

FULLER'S HIGH BRIGADE

A Band of Buckeye Boys Who Rendered Famous Service.

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CHAPTER V.

FROM MEXICO, MO., TO KANSAS CITY, MO.

It was not later than the hour of 10, on the morning of Sept. 9, when the 27th's quarters presented a very camp-like appearance. Tents and equipage had been brought from the train, and the boys all feeling clean and fresh...

HAUL DOWN REBEL FLAG. After dinner assembly was sounded, and the regiment marched over to the town of Mexico, a half a mile away...

The Tall Man said he would like to blow a hole right through the old rag, and Stubby said: "Blaze away, Lengthy, but take care for the nose of your wain."

On the following morning, after breakfast, the Orderly-Sergeant detailed 10 men and one Corporal from our company for camp guard duty for 24 hours...

SUMMARY EXECUTION. While the boys were filling their canteens at a well in the back yard of headquarters premises we were surprised by the sight of the General, rushing from the house...

After we had taken our position on the picket reserve, about two miles from camp, the several sentinels were posted at points that gave good view in the outward direction...

FEARFUL NIGHT HIDE BY RAIL. We remained in our cars for some hours to talk us to sleep. It was not until we were hurried from the passenger cars and into box cars, and were soon going at full speed westward on the Hannibal & St. Louis road...

PEPPER AND SALT. The pepper and salt was furnished, the chickens were roasted, and all on the post came in for a share, and no one ate more heartily than did the good Corporal...

STRENUOUS RAILROAD MARCHING. There was no place throughout northern Missouri that was more thoroughly improved and thriving than the one we were passing through...

On Sept. 14, three days' rations were ordered, the regiment to hold in readiness to move, 40 rounds of ammunition being issued.

On Sunday morning, the 15th, at dawn, the train moved on to the northwest.

Our journey was through a district that swarmed with bushwhackers. Therefore the danger which confronted us necessitated great precaution.



"DIDN'T I TELL YE I DO'T 'EM?" SAID THE ABUSED FORAGER.

had gone but a few miles when the train stopped, and a scout was made with the locomotive and a posse of soldiers, to ascertain the condition of a bridge which was found secure, and the train went on for a few miles. Again we stopped; this time to wood and water; but as the bushwhackers had destroyed both water and wood, the engine, with a detail, pulled out light for another water-tank five miles ahead...

In this manner we worked our way from Mexico to Macon, about 75 miles. Part of the time we were hunting bushwhackers, and at other times we were burning bridges, sometimes hunting for wood and water with which to generate power to move the train.

Before leaving Macon, four men were detailed to occupy the top of each car. There were about 25 cars. I was detailed to occupy the rear of our car. We soon found, when the train was under way, that there was no necessity for the sentinels on top of the cars...

Utica is a small town in Livingston County, about 60 miles west from Macon. We reached there before day, and at once left the cars, going into temporary camp. A detail was made for fatigue duty and ordered to report to Gen. Sturgis, who gave instructions to press into service and bring to his headquarters with a driver every two-hour team that could be found within a mile in any direction...

do to allow the prisoners to carry their arms, and their guns were distributed to the men of Co. K who carried them in addition to their own—as a reward for being good soldiers. Some of the boys promised that they would never again allow themselves to be caught being good.

When we sized up on the smooth prairie road the pace was a little rapid—was regulation military—but since that ancient date martial time has been accelerated to 120 steps per minute and the step lengthened to 30 inches. However, there should be no fault found with the band, as it was their business to be a little ahead with time, of which the boys manifested appreciation by each individual keeping right on the heels of his file leader...

WE RAN AWAY SOME MORE. About 12 o'clock at night we were wakened by a shake, and "Get up, boys, get up, we've got to get out of here; we've got to get out of here, now, now, now, get up, quick, now, and shake those other fellows over there!"

IN STORM AND RAIN. The roads over which we traveled that night led through a dense forest, and to the Missouri River, difficult and weary in the darkness that was made deeper by the woods through which much of our road lay.

OVER A WATERLESS WAY. It was nearly sundown when we stacked arms for camp on a large prairie, sparsely settled, and yet three hours' march from a stream of living water...

GET READY TO FIGHT. The next morning we had a dry breakfast and started early, with perceptibly less manifestation of jubilation than on the two preceding mornings. However, we pushed forward fast, and about 9 o'clock we reached a flowing stream, where we enjoyed a short halt...

WE RAN AWAY AGAIN. About 10 o'clock our sentinels were seen riding at top speed to the rear. The regiment was abruptly halted, the column was ordered to counter-march; Gen. Sturgis and staff went galloping to the rear.

Missouri River. The day was warm and the great throng of travel, by man and beast, was pouring the masses of the roads to shambles deep. At every stop it would puff from under the feet and rise in clouds of stifling and blinding dust. Shoes were filled and feet were blistered and raw from the scorching heat.

WE REMAINED ON BOARD THE BOAT ALL NIGHT. (To be continued.)

THE PASSING HOST. BY HOMER JOEL LOCKLING. It was the Autumn season, and I stood beneath the thinning foliage of a wood, while here and there where once a hundred trees stood...

SCIENCE AND INVENTION. A French inventor has devised a new kind of a railway in which the cars have rollers or skates instead of wheels. These are raised on a thin film of water forced under them by a jet, and the power is supplied by this jet between the rollers and the rails...

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LONG ROLL MAKES CROUCH. Our horse was frightened by the rattling of the wheels. The long roll makes a noise like the rattling of a tin can.

much more than "fall in" or "form company." It means "fall in" under arms, instantly, in full dress, for fighting. It means abandon everything else; cease what you are engaged in—stop shaving, with half your face mowed; quit your work where it is and put your armor on. Time is the important thing when the long roll rolls.

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