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Monday, May 12.

Travelling by train to Huntsville.

Saturday, May 26.

Went to town to meet the Regiment. Gen'l Mitchell went out to meet them also. Played "Hail to the Chief" when Col. Lytle came up. Our boys were glad to see the band. Played "Gary Owen." Gen'l Mitchell the band with a few appropriate words thanking them for

a small detachment as provost guard and the rebel cavalry made a dash for them, but he was too sharp for them for he had his men posted so that they picked off the rebels so well and fast that they soon retreated leaving behind them some prisoners and horses beside the dead. They were out seven days without tents and looked quite fatigued. Two of our

Recently Patrick McCouley, editor of *The Huntsville Times*, received an interesting transcript of the diary of Daniel E. Finn who was attached to the 10th Ohio Regimental Band during the Civil War. His granddaughter, Mrs. Rosemary Hughes, who furnished the manuscript, reports that it is a part of a series of diaries which he kept throughout the war.

Since J. Withers Clay, the editor of *The Democrat*, had to flee Huntsville when the federal troops arrived on April 11, 1862, (see *Huntsville Historical Review*, Spring-Fall 1989) without taking his press with him, it is evident that his print shop was available for use by the federal forces. The following excerpt from the diary covers the period from May 12 through July 25, 1862.

the severe duty they performed routing the enemy completely and returning safely to camp. Capt. O'Dowd was left with

men were taken prisoner.

Wednesday, May 28.

Over 700 prisoners paroled, arrived from Chattanooga. They



presented a sorrowful appearance being ragged and nearly starved while in the hands of the rebels.

Thursday, May 29th.

Went to town. Met a large number of the Shiloh prisoners. Talked to some of them. Some of their narratives were truly heartrending. One man who put his head out the window at Tuscaloosa was shot dead. Their meat was thrown in thru the windows.

Friday, May 30. This morning all the Shiloh prisoners, about 1500, left for Nashville with a wagon train containing cotton and 200 men from the 10th reg. under the command of Major Moore.

Saturday, May 31. Col. Lytle read a dispatch to the guards that Corinth had fallen. Gen^l Mitchell ordered a National salute to be fired close to the camp of the 10th Ohio. Went to the 2nd Ohio whom we serenaded. Col Harris was much pleased and invited us into his quarters where we participated in some of the best Applejack ever.

Wednesday, June 5. This morning went into town for Guard Mount and then to Loomis Battery where we played at a sword presentation to Capt. Loomis by his company. He read a dispatch that Jeff Davis was driven in and Pope was after the fleeing rebels at Corinth so closely that they hadn't time to burn their bridges after them.

Thursday, June 12. Had dress parade at which several persons who were court martialed were arraigned and their sentences read, among the most prominent were Capt. Marmion and Lt. Steitz, each fined \$100.00.

Friday, June 13. After playing at Guard Mount went into town to see Mr. Gaddis who is about starting a paper in the Office of the HUNTSVILLE DEMOCRAT. Promised him I would help him. Was all thru the office. The last paper issued was on the 9th of March. The type was removed and the hand presses partly taken off and stowed away in the 3rd



story. Played at Headquarters.

Sunday, June 15.

Bought the New York Illustrated News. After taps an order came for a detail of 30 or 40 men to go into town to hunt for the redoubtable John Morgan. They made a foray on the livery stable, found two horses without owners and patrolled the town all night but did not come across the veritable John.

Monday, June 16 1862.

Played for Guard Mount in town and then by request the Star-Spangled Banner at the raising of the flag over the door of the HUNTSVILLE REVEILLE and afterward went to work on it. Was the first type I set for over a year. It went very well. It was a novel sight to see men with spurs on their boots running in and out, a musket and cartridge box in a corner and compositors in uniform in a printing office. There were two compositors from Loomis Battery, one from the 3rd Ohio and 2 from the 10th Ohio.

Tuesday, June 17. Went into town this morning and

waited for some time before being summoned before the paymaster. Col. Burke by common consent drew all our Government pay. Had dinner at the hotel.

Thursday, June 19. The general topic of conversation in camp all day is the band. Went to town to attend a meeting in Col. Burke's office. He told us that the officers had come to the conclusion that while a few objected to the tax the balance resolved to keep the band if it should cost them half their salary. That the band was identified with the regiment and it would be too great a sacrifice to lose it.

Wednesday, June 25.

Worked all day at the REVEILLE. At the invitation of Lt. Hickey took dinner at the hotel. Gaddis at the REVEILLE got a note requesting him to leave as soon as possible for the rebels were going to be here in a few days. He sent back inviting them to come on. Heard our forces were shelling them at Chattanooga.

Sunday, June 29.

Worked all day at the



REVEILLE. A great many rumors about Mitchell, his Division the 10th and 42nd Regiments were going to leave here and go to Virginia.

Monday, June 30.

Worked on the REVEILLE. Learned that Gen'l Mitchell tendered his resignation. A great many surmised that this was done because Gen'l Buell wanted to cut up his division. Heard that the rebels were firing salutes at Chattanooga. Quite a number of strange men and officers of Buell's army in town.

Wednesday, July 2.

Bought a quire of paper to print circulars for a picnic on the 4th of July.

Friday, July 4. Played the National airs at Reveille this morning. At 12 o'clock Loomis fired a National salute of 34 guns. Rumors that Richmond was taken and the city on fire. Had my daguerreotype taken.

Sunday, July 6. Went to work on the REVEILLE, had dinner at the Venable Hotel. The news from McClellan was looked upon by some as favorable while others took it quite the reverse and mourn the loss of a son or brother who fell in the 4th Alabama, a regiment raised in this town.

Friday, July 11. Capt. Gaddis extended an invitation to all the REVEILLE hands to take supper with him at the Venable Hotel. The flag that recently adorned the office was taken down and presented to him by the Typographers in a neat speech by Reed and answered by Capt. Gaddis who invited us into his room after supper where was awaiting two bottles of champagne. Here with, sentiment and humor prevailed for some time in which Mr. Spencer participated. Thus ended the last ours of the REVEILLE.

