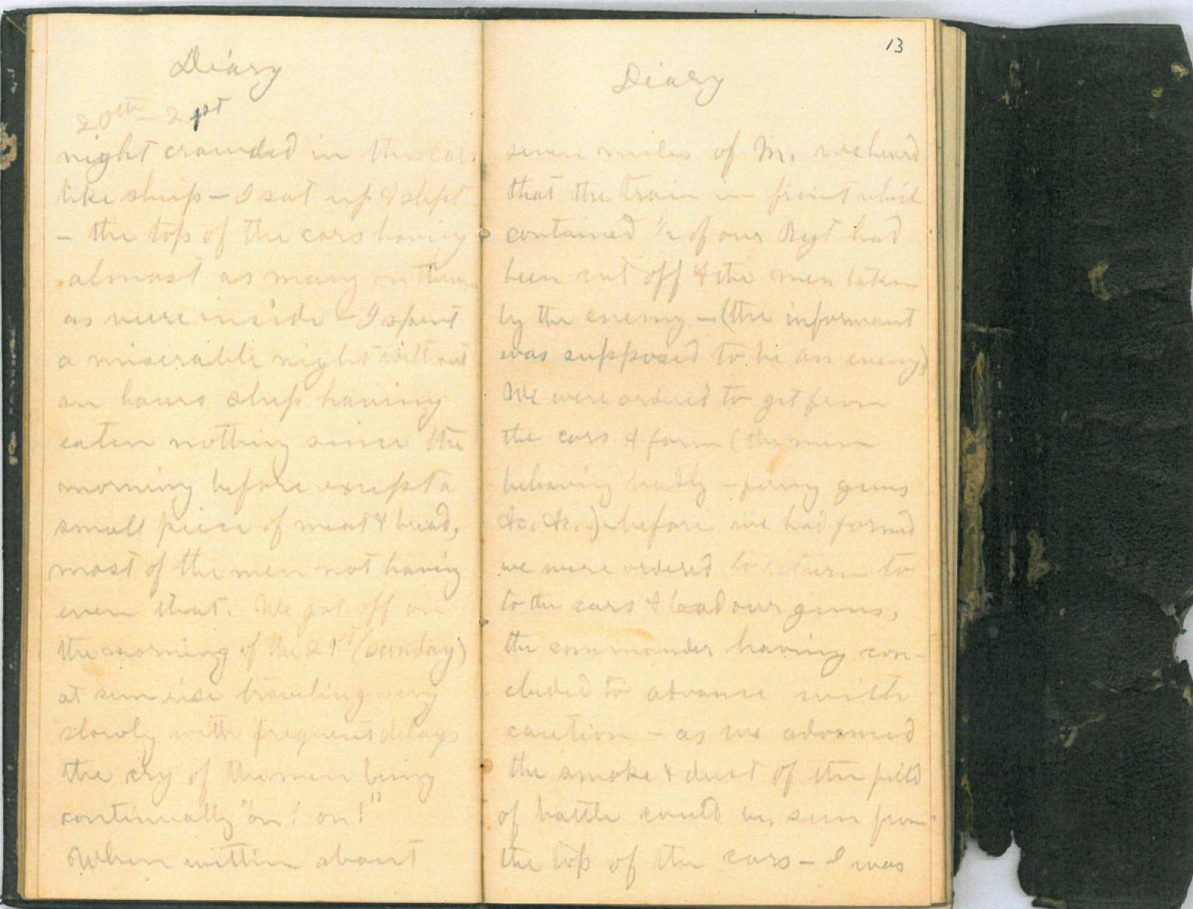


Diary
 19th July Friday - 20th
 well under way at about
 10 o'clock A.M. we marched
 all day without stopping
 to cook or eat, reaching
 Piedmont Sta at 10 P.M.
 lying down to rest in the
 rain without cooking or
 eating with a few exceptions
 who cooked instead of sleeping.
 The next morning 20th a
 breakfast was cooked &
 gave each man a partial
 meal - The wagons were
 then sent ahead with all
 the cooking utensils so that
 there was no chance of getting
 anything more to eat until
 we overtook them - We were

Diary
 20th
 then ordered to hold ourselves
 in waiting & readiness for
 the train to convey us to
 Manassas - after waiting
 very impatiently all day the
 train arrived late in the
 evening - during the day
 however the road had been
 blocked up by a collision
 occasioned by a traitor's conduct
 - as soon as the train
 arrived we embarked with
 the expectation of reaching
 M^y before midnight, but
 instead we were run back
 nearly a mile to wait
 until the way was opened
 where we remained all the



Diary
 20th - 21st
 night crowded in the cars
 like sheep - I sat up & slept
 - the tops of the cars having
 almost as many on them
 as were inside - I spent
 a miserable night without
 an hour's sleep having
 eaten nothing since the
 morning before except a
 small piece of meat & bread,
 most of the men not having
 even that. We got off in
 the morning of the 21st (Sunday)
 at sunrise traveling very
 slowly with frequent delays
 the cry of the men being
 continually "on! on!"
 When within about

Diary
 20th
 seven miles of M^y we heard
 that the train in front which
 contained 1/2 of our Regt had
 been cut off & the men taken
 by the enemy - (the informant
 was supposed to be an enemy)
 We were ordered to get from
 the cars & form (the men
 behaving badly - firing guns
 &c. &c.) before we had formed
 we were ordered to return to
 to the cars & load our guns,
 the commander having con-
 cluded to advance with
 caution - as we advanced
 the smoke & dust of the field
 of battle could be seen from
 the top of the cars - I was

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 anxious to disembark & marching across to the scene of action - We heard afterwards that one general did march across with good success - We would have done better service if we had done so & sent a courier forward to warn our friends of our approach. We went on however to M. on the cars arriving there at about 3rd or 4th P.M. We were marched out at almost double quick time a distance of five miles nearly to the battle field, reaching it just as the

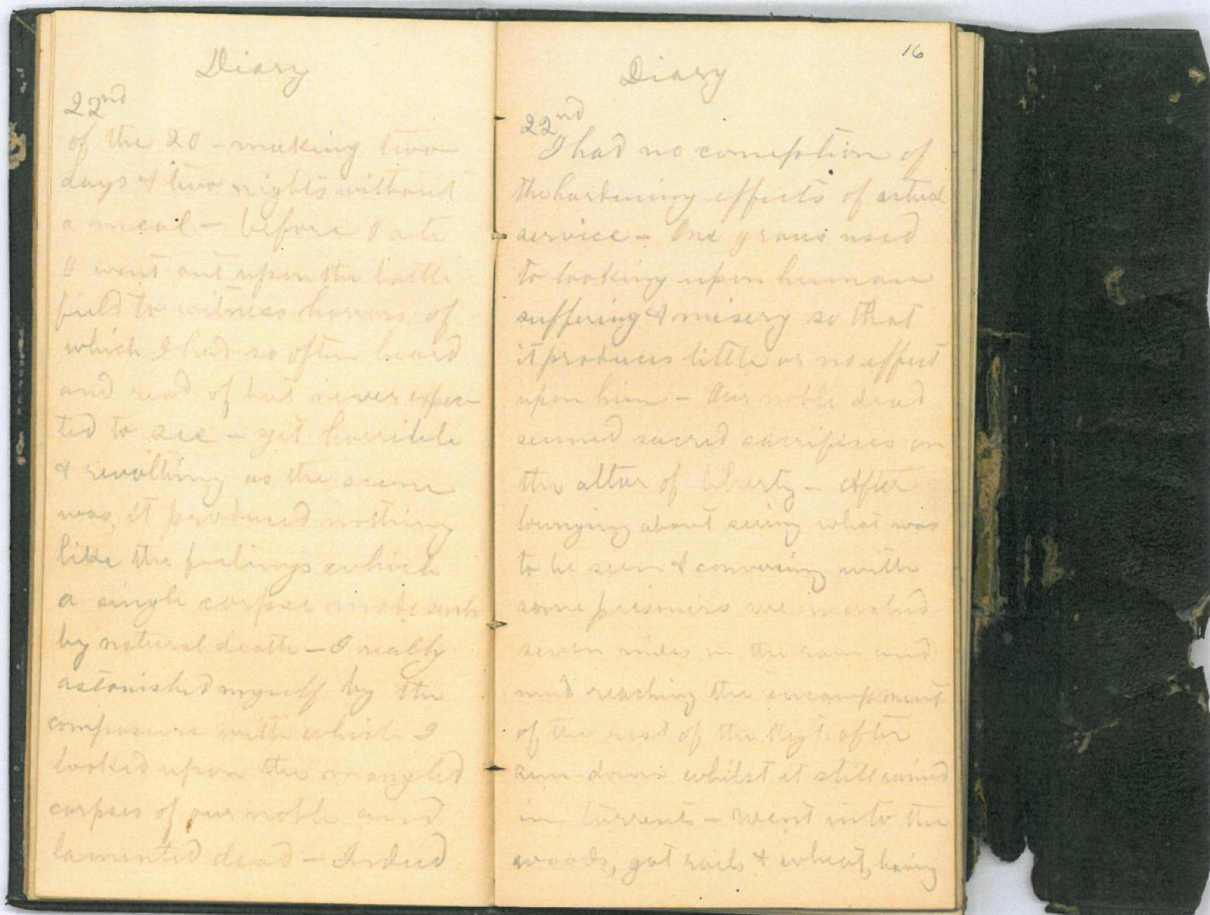
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 July 21st (Sunday) enemy were reported vanquished as we marched to the battle field the dust was so thick that we could not see a man five paces immediately in front of us - We had the aid of a mud hole of stagnant water & filled our canteens of the liquid as red as cider & milk warm, yet as pleasant as tho' it was clear & thoroughly iced - As we passed from M. to the battle field we met numerous wounded & broken down men - some taking care of themselves - others with wounded lying upon them. The first we met told us to

21st Diary
 hurry on, that we were much needed & had best make haste - as we neared the field those whom we met said we came too late - they had finished the work - we had only to take their drawings - They reported with great delight the capture of Sherman's battery - some told us to pick off the red pants, that they had injured us more than any other part of the enemy - we met a great many of the red pant prisoners. There was an evident disappointment depicted in the faces of the men

Diary 15
 21st - 22nd when they learned that they were not to be had against, as in pursuit of the enemy - I got a few Yankee crackers at headquarters which I ate with water enjoying them as much as a King could did the richest repast. We then bivouaced in the middle of a field in which the rifled bombs of the enemy's guns fell without bursting - several were picked up by our men. The next morning at about 10 or 11 o'clock we had a breakfast, the first meal we had had since the morning

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