

## *The War Years*

There is considerable excitement about the shooting of a member of Merrill Cavalry by the Colored Patrol down town yesterday. He died about noon. We were called out under about 8 o'clock in the eve to go down town. It was expected there would be trouble with the Cavalry. They are very mad, and report says that they have been shooting and hacking away at the the Nigs like the devil. Sept. 6th. Very hot. I am on garrison Guard.

Sept. 9th we were relieved by Company B 1st Colored Heavy Artillery, and are to move into the 44th Indiana Camp. The Tenth was very warm. Had Dress Parade in the evening. I was sent over to the 44th Ind. camp with a squad to clean out the quarters for our Company. We moved over in the afternoon, and got quite comfortably fixed by dark. We fixed up the camp the next day, but the general belief is that we will remain but a few days.

Sept. 13th. I was on camp guard. We had Regimental Guard Mount this morning. We have fifteen posts around the camp. Sept. 14th. all quiet along the lines. Received orders to turn in all Quartermaster property. Dress Parade in the evening. We may leave Saturday next. Sept. 15th. We had Battalion drill at 9 A.M. the first time that the Regiment has been out together on drill. Dress Parade in the eve. Orders are to break camp tomorrow at 11 o'clock in the morning. I turned in my gun today. By orders of the Colonel I am to carry the colors. The boys were released from the prison today. They feel good and look well.

We left Chattanooga at two for Nashville. The Regiment was on two trains. Run very slowly all night. It was all the two engines could do to push the train up the mountain. Reached Gowons Station at daylight. Sept. 17th. We reached Murfreesboro about 10 a.m. and Nashville at 12th. Lay there at the Depot until 4 P.M., when we backed down to the Soldiers Home, where we took up our abode for the present.

Soldiers Home at Nashville Tenn. It is quite rainy this morning. I went down to the New Theatre in the evening. Sept. 19th 1865. They have made a commencement on our muster out rolls today. I went down town in the afternoon and went all thru the Statehouse. Went to the Old Theatre in the evening. On the 20th we had a heavy force at work on our muster rolls. I remained in camp all night. The next day I roamed all over town, and went to the New Theatre in the eve., Sept. 27th. We were mustered out in