



SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

IN CASE OF

William A. Kimber

Co. 2nd, Batt. Reg't Minn. I. A.

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Post office, Dayton

County, Rhea

State, Tennessee

P. S.—Write your Post-office address plainly and in full.

Dayton

give our division. We got a signal
just as if commenced raining and
just as we were to start there
until Sunday we had orders to be
ready to move at six. It looked
as if it had rained and melted until
two o'clock and started to go eight
miles up the river, we had left
four horses in a team, two from each
team having been sent to where they
could get food. The roads were full
our horses poor and nearly starved.
We only got about two of corn to the
place per day and one they got
more for their dogs and workers.
Just at the time a flood after
dark when we got to camp, on
the bank of the river, we lay there
until noon when we started to our
east camp four miles back
the road.

We calculated to stop here a
while do we fixed up our camp for
winter, we and my partner have
got us a hut built five logs high
and about six feet deep on the
inside we have a stone fire place
and stone on one end on the other
is our bunk in the top there we turn
it up against the side of the wall,
our table is fixed on two posts in
the wall which we stuck out and
hang up we have a cup board

it as set it out then it will
be safe. I don't make much
calculations on getting out of the
army before my time is out,
Enclosed you will find a letter
on Webster of Wisconsin.

I believe I have written all
the news that I know of,
write as soon as you get this

So no more at present
I am & kindest
Wm. H. Kimball

perhaps but they may be a considerable
time yet before they get enough, I
think they will have to be well and I fear
in Germany before they give up, we
are having a good time this winter
for soldiers but it is dull and the boys
are in good health there has been
but little sickness in the Army this
winter, some of your dog's steers in the
past has wintered last month with the
I well here, he used to be my sergeant
& had a letter from General & his days
ago he was well when he wrote,
write soon and write all

Good bye

William H. Kimball

Fort Mifflin

Chattanooga Feb 6th 65

Dear Parents, Mother and sister

I take my pen to write you
a few lines in answer to yours of
21st ult. I was out with the team
after noon, yesterday and when I got
back I found a letter and deposited it
for me, I was glad to hear from you
and to hear that you was all well,
and I was very glad to get the tidings
every one that I showed it to, said
that I had three or more brothers or
they had ever seen, and when I showed
them the rest they said that if the
war lasted the winter would be all
to keep a boy in the army for a good
while, my father was looking at
the pictures and as he was looking
at one, he says says he your sister is

The boys are mostly well
there is but very few in the
hospital now, Buckley Whittum
Maine Leon Mixite and Henry
are well & I want to know
if you got my papers I got
some that got sent about three
weeks ago but have had but one
Parchester paper got.

I guess I have written
enough for this time, there
is no news here at present
we dont know what Sherman
is or how either and you know
as much about matters north as I
Write as soon as you get this my
kind is getting tired and I in a hurry,
and I want to write to you will get
so good bye

Wm. Skinkles
as soon as I can
write to you
all comes right
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New 29th 1862
Chattanooga Tenn

Dear Parents

I take my pen

to write you a few lines in answer
to yours of the 15th, which I received
yesterday, I am well and I hope
that this will find you the same,
we have been having inspection this
fore noon of guns and knapsacks,
we have muskets as well as cavers,
we have been having a lot of old gun
but they a lot of new ones the other
day so most of us have new muskets,
now, we have got our camp and quar-
ters fixed up pretty comfortable, (We
have been working on the breast works
some for a few days, they are changing
our leaders, they had a lot of prisoners
(deserters and bounty jumpers) at work
on them for a few days but we had

I will send an order
for that stone order
which you wish you would get

1824

Chattanooga Tenn Dec 21st
Dear Parents

I take my pen to

write you a few lines to let you

know that I am still well, to day

we got the first mail we have had

since the last of last month, I got

three one from you of Nov 24th one

from Coletts Nov 23rd and one from

Leach of Nov 27th, I was glad to

hear from you all and to hear that

you was well, We have been shut up

here for nearly a month by Cold & snow

being on the rail^{road} between here and

Washville but Gen Thomas has give

him a hoist and set him off and

I guess he has dont him some th,

we was glad when we heard that

he was above off the rail^{road} you

had better believe for his idea stopping

our mail, he had stoped our post

O'Leary is rather scarce in
camp, we have not had any
northern papers lately, and ~~but~~
but little telegraph,

Write as soon as you get
this, and send me Lovells
~~addresses, he said when she~~
last wrote the expected to
move camp, tell him the
next time that I would like
to have him let me know if
if he don't intend to write to
me and I will stop,
No more at present

Wm. Kimbrell

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Chattanooga Oct 14th 1864

Dear parents, I

take my pen to write you a few
lines to let you know that I am still

alive and well, although I don't know
^{know} hardly whether you are or not. It has

been so long since I heard from you,

The last letter I had from you was

dated Aug 14th, and the last from

Lovell was July 16th, I have had

but two from him since I left

home, We have moved camp again

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week ago and moved to this place

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town in a fort or redan, as they call
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or what kind we shall keep, we

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live time compared with us,
when they can come home once or
twice a year, but I don't complain
I had as soon soldier in Dixie as
any place, as long as I have to
soldier, but I am not hoping it
won't be long before we can all come
home, but I don't know, I don't
make any calculations on coming
home before my time is out, &
you wanted to know if that old
Patch was good looking, he ain't
very bad looking, but I guess it
won't make much difference with
you whether he is or not, by the
number of letters he gets from a
"white man" in the river, but
I don't want you to take up with
any of them chaps, what is afraid
to enlist, and this is that I have
been discharged before this time

are out, are not many of them
much better, there is too many
of them that in list get the bounty
and then play of and get their dis-
charges, I hope Old Abe
will part the drift through and
take a lot of them from Dixie,
There are twenty one that I know
of that I would like to see coming
down here with a gun on their shou-
der, There have been a good many
soldiers from Miss come here
lately, but none from Texas that
I have seen, There are five compa-
nies of the 1st Miss Heavy Artille-
ry in this place and several more
expected, I don't know how long
we shall stay here, may be a good
while, about twenty, and perhaps
more of the boys are going home the
last of this month, and all of the

I guess I have written all the
news to Colby. There is not much
news here any way but what you
get before the day. All Roddy has been
sick but is about as well. I give my
respects to Mrs. Madison when you
speak of her, did write the letter

to good bye, will love,

William R. Kimber

to be in the city with me in a week
I will not see you until you are
back again to see a good old friend
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back again to see a good old friend

1865

Chatham's Arms

Dear Parents

I take my

pleasure to write you a few lines in answer
to the letter I got from you today, one
was sealed Dec 11, & since the other I got

I was glad to hear from you, as I had
not had a letter from you since I had
moved. I got a letter from David on the 20th

he was well when he wrote, I got the Pres-
ident's message the other day, and a

Manchester paper, and today I got a piece
from you, the Whig and Chicago, I

would send you with the Whig's paper
but there is no news but what you get
in the Whig's paper, and not much of it

that we have not had much mail
for the last three days & before today, but
today we got a good deal. I heard not

much news here at present, it don't hear
much from Thomas Army.

will keep for the purpose and if I
can get down I can borrow the money
for little or no interest. There is not
much news here that can be relied on, it
was reported that Wherman had burnt
Obtunka and was falling back, but our
boys left there Sunday night and it is not
so there is ~~not~~ ^{one} ~~and~~ ^{perhaps} left there and
the rest have gone after Wood, I dont know
where Wood is but I guess he has gone down
towards Abensphis, Today is election day and
I expect they will have high times in the north,
it is reported that the Potomac wing have
gone for space but I dont believe it, I know this
army has out, Chase got five votes out of one hun-
dred and eight in this battery, one of them dont
know how much aid there were provisions
some of them cant talk English, I think according
to accounts that was about the average of this army
before it got to the 1st Maine heavy artillery
are here, but I not seen any one that I know,
When you write again let me know who aint from
over that I know and where they went, Give my
respects to all the neighbors and tell General Custer
kalls if they are there yet to visit to me when
they get home, I guess I have written all the
news, I got a Whomans paper a few days ago,
I have had but one Rochester paper yet,
Write as soon as you get this and write all the
news, where is Appens folks gone, send me
there post office address if you know it,
I dont know as you can read this paper
my hand is getting tired so no more at present
I go to Kinko
Wm H. Kinko

Chattanooga Tenn. Nov. 14th 1864
Dear parents

I take my
pen to write you a few lines to advise you
of the 29th, I was glad to hear from you
and to hear that you were having ~~your~~ ^{your} time
visiting, I am well and I hope that this
will find you the same, We are having
rather rainy weather here now, it has
rained several days, it rained last night
and as we moved our shanties day before
yesterday, and had not pitched around
them this morning when we got up we had
about three inches of water in the bottoms
We are having inspection this morning
but I am engaged to day so I dont have
to go, we are fixing up for winter, we
are building a cook house each end over,
we are paving our walks and most of us
have shanties built, they are about 7 by 12
feet and four feet high at the sides and
are covered with shelter tents, there is some
(in each)

So we haven't got our chimney built yet,
I got a letter from Sarah the other day
she was well, she was at St Dimpsey, she had
just got back from a trip up north, they was
gone nine days I believe he said, he have
signed the pay roll for two months pay
but they say the rolls are not right so we
will not be likely to get pay on them, I hope
they wont pay us now until next month
then we will have four months pay and
fifty dollars bounty coming to us, I am
going to try to buy some Minsters At Chalk
Bounty Order, I guess I can get it for
\$1500, Deacons Wife has disposed of
this, she went to Richard and he gave
her an order for the other fifty dollars,
he gave her the same kind of order that
they are paying to recruits now, it is
payable two years from next spring over
draws ten per cent, interest payable annually
or semi annually I forgot which, if you
will go and see Mr Richard perhaps you
~~can~~ can get an order for me.

We have got a lot more recruits, we
now have about one hundred and
eighty, about thirty more than a battery
is entitled to, but they enlisted for
the battery and wouldnt go any where
else, there was about thirty of them in
town and as the battery was full they
was a going to send them some where
else but they wouldnt go, so they
kept them in town and sent to Wash-
ington for information, and got an or-
der that they had to send them to
the place they enlisted for, so they sent
them here, we have just got a new
Lieutenant his name is Davis he was
Volonty Sergeant, part of our boys
are in another part about eighty rods
from here, they havnt got it done
yet, it will be a nice fort when it
is done, it is built of large stone
here, we have a nice place here when
it is oby but it is rather muddy when
it rains, a good many of the new men

how far is it from Ft Ridgely
and which way, is there much
timber on the south side of the
Minnesota river below the Fort,
I want you to take this letter
when you get it and answer all
the questions, I have asked them
in every letter I have written to
you this summer and have not
had more than half of them
answered yet, let me know if
you can what town and sec-
tion the river is nearest to the claims
to go to the river for timber, have
I would like to have you go and
see the claims if you can, if you
do let me know how you like it
and what the chance for a road is
to timber, I guess I have written
enough, write as soon as you get
this and be sure and answer all of
my questions

From your Brother

Wm Kimber

Chattanooga Oct 6th 1864

Dear Brother

I take my pen
to write you a few lines in answer to
yours of Sep 8th which I got day
before yesterday, I was glad to hear
from you and hear that you was well,
I am well, and I hope that this
will find you the same, I got a
letter from home to day, they were
all well, Uncle Leins folks were out
there, they were well and liked the coun-
try first rate, much better than Iowa,
We got our pay yesterday for two months
but I guess I shall not send any
home this time, there is two month
more due us now, and when we get
that we shall get fifty dollars of
our bounty, It is raining to day
we have had a " "

Direct

Good Morn Battery

Parson Artillery

Chattanooga Tenn

We are a going to guard a lot
of horses as soon as we get a fence
built, we are in a good place
there is a nice spring of water and
plenty of timber, there is only about
half of our boys here at present
the rest are at Chattanooga waiting
the horses, we expect them here
every day, I have not had a letter
since I left home, I expect we
will lay here all summer so we
shall not be apt to see any night
tell Harry Cole and Gyona that
they must learn to write so they
can write me a letter, if they
want them letters we have obam
muskets and carbidey boxes so
we are infantry at present.
As soon as you get this
No more at present

From your sons
B & B Kimber, Wm & B Kimber

About forty goes out in the
spring, and rightly more in
the fall, so that we shall have
a small battery, but I see Colville
has made another call for three
hundred thousand, so I guess he
intends to put a stop to the war
or lay the arms full. I guess
I have wrote enough for once
so good bye

Write as soon as you get this
with a good long letter - give my
respects to all the boys

Yours from your Brother
Wm. W. Kimball

W. W. Kimball

Dear
W. W. Kimball

Jan 15th 1862

Chattanooga Tenn
Dear Brother

As it windy
and out of doors today, I thought I

~~would write you a few lines in case~~
I never to yours of Dec 14th, which I
received a few days ago.

I am well and I hope that this
will find you the same. It has been
pretty heavy here for a few days, it
rained & good deal yesterday and last
night and has been cloudy and windy
to day and it is raining now. We have
seen full rations to day for the first
time in forty days, or what they call
full rations, but our beef is two
pounds of hme to one of meat, they
dont feed the cattle any thing more
well than to save their lives.
The Rabbits got about eight hundred
of them a few days ago, and it would

I don't know whether I shall draw
any or not. I have got about forty
dollars due me from the boys, if you
don't mind I will draw it and
send it home, but I believe it is as
well in Uncle Sam's hands as it is
to learn it.

I had a letter from Good, he
wrote as soon as he got to the post
I had one from Aunt Susan's folks
they was all well but Aunt Susan,
she was not very well when she writ
you said they was doctering these
things if the doct' any from Susan
I wish you would write to her they are

I see by herine papers that they
have drafted in some of the northern
troops, I hope they will put it through
I got a couple of papers from you
a short time ago, the Milwaukee
and Wisconsin. I have never had but
two Rochester papers yet, they are
cheap, only a dollar a piece.

I don't know what we are going
to do when we get to London, whether
we will get horses or not, I hope we
won't, unless we go into the fields with
Ben's steerman in east Jersey
we keep our muskets yet, some of
the boys turned in their muskets and
said the soldiers that we had kept
summer when we were practicing on
the other side of the river.

Summer is about ready and
I must stop writing, when we get
up to London I will write you my
write down and all the news,
direct to Chattanooga, but not
Jackson Mississippi.

Yours
Wm. B. Kinler

We have got our boots overcast pants
and another shirt so that if I dont come
home I have clothes enough to make
me comfortable. We drill about 5 hours
a day now and are getting so that we can
smack a little. I have had the measles
but I am well now and healthy again
I was pretty sick for 3 or 4 days but had
good care taken of me. The weather is
pleasant in the forenoon but
but last it rained and snowed a little
and today it is cloudy and looks like rain
the snow is nearly all gone since the snow
is melting so that if it keeps on warm
it wont be a great while before the ice
will break up. I cant think of any
thing else to write at present so I
will bid you good bye. Write to me
as you get time. I love
Father mother and all the family. I will
write you soon and hope you will
write to me and let me hear from
you. I will write you soon.

(coming)
I see by the papers that they are still hanging
away at Charleston. I think they will take
it before they give it up, but it seems as
though there was poor general ship at the
time they charged the works near Ft Wagner on
the 11th. I think if they take Charleston it
will be a serious blow to rebellion. I see they
have not commenced drafting yet in Minnesota
I wish they would draft enough to fill up the
regiments and batteries in the south, the 2nd
regiment has not more than five five hundred
men fit for duty, our battery is getting to be
an infantry battery we have had about forty men
~~detached out of the infantry~~ we had twenty six
recruits come to us at Louisville last fall
and now we have hardly enough to handle the
guns, I hardly see what has become of them (yet)
we have had but three killed and two discharged
on account of wounds. We get papers here pretty
regular now mostly Nashville papers with an
occasional Wisconsin paper and others from Abing
I see by the last Wisconsin paper that Sibley's
expedition has not found any Indians yet but
expected to in a day or two but still there are
murders being committed by the Indians nearly
every day hundreds of miles in his rear. I
suppose Americus Varylet is with him he
will have a good chance to see the country

before they got to us. We were paid at
Lucinto but I would not send it by
mail. They have paid us up to the
1st of Sept. they say they are a going to
pay us all up the 1st of Jan if they do
I shall have \$64 more to send if I am
where I can send it. I want mother
should have \$10 and \$10 to buy Christmas
presents for the children. It is reported
that the rebels are at Chempresboro
twenty miles from here in large force.
but I don't know whether they are or not.
we have not got our tents yet that
we turned in at. It's Lawrence but we are
pretty comfortable with our tarpaulins
we have some pretty cold nights and
have had some snow but it is all gone
now. we are generally pretty healthy but
there are several sick in the company.
there was one of our boys died last night
here and a few days ago one died in

Nashville. Lieut Drwley is in command
of the Battery at present and has been
for some time the captain is under ar
rest his court martial was to have come off
yesterday but was adjourned there
are charges of fraud against him and
if they are proven it will go hard
with him I don't care what they do with
him if they will take him out of the
Battery we have plenty of men that
will make better captains than him.
you wrote you talked of sending some
clothes down here I think it won't pay
there is lots of our boys sending their cloths
home the government furnishes us
all the cloths we need I have an nice
coat I wish was at home. I have not
seen Raymond lately I saw 9 men from
the Bierbaum neighborhood that had
enlisted in the 2^d regiment to fill
it up they left Mann in 2^d

We have first been out on a three days scout, we started Thursday morning with ~~the~~ two dogs, Nelson and cats for our horses which we carried on their backs, we went about 30 miles and camped, we got up at twelve o'clock at night and started again and by daylight we were sight among them, we had a man with us that knew who were sels and who were union and we went in on our nerve the first house we went to we surrounded the house and I and the sergeant went in to search, we searched down stairs went up was look ing round when when we saw a pile of wool we turned it over when we saw that the floor had been torn up and laid down again, we turned up a board when what should we see but a mans head sticking out we coiled our revolvers and told

me to get out of that, he told us not to kill him and said he would surrender so we took them along, we searched several more houses and ^{found} pistols and guns had a good dinner and supper and plenty of parches and molasses and at night laid down with our arms on us, lay until three o'clock in the morning when we mounted our horses again we searched one house before daylight and started for camp, we searched three houses on the road and made to camp over forty miles, we got to camp about ten o'clock at night, I see by your letter you are near our claims, but you did not say how you liked the country, when you get this write to me if you have seen the claims and how you like them and how you ^{like} the country you have seen up there, what is the prospects of coal up there, what kind of a

him. he was out of six in
our eyes.

I believe I have written
most of the news, the logs
of the battle I do not know
you will probably know as

Henry, I write as soon as you
get this, I dont know if you
can read it but if you have
no more conveniences for reading
them I do for writing you containing
cents

E. W. D. Winkler, Wm. Winkler

of our cession and know full
a piece of it out, they then
quitted down with about 11
enclose when we were welcomed
by the report of a gun from our
fort. we jumped up and the
muskets were a rattling in front
as though there was a going to
be a fight, they soon shut up
when the cannon lay in the valley
it was a splendid sight, we were
even with the fort and about 500 yds
to the right, the St Regis were
nearly a confirmed blags for a
hour or hour together with an
occasional shot from other
batteries. since then there has
been no firing to speak of, they
were trying to run a battery close
to our lines, but I guess they
couldnt do it.

General Davis ordered us to
leave as quick as possible
as they were trying to flank us
and cut us off from Chalmers.
We went down into the road and
soon came to a regular farm of
embankment beyond which lay
and foot men it was a narrow
valley and they were on a hill
about one hundred yards from us
rains falling into us, we could get
no place to fire back at them
and as soon as we got out of the
way of bullets they commenced shelling
us, we went up road and then went
into position after a while we were
ordered back to the forks of the
road where we went and stood
that night after we had been
there a while the 2nd Regiment

went into position in an old
field near a corn field on a
high elevation the rebels
were in the woods in front of
us and our infantry they dug
the ditch we opened our fire
and soon another battery took
position on our left and another
a half foot rods behind us
commenced firing over our heads
we sent word to them to stop
and they came off on our right,
we soon drove them back and our
infantry advanced but the rebels
came on them with the heavy
force and our men had to fall
back under our guns on our left
the woods came nearly to our
flank the enemy advanced through
the woods and made a charge

section turned to the left with
 another by-gate and went into
 Gorge six miles, we camped at
 ten o'clock at night on the top
 of the mountain near the south
 side we had no food for our
 horses, the next morning we
 found the road down the ^{mountain} ^{layers}
 filled with timber and so we got
 the edge of the mountain ^{layers}
 miles to where the rest of the top
 shows the top of the mountain it
 is the grandest sight I ever
 saw you can see for miles from
 either side it is about twenty
 miles across the mountain on the
 top it is really level and very
 little hatched, we camped in
 the south valley several days
 and on Sunday morning we
 had orders to climb it again
 that night we camped on the

top and the next day started
 back again by our old camp
 and went four miles toward
 Senter, the next morning we
 went out by day by 11 and stood
 in the road until about midday
 by dark when we went into camp
 and staid until three, when
 we got out in a hurry and
 went up the mountain again
 at the same time we went up
 there was some bad cattle down
 up and a lot of cavalry coming
 down it was dark the road was
 stony at top and cracked and
 we had a hard time of it
 at eleven o'clock we went into
 camp by a nice stream, the
 next morning we started
 toward the same road we
 went before of nice when we
 turned to the left and

nothing but skin and bone with
no more color than a sheet, there
was about seven hundred left. Nothing
and the rest stopped in St. Louis hospital.
They came along by our quarters on their
way to the hospital which is about 30 rods
from here and we went and carried these
knapsacks for them, they said they traveled
six days on foot and then went into battle
on the seventh without breakfast, and after
fighting all day stood all night in
the rain without any thing to eat. They
are completely worn out. I think they
will all get well as men that have been
in the hospital day they have excellent
one taken of them, while as soon as
you get this from your affectionate boy
William Gordon

Benton Bracks Ma May 29th

Dear Parents Brothers

Sister and all I take my pen and
ink to let you know that I am
well and I hope that this may find you
the same. I received your letter a short
time before we left for dwelling and
~~was glad to hear from you~~

We left a week ~~ago~~ last Monday morn
with 4 companies of the fourth regiment
six companies leaving left the day before
and got here a week ago last Friday
The fourth regiment left here this morning
together with the 1st Iowa for standing
near Corinth. We don't know when we
shall go but it is not likely we shall stay
here a great while we have got our horses
mules and wagons but not our canteen yet
we are expecting our pay this week ~~we~~ got
upped to the point of march before we
left the fort. Our company are mostly
in good health, we have but three in

There is some talk of our getting
pay again soon but I think I shall
not draw mine unless you want it.
I think it is safer in Uncle Sam's
hands than at interest, I could send
~~it~~ (to you) if you could make use
of it but if you don't want it I
will let it lay, write if you want
it. We have had some pretty cold
weather this winter a great deal
as colder than last winter with
less rain there has been a little
snow several times and the ground
is frozen an inch or two thick
we have had sleds built for our dogs
we have lost a good many feed
is scarce we had but one beer
in six days, I expect it will
be plentiful the railroad is running
E. & S. Kimbark West Kimbark

Camp near Rapids Falls
Jan 20, 1888

Dear parents 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 moving camp again we started
the 26th of last month just a
year from the time we left Peshaw
for Stone River. it was raining
as usual and we hated to leave
our nice huts. we moved to the
river and waited for our turn to
cross the bridge, we crossed went
through town and through the mines
about three miles when we had to
camp for the night, we had but
four horses to the team and nothing
for them to eat, we got supper
and laid down it rained some
that night, the next morning

Ed and Charley Whitman have
just got up our tent, he was
taken sick down to the front and
came to the hospital at Chattanooga
staid there about two weeks and
then came out here, he has been
fairly sick since he came here
with the fever and dysent. but
he is getting pretty smart again.

You wrote that Board was going
to Fort Biggley when you write
to him tell him that I guess he
has forgot the promise he made
to write to me, I have wrote to
him twice and have had no
answer from him yet, you wrote
that they had drafted in Olinstead
but did not say who was drafted
when you write again write who was
drafted and who is a gaine and who
aint, and if you see any one that I
know that is coming to Chattanooga
tell them to give us a caddy

The boys are all well at pres-^{ent}
All Hovey sends his respects
to you tell Harry that he must
hurry up with that writing book
so that he can write me a letter
and tell him and Goll and Ezra
that when we get settled down
so that we can get mail regular.

I want them to send their pictures
I can letters all go to the front
the boys found a bug full there for
us, they saw some of the boys that
idint need it they are all well
but would like to come back, they
are in the 2^d Ill. Battery, they have
done a good deal of fighting but
none of our boys have been hurt
they have fired about fifteen hun-^{dred}
shots to the gun since they started
on this campaign, I think Sherman
is doing good work, our boys left
Maricetta Sunday morning they heard
cannonading when they left, Sherman

1863
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
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Nashville June 2, 1867

Dear parents

I take my pen to write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along, we just got here this morning after riding all night in the cars, I had a good ride on the stage the day I left home I did not get to Covington until two o'clock at night, at four I started again for St Paul, I got there before sundown staid there that night and went up to the Fort the next morning I found Lord well gave him all that you sent except the testament I found that in my knapsack this morning, we left the Fort that same afternoon and left St Paul in the evening, we had a bad time going down the river

I am getting pretty well

again but my bones are very sore owing to my being tilted so much. This is a pretty good place

and we have plenty to eat and drink and good beds to lay on. There is some bread and meat I don't

eat. This place is much better than any other I have been to but what is it to help himself and make his own bed. I believe I have written enough but I must write to

the abolition they must write to me. Write as soon as you get this

to Philadelphia from your son James and

James C. Eastman

General Jackson

London

Fallhome Tenn

June 18th 1861

Dear parents

I take my pen to write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I have been under the weather a few days and when we came along here they left me here in the hospital.

I believe we were in the barracks in Clarksville when I last wrote to you. We left there that evening or the next went out to the edge of the city and camped on a wet filthy flat piece of ground. We lay there a couple of days drew tents wagons and muskets and were to march to Chattanooga as I say but we were going to guard a crowd of beef cattle though we shouldered our muskets and marched through town and then miles out through the mud and came to the conclusion that I had better

with them there was heavy musketry and some
cannon firing. We went round and tried to flank them
but before we got around them they fell back. We are
having nice weather now dry and cool but we have
got to go and get one of my horses shod so as to be
ready to go. So I guess I will stop writing write
as soon as you get the letter from the
officer to the

Winchester Tenn, July 23/63

Dear parents, brothers & sister

and all I take my pen to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and I hope that these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing. I received a letter from you on the 23^d of last month and the same day I wrote one to you. I told you that we had just got marching orders and I did not know where we were going. We packed up our deeds or what few we had left for we had orders a few days before to box up our extra clothing and leave it at Humphreys and about seven o'clock next morning started south, we soon found that the whole army was in motion. we went about six miles on the pike and then turned off to the left it commenced raining before we got fairly started and the roads were very bad. before night we came our way only came up to the rebel in considerable force, at the gaps in the hills, the road went through a ^{such} deep & narrow valley as the Rebels took and they had cannon placed behind our works so you may judge what we had to contend against. we moved our battery as near as we could get on a account of rock and bluish and remained two days doing nothing except jumping up several times a night when the musketry got to sharp and changing position as we expected them to come from different directions, but old Rosey played them a Yankee trick, there was their passers, the Rebels made a

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ACT OF MAY 11, 1912

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It is hereby certified That in conformity with the laws of the United States William A. Kimber who was a Private 2^d Battery Minnesota Light Artillery

is entitled to a pension at the rate of Thirty dollars per month, to commence March 5 - 1916.

Given at the Department of the Interior this nineteenth day of April one thousand nine hundred and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fortieth.

M. A. P.
Secretary of the Pension

Subscribed
M. A. P.

6-1275

Commissioner of Pensions.
G. A. J.

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