Recd

Mar 3d Mrs S.
Apl 9th do
" 28th do & H
" Mrs Mc. S.
May 3d Mrs S
" 11th do ×
" 22d do
" 23d Mrs. Mc. S.

Recd

Mar 6th Mrs S & O
Apl 13th Mrs S
" " Mrs Mc S
" 28 do
" " Mrs S. & H.
May 18 Mrs S.
June 3d do
" 8th Mrs Mc S.
" 19th Mrs A. C. (25)
" 22d Mrs S 2}
" " Miss F.
July 4 Mrs. S.
" 15 do

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Taylor

Young Ladies

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Hanna Mack [illegible]

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AH 6-10-1960 Mrs. Orville Lay

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Barrett, Cor. 6th & Carey, Richmond Va.

Lieut R E McCarthy Lagfayette Ills
9th Miss

A Sketch
of the 12 months service
in of the Mobile Rifle Co.

The above Corps having tendered their services to the Confederate government, received orders on the night of the 23d of April 1861 to leave on the first boat for Montgomery, enroute for the seat of war in Virginia, in accordance with these orders the company left on the Le Grande on Wednesday the 24th at 5 P. M. The following is a correct roll of company as mustered for 12 months service

Capt L. T. Woodruff
1st Lieut J. C. Manast
2d " J. Weedon
3d " J. K. Adams

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Drummer J. Baumer

1st Sergt		
2d "	J. Daily	⊗ G. H. Dunlap Jr
3d "	W. A. Gaudreau	H. Donaldson
4th "	⊗ J. K. Hoyt	⊗ R. F. De Bell
5th "	J. W. Goodwin	J. G. Dawson
1st Corp	W. G. Smith	G. G. Duffee
2d "	J. D. Fowler	× J. N. Eskridge
Privates	A. L. Aubert	J. H. Evans
	W. T. Atkins	⊗ W. L. Ellis
	M. C. Butt	⊗ F. Foster
	J. Bryant	⊗ W. H. Gardner
	H. Burton	W. P. Gassam
	⊗ J. C. Bailey	W. B. Grist
	J. V. Childress	J. P. Gould
	E. Crowder	L. H. Goodman
	J. H. Colburn	⊗ W. M. Garrow
	⊗ B. E. Campbell	G. Goodloe
	D. D. Child	W. H. H. Greenwood
	C. C. Collier	R. H. Haughton
	W. W. Cherry	T. Henry Jr
	× W. D. Crawford	J. C. Hodges Jr.
	C. H. Clark	F. S. Hutchison
	T. E. Cooper	C. Harwell

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J. M. Jenks
G. F. Johnston
W. M. Jones
R. B. Jordan
J. A. Jackson
J. De V. Innerarity (Dent)
J. W. Innerarity
J. H. Keith
W. J. Kelly
J. Lyon
W. E. Loper
C. Labuzan Jr.
T. Lecesne Jr.
W. H. Lavender
J. J. Lake
G. F. Lathrop
A. C. McGuire
Jas Manning
P. L. Maybrey
R. W. Mayrant
B. McK. Mosby
E. C. Mosby Jr

R. A. Mounelle
J. F. Moore
W. M. McDonald
S. A. Neville
W. J. O'Brien
A. Parker
A. M. Punch
J. B. Post
C. H. Pope
S. H. Pairo
W. H. Powers
W. B. Robeson
C. A. Ryder
B. F. Roper
A. E. Smoot
G. F. Simonton Jr
T. M. Smith
F. C. Singleterry
J. H. Skinner
W. H. Sullivan
H. Swain Jr.
A. S. Thompson

J. S. Thompson	B. S. Wordcock
D. S. Taylor	D. N. Williamson
S. H Taylor	C. W Watkins
J. Vigner	C. C Whitehurst
J. S. Williams	H. F. Wilson
R. N. Williams	D. J Yates

in all 94 privates 6 noncommissioned & 4 commissioned officers (total 104) all the above with the exception of Sergts Beaudreau & Gordwin (who joined us in a few days) marched as before stated

April 26th Reached Montgomery at 6 P.M. Capt Claudis would not permit us to land until we had partaken of a fine supper which he had prepared for us — before we marched from the wharf the "Boys" gave three hearty cheers for Capt C & his officers who had all shown us every kindness during the trip — we were quartered in Estelle Hall for the night

27th Marched to the fair grounds & took up our quarters in the same building

in which the Cadets & Washington Lt.
Infantry were already quartered
28th Sunday — The following companies
Co. 1 A 1 Mobile Cadets — Capt R. M. Sands
" 7 B 6 Gulf City Guards. Capt Hartwell
" 3 C 4 Tuskegee Lt Infty. Capt Swanson
" 5 D 8 Southern Rifles Capt Powell
" 4 E 3 Washington Lt. Infty. Capt Gracie (Chester)
" 9 F 10 Metropolitan Gds. Capt Hunter Phelan
" 8 G 9 Montgy. True Blues Capt Andrews
" 6 H 5 Beauregard Lowndes Capt Bonham
" 2 I 7 Wetumpka Lt. Gds. Capt Reedy
" 10 K 2 Mobile Rifles Capt L. T. Woodruff
having all concentrated here & been organized into the 3d Regmt of Ala — proceeded to elect field officers with the following result
for Colonel Jones M. Withers of Mobile
" Lt Col Tennant B. Lomax of Montgy.
" Major Cullin A. Battle of Tuskegee
in the evening our Co & the Mobile Cadets were served with 3 days cooked rations & ordered to leave by the morning train

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29th Left in the cars at 8 A. M for Lynchburg Va. the Cadets by some means got left behind. the enthusiasm of the people particularly the Ladies was unbounded — crowds were at every station who welcomed the "Boys" as if all had been old friends — showering bouquets upon them making us presents of cakes, sweetmeats, &c while even gray hairs uncovered, in honor to the chivalry of the South & prayed an earnest blessing upon us & a hope that we might return in safety to our homes & friends

30th Nearing Knoxville Tennessee and some rumors of our passage being disputed — as we were the first Southern Company to cross the borders of the seceded States — we were ordered to load our Rifles & be in readiness for an attack the "Boys" were determined to "go through" Some malignant looks were bestowed upon us but beyond this we met no hostility, and I think a good many

of us were disappointed about 4 o'clock P. M reached Bristol on the Va line where the enthusiasm & signs of welcome revived - for although Virginia had not been declared out of the Union by the popular vote still there was no doubt she soon would be the Southern Flag - Emblem of Freedom - floated from almost every conspicuous place being detained here in consequence of the non-arrival of some Kentucky troops who were expected - the Citizens tendered our Company a supper - which was most welcome - as we had been travelling steadily for 36 hours, & had eaten nothing warm since we left Montgomery, while marching to supper, we passed a very pretty little girl of some 12 or 13 years who wore a very handsome apron in the design of a Confederate flag - we saluted her with three hearty cheers After supper we took our respective places in the cars - ready to proceed

the moment the expected train should arrive, it did not reach Bristol however until about 3 A.M. & just at dawn we were again in motion for – as we finally hoped – the seat of War – this day May 1st passed through some very beautiful portions of Virginia & reached Lynchburg truly named the City of the Hills – on May 2d at 3.30 A.M. The Kentuckians some 600 in number a fine looking body of men but without arms or uniform preceded us to ~~what~~ the fair grounds about a mile from the City & which were allotted to us for camp grounds about half an hour after they had left our Company was formed and proceeded in the same direction as our late friends – the trim & soldierly appearance of our men showed to a decided advantage, as also did our compact & well drilled units in the march, in contrast with the straggling & careless movements of the Kentuckians

and as I afterwards learnt we were the first body of armed Southern troops who had marched through the streets of Lynchburg - it is not to be wondered at if the excitement & enthusiasm was almost beyond bounds - a large number of the citizens accompanied us to our encampment, which was selected in an oak grove in the rear of the Fair grounds & about 1 mile from the city - the Reg'ts were already in possession of a portion of the fair grounds - all the stalls in which had been converted into rude sleeping places for soldiers - upon reaching the site of our intended camp - Stack arms & rushing knapsacks was followed by orders for the company to divide in squads & prepare the ground for pitching our tents - all was in readiness by the time our tents & baggage arrived & each mess taking charge of their respective "Houses" in a few moments all were awaiting

the word of command – at "Raise tents" they all went up as if by magic & so the pleased wondering spectators seemed to imagine it was, in the mean time other parties were building fires, the commissary stores were served out & in almost as short time as it takes to write it the lonely wood was converted into a gay & lively yet orderly camp, the "Boys" flying around & cracking jokes with each other & our citizen companions who were fast becoming firm friends they evidently imagined the Alabama Boys to be "Sure" & I firmly believe that never in the memory of the citizens of Lynchburg will be forgotten or recalled but with pleasure, thoughts of the Mobile Rifles encampment in this city – I never hope to see again such a general & heartfelt outburst of enthusiasm nor such a wholesouled welcome as we met from all rich & poor, young & old – fair sex & others

sey of the city of Lynchburg – truly if kindness could have killed, then had the minutes of the Rifles been numbered

3d – The Cadets & W.L. I reached here

4th – The whole regiment being now here we were drawn up under arms formally mustered in to the service of the C.S.A. & to received orders to leave in the morning for Norfolk Va –

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8th Turned out about 3 A.M. struck tents & marched to the south side R.R. by which we (the entire regiment) were carried to Petersburg which we reached about 6 P.M. here the enthusiasm was even greater than at Lynchburg the Depot was crowded to excess by the extreme numbers of ladies, all of whom welcomed us with smiles & cheers & entered freely into conversation with the "Boys" we were detained here to partake of a supper which had been prepared for us, when we again were forward in the same cars and reached Norfolk about –

9th - A. A. M. Proceeded about a mile from the Depot, to an open field in the suburbs where we encamped

For some time every thing went on as usual - crowds visit us every evening at dress parade - Col. J. W Witters paid the regiment his first official visit while we remained in this camp - the Boys are already very much dissatisfied with him

about 13th An unfortunate occurrence took place while we remained here, the precise date of which I neglected to observe, I mean the accidental shooting of Lt Stone of the Wetumpka Lt Infty. by private Wm Hunt of the Gulf City Eds - who was a sentinel on duty at the time he was tried by court martial who turned the case over to the civil authorities by whom he was honorably acquitted

15th - Visited Fort Norfolk & had a fine view of Elizabeth river - my first the fort is small but the batteries are well mounted the upper had 13

8 in Columbiads & Dahlgrens guns En-
Barbette & the water battery some small
guns, case mate —
17th Recd. orders to march in the
morning — understand it is only a change
of location for our encampment
18th Marched to our new camp ground
which is some 2 miles from the city
almost due East — on the Princess Anne
road & on the head of Tanners Creek
between the head waters of which &
Broad Creek an intrenchment is to
be thrown up for the protection of
Norfolk & the Navy Yard — hence
our removal to this point — we
are informed that this is the post
of "honor" & of "danger"
19th during the day heard the reports
of some heavy guns, in the direction
of the river — could not learn the cause
20th Learnt that the firing yesterday
was between the Monticello a federal
steamer & our battery at Sewalls Pt
6 men supposed to be killed on Steamer no
loss at the battery — Hurra! Hurra

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22d – The line of the proposed intrenchment having been laid off by D. W. Goodwin who was detached from our Co for that purpose – we have been ordered to prepare a camp ground on the extreme right of the line – with our right resting on Broad Creek & Goodwin having staked off the new position to day the first squad was detailed & commenced the work of clearing off the ground which is thickly covered with timber principally pine – squad reports new ground a very pretty site for an encampement
25th The Companies on the right of our regiment commenced moving to our new camp – this morning –
26th Sunday – About noon we were all ready, as last Co, to leave for the other camp which we found to be distant by the road about a mile & three quarters although not more than a mile from us in a direct line in the way we passed a portion of

the intrenchment which is being rapidly thrown up — some 200 Negroes being engaged upon the work

June 1st Having the camp & parade ground thoroughly cleared off — our field officers Lomax & Pattie have commenced drilling their different commands in Battalion drill every day morning & evening — Every day we hear the booming of heavy guns on the river caused by trivial engagements between our batteries & the Federal vessels in the Hampton Roads — but no serious fighting threatens here that I can learn

4th At "Tattoo" to night a detail was called for to act as picket guard & was promptly filled by "volunteers" the boys not knowing the country or our true position imagined they might possibly meet with some of the enemy — when in fact they were only required to watch the Negroes at the intrenchment — it was wet dirty weather & they returned

STORY ALL

towards morning - wet muddy
weary & disappointed
5th - Counted about 60 reports of guns
on the river about 7 A.M. learnt afterwards
that the "Harriet Lane" & our battery at
Pigs Point had passed compliments
with each other & the steamer had been
badly used in the melee.
10th - Mc. Cambridge. Setchwell & Getty
reached here to day - intending to join
our Co. - Camp life is terribly monotonous
but is relieved occasionally by the
reports of heavy guns from our river
batteries & their opponents - each dis-
charge - being echoed by the "Boys"
by a wild unearthly sounding yell
signifying their desire to "take a
"hand", & when the excitement cools
off they generally amuse themselves
by cursing both loudly & deeply
the unfortunate position we are
compelled to occupy & where they
swear the enemy nor any one else
"will ever find us"

June 19th - About sunset received official news of a fight at Bethel Church, some 5 or 6 miles distant from Hampton, where the Confederates under Magruder had whipped the Yankees 3 to 1 - the boys from each company in succession gave three hearty cheers for the South and her gallant defenders ——
20th - Mc Cambridge, Setchwell & Getty elected members of the Rifle Co.
21st Pickens & McKerrell - elected
22d Formed mess No. 13 under the name of "Wild Cat Mess" with the following members Geandreau, Setchwell, Banner Getty. Mc Cambridge Sayler & Ryder Mc Co & I went to the city - for supplies
23d - Sunday - No 13 engaged in putting tent in order & fixing up - Capt Goodwin paid us a visit in full uniform - makes fine looking officer
24th At retreat Major Bradford Insp Genl gave the whole regiment a thorough inspection and passed many flattering encomiums upon their appearance &c