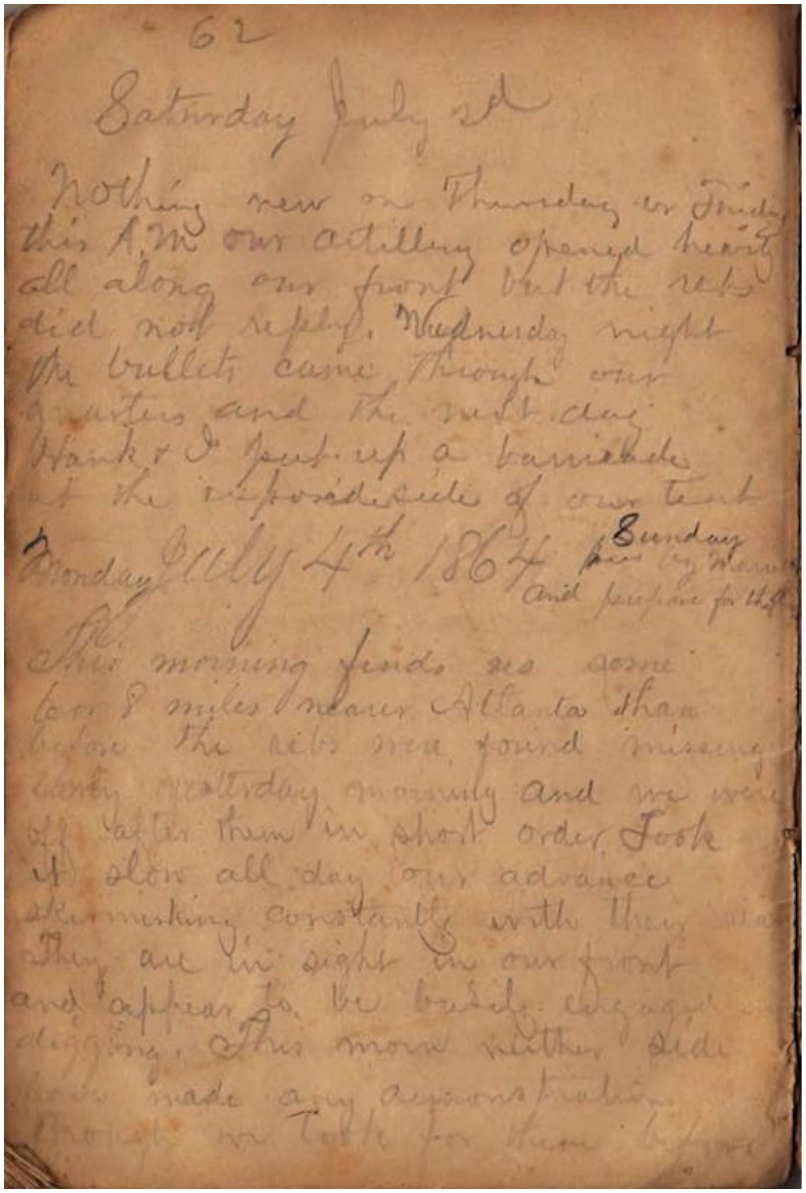
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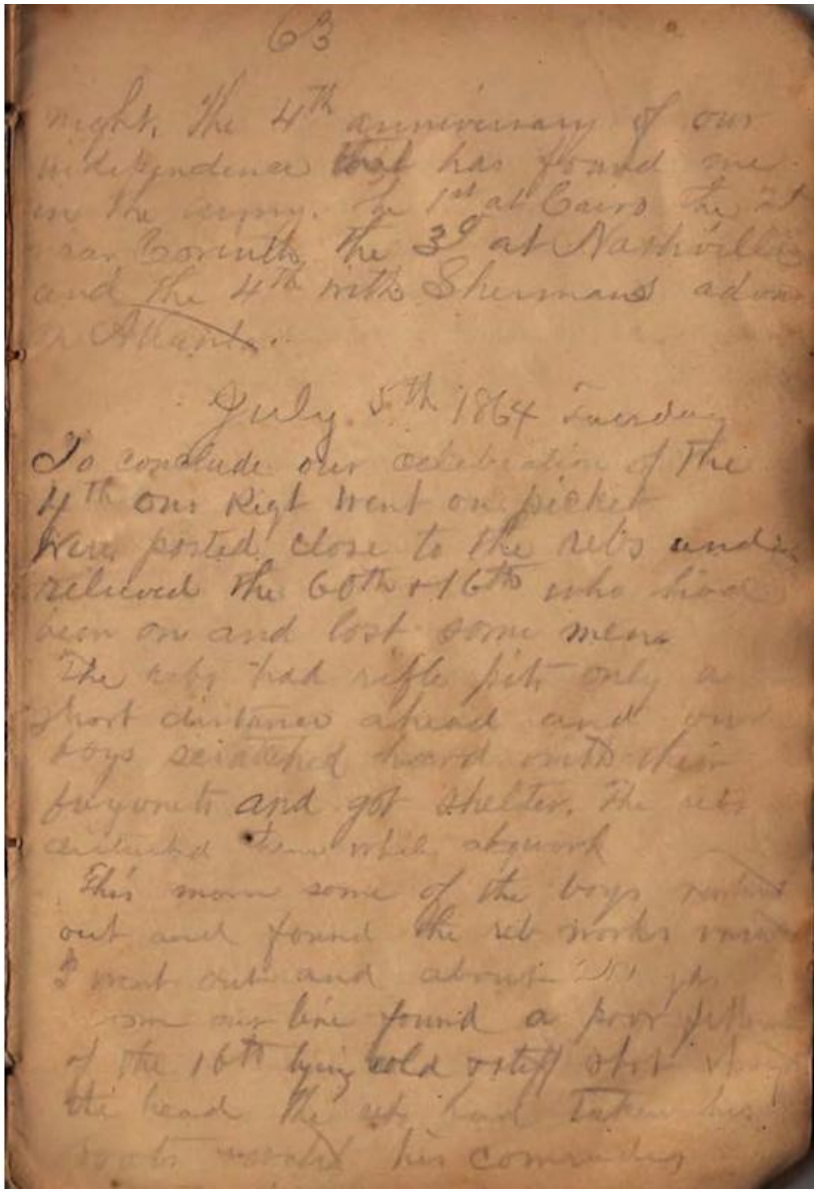
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Monday July 4th 1864 Sunday

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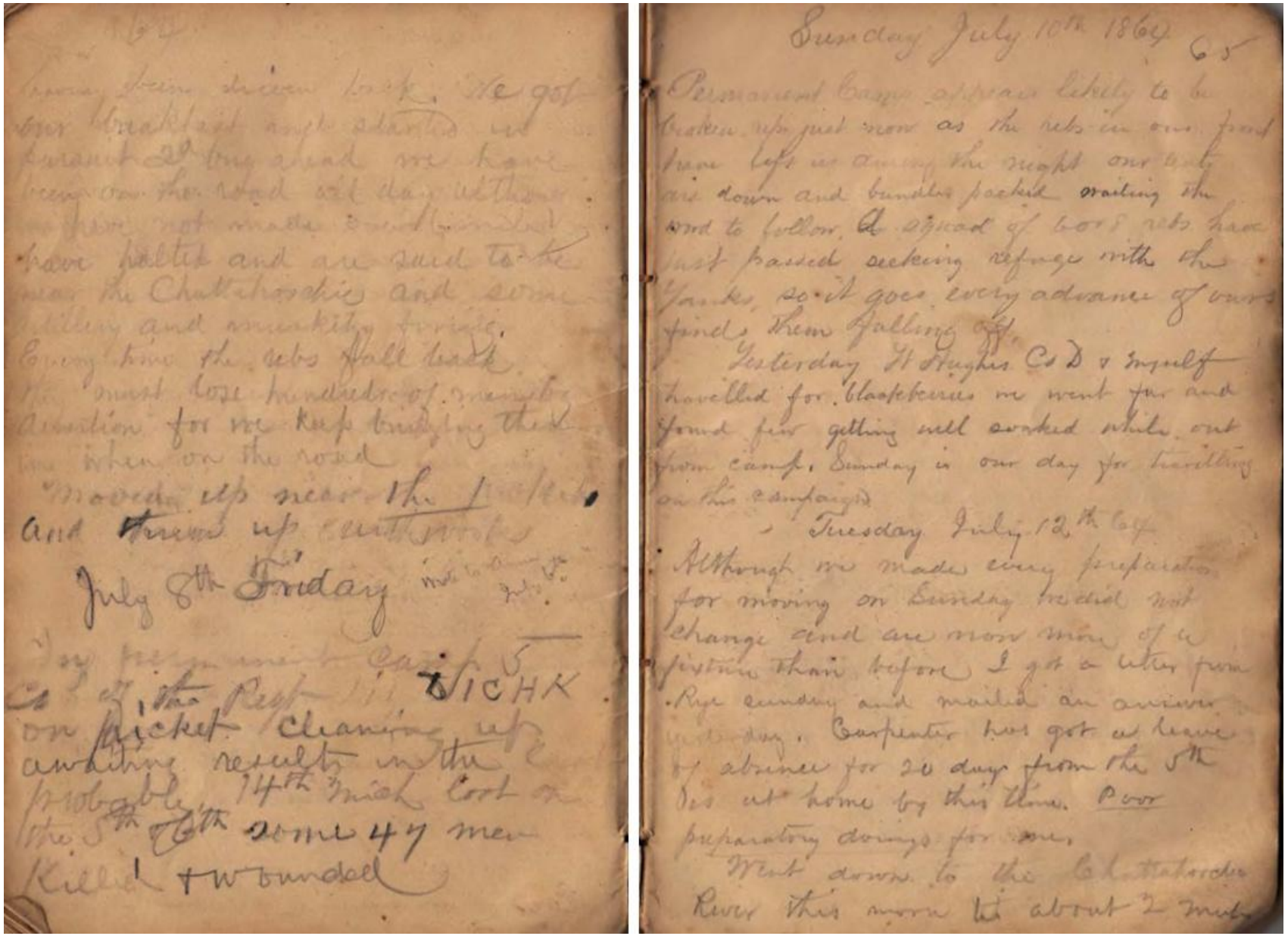
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Sunday July 10th 1864

Permanent Camp appear likely to be broken up just now as the rebs in our front have left us during the night our tents are down and bundles packed waiting the word to follow. A squad of Lees rebs have just passed seeking refuge with the Yanks, so it goes every advance of ours finds them falling off.

Yesterday H Hughes C & D & myself travelled for blackberries we went far and found few getting well worked while out from camp. Sunday is our day for travelling on this campaign.

Tuesday July 12th 64

Although we made every preparation for moving on Sunday we did not change and are now more of a fixture than before. I got a letter from Rye Sunday and mailed an answer yesterday. Carpenter has got a leave of absence for 20 days from the 5th Vis at home by this time. Poor preparatory doings for me.

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July 8th Friday

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Moving up near the picket and threw up earthworks

July 8th [1864] Friday Wrote to Anna July 6th

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