

Camp at
Green River

Dear Mr. [unclear]

I have a very
few letters to write and I

know of no way of forwarding
them without a very great

I have just received from
dell, and have had a pleasant
for some weeks. But some

of the Lieutenant's complaint
Lieut. Humphreys has sent me

now to the powder house, I shall
have my measure taken today

for a dress uniform, the
suit, pants vest and coat

and \$2.00 to the shoulder, I hope
that that suit, sword & will

cost something more, but I don't
so much as I thought it

Yours
[unclear]

When I get my uniform I think I will come after you, I shall have it as soon as it can be made.

The dinner horn is blowing and I will have to cease writing until I have finished the contract namely, concerning government food.

After dinner

We have now got to go down to have our medals taken for our uniforms, and I must therefore close this letter as I wish it to reach you tomorrow night.

My angel wife may God strengthen you, and help you to bear up with my absence. Do not let me to send you it.

I feel as though the clouds which have gathered will soon be dispelled.

My lovely wife, I will visit every day I can of course if I do you must not expect very long letters every time any time well be up and.

I love, love, love you with all my heart, and soon I will be with you.

Good bye dear until the next time.

Your loving husband,
Almon

Letters of Almon Smith,
5th Wisconsin Battery
enlisted at Camp Utley, Racine, WI, Sep 4, 1861
died of disease at Iuka, MS, Aug 23, 1862

Camp Utley
Racine, Oct 3rd, '61

Dear Little Wife,

I have a very
few leisure moments and I
know of no way of spending
as in writing to my idol.

I have just come in from
drill and have had a pleasant
forenoon's work. But some
of the lieutenants complain
Lieut. Humphrey has sent one
man to the parade house, I shall
have my measure taken today
for a dress uniform, the
suit, pants, vest, and coat
costs \$30.00. The shoulder straps
hat, sash, sword & @ will
cost something more. But not
as much as I thought at
first.

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I think I will come after
you, I shall have it as soon
as it can be made.

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and I will have to cease
writing until I have filled
the contract namely, consuming
government food.

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wish it to reach you
tomorrow night.

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God strengthen you and
help you to bear up under
my absences. Do Mira
try to endure it.

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clouds which have gathered
will soon be dispelled.

My lovely wife, I will
write every day I can
of course if I do you
must not expect very long
letters. Every time as my
time well occupied.

I love, love, love you
with all my heart, and
soon I trust to see you.

Good bye dear until
the next time.

Your loving hus,
Almon

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for you. You have my
whole heart, and I live
only for you.

Drang, you must
not allow yourself to get
away. I want you to
always look well, and
if you are and generous
my absence, you will
become imaculate. Then
do be cheerful, and soon
we shall meet again.

I remember that thousands
are solicited like you, and
that they have not as much
firmness to sustain
them, for I do believe that
there is no man who loves
his wife as well as I do
mine; because there is none
half so morally. It is raining
again, and the boys, who

we get in the guard, or
at the entrance to the
of the tower, my not writing
last time, I
think that
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the
the
the

Camp at the
Harris Oct 4th 1864

Dear Mother

I have one hour
of leisure which I will
devote to you. I am well
and healthy as ever.

We have got our tent
which is considerably larger
than the private. It looks
real comfortable, and I am
well with a little more
convenience.

Capt. Timmy has gone
to Milwaukee to-day to see
about the arrangements of our
uniforms. They will be tried
soon, we get them.

Found a soldier at
if he is a private, is rather
large. We has to do what

is told him, he is, what
it may, and then if he do
On second, he might stand
there until relieved if it
rains right down. Last night
it was raining so
severely one fellow left his
beat, and he is now in the
guard house, and soldiers
main there for some time
to come. Pat would
it is altogether different
We do not have to be exposed
to the storms, unless on a
march. Do not tell any
one of this for they might
think I was staying over
their misfortunes, which
we certainly do not.

I tell you one more
very wisely in bringing

some bedding. If it need
any more, I will let you
know when I send for
you, or when come
after you. I told a dis-
mised soldier, who went
home this morning to call
and tell you I was well
etc.

I have received two
letters from you, but I expect
another one to day if I do
not get it I shall feel very
disappointed for it does
me so much good to hear
from you. This makes the 7th
or 8th letter I have written
to you.

You dear good wife
I cannot find words to ex-
press my love and admiration

As it is raining I will
take a new sheet! How does
your folks, or rather our folks,
get along? Has your mother
got her pay, for boarding
volunteers?

Did your father
get a position in the army?
Excuse me I meant father
and mother, but cannot do
up these things as I ought
without practice.

We now have several
companies in camp, compris-
ing nearly 1000 men,

Myra, dear little
wife. Good-bye.

Truly often
Yours Hus.
A.O.

Camp Utley
Racine Oct 4th 1861

Dear Wife,

I have one hour
of leisure which I will
devote to you. I am well
and hearty as ever.

We have got our tent
which is considerable larger
than the privates. It looks
real comfortable and I can
write with a little more
convenience.

Capt. Pinney has gone
to Milwaukee to-day to see
about the trimmings of our
uniforms. They will be nice
when we get them.

Mira a soldiers lot
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tough. He has to do what

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is told him, be it what
it may and then if he be
on guard, he must stand
there until relieved if it
rains right down. Last-night
while it was raining so
severely one fellow left his
beat and he is now in the
guard house, and will re-
main there for some time
to come. But with us
it is altogether different -
We do not have to be exposed
to the storms, unlike on a
march. Do not tell any
one of this for they might
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their misfortunes, which
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I tell you we were
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for you. You have my whole heart and I live only for you.

Deary, you must not allow yourself to pine away. I want you to always look well, and if you mourn and grieve over my absence, you will become emaciated. Then do be cheerful, and soon we shall meet again.

Remember that thousands are situated like you, and that they have not as much genuine love to sustain them, for I do believe that there is no man who loves his wife as well as I do mine, because there is none half so worthy. It is raining again, and the boys who [border]

are not on duty guard are crawling into their tents. You

spoke about my not writing
last Sunday
I did Mira
and the
mistake
must be in
the mails.

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take a new sheet. How does
your folks, or rather our folks,
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Write often -
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any one else.
They keep bothering me
for paper, and I can't seem to
write. This is one reason why
I do not write more connecti-
edly. I am confused most
to death almost with a con-
tinual gabbling. I have no eye-
mate whom to go to, to enjoy
a quietness.

What a beautiful day
this is! How I would like to
stroll over the ground with
you, upon the banks of the
Lake Michigan, which is close
by the camp.

Your son lettered me
dear my cousin to me. I
read them with great
heart. I love to hear from
you, as well as you do
from me. I am expecting
a letter to day from you

I shall be disappointed
if I do not.

Be a good little
wife, and I shall soon see
you, next week! I think
my uniform will probably
be done the last of this week,
and if so, I will try and
come home, the next week.

Though I cannot come
home whenever I please,
Write soon.

Your ever loving
Husband
M. A. B.

Oct 3rd 1861



Mrs. Almon Smith
Morse
Green Co.
Wis.

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Oct 19th 1861

Mrs Almon Smith
Morse
Wis.



Oct 4th 1861

Mrs. A. H. Smith
Morse
Wis.



Camp Utley
Racine Oct. 19th, 1861

My Own Dear Wife,

I generally write you immediately after dinner and as I have just come from dinner I will talk with my precious wife the while allotted me for rest. I cannot occupy my time half so agreeably half so profitably, nor half so sweetly when away from you as in inditing letters to the object of my whole affections.

You are mistaken when you imagine that you cannot compose as good a letter as the next one. They certainly had the best of me of any correspondents I have not received any from

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any one else.

They keep bothering me for papers, and I can scarcely write. This is one reason why I do not write more connectedly – I am confused most to death almost with a continual gabbing I have no separate room to go to, to enjoy a quietness.

What a beautiful day this is! Hon I would like to stroll over the ground with you, open the books of the Lake Michigan, which is close by the camp.

Your two letters were dear messengers to me. I read them with a grateful heart. I love to hear from you as well as you do from me. I am expecting a letter today from you

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Husband

Lt Ab. Al.

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The mail has been distrib-
uted and I have no letter.

Al.

Are you sick?

FIFTH BATTERY, LIGHT ARTILLERY.

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NAME.	RESIDENCE.	DATE.	REMARKS.
OFFICERS.			
<i>Captains.</i>		<i>Rank from.</i>	
Oscar F. Pinney.....	Monroe.....	Sept. 10, '61..	Enl. Sept. 4, '61; wnd. Stone River; died Feb. 17, '63, wnds.
Charles B. Humphrey..	Monroe.....	Feb. 18, '63..	Enl. Sept. 4, '61; Jr. 1st Lieut., Sept. 10, '61; resigned Apr. 29, '63.
George Q. Gardner....	Monroe.....	Apr. 30, '63..	Enl. Sept. 4, '61; Jr. 2d Lieut., Sept. 18, '61; Sen. 1st Lieut., Jan. 7, '63; resigned Nov. 4, '64.
Joseph McKnight	Wayne	Nov. 12, '64..	Enl. Sept. 9, '61; Sergt., 1st Sergt.; Sr. 2d Lieut., Aug. 21, '62; Jr. 1st Lieut., Feb. 18, '63; Sr. 1st Lieut., Apr. 30, '63; Brevet Major U. S. Vols., Mar. 13, '65, for meritorious services; M. O. June 6, '65.
<i>Sr. 1st Lieutenants.</i>			
Washington Hill	Monroe.....	Sept. 10, '61..	Enl. Sept. 4, '61; resigned Dec. 18, '62.
George Lafferty	Monroe.....	Nov. 12, '64..	Enl. Sept. 4, '61; Sergt., 1st Sergt.; Jr. 2d Lieut., Jan. 7, '63; Sr. 2d Lieut. Feb. 18, '63; Jr. 1st Lieut., June 1, '63; M. O. Dec. 25, '64.
Daniel Titus	Mt. Pleasant...	Dec. 25, '64..	Enl. Oct. 17, '61; Vet., Corp. Q. M. Sergt.; Jr. 2d Lieut., Mar. 20, '63; Sr. 2d Lieut. June 1, '63; Jr. 1st Lieut., Nov. 12, '64; M. O. June 6, '65.
<i>Jr. 1st Lieutenant.</i>			
Elijah Booth, Jr.....	Monroe	Jan. 14, '65..	Enl. Sept. 4, '61; Vet., Sergt., 1st Sergt.; wnd.; Jr. 2d Lieut., June 1, '63; Sr. 3d Lieut., Nov. 12, '64; M. O. June 6, '65.
<i>Sr. 2d Lieutenants.</i>			
+ Almon Smith.....	Monroe.....	Sept. 5, '61..	Enl. Sept. 4, '61; died Aug. 23, '62, Iuka, Miss., disease.
John Dickson	Argyle	Jan. 14, '65..	Enl. Sept. 5, '61; Vet., Sergt., 1st Sergt.; Jr. 2d Lieut., Nov. 12, '64; M. O. June 6, '65.
<i>Jr. 2d Lieutenant.</i>			
Charles M. Wyman....	Argyle	Jan. 14, '65..	Enl. Sept. 9, '61; Vet., Sergt., Q. M. Sergt.; M. O. June 6, '65.
<i>Surgeons.</i>			
William H. Smith	Beaver Dam...	May 1, '62..	Prom. Surgeon 28th Wis. Inf., Sept. 3, '62.
Robert G. James	Columbus	Jan. 1, '63..	Resigned Feb. 17, '64.
ENLISTED MEN.			
		<i>Enlisted.</i>	
Adams, Clarendon E..	Mt. Pleasant...	Feb. 19, '64..	M. O. June 6, '65.
Adams, Howard	Mt. Pleasant...	Sept. 9, '61..	Disch. Oct. 2, '61.
Adair, Charles	Jordan	Sept. 19, '61..	Killed in action Dec. 31, '62, Stone River.
Adair, Ezra.....	Monroe.....	Sept. 17, '61..	Vet.; M. O. June 6, '65.
Alexander, Thomas J..	Mukwanago....	Feb. 19, '64..	M. O. June 6, '65.
Allen, David.....	Sept. 9, '61..	Disch. Oct. 22, '61, disability.
Baker, James C.	Cadiz.....	Sept. 9, '61..	Vet., Corp.; M. O. June 6, '65.
Bailey, William W....	Adams	Dec. 18, '63..	M. O. June 6, '65.
Baldwin, Oscar F....	Alto	Feb. 4, '64..	M. O. June 6, '65.
Ball, George W.....	Monroe.....	Sept. 5, '61..	Corp.; M. O. Sept. 30, '64, term exp.
Ball, William H.....	Monroe.....	Sept. 4, '61..	Corp.; M. O. Sept. 30, '64, term exp.
Barnes, Charles W....	Mt. Pleasant...	Sept. 4, '61..	Sergt.; M. O. Sept. 30, '64, term exp.
Barling, Rufus	Sept. 15, '61..	Disch. Sept. 25, '62.
Bast, Frederick	Monroe.....	Sept. 9, '61..	Vet.; M. O. June 6, '65.
Bechtel, John	Cadiz.....	Sept. 9, '61..	Vet.; M. O. June 6, '65.
Beedy, Cyrus.....	Cadiz.....	Sept. 5, '61..	Vet.; M. O. June 6, '65.
Belt, James W.....	Sylvester.....	Jan. 11, '64..	M. O. June 6, '65.
Bintliff, Alfred.....	Monroe.....	Sept. 19, '61..	Vet., Bugler; M. O. June 6, '65.
Black, Rollin S.....	Monroe.....	Jan. 26, '64..	M. O. June 6, '65.
Block, Frederick....	Monroe.....	Sept. 4, '61..	Vet.; M. O. June 6, '65.
Block, Carl W.....	Caledonia	Jan. 20, '64..	M. O. June 6, '65.
Boddy, John	Monroe.....	Dec. 24, '63..	M. O. June 6, '65.
Booth, Lyman	Monroe.....	Apr. 3, '63..	M. O. June 6, '65.
Booth, Robert L.....	Monroe.....	Dec. 7, '63..	M. O. June 6, '65.
Bratley, Joseph.....	Cadiz.....	Aug. 18, '63..	M. O. June 6, '65.