

Sunday August 24th Brought up my diary for the last five days. Wrote a long letter to Capt. Russell and enclosed ~~expressed~~ receipts for flannel shirts and drawers and asked him to sign the blank invoices and return them

Wrote a long humorous letter to Lt. Douglass also acknowledging the receipt of \$15 for the oysters taken by Lt. Piper and Wickliffe also the arrival of the dozen cans.

Read considerably in the 1st Vol. of Memoirs of S. Prentiss (sic) At night gave Lt. Allen AAQM my letters to go with express in the morning.

Monday August 25th Read to the end of 1st Vol of S.S. Prentiss today. In this volume I have been impressed with the fluence of speech and argumentive powers, the habit of illustration by which the mind can compare facts, and the fertile imagination of Prentiss I hope the reading may prove a great assistance to me.

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The Express rider this morning. Our herder Jno McBean accompanied him on a short leave.

Nanonum-kun, of the Rock Island Indians, a good looking and cleanly dressed one, whose brother had been chief and who had come over here yesterday to feel the way, called today on his way back. He represents Teias as determined to come in, that Owhi is sick with dysentery and that Cobte-ne-nac, who had gone for horses stolen by the Cayuses, is coming back and wants to be friends. He wanted to take flour and a ~~package~~ paper to show that these people were now our friends.

I sent one bag expressly for old Teias and gave him one to show our friendly disposition. I sent my heart with Teias' bag. I refused the paper saying I wished to have an understanding first with their chief. If his heart was good and he was our friend he must come in and see me, for he ~~was~~ had nothing to fear.

Monday August 25th continued This evening we had our first rain since we have been here, as usual with the opening of the fall rains it was ushered in by a thunder storm.

Tonight Privates Berry 2 and Donoghue 1st returned from the Topinish where they had sent them in order that Berry might get his tooth extracted. Berry brought me a letter from Mrs. Haller and a bundle of newspapers but no especial news came through him.

Read the letter and newspapers but beyond the action of the Vigilance Committee in hanging Hetherrington for shooting Dr. Randall in the S. Nicholas Hotel of San Francisco Cal. nothing important was noted. Brace a gambler also was hung by them.

I see the Navy are making unusual demonstrations about San Francisco and it seems from the papers that the people expect it to be a movement against the Vigilance Committee.

Tuesday, August 26th '56 I forgot to mention that on Sunday last Lt. Carr was out hunting with his Sharpe's Rifle and having the hair trigger set was going to shoot but the rifle went off before he was ready and while the disc was opposite his eye, so that the flame burnt the lid very severely. He is much better today, as the pain is somewhat relieved.

It rained during the night and our camp is now well moistened, and freed from dust. We got up a large fire and warmed ourselves during the morning and dried our overcoats. The sun however began to shine by 10 o'clock am.

Amused myself reading the Speeches of Mr. Fillmore, the doings in regard to nominating presidents and newspaper contents generally. I am surprised to see men like Com. Stockton or ex-Gov. Johnston of Penn expecting offices of president and vice president.

Wrote at night at a letter in reply to Gen. Wool's letter of April 2d about the war.

Wednesday August 27th, 1856 : Wrote one letter (half of a sheet) full to Mrs. Haller principally in regard to the rumors that my company was

to make the wagon road, and to be stationed this winter at Fort Simcoe, while Maj. Garnett would go off on leave of absence.

Spent some time today in composing a letter for publication in reply to Genl. Wool's letter of the 27 of April, 1856, in relation to the war.

Lt. Carr was much better today and sat sometime at my tent. I took a ~~tood~~ nap and afterwards sat with Lt. Carr and listened to Capt. Archer read the newspaper for Lt. Carr as he could not yet use his eyes. We were very much amused at the tone of some British manufacturers who were making an appeal to the Americans exhorting our people to preserve peace, but modestly asserting that we are in the wrong and should make our Government acknowledge it.

Had occasion to speak very sharply to Sgt. McGarvey who is for arguing every point. He intimates that he had better not punish Pvt. Perry 1st after I had told him that his conduct looked to the soldiers like persecution. I said that when Berry told him there were others who had ~~so~~ done precisely the same thing he had done he should have examined into it and punished the others too, but if he told a falsehood then punish him for the falsehood. I put the utmost emphasis upon this to stop his argument. He left me quickly.

I revised my letter, in the evening, reading a little in the newspapers, then dropped to sleep.

Thursday, August 28th, 1856 Copied today part of my letter for publication.

Father Pandosy left here today to visit his grain field at the Atahnem Cr. and to arrange for it being cut and so forth. Is to be back in three days--the 30th inst.

The Priest 's Rapids old chief was here again today but I did not hold a talk --he wants to get flour. I did not give him any as he did not call at my tent or ask for it.

This afternoon we had a hail storm. The stones were as large as cherries of the common size. It thundered and lightened and rained too, very hard.

It is clear now--sunset.

At night John McVean returned from Ft. Simcoe bringing a small mail. I received a letter from Capt. Russell enclosing the invoices signed etc. one from Lt. Piper 3d adjt about the paper taken off by his sergt and the oysters, also one from Mrs. Haller telling me that I was to be stationed at the Toppenish was not confirmed. Gave the ou ribs and stated that the ladies of the 4th & 9th Infy were at logger heads at Fort Vancouver.

Recd also the Oregonian containing my letter in reply to Genl. Wool and found it very correctly set up in type, also a Green Bay (Adv)? announcing the completion of the Fox River Improvement and the arrival of the first boat.

Read until late in the letters and papers.

Friday, August 29th Finished copying of my letter for publication. Prepared the muster rolls and monthly compy and field reports by arranging the remarks etc.

The Express with the States' mail arrived and brought instructions for Capt. Archer's compy to go to the Topinish next month, for me to draw rations for the 2 cos until the end of Sept. Also, (continued) was informed that Genl. Wool had directed my company to be transferred to Puget Sound to report to Col. Casey, 9th Infy and that I would receive instructions about the 20th of September.

Wrote a note to Maj. Alvord in reply to one received from him about the \$3 to be sent to Messrs Gales and Seaton in which he shows great ignorance in regard to drafts and the responsibility attaching to them but a most selfish fear that he is to be held responsible for the lost draft and will not hereafter give them if that is the case I was very much surprised at his ignorance of such a plain matter of fact business convenience and his alarm.

Received another letter from Mrs. H who wonders I did not write by Lt. Dearing and seems to have been ignorant of my being ordered to Puget Sound.

Also received a letter from Lt. Douglas (sic) giving me the information sought for in my last to Capt. Fletcher's whiskey etc.

Read also a number of newspapers but nothing of importance in them.

Lost considerable time in the night by Capt. Archer and Lt. Carr spending much of the night, as we usually do, when there is little to do, in my tent talking of the news, prospects etc.

Went to bed late and slept very little.

Saturday, August 30th

Looked over the papers to see all going on correctly for the returns etc.

Wrote a men. for Mrs. Haller in case I cannot leave here on the 1st prox. to visit her and arrange for our departure.

Overhauled my papers to see what I want to send in now to the Dalles.

Got all my papers ready for muster and the mail, so as to complete them by filling in the figures in the evening.

Saturday, August 31st '56 Mustered the troops at 9 o'clock am. We then assembled at my quarters and had a drink. Examined muster rolls. Wrote the letters enclosing them to the Adjt. Genl and Maj. Alvord. The officers all dined with me today on oyster soup, boiled ham etc. Enclosed to Lt. Hodges adjt. the return of Co. I and list of NC'O shown who had and who had not warrants. Forwarded the muster rolls to adjt. genl. of this command. the the muster and pay rolls to Maj. Alvord pay mr. to go in the mail to the Dalles for me. Sent off post returns for Augt. to Col. Cooper, Lt. Col. ~~Thomas~~ Thomas and Capt. Jones' adjt. Genl's of the War Department, Army & Dept. of the Pacific.

Intell.(sic)

Finished and had copied a letter to the Mess (sic) in relation to Genl. Wood of the War.

The guard this evening saw fires at a distance etc. I sent the news and that to say some Indians drove off the Indians horses, to Chemeskun who called to explain the fires are from fresh arrivals of friendly Indians, his women drove off the horses. Sat up until 1 1/2 o'clock with Capt. Archer.

Tuesday, September 9th 1856. Joined about 9 o'clock at night , found all going on well in camp. Nothing strange or wrong has ~~xxxxx~~ transpired while I was absent, officers and men doing well.

I was much fatigued from the journey, my eyes pained me very much and my head reeled like that of sea sickness from the motion of riding. Went to bed early.

Wednesday, September 10th '56 -Arranged with Capt. Archer 9th Infy. for his departure for Fort Simcoe. The company (the mechanics having previously left) that remained marched out of camp about noon. The captain remained with me until after dinner, he dined with us.

I drew the captain a map of the route. Wrote a letter for Mrs. Haller and sent by Capt. Archer. I enclosed some seeds of the Nunas and Pine Nuts also a flower seed that Father Pandosy (sic) and I had previously been admiring.

Wrote a memordn. for the Capt. and enclosed an estimate for subsistence stores with Lt. Allen's letter in it by which he is requested to open my dispatches from Col. Wright, and if he finds we remain here until the end of September, then to turn over the estimate to Lieut Douglass (sic) and get him to forward our provisions without delay so that we will get them before the 20th inst, when our supply will be nearly exhausted. If we are ordered in at once then to hold on to the papers and give them back to Lt. Allen. This is to save the trouble of drawing them returning. (Wednesday Sept. 10th continued) the provisions that were ordered by Colonel Wright at the beginning of the month.

After Capt. Archer left I took a nap. Father Pandosy called me after a long sleep saying that Tam-tre-at-ken, the son of Teias, had called to see me, with a Wenat-sha Indian. I had an interview and a long talk with these Indians.

In the evening a chief of the Piskouse Indians, ~~xx~~ Poo-Col'-kow, with Choseken, Catholdt and some other Indians from Rock Island called , but being ~~late~~ busy then I told them to call in the afternoon.

and ~~so when the next time~~ they did so, when these two above were here.

I gave Teias' son flour for himself and family and his companions. He asked for some sugar and bacon which I also gave him. I tried thus to conciliate him knowing that he was very hostile when he met Father Durieux on his way to Fort Colville, towards the whites.

The caution urged by Father Durieux upon Father Pandosy, stating that it was the design of the war party to deceive and surprise this command and cut it into pieces. That there have been spies in this command who have detailed to Owhi very accurately our positions, numbers etc. These things made me feel alarmed particularly as they would carry out ~~our~~ their plans in 3 or 4 weeks--about this time.

I asked Father Pandosy to talk with Chesusken and Catholdt, if there was danger and if this latter would go to the Priest's Rapids etc. and examine things.

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Tuesday, Sept. 11th Father Pandosy reported that ~~he~~ the Indians thought that Tam-tre-afken had come over to see how matters stood here and report that the warriors they thought were too much afraid to do anything and that there was no danger. Catholdt agreed to go to Priest's Rapids to spy out things. He had just learned from the Indians at Rock Island that there was nothing there as the Indians belonging there had all gone to the mountains for berries, and at the Rapids, the Indians from the Pelouse River (where the hostiles now are) would have to cross and he would learn all there. He will start tomorrow and be gone three or four days.

Catholdt, the Piskouse Chief and other Indians with him called again. The chief and his party to bid me good-bye. We had a long talk, principally jesting, as Catholdt is a wag. The chief left. I then fitted out Catholdt for his journey, giving him a rope for his horse and some provisions.

Some We-nat-sha Indians brought in about 30 lbs of potatoes in 3 baskets. They asked \$2 for a basket but took 21 lbs of flour for the whole lot. I took 10 pounds for myself told Lt. Allen to take 10 lbs for his, and to keep 10 lbs for the use of men with scurvey.

Mush^h (sic) Corcoran of my company shows he has it. I gave him 1 pt. pickles, 3 lbs dried apples and 3 lbs potatoes and forbid salt meat.

Moved my tent today to Capt. Archer's bower and cleaned up my old place. I have ~~reduced~~ reduced the guard one sentinel by giving up the old horse corral.

~~Friday~~
Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 1856. Catholdt called to bid me good bye and left for Priest's Rapids. Mitchelle from Priest's Rapids, who had come in last evening called to get flour and to bid adieu previous to his return to his home. I then gave him a talk so plain that he did not fail to see the meaning. I alluded to his conduct at the rapids sending word that there were 23 men there from Kamiaken's camp and that I should send flour to make a feast and that would get them to come in--we were not buying up our enemies. That when the poor Indians from Kamiaken's camp wanted to see the chief of the soldiers he wouldn't come with them but let them find their way as they best could, that when I told him in the evening that I was going to leave Maj. Garnett's camp early in the morning and wanted an Indian to show me the nearest road he promised me one but then did not send him to me so as to be ready to start with me, nor could I have gotten to this camp if I had waited for him on the 9th instant. That I had promised him a bag of flour if he would go with me etc. But that he had broken his promise and I did not feel bound to mine. That he knew my heart and so did all the Indians, for it was good to all and my actions, not my tongue showed this, but

I had seen nothing yet from Michelle to show me that he was a friend of the white, nothing but talk and that was not worth anything. I wanted to see by his actions that he was friend, he has a chance and did not do ~~me~~ it. Now I would wait until I saw him do something to prove it. He said he wouldn't come back. I ~~said~~ told him we wouldn't miss him as his visits did us no good. I would give him some flour (continued) to eat upon his road home. I gave him 10 lbs.

Cleared away the old corral. Built up a new bower for the guard. Put the camp in order to suit our numbers.

Did very little at reading on account of my eyes, but they have improved very much. Slept a long time in the afternoon. Gossiped with the officers in the evening. Was surprised to learn that Lt. Allen 9th Infy. seriously opposes the well received opinions in astronomy that the moon reflected the sun's light, the turned motion of the earth etc. yet could furnish no theory to account for the phenomena which these bodies present.

Had fresh salmon trout for supper today.

Saturday September 13th 1856 Very little took place today. Read some in Miss Pickens' novel called "The Heiress."

Sunday September 14th 1856 Spent most of the day in making estimates and memoranda so as to get every thing prepared for my start to Port Townsend. Slept and read a little. Prepared for my start to Port Townsend. Prepared a letter for Mrs. Haller. Catholdt returned from Priest's Rapids. He brought nothing new but found everything well there.

Monday, September 15th, 1856. Very windy. Sat in my tent reading ~~Heiress~~ "Heiress". Father Pandosy and Catholdt talked a long time. Catholdt came to bid me good-bye. He says Michelle of Priest Rapids has in his possession an American horse and very good. He being a poor man could not afford to buy it, so must have come by it improperly. He has reached the mane and bobbed the tail. He has also a creme colored horse which Catholdt thought did not belong to him, it is an Indian horse. He thinks they have been driven off the road when left by Soldiers to recover from fatigue.

He reports Owhi as having gone to sell the horses and mules for buffalo robes. Catholdt left here to join his family picking (continued) pine nuts and tulip onions in the mountains. He has promised to send some to the Father to be forwarded to me.

In the afternoon the express mail arrived bringing orders to abandon the Kittitas Valley, I Co. 4th Infantry. to proceed to Puget Sound and C Co. 9th Infy. to stop at Fort Simcoe, I to see that all the stores are transferred to Fort Simcoe that were not issued.

I received letters also from Mrs. Haller and from Capt. Maloney about the new post on the Sound.

Prepared the camp for leaving in the morning. Drew my mules and saw company put in readiness.

Tuesday, September 16th, 1856. Reveille at 4 o'clock. Rose and got ready for the march. I found things going slowly. Lt. Howard and Allen put off drawing mules etc. until this morning so I had all my mules packed by 7 o'clock and they had scarcely begun to pack. I tried to push things but could not so left the rear guard and men to attend to the packing of their animals and marched off with I Co. 4th Infy. and the remainder of C Co. 9th Infy.

I sent off the men at 25 min. past 7 o'clock and reached the Em-te-nems' Cr. at 5 min. before 11 o'clock. Rested. Resumed the march at 11 o'clock and arrived at the Winnass Cr. at 2 1/2 o'clock.

Lt. Howard and Allen got into camp at about 4 1/2 o'clock. Had a very good camp.

Wednesday, Sept. 17th '56. Off at 6 o'clock precisely. Had reveille at 4. Reached the Nachess in two hours, found bridge and all standing in good order. Arrived at the Attenham Cr. about 1 o'clock. Had a good camp. Pvt. Dagnion complained of his feet this morning. The men came up well.

Thursday, September 18, 1856. Reville at 4. Marched off at 6 o'clock precisely. Reached the Simcoe Creek at 2 1/2 mins. passed 9 o'clock. The animals managed to sneak off so that two or three were missing when they were to be packed, the rear guard and packers were left to attend to these things so that they did not join until nearly 11 o'clock.

My company, except the sick, viz. ~~Corcoran~~ Corcoran, Dignan (sic) and Kuill, and those men with rifles marched direct to the Topnish with my pack animals and encamped. Sgt. Jones took charge of the sick and reflex men, when we proceeded with C Co. 9th Infy. to Fort Simcoe.

I turned in the Shanghai rifles and accouterments to Lt. Douglass 9th Infy. Lt. Carr, 9th infy. paid me for his "gallon whiskey and for Capt.

Archer's. He gave me \$10.00 and asked me to buy the children \$2 worth of candy and preserves. I paid Lt. Allen 9th Infy AACs the balance of his compy bill i.e. Lt. Howard is to pay him \$3 out of money owed me by Capt. Fletcher and add .25 cts borrowed from Private Kuill and paid \$1, making in all \$2. \$4.25, his bill being \$4.21.

Heard the details of the recovery of Capt. Bowman's remains--saw he had his life insured for \$3,000.

Bried Mrs. Haller 's syrup, gave the rest ~~of~~ and the pickles to Dr. Brown Maj. Garnett brought out some rum to mix with it. Took dinner with Capt. Woodruff. Bid all good bye about 4 o'clock and returned to my company at Topinish. (continued)

Found on joining my company that the mules were not out feeding as I directed them before leaving the sergeant march off. I ordered them out when Sgt. McGarvey seemed to object for fear of their going off, so I put him in arrest. Put Sgt. Viche in charge of the company and sent off the animals and a guard.

Found Mr. Thomas Martins (sergt. formerly) at the fort and that his animals were feeding near my camp and would return in the morning to the Dalles. I arranged to get my company to be mounted to go in.

I allowed Maj. Garnett to pick out of my train the best mules for service at his post and turn in his jaded animals. He took off four of my best mules.

Friday, September 19th, 1856 Reveille before 4 o'clock, marched off my men a little before six o'clock to climb the zigzag hills and await there until I joined. Went over to Martins camp and arranged to have the pack train meet me up on the top of the mountains.

Several of my mules got off during the night and as the major had taken off some too I had no animals for my sick, so I got 6 riding animals from Martins, and Mr. Penny and I drove them to...

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Genl. Wool says that I proceeded on my mission "but without ~~takin~~ the precautions necessary against savage warfare. About sixty miles from the Dalles on emerging from a deep ravine he found himself as he reports "confronted by 1,500 Indians. This is wholly incorrect and I never made any such report. All the precautions usual in savage warfare were taken. My command was on a hill and the Indians in what he calls a "deep ravine." The number of Indians at the (end)

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official reports. I beg leave to correct such mistatements as prejudicial to any military character, through the same medium in which they have found publicity.

The number of troops sent off into the Snake Indian country is exaggerated and the number of victims of these savages is greatly innoverated (?)

Returning from the Snake Indian country in September, 1855, three months after Gov. Stevens treaty, my route lay through the Cayuse country and there I learnt that the Indians were much excited because the whites ~~maxima~~ had already commenced to settle in the country. At the Indian agency on the Umatilla River, a white man was positively forbidden to

Camp on the Nachess River, Yakima Country, Washing. Terry. Sunday, June 15th, 1856

To the Editor of the National Intelligencer:

Gentlemen:

The U.S. Express arrived in camp this morning from the Dalles, bringing files of the tri-weekly National Intelligencer, and in the number of May 3d, I had the opportunity to read the letter from Major Genl. Wool, dated Hd Qrs Department of the Pacific, Benecia (Calif) April 2, 1856. This letter is full of unpardonable inaccuracies and as my name has been introduced conspicuously and a number of details in regard to

myself in particular to the actions of the 6th, 7th and 8th October last given in it wholly at variance with the facts in the case and in contradiction to my (end of page)

Mem. of March June 19

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March July 5th

Tam-ne_wash-quí, name of the high mountain near camp of July 4th bearing to Fort Naches S 12 degrees E true merid.

Swack Cr. We encamped on July 4th

Ti_en_ne_winn is the large branch having a salmon Dam on it near the Yakima

Swack Cr. comes from the NE

Ti-enne winiss comes from the W

March July 10th

Camp on the We_nat-cha at its head, bears from this camp in the mountains N.W. by Ch_sus_kum to the camp last night due N both true merid.