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CAPTAIN JOHN GLAZE DIARY, 1865

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Glaze was a resident of Lafayette, Indiana who enlisted in Company C of the 72nd Indiana Infantry Regiment on July 5, 1862. Originally registered as a Corporal, Glaze was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on February 17, 1863 and rose to 1st Lieutenant just six months later on August 20. On March 29, 1864, he was promoted to Captain and commanded his company as they moved through Nashville, Tennessee and into the Deep South. He and his division often worked closely with the Cavalry. He returned with his regiment to muster out in Nashville, Tennessee on July 24, 1865.

Sources:

American Civil War Database

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Glaze's journal chronicles his daily activities in the army from January 1 to June 12 of 1865. He hoped to use it as a "pleasant reference in [the] future when I am out of the army." His brief entries cover the conditions of army life as he and his Division move through Tennessee, deep into Alabama, Arkansas and Georgia before returning home. Glaze has a keen sense of geography and one can easily trace his unit's day-to-day movements based on his entries. His accounts often emphasize marching times, locations and distances, in addition to daily activities, conveying how rapidly Union troops were forced to move from place to place. Frequent topics include descriptions of weather, complaints of terrible roads, and the banality of camp living. He often mentions corresponding with his wife Sadie, underlining the importance of letters to soldiers and their families. He also provides sporadic commentary on army bureaucracy, criticizing a few replacement leaders of other Divisions and Companies.

By January 1865, the war (especially Sherman's March to the Sea) had taken a terrible toll on the Southern landscape. Glaze frequently comments on the desolated and ruined conditions of old battlefields and towns picked clean or demolished by foraging and fighting armies. "The country between here [camp] and Nashville is a disastrous waste. Both armies have paced over it twice, and what is left is not worth having." He also briefly describes skirmishes with Confederate troops and burning bridges in and near Selma and Montgomery, Alabama in March and April. Among his camp duties, Glaze describes serving at several court martial hearings for privates convicted of harassing citizens while he and his Division are stationed in Macon, Georgia during April. He is also present for the capture of Confederate President Jefferson Davis in May before he and his division return to Nashville.

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