

From the Diary of John Welty
1863-1864 During the Civil War

Nov. 7

I received my pay this morning. Lieut. Decker drew and took care of it while I took some prisoners to Cairo, Ill. I received a letter from Wm. Gladden--dated Oct., 27.

Sat. Nov. 8

Cool day. I got my dinner at Dinah McQuinney. It was excellent. I wrote a letter home.

Mon. Nov. 9

Cold day. I went to Col. Mundys and got an order to go to my Regt. Brought it here to Capt. Gilmer. He tore it up and sent me to my qtrs, but I got out again and went back to Hd. Qrs. and they promised me other papers.

Tues. Nov. 10

I got my papers to go front. I am going tomorrow.

Wed. Nov. 11

I am now in Zollicoffer House, Nashville. I slipped out of the Bk's this morning and fell in with the squad before they got to the depot. I got my breakfast and some rations at a Darky Womans. Also my shirt washed. We started at 7 A.M. arrived at 6 P.M.

Thurs. Nov. 12

Were waked up about 2 A.M. got our Breakfast, got on the cars and started about 4 A.M. on top of freight cars. When within about 10 miles of Newfreeseboro we stopped to wood. I was helping and just got aboard and my hat blew off. (\$2.00) worth. Our engine gave out at Wartree and we waited until another came, got on it and arrived at Tullahoma at dusk. At Decherd 3 of us got in a car loaded with crackers and slept there.

Fri. Nov. 13

Stovenson, Alabama. We arrived here this morning about 2 A.M. We three in the car did not know it until morning. We then came to the Convalescent Camp where we were camped over a year ago. I cannot go front because I have no arms. I wrote a letter to Maj. Coulter to get me to the Regt. if he could.

Sat. Nov. 14

Pleasant day. Rained some this A.M. This P.M. we got orders to move tomorrow morning. The ambulances are going to the front this P.M.

Sun. Nov. 15

Still at Stevenson. Drew 5 days rations. Will leave tomorrow I think.

Mon. Nov. 16

Wrote a letter home. Saw Tip Marvin. He will take me to the Regt. if he can.

Tues. Nov. 17

Still in Convalescent camp.

Wed. Nov. 18

This morning my name was taken with others to go to Chattanooga. This eve, lying at the Depot waiting for the cars.

Fri. Nov. 20

We started last evening at 6 P.M. came on the cars to