

Chapter 21 Morganza, LA

MORGANZA, LA

The One Hundred and Twentieth, having shared its hardships and privations, reached the Mississippi river on the 21st of May and went into camp at Morganza, Louisiana, where it remained until the 23d of August. On that day it started with its division on an expedition into Eastern Louisiana, and after dispersing a Rebel force near Clinton, Louisiana, returned to Morganza.

25 May 1864 Willard Slocum was appointed Provost-Marshal of the Trans-Mississippi Department with headquarters at Morganza, LA. [A Short History of the Slocums, by Charles Elihu Slocum, 1882, pp 388 - 391]

There were 192 men of the 120th OVI reported to be with the First Division, Thirteenth Army Corps at Morganza, La., June 13, 1864. [page 334 The War of the Rebellion: formal reports, both Union and Confederate... 1891] Willard Slocum was Colonel at that time and was in charge of what was left of the 120th.

The War of the Rebellion: Formal reports, both Union and Confederate, of the first seizures of United State properties in the Southern States (53 v. in 111), United States War Depart, National Historical Society, 1891, Series I, vol. XXXIV, part IV, Correspondence, etc.

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Nineteenth Army Corps and U. S. Forces at Morganza, La., June 13, 1864.

First Brigade: 23d IA, 42d OH, 7th KY, 37th IL

Second Brigade: 49th IN, 69th IN, 22d KY, 16th OH, 114th OH, 120th Ohio....**The 120th had only 192 men at Morganza.**

1st WI battery and 2d Ohio Battery.

W. H. Emory, Brigadier-General, Commanding

Page 612: **Troops in the Dept. of the Gulf, Maj. Gen. Banks, 30 June 1864; 19th Army Corps under Brig. Gen. Wm H. Emory: Third Division under Brig. Gen. Michael K. Lawler: 2nd Brigade included 120th OH under Maj. John F. McKinley.**

22 May Sunday Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La

in camp this morning and fire up the camp for to camp work all day in camp and so on.

23 May Monday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La

this morning in camp and no duty done but picket a nice and clear day

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General Orders No. 45 to the Headquarters of the First Division, 13th Army Corps, Morganza Bend, La., May 23, 1864. Lieut. Col. Willard Slocum of the 120th Ohio Volunteers was to be judge-advocate for the First Division. Command of Brig. Gen. M. K. Lawler.

24 May Tuesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La

*went out on picket this morning about one mile from camp
a nice and clear day*

25 May Wednesday, Diary of Simon Bott

*Come off picket this morning and went to camp and then done no more duty on this day
a nice and clear day*

26 May Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La

*in camp this morning and no duty done on this day
a nice and clear day*

27 May Friday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La

*in camp this morning and went out on drill and drill one hour and then went to camp and done no more duty
on this day
a nice and clear day*

28 May Saturday, Diary of Simon Bott

[exactly the same as Friday]

29 May, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La

*in camp this morning and company inspection at 9 o'clock a. M. and no more duty done on this day
a nice and clear day*

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Page 105: Lawler was to take a detachment of the 13th Corps to stop the Confederates of 3,000 to 7,000 troops on May 30, 1864. "the enemy is reported to be moving down the Grossetete road toward Livonia." Lawler was to leave two regiments to guard the camp. Page 107: "The One hundred and twentieth Ohio Volunteers, Twenty-second Iowa Volunteers, and Second Ohio Battery will remain behind to guard the camp."

May 30, 1864, Monday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La

*In camp this morning and went out on drill and drilled one hour and then went to camp and done no more
duty on this day. A nice and clear day.*

May 31, 1864, Tuesdau. Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La

In camp this morning and drilled one hour and then went to camp and done no more duty on this day. A nice and clear day.

June 1, 1864, Wednesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia La.

Went out on picket this morning. Nice and clear day.

June 2, 1864, Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La

Come off picket this morning and went to camp and no more on this day. Nice and clear day.

June 3, 1864, Friday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La

In camp this morning and went out to drill for one hour and then went to camp and no more duty. Nice and clear day.

June 4, 1864, Saturday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La

In camp this morning and went on drill for one hour then went to camp. No more duty. Nice and clear.

June 5, 1864, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and inspection this morning at 9 o'clock A. M. and no duty today. Nice and clear.

June 6, 1864, Monday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La

In camp this morning and went on drill and drill one hour then went to camp. No more duty today. Nice and clear.

June 7, 1864, Tuesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La.

In camp and went out on drill this morning and drill one hour then went to camp and no more duty.

June 8, 1864, Wednesday, Diary of Simon Bott

[same as June 7]

June 9, 1864, Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

Went out on picket this morning. Nice and clear.

June 10, 1864, Friday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

Come off picket this morning and went to camp and done no more duty this day. Nice and clear.

June 11, 1864, Saturday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp and went out and drill one hour and then went to camp and no more duty on that day.

June 12, 1864, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and inspection at 8 o'clock A. M. No more duty on this day. Nice out. Clear and warm.

June 13, 1864, Monday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and went out on drill ? Hour and then went to camp and no more duty on this day.

June 14, 1864, Tuesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia, La.

In camp this morning and drill one hour and no more duty on this day. Nice and clear and very warm.

June 15, 1864, Wednesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp and went out and drill one hour and no more duty today. Nice and clear.

June 16, 1864, Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La.

Went out on picket this morning. Nice and clear.

June 17, 1864, Friday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

Come off picket this morning and went to camp and no more duty on this day. Nice and clear and very warm.

June 1864 to August 1864 the 120th was with the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 19th Army Corps.

[Daily True Delta (New Orleans, LA), Tues. 9 Aug 1864, Vol XXIX Issue 221 pg2, available at GenealogyBank.]

Paroled 17 Jun 1864 at Red River Landing, LA:

Pvt. Peter Eckard, Co D, 120th OH Vol.; [Note: had been captured at Snaggy Point, LA, 3 May 1864.

Pvt. Jacob S. Fisher, Co F, 120th OH Vol. [Where captured?]

Pvt. David Painter, Co E, 120th OH Vol. [Where captured?]

June 18, 1864, Saturday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp and went out on drill for one hour then went to camp and no more duty on that day. Nice and clear.

June 19, 1864, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and we had inspection and no duty today. Nice and clear.

June 20, 1864, Monday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp and went out on drill this morning. Drill one hour and then no more duty on this day. Nice and clear and very warm.

June 21, 1864, Tuesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and went out on drill one hour and then no duty on this day. Nice and clear.

June 22, 1864, Wednesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

This morning I went on **???? work a half day unloading a boat.** Nice and clear today.

June 23, 1864, Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today. Nice and clear and very warm.

June 24, 1864, Friday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today. Wet and rainy day.

June 25, 1864, Saturday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

Went out on picket this morning. Warm, nice and clear.

June 26, 1864, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La. Came off picket this morning and went to camp and no more on this day. Nice and clear day but very warm.

June 27, 1864, Monday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La.

In camp this morning and not on duty. Nice clear and warm today.

June 28, 1864, Tuesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today. Nice and clear day and very warm.

June 29, 1864, Wednesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today. Nice and clear and warm.

June 30, 1864, Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia, La

Going on **guard duty today on ?provost guard to guard a citizen's house.** Nice and clear and was paid off today.

July 1, 1864, Friday, Diary of Simon Bott

Come off duty this morning and went to camp and laid in camp all day. Clear and nice.

July 2, 1864, Saturday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia La.

In camp and no duty done on this day. It is nice and clear but it is very warm today. Wrote a letter this morning.

July 3, 1864, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia, La.

In camp and not on duty this morning and clear and warm and to be mustered this evening at 4 o'clock p.m. for pay.

July 4, 1864, Monday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia La.

Went on picket this morning at 6 o'clock A M five miles from camp. And the regiment moved. Nice, clear and warm.

July 5, 1864, Tuesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia, La.

Came off picket this morning and it was clear and warm. And went to the woods for brush in the evening.

July 6, 1864, Wednesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia, La.

In camp this morning and went on camp guard at 8 o'clock AM. And a rainy day and very warm today.

July 7, 1864, Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia, La.

Came off guard this morning and went to camp. Clear and very heavy rain in the evening.

July 8, 1864, Friday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today. And it is warm and rainy this morning.

Letter from Private James Harlan, Co C, to sister, Freeloze Harlan. He was from Ashland County, OH. He became ill after writing this letter and died of disease 2 Dec 1864 in Illinois. [Contributed by Dana Pennell.] [Often punctuation wasn't used, so I have added punctuation for clarity but left the spellings as they were.]

Morganzia Bend La

July the 8th /64

Well Freeloze I thought I would embrace the present opportunity to address you with a few lines but not in answer to any that I have received from you. I have recd some letters from Lydia and one from Sally. I recd two letters a few days ago, one from Father and one from Ann. I have answered all the letters that I have recd. I will now inform you that I am well at present hoping these few lines may find you all well. the boys are all well but Wm Wilson and he is getting his discharge. I am going to send some things home with him. I have a ring for you and Lydia. I sent Sarah and Ann a ring in a letter some time ago. Joseph Byerly is well. I havent heard any thing more from our prisoners since I wrote last. John Mowers and Henry Culler and Alonzo Shambaugh is prisners. we have had no word yet from John Hawks. we are camped at Morganzia Bend about two Hundered and fifty miles above New Orleans. it is a very nice place. I don't know how long we will stay here. there is some talk that we will be sent up north to recruit up but we cant tell any thing about it so I must close. I must go on fatigue duty in about an hour. it is very warm here.

Write soon without fail.
so good Bye for this time.
Yours truly

James Harlan [To] Freelove Harlan

[Note: The prisoners mentioned in Harlan's letter, Mowers, Culler, Shambaugh and Hawks, were captured at Snaggy Point and being held prisoner at Camp Ford, near Tyler, TX.]

*MYERS, Henry, Co I, died 3 July 1864 in General Hospital at Natchez, MS

*DEARTH, Jacob, Co I, captured 24 Aug 1864; sent to Andersonville, GA; exchanged 1 April 1865

*HOCH, Benjamin F., Co I, captured 24 Aug 1864 near Clinton, LA; died 3 Nov 1865 at Cahawba, AL.

*REED, Jacob S., Co I, died 24 Aug 1864 in Rebel Prison at Tyler, Texas. [Camp Ford]

*MACKEY, John D., 1st Lieut, Co B, died 21 Sept 1864 at home in Plain Twp, Wayne Co OH, of disease.

[Wooster Republican, 1 Dec 1870, page 1, available at GenealogyBank] "After abandoning the vessel [City Belle at Snaggy Point], he tarried with one of his wounded comrades until he lost sight of his fleeing and panic stricken companions, when he began pursuit, exerting himself too violently to over take those who were struggling to escape. Losing his blankets, having to sleep on the cold ground, with no covering but the broad, cheerless canopy of the sky, overtaking his energies that he might avoid the living death of the prisoner, he contracted a cold which settled on his lungs and resulted fatally."

*PARKER, William, Co B, died 27 Sept 1864 in Rebel Prison at Tyler, Texas.

*July 9, 1864, Saturday, Diary of Simon Bott
Morganzia Bend, La.*

In camp and cleaning up camp this morning and no more duty done this day. Nice and clear and very warm.

*July 10, 1864, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott
Morganzia Bend, La.*

In camp and inspection this morning at 8 o'clock A. M. Nice and clear and very warm.

*July 11, 1864, Monday, Diary of Simon Bott
Morganzia Bend, La.*

*In camp this morning and not on duty yet and nice and clear. Went on ?sortie? At 5 o'clock pm. Draw up **canons** four.*

*July 12, 1864, Tuesday, Diary of Simon Bott
Morganzia Bend, La.*

This morning in camp and not on duty today. Rainy and cloudy weather.

*July 13, 1864, Wednesday, Diary of Simon Bott
Morganzia Bend, La.*

In camp this morning and not on duty and it is rainy and cloudy.

*July 14, 1864, Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott
Morganzia Bend, La.*

Going out on picket this morning. It is nice and clear this morning.

*July 15, 1864, Friday, Diary of Simon Bott
Morganzia Bend, La.*

Came off picket to camp this morning and no more duty today. Nice and clear.

July 16, 1864, Saturday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty this morning yet. Nice and clear. And went of sortie at 11 o'clock AM **unload canons.**

July 17, 1864, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp and company inspection at 8 o'clock pm and no duty done today.

July 18, 1864, Monday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty this morning. Nice and clear day but very warm.

July 19, 1864, Tuesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty yet. Nice and clear. Went on guard at the express office.

July 20, 1864, Wednesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

Came off guard this morning and went to camp and no more duty today. Nice and clear.

July 21, 1864, Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty yet this morning. Nice and clear.

July 22, 1864, Friday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In cap this morning and not on duty this morning yet. It is rainy and cloudy this morning.

July 23, 1864, Saturday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this moring and clean up the camp and not on duty yet this morning. Nice and clear. **Work on the fort at 3 o'clock PM.**

July 24, 1864, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this moring and inspection at ? PM. And no more duty done on this day. Nice and clear.

July 25, 1864, Monday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia, La.

Went out on picket this morning. Nice and clear.

July 26, 1864, Tuesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia, La.

Come off picket this morning and went to camp and no more duty. Nice and clear. Went to **unload oats at 3 o'clock pm. Report to the doctor.**

July 27, 1864, Wednesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today. Nice and clear morning. Rain in the evening.

July 28, 1864, Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty. It is rainy and cloudy. Rained all day. Report to the doctor.

No entries in diary until August 10.

August 10, 1864, Wednesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today. A nice and clear morning. **Report to the Doctor this morning.**

Van Dorsta, Cornelius, Co E, died 10 Aug 1864 in hospital at Morganzia, LA. Register of Deaths of Volunteer Soldiers, 1861-1865: Cornelius VAN DORSTON, Sgt, Co E 120th OH Inf, died 10 Aug 1864 at Regimental Hospital. Cause: acute dysentery.

August 11, 1864, Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty. **C. Bandanston was buried today. [Cornelius Van Dorsten, Co E]** Nice and clear day. **Report to the doctor this morning.**

August 12, 1864, Friday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty. A cloudy and rainy day. **Report to the doctor this morning.**

August 13, 1864, Saturday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty. But it is a rainy wet? Day. Report to the doctor this morning.

August 14, 1864, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and company inspection at 8 O'clock AM. A cloudy and rainy day. Report to the doctor this morning.

August 15, 1864, Monday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty. A cloudy and rainy day. Report to the doctor this morning.

August 16, 1864, Tuesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today at all. It is a wet cloudy and rainy day. Report to the doctor

this morning.

August 17, 1864, Wednesday, Diary of Simon Bott
Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today at all. It is a wet ugly and rainy day today. Report to the doctor this morning.

August 18, 1864, Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott
Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty. It is a wet and ugly and rainy day. Report to the doctor this morning.

August 19, 1864, Friday, Diary of Simon Bott
Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today. A went and ugly riainy day. Report to the doctor this morning.

August 20, 1864, Saturday, Diary of Simon Bott
Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today. A very wet and ugly rainy day. Rained all day. Report to the doctor this morning.

August 21, 1864, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott
Morganzia Bend, La.

We moved our camp this morning up the river about two miles and camped. A clear day. Report to the doctor this morning.

August 22, 1864, Monday, Diary of Simon Bott
Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today. And it is a nice and clear day today. I reported to the doctor this morning.

23 August, Tuesday, Diary of Simon Bott

[Bott has been sick and reporting each day to the doctor]

Morganzia Bend, LA

in camp this morning and not on duty today

a nice and clear day todayreport to the doctor this morning

the regiment left at 11 o'clock in the night

War of the Rebellion: A compilation of the official records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Series I, Vol. XLI, Part one Reports. Washington Government Printing office 1893.

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=coo.31924077730046;view=2up;seq=2>

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Report No. 2 Report of Brig Gen. Elias S. Dennis, U. S. Army, commanding Second Division, Nineteenth Army Corps, Morganza, La., September 1, 1864.

Captain: I have the honor to transmit herewith the following report for the information of the

general commanding;

Pursuant to his instructions of the 23d of August, 1864, I embarked on steamers with about 3,000 men of my command, and proceeded down the river to Port Hudson, La.; reached that point at 5 a. M. August 24, and at 4 p.m., in compliance with orders from Major-General Herron, I took up my line of march for Clinton, La., and after marching all night arrived there at 2 p. m. August 25, meeting with but slight opposition from the enemy on the way. Remained in camp at Clinton until 4 p.m. August 28. Having to await the arrival of boats, we were detained here until 4 p.m., when I proceeded up the river to Morganza, La., reaching there without accident on the morning of August 29, 1864. Below please find list of casualties. I have the honor to be, captain, very respectfully, your obedient servant, Elias S. Dennis, Brigadier-General, Commanding.

To Capt. B. Wilson, Assistant Adjutant-General, U. S. forces, Morganza, La.

First Brigade: 11th Illinois Infantry, 3 men missing; 46th IL Inf., 2 men missing; 76th IL Inf., one man missing; 13th MO Inf, 2 men missing.

Second Brigade: 47th IN Inf, one man missing; 29th WI, 2 men missing; **120th OH Inf, 2 men missing.**

Cavalry: 2nd NY Cav, 2 men wounded; 4th U. S. Cav., one man wounded.

Artillery: 26th NY Lt. Artillery, one man wounded.

August 24, 1864, Wednesday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend La

*in camp this morning left back from the regiment and report to the doctor
it is a cloudy day today*

August 25, 1864, Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today. It is a cloudy and rainy day today. Report to the doctor this morning.

August 26, 1864, Friday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today. It is a nice and clear day. Report to the doctor this morning.

August 27, 1864, Saturday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today. A nice and clear day today. Report to the doctor this morning.

August 28, 1864, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott

Morganzia Bend, La.

In camp this morning and not on duty today at all. And it is a nice and clear day today. Report to the doctor this morning. The regiment came back.

Pvt Simon Bott, Co E, left the regiment and went to New Orleans and then home on leave. [He returned in December but again became ill and was discharged June 5, 1865. Below is his account of trip home on leave. His diary ends there.

September 3, Diary of Simon Bott

Left Morganza at midnight Went on steamer Dianna
Sept 4, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott
on the Miss river on board the hospital boat for New Orleans on the steamer Dianna
5 Sep, Monday, Diary of Simon Bott
Landed at New Orleans at 10 o'clock A. M. Went in to the first U S. Barracks [hospital] at one
o'clock p. M. Left the Dianna
15 Sep Thursday, Diary of Simon Bott
US Barracks: general hosp New Orleans La
very cloudy and rainy morning
Left the barracks at 10:30 o'clock. Went on board the John H. Grossbeck?
16 September, Friday into 17 Sep Saturday, Diary of Simon Bott
On board the J. H. Grossbeck past pAquemine at 10 o'clock p.m. Baton Rouge at 4 p. M.
past ?haredson? At 6 o'clock
Morganzia at 10 o'clock p. m.
- on board the John H Grossbeck
Stopped at Natches at 11 o'clock a m
Grand Gulf at 10 o'clock in the night
18 September, Sunday, Diary of Simon Bott
on John H. GrossBeck [best writing of the name yet]
landed at vVcksburg Miss at six o'clock ??
Left Vicksburg at 1 o'clock a. M.
19 Sept, Monday, Diary of Simon Bott
on board of the John H. GroseBeck past Napolion at 11:oclock in the night
white river at 2 o'clock
Arkansas at 10:30 o'clock
20 Sept Tuesday
on board the GroseBeck past Helena at 9 o'clock p. M. Arkansas
pages were out of order
24 Sep Saturday
Left Cairo IL at 2 o'clock in the morning
took the cars and went to Indianapolis Indiana to the Soldier Home
25 Sep Sunday
Soldier Home Indianapolis Indiana, layed here all day
26 Sep Monday
Indianapolis Ind Soldiers home
left Indianapolis at 10 o'clock p. M and took the cars for Crestlin
Sep 27, 1864, Tuesday
arrive at Crestline in the morning at 7 oclock and at Wooster at 8 o'clock in the morning
28 Sep, Wednesday
at Milton twp, Wayne County Ohio at J. Feightner[s]
29 Sep, Thursday
Smithville, Wayne county Ohio at J. Feightner
??? rainy day
30 September, Friday
Smithville, Wayne County Ohio left G. Feightner and went to Henry Bott., Clear day
1 October Saturday
Apple Creek Wayne county Ohio
Stayed at Henry Bott. Rainy day today

Simon did return to the war. He was transferred to Co. H, 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Mustered out 5 June 1865 at New Orleans, LA, by order of War Dept. Hardswty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia [for Wayne county OH] page 508 says: In December he again joined the regiment, but in February was again an inmate of the hospital, where he remained until transferred to the marine hospital in May, and from which place his discharge was granted, June 5, 1865.

August 1864 to November 1864 the 120th was with the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 19th Army Corps.

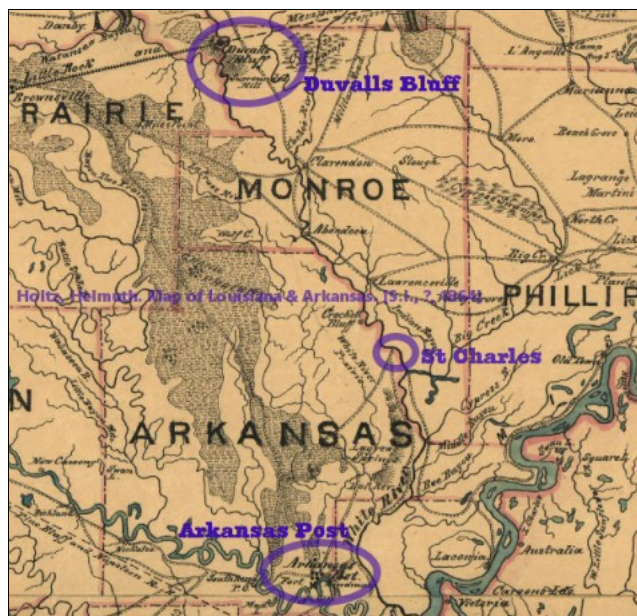
ST CHARLES, ARK., left Morganza, LA, 13 Sep 1864 to mouth of White River. Went up to St. Charles. Left St Charles on 21 October 1864 to Duvalls.

DEVALLS BLUFF, ARK., on the White River. It became a Union supply depot. The remnant of the 120th went up to help protect the Union interests in the area. Arrived 22 Oct 1864 on the "Eclipse."

MOUTH OF WHITE RIVER 27 Oct 1864

DEVALLS BLUFF AGAIN. Left there 22 Nov 1864 on the "John H. Dickey".

MOUTH OF WHITE RIVER, arrived 24 Nov 1864



During this time there were numerous reports in newspapers about Confederate attacks along the White River including attacks on river boats. Here are some examples:

[[Burlington weekly hawk-eye., September 03, 1864, Image 2](#)] Available at [Chronicling America](#)
Cairo, Sept. 1. - Accounts from White River say that the country along the river is alive with guerrillas, who fire into all passing boats. On the 23d, Joe Shelby's rebels attacked the Federal forces guarding the railroad between Duvall's Bluff and Little Rock, capturing nearly all of the 54th Ills., occupying three stations o the road. Col. Mitchell reported killed. Shelby's force threatened Duvall's Bluff and St. Charles."

[[Burlington \(Iowa\) weekly hawk-eye., September 10, 1864, Image 2](#)] Available at [Chronicling America](#)
"From Arkansas. Cairo, Sept. 8. - Reports reached Memphis last Sunday, that gunboats Hastings and Naumkeag were captured, below Clarendon, **White river**, and Capt. Rogers of the latter killed. It was also reported that another gunboat, name not given, was sunk at St. Charles, and that **Duval's Bluff** was threatened by a considerable force of rebels."
The railroad was also being threatened.

[[Alexandria gazette, DC, September 12, 1864, Image 2](#)] Available at [Chronicling America](#)
"Mobile papers report, on the authority of scouts, the capture of Duval's Bluff, Arkansas, and two gunboats and seven transports by the Confederates."

[[Cleveland Morning Leader., 28 Oct 1864, page 1](#)] Available at [Chronicling America](#)

"River News Cairo, Oct. 27

The steamer May Duke, from Duval's Bluff, arrived at Memphis on the 25th, with a large number of refugees. The steamer Marmora was fired into at Prairie Landing, White River, and followed five or six miles. One of her officers and fifteen negro soldiers were killed, and a number wounded. St Charles, Arkansas, is being evacuated."

[[Congressional Serial Set, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1893, Page 177](#)] Available at [hathitrust.org](#)

Devall's Bluff, October 22, 1864 - 1.30 p. m.

Capt. C. H. Dyer,

Assistant Adjutant-General, Little Rock:

The Ninety-ninth Illinois Infantry, Lieutenant-colonel Matthews, and the One hundred and twentieth Ohio Infantry, Maj. J. F. McKinley commanding, in all 650 strong, have just arrived per steamer "Eclipse."

C. C. Andrews, Brigadier-General

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Morganza, October 24, 1864 (Received 6.45 p. m.)

Lieutenant-Colonel Christensen,

Assistant Adjutant-General:

Captain Moffitt, of the One hundred and twentieth Ohio Volunteers, an exchanged prisoner, reports he learned in Alexandria from conversation with rebel officers that the enemy had fallen back in Arkansas to the Ouachita River, but had lately again advanced, as they had to drive Steele out of the State. Captain Moffitt reports but a comparatively small force south of the Red river, the bulk of their army having gone to Arkansas.

M. K. Lawler, Brigadier-General.

[Note: Capt. Valentine Moffitt, Company D 120th OVI, when was he captured? He is not listed at Camp Ford.]

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Special Field Orders, No. 6, Hdqrs. 19th Army Corps, **Mouth of White River, Ark., Oct. 27, 1864**

2. Brig. Gen. Alexander Shaler, U. S. Volunteers, is hereby assigned to the command of the Third Brigade, Second Division, Nineteenth Army Corps. He will join his command at the mouth of White River without delay.

Lieut. Col. Willard **Slocum**, One hundred and twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteers, will resume command of his regiment at the mouth of White River, Ark., without delay.

By command of Maj. Gen. J. J. Reynolds:

S. C. Farrington, Major and Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

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Hdqrs. Second Division, Seventh Army Corps, **Devall's Bluff, Ark., November 14, 1864** - 10 a.m.

Capt. C. H. Dyer,

Little Rock:

Three regiments of Colonel Slack's brigade have already arrived and gone into camp, namely, Forty-seventh Indiana, Ninety-ninth Illinois, and One hundred and twentieth Ohio. General Dennis says he is willing to have his men aid in making the fortifications if he is to remain here some little time, not otherwise. The engineer has laid out two or three forts, and I need a good many men to make them. The White River is still rising. I have not received an answer to my inquiry about unserviceable horses in Ninth Kansas.*

C. C. Andrews, Brigadier-General.

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Hdqrs. Second Division, Nineteenth Army Corps, **Devall's Bluff, Ark., November 21, 1864.**

Col. J. R. Slack,

Commanding - second Brigade:

Colonel: In compliance with orders from corps headquarters you will cause the following named regiments of your command to *embark with their entire force, camp and garrison equipage, &c. on steamer "John H. Dickey" to-morrow, the 22d instant, at 10 a. m., or as soon thereafter as may be, viz: Ninety-ninth Illinois Infantry, Colonel Bailey; One hundred and twentieth Ohio Infantry, Major McKinley."*

By order of Brig. Gen. E. S. Dennis:

Richard A. Kent, Acting Assistant Adjutant-General

[Ohio in the War: her statement, generals, and soldiers](#), Volume 2, by Whitelaw Reid, The Robert Clarke Co, 1895 **Section on 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry** pp.617 Available at Hathitrust.org

On the 13th of September the One Hundred and Twentieth left Morganza again and proceeded up the Mississippi to the mouth of White River, thence up that river to St. Charles, Arkansas. On the 21st of October **General Slack's brigade, of General McGinnis's division**, to which the One Hundred and Twentieth now belonged, moved up to Duvall's Bluff, Arkansas, and on the 27th returned to the mouth of White River. **A second expedition was made to Duvall's Bluff, returning to the mouth of White River on the 24th of November.**

[Note: General James Richard Slack, 13th Corps, 1st Division, originally with the 47th Indiana.]

All the companies were present at the mouth of the White River but only some wrote in detail.

Company A muster roll record:

Sept and Oct 1864 shows station of company at Mouth of White River, Ark.

Record of events: At Morganza La Sept 1 /64. Embarked on transports Sept 4th. Landing at the Mouth of White River Sept 9. Went into camp. Embarked on transports? again the morning of the 11th. Landed at St Charles, Ark [Arkansas county] the 12th. went into Camp. Embarked again the 22 of Oct and landed at Duvals Bluff [DeValls Bluff, Prairie Co] Ark the 28. Went into Camp. Embarked again the 26 And landed at the Mouth of White River ?? the 28 and went into camp.

Company C muster roll record:

Sept and Oct, 1864 shows station of company, Mouth of White River

Record of events: Left Morganzia La.[Morganza, Pointe Coupee Parish] Sept 3 1864 for up the river on board steamer Illinois arrived at mouth of White river [Arkansas] on the 8 where we remained two days and embarked for up White River arrived at St. Charles Ark. on the 11 disembarked and went into camp on the 21st of October we embarked on steamer Eclipse for Duballs Bluffs [De Valls Bluff, Arkansas] when we arrived on the 22 Oct. 25 embarked for down river arrived at the mouth of White

River on the 27 disembarked and went in to Camp

Company F muster roll record:

Sept and Oct 1864 shows station of company, Mouth of White River, Ark.

Record of events: Embarked on board Steamer Illinois and started en route for Mouth of White River Sept 3rd? 1864, and arrived at Mouth of White River Sept 8th? 1864 - disembarked and encamped on Sept 10th. Embarked on Steamer S. ?Rungel? and arrived at St. Charles, Ark, Sept 11th. Embarked on Steamer Eclipse Oct 21st and arrived at Duballs Bluff Ark. Oct 22nd 1864. Embarked on Steamer Thos. E. Tutt [Sidewheel Wooden hull packet burned by rebels 9 Dec 1864] Oct 25th 1864 and arrived at Mouth of White River Oct 27th 1864.

Company I muster roll record:

Sept and Oct, 1864 shows station of company, Mouth of White River

Record of events: Sept and Oct, 1864 shows station of company, Mouth of White River [Arkansas]

Record of events: Sept 1st in camp at Morganzia Sept 3rd embarked on transports and landed and went into camp at the mouth of White River Sept 8, 1864 Embarked again on transport Sept 10 and landed and went into Camp at St. Charles Ark. on the 11th Sept where we remained until Oct 21 again embarked on transport proceeded to Duballs [De Valls] Bluff [Arkansas] arriving on the 22nd went into camp commenced putting up muster? Quarters and on the 25th received order to embark on transports and on the 27t arrived at the mouth of White River where we now are encamped.

This is where the 120th OVI was when it was consolidated with the 114th OVI.

END CHAPTER 21

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