

Diary of Dr. J.H.P. Baker

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October.

10.

Went to Fort Henry. Also to Mrs. B__ns. Recd [MS. illegible] Photographs.
A little fight took place at Thomasville[.] Nobody hurt. Miss Bettie Clifton here.
Boonville taken[.]

11.

Went to see a patient[.] Heard good deal of news[.] Don[']t know whether it is so or not.
[Heide?] & Willie here[.]

12.

Rode out this morning[.] Huntsville evacuated[.] Whackers in town. Set the day for
nuptial[.] Alas hereafter Circumstances [alter cases?][.]

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13.

Conscripts in Hunstville[.] Great excitement[.] Coming events cast their shadow before
them, In the language of the past.

My heavy heart[,] the prophets of woe [MS. illegible] -- tells some ill at hand[.]

14.

Conscription continues. I shall have to submit to the fates[.] This "civil war" is about to
thwart my civil course & then tis farewell to early earthly bliss, but motto[:] Never despair[.]

15.

Made preparation for starting. Went to [MS. illegible] Mill [MS. illegible][.] None
seems long to be remembered[.] farewell[.]

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16.

Commenced March via Roanoke to Glasgow. Crossed the river same night[.] Mollie W.
turned Summerset from out the buggy.

Camped Crawfish Creek.

17.

Made a circuitous march to Jackman's head quarters, then marched to the Keiser bridge
into Prices Head-quarters. Feel fatigued from loss of sleep & nothing to eat, which will
doubtless be a frequent occurrence.

18.

Marched to Waverly[.] Awful dusty. At Mrs[.] Meltons tonight[.] Met with a romantic incident in receiving Mrs. Gants gift. She is a model lady[.]

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19.

Battle of Lexington. Complete victory[.] Encamped on the battle ground.

Weather cool, plenty of forage & rations[.] We are malined where glad hearts appreciate us[.]

20.

Marched to fire Prairie without obstruction[.] bivouaced for the night[.]

Cold & Misty[.] [Amusing?] incidents[.]

21.

Took up the march to Independence, battle of Big blue. A [faded?] route. The ground was obstinately resisted, Bivouaced in town.

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22.

Battle of Independence successful, hard march, Desperate fighting[.] Our co. charged & I took a battery.

Many unarmed soldiers were rushed into battle[.] bad management from some source[.]

23.

Battle of Westport[.] entered Kansas[.]

Most desperate fighting[.] If our safety can be attributed to any one man Jo[seph] Shelby wears the laurel.

24.

Took Trading Post[.] Encamped on Marz d asin [Marais des Cygnes][.]

Desperate engagement at Fort Scott[.]

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25.

Camped on Osage[.] Battle of Cedar Creek[.] desperate fighting[.] Prices army demoralized, desertions commenced[.] Marmaduke Captured, but bully for Jo. again[.]

26.

Marched sixty one miles, Bivouaced at Carthage on spring River. I don[']t know that a longer march graces modern history. A fatal day to horse flesh[.]

27.

Took up line of march to Newtonia. Feds just left[.] Went into camp. An easy fight. four of our company wounded[.] [MS. illegible]