

Providence Rd May 17th 1865 Notes In Brief.

Enlisted At Providence R.I. In Captain J.B. Woods. Co. J. 1st RI Cav As Private, on December 2nd 1861 For 3 ys, The Regt Left the State on The 14th of march 1862, And Proceeded to Washington D. C. We Remained here a Short Time. To get horses etc. We left there And went to Camp mudd, in Virginia. In the neighborhood of Warrenton Junction . There We lost a good many men By diharrae. We was under Command of Colonel R.B. Lauton in Abercrombee's Brigade After a time We moved to Camp alliance nearer to Warrenton Junction.

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And while here General Shields Took our 3rd Battalion of Newhampshire men With him. And the 2 Battalions of RI. Men went in the Rear. While with Sheilds the 3rd Battalion had a Severe fight. Against great odds. Our Boys lost 8 men and 1 Captain. We was just under the other Genererals. Whose names I forget now. As I write from memory. But all event We was sent up the Luray Valley up to Millers Bridge. Near Fort Republic Va. From there We Went Back to Manasses. In the meantime our Col Resigned on account of ill health. Then the Responsiby Rested on Lt Col Sayles. After suffering every privation. Wanting food, water, + sleep.

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Shortly after arriving there We was Relieved. By Generall Mc dowell, and Governor Wm Sprague. here We got A new fit out horses clothing and And such things as we needed. And which here Col. Alfred W. Duffie, was appointed to take charge of the Regt. He, at once made such changes As was considered best. For Us. We went through a Series. of drills for 3 months when we was ordered in the Field. All that I Remember Now Is, We was at the 2nd Bull Run, Cedar mountain Chantilla there from Washington In Mc Clellan Campaign. We fought under Kearney, Joe Hooker, Kimball, Shields. and a dozen others whose names I forget now.

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Then we went through, The Popes Campaign. On the Rappahanoc. And We was at the Battle of Fredricksburg. on Both Occasions And after the 2nd one, We went into Camp, where We Remained all Winter, That was at Potomac Creek. This time Burnside was, stuck in the Mudd, where we Knew what Hunger was, Living on 10 small hard tack Per day, and we usually eat Seven, of the first meal, During those times, many men Deserted and the men was Discharged, for disability, Brought on by hunger while we lay here we had new Recruits, and they was discharged Again before old men I never wish to go through such Campaigns again

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No. 2 Continuation While at Potomac Creek, We had to go about, Eight miles off. To do Picket Duty, and it was the devils Own Work = I have Passed over many Small and import Events. on account of only Writing from memory But to Resume on the 24 Feb 1863 while on Picket I and 3 Commissioned officers 1 each of 1st R. I. 3rd + 4 Penn, and 39 Men was Surrounded, and taken Prisones We was taken to Culpepper Gordonsville and on to Richmondva Where Sympathetic old ladies Wanted us all hanged for their Particular amusement But it is Presumed their wish

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Was not Complied with After parading us all they wanted they took us inside of the World Renowned Prison of Libby how many Sad, Stories Could be told about this Infernal place, I saw Citizens that was there a year, Some more for nothing, only they had a preference for the Old flag. and the Laws that Sustain it over the Loyal states. Only a coupe of days Before we got there. one Man Put His Head out of The window and the Greyback. Fired at him and shot an Innocent man lying on the floor above. And I Saw two men Shot. After being taken prisoners. And had no arms. To defend themselves that was

(Page 6 ends) The Southern Cav Almost a terror in Those days. We was only In that Celebrited Boarding House Libby 7 days 14 all together, from time of being Taken till paroled. We had one small loaf. with a small Piece of Beef. and one pint of Soup. for a days Ration. We arrived at Annapolis. in Season. Where we had enough to Eat. and a new out fit. And we threw away the Lice of the Chivalry. good sized ones they was too. During all this time my Health was Rather Poor. While at annapolis. I got A furlough. and Came home. And Staid 49 days. and went back to annapolis. From this time. I have notes

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I will make a Remark here After being taken prisoner Our Cav met and fought. The Black Horse Cav Stewarts And they was whipped to their Hearts content and they have never been able to Stand Before our Cavalry Since we lost in our Regt Some kiled and wounded. I dont know the Number After arriving at annapolis I went to work for [The Sutter?] till the 29th of May 1863 Then all exchanged prisoners went to Baltimore. as Gen Lee. was Bent on taking that City. That night the alarm bells was Rung. and 8000 Citizens of Union Leagues. turned Out, with all the military men. To protect the city. as it was said the Rebs Was Coming

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No 3 Continuation The Streets was Barricaded. and Artillery [planted?] on every avenue. Where they thought they enemy Might come. But no enemy Came. But he got to Chamersburg Pennsylvania, where the atrocitis they Committed I have nothing to Say It is the duty of the faithful Historian to Chronicle. The Squad I came to Baltimore with, part done Provost duty, And Patrol also I and 4 others was detailed to guard a fort we went there on 17th June 163 Notes from my books Now Monday Aug 3rd heat 95 degrees August 11th heat 130 deg Sep 2 John Conlen died at annapolis M.D. of Fever

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Sep 17th Anniversary of Battle of Antietam M.D. Oct 17th I went on the Washington Monument Baltimore Dec 22nd first Snow in Baltimore “ 31st left Baltimore for Washington went to Camp Stoneman. Jan 5th Reenlissted for 3 years. In January went to my Company, at Warrenton Junction Va. Staid there 1 month. got on furlough. For 35 days. had it extended 20 days more. Receivd for reenlisting. The on 1st 2 years Old U.S. Bounty of \$1,00 and \$400 more and \$300

From the state of R.I.. Making a total of \$8,00. On April 8th 1864 We all left Providence. went to N.Y. and Remained there waiting for Transportation about 4 days. Left there got to Washington.

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Promptly. Went into Camp at Camp Stoneman. Here we got Arms etc. May 9th left here went to Briston Station on (leave?). 10th went to Rappahannock, Station. Returned to Fairfax 11th went to Virginia. went Near Chantilla on foot. 12th went to Chantilla farm. 13 went to frying pan. 14th

15th got back to Vienna. Had been looking for guerillas Left for Bell plain Arrived on 16th 17th Gaurding Rebs. Our army was fighting through That country toward Fredricksburg Spotsylvania Court house down to Richmond in this Campaign. 18th on picket at oak wood Church 3 miles from fredricksburg. 21st got our horses and equipments.

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Tuesday May 24th Broke Camp. Heavy Rain and hail storm. Such as is seldom seen North. Stones weighed ½ oz and we had enough to do to manage our Horses. as for Seeing that was out of the question. 25th we arrived at Port Royal. At this place I Saw a torepedo Made to explode by a Galvanic battery. It was about 3 ft long and as Much Round. Nice play thing that 26 Crossed the River went on Picket some days very fine Land in this place. 30th Left Port Royal for White House on pamunkey River. At this time we was with Gen Abercrombee at the base of supplies while with him we went out foraging for horses. Passed through Caroline County. May 31- arrived at Bowling Green Col. Lisonold of 4th N.Y. hanged 2 guerillas for killing some of our men. June 1st I and 4 others caught 1 Reb Captain a Spy and horse theif

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No 4. Continuation He got away again. Through Neglect of guard Came to Pamunkey River. This day. crossed on pontoon. Staid over night at Eastern View Hanover County. 4th arrived At White House landing June 5th 1864 went to West Point. 6th came back Heavy thunder Storm. on bolt fell and blinded the whole squad for 15 minutes. The Shock was so sudden that 2 men was dismounted Suddenly but no one was hurt. We was here on 8th. 8th went out near West Point. But this happen on 11th. The advance came on guerillas and one of the boys was badly wounded with buck Shot he is in the Service at present but has lost The use of his left arm he is In the Invalide Corps at Rocky Point Wm R Spink

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11th went to King Wm Ct house King Wm County the foregoing was wounded here As we was Coming Back We Ran into many Rebs, in our uniform, was ordered to Surrendr I thought they was in fun They fired at I and my Companion my horse was Shot in the fore Shoulder and Disabled. I got another horse to Ride Back to Camp. And the worst of it was they got off all safe 12th went out to Kg WmCt House again. 14th a Squad of us was taken Prisoner I got away the

other was shot Through the Shoulder in Cold Blood June 20th went to Signall gunboat. Coming back.

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We ran into Rebs. they fired one shot of artillery. But hurt no one. they took one prisoner as he got dismounted This was the day White house was attacked. but the gun boats kept them off well. We went back to Gammons Bluff. Staid there all night. 21st the Rebs fired into our gun boat. but a few doses of Grape and Canister Set them Running. We heard Sheridan had Come up with his Cav. So we went Through all Safe. That night we joined the Rescue Brigade of Sheridan's Cav 22nd got to Jones Bridge 15 miles from Harrison Landing. 23 Lay all day for Rest 24th went over Chicohomny Passed Chas City Ct House. Passed Wilsons Landing.

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Staid over night near here. 25th Moved on to Wyandott Landing. on Picket Sunday 26 June. My wedding day with nothing to eat and a blue [too?] look For More. 27th Hot one man Sunstruck. 29th left Wyandott Landing. Passed Prince [L]eo Court House, halted. 30th moved on went to Jones hole Came back to Reams. Station. Had my leg Cut very bad by Accident. July 1st turned in my horse. Went in the Ambulance to City Point. Cav Corps Hospital. Had 4 Stitches in my leg. Lay in Hospital. 3 weeks. Left for remount camp at Light House Point. 25th We heard of fall of Atlanta Georgia While in hospital genls Grant And Sheridan passed through

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No 5 Continuation July 26th 1864 Detached to Horse Battery D 2nd U.S. Artillery. the Squad I was with Start at Light House Point Till July 31st. We left for Washington D.C. Aug 2nd Arrived at Washington. Went into Camp Near Camp Stoneman. Was assigned to 2nd detachment. As driver on Caisson. 4th was a general fast day 5th Left Washington Went into camp Near Tennaly Town D.C. 7th Moved on Passed Rockville Came to Sandy Hook. Crossed at Harpers Ferry. 10th Left Harpers Ferry. Moved on. Up the valley. 11th Very Sharp fight. My Battalion in action (Those I was with) Friday 12th Came to New Town.

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Rebs retreating. Skirmishing. At this time my Regt was Sent out on a Reconnaissance. And was Reported all captured. but was not. 14th the Rebs Look Took one waggon from our Brigade. 15th Lay near Middle Town. FredericK County. Passed Berryville Staid here looking for the 19th Still near Berryville. 21st Left Camp Near Berryville. Came to Charlestown. We Retreating the Rebs Close on our heels. 22nd left Charlestown. Came to Shepardstown. Staid here all day. 23rd My Regt lost all Company books. A week before got the news on this date 24th moved a Short distance 25th Moved again met the Enemy. and we fell back. Fell back all day but made Stands. Smart fighting all day. Came in Sight of Boliver heights

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26th Staid here all day 28th Left here Severe Skirmishing All day. drove the Rebs finely all day. And out of Smithville. 29th was punished for Supposed Disobedience of orders Fault of Sergt

Skirmishing after the River Battery was in action. Orderly Sergeant Scott was shot through the head and died in a few minutes. This was at Smithville. We fell back the Rebs occupied Smithville. We had 3 men wounded in this action. 30th Moved near Berryville. Sp 2nd moved from the Charlestown road a few miles. Rebs Close up. Moved on to the Berryville Passed a white oak. 4th moved back Again came on Rebs fighting early in the morning. Some Flanking done We got the best Flank. Lay around some days. 7th one section went out on a Reconnaissance.

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Had a Small brush with Rebs. Evening Came back Without loss. The doctor an Lt Chapin was Both Drunk and fought 9th Right Section went out again my section Severe fighting all day Near Chastown. 13 We We went out again Battery in Action. Came back to Camp. The Cav took over 300 prisoners at Oppeguas Creek. 17th Still Near Berryville. 18th left here at 2 A.M. found Rebs before light. Captured 13 guerillas all shot. The guerillas Shot one of our Captains and 2 men in cold blood. Went on to Luray. 24th got there Here we took a great many prisoners, Sunday 25th moved over the mountain To New Market. Here we was Relieved by the 6th Pennsylvania Battery. The Cav went on up to Harrisonburg And we went back to Pleasant Valley M.D. to Recruit our horses.

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No 6 Continuation The march up to Newmarket was very Severe on Horses. We Had a Great many men Dismounted. Those men went Back to Remount Camp, Pleasant Valley M.D. Sep 25th Moved back Staid at Edinburgh all night. Move on Staid near Winchester. 27th Staid at Boliver Heights .28th Went into Pleasant Valley. Where I remained till Nov 1st. In the meantime Startling things was going on up the Valley. Oct 15 Some Guerillas made A dash into Pennsylvania and M.D. Considerable excitement about it. 19th Battle of Cedar Creek VA We could hear the cannonading very plain although about 100 miles of. The 6th Corps Gen Wright.

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The Cav Corps Gen Torbett. And The timely coming up of Little Phil Sheridan. Saved us from a Sad disaster. 20th. I left the Battery Went to Remount Camp got a fit out left there for my Regt At Cedar Creek on Nov 1st Got to my Regt on 4th They was Excort for Gen torbett We remained here and done The usual duties till 9th when we Left. Was expecting an attack on night of 8th 101 L We left here Went into Winter quarters near Winchester 12th Severe Cav fight 1st New hampshire cut up bad. Gen Powell took 2 pieces of Artillery and 2 flags, some prisoners. 19th Nov saw Gen Custer and Lady for first time She was a Splendid young woman. Custer has a sallow complexion

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Long curly hair. Tall And as Smart as a Whip. It is said he has some Indian Blood in him. 21st Broke Camp Went out to Woodstock. 22nd went up to Mount Jackson. Found the enemy in force. With Infantry. We had only Cav + artillery. Too Strong for us. Fell back to Woodstock. 30 of us left here for Winchester with a dispatch. For Gen Sheridan. It was a cold night tedious traveling. one man had one foot froze And has done no duty since. While here we got no turkeys from R.I.

for thanksgiving dinner. Nov 25th Mosley made a dash into Gen Powell's Camp And lost 27 men 9 shot dead. So Mr B Mosely Rather had the worst of it For once. 26th Copied from A daily Paper those names.

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Catholic Major Generals in the US Service. Rosecrans, Meade, Gilmore, Sheridan, Ord, Foster. Stoneman, Shields, Sickles, Stanley, Newton, Pleasanton, Richardson, Carr, Hunt, Sherman. And others not named. Brigadiers Meager, Sweeney, Connor, Lawlor, Ewing, Devin, Stone, Duffie, Mulligan, Comyn, 10 men All Popular men and good generals. And the Rank and File is nearly one half Irish. All those that make most talk About our Victories are yankees who stay at home. If it was Not for the Irish and Germans, the North would have been whipped. So the Northern army was feed By Immigrants from Europe. This cant be denied at all.

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No 7 Continuation After the battle of Cedar Creek. We always Staid near Winchester Va. Dec 2nd my 3 yrs time out. " 4th Promoted Corporal to Date from 1 Inst A long time To wait for promotion. 7th we was Relievad at Corps Hdqrs By first Regulars. our Regt too small went into Reserve in Regular Brigade. Gen Devins. Merritts Division. 1st division. Here we done picket durty etc. Sherman took Savannah. and 25000 prisoners. 180 heads of Artillery. 19th Packed up went on a Raid. Moved out went Through front Royal. Staid In Chester gap. Cold windy night

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Moved on went through little Washington. Went into camp Traveled 32 miles this day. 21st Came to Madison Court House, went on picket Very Severe Weather. our Brigade went within 9 miles of Godonsville. Custer went on had some fighting. took and lost men. Rebs too Strong for we fell Back to Madison C. H. 24 moved on home again. 25 passed Sulphur Springs one man drowned crossing River [hazel] Run 26th Passed through Warrenton Guerillas Charged on Gen torbett He was Near being taken prisoner. 2 men shot for insulting women. 1 wounded. Heard this day that Mosely was killed he was wounded by the 8th Illinois Cav 27th went through Middleburg. Crossed Shenadoah River Water

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Was high. got wet up to Knees. had a small horse 28th Pass Milwood and over 3 streams both very high. got In camp again after A dangerous + tedious march 31st Closes this year we was Mustered for pay and we made ourselves as comfortable as possible. Thinking of our friends at home Now it come to Jan 1st 1865 This day I was on picket our 4 companies was consolidated into 2 And the 3rd battalion the same. So we had one battalion we done camp duty til Feb 27th In the meantime other things need some notice Feb 11th The N.Y. Legislature passed a note of thanks to Sheridan and his comand 14th we sent Home some Recruiting officers

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Feb 20th News of Capture of Columbia S.C. by Sherman 21st news of Capture of Charlestown By Sherman With 770 heads of artillery 24th Report of Capture of Wilmington S.C. 27th Went on another Raid came to Woodstock took 4 prisoners Shot one more 28th was Rearguard was skirmishing all day Lost one officer and 4 men fell Into Shenandoah River not of our Regt moved on went through New market Sheridan came up Passed us March first Came to within a few miles of Mount Crawford At 3 A.M. Very much tired Custer took 100 Rebs and some waggons 2nd Passed through Stanton Bad Travelling Custur took 1340 prisoners 9 heads of artillery 12 stand of [colars] and 100 waggons In fact Bagged all of early army

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Joyce Chung Stener No 8 Continuation Curry + Maxwell With the exception of about 200 Cav Gen Early barely got off our Regt was left at Christian Creek to do picket duty We Staid here till the 4th In the meantime numbers of Rebs Came in and plenty of Blacks well mounted all Stolen property on the 4th the 1st R.I. 1st N.H. 18th penn 22nd NY was detaild to go With the prisoners to Winchester All dismounted men go with us and All men with poor horses we had It was Supposed 1700 Rebs came down to Mount Cranford Attacked Near this place But we sustained no loss that I know of 6th passed Newmarket Skirmishing all day with guerillas

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The Rebs held the fort all Night the 4th NY on front 7th 22nd NY and 1st R.I. Took the advance Charged and Took the ford and held it. We charged a Reb flag but did not take it while the Prisoners was Crossing the Ford Gen Rosser thought to Liberate them and made A charge on 1st New hampshire in that Charge we took 50 men And killd a number We Lost. a few men 1 Cap in N.H. was wounded not badly We got the prisoners over all Safe, this day our Company was on the advance, I had 6 narrow escapes this day. 8th arrived at Winchester All Safe Bringing in 100 more Prisoners than we had first We slept this night as we

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[page cut in half both ways] [heridan] done much hard Capturing . . . and in compelling Gen Lee To surrender but that is For the historian to write not me We Remained doing duty Till 8th May when I got a Furlough to Providence where I now am, writing this Having gone all through till Now without losing my head or other serious injury May 17 1865 W Walsh