

Wednesday, June 24, 1863

No speaking this evening on account of the excitement- the militia from town and the New York soldiers have gone out by the Watts farm and the Walnut Bottom road to throw up entrenchments and plant artillery to defend the town from the rebels the colored men are digging the entrenchments.

Thursday, June 25, 1863

Yett gone to Newport a great many left town- The Rebels are encamped five miles from town- Commencement exercises dispensed with- the New York soldiers fell back for reinforcements Scouts out all day- no mail's going or coming- I had a letter from Duff- Ed had one- Mother had one from Aunt Sarah- Arch one from James Graham at Vicksburg

Friday, June 26, 1863

No cars came today- all communication cut off- raining hard all day- scouts out all day

Saturday, June 27, 1863

The Rebels entered town at ten O clock this morning General Jenkins- Brigade of Calvary- a hard looking set- the citizens had to furnish 15.00 rations by twelve O clock- Calvary Infantry and Artillery passed through General Ewell's division the Rebels cut the telegraph wire

Sunday, June 28, 1863

The Rebels are robbing stealing from the stores and dwellings a party of them came in and stole the express goods and some stationary- part of them are encamped at the Garrison- no church or Sunday school today-

Monday, June 29, 1863

The Rebels are going in every house and stealing all they can the Rebels burned the Railroad bridge today

Tuesday, June 30, 1863

The Rebels still here marched over to Getesburg there is said to be about 43,000 Rebel soldiers in this Valley at present {Infantry Calvary and 162 pieces of Artillery}

Wednesday, July 1, 1863

The Garrison bruned by the Rebels about 10,000 of our troops came up here from Harrisburg with three batteries- about seven O clock in the evening the Rebels threw several shells in the town our cannon fired- one of their shells wounded [4] of our men one had to have his leg amputated, we our family all ran out to the country, the Rebels shelled the town terrible they went through a great many houses- one hundred houses pierced.

Thursday, July 2, 1863

We came home this morning at eight O clock at Mrs. Ors farm all night had to skedaddle again at ten nearly all the women and children flying from town- we went out to George Lines three miles from town, the Carlisle Barracks completely destroyed- provisions very scarce the town nearly deserted- two bullets struck our front door-

Friday, July 3, 1863

We all came home this morning except Tommy we left him at Mr. Lines- Mother making cherry jelly- Rebel prisoners brought in town today- the telegraph wire repaired and working this evening

Saturday, July 4, 1863

Raining very hard more Rebel prisoners brought in- fixing up the railroad bridge for the present to bring troops up from Harrisburg- some of our soldiers taken prisoner were paroled and came to town the citizens are fixing up the College for a Hospital.

Sunday, July 5, 1863

117 Rebel prisoners brought in this evening more coming we captured a Rebel prisoners train- we captured 118 cannon 25,000 prisoners and cut off the Rebels retreat and burnt the Pontoon bridges- we had preaching this morning none this evening

Monday, July 6, 1863

More prisoners brought in- I called Sis- S- two Gentlemen here all night they are going to the Battlefield tomorrow- Mr. Sturgeon called here- Miss Fanny Webber here spending the day- I made a cap for Willie

Tuesday, July 7, 1863

Rebel prisoners taken always from here- two gentlemen from Allentown stayed here last night and took breakfast with us this morning Sis-S and Mr. Randolph of Lewistown called this evening and we took a walk- the cars came up to the Depot, this evening for the first time since the bridge was destroyed by the rebels

Wednesday, July 8, 1863

A great many people came in the cars to go to the battlefield at Getesburg- we had 23 Union soldiers for breakfast this morning- I called at Sis- S- this evening a long train of Soldiers passed up this evening Pappy had a letter from Duff today.