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To-day we march 20 miles crossed the Clinch river at dark went into camp in the village of Clinton.

To day we have passed one dead mule or horse for evry 10 rods of the way These carcasses have no agreeable smell if let alone but when a hog or pig is rooting over the clarrion and turning it up to the atmosphere it is about as much as one smelling apparatus can endure (Who woun't eat pork)