

Camp near Newfreedonia March 16/83

Dear friends I take my pen and ink to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and I hope that this will find you the same, we have been scouting around some lately, on the sixth of March we left camp about eight o'clock in the morning and started south we went about eight miles when our skirmishers came up to the rebel pickets and commenced firing we halted and our two guns under Stanley advanced with two regiments of infantry four of our guns and two regiments staying back for a reserve, when we had got on the hill that our skirmishers had done the rabbits from they fired a three inch rifle round in the ball striking in the ground about two rods to the right of our gun which was in range on the picket, the rebels opened on us and we opened our two guns on them they fired three or four times more and fell back, after a while they opened on us again but most of the balls fell short we fired at them a few times and they quit, they appeared to have but one or two guns but I guess they had a trap set for us, there was thick cedar bushes on each side of the road so that we could not see forty rods except in the road, we could see them cross the road backward and forward and one of them sent a bullet up at one of our sergeants that was standing on the road looking at them, the bullet passed by him struck the picket glanced, and went over about a dozen of our heads that were making some coffee, and then struck an old stable just back of us we stood there in the rain until dark when we unhitched, fed our horses and went into an old building built a fire

That night two buildings were set on fire in the town and as  
Davis did not know who set them he thought it done  
as a signal for the rebels to make a dash in on us and  
so we had to lay on our arms all night, but they did not come  
the next morning we started for Weedsville again and got there  
in the middle of the afternoon, we staid there that night  
and the next day being Sunday we thought we should stay,  
the foreye teams had started after feed, when all at once we got  
orders to move immediately, we hitched up and started for camp  
where we arrived about three o'clock last night. We got two  
months more pay the day we started and I sent  
(826) by express together with (825) for Cherry and (825) for  
Merrill John Gibson, Gibson wants you to send this by mail  
and Sister wants you to keep Cherry's until he comes after  
it. I sent 824 to the 15th of Feb at Gibson and Sister  
sent some with me they want you to do with the first as  
with the last, we can all send as cheap as one, We did  
not pay the freight here, when you get it write what  
the cost is on it and whether they paid this share if  
they did not the boys will pay me, I sent the receipt  
for the first package which was paid but have not heard  
from it yet, I want you to loan it if you dont want to  
use it your self, we have been paid up to the first of  
January there is two months more due us now, the pay rolls  
are made out for it which looks as though we should get it  
soon but we may not. We have had fine weather since it  
cleared off today the sun shines bright and warm the  
fields begin to look green and the trees begin to bud, I  
say some places when we was gone to Franklin in January

INFORMATION ON THE KIMBER FAMILY

(Taken from Rochester Post 7/22/1892)

G. A. Kimber, nearly 76 years old, died at his home on Wednesday at one o'clock. He has been quite poorly in health for the last five years. Another old pioneer, who has been here about forty years, has been called up higher. He has been a good father and faithful husband. His wife died some five years ago. He leaves quite a number of sons and daughters to mourn his death. The funeral will take place today. B - Aug. 2. 1816

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(Taken from Rochester Post 7/24/1885)

The funeral of Mrs. G. A. Kimber, were held at the M.E. Church, Thursday, July 16, at one o'clock. Rev. Roberts officiating. A large number of friends and neighbors were in attendance. Mr. Kimber was among the early settlers in this section and Mrs. Kimber has been known for years as a most exemplary woman and Christian. The family have the sincere sympathy of their large circle of friends.

B - Jan. 1. 1816  
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(Taken from Rochester Post 11/1/1873)

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT

On Wednesday of last week, a boy, aged fifteen years, son of Mr. G. A. Kimber, residing in the town of Dover, this county, met with a painful accident which caused his death in a few hours afterwards. He had lent his rifle, and on its being returned, it contained a charge, and could not be discharged in the usual way. He tried to withdraw the charge, but did not succeed in this. He then took the gun to pieces taking out the breech pin. Taking an iron ramrod, he inserted it in the breech end of the barrel, and holding the barrel in his hands with the muzzle pointing toward his stomach, undertook to force the charge out by tamping the ramrod on the floor. The friction thus produced, caused a premature discharge of the load in the barrel, and the young man received the entire charge, the bullet entering at the pit of the stomach. Dr. Tamplin, of St. Charles, was immediately called, who probed the wound but did not find the ball.

It was evident that internal hemorrhage was doing its work slowly but surely, and after lingering in extreme pain for nearly eight hours, the unfortunate boy closed his young life. In giving the details of this shocking affair, the St. Charles Times adds this admonitory note on the danger of a careless use of firearms and gun powder.

Thus ends the sad chapter in the careless use of firearms. Let the boys of this city keep in memory and sad fate of young Kimber, when they are using firearms; read over carefully the article in this paper, "how gunpowder is made," and you will learn how careful those are who manufacture the dangerous compound gun powder.

76 | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber  
Priv, 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

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Present or absent Present

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Due Gov't \$.....100 for.....

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Valuation of horse equipments, \$.....100

Remarks:.....

Book mark:.....

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for *May & June* 1862

Present or absent *present*

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*Wood*  
(368) *Copvint.*

*Veteran*  
VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF



TOWN OF

*Georgia*

*Rossville*  
*Camp 2<sup>d</sup> Div 14<sup>th</sup> A.C.*

I, *William H Kimber* born in *Shawwood*  
in the State of *Michigan* aged *twenty three* years,  
and by occupation a *farmer* DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have  
volunteered this *twenty first* day of *March* 1864,  
to serve as a *volunteer* Soldier in the Army of the United States of America, for  
the period of *THREE YEARS*, unless sooner discharged by proper authority:  
Do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be,  
established by law for volunteers. And I, *William H Kimber* do  
solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the **United States**  
**of America**, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all  
their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the  
orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers  
appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

*Rossville, Ga.*  
Sworn and subscribed to, at *Camp 2<sup>d</sup> Div 14<sup>th</sup> A.C.*  
this *21* day of *March* 1864, } *William H Kimber*

BEFORE *Augustus Hatcher*  
*Capt 2<sup>d</sup> Batty Light Artillery*

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above-named Volunteer, agreeably  
to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and  
mental infirmity, which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

*W. R. Payne*  
*Surg. Com. 3<sup>rd</sup> Div 14<sup>th</sup> A.C.*  
*Act. Med. Director 2<sup>d</sup> Div. 14<sup>th</sup> A.C.*  
EXAMINING SURGEON.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer, *William H Kimber*  
previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my  
judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the  
duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting  
service. This soldier has *gray* eyes, *light* hair, *light* complexion, is *5*  
feet *9 1/2* inches high.

*Augustus Hatcher*  
*Capt. 2<sup>d</sup> Batty* Regiment of *Command* Volunteers.  
RECRUITING OFFICER.

(A. G. O. No. 71 & 76.)

*Butt* Mustered into the service of the United States, for three years or during the war, from date of enlistment in Company *2<sup>d</sup>*  
 Regiment of *Minnesota* Volunteers, on the *3<sup>rd</sup>* day of *April* 1864 at *Rossville Ga*

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best building and I believe they are more comfortable than two  
thirds of the boys hands. We have nothing to do with us happy  
and a lot of school boys. The Artillery has the idea of being  
conducted in a very simple way. We don't know where we will be  
and we don't know what our situation will be. I don't know  
if the boys left for home yesterday but the captain said that he  
would give us all a chance to go home and we will have the  
same and we can offer a whole choice of quarters to them  
and in it I can't think of any thing else to do in the way  
of good bye. Write as soon as you get what is becoming  
shall be gone and we are going as soon as the company is  
left and there is several recruiting officers with me.  
I send your letters to Col Artillery. I am smiling them

William M. Kimber

St. Snelling Feb 23rd

Dear parents, Brothers, Sisters and all  
I take my pen to let you know that I am well and in good spirits  
and hope you are the same. We started from St. Charles  
about 8 o'clock on Sunday morning and drove to Washington  
(Cath. Hill) for about three or four hours and then  
and at Washburn we met a train of men and about 10 men  
remained there Thursday at 4 o'clock having taken dinner at  
St. Paul we stayed at our quarters a little while and  
then went up to the fort where the priest's apartment  
was on duty for about a week and I tell you Friday  
we were surprised and surprised in. Yesterday we left  
as went to St. Paul to see them for the cause of  
being Washington's birth day. St. Paul is a nice place &  
we in the Capitol and saw the most beautiful  
and can't taken at sunset. Last night we received  
a part of our cloths, we expecting to receive the rest on  
Monday. We received 2 coats two wollen shirts & pair of  
wollen drawers and a pair of socks they are all of good  
quality. We are staying in a good house about 20 miles from  
the fort and have to go about 40 rods for our meals in house  
is warm and tollerable comfortable it is sealed on the inside  
and clapboarded on the outside and is built up in the sides  
3 above one another. We have plenty of indian blankets and  
straw beds and have plenty to eat it consists of beef  
meat potatoes coffee sugar and beans well & dry it is  
good enough for any one. We all eat in the dining  
room now but are calculating to cook and eat in our  
own quarters as soon as things can be arranged the things  
are mostly but there <sup>are</sup> some sick in the hospital I don't  
know how many - our company has 100 men and 100  
soldiers - 100 between in times and but there is nearly  
half off on horses. We have not killed any yet but have  
orders to commence Monday. I have been through most of

1914 = A. - Durban

1953 = Anna Haas

Minnesota

Second Battery of Light Artillery

Wm. H. Kimber 21  
years old

Mustered in: Feb. 20, 1862

Mustered out Aug 16, 1865

Re-enlisted March 22, '64

We are camped with two other batteries the 5th and 8th Wis by the edge of some timber we have bowers over our tents, our horses stand in the woods, there is a nice spring about forty rods and a river about the same distance.

When we were at Winchester the 2nd Regiment laid near us I saw Raymond Thompson several times he was well and tough, they have a brass band in the regiment they came to our camp and played one evening, Raymond sends his respects to you, John Evans from the 1st Regiment was here he is discharged, I dont know where the 2nd is now some say it is at Bigport 12 miles from here they are in a different Corps from us so we dont see one another very often, I dont think we shall stay here a great while they are at work putting pontoon bridges over the Tennessee river four miles from here they can only work tonight the rebels have a battery planted on the other side, I think as soon as they get them done we shall move forward, we are on the junction of the railroad where the Nashville road joins the Memphis and Richmond road you write that Frank Sheek did not get hurt in the battle of Gettysburg you write and John Evans told me that Frank deserted has he joined his regiment again.

I believe I have written all that I can  
think of at present write as soon as you  
get this with all the news and particulars  
G. A. G. B. Kimber  
Wm H. Kimber

Aug 60

You have written several times

that you would like to have me send my kit in my uniform. there is no place here where I can get it. taken but I will tell you how you can see it - get a pair of old light blue pants or dark blue short pant coat a black hat - stamp them in the mail take them out hang them on the fence until they are dry. wrap them over the fence a while put them on several and with a little grease and dirt on his fore and hands and you can see a soldier dressed in uniform as we were at the time we got to Brook Field and we left our knapsacks at Bowling Green and did not get them until we got back here. I believe I will stop writing as the mail is about ready to go out and I have wrote double quick long enough to good bye  
White as soon as you get this

William H. Wheeler to Sgt and B Smith



Our camp is miles south from Chattanooga Dec 9th/62

Dear parents I take my pen to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and

I hope that you are the same. I received a letter from you when we were at Bowling Green and was glad to hear from you, we

have just received two months pay

I have sent 895 by express directed to

Sgt Wheeler at Charles Wiggins to insure there is also two packages in the same

envelope one to Miss Stella and one to a man by the name of Wheeler.

The man that sent Thery's pants

you to keep it until he comes for it. I was calculating to send my money

from Louisville they were paying the troops when we were there and I wanted

to spend it all together but we left

country as far around the mines  
is timber plenty and here does  
crops look is there many settlers  
came in there this summer and  
what are they doing about the  
rail road is there plenty of grain  
and the country is very rich

What kind of water in them lakes  
in the summer do you see I want  
you to write me all the particulars  
I write me a good long letter when you  
get this and tell me what you  
are doing here and how you  
like so taking my horse I will  
not write to all the boys do  
write soon

I am your brother  
A. W. Kimber  
W. W. Kimber  
Direct  
L. M. Kimber  
Shatterage  
Genon

Camp on Stringers farm  
Genon Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 65  
Dear brother

I take my pen  
to write you a few lines to let you  
know that I am still alive and  
well, I got a letter from you <sup>last</sup> ~~year~~  
dated July 16<sup>th</sup> and one from home  
Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, our folks were all well,  
they had just got through with  
their harvest, I had <sup>forgot</sup> to  
think that you had <sup>the</sup> promise  
you made me to write for it is the  
first letter I have had from you  
although I have written you several  
we are having pretty good times here  
this summer, we are taking care of  
a lot of horses, and some of us  
are playing cavalry at present  
there is twelve of us mounted and  
armed with Spencers seven shooting  
rifles and Colts revolvers and a

The 2nd Mississippi Regiment  
 I don't think that night by the side  
 of us, they had been badly cut  
 up, their was one killed and  
 three wounded that I was ac-  
 quainted with. Raymond was not in  
 the battle, he had some eyes and  
 was with the wagon team, I have  
 not seen him since we left  
 Winchester, his captain, Haskins  
 was wounded. The men around  
 there that day and the next and  
 then some were behind the earth  
 works, I think we can kill our  
 own here against all of Gray's  
 reinforcement, they are in front  
 of us and occasionally they are  
 firing a little, night he has lost  
 they have some shot over at  
 us, one of them struck the wheel

The Capt. Lee Stevenson  
 (Wade) commanding the bat-  
 tle, was wounded in the arm, pretty  
 bad, and George Stewart (captain)  
 to Edward (Hoy) got a  
 deep flesh wound near the  
 seat of his trousers. One of our  
 boys was killed yesterday, he  
 was laying under the timber  
 with his head on a rail as they  
 and it turned over and I saw  
 him on the side of the road, he  
 never knew what killed him.  
 He was from Indiana and  
 was detailed in the battery  
 he leaves a wife and two children  
 he had been through several  
 battles unhurt but was almost  
 never to return to his family, he  
 was a good soldier and we miss

our infantry in front of Taylor's  
 camp and firing and killing as  
 they over their heads, raised up  
 fired and commenced retreating.  
 We could do nothing and so we  
 limbed up and left. Their way  
 a road running behind us and  
 instead of going a clog, it Sharkey's  
 section followed the battery on  
 our right down the road nearly  
 half a mile, we had had only  
 one position for the two yards so  
 that we were nearly out of ammunition.  
 The other gun had broke her  
 runner so we took her ammunition  
 and went into position by the  
 side of the other battery and  
 fired the rest of it. Our gun  
 fired in all nearly 100 shots,  
 at dark ~~we~~ Sharkey went and  
 found the rest of the battery and  
 we went for them, nearly 2 miles

The next morning at three  
 o'clock we moved to where  
 the position was filled with  
 ammunition got our breakfast  
 and started out into position  
 on the top of a hill and as it  
 was ~~dark~~ morning we thought we  
 should have rest that day,  
 It was quiet until about ten  
 o'clock when the pickets comm-  
 firing and soon the engagement  
 became general, cannon were  
 rattle, beyond and to  
 and horsemen were flying in  
 every direction, wounded men were  
 lying away, others were being  
 fell or carried by their comrades  
 and it soon became evident that  
 we were getting the worst of it.  
 We were ordered to another place  
 so as to cover the road, we  
 fired a few shot and then

and traveled with out hardly  
 any road to the edge of the  
 mountain where we camped  
 about nine or eleven o'clock  
 the next <sup>day</sup>  
 morning we ascended the mountain  
 traveled around back wards  
 and backwards until ten o'clock  
 on the night of the 18th we  
 camped near Passon Springs  
 the next morning we started  
 towards Estabrook's place soon  
 had commencing forward and  
 to our right. At length we  
 all of the time about three o'clock  
 we began to hear the rattling of  
 musketry and was soon put  
 on double quick just before  
 we came into position the pro  
 of our cisson broke and had to

Chilwaukee Sept 19/45

Dear Parents

I take my pen and wish to write  
 you a few lines to let you know  
 that I am still alive and well  
 I received a letter from you  
 about ten days ago and was glad  
 to hear from you, the reason I  
 have not written before is there  
 has been no mail sent north  
 lately, We started from Steensons  
 one month ago yesterday and went  
 four miles to the Tennessee river  
 where they were laying a wooden  
 bridge we lay till the next day  
 and crossed and went to the  
 foot of dook out mountain where  
 we lay several days, we started  
 one morning climb the mountain

~~They~~ the hospital here I was sick  
when we came here one has the measles  
and the other has the fever, there  
is two sick in mairavota and one  
died before we left making but  
six unfit for duty out of about 180 men  
We are in Benton Barrels just out of  
the city of St. Louis being about 5 miles  
from the landing. They are calculated to  
hold one hundred thousand men, but they  
are pretty near empty now, there is  
but one regiment of cavalry besides our  
company, two regiments of cavalry one  
regiment of infantry and one battery  
having gone last week. But I believe there  
is some more coming soon I believe  
I suppose you want to know how I like  
~~the~~ soldiering I like it very well  
so far, but I think it a man has a  
place and family he had better stay at  
home you must that word Patton was  
sick of it, there is lots of men in our  
company ~~that~~ especially married men their  
kings if ever saw some of them

would give all they have if they  
could get out of it, and there  
is others that could hardly be  
tried to leave, for my part I  
am not sorry, yet that I believe  
we have plenty to eat drink and wear  
but sometimes our grub is rather bad,  
we consider we are in excellent now  
there had been several men shot with  
standing firelets one man was shot dead  
and one shot through the leg and one  
morning last week there was nothing to be  
found on the post but blood, all done  
on the same post men some arrows.  
I can't think of any more to write at present  
do good bye write us soon as you get this  
direct to Old Mission Battery  
Benton Barrels Mo  
Monday May the 5th, last evening there  
was some two or three hundred sick  
soldiers came here from St. Louis landing  
and they were the most pitiable lot of human  
beings I ever saw, some of them were

Dawley went back to town for more horses and feed, we waited till near noon and then put the horses on ~~front~~ of the battery and started and went about three miles to our present <sup>(south east)</sup> camp. We are about six miles from Katahdan and one mile from Popville. we are ~~just~~ in the edge of Bogie, we have got our camp fixed up again as good as it was the other side of the river, three of us have a ~~strong~~ down by mine on the inside with a fire place and chimney, my old partner has been put into an other section of the battery so that I had to take an other he is staying with us until he gets his share up my partner name is Young he is from Ohio and used to live in Mexico.

We had a scare the other evening, it was reported that Johnsons army was advancing on us. so they doubled the pickets and sent two sections of the battery out ~~but~~ I guess it avoit amount to much. We are the only battery left in the division the other two have been killed and I am home. We have not been in long enough to wear list I dont know as we shall have the chance of one of the boys would but I dont think that many would go under their present captain, if they could have Young for captain I think that most of them would as he is commanding the battery and has their voice the "little of Chick" winning & when our first lieutenant was killed.

Had those Camps across the river he has seven Corps with him, I hope the he will drive them to the ocean before he stops how is politics in Minn and in the north generally, do you think that Lincoln will be elected he will get the majority of the soldiers votes I think in this army but there is some votes that dont allow these soldiers to vote, we are out one side from every body so that we dont get many papers now, and what few we do get is mostly Chattanooga papers with no news from the north,

They are having quite a scare among Washington but let them go in bully for the rebels I say it will be better than a draft for the union armies, I guess I have written all the news, write as soon as you get this, write all the news about the draft, I would like to see some of them Cowards club men down here with a musket on their shoulders, I think a year or two would do them good this from your son  
Wm H Kimball

25/24  
Camp on Stringers farm July

Dear parents

I take my pen to write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along, I am well and I hope that this will find you the same, I got a letter from you dated June 2<sup>nd</sup> and was glad to hear from you it is the only letter ~~from~~ I have had since I left home our boys got here night before last from the front where they have been with a lot of horses, they brought your letter, I was not strong enough to go with them when they went and so staid back, they was gone two weeks, they had a hard march and looked pretty rough. We went to town yesterday and got one hundred horses and brought out here to recruit some of them look pretty hard:

May 28<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Camp on Stringers farm Tom

Dear parents  
I take my

pleasure to write you a few lines in  
answer to one I got from you yesterday  
of May 14<sup>th</sup>, I got one from Grand  
for the first time and was glad to  
hear that you was all well. I am  
well and so is most of the boys,

I am playing Cavalryman at  
present. There is twelve of us mount  
and armed with seven <sup>among</sup> shooters and  
revolvers and scout <sup>the</sup> mountains  
we have just been out on a three  
days scout, we was out about forty  
miles, we got one net and several  
pistols and guns, we bound the net  
Kilbattist the skinner took one  
celling with a lot of wool over  
him, As I was writing and one  
of the boys came along with three  
letters and me to the

we got stuck on sand and  
several times we passed Winona  
about dark and got to Leacroy  
about ten, we slept in the ex-  
press office and the next day went  
to Chicago. We had Saturday  
to see the city in I bought me  
another coat a book and one thing  
another Monday morning we started  
and went to Gayfayette where we  
staid in a warehouse the next day  
we went to Lewisville and last  
night we came here, we are stop-  
ping at the Golycoffer house,  
it is the Gayest hotel in the  
city, but they dont set the best  
of tables or have the best of  
beds, every one has to say his  
own bed, and the whole barracks  
mess together. It rained some  
last night and the streets are rather  
muddy.

I dont know how long  
we shall stay here. I suppose  
several days and may be longer  
There is good news from Sherman  
this morning I would like to be  
down there, I dont like solving  
in barracks it is too much  
like being in prison.

Tell Harry Doll and Ezra  
that they must learn to write  
so that they can write to me.  
Edith and Omar must write  
now, give my respects to  
all the folks,

write soon, direct

Gen Minn Battery

Princeton, Tenn

and I think that I

will get it so good bye

J. B. Rankin West Hill

1791 do the next morning  
the Captain marched us back  
to town turned in our guns and  
Catholyc boxes, and drew breeches  
and saddles and ~~two~~ Carabines and  
sabers and mounted us as cavalry.  
It was late when we got ready  
to start and we had to overtake  
the train that had started from  
camp in the morning. So we went  
back to camp stopped and got  
supper and then pushed on. We  
got up with the train sometime  
in the middle of the night, by  
which morning and then went to  
Sturgesboro where we staid until  
the next day. At noon on the  
tenth we stopped for dinner close  
to a farm house and my partner  
London went and got a carton  
of buttermilk and as we had  
soft bread we had a good dinner  
of bread and buttermilk, pushing

with hot coffee. Towards night  
I had some pain in my stomach  
stomache and bowels which con-  
tinued through the night and the next day  
but not so as to stop me from duty.  
The next night however a bout ten  
o'clock I was taken with the  
Cholera morbus very bad. I took  
a powder which relieved a little  
after a while and then I had a  
shock to top off with, the next  
morning I was not able to ride  
my horse so I had to ride in  
the ambulance, we traveled eleven  
miles the roads were very rough  
and I thought it would shake my  
insides all out, we camped here  
that night and as I could not stand  
it to ride they brought me to the  
hospital. I came here the thirteenth  
I have not taken any medicine  
yet, the doctor says all I want  
is light food and quiet.

Miss [Name] June 28/61

Your parents take my  
from and will be with you soon

that I am made of those first  
the first one I know from you

I am well and have been  
The boy has been

I have not been with them  
for months ago for his days

as it seems when they had  
some money from a bank

saying that they had just  
at a time I have been

we first got it and I have  
me I never got it I don't

I sent it to Henry's & he  
for by taking off the

and he sent The money  
the money from I was

to other ones they's and  
I have they are all over

with two weeks ago when they  
get either to the way to

others I don't know where  
and to surprise of the

should be at working in  
most of the other boys

works eye when we were  
in a pocket or had a

any more of them in my there is  
was is then that we all make  
the papers. When you meet them  
let them be ready to get all the  
of your work that is in them and  
is a thing to take the challenge  
I was eye can read some of the boys  
I will show you some of the things  
I have done and put all the things  
I have done in my hands. I have  
been so busy that I have not been  
able to do any more of the things  
I have done. I have been so busy  
that I have not been able to do  
any more of the things I have  
done. I have been so busy that  
I have not been able to do any  
more of the things I have done.

as you stay in the place as  
my little school as I have  
been so busy that I have not  
been able to do any more of the  
things I have done. I have been  
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point on the Shelbyville river where they  
most expected us and then made a break one  
the covers gap and the first thing they knew we  
were of landing them. We passed through the covers  
gap and camped on a nice stream that night the  
next morning Sunday we were rear guard for the  
train we of course had a late start and got into  
camp about one o'clock at night it had not  
rained any that day (the first since we started) we had  
to go to the train for cars for our horses and before we  
got back it commenced pouring down a most in  
streams. We started at Manchester two days it raining  
a considerable of the time. We started from there here  
in the morning and reached Gallatin after dark  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment was camped ~~in the morning~~  
there after I had my team taken care of they  
were all asleep I walked through their camp  
but did not disturb them they left at two o'clock  
next morning they are camped about a mile  
from here now, I have not been to see them yet.

We left Gallatin the next morning and marched  
until four o'clock when we came to a river the rebels  
had burned the bridge the next morning we forded  
it, it was up to the horses sides. We marched  
until about two o'clock when we got to Winchester.  
We placed our battery on one side of the town the  
5<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Battery on one and the 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin  
Battery there was or three days when we had orders to  
find us a place to camp as our division was to

and forty dollars (\$40.00) and sent it to

The Western Bank Winona. Enclosed you will find a check for eighty dollars (\$80.00) which you can get at the bank. If you don't want to use it and can loan it for a year when it will be safe loan seventy five dollars and keep the rest for the expenses that has incurred in sending money.

I think I shall not stay any more pay money until the end of the year it is to much risk in sending it and I have kept enough to last me in spending. Some of the boys think we shall get some of the money but I don't make much calculation on it it looks

now as though the rebels could not hold out much longer but if they possibly can they will their object is to keep up the war until the next presidential election in the hopes of a president being elected that will favor them. I hope that we will not have to stay in another winter. I believe I have wrote all the news so good. Bye at present Write as soon as you get this Write all the news.

G. S. B. Kimber

William H. Kimber

That section forty-seven hundred and forty-five, title fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4745.—Any pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment, or transfer of any right, claim, or interest in any pension which has been, or may hereafter be, granted, shall be void and of no effect, and any person who shall pledge, or receive as a pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment or transfer of any right, claim, or interest in any pension, or pension certificate, which has been, or may hereafter be granted or issued, or who shall hold the same as collateral security for any debt, or promise, or upon any pretext of such security, or promise, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and the costs of the prosecution; and any person who shall retain the certificate of a pensioner and refuse to surrender the same upon the demand of the Commissioner of Pensions, or a United States pension agent, or any other person, authorized by the Commissioner of Pensions, or the pensioner, to receive the same shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and the costs of the prosecution.

Approved February 28, 1888.

No. 1031228  
PENSION CERTIFICATE OF

*William A. Kimball*

PAYABLE QUARTERLY

BY THE

DISBURSING CLERK,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

*Group 2*

1031228

*W.A. Kimball*  
Clerk



in the middle got some supper and laid down about  
midnight our pickets discovered the rebels planting  
three batteries in three different places so that they could  
take us from all sides, and we got up and left,  
we started about one o'clock and got to camp about  
daylight, <sup>none of our boys was hurt but one of the skirmishers was killed and a wounded</sup> On the evening of the eighth we had orders  
to be ready to move the next morning at daylight, we got  
ready and waited untill noon when we started in a  
south west direction, we went about ten miles to a little town  
called Versailles and camped, about midnight it commenced  
raining and rained most of the next day, in the morning we  
we fed got our breakfast hitched up and waited untill  
about ten o'clock when we started in a north west direction on a dirt  
road for two miles when we struck a picket and went to Eagle's  
ville we stopped and got some supper and started for Triune  
distance five miles, when our advance cavalry came to the our  
pickets that were at Triune they took one another for rebels  
and fired at each other, the pickets run for camp and we  
halted, untill Gen. Davis came up he knew that our men was  
there and he sent one of the regimental flags ahead and  
started on, when the pickets found what they had done they felt  
rather cheap, all the harm that was done was one horse <sup>fed</sup> wound  
before we got to camp it was so dark that we could hardly  
see our hand before us, we turned into some woods got some  
rails and made a fire, it stopped raining before we got to  
camp and we lay down in our blankets and passed a toler-<sup>able</sup>  
comfortable night the next morning we did not get up until  
sunrise which rose clear and pleasant we stayed there untill  
the third day about ten o'clock when we went back to Eaglesville

that looked green, we have had a good deal of rain since Christmas, as sure as we leave camp it will rain before we get back, we are fixed so we dont mind it much we have good overcoats, rubber blankets and leggins so that we are nearly water proof, but if we do get wet we dont mind it much, we feel better when we get dry.

Good I told you the last time I wrote what we done in camp, now I will tell you what we do on a march, we generally have orders to move at daylight we get up at four o'clock feed our horses harness them while the cannoners get breakfast as soon as we eat, we hitch up and stand there some times two hours and some times we move right off, we march a while stopping occasionally when we get jammed up together, when we halt to rest, the infantry sit down we get off our horses sit down for fifteen or twenty minutes when the drum rolls fall in, we dont stop for noon but if we are not hurried we stop about four o'clock the men all run for the nearest <sup>fence</sup> using a lot of rails, the drivers unhitch <sup>and</sup> unharness if we are not afraid the rebels will rout us, go to water, by the time we get back we can find where we get feed, we get on our horse take a bag and go for corn, when we get back the cannoners have got a fire and generally have supper ready if it looks like rain we put the tarpaulin up if not we lay it down on the ground lay on part of it and turn the rest over us, we sleep as good as though we was in the best feather beds and better than we do in camp with plenty of hay under us and nothing to do, I had rather march all the time than lay in camp, unless we are on a forced march the way we was last fall going from Nashville to Louisville then it dont go so nice. I shall have no stop for fear I shall write so much that you can never read it, I havent got the best place in the world to write in. Write as soon as you get this.

E. A. D. S. Kember  
William H. Kember

K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber  
Pot., 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minnesota L. Art'y.

Appears on  
Battery Muster Roll

for July & Augt., 1864.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks:

Book mark:

Vandoren Copyist.

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K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber  
Pot., 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on  
Battery Muster Roll

for July 29 to June 30 1864

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't \$ 100 for

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks: Disch'd Mar 20/64.  
Re-enlisted Vol & re Mar  
21/64. G.O. 21 Sept 191  
1863.

Book mark:

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K | 2 Indpt. Batt'y. | Minn.

William H. Kimber  
Pot., 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minnesota L. Art'y.

Appears on  
M. and D. Roll of Veteran Volunteers

of the organization named above. Roll dated  
Rosselle, Ga April 3, 1864.

When enlisted Mch 21, 1864

When mustered in April 3, 1864

Bounty paid, \$ 35.00/100; due, \$ 340.50/100

Battery to which assigned

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks: Advance Bounty  
received \$25.00-

Book mark:

Pennington Copyist.

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K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber  
Pot., 2 Indpt. Battery, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on  
Age 23 years.  
Detachment Muster-out Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated  
Rosselle, Ga, Apr 3 1864.

Muster-out to date Mar 20, 1864

Last paid to Oct 31, 1863.

Clothing account:

Last settled June 30, 1863; drawn since \$ 100

Due soldier \$ 100; due U. S. \$ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ 9.34/100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ 100

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100.00/100

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks: Discharged by order of superior  
court, as a veteran volunteer under the  
provisions of A. C. 191. M.D. 116.3

Book mark:

L. Johnson Copyist.

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K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber  
Pvt., 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

**Battery Muster Roll**

for May & June 1863

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't \$ 100 for

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks:

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William H. Kimber  
Pvt., 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

**Battery Muster Roll**

for Mar. & Apr. 1863

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't \$ 100 for

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks:

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William H. Kimber  
Pvt., 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minnesota L. Art'y.

Appears on **Special Muster Roll**

for Dated Apr. 18, 1863.

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks: \* Transferred to "A"

101st O.V.I. by special

order No. 11 of Brig. Gen.

Jeff. C. Davis, transfer

to date from Mar. 1, 1863

\* As shown on Roll

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William H. Kimber  
Pvt., 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

**Battery Muster Roll**

for Jan & Feb. 1863

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't \$ 100 for

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

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William H. Kimber

Pvt. 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for Mar & April 1862

Present or absent present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't \$ 100 for

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks:

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K | 2 Indpt. Battery. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Pvt. 2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for Oct. 18, 61 to Feb. 28, 1862

Present or absent present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't \$ 100 for

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks:

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K | 2 Indpt. Batt'y. | Minn.

William H. Kimber

Pvt. Capt. Hotchkiss' 2d Batt'y Artillery.\*

Age 21 years.

Appears on

Battery Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Bt. Snelling, Minn., Mar. 21, 1862.

Muster-in to date Feb. 20, 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Feb. 20, 1862.

Where Bt. Snelling

Period 3 years.

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks:

\* This organization subsequently became 2 Indpt. Batt'y Minn. Light Artillery.

Book mark:

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Ward

Copyist.

Statement of Service Reference Slip.

Office Pension

Claim No. IC 1051228

William H. Kimber

(Name)

2 Indpt. Batt'y, Minn. L. Art'y.

To Med. Div. April 6, 1916

For report

W J J  
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No medical record found.  
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At the outbreak of the rebellion the township of Quincy did her part toward its suppression. Sixty of her sons went out in response to the long roll, and some of them never returned.

## DOVER.

The broad domain of Minnesota did not furnish a more inviting spot to the eye of the early pioneer than the territory now embraced within the boundary lines of Dover. The township is essentially a prairie one, though an occasional thicket is found, and there is some timber along the south branch of the White Water, which winds through the town from east to west. The marshes and springs are few.

The first permanent settler in Dover was Leonard Knapp, who came in May, 1854, locating on the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 26. Judge Thompson came later in the same year, and located on the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 14. Joseph Drake also came in 1854, locating on the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 10. Robert Robertson and John Clarkson came in the fall of the same year, locating on section 36. W. J. Rank came in 1855, locating on S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 21. R. L. Cotterell came in 1856, locating on the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 3. Elmer L. Fowler came in 1855. Uriah Carpenter came in 1856, locating on section 13. John R. Henry came in 1857, locating on section 28. Jerome C. Ketchum came in the spring of 1855, locating on the N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 5.

The Stevenson family came in 1855, locating in the northeastern part of Dover and southeastern part of Quincy. A. P. Stearns came in 1857, locating on section 24. Francis Monty located on section 24 in 1856, purchasing the claim formerly owned by Mr. Waller.

Emery H. Dewey came in the spring of 1856, locating on the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 19. John Fraser in 1855, locating on section 23.

The Denton family came in 1857, locating on section 24. Isaac M. Childs in 1856, locating on section 12. Chester Phelps, M. Whitmore, John Lasher, George Kendall, G. C. Sheeks, G. T. Wilsey, Simpson Smith, Messrs. Niles, Bolt and Purdy, G. A. Kimber, Hiram Cross, William Merry, George Bortol, Simeon Harding and Elanson Richards also number among the pioneers of the township.

The first religious service held in the town was at the residence of G. A. Kimber.

The first birth was Rodolphus, son of G. A. Kimber, which occurred October 17, 1855.

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