

*E. H. Bassett — In the Artillery*

Sun. April 30th. I went down and took a swim in the Tennessee River, for the first time. The team came up from Kingston and brought orders for 33 men to report to Kingston for transportation to Chattanooga tomorrow. May 1st. Sent down 33 men to Kingston to go on to Chattanooga.

May 2nd. Lieut. Hussy came back from Kingston, and we went to work, moving our corn and packing up our tools, to move to Chattanooga. May 4th we left camp at 8 A.M. and went down on the raft. We run well enough about seven miles, when we run on to the point of a slough island, where we run up high and dry. We had to get a boat and land all our things. We got off about night, and I got the men a good place for the night. I sent a man to Kingston for a team.

In camp below Wrights Bend Tenn. May 5th. We got started about noon and reached Kingston at 9 P.M., where we went into quarters for the night. We lay around all forenoon, but got our things on board the *Kenesaw* about dark, and all ready to start down River at four A.M. On board the *Kenesaw*, May 7th. We got started at 4 A.M. and run down to Chattanooga by four thirty P.M. Had a pleasant trip down. Reached camp about dark, and found the boys all well.

Chattanooga Tenn. May 8th. Rainy most all day. I went down town in the A.M. The Company has moved Camp while I was gone. We have a very good camp site now. If it were not for there being so many troops in camp it would be more pleasant. May 9th I went out in the P.M. and drilled under Lieut. Parker. There was considerable talk about the Regt. going home right away. May 10th I am on guard duty today. We drew a lot of clothing today.

May 13th. I went up on Lookout Mountain and rambled around all day. The weather was fine and I had a good time. Sunday the 14th was very nice. I was on guard duty. We received the news of the capture of Jeff Davis and family. The next day, May 15th, very pleasant. The Rebels are still coming in every day.

May 17th very warm. There was a Rebel General came in today with a squad of cavalry. A great many of the Rebel soldiers coming in every day. I went down and drew six days rations for the outfit. Heavy rain at night. We had Company Inspection. May 20th, rained most all day. I went down town in the eve and had a long talk with a lot of the Rebs that were on their way home. Most of