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fellow thinks he is working too hard for Uncle Sam and down he droops in the mud and all the whipping pounding coffing & spuring, with any amount of cursing & Swearing won't get him up a minute sooner than he pleases. He will lay & be pounded almost to a jelly rather than get up. I think it was to-day that one of our mules lay down in a mud puddle & tried to roll over the panels tied on the saddle were filled with blankets coats & rations these were well saturated in a few minutes & we wished the sulky mules any quantity of bad wishes. We had to pull everything of from him and then pull him out of the puddle any amount of pounding & whipping was administered to him but of no avail after coxing & pounding him for half an hour during which time we were greeted with exclamations of evry passer by viz. "Give him his discharge "Lend him to the Hospital" "Turn him over to the government" &c &c up he jumps and travels on as though nothing had happened. We camped at night near Chipwood.

25th

Marched at 7 am made 17 miles today over rather a hilly road passed a few log cabins for yesterday we passed but one house

 26^{th}

Started at daylight passed the Tenn & Ky line at 10 am making 18 miles to-day Showers during the day Walking the water & splash was very unpleasant

March 27th We broke rampat daylight marched 5 miles which brought us to bamp Burnside here me justed about 3 hours meanwhile the longe cleaned out three sutters taking whotiver they pleased the sutters doubles · their prices as soon as we came into The place but they lost more than they gained by the operation. But for the efforts of a few officers way sutter in the place would have lost all his goods about & fr me we resurred our march making 10 miles further to-day which brought us two miles beyond Tomerset which is a quiet pretty village. The people in I had heard of the managerie's coming also of its first performance at Camp Burnside The cleaning out fever was still raying but soon abouted ofter reaching Jamerset for way house was closely quardet.

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 30^{th}

Slept in the open air and had a good warm blanket of snow for a covering. Went to sleep last night little thinking of its snowing before morning you can judge of my surprise when I uncovered my head & found my bed covered with two inches of snow To-day we marched 16 miles passing Stanford & Lancaster

 31^{st}

Marched to Camp Nelson 12 miles Camped on the same ground we left last Sept.

April 1st

Remained in camp a cold & severe rain storm raged

This morning at 9 am we went to Niekolsville loaded on to the cars and after much delay waiting for trains we finally reached bovington at 2 am. Innday April 3d 1864 here we waited till noon when teams were ready to convey our baggage to the Little Minia RR. deopot in Bincinnate. To me left Hy gust about one year from the time me made out first oppearance in that state, About 3 Pell the iron horse was hurrying us rapidly north. Our ride was very interesting after leaving the depot the rail-road runs for two mlies through the streets of the city the side wolks was crowded with people, waveing hand kischiefs, desplaying flags, as we shed along. About & pin. we passed bamp Denigan this is the most beautiful bamp I have ever seen so we rushed by village & city over forest a plain I could not help compaising this beautiful country

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with that we had just left in Jenn. Here is peace & abundance there was & storvatio. April 4th Wokenp afoind ourselves at bolim - bus train left about 6 am we troveled rather flow to day it was rainy & drang ride April 5 whooks up this morning & found ourselve in Petsburgh here we changed cars got a good bleakfart, provided by the city ladies about / Bell me were showly pladding along the benk of the Allegholy on the Penn. blutral RR me crossed the mountains som after dark lorsing the subline view we had when agoing west Wake up at daylight Wednesday morning Shitl (the and found myself within miles of Harresburgh IAH H. we got a good breakfast and about 10 a m were on our way to Baltimore where we arrived at 7 Am April 14th Stopped in the city over night at 10 am took the steamer Columbia and steamed down the Chescheake to Annapolis where we arrived at & pm. We had a delightful ride the day was pleasant as one would wish and a three hours ride in the water secured quite a relief from the long & trisome ride by rail April 8th We are now incomped alongside the Annapolis & Elkridge & R. about two raules from Annapolis

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April 4th

Woke up & we formed ourselves at Columbus, train left about 6 am we traveled rather slow to-day it was a rainy & dreary ride April 5 woke uo this morning & found ourselves in Pitsburgh here we changed cars got a good breakfast, provided by the city ladies about 1 PM we were slowly plodding along the bank of the Allegheny on the Penn. Central RR we crossed the mountains soon after dark loosing the sublime view we had when going west

Woke up at daylight Wednesday morning April 6th and found myself with 10 miles of Harrisburgh At H. we got a good breakfast and about 10 am we were on our way to Baltimore where we arrived at 7 pm

April 7th

Stopped in the city over night at 10 am took the steamer Columbia and steamed down the Chesepeake to Annapolis where we arrived at 5 pm. We had a delightful ride the day was pleasant as one could wish and a three hours ride on the water seemed quite a relief from the long & tiresome ride by rail

April 8th

We are now encamped alongside the Annapolis & Elkridge RR. About two miles from Annapolis