonly kind, in the night hard rain & heavy Thunder
- 11th A pleasant morning started early my Feet very sore passed Circleville,  
Jefferson & the Plains had several Creeks to Cross some I was carried  
across by Persons riding some on Logs & waded some waist deep, traveled  
about 20 mile stoped at an Old Dutchmans & they were really kind. sent  
home word by the post rider

- 12th A cool morning & my feet very sore walked 2 mile to Chillicothea. Drew rations & got a passage in Mr Barbers Keel, which I have great need of for from the weakness left by the Jaundice & the soreness of my Feet I make but a poor hand at walking left Chilicothe about 2 oclock, saild all night had a pleasant night & an agreeable crew but sometimes got tolerable severe jolts from the Boat stricking on sawyers of which there is a good number in the Scioto
- 13th A pleasant Morning the whole crew took a shaving match landed at the back of Portsmouth, about 12 oclock, the first Man I spoke to was the Captain of a Keel, who was lying by on account of the wind and promised me a passage as soon as the wind would fall about Sun down the wind & the Boat pushed off also another Boat that lay there. they lashed together, after sailing about an hour another Boat pushed off & lashed to us, & a merry set they were a pleasant night
- 14th About Day Break the Boats struck on the head of the three Islands & Broke asunder as the other two had to stop at Manchester we do not lash again a pleasant Morning & saild m[e]rrily on about 8 oclock landed at Maysville with a light Heart had scracely got to the top of the Bank when I heard that my Father & Brother were both out with Horses on the search of me in about one hour I made out to get through my acquaintances & reached my own Door where I was welcomed as one from the Dead Changed my Clothes & eat Breakfast with more pleasure than I had done for some Months past, at Home I found they had given me up for Dead untill 2 Days before I reached Home a pleasant Day & had the satisfaction of seeing the most of my Friends & neighbours once more in the Evening my Father & Brother returned, my Brother got as far as Chilicothe just as I left it & so turnd &

met my Father

So now I have given you a fair statement of what happened to myself  
& our Regt (as far as came under my notice) but on the morning of the 15th  
I felt a thankful & light heart to think I was once more at Home & had not  
to shoulder my Knapsack or turn in to Drawing or Cooking rations

So now Brave Boys

I'll bid you adieu

And go no more

To the Wars with you

For I still have the Rheumatism which I got on Christmas & expects  
to be a Cripple with it all my Life

E. Duncan Junr

THE END