

5. Peter Beaver Diary, 1864

[Modernization, line numbers removed]

February the 27th 1864

Enlisted and left my dear family and I got home on the 4th of March and I left my sweet family on the 10th of March.

March the 13th we had [undecipherable].

March the 14th Balthy Neuheisel [Balthasar Neuheisel] went to the hospital.

James Bolden [Bolton] died March the 14th 1864.

March the 16th 1864 James Cartter [?] and John Sloter [John C. Slaughter] [went] to the hospital.

March the 17th 1864 Adam Fry went [undec.]

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Henry Wells [William H. Wells] died March 18th.

Drew our clothes March the 19th.

March the 19th Baldy Neuheisel [Balthasar Neuheisel] came to his barracks.

John C. Slater [John C. Slaughter] died in the night of March the 22nd 1864.

Isreal Daren [?] died March the 24th.

James Smith taken to the hospital April the 3rd. More [of] Company A died the 3rd of April.

George W. Moon died April the 15th 1864.

Andrew J. Wood [died] April the 17th. [undec.]

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Company A drew their money April the 15th.

April the 12th I was appointed a sergeant in Company A.

April the 19th I [got] the mumps.

April 24th Seck Meade [Ezekiel Mead] was taken to the hospital. John Wood was taken to town.

George M. Rite [Wright] was ta[ken] to town on the 24th of April.

George M. Rite [Wright] died April the 24th.

April the 25th John Wood died.

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April the 25th I came home to see my dear family and left home sweet home on the 28th of April 1864.

Company A drew their arms May the 6.

Bansman Norses [Benjamin Norris] died May the 7th.

We left camp on the 10th of May and came to Pittsburg on the 12th and we came to Baltimore on the 13th and we came to Washington on the 14th.

We left Washington on the 16th of May for Fredericksburg.

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We landed at Belle Plaine and we left Belle on the 17th for Fredericksburg and on the morning of the 18th we heard them fire where we camped in the wilderness [undecipherable] but left there and [marched] 2 miles on the 19th.

There was a man shot on the 21st day of May.

We discarded his clothes in the 19th Massachusetts Regiment and we left on the 20th and marched 30 miles and threw up breastworks and on...

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...the 21st we threw up breastworks (at Mill and Station) all day and we heard them fight every day.

On the 23rd we left that place and marched 6 [miles] over river and there was fighting on the 24th all our day and on the 25th we were fighting all day and on the 26th we commenced fighting again.

May the 27th James Makenlies [James C. McIntyre] was killed and Danijel A Dibel [Daniel A. Dibel] was mortally wounded. George Fares [George W. Ferris] wounded, George Rely [George G. Reeley] wounded. Henry [Oberwether] wounded.

Danijel A Dibel [Daniel A. Dibol] died the 17th.

We left [undecipherable] over river on the...

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... 27th day of June and marched 36 miles to [the] Pamunkey River.

The 28th we crossed the river and marched 14 miles and threw [up] breastworks.

On the 31st we left [undec.] over town and camped in the woods and we had [undec.] at 10 o'clock on the 30th and fought all day.

The 31st we commenced fighting at 4 o'clock in the morning at Junesis [?] Hill and kept on until night.

June the 1st we commenced fighting at 4 o'clock in the morning.

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