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Diary of Lewis H. Mitchell commencing Nov. 5th

Nov. 5th, 1861.

Enlisted this day for three years in the 6th N.Y.V. cavalry at Gouverneur left Home the 8th. Arrived at Rochester the 9th left Rochester the 14th arrived at N. Y. City 15th lay in Parke Barracks all night with no Blankets. Snowed all night--Sworne in to the U. S. Service the 16th. Sleepe at Sweneys Hotel go to camp Scott Staten Island the 17th Garrison and Vanamie go Home the 19th. the 5th N. Y. cave. leave the Same Day for Anapolis Md. we lay here until the 22nd of Dec. then Embarke for York, Pa. We are 14 hours aboard of the Scow before we lend at Elizabeth city N. J. Arrive at York Christmas Day. Co is assigned to quarters in A Schoole House. lay here just Six weeks then go in new Barracs built for the. Regt Promoted from Wagoner to Corporl March 4th 1862 (have lost my Book and Dates to Feb 2nd 1863) leave York in Mar. 1862 go to Sperryville Md. or Haverdegrass leave here the last of April for Washington lay two nights near Scotts 900 then move to capitol Hill and go in camp get a Sick furlow dated June 19th for twenty Days or to July 9th. When I Return finde the Regt have moved to Clondes Mills V. A. and Recd Horses Arms and Equipment Jos Hubbard is Sick. get 2 months Pay and leave here the 22nd leave Byron Fenner at Alexendria in Hospital go to Warrenton lay here two nights leave here the 27th go to Iarnets Forde or Ellises Mills on the Rhappahannock River on duty most of the time doing Picket Duty are here at the time of Gen Popes Retreate or the 2nd Bull Run Battle lost one man Killed and two men taken prisoners of co. I do not know the loss of the Regt. leave here the last of Aug. go to Fredricksburgh and join Gen Burnsidess command arrive there in the eve in time to help destroy the R R Bridge and Govt .. Supplies and Storehouse fall back that night to Stafford Court House 12 miles from there to Acquie Creek in thre or four Days then get aboard of transportes go to Washington arrive the 5th leave the 7th meete the Rebels in Fredrick City M. d. we are at the Battle of South Mounting and Antieam the Battle of Antietam was Sept. 16th and 17th. lay near Otto Shearmans House until we move to Pleasant Valley we are after Stewarts Cav. Several Days go to Hagerstown from thence to Middletown to the Point of Rocks wheare the Rebs made their Escape by crossing the Potomac into V. A. Several of our men go to Washington, George Eager, Corporls Miller, and McOlner, David Doalz and John

Slicteney get their discharge The Army crosses the Potomac I get throughed off of the Potomac Brige with my horse in the Potomac lose nearly all of my personal Property. Go up Louden Valley at the foot of Blew Ridge Mountains to or past Upperville to Bull Run Gap. Go in Sight of Front Royal the Rebs are there in force the 7th of NOv. Snowed all Day. we are on Picket in the Gap leave after Darke go to Waterloo our Squadron are with Gen. Whipples Division I and L comps go from there to Warrenton. Gen McClellen is Releived and Burnside is in command of the Army of the Potomac. We take the Fredricksburgh Roade go past Hartewood Church then across to Stonemans Switch lay there two weeks with Whipples Div. See Calvin for the first time Since he left Home he is in Batt D 1st N. Y. Artillery 3rd A. C. go near Falsmouth and join the Regt last of NOv. We are in fight near Hillsborough at Wheatstone Mills capure one comp commanded by Capt Grub. We are in a skirmish at Charlestown V. A. near Harpers Ferry where JOhn Brown was executed.