On The Trail to Washington

July 27–November, 1861

[W]e left camp Floyd¹ ceder Valley the 27th day of July 1861. about noon it was alovely day our first days march was to the Jorden river we campt there for the night we arived there early in the afternoon² as So many of the cattle was So whild and the teemsters was inexperianced driving cattle thay had aterrable time with there teems and was late geting into camp and some did not come in untill the next morning the QuarterMaster had been to Lehi to buy hay for the aniMels and some man came to camp with a load of hay and an old friend of Mine Mr Simmons³ came on the load of hay to see me and she invited me to go back home with her and stay all Night as the company was campt there for the night she said we thought it would be nice for me to go and spend the evening with my old friends and go back to camp in the Morning I ask My husband if he was willing that I should go and stay with Mr Simmons all night and came back in the Morning he said if I wanted to go he was willing so after the Man had unloaded his hay I got on the wagon with my friend Mr Simmons bid good Night to my husband and we started to her home and when we got alittle way from camp she com-menced talking to me she said now you are away from camp I daresay you will Not go back there again but stay with us I ask her what she ment by talking to me in that way she said I mean just what I say if I was in your place I would never go back there to Mr Rozsa again and if he want⁵ you let him desert and came back here to you⁶ she tryed hard to prevale on me to take her advice I told her it was no use what ever for her to try to enduce me to leave my dear husband in no such away and that it was none of her business we was Marred and he had prooved to be one of the best and kindst of husband to me and what more can awoman wish for we was happey and comfortable together and I had promised to go with him as far as I could go and that I would never proove myself falce and untrue but that I intended to go with him all the way to Washington . . . and further if I was alowed to go so you can nevr perwaid me to leave My
husband and stay with the folks here and to think of him deserting in the time of War is death for a soldier to desert and I told her that there was Men in Utah that for the sake of Money was Mean enough to report that Sargant Rozsa had deserted and was here in Utah with his wife and then he would be arrestd and sentenced to be shot to death then what would have been my feelings know that I would have been the cause of his death I said I would rather go with him than cause all this trouble to come on him of cours we both felt bad having to go away from my folks well Mr Simmons seeing she could not prevale on me to take her advice she left me that evening at Mr Nails ranch with his family and she went home she never came to See me in the Morning to help me back to camp and I had to walk two Miles and carrey my baby I got up early and we had breakfast then My old friend Mr Ball came with her daughter to bid me good bye thay was feeling sorrey to see Me go away from all my friends Mr Simmons that I knew that she could Never prevale on you to leave your husband for that you and your husband loved each other to much for her ever to think that she could enduce you to come away with her and not go back to him again but she told me that she would go and try it but she found that could not accomplish her desiers then she left me to get back to my husband the best way I could My dear old friend Mr Ball sent her daughter with me to help carrey my baby and we had not gone more than half Mile before I was meet by one of the men of the company My husband had sent him for me as he had been told that I was not going back to camp again Captain Duddley told My husband that he never ought to have let his wife and child gone away with that woman he said he beleive that she came on pupose of geting Mrs Rozsa away and will try to perswaid your wife not to go with you he told him that it was imposssable for him to leave camp himself to go for me but that he had better send one of the Men for me . My husband told the captain that he did beleive for amoment that his wife would ever Yeald to any perswaidsions of that kind he told the Captain that he had greater confidence in his wife than . that she ever would leave him in any such away : at the same time he confessed to me after that he did not feel very good about it after I had gone with Mrs Simmons but he never thought at the time that she ask him if he was willing to let Mr Rozsa go back with her and stay the Night that she was going to try to get me to leave him . not untill the Captain came to him and talked with him . then he thought if that was her Motive for coming to see me before I left he took the captains advice and sent one of the Men for me and . when I arived in camp the Captain and Men all came around me and congratulated me on my safe return to my husband saying we all was afraid we would not see you again when you went of with that woman but we are all glad to see you again :
In about an hour we was on the March again we crossed the Jorden river and went as far as Cottonwood and then campt for the night. Next Morning we traveled as far as Echo canyon here I had a very great misfortune the Man that drove My Wagon laged behind the company for some reason but I was not alone in the wagon the poor lame baker was riding with me and my baby this Man Vance was the name of our driver he got angry and cross with the mule and used awful bad language and beat the poor dum anemelis terrible and at last he took out his knife and cut there poor Mouth till the blood run on the ground and I got so frightened and ask him to stop being so cruel to the poor Mules then he again used bad language to me saying ah C I never saw such a nervous woman my life as you are I told him that when we got to camp that I would report him to my husband at this he got very angry we went along for about a mile then we came to a big creek and the water was very deep and as he turned to cross the bridge the baker said ah Mrs Rozsa he is going to throw us into the creek the poor fellow said I will hold on to the wagon bows and you take care of your baby and hold on to me no sooner than he had spoken this the wagon went off the bridge along broak of the bridge that prevented the Wagon from turning completely over and kept us from being in the water the poor Mule was all under water only there heads to be seen above water that kept them from drowning the good Mr Flavorid the baker cut the Wagon cover and got out side the wagon he tied a red handkerchif on his crutch and shouted to the tap of his voice to the company that was ahead of us then he got of the wagon and was trying to get me and my baby out. When the whole of the company came to our assistance and they soon got the Mules unharnest from the wagon unloaded the wagon and got that out the wagon was loaded with provisions and napsacks which if the wagon had turned entirely over would all have come on to us and we would have been all three drowned. Here was another instance that I must acknowledge the protecting hand of God to be over me for I do know that it was only by the power of God that our lives was saved from awater grave at that time: for I do believe that wicked Man had it in his heart to do me some bodily harm in some way as he tried it again the same day.

After every thing was all right the wagon reloaded we got in the wagon again the Men all in Marching order Some in front and other in the rear of the wagon just before we got into camp the fellow drove to near the side of the mountain and turned the wagon over again this time boath Myself and baby was badly brused and the poor baker's lame leg was hurt bad it was Some time before we could be got out of the wagon as so many things was on us several sacks of oats this time the commanding officer Captain Duddly was very angry and reprimanded the fellow severely and ordered him to his company and told him he should not drive the
wagon again but to march with the rest of the men the next day: but in
the Morning the fellow was Missing he had deserted and had stolen the
best Mule and we never saw him after: but we heard that he went over to
the southern armey.

[T]he same Morning I had to have a new teemster I beged that they
would give me some good Man to drive that I would not be afraid
off a man that would know how to drive and to my great surprize that same man Abraham came and Said that he would like to drive Mr8 Rozsa8 wagon and got in the saddle and took the lines to drive the Mules I said to the baker I dont want him to drive us he is a bad man and I am afraid of him the captain said he could drive for the day then he would See that I had a regular teemster one that I could depend on so I found I had to have this awful Man Abraham to drive me that day and when everything was ready to Start. the company starting out first from camp then the teams and as we started this Man Abraham went to near the revene that his mules had to go down I cried out to let me get out with my baby there was three wagon Masters and plenty of help the head wagon Master orderd this man to get of the Mule and he himself got in the saddle telling me not to be afraid with all the help he had that I was perfectly safe so he drove down the revene himself he told me not to be afraid that there was to many Men holding on to the wagon to let it go over I was trembling like a leaf all the time but the wagon Master understood his business he drove safely down and then drove back up again. I Must say that here was a time for any wagon master to prove his skill in driving and he said I had prooved myself to be quite a brave woman and he told me that I should have a good teemster from that time and he went and got a very respectable young man that had come into camp the night before and ask for employment as teemster. said that he had been use to driving six in hand and he wanted to work his way back to Kansas City So the Wagon Master brought him and introduced him to me Saying his name was Jones and told him that he wanted him to drive thees Mules carefully. as Mr Rozsa and baby also the poor lame baker would ride in the wagon and he promised the wagon Master that he would obey his orders and thanked him for giving him employment and here I must say my trouble ended about having bad drivers for this one Mr Jones provoed to be a good kind Man and a thorough good teemster we had no more accidents and when we came to bad place to cross and rivers to ford I had no more fear of beign thrown out of the wagon into the water for as he had promised to be carefull in driving me and my baby he provoed faithfull to his promise and he drove me all through the long journey from Echo Canyon to Kansas to fort Leavenworth.

[H]ere the teemsters was all discharged and the command Staid here for two days. then orders came for the tenth Infantry to go to
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Washington D C captain Duddly came to me and ask me if I would like to Stay in Leavenworth Said I could have good comfortable quarters at the fort he said that he did not know how things would be in Washington he expected that the rigment would be orderd to go to the feild as soon as thay could get ready and I would be left alone he seem to think it would be best for me and My baby to stay at fort leavenworth as I would be near my Mother if anything happened to my husband in the battle field to this arangement I did not feel that I could agree too I told the Captain that I had left all my friends to come with my husband knowing when I left My folk that he was going into the war and I came with him to go as far as I could go with him and I beged of him Not to leave me in Leavenworth but take me along with the company to Washington that I did not want to part with My husband untill I was obliged too I told the Captain that I knew I would have to be left some day before long when the time came for him to go in the field but I hope that he would let me go with my husband to Washington with my hard pleading . his heart was touched and he said Well Mr Rozsa you shall go with us : ^but^ he said that was thinking it would be better for you to rest and I could have got you ^a^ comfortable home here at the same time we will like to have you with us and we will take ^you^ as it is your wish to go :

[Here I must return to our journey on the plains for there is many instances I wish to record in this Journal one day at noon we camped for dinner and to wait for teems to come up as thay was very heavy loaded thay did not travle So fast as the men and we had to wait for them the captain said he could not leave the teems so far behind as there was an other of ^Mormon^ family in the wagons that had aplyed for protection and help from government to get back to the states thees was women that had left there husbands and had taken there children with them and Caplain Duddley Company was orderd to escort thees familys back to the States and protect them from harm and See that thees women and children had plenty of food all through the journey this time while we was waiting for the teems to come in camp an Indian came in Sight he was standing on a low Mountain Not far from camp and one of the Soldiers shot at him no sooner than the Soldier had fi red of his gun . than the Indian returned the Shot the bulet passing beween myself and Mrs Murphy we was standing ^talking^ with our babys in our arms she Said oh Mr Rozsa what shall we do see the Indians are coming upon us and we will be killed as there was More than a hundred Indians came in camp and demanded the man that fired at the Indian this was the chief that did the talking to Captain Duddly the chief Said thay was peacable and did not want to Shoot but now thay was mad and would fight the captain would not give up the Soldier and for atime there was trouble in camp the Indians wanted provisions and amunition the captain would not give them amunition but
told the chief he would give them provisions if he would let one of his
Men go on express for him and he would pay Money for the Indian that
would take amessage for him back to the Wagon Master that had not got
into camp and that he was waiting untill thay came in so the Chief agreed
to send one of his men so he called ayoung Indian to Mount his horse
and go back to take a message from Captain Duddly to the wagon Master
telling him to hurrey into camp as soon as possable

[A]t this place there was a man and his family living in a log caben
thay had come to this place every summer to burn lime this good Man
took us women into his caben he Said he was Sorrey that this trouble had
happened there for he said he and his family had never had any trouble
with the Indians thay had allways been very friendly but now thay was
so angrey that he was afraid that thay would be troublesom x  the
Indian returned with a Message from the wagon Master to the captain .
but we had to camp at this place for the night as all the teems did not get
to camp

[B]efore six oclock . in the evenig a Man came to camp in search of
his wife and four children the Captain told him that his wife was not in
camp the man said if she was there all he ask of her was to let him have
his children I fealt sorrey for this poor man of course this was abad act
of Captain Duddly he told alie to this man his wife was in camp the man
lingerd around camp for along time untill alate hour then he left .  some
time in the night the overland Mail coach came along and the
captain put this woman and her four children in the coach and thay was
sent back to the states and governmint paid all expences

[T]he next Morning we started on our journey as usul the Captain
having settled with the Indians and we had no more trouble with them
we was not many Miles from fort Bridger about Noon three men on
horse back came along our Captain I beleive was somewhat afraid that
he was going to have trouble as thees men was to be known quite Noted charactar  Namely Porter Rockwell Bill Hickman and Lott
Smith . but thay past along and did not stay in camp or came to us at
night as we thought perhaps thay would do as Lott Smith his second wife
and ayoung baby was in one of the wagons with her father and mother
going back to the states .

[T]he next day we came to Fort Bridger arived there at Noon  staid
there untill the next day there I meet with Some friends of My husband
we spent avery pleasant evening the Next Morning we was preparing to start on our journey Sargent Wright came to My wagon to bid me
good bye I was feeling Somewhat downhearted he said why Mr Rozsa you
must cheer up and think for the best you will go with your husband and
after the war is over you will return safe back home to your folks dry up
your tears and dont let Mr Rozsa see you crying it will Make him feel so
bad and you know he has so many dutys to perform and So much to see too in the Morning that he cannot be with you but he wanted me to come and talke to you and cheer up alittle he said it was ahard trial for you to leave your Mother and brother and sisters said he knew you fealt it keenly Sergant Wright said of course we dont know what will befall any of us through the war but we hope for the best that we will go and do our duty hoping that we will come out allright now dont cry any more cheer up I beleive your husband's life will be spared to bring you back home again to your Mother the poor fellow tryed to comfort me all he could he was atrue friend to myself and husband . but shortly after we left fort Bridger his company was orderd to leave there for Washington D. C. to be in readiness for field duty and we did not meet again untill we arived in Washington .

The Morning we left fort Bridger was a beautifull bright morning No Sign of storme we travelld our usul hours campt about one oclock in the day some time about five or six a clock the sky got black and dark it began to thunder and lighten terrable we all took to our tents for shelter but the wind began to blow So awfull that every tent in our company was blown down except our except our as we had afly over our [ink blot] ith strang guy ropes that held our tent more securely than the other at first we was afraid the tents would be burnt with the lightening then it commenced to rain and we fealt more safe as the tents became wet the storm lasted over an hour as soon as my husband could leave the tent he went to See if his men was allright he found them all soaked with rain but all alive unhurt them lieig beneath there wet tents Some puting there heads from under there tents calling to know if Mr's Rozsa and baby was safe My husband called the roll every man answered to his Name thay put up there wet tents the best thay could taps Sounded and all retired for the Night we was the only ones in the company that had dry blankets that night for which I sincerely thanked God My Father and for sparing our lives we was well provided for storms My husband secured apeice of tarpoling the size of our tent and when the rain came we drew that close around our bed and the water run through the tent in toronts and we was perfectly dry while all the poor mens blankets and clothing was all wet but after the storm was over we settled comfortably for the night and Slept good

In the Morning when revelie sounded My husband arose went to call the Roll he came back to me to tell me I need not hurrey to get up as we would not be able to Start on our journey before Noon as Sargent Carey was killed by lightening and all the men nine in Number was struck by lightening two men was struck blind the other was black spots on them and all was very sick that Sergent Carey would have to be buried before we could leave camp . Mr's Russel alady traveling in her own carrage by day and sleeping in it nights the top of the carrage was
broaken in pieces and the carrage so injured that she could not use it that day it had to be repared but Mr Russell was not hurt at all but very much frightened poor woman she had need to be thankfull as I was and acknowledge the protecting hand of God to have been over her at such aperilious time : after the funeral was over we started on our journey we had not traveled very far we came to the overland Male station the dwelling house barn and stable hay stack was all on fiare there was one man standing in the road he Said the lightening set it on fire the family left got away unharmed to me this seemed a sorrowfull day

After this we seemed to travele quite comfortable for Several day. then we again came to a trading post there thay Sold Whiskey the Captain went and forbid the Man from Selling any kind of drink to the Soldeirs Some of the men went to the place to trade and thay got drink and commenced to quarel and fight another Young Man standing by went to part the two men and got Shot and was killed the next Morning we again was detained in camp and could not start untill late as this poor fellow had to be buried then we traveled on again in peace for afew days

One Morning after My husband went to call the roll he came into my tent he sais the commanding officer is gone an express came from Washington ordering him to report at head quarters in Washington so he left by stage in the night then Captain Clark was apointed commanding officer of the troops the poor men that was Struck with lightening was left at Laremeny in the hospital as two was totely blind and the other Six was sick unfett for duty I never heard anything more of those poor men we traveled on every day without any more searious accidents

Arriving at fort Leavenworth here we staid a day or two then we left and went to St Joseph here we could travele no further on the railroad the men had to travele on foot and leave there wives at this place for another day and night my husband left me in charge of Sergant Murphey and wife thay was very kind to me and my baby I was not feeling very well in health or spirits either I fealt so loansome Mr Murphey went and engaged room at the Hotell for the night I was feeling So nervous I told him that I could not Sleep in aroom by myself in astrange place and ask Mrs Murphey to pleas let me have abed in the same room with them and thay very kindly did and I slept quite comfortable and in the morning I was feeling better we had breakfast and went over to the railroad station and waited there for orders to moove which we was anxiously waiting for at any moment we women was not told all the particulors about the trouble that was the cause of our delay and why we could not go at the Same time our husband did but after thay had left us the new came to us that the railroad bridge had been destroyed by the rebels and the train could not cross the river and that we would have to wait untill there could be a
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flat boat made to take us over the river when once over the river we could travel again on the railroad.31

About six o'clock in the evening word came for us to leave we had eight Miles to go by railroad to the river and when we arived there we found Captain Clark and Several other's Magor Montgomery32 and other's to help us lady and children this boat had been across the river with one load and returned to take another load I got my bagage on one large sack with bedding and one with clothing everything necessary for traveling I was standing on the boat with my baby boy John already to Start and a man named here to Start and a man ^astranger^ came on the boat in great haste takeing me by the arm he sais I beg of you Mrs Rozsa to come of that boat I dont think it is at all safe he took my baby and helped me of I told him My bagage is on the boat he said Never Mind the bagage you come quick I told your husband I would look out for you. and help you now he sais here is a small skife just hold Six persons there is only five in the boat you in with your baby. Captain Clark came to me he sais Mrs Rozsa hurry on the flat boat or they will go and leave you all is ready to start I told him I was not going on that boat I was going across the river in the small boat he said he did not think the man would take me with my child as he may get frightened ^So^ I ask the boat man if he would take me he said he had already one lady and child that was Mr Myrphy and her little boy four years old I told him that my baby boy would be allright that I could take him between my knees and keep him still if he would take me on I knew my boy would not make any trouble so he told me to get in the boat the Man sais I want to tell you lady's before we start this is a rough river and there is many snags in it and if my oar gets caught inasnag I dont want you to get frightend and hold onto me let me have my arms free to work with and I promise you that I will take you over safe now be calm the water is very deep and the current is swift but we are all safe if you will keep quiet

Now we start this flat had a stout rope atached to it this was tied to a tree in the woods this boat went straight across the river and our Small boat the man went under that rope in front of the flat boat to land us a little ways further up the river we had only got clear away from under the rope when bang went agun as we thought I looked back towards the flat boat I sais it is no gun the rope is broaken and then we see the boat was turned over and all the pasengers was in the river the moon was shining beautifull so we could see and hear the poor creatures screaming for help and we came near beign in the water too. ^as^ poor Mr Myrphy husband and two children was on that boat and the poor woman got So excited that she was going to get out of the boat before the man could get to the landing place he sais I beg of you all to keep quiet or I cannot Save you the poor man said he promised to take us over safe and if we would
keep quiet he would land safe which he did when this accident occurred my
first thoughts was to again acknowledge the goodness of God unto me
in sending that Strange Man to tell me to get off that boat surely he was
a guardian Angel unto me and my dear child and I cannot think that he
was sent to me by anyother than God My Father I never saw the man after
that dreadful night I always feel to ask God to bless him and reward him
for this noble work he did to save so many from drowning that night I
was told that he threw of his cloths and jumped into the water and caught
the women and Swam with them to the bank and others took the women
and children from him I was told that this man saved twenty lives that
night Mr Myrphy was saved and one little girl but his Eldest nine year old
girl was drowned there was eleven in all drowned

[When we landed in the wood] there was a hutt that some work-
men had built Magor Mongomry and others soon had it pulled down
and the planks thrown into the river for the people to cling too in this
way many was saved we made fires in the wood and laid the poor things
by as soon as they got out of the water but they had no dry clothing to put
on like myself all was gone down the river I will never forget that terrible
night I laid my baby boy down by the fire as others did while we helped to
take care of the poor things they was wet and cold

[One poor women she was on the first boat that came over she
fetched over there bagage left her daughter with two little children
ababy three month old and a little boy about twenty month both lovely
children this Young Mother twenty three there Name was Gill thay was
all drowned . the poor old Mother was going to jump into the river to
help her daughter she sais I can hear My Maggie calling for her Mother
I caught hold of her and told her she must not do that or she would be
drowned also She said oh I must go to my poor Maggie it took two or
three of us to keep her from jumping into the water poor woman she was
awidow and Maggie was all the child she had and Maggie had Marred a
soldier and he came to Utah in Johnston Army and her Mother came
with her as she could not live without her Maggie she said

[After all was got out of the water that could be Saved Magor
Mongomary said Now Mr Rozsa take your baby and come to the cars
you can do no more than you have done there is a train waiting to take
you all to the little town Easton there you will all be taken care off there
you will Meet Your husband all of us ladys that came over in the small
boat went into the cars and then those that was in the water after atime
was fetched in poor things then came our husbands looking for there
wives and children our husbands had been waiting for us to joine them
the town in Easton and they had made arangments to have a grand
Supper altogether that night as we would have to travel the next day but
when they heard of this accident as soon as they could make arangments
to come to us they came we was not expecting them to come to us then as Magor Mongomry had told me I would meet my husband at Easton but when they came into the car's one after the other enquiring for there wives it was a sean long to be remembered there first words where is my wife is she dead or alive then I heard my own dear husband oh Patience are you and my boy here are you saved I called out yes I am safe thank God an our Johnie too he Sais oh thank God they told me that my boy was drounded I then ^said^ if he is drounded I know his Mother is also and he said I know she will never let him go from her I cannot find words to tell of the joy of those Men that found there wives and children safely landed in the railroad cars but oh the grief and Sorrow of those poor men that there dear wives and children was drounded poor young Man Mr Gill had lost his wife and two lovely children as he did not see her in the cars only her poor Mother alone he called out where is Magie and my children Mother are they drounded then the poor Mother told him her poor girl oh my Yes they are all three gone yes they are drounded they are in the river gone for ever from us oh never never can I forget that terrible Night

[T]hen there was My friend's Mr's Wilson^36^ and her two children fetched into the cars she was in the water with three children she saved two her Eldest boy nine years old was drounded Mr Wilson was very thankful that his wife and two children was saved but oh there grief was great as thare Eldest boy was drounded the poor boy being with another boy the same age held on to the boat as long as he had Strength then he let go and went down the stream the other boy David King held on until he was rescued by Some man this poor boy Said I kept telling dickey Wilson to hold on fast but poor Dickey cryed and said he could not and he let go and went under the water and I did not See him any more he said poor Dickey we wont play together any more. the same age and was play Mates David said when the boat turned over we was together and we held onto the boat he said I called to a man to help us and he told us to hold on he said he could not help us then and when he came for me poor Dickey was gone poor ^Mrs^ Wilson the Mother of Dickey told me that she told her little ^five year old^ George to hold on to her and fast her two year old girl she had in her arms said she strugled hard and go to the bank climed up some little way by pulling on the grass that gave way and let her back into the water again there was a man in the water strugling to get out she asked him to help her he said I have enough to do to save myself so she said she made another efort to get up the bank and got out safe with her two children but oh she said she had heard her poor boy calling Mother and saw him clinging to he boat but when she got out of the water she could neither hear or see him he was gone from her sight never to see him again in this life we often talked together of that
dreadfull night after we got settled in washington we boath lived in the same house for a year

Mr. n Mr^s Wilson was very kind friends to me Mr^s Wilson had three hundred dollars in abelt around her waist when she was in the water which came unfastened in some way when she got out of river She found her money was gone she did not seem to greive over the loss of her money she thank God that she had Saved her two children but her Eldest boy was drounded that was her greatest sorrow

[W]e waited in the cars for some time untill all that could be saved was fetched into the cars and cared for ^in^ the best way that could be under the circumstances Mr^s Cap. Gove^37^ was there with some of her own clothing she helpt to get the wet clothing off the poor women and put her one ^dry^ clothing on them and when all was done for the poor creatures that could be done for them . the train Started for Easton

[I]t was a short ride to this place the train stopt and we all got out of the cars My Husband and myself and baby Mr n Mr^s Wilson Mr x Mr^s Merphy and children and Some other marred folks all went to a german boarding house where My husband and Mr Wilson had orderd Supper to be ready for us when the train arived not anticipating such trouble but thinking to Spend a pleasant evening alltogether the supper was all ready the table spread with the best of food but we none of us fealt to eat I took a cup of tea and so did some of the other^s^ poor Mr^s Wilson was in a delicate condition^38^ and had such a narrow escape from drownning and such a hard strugle to save her two children her strength gave out and we prevailed on her to go to bed with her two children So she laid down for a few hours also Myself and Mr^s Murphy after her poor little baby girl was better she was So near drownned we thought she would die after working with her for an hour she got better and Mr^s Myrphy went to bed with her two little children there Eldest girl Lucey Myrphy was drownned Mr Myrphy had Lucey and the baby girl on the raft with him he saved the baby but poor Lucey was drownned and he himself had a hard strugal for life as his clothing was so heavey and he had his side arms on and gun and overcoat on he lost his gun in the water he could not hold on to it and save himself and baby now I think this was one of the most unjust act I ever heard off when Sargant Murphey came to report to his oficer^s^ that he had no gun that he lost it in the water he was told that he would have to pay for his gun after the hard strugle for his life and his dear daughter Lucey beign drownned and to save himself and his other child he let go his gun I made the remark to My husband that it seemed that thees men thought the gun to be of more value than their lives .

[A]fter we all rested for a few hours in the morning we fealt some better we partook of a little breakfast but those poor fathers and Mothers that had lost there dear children could not be comforted their greif was so great it was a sorrowfull time
The land Lord and his wife was very kind to us and Sympathized greatly with poor Mr x Mrs Wilson having lost there boy also Mr x Mr Murphy in loosing there daughter they did all they could to comfort and console them and thay told us what aterrable accident that was when that bridge break and let into the river the train loaded with pasengers he said that the southern soldiers was encampt all around in the woods knowing that the Union soldiers was expected in from Utah and was going through to Washington D. C. thay cut the bridge underneath and made everything in readyness so that when the train came on the bridge thees soldiers would be all Killed . the train came along on time and instead of the Soldiers beign on the train it was a passenger train with four or five hundred passingers on and the most of them either killed or wounded and some was scalded he said nearly the whole town went to the bridge when we heard that the cars was in the river this gentleman sais ladys I never before in my life beheld such a sean people drounded in the cars all pitched onto one another blood washing out of the car windows the people in the cars had no chance to escape he said it was one of the most crewel thing I ever heard off . that was the reason you was detained at St Joseph you had to remain there untill the flat boat was made to bring you across the river as the rebels had destroyed the railroad bridge :

our husbands had already left us again by early train that morning we had a guard of several men left with us : about eight or nine o'clock A M word came for us to start on our journey again the train was already at the Depot — we to hurrey and get there as soon as we could we bid good bye to those kind folk and Made for the train as fast as we could we had no baggage to bother with as everything we had went down the river arriving at the Depot we scarcely had time to get seated before the train started our guard was Mounted out side on the top of the cars

We had not traveld many Miles the railroad on each was corn fields I was siting near the windows with my baby on My lap abulet came wizing just in front of my face and past through the opisite window the conductor opened the door and called out all hands down on the floor we was in an instant all of our Seats on the floor we dare not Moove untill the train was on an open road and we was in safty not one of the Men dare leave there post on top of the cars it was wounderfull that not one of them got shot neither any of the train Men but when the train stopt and examined the cars some parts there was nombers of bullet in them but no one was hurt the men told us that the corn fields was full of rebel soldiers

That night we joined our husbands again traveld all night in the morning my husband had to leave me and say most of the time with his Company as some of the men got drink and made trouble with others I can say the most of the men of Company C. was good Men Mr Rozsa My husband was first Sargant of the company and his men all liked him and thay was allways on hand to help me in any way thay could
We had some women wives of other companys traveling with us some of those women I did not acquaint with at all I felt them beneath my acquaintance — so they commenced to insult me and call me an old Mormon woman I did not care for that. but I had never been use to such company and abuse I must confess I was afraid of those women and when my husband came into the car to see how I and baby was getting on if I wanted anything I told that I really could not stay in this car with those women that they had insulted me and I begged him to take me with him and let me be with the Men of our own Company I knew they would treat me kind and good that all knew I was a Mormon woman and they would not insult me as those women had done My husband said the cars was full he did not think I could be in were there was so many Men it was so close and warm I said take me from here don’t leave me for I am afraid of some of those bad drinking women they quarreled with their husbands when they came to see them so he said he had to go and I said and I go too I told him if there was no room in the car were he was with his Men if he could put me in a baggage car with the companys baggage I would be contented to be there so we past through cars were the Men was and went into the baggage car there was six of our own Men guarding the company baggage My husband told the corporal that he had brought Mr Rozsa to stay with them until morning and for him to take care of me and baby he told the men I was nearly worn out with the journey and needed asleep they all promised him that they would take good care of me and my little boy My husband got some blankets from the Men made me abed on the Napsacks and I laid down with my baby and fell asleep My husband said he would stay with me as long as he could and when I awoke after Six o’clock I enquired of the men were Mr Rozsa was that he had been gone atime but told them to let me sleep untill he returned after atime he came bringing with him general Brooks an old friend that was in camp Floyd Utah when I was married to Mr Rozsa he left camp Floyd one year before we left he went home to his Father and when the war broke out he joined the Union Army and when he meet my husband he was anxious to know if Mr Rozsa came with him Mr Rozsa told him I was on the train he said I must see her. well general you will find her in the baggage car and told him the reason I was not traveling with the other women So my husband brought him to see me at first I felt a little bad that he should find me traveling in baggage car with no other than Men the general was very pleased to see me I and I was delighted to meet an old friend he said well Mr Rozsa I never thought you would come with your husband I did not think you would leave your friends in Utah I told him it is a hard journey but I could never let him come without me that I was going with him as far as I could well he said this is very hard on you and you must not feel bad cheer up you will soon get through to Washington he again said it
is rather tough on her Sargant and he could not say any more only gave me along. good by shake of my hand. he told my husband he had a good true wife said she is a brave woman to come with you in these ^traubsome^ times. my dear husband told the general he knew he had a faithfull good wife said I was willing to leave ^my Mother and^ all my freinds to share my fate with him and go with him as far as I could before he was called to go into the battle field : again general Brooks Said I never thought Mr^s Rozsa would ever leave Utah :

Returning again to our stay at St Joseph^s I will now refer to a Young woman with a baby one month old^4^ she was traveling to go to her husband who was a volunteer Soldier he had left her with his Mother a few weeks before the birth of there child when he left with his rigment for the ^battle^ field she promised him after there child was born and she was able to trave that she would take there baby for him to see before he went into battle as he did not know if he would be killed ^in battle^ or Not and he wanted to see ^them^ both Mother and baby before there rigment was called into action , So according to promise she said she was going to take there baby for him to see she came into the waiting roam to Stay with us as she was told that we was soldiers wives the poor Young creature She seemed to be down hearted and was feeling bad She Said she thought she would feel better to be with us as we was Soldiers wives we could Sympathize with her . I should judge she was eighteen or nineteen years old and frail looking it was a chiley damp Morning and She was not dressed very warm and My friend Mrs^ Wilson thought her shoes was to thin for such damp weather ask her if she had any thicker shoes to put on the poor thing said no that was all the shoes she had so Mr^s Wilson told her she had better go to the store and get some staut Shoes as she would take cold as it was rainig the poor young Woman She sais I have no Money to buy any shoes with Said she just had a few cents over her railroad fare Mrs^ Wilson gave her five dallor bill and told her to go to the Store and buy herself a good staut Shoes So she did and returned with the change to Mrs^ Wilson thanking her for her kindness Mrs^ Wilson would not take the change from her but told his to keep it and get Something good to eat on her journey . . this poor Young woman and baby was on that flat boat the same as Mrs^ Wilson . Mrs^ W. and children got out of the water and there lives was spared but that poor Young Woman and baby was drownded so the poor Young Soldier never saw there baby . a month after we arrived in Washington word came that her body and baby in her arms was found lodged in some brush that had been washed on the bank^s^ of the river also Mr Gills wife and two children and Mrs^ Murphys little girl was found and Sent to Washington . :
to the ^bagage^ cars was pleased to find me and baby feeling So good after our good rest and sleep he told me we would soon be to Baltimore and then he would go off the train to the Hotell and order breakfast for me as they would stay there some hours for the Men to get there breakfast when the train Stopt at the Depot My husband came for me and took me to get breakfast at a private house I did not want to go to the Hotell as I had lost all our clothing that was ^all^ gone down the river So Mr Rozsa was recommended to this private house said we could get breakfast there they very Nice folks only lady x gentleman they got us a lovely breakfast and was very kind to us when we told them of the terrable accident that had befallen us on our Journey and had lost all our bedding and clothing they was very sorrey for us and gave me things to help with my baby for I had no changes of clothing for either of us and as we was going to stay in Baltimore for a few hours I ask My husband to go to the store and buy me a dozen Yards of calico shirting which he did and the Lady of the house helped me to cut out two aprons for my baby and a shirt for my husband and we started to make them then about noon we had to leave and get on the train again and start for Washington and before we arrived there I had finished my babys apron and a shirt for My husband so they both looked quite clean when they got dressed ready for landing in Washington but I had no time to make a change for myself I had to do the best I could untill I could get my trunk then I had plenty of changes it was very fortunate for me that my trunk was in the companys bagage wagon and not on the raft with my other bagage in a few days I got my trunk allsafe