

DIARY OF ISAAC V. MOORE

Isaac Vaughn Moore was the second of three sons of John N Moore and Martha J Vaughn. He was born and raised in Elbert County Georgia. He moved to Madison County Georgia in or before 1852, where he married Elizabeth Jane Simmons on 21 Oct 1852.

He enlisted in May 1862 in Co B, 9th Bn Georgia Infantry and was elected 4th Sgt. This Bn was consolidated in May 1863 into the 37th Regt Georgia Infantry, Co B of the 9th Bn becoming Co E of the 37th GA. Late in the War the 37th Regt was itself consolidated into the 54th GA.

Isaac maintained a diary throughout the War: Leaving us with a insight into life in the ranks of the regiment. The full text of the diary follows, interspersed with annotations and followed by an index both of which are by me, Andrew Davey (atdaveygenealogy@outlook.com).

- Undated* *THE DIARY OF SERGEANT I. V. MOORE OF CARLTON, GA.
COMPANY E, 37th REGIMENT, GEORGIA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, C S A.
I enlisted May 9th, 1862 in Company E, 37th Georgia Regiment¹. There were 6
Companies in the 37th Georgia Regiment. They were from Madison, Elbert, Hart,
Wilkes, Franklin and Muscogee Counties of Georgia.
We were in camp first in and around Knoxville, Tenn. Some time the last of May,
1862, Jesse Power² relapsed with Measles, and Died in Knoxville, Tenn. (He went
out one Morning and got his feet wet, and relapsed). S P Power³ and I bought his
Coffin and shroud, sent him home⁴. I waited on him while he was sick.*
- Jun 1862* *We marched to Clinton and then reached Taswell⁵, stayed in camp at Taswell.*
- Jun 17 1862* *At dark we were drawn in line of battle.*
- Jun 18 1862* *We left on a March at 11 o clock and crossed the Clinch River and camped, went in
bathing.*
- Jun 19 1862* *We marched and crossed Clinch Mt. We were 2 be going over, Camped at Bean
Station on the Kentucky Road. There is a large hotel here, no town, it is a large
summer resort.*
- Jun 20 1862* *We marched down the valley past Rutledge and camped on the creek.*
- Jun 21 1862* *marched in 19 miles of Knoxville and camped*
- Jun 22 1862* *marched back over Ky. road to within 2 miles of Rutledge, stayed here till the 4th of
July.*
- Jul 5 1862* *Moved and camped at Sulphur Springs till 27th of July.*
- Jul 27 1862* *Moved to Lee's Springs, and camped. I was taken sick about the 11th of July with
yellow jaundice. The Dr. gave me a pass to go out into the country to get a suitable
diet for this disease. Ed Eberhardt⁶ went with me. We stayed at the home of good
lady whose name (Maiden name) was Lowe. She was very kind to us*
- Aug 3 1862* *We left Lee's Springs. Sent 30.00 home.*
- Aug 4 1862* *marched to Clinch River.*
- Aug 6 1862* *This was the day that the fight was at Taswell: it commenced about eleven o'clock
with heavy firing, continued until about one o'clock with small arms but the enemy
shelled us until about six o'clock Our side loss is about 45 killed and wounded. The
enemy's loss is about 160 killed and wounded We also took about 75 prisoners, we
gained the victory the enemy is all fled to Cumberland Gap. We fell back about one
mile and to camp.*
- Aug 7 1862* *This day I was out on a scout the most of the day hunting up the enemies that were
Cut off in the fight.*
- Aug 9 1862* *We moved in to Taswell and camped around the Courthouse. Roasting ears were
plentiful here.*
- Aug 10* *Remained at this camp, I was on picket.*

¹ Isaac enlisted initially in Co B 9th Bn GA Infantry which became Co E 37th GA Infantry in May 1863.

² Jesse G Power born 1843, unmarried.

³ Samuel P Power was an uncle of Jesse Power

⁴ He was buried in Knoxville

⁵ Tazewell

⁶ qv the Eberhart letters where this is referred to

Aug 11 On duty today.
 Aug 12 – 15 On duty.
 Aug 16 Left Taswell at eight o'clock in the night and marched all night towards Cumberland Gap, got to Powell River at 7 o'clock on Aug 17th
 Aug 17 Firing commence from the enemy at half past seven o'clock and continued all day with cannon not gaining.
 Aug 18 1862 Firing going on all day with pickets.
 Aug 19 Firing still going on with pickets and some cannonading all day
 Aug 20 1862 Some cannonading and Firing with the pickets all day and a good portion of the night.
 Aug 21 1 am on duty in sight of the enemy's tents and can view the Cumberland Mountains Gap. Some firing with the pickets up to nine o'clock in the morning, Firing continued over and after all day, but at long distance.
 Aug 22 1862 Friday. Pickets commence early in the morning and by evening there was three or four Regiments engaged for two or three hours but not much damage done, some shelling from the enemy, at night all was quiet.
 Aug 23 1862 Today (Saturday) everything appears to be quiet. We move nearer to the Virginia line.
 Aug 24 1862 Sunday. Some firing with the pickets up to 2 o'clock. I am on guard today. Everything quiet all through the night.
 Aug 25 Monday There was some firing with the pickets today but not very much.
 Aug 26 1862 There was firing with the pickets today, and also cannonading from the enemy. Tonight all is quiet.
 Aug 27 Wednesday There has been some firing with the pickets today.
 Aug 28 - 30 All quiet.
 Aug 31 1862 There was considerable shelling from the enemy today about ten o'clock but no damage was done.
 Sep 1 – 4 All quiet.
 Sep 5 Friday. This was the day the dispatch came. Everything quiet.
 Sep 6 Through Tuesday the 16th. All quiet.
 Sep 17 1862 Wednesday This is the day the enemy vacated Cumberland Gap.
 Sep 18 Today we marched into Cumberland Gap and took possession of that place. The enemy destroyed and left a large number of things there.
 Sep 19 1862 Friday Today we marched over the mountain into Kentucky and camped right at the foot of the mountain right close to a creek.
 Sep 20 1862 Saturday. We commenced our march in Kentucky. We marched to Cumberland River Ford and walked through the water 3 or 4 feet deep and camped.
 Sep 21 Sunday We continued our march today for about 23 miles to Goose Creek⁷.
 Sep 22 Monday We marched 12 miles and struck camp at 1 o'clock night.
 Sep 23 Tuesday We continued the March past London Town, 50 odd miles from Cumberland Gap and struck camp at the forks of creek.
 Sep 24 Wednesday We continued our march fording the Rock Castle River. The men would ride in and examine the Water before crossing.
 Sep 25 – 27 March each day, passed London Town.
 Sep 28 1862 Marched and struck camp near Danville
 Sep 29 1862 Marched through Danville 130 miles from Cumberland Gap, also passed Harrisburg⁸ I saw the largest Rat here at this place that I ever saw. It was a wharf rat as large as a possum
 Sep 30 Oct 1 1862. Wednesday We marched past Salvisa also Lawrenceburg.
 Oct 2 Thursday We marched past Rough and Ready Town and camped near Frankfort at the stone bridge built by nature 20 or 30 feet long and wide enough for a wagon to cross.
 Oct 3 Friday We stayed today in camp.
 Oct 4 1862 Saturday We stayed in camp till very near night when orders came to March through Frankfort, the capital of the state. We marched very nearly all night to this place called Versailles, 13 miles from Frankfort, the Capitol. We burned bridges here to keep the Yankees from following us.
 Oct 5 Sunday Stayed at Versailles today, it is a beautiful level country.

⁷ It is not clear where they crossed Goose Creek. My guess is that it was in White Oak Gap at Collins Ck, one of the feeders of Goose Creek.

⁸ Harrodsburg

- Sep 19 1863 *This is the day of the great battle. Our Brigade got into the battle about 3 o'clock, killed and wounded in our Regiment about 140, three in Company E. They were Lieut. Power⁹, Corporal Morris¹⁰ and R. T. Power¹¹, 93 wounded. Myself wounded in the right side. Ball struck cap box, did not go through. W. A. J. Brown¹² (Jesse Brown's grandfather) carried me off the battle ground. (He had a sick certificate) and he followed us and carried me behind a log to protect us from bullets.*
- Sep 20 1863 *Still fighting.*
- Sep 21 *I came to the railroad at Dalton on my way to Hospital*
- Sep 22 – 23 *Got to Atlanta on 22nd, 26th and left for home night of 23rd and got on the 24th 1863. Stayed at home till October 27th, 1863.*
- Oct 27 *Left home and got to Atlanta.*
- Oct 28 – 29 *Got to Chickamauga on the 28th, and rejoined my company near the point of Lookout Mountain.*
- Oct 31 *and Nov 1 through 10 Was on picket duty.*
- Nov 11 *Sent \$30.00 home by Corporal Allen¹³.*
- Nov 16 *We moved to the right.*
- Nov 17 1863 *This is my Birthday, 33 years old today.*
- Nov 18 1863 *The enemy shelled us a good bit today.*
- Nov 23 1863 *Considerable fighting with pickets.*
- Nov 24 1863 *Considerable fighting on Lookout Mountain. It was taken by enemy. We left the Valley.*
- Nov 25 1863 *We came to the top of Missionary Ridge and had a big fight. We vacated the Ridge and fought one mile from it. M. David¹⁴ was killed. We lost several pieces of cannon. The enemy shot our own cannon. We marched towards Cleveland, past Chickamauga, and camped 3 miles of Craysvle¹⁵.*
- Nov 26 1863 *We lay in line of battle most all day at Cross Roads. We then marched past Ringgold to Catoosa Spring and camped*
- Nov 27 1863 *We marched to Dalton, Georgia and camped at the new Hospital where they put our wounded and sick Soldiers.*
- Nov 28 *We remained in camp in Dalton till February 23, 1864. We built little shantys and took up winter quarters here, the weather is very cold here.*
- Dec 17 1863 *I sent \$30.00 home to Wife by Sargt. J. A. Gloor¹⁶.*
- Dec 23 1863 *Drew \$169.00 Sent \$100 home by J. B. Eberhardt¹⁷*
- Dec 25 *Christmas Day and December. I sent \$70.00 home by Capt. D.L. (Dabney) Gholston¹⁸.*
- Jan 2 – 5 *Warm and pleasant. Visit by J. G. Power¹⁹.*
- Feb 6 1864 *Wife²⁰ started with J. G. Power to visit me came as far as Union Point, but had news that the enemy as advancing and went back home.*
- Feb 10 1864 *J. G. Power went home. On Feb. 13th was beautiful weather.*
- Feb 18 1864 *Very cold weather with heavy snow.*
- Feb 23 1864 *We left our camp and moved 2 miles toward Tunnel Hill and camped*

⁹ Francis Power born 1824

¹⁰ William A Morris born 1843

¹¹ Robert T Power born 1832, whose brother Samuel and other relatives also served in Co E 37th GA

¹² Clearly William Andrew Jackson Brown born 1825, however I can find no record that he had a grand-son in 1863 at which time he was himself only 37. Nor can I find any other relative named Jesse.

¹³ Thomas Allen born 1827 who was presumably returning home on furlough

¹⁴ Morasset David born 1835

¹⁵ Presumably Graysville

¹⁶ Joseph A Gloer born 1832. He was later promoted lieutenant and survived the war. Reading between the lines of his military record he may have been returning to Madison County to obtain new recruits.

¹⁷ Jacob B Eberhart born . 1st Lt of Company E. (qv Eberhart letters). He obtained a 14 day furlough on 24 Feb 1864 and Isaac may have given him the money to take home in advance of the furlough

¹⁸ Dabney Gholston commanded Company E until he was killed in action in Aug 1864

¹⁹ This is presumably James G Power born 1845, eldest son of Francis Power born 1824, who had been a lieutenant in Company E until his death at Chickamauga. Perhaps James was visiting the Regiment to establish where his father was buried and to recover his personal effects.

²⁰ Isaac's wife was Elizabeth J Simmons born 1836. They married in 1852.

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