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Thirty mules from Corinth, Miss.  
- On the road towards Memphis  
~~Mississippi~~ - Pope's Division of Halleck's Army  
June 7, 1862.

Dear Eliza.

I have got a few moments to spare  
and will improve them by saying that I  
am very well at present and hope to  
hear you and all the rest are smart. I  
have some of your letters, one since you  
were sick. The whole Secesh army

troops. And all thru the country, and  
as nice a farming country as ever was,  
there is no one, neither negroes nor  
white folks. The horrors of war are  
upon the country. We found all  
along dead hogs in the wells, and  
in one instance a horse. Nice hogs  
and horses lie dead with their throats  
cut. The fort we occupy is made  
for the most part of shell corn in sack  
five feet high, with dirt on the top.  
There is probably 200000 bushels of  
corn in sacks so you see they can  
be starved out as soon as the people  
that for we found when we went  
into the fort a candle burning and  
the breakfast cooking.

Our boys have killed as much as  
20 hogs today and ~~we~~ have lots of all  
kinds of the best of furniture. I am  
sitting in a mahogany rocking chair  
with an arm on it and my furniture  
is all of the best kind taken from  
the people here by the Secesh troops  
but how long I shall be able to hold  
it I do not know.

point of any further advance, I am on  
the extreme left. We were all harnessed  
up before daylight to move at daylight  
but no orders yet to advance. It can-  
not be more than 2 days more before  
everything will be ready for a general  
attack. I shall go with the Battery if  
I am able to stand up. I am better  
today and am glad it was put off  
another day. The State has just sent  
me a Doctor. I have not had one  
before for a long time. There are about  
thirty in the company sick but gen-  
erally doing well. I feel anxious to  
hear from you and cannot con-  
ceive the idea why I do not hear. If  
you write, we have 2 mails a week.  
Other people's letters seem to come very  
regularly. I have had no news for  
a month from you and it seems  
as if you had got the money you  
would have sent me notice of once.  
Love to you all. I have sat up so  
long I feel very weak and shall have  
to give up writing any more now.

Truly yours

O. F. Rinney.

Camp near Corinth, Miss  
Popes Div. Dept. of the M  
May 15, 1862.

Dear Eliza.

I again attempt to write a few  
lines; it has been quite a time since  
I last wrote but in the meantime  
I have not heard from you nor the  
money I sent you. I have been con-  
fined to my bed for the most of  
the time for the last three weeks. My  
water does not agree with me, I  
am better today, so I am able to

me any time. Do not wait for  
sometimes the mail is forbidden to  
go from here. Write to me to Ham-  
burg Landing, Tenn, Popes Draw,  
and after the fight is over, if alive,  
I will write. If not, educate  
the children, if you have nothing  
left. The guns are so fast that  
you cannot count them. I shall be  
in tomorrow sometime so goodbye.

Truly yours

O. H. Penney.

able to keep about. There is something to do to provide for 150 men and over 100 horses. We have to haul everything some 18 miles and it keeps me quite busy. I suppose you have got the money I sent you. They owe me for 2 months pay which I expect to be paid off every day, you did not say that you had received the money that I sent you. I suppose you had not got it at the time. I hope you will get along well. It will be impossible for me to come home at present, you must get along as well as you can, what is not done let go undone. The people grumble but if you were here to see the country you would not say anything. They have just commenced firing this minute on our right. I expect the fight has commenced in general. The camp is all alive, we are only 4 miles from it. Write to

has left Corinth and we are in hot pursuit  
after them or a large proportion of them.  
They are said to be about 5 mi. to the  
front of us altho we have come to a  
halt. The evacuation of Corinth has  
been the means of prolonging life to  
at least 15,000 men of our division  
on our marching into Corinth. And to  
see what we would have had to over-  
come would make most anyone glad  
that they had left. I do not think  
they will get as much time to fortify  
again. We are in a country that is  
all lumber, poor water, and but few  
people.

Jack Sutherland is here trying to get  
Jo Hall's discharge and some others.  
and I am inclined to think he just  
a little more difficulty than he expected.  
I told him to tell his friends in Monaca  
that people could not do as they were  
at all times and I think some of them  
think so now. I signed some of the  
men's discharges and some I refused.

It takes some of them down to have to  
mound and they do not feel very well  
about it and also some officers that  
have to mound now more than they  
ever did before. I should think we

Headquarters 5th Ws. Battery  
30th Brigade, 9th Division  
14th Army Corps, Dept of the Cumberland.

Dec 21, 1862

Camp Seven miles from Nashville.

Dear Eliza:

I received your letter but since I have sent you the money by express, I am well. It is now a settled fact that I cannot get home. Altho you may hear that I am on the road, it is not so. I managed by being chief of arty. to get in at gen. Rosecrans headquarters with some officers of his staff to assist me in being ordered to go to Wis. and get some men that were drafted to fill the Wis. battery. I succeeded in getting it done all the different Headquarters and in fact I thought I would eat Christmas supper with you all.

Rosecrans signed it and sent it to me. I was to start tomorrow morning. I had it alright that but a Col. wanted me to stop on the road and take charge of some men. When I came back he had to send a letter to Gen Rosecrans to get his signature and something turned up - I cannot tell what - but I got an order to report to Headquarters. Furthermore when I got there gen. Rosecrans told me that I could not go. He should countermand the order. He said I had not time to go there. I told him I would be back in 10 days. He said I had not that time, that I could not go. I suppose we shall make a move before that time. He told the Adjt Gen. that it would not do to let me go, so the game is up. You spoke about my not being chief of art. I rode on the staff of gen Woodruff about six weeks and I got tired of it. I was away from the Battery so much that my pay would hardly support me to keep up my end and when Sara came on I told him I wanted to be excused and he excused me to fit up the Battery as we had just got off the fall campaign. The pay is but little extra - not enough to support the position and that is what I supposed Nick O'Brien told while in Morise. Enclosed you will find a note sent to me by gen. Rosecrans to Aid stating that I am reappointed to permanent appointment and that makes me one of Jeff C. Davis's Staff. He says he will oblige me to go

Now I shall get those shirts. If you do not have a chance to send them you must keep them for I

have enough now - as many as I can carry with me. Perhaps I shall never wear them out that I have now. Write after. Address your letter to Capt O F Pinney, Chief of Arty, 9th Div. Army of the Ohio, Battery 5 U.S. Arty. No more this time, the mail has to be carried by escort back to Bowling Green and it is about ready to go forward.

Love to you all. Tell Caroline I never thought of her baby as being large enough for plaything yet when I sent those dolls.

Yours truly

Capt. O F Pinney  
Chief of Arty.

Bureau of History

NASHVILLE Nov 8 1862

Nashville, Tenn.

Nov 8, 1862.

Dear Eliza -

Some 4 or 5 days ago I received a letter from you. I am well and hope this will find you and the children the same. I have just got your letter of Aug 24. The mail has just got along. We have just got into Nashville on a forced march and yesterday we were coming down a road on the side of a mountain and the rebels fired into us. They took a settlers' wagon & I got 2 of my guns in position on a sidehill and threw 3 shells over when they were & they ran and left the wagon and all there was in it. Our Infantry went up on the hills and found 7 dead men. We came on to Nashville last night and now are a' getting out for winter operations. I am on Gen Woodworth's staff. Jeff Davis (Jeff C.) has got here today and he takes command of our Div. I do not know if I shall stay on his staff or not. I am Chief of Arty. of this Div. and have but little to do with the battery altho I command it yet. I think if I go on Davis's staff I shall leave the Battery to its own self. I am in good standing with it with the exception of some of the officers and Humphrey has today resigned tho I do not think they will accept his resignation. He does not like it because he has to mend. I got your letters of Aug. stating that some one said if I went into a battle I would not live. Such men are cowards and I do not fear them anywhere. My duties are altogether different. I am brot into company more than I have been and will have to dress better. I do not know how I shall get those shirts. If you do not have a chance to send them you must keep them for I

have enough now - as many as I can carry with me. Perhaps I shall never wear them out that I have now. Write often. Address your letter to Capt O F Penney Chief of Arty. 9th Div - Army of the Ohio, Battery 5 W. Arty. No more this time, the mail has to be carried by escort back to Bowling Green and it is about ready to go forward.

Love to you all. Tell Caroline I never

much.

Write & tell me all the news. I have sent off my Muster Rolls to Corwith to have the pay rolls made out. I think in 10 days we shall be paid and then I'll send you \$600 if not more and you must pay up the bank for one. I never agreed to pay gold I think on that note. It was paper I had. You must have Phil see about it.

You must keep a girl and sell all the stock you have that you can. You had better sell the pigs - not try to keep any this fall. Tell me how many you have got yet to fat and if they are good ones -

no more.

yours truly O. F. Purvey.

P.S. When you are down town get the children's likenesses taken and send in a letter

Send me \$1.00 worth of stamps.

. If you see any one who is coming down here I want you to send me some shirts by them. Phil will know.

O. F. P.

that belong to the Battery. Those horses in the Battery are put in my care and those officers and men are paid for taking care of them and they must while I command the Battery. I have just the same power as a Colonel, am treated as such and am placed so I have to use authority and that, some of them do not like. But they cannot help themselves. Petitions won't save them. If I wanted to resign I could not. They are not accepting resignations so much as they were. By the general's actions I think I am in about as good standing as anybody he has got in the Brigade for he often calls on me and we go out looking over the country. I have been up and dined with him several times - and the Staff. I am the only Artillery officer he takes out with him in the Brigade.

This getting up petitions is done away with. It is a very good thing for brants. To make themselves good fellows and shirk responsibility at the expense of the Capt but they have done. They know what course to pursue now.

I got a good clip at one of those leading brants. That said so much, today. I arrested him for disobedience to orders and reduced him to the rank of private in fifteen minutes and there is one more that I know what he will get when he gives me a chance. I have given them a chance to get up another petition. See how they will like that.

I expect Jack Sutherland has told a good deal. He was here soon after it and they told him a good many things to tell in Monroe. They can talk. I am all right. I don't know what they say now and don't care

and Thomas did get together, with some of the officers to encourage them secretly, and got up a petition for me to resign without any charges or complaints set forth so it was said. Well, I heard of it and sent word to them to send it in; I was ready for them and also their charges. But it did not come. They dare not send it and the very men that were so fast to have the thing go on were men that were more glad to have it stop and today I dare them. I have got the notes against them set down that I do not fear them and the consequence is it is the best thing that ever happened. They will do their duty now without any trouble. Now, some of the folks in Monroe do not like it because they cannot brabe me to discharge some folks that are in the company; then again I have some young men that would be gentlemen but in my estimation and duty that I owe the company is a strict impartiality to all so far as duty is concerned and that course I shall ever pursue so long as I am in the company, let who dislike it that may. I am no Infantry Captain that has some 40 or 50 men. I have 150 men 140 horses & mules with a train of waggons, guns, 4 carriages, blacksmith shop etc that will reach longer than 2 regiments of men, with 3000 rounds of ammunition and they must be fools to think I will allow those horses & mules to starve by being neglected or lost, or allow some of them to pick up all the <sup>horses</sup> loots they see and feed them out of the horses' grain

Headquarters Camp near Jacinto.

July 16, 1862.

Dear Eliza:

I received your letter yesterday. Was pleased to hear you were all well. I am well. I think I have worn out the sores for I have had it ever since I have been here until two weeks and now I feel as well as I ever did. It is very warm here we seem to have gone into quarters to stay for awhile if the enemy does not drive us out. They attacked a place 6 miles from here yesterday a.m. and also this morning. I was up before day and every man stood to the guns for 1 hour but they did not come so we went back to our tents. They say they are about 20 miles from us. I have got a splendid position with a Battery supported by 2000 men. You spoke about big stories being told about me in Monroe. You need not give yourself any uneasiness about me as far as the stories are told. I am not responsible to the people of Monroe nor to some of those that have sons here with me. I use them well and protect them and at the same time make them mind and that is what's the matter. I have over \$70,000 in my hands in property that belongs to the govt. and there is not a man in the company that is responsible for one cent but me and I calculate that those men will help guard it and take care of it and when they do not they will have to be punished and if their folks do not like it I cannot help it. I reduced Seryt. Thomas for could get no good of him and then I made a Seryt from a man that was low in rank. The older Seryts. did not like it so they and

constantly fiddle if she is a going to be a  
good girl. I want you to write longer  
letters and more news. Do you hear  
anything from Fort du Lac? I am posted  
on a knobel, a very strong position  
with the woods all cut down and if  
enemy gives me a call, some of them  
will stay a good while. They are about  
30 miles from us.

yours truly

(Signed) O. H. Pinney

Camp near Jacinto Miss  
July 13, 1862.

~~Mr.~~ Mr. Miller is here from Monroe and I will send you a few lines by him, I think now we have gone into Summer quarters for the present. We are in a very good place for this country.

I do not hear from you very often. I want you to write oftener. I am well - in fact quite well, but 3 Lieuts. are sick. I buried one man yesterday, the first that I have lost. His name was John Ross of Monticello.

We have not been paid off yet. I hope they will let us be still a short time now.

We fell back at the time we went out to the front expecting to go to the Potomac.

I think we shall go further south, when we move.

I think I should get home this summer but it is doubtful now.

I durst not say anything about it at present but if I do come I shall not know it till the last moment. It is very difficult for anyone to get leave.

Tell me all about the crops on the farm when you write, and the children.

Tell Dora I am a going to get her a

amount to between 6 and 7 hundred dollars  
to pay debts with. I hope we will soon get  
out of debt with everybody.

Jefferson C. Davis commands our Div.  
now. I have been transferred to him  
but yet we are all in Pope's Division  
the same as we were,

June 27.  
I have just received your letter and  
will try to write a few lines more, We moved  
forward a little yesterday and now I have  
just got orders to move again (but do not  
know where) with 5 days rations. I shall  
have to leave my sick behind somewhere.  
I have the diarrhea some again.

you had better call the boy ~~Mc~~ Buchanegger.  
As for the butter - keep it before you sell  
for less than a shilling. Your eggs  
I'll give 25 cents a dozen if you will  
send them to me.

Tell me about how the children  
are and if they are good.

yours  
O. F. Pinner

Lewis Gardner and Hill are sick and the  
Orderly Sergeant is quite sick and there are  
about 20 on the sick list besides but none  
of them are very low. It is now 2 weeks  
since I last wrote. We thought we had gone  
into summer quarters, fixed everything  
and went to drill the Officers. Had to get  
2 lessons a day and recite them to a  
Board of Officers - but all at once orders were  
issued for our Div. with 2 Batteries to get  
ready at a minute's notice to march. We  
marched that night, got to a camp  
ground about 12 o'clock not knowing where  
we were going. We hear that there is an  
enemy some 20 miles a' fortifying. Scout  
around and we are waiting for news.  
Our direction seems to be in the line  
toward Alabama. Things are so uncertain  
we may go back to where we came from  
and we may not go back at all. I left  
all my sick behind and sent the Doctor  
back yesterday quite sick. I have 56  
mule teams loaded with provisions and  
forage with me and in a timbered  
country at that with very few people.

I expect we shall not get paid off this 2  
months now as we were ordered off out of  
reach of all paymasters. I commence today  
to make new Payrolls for 2 more months  
the govt. will owe me for 4 months pay  
the last of this month which will

get out of debt. If we are lucky in this battle we shall be at home in the fall, I think, should the Deans not kill us all.

I am stationed on the extreme left wing of the whole army under gen. Hamilton in his division and if there is anything to do we shall be attacked first.

If there are any of the heifers fit to kill or steers early, tell Philo to sell them to the Butchers.

Write often,  
Yours truly  
O. J. Pinney.

may be attacked in an hour, I think we shall compel them to attack us if possible, altho our lines are 12 miles long and close to them all along. What the result will be God only knows. We have our men all picked out for to felote in the wounded with badges on their arms that they may know them.

If Phi got a horse that can't be worked he must swap it off. I wish I had my horse at home for I can get a dozen here for nothing if I want. I want you to write if you do not hear from me for sometimes letters are detained here quite a time before they are let go down the River. I want to hear from you: How you get along and the children. Also this country does not agree with me. The water is as soft as rain water and it affects everybody almost. There is a great many sick in the company. Tell me what you have done with the wheat - if you have sold it and the beans. When I am paid I shall send all the money I can. I hear Steward is coming down here and should we be paid off I will send by him. If corn fetches this summer any thing, sell everything you can to

Camp near Corinth Miss  
May 21, 1862.

Dear Eliza: I received a letter from you yesterday. It is the first one for three weeks. I hear by it that you got the money I sent you. They owe me \$400 more now but I do not know when they will pay; probably not until after the battle. I have had the diarrhea on me since I came from New Madrid and it has reduced me quite low. I lie in bed all the time I can get. We have to move every other day or 3 or 4 miles nearer the scene of action.

We today lie within a mile of the enemy pickets and 3 mi. of Corinth. Our guns are all guarded and in a position. We do not unharness night or day. Day before yesterday we had an alarm. I had not been up for 2 days but I was on my horse until dark with the battery. Then I went to my camp and lay down until morning. All is quiet but the pickets are firing at one another all the time, altho we

fast as I could dip it up. What are  
you going to name the Baby. I can-  
not think of any here. If you think  
of any send it on.

I have 140 horses and mules and  
30 mi. to draw forage and provisions  
and it keeps me with something  
to do. I will write no more  
this time.

Truly yours.

O. F. Finney

Capt Battery No 5.

Wre, Arty.

Popes Div. Army of  
the Miss.

of him so prepare the way for a  
mugger at home for he is a 'good  
one.

As regards the paymaster - I think we  
should be paid off before this but just  
as the paymaster came we were ordered  
to make an advance on Comstock and  
the payment was ordered not to be  
made at present but as soon as we  
can get settled I suppose it will be  
paid. They will soon owe me for 4 mos  
I have just received your letter of May 15  
the mail comes direct to me now as  
I am very near Headquarters of Pope's  
Division, always direct to this division  
and as you have until further notice

If any of the cattle get fat have Phil  
sell them to the fatchers in Monroe  
for to raise money to pay your expense  
with. I expect John Stewart down  
here every day to get signatures from  
those men who are willing to send  
their money home to their friends. I  
want you to write to me often if  
you do not hear because I cannot  
always get paper and materials.  
Sometimes I am so near my trunk.

we will all be home toward fall if we live but whether we do or not some of my officers have to do more than they ever did before for I have thrown myself on my dignity as I am the only responsible man in the Battery for I have receipted for over \$6000 and I calculate to protect myself if I can and the consequence is that I stand in the same position as a Colonel, have the same power, the same business and have got to maintain my position in regard to the command and it hurts some of our officers feelings to have to conform to the rules and restrictions that are incident to war in the face of an enemy and I suppose they will write home some hard stones but that will make no difference with me and they begun to find it out. Now I have got me a nigger waiting on me. My boy I sent home. I could not get any good out

Louisville, Ky.

Sept 27, 1862.

Dear Eliza:

I have just got thru with a 35 days march and am not killed yet. I have not been able to get a letter through the lines since we left Jacinto. I am well but pretty well tired out. Hope to find you all well. We have had a very severe march all through those states - over 400 miles and marching a good part of the time nights with all the people for our enemies. The company stood it quite well, only 2 sick. I have had no doctor since we started. Lieut. Hill is better than he was. I suppose you have heard of the death of Lieut. Smith. I expect I shall stay here a very few days to fit up for a winter campaign. My horses are quite reduced. We have 175,000 men in the city. I should think they would let us stay a few days to recruit and send out some of those new troops to the field. I don't think there is any danger of being attacked at present. The men have all got quite used to being alarmed, whatever may be the results hereafter. If I knew we should remain here 10 days I think I would send for you to come down here. I want to hear from you. All our communications have been cut off so long I hardly know what to write that would be interesting. I have just got the order to move about 2 miles from the city and get the company ready

for a new campaign but where it will be I do not know. When we come in to the city the people were all standing with bread and pies, cigars etc giving to the soldiers. They were rejoiced to see us and such a dirty looking set there never was - 75 000 in all, all grease and dirt officers and men alike. I have to buy me a new coat and have no money to do it with tho I expect if we stay for a few days we shall be paid off. I want you to write as soon as you get this and tell me all the news and how you are getting along. I saw Dr Blackman - he is a Lieut. Col. in an Ohio Reg. Tell me if you have heard from Burlington this summer. I have not had a letter from any one since we started and I expect will have to go back into those states again this fall. Let me hear from you at once.

Direct to Gen. Michel's 4th Div.  
2nd Brigade, Army of the Miss.  
Louisville, Ky.

Love to you all.  
D. F. Penney, Capt  
Com. Battery No 3: Mrs. Arlett

Camp on the Battlefield  
near Perryville, Ky.

Oct 10, 1862.

Dear Eliza:

I wrote you a few lines at Louisville not having time to write more until now. We have followed Bragg until yesterday when he got reinforced and made attack. It had been a hard fight. Altho I am safe as yet I lost one man (killed) by name of Smith, one man wounded 3 horses killed. I was in the fight 2 hrs and 20 min. without any support at all from any Infantry. Whatever. I cannot tell what our loss is as yet but I do know it is very severe. The dead are not yet buried nor all the wounded taken up yet. Bragg left in the night after the fight with all his forces. I did not leave on the field. It is an awful sight to go around and see the legs and arms and men with no heads on them. My battery saved Mc Cooks Division from being destroyed. Two Regiments of my Brigade are all cut to pieces. I am the luckiest man in the world; Gen Mc Cook sent for me this morning & wanted to appoint me Chief of Artillery of his whole Division but Gen. Mehel would not let him take an Officer from his corps as he said he wanted his own Officers. You will probably hear from it somewhere at all events but I have got a name just as good here at it was lost in Monroe and a complete victory over all my enemies in the company. They feel it. Urnst Gen Fucker are here in a regt. from Milwaukee close by us. They were in the fight or some of it. I was the last man that left the battlefield with the Battery and fell back in a line and went in to battery to protect men of ours picking up the wounded.

They charged on me in the night. I gave them all the  
ammunition they wanted. I buried my own dead and brot  
the wounded away with me and all my guns and  
that is what many of them' cannot say. Ask some of  
those knowing damn fools in Monroe what they think  
now about making their sons mud. I have as good  
a battery as any man in the Service and have saved  
my men by making them lay down the hot and shell  
as thick as hail sometimes. The whole army is  
burying the dead today. It is sickening. I have so  
much to write I cannot get time. I received  
30 letters in Louisville and have not had time to write  
one of them an answer until now and no time  
to write more. I got your letter with the Baby's  
likeness. All those ~~that~~ have seen it think it is  
pretty nice. I sent in Hill's trunk some tools. I  
suppose you have got them. While at Louisville  
I was transferred to my old Brigade again and it  
got up quite a feeling among the Officers of the  
two Brigades. If I have no friends in Monroe I  
have them here and those men in my company  
know who their friend is now. When you write direct  
your <sup>letters</sup> company to 30th Brigade 9th Division which  
is Gen. Michels Army of the Ohio - Pinney's  
Battery No 5 Ibrs Atty. You tell Philo to tell  
Mrs Foley that I have not had any news of Oscar her  
husband since her father left Jacinto, Miss; that  
I have no control of any soldiers except those that are  
with me and I can do her no good unless she is  
with me. My love to you all. The God of  
Battle saved me this time, Yours,  
O. H. Pinney

Headquarters 5th Ws. Battery  
30th Brigade, 9th Division  
14th Army Corps, Dept of the Cumberland.

Dec 21, 1862

Camp Seven miles from Nashville.

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