

George Spahr Diary, p. 346 entries for August 11-13, 1862
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11th. Night cool, pleasant. Morning same – few clouds. B. brisk, S.W.

Was busy all day assorting and packing loose cartridges. I poured some loose powder and rubbish – sweepings of the room – on the ground, in the yard. I then dropped a coal of fire into the mass. It flashed up high, and I happened to be standing on the wrong side. The flame was blown full in my face. My face was slightly burned. My hair, beard, and clothing were badly singed. I'll stand on the other side next time.

Day pleasant – few clouds. B. brisk, S.W. & W.

12th. Night pleasant, cool. Morning same, cloudy. B. brisk, W.

Was busy all day. Packed in boxes considerable loose ammunition. Issued a lot of horse equipments to the 1st Arkansas Cavalry.

Co. G. came in today from Houston, Mo. Their pickets were fired upon several times last night, but no one was hurt. No enemy could be found. The firing was done by concealed foes, and when their covert was neared they slipped out to another.

Day pleasant, cloudy. B. brisk, n.e.

13th. Night pleasant. Morning same, part cloudy. Breeze fair.

Was busy all day. The loose cartridges are nearly all packed. Issued a few citizen guns to some enrolled militia. Received some repaired arms from St. Louis Arsenal, sent up for distribution here.

Some news of moment must have come this evening, as the papers were taken possession of at head quarters, and none were allowed to be distributed. A messenger was sent in haste to Salem, on a fleet horse, and for aught I know messengers were sent to other points.

Day pleasant, warm, few clouds. B. brisk.